



The Lead Education and Abatement Design Group Incorporated aims to eliminate lead poisoning globally and to ensure that the ecosystem is protected from lead in all its uses.
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President's Report FY2025 – presented to AGM 22/10/2025

This Financial Year (FY) 2025 President's Report was presented by Elizabeth O'Brien on behalf of Michelle Calvert-Kilburn at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The LEAD Group Inc. (TLG) held Wednesday 22nd November 2025, 6 pm Sydney = 8 am London/Dublin = 8pm Auckland = 3am New York - during the week of the 25th International Lead Poisoning Awareness Day (as declared by The LEAD Group on 20th October 2001) and the 29th Lead Poisoning Awareness Week (as declared by then NSW Health Minister Dr Andrew Refshauge in 1997), and the 13th International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action 19th -25th October 2025 (as declared by the World Health Organization in 2013, in response to a 2010 proposal from Elizabeth O'Brien of The LEAD Group Inc, then known as The Lead Education and Abatement Design Group Incorporated).

President's Report by Michelle Calvert-Kilburn

For this, our 35th year of operation, The LEAD Group not-for-profit charity has continued to make a significant impact across local communities in Australia, especially in the lives of LEAD Group Kit purchasers who benefit greatly from being advised by us to manage any lead contamination found in their environment. Through our online work with World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations (UN) and numerous NGOs worldwide, we have contributed to making the lives of many millions of individuals and families lead-safe worldwide.



NB: Thanks to LEAD Group co-founder Kerry O'Donnell for all our great logos! See [The LEAD Group Inc Project - Kerry O'Donnell DESIGNS 1991-2020](#)

Two originally LADP (Lead Archives Digitisation Project) staff – Farrah Shabestari and Lizzie Choo – have kindly continued on as volunteers – both on LADP and also providing invaluable admin assistance as well – Farrah with Kits and Lizzie with Typing and Bookkeeping - for 5 days a fortnight and Clerk's Award recipients for part of a 6th day per fortnight, throughout FY2025.

In August 2024, LEAD Group Secretary Eric Ritter, founder of Detect Lead Kits and Fluorospec lead test kits, began very kindly donating the wages of two new staff in the Philippines: Paul Jacobe, now Elizabeth's Executive Assistant and Paul's Assistant Marie Jean Villarosa. Paul and Marie do lots of Library data entry as well as all our social media reels-making and posting. When we just count digital articles being added to our library, when LADP started on 24/07/2020, the first new library article entered in the lead database by the first LADP Team member, was the 19,575th article so became Library ID number (LID) 19,575 but as at 22/10/25 we have 28,795 LIDs entered. Our World's Largest Lead Library Database has grown in both the total number of articles data-entered and found online and also in the number of articles in emailable electronic format.

Throughout the five full financial years 2021-2025 that the Lead Archives Digitisation Project (LADP) has been running, a total of 9,220 new library items have been added to The LEAD Group's library database, noting who published it, when, the URL if online and who the article came from.

We don't just collect articles in a fully searchable database though, most importantly, we also distribute them to the public. We are somewhat behind in data entry of emails but from the one-third of sent emails and posted items that have been entered in our CallForm for FY25, we have disseminated 694 library articles to the people who most needed them, amidst useful referrals. When a subject keeps coming up in enquiries, Elizabeth creates and regularly updates emailable Info Packs which can have dozens of library articles in referrals in them. Of the 123,167 CallForms that have been data-entered for our 35,413 clients, in FY 2025, 814 Sent Info Packs were recorded in the CallForms, including to 230 new clients in the FY – representing thousands of Library articles (and referrals). Some Info Packs are state/territory-specific or country specific when sent overseas so updating Info Packs as new information (library articles and referrals) comes to hand is a huge part of Elizabeth's work. She added 28 new articles and 47 new expert referrals to her 24 most popular Info Packs in the FY including fully revising, with help from our newest Technical Advisory Board member Dr Ulrich Mack, "Info Pack 22 - Alternative Treatments for Lead Poisoning, including EDTA Oral Chelation Citizen Science Trial".

And of course dozens of new library articles are either created, reprinted or hyperlinked / referenced when we create each issue of LEAD Action News (see below). For instance, 34 new articles were added to the library during the creation of the 16 articles in LEAD Action News vol 23 no 1.

LEAD Group members, other NGOs, researchers and students are all welcome to "TeamViewer" - to enter into our system to search and research in the Library Database to see the fruits of our labour and access more articles about lead than have ever been amassed together anywhere else on the planet! Just ask Elizabeth for the TeamViewer login details. And now that we have migrated to the Cloud, every digital file is also sendable by cloud link – preparing us for the time when Kit documentation can be done online, without emailing!

And for our web-users, the enormous amount of web-searching for each hard-copy article (stored in the office) that the LADP Team has done, means that there are now 14,635 (compared to 11,760 at the same time in 2021) online lead articles fully searchable by Author, Title and KeyWords/Phrases or Topic Areas, at <http://192.168.16.4/lead/library.aspx> which is accessible via [Searchable Library Database of the Global Lead Advice & Support Service \(GLASS\)](#)

We still don't have any staff to submit new grant applications so volunteers for this role are always welcome!

In this, our 35th year of operation, we again provided thousands of Australian enquirers and overseas web-users with free information and referrals on lead-safety and the prevention and management of lead contamination of the environment. Tim Pye in the United Kingdom has made even more amazing leaps forward with his brilliant idea - the Lead Exposure and Poisoning Prevention (LEAPP) Alliance!

During Financial Year 2025, despite Lucinda Curran leaving us to pursue another career, we published three issues of our "quarterly" e-newsletter *LEAD Action News* on both our main website -

www.lead.org.au/nl.html - and our newer Lead Safe World website www.lead safeworld.com/media-page – all uploaded thanks to our wonderful volunteer web-administrator Jimmy Yang with the help this year of Paul Jacobe - including numerous references to our lead safety art competition: www.volcanoartprize.com - the Volcano Art Prize (VAP) which utilised the \$480 "property" or "in-kind" donation from the VAP sponsor pictureproducts, for prizes, along with \$600 in cash prizes from LEAD Group Kit sales.



The 87th, 88th and 89th issues of *LEAD Action News* can be found by clicking on the following links at <https://www.leadsworld.com/media-page/> :

Newsletters: LEAD Action News (LAN)

[2025 June – LANv23n1 – World's First Circular Economy for Lead](#)

[*LANv23n1-Contents](#)

[2024 December – LANv22n4 – Biden Administration leads the world on lead-safety](#)

[*LANv22n4-Contents](#)

[2024 October – LANv22n3 – Lead Action Week Retrospective](#)

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And also by clicking on the following links at <https://lead.org.au/nl.html> :

- LEAD Action News vol 23 No 1, [World's First Circular Economy for Lead](#)  [Contents](#)

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1. [World's First Circular Economy for Lead](#)
2. [Enter Volcano Art Prize 2025 by 28th July 2025](#)
3. [Petition to Stop a New Lead Mine Opening in NSW](#)
4. [Stop Bowdens Toxic Lead Mine \(Petition\)](#)
5. [Landline Bega's bid to become a circular economy to reduce waste](#)
6. [Bega Valley Lead Safe Circular Economy Proposal](#)
7. [Landline - Mineral Sands by Gillian Aeria 17 Nov 2024](#)
8. [Have We Surrendered To Collapse TRANSCRIPT](#)
9. [BFPCA Media Release - Lead-Based AvGas Threatens Children's Health](#)
10. [Letter to the Editor from Prof Marcus Foth re Leaded AvGas](#)
11. [Senator Larissa Waters Questions re Leaded AvGas TRANSCRIPT](#)
12. [Earthjustice's Petition Letter on Leaded Aviation Gasoline](#)
13. [Letter to the Editor from Jenny Rowbotham](#)
14. [Letter to the Editor from Dr Ulrich Mack re Lead Videos](#)
15. [The Cocktail Effect in the Era of the Exposome](#)
16. [Unleaded Kids Asks Feds to Push Harder for Tighter Int'l Lead Standards for Spices](#)

- LEAD Action News vol 22 No 4, [Biden Administration leads the world on lead-safety](#)  [Contents](#)

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1. [LANv22n4 Editorial](#)
2. [Enter Volcano Art Prize 2025 by 28th July 2025](#)
3. [The White House Biden Harris Announces New Actions to Address Toxic Lead Exposure](#)
4. [Critical minerals - New Resources to help power the future](#)
5. [Protecting Kids from Lead - 10 Reasons to be Thankful](#)
6. [CDC's LEPAC Calls for Groundbreaking Action to Protect Adults from Lead](#)
7. [US EPA's Perplexing Gift to Lead Industry - NOT Banning Lead Wheel Weights](#)
8. [Look WHO now supports mercury-free dentistry](#)
9. [Millions of Mental Health Disorders in US Caused by Lead](#)
10. [Portable XRF Bone Lead Machine for Australia Project](#)
11. [Portable XRF validation and method to quantify bone lead in vivo](#)
12. [Bone Lead Description and Population Comparison including by pXRF](#)
13. [Specht et al articles re bone lead pXRF in LEAD Group Library](#)
14. [UK LEAPP Alliance Update, Dec 2024](#)

15. [Horrendous lead exposure from playing UK Christmas game Toad in the Hole](#)
16. [Clinical and population strategies to protect children from lead](#)
17. [UN PCFV Lead Campaign page as at 8th March 2021](#)
18. [Circular Economy for Lead Petition to the Australian House of Representatives](#)
19. [Roger Green 30 Dec 1955 - 4 Dec 2024 OBITUARY](#)
20. [In memory of Roger Green - Vince Mahon](#)
21. [Battle for the Franklin by Roger Green \(Introduction\)](#)
22. [Deni Greene 7 Oct 1939 - 2 Jun 2012 MEMORIES](#)
23. [Vale Michael Leunig and thank you for your brilliance](#)
24. [VAP 2024 Cash & Mug Prize Winners & Judge-Commended Entries](#)

- LEAD Action News vol 22 No 3, [Lead Action Week Retrospective](#)  [Contents](#)

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1. [Article 01 Prize Winning & Highly Commended Entries in Volcano Art Prize 2021](#)
2. [Article 02 Arndt Hidden injustices of leaded petrol production New Zealand 1964-1996](#)
3. [Article 03 Brian Arndt related LEAD Action News et al article links](#)
4. [Article 04 US EPA ISA for Lead 201306 Statements about Cancer](#)
5. [Article 05 Innospec 2020 Reports - TEL Extracts 20210217 & 20200805](#)
6. [Article 06 US FAA Blocks Efforts to Stop Lead Poisoning](#)
7. [Article 07 Lembit Salasoo Obituary - 10 March 1956 to 17 August 2024](#)
8. [Article 08 Letter to the Editor from Dr Polly Wilkie Great news on no more lead in petrol, momentous](#)
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14. [Article 14 HWA Australian Waste Export or Import Permits Granted for Lead Waste 20200620-20211219](#)
15. [Article 15 Richard Turnbills updated blood lead graph with & without NRF & Turmeric Lattes](#)
16. [Article 16 Elizabeth O'Brien's Blood Lead Level Over One Day](#)
17. [Article 17 Silent Epidemic Quotes from video](#)
18. [Article 18 ILPPWA Report 2020 from Department of Chemistry, University of Nairobi, Kenya](#)
19. [Article 19 ILPPWA Report 2020 from Centre for Environmental Justice Sri-Lanka](#)
20. [Article 20 ILPPWA Report 2020 from CEPHEP Nepal](#)
21. [Article 21 ILPPWA Report 2020 from Eco Accord Russia](#)
22. [Article 22 ILPPWA Report 2020 from Foundation to Support Civil Initiatives Tajikistan](#)
23. [Article 23 ILPPWA Report 2020 from Human Environmental Association for Development \(HEAD\), Lebanon.](#)
24. [Article 24 ILPPWA Report 2021 from Dr Were, University of Nairobi](#)

Our Lead Scientist and Lead Advisor and co-founder Elizabeth O'Brien is particularly grateful for input and review comments into LAN articles and Info Packs from multiple members of The LEAD Group's Technical Advisory Board but particularly from Tim Pye, Brian Arndt and Dr Ulrich Mack and Ananda Card has sent some very useful emails reporting on her great work on lead-safety in New Zealand with Lead Aware NZ. Other NGOs who contribute articles include Oregon Aviation Watch (about phasing out leaded AvGas and Tom Neltner of Unleaded Kids.

If all members of The LEAD Group would continue to promote our Model National Lead Safety Policy Proposal by The LEAD Group (summary published in April 2023) and the full Policy (published 18 July 2023) – both accessible at <https://leadsafeworld.com/solutions/> - then The LEAD Group's aim of achieving global lead safety by 2041 will be much closer to being realized. Please help in any way you can to convince the Australian and other federal governments to work together with The LEAD Group to tailor the model policy to each country's national lead-safety strategy needs.

Note that LEAD Action News vol 22 No 4 also included [VAP 2024 Cash & Mug Prize Winners & Judge-Commended Entries](#) at <https://lead.org.au/lanv22n4/LANv22n4-24.html> and <https://leadsafeworld.com/LANv22n4-24.html> and we continue to be grateful to our wonderful Pictureproducts sponsor.