

**MEDIA RELEASE – 29 July 2013 – CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO
PROF ANNA NOWAK OF QEII MEDICAL CENTRE
ASBESTOS DISEASES SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA WALK FOR
RESEARCH AND AWARENESS 2013**

The Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia Inc (ADSA) Walk for Research and Awareness 2013 from Dunsborough to Perth has raised \$50,000.00 for lifesaving medical research through the generous support of sponsors and donors.

The ADSA Walk also aimed to raise awareness of the killer asbestos fibres being released from the decaying asbestos products that are still in our homes, commercial and public buildings.

A cheque for \$50,000.00 was presented on Friday 26 July 2013 to Prof Anna Nowak of QEII Medical Centre by Rose Marie Vojakovic AM of the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia Inc to fund lifesaving research into a cure and treatments for asbestos caused cancers.

Mr Robert Vojakovic AM JP, President of the Asbestos Diseases Society of **Australia, said**, "Prof Anna Nowak and her team are on the cutting edge of research into a cure and treatments for asbestos caused cancers. I am proud to say that our Walkers have worked hard to raise funds to help Prof Nowak and her team continue their life saving research."

"However, more funding is needed to find a cure for asbestos caused cancer as members of our community continue to be exposed to decaying asbestos products in their homes, schools, and places of work every day. The death toll from asbestos exposure will continue to rise as asbestos caused cancer takes 30 years to develop. People being exposed now will **not develop asbestos disease for many years.**"

Prof Nowak and two of her colleagues also participated in the ADSA Walk **for Research and Awareness as 'Team NCARD' walking the last leg from Rockingham through to Parliament House.**

Mr Robert Vojakovic **continues**, "The dedicated work of Prof Nowak and her colleagues at QEII Medical Centre brings hope to asbestos disease sufferers **for a cure. I have great admiration for Prof Nowak's desire to support our fund raising efforts, it was a pleasure to have her and her colleagues walk with us on the last day of the ADSA Walk.**"

For more information on the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia Walk for Research and Awareness 2013 go to www.asbestosdiseases.org.au or contact Simone at the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia on 9344 4077 or 1 800 646 690 or by email adsinc@iinet.net.au

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