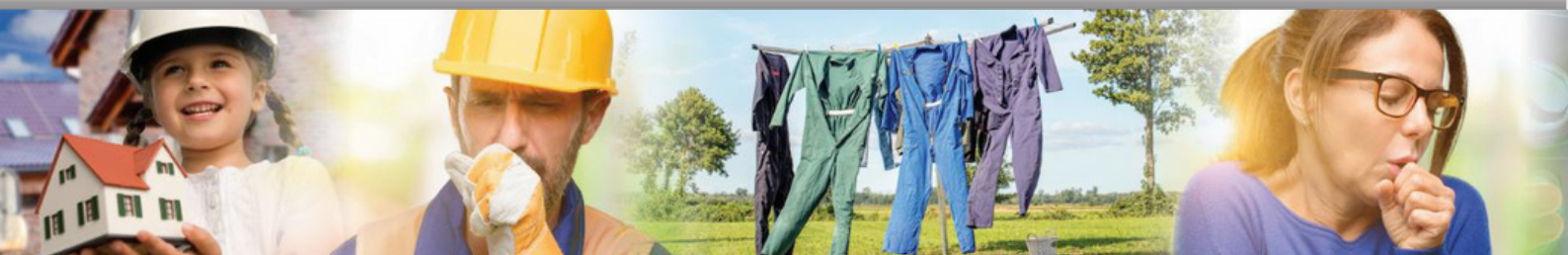


Annual General Meeting

Saturday the 5th April 2025 at 2:00PM

AGENDA

1. **2:00PM Meeting Open** - Dave Hall President & Melita Markey CEO
2. **Vice President / Treasurers Report 2025** - John Martelli BA (TRNG & DEV),VP, Treaasurer
3. **Confirmation of Executive and Ordinary Committee for 2025**
4. **President's Review 2024** - Dave Hall President
5. **CEO Review 2024** - Melita Markey CEO
6. **Life Members & Special Awards** - Dave Hall President
7. **Professor Eric G. Saint Award** - Melita Markey CEO
8. **Announcement of the Professor Eric G. Saint Memorial Award Recipient 2025 - Presented** by Kate Doust MLC, Member for South Metropolitan Region
9. **2:50PM: Meeting Close**
10. **3:00PM: Rose Maries Retirement Celebration**
MC: Suzanne John - Special Speakers: Tim Hammond & Mines Minister Mr David Michael MLA Balcatta
Please join us later for afternoon tea & celebrations!



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DID YOU KNOW? ASBESTOS AND OTHER DUST DISEASES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AS A PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITY. AS A RESULT, THERE IS NO PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY, PLANNING, RESOURCES, OR FUNDING DEDICATED TO OCCUPATIONAL DUST DISEASES IN WA.

The UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF Law Reform Limitation ACT in 1983

In 1983, after successfully lobbying the WA State Government, Robert Vojakovic AM celebrated a significant victory: the passage of the Acts Amendment (Asbestos-Related Diseases) by the Labor Government. Mines Minister, the Hon. Peter Dowding SC, and Attorney General, Hon. Joe Berinson, amended the statute of limitations to account for the long latency period of asbestos and dust diseases. This amendment opened the door for sufferers to sue for damages, overcoming a major legal barrier that employers had previously used to avoid responsibility.

Litigation, led by the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia (ADSA) and Slater & Gordon, followed this landmark amendment to the Limitations Act. The first successful litigation case was brought against CSR in 1988. However, Robert believed that an unintended consequence of this legislative change was the transfer of health monitoring responsibilities from the Public Health Department to employers in the early 1990s.

Public health monitoring began in the mid-1960s at the Perth Chest Clinic, thanks to a group of dedicated physicians who successfully argued—using emerging scientific advancements and X-ray technology—the necessity of monitoring mine workers and others exposed to dust for dust-related diseases. Prior to this, monitoring was left to the discretion of employers, with unions continually arguing for better health support, monitoring, occupational health and safety legislation. The efforts of these pioneering physicians later led to the establishment of the Department of Respiratory Medicine at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital (SCGH) in the mid-1970s.

Data collected by Dr. Jim McNulty, as illustrated in the graph below, demonstrated that regular monitoring significantly reduced the incidence of disease. Robert Vojakovic AM and Dr Jim McNulty WA Public Health Commissioner (1979 – 1984) at an early ADSA Meeting in the 1980's.

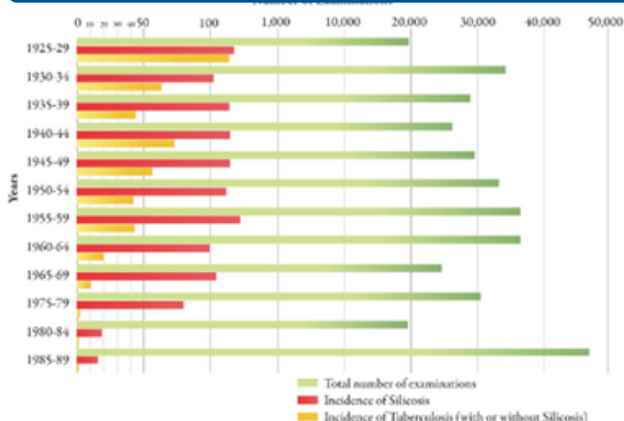


Figure 1: Results of periodic examinations 1925-1989

Source: Compiled by Dr J. McNulty.



The concept of employers managing workers' health data raised significant concerns for Robert. In response, ADSA, working alongside Dr. John Glancy (the "G" in SKG), Dr. Greg Deleuil, and with the support of Professor Bill Musk, initiated the Health Check program, which remains active and successful today. Over the past 40 years, the program's patient outcomes highlight the substantial potential benefits of government investment in public health policies and funding for research and treatment of occupational diseases.

To date, policy advancements for occupational dust diseases in WA have been limited to awareness campaigns, compensation legislation, and protective regulations. These shortcomings are likely influenced by misguided assumptions from insurance actuaries, who have suggested that these diseases would naturally diminish over time. Sadly, this has proven untrue, as silica-related diseases are rising, and asbestos-related diseases continue to grow in other demographic groups.

ADSA believes it's time for the Public Health Department, ADSA, and universities to collaborate in developing policies that protect workers and the public. This includes allocating public health resources and prioritising medical research funding for occupational diseases. For reference, the NSW Government recently allocated \$5 million in dedicated funding for dust diseases, with the NSW Dust Diseases Board providing over \$2 million annually for research that benefits that state.

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SPECIAL AWARDS & LIFE MEMBERSHIP



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Gerrit (Gary) Van Burgel. With over 40 years of heartfelt volunteer service as the ADSA Committee Southwest Representative. Gary has tirelessly supported individuals, their families, and communities affected by asbestos. His unwavering dedication and kindness has made a profound impact in the mission to save lives



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A fond farewell to our long-serving GP and Committee Medical Advisor dear friend, Dr. Greg Deleuil, GP. We honour his 40+ years of unwavering dedication, compassionate care, and tireless advocacy for ADSA patients and the community affected by asbestos & dust diseases. Developing the ADSA Health Check's program.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

*Mr Claude Endersby. In honor of his exceptional commitment and invaluable contributions to the Asbestos Diseases Society fundraising and events. His selfless dedication, sense of humour and countless hours of volunteer service have assisted the ADSA in its mission to care for others. **PS Santa wants his spare suit back!***

ROSE MARIE VOJAKOVIC AM: CELEBRATING A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Today, we come together to celebrate the tireless dedication and compassionate support of Rose Marie Vojakovic AM, whose unwavering commitment has been a source of strength and inspiration for so many over the past 50 years.

Her essential contributions to the establishment and development of The Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia (ADSA) have left an indelible mark on our organization and the community we serve.

Rose Marie's hard work and the positive change she has brought to those affected by the overwhelming presence of asbestos and other dust diseases in our community are truly profound.

Her legacy of kindness, dedication, and relentless advocacy has touched countless lives, providing hope and support to individuals and families in their times of need.



Rose Marie Vojakovic AM



50 Years Of Care & Compassion

On behalf of the Committee, staff, members, and friends, we extend our deepest gratitude to Rose Marie for her extraordinary service.

We are profoundly thankful for her unwavering commitment and the lasting impact she has made.

As she embarks on this new chapter of her life, we look forward to her continued involvement as a Patron of the ADSA, where her wisdom and passion will undoubtedly continue to inspire us all.

WITH HEARTFELT APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE, THE ADSA TEAM

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SUMMARY OF 2024 - CALENDAR YEAR KEY POINTS

- **1,072** appointments for GP health checks and results were had by Dr Brockhoff. These appointments included comprehensive health assessments and follow-up consultations to discuss test results and health plans.
- **487** patients were referred to SKG Mt Lawley. These referrals were made for specialized diagnostic imaging and other advanced medical tests that are not available in-house.
- **429** breathing tests were conducted with RTS (Respiratory Testing Services) who are based in our offices. These tests were conducted to assess lung function and diagnose respiratory conditions, providing convenient access to essential respiratory care.
- **774** medical & wellbeing appointments were completed by the Nurse Practitioner. These appointments covered a range of services, including routine check-ups, chronic disease management, and wellness consultations to support overall health.
- **229** new members joined from March 2024 - March 2025. These new members joined our organisation, reflecting our growth and the increasing trust in our healthcare services.
- **162** advisory appointments were successfully completed from January 2024 to January 2025.
- Additional renovations of the Osborne Park ADSA offices were completed.
- President Dave Hall, supported by Mr Greg Comans hosted the annual ADSA golf day, raising **\$15,000**.
- We bid a heartfelt farewell to Dr. Greg Deleuil, our long-serving GP and cherished friend, as he retires from the ADSA and Committee



“ If the bullet takes 20 years to kill you, it's not called murder, it's called business. ”

- US asbestos author Paul Brodeur

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