

## Media Release/Alert

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### Asbestos disease support coming to Charleville Show

Too many people in regional areas like Charleville are living with asbestos-related diseases in isolation and with feelings of neglect because they have been unable to access or are unaware of support options available to them.

The Asbestos Diseases Support Society (ADSS) is reaching out to regional Queenslanders who suffer from diseases they have contracted from working with or otherwise handling asbestos. They also want to meet their carers, families and friends.

As part of a state-wide drive to let regional sufferers know they are not alone, a team of ADSS specialists and volunteers will be at the **Charleville Show on May 18, 19 and 20** to meet with affected locals and set up a support network within the community.

People who are too sick or otherwise can't get to the show will also be offered support. ADSS representatives will meet them in their home during the week. All they need to do is make contact with ADSS on 1800 776 412.

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."

Visit our team of staff and volunteers at the show, or to arrange a home visit, call ADSS on 1800 776 412.