

Media Release/Alert

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Asbestos disease support coming to Bribie Island

The Asbestos Diseases Support Society (ADSS) is reaching out to people in the Bribie Island area and nearby communities who suffer from diseases they have contracted from working with or otherwise handling asbestos.

They also want to meet and speak to their carers, families and friends.

As part of a state-wide drive to let sufferers who live outside the metropolitan area know they are not alone, an ADSS team will host a morning tea at the **Bribie Island RSL on Wednesday, 31 May 2017 from 10am to 11.30am** to meet with affected locals and set up a support network within the community.

ADSS Chief Executive Officer Amanda Richards said it was important to let people affected by asbestos diseases to know there were other people living in their own communities who were going through the same issues.

“There is a general feeling among people who have diseases arising from asbestos that they are isolated and alone,” she said. “They don’t know that there are others in their community who are going through or have been through the exact experiences they are dealing with.

“They could be fellow sufferers, the spouses of sufferers or people who have helped others who have had the disease. We want to bring them together. We want to let them know they are not alone.”

Sufferers, carers, families, friends or anyone with an interest in helping people live with asbestos diseases are welcome to attend. To RSVP or for more information, call ADSS on 1800 776 412.