



The
Bernie Banton Foundation

MARSupport

CORE OBJECTIVES

Support – Inform – Advocate – Empower

People focused - connected hearts

The **Bernie Banton Foundation** provides all support-orientated matters, person based advocacy and asbestos related diseases awareness, education and information under the **Mesothelioma and Asbestos Related Support Australia (MARSupport)** banner.

The two core objectives of the **Foundation's MARSupport** are to:

Facilitate and empower sufferers, their carers and loved ones, and those bereaved to move forward and live their journey without regret by:

- Providing an asbestos disease support helpline and online information;
- Offering peer-based person to person (phone) emotional support and encouragement from people who have lived a similar (asbestos disease) journey;
- Providing relevant and unbiased up to date information about treatments and care options;
- Honestly answering questions about what to expect from treatments and the relevant disease;
- Referring sufferers to medical and legal professionals who are acknowledged specialists in their field and importantly, who are also thought of as being ethical and holistic;
- Being the voice of reason and advocating on behalf of sufferers, their carers, their loved ones, those bereaved, and allied health and care providers; and
- When feasible, meeting with asbestos related disease sufferers, their carers and loved ones face to face.

Promote awareness and education, and provide information, about mesothelioma asbestos cancer and other asbestos related diseases to the wider community via:

- Online website and internet based sites, pages and portals;
- Public news media outlets (online, print, radio and TV) and social media sites;
- Media and other targeted specific programs; and
- Where practicable, via face to face meetings, seminars, symposiums, etc.

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