



Dust news

EDITION 1



DUST

PRESENTED BY HUBCAP PRODUCTIONS
& Brisbane Powerhouse

Dust is a peek into Australian homes from the not too distant past, when families were exposed to asbestos through domestic products like toothpaste, playdough, hair dryers and cigarette filters – all made with asbestos!

Written by Donna Jackson, *Dust* takes its audience on a journey staged by local singers and performers alongside professional actors and Mark Seymour from Hunters & Collectors.

By the 1950s a quarter of all houses built in Australia were clad with asbestos cement sheets. It was used by handymen to knock up a boat shed or to add an extra room on the family home until as recently as the late 1980s. Their overalls were washed by women and the asbestos dust residue swept up by their children. Currently there are hundreds of people facing asbestos-related illness with diagnosis' expected to peak in the year 2020.

Far from depressing, *Dust* is joyous and inspirational. Like the people who battled James Hardie Industries and won compensation, *Dust* represents guts and the fighting spirit of working people.

"It's straight up, moving and enormously entertaining"
The Australian

After a Green Room nomination and 6 sell-out seasons across Victoria and a sell out in Adelaide - people in Brisbane now have the opportunity to view this performance event.

Four shows only!
Friday 22 November, 7.30pm
Saturday 23 November, 2pm & 7.30pm
Sunday 24 November, 2pm

Tickets on sale now
<http://brisbanepowerhouse.org/events/2013/11/22/dust/>

Follow updates on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/Dust.Asbestos>

DUST BACKGROUND

"A night of powerful theatre. Go see it."
Ballarat Courier.

"One of the best experiences I've had in the theatre for a long, long time."
ABC Radio Gippsland

Dust celebrates the endurance, integrity and courage of those affected by asbestos related diseases.

It is a creative collaboration between these people and artists. *Dust* has been produced in Victoria by Hubcap Productions in partnership with the Asbestoswise of Victoria supported by Regional Arts Victoria. It is a vehicle for a public awareness campaign.

It has been developed and presented by communities in Ballarat, Williamstown, Geelong, Shepparton, Sale as well as Adelaide. In each place it has been used by communities to tell local stories of exposure to asbestos and resulting illnesses and deaths. The project is a community development process which lobbies for asbestos awareness outcomes through multimedia/choral/theatre presentation.

Participation involves unions and the building industry as well as non-government asbestos groups and local performers including actors, choirs, dancers and asbestos activists. After receiving funding from the Australia Council and CBUS *Dust* will now be spreading the message in Adelaide, Brisbane and Melbourne, with the help of local asbestos groups and community members from each state.

BRISBANE SUPPORT

We are pleased to be working with a number of local groups and Unions in Brisbane.

Local lead artist **Therese Collie** is developing and researching local stories of asbestos exposure- including in Brisbane Primary Schools.

Brisbane Combined Unions Choir are rehearsing songs written for the production by Mark Seymour and are preparing for their performances with him.

The talented **Flipside Circus** are bringing the dance and circus expertise to the project lead by Chelsea McGuffin.

We are pleased to have support from the **Asbestos Related Diseases Support Society QLD inc** and look forward to working with their Vice President Andrew Ramsay

