



The Lead Education and Abatement Design Group
Working to eliminate lead poisoning globally and to protect the
environment from lead in all its uses: past, current and new uses
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President's Report FY2019 – presented to AGM 24/10/19

This President's Report was presented by Michelle Calvert-Kilburn at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The LEAD Group Inc. (TLG) held 6pm on Thursday 24th October 2019 -in the week of the 19th International Lead Poisoning Awareness Day (as declared by The LEAD Group on 20th October 2001) and the 23rd Lead Poisoning Awareness Week (as declared by NSW Health Minister Dr Andrew Refshauge in 1997), and the 7th International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action 20th-26th October 2019 (as declared by the World Health Organization in 2013, in response to a 2010 proposal from Elizabeth O'Brien).

President's Report by Michelle Calvert-Kilburn

We have received no government grant since the change to Liberal/National coalition government in 2013. The situation is further exacerbated by not having any staff to submit new grant applications or sufficient volunteer staff to administer our websites. We also have no staff to work on The LEAD Group Kits or Volcano Art Prize, or promote the Lead Safe World Partnership or begin the Lead Test Results Website project. We are unable to enter enquiry emails in the database, let alone review, scan and data-enter wanted lead articles from the 8 filing cabinets and 34 boxes stored around Elizabeth's home and yard. Elizabeth continues to "donate" (by not charging rent) the annual rental value for the offices and storage space in her home, valued in September this year at \$31,200/annum.

In this, our 29th year of operation, we again provided thousands of Australian enquirers with free information and referrals on lead-safety and the prevention and management of lead contamination of the environment, and did some advocacy work, mostly because Elizabeth O'Brien volunteers full-time and Tim Pye in the United Kingdom is very committed to helping where he can.

During Financial Year 2019, we also published five 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 - 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.

The five issues of *LEAD Action News* can be found by clicking on the following links at <http://www.leadsafeworld.com/media-page/> :

[2019 April – LANv19n4 – Call for Volcano Art Prize 2019 Entries](#)

[2018 December – LANv19n3 – The 6th annual Lead Week of Action is a big success\(Part 2\)](#)

[LANv19n3 – Contents](#)

[2018 November – LANv19n2 – The 6th annual Lead Week of Action is a big success\(Part 1\)](#)






[LANv19n2 – Contents](#)

[2018 October – LANv19n1 – Join The LEAD Group in taking action this ILPPWA](#)

[LANv19n1 – Contents](#)

[2018 September – LANv18n4 – Volcano Art Prize 2018 Deadline Extended](#)

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

1. LEAD Action News vol 19 No 4, [Call for Volcano Art Prize 2019 Entries](#) 
2. LEAD Action News vol 19 No 3, [The 6th annual Lead Week of Action is a big success\(Part 2\)](#) 
3. LEAD Action News vol 19 No 2, [The 6th annual Lead Week of Action is a big success\(Part 1\)](#) 
4. LEAD Action News vol 19 No 1, [Join The LEAD Group in taking action this ILPPWA](#) 
5. LEAD Action News vol 18 No 4, [Volcano Art Prize 2018 Deadline Extended](#) 

Our organisation has made a significant impact across local communities in Australia, especially for those people who have had the massive benefit of purchasing a LEAD Group kit and 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 made the lives of many individuals and families lead-safe worldwide.

The International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action (ILPPWA) generated 88 activities which were held in 74 cities in 49 countries in October 2018 (compared to 90 activities held in 86 cities in 42 countries in October 2017; 102 activities in 103 cities in 47 countries in October 2016 and 91 activities in 90 cities in 30 countries in October 2015).

The LEAD Group published the 2018 Lead Week of Action events list at <https://lead.org.au/lanv19n3/lanv19n3-14.pdf> and this year requested, translated and published reports from organisations in the following countries over 3 issues of *LEAD Action News*:

In **The 6th annual Lead Week of Action is a big success! [Part 1]** (*LEAD Action News* vol. 19 no. 2) we published ILPPWA event reports (click on the country name to read the article in English) from [Zambia](#), [Somalia](#), [Saudi Arabia](#), [Madagascar \(in French\)](#), [Kenya](#), [Kazakhstan](#), [Indonesia](#), [Iraq](#), [Gambia](#), [Colombia \(in Spanish\)](#), [Benin \(in French\)](#) and [Australia](#).

In **The 6th annual Lead Week of Action is a big success! [Part 2]** (*LEAD Action News* vol. 19 no. 3) we published ILPPWA event reports (click on the country name to read the article in English) from [Nepal](#), [Sri Lanka](#), [Australia \(Down Under Sinkers & Weights\)](#), [Australia \(ASBB - Australasian Society of Building Biologists\)](#), [Australia \(ALGA - Australasian Land & Groundwater Association\)](#), and [USA](#).

The final report from ILPPWA 2018 was published in **Call for Volcano Art Prize 2019 Entries** (*LEAD Action News* vol. 19 no. 4), from [Egypt](#), and the article is available as a summary in English, Spanish and French, followed by the full report (with photos) in Arabic.

The LEAD Group is very proud to be the organization which inspired the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations (UN) to mark ILPPWA each year annually since 2013. It was excellent that 2018 was the first year that the VAP award ceremony was not the only Australian event listed on WHO's ILPPWA list of events page at http://www.who.int/ipcs/lead_campaign/events/en/ and for the first time the two professional organisations listed above (ASBB and ALGA) and a lead-free product manufacturer held Lead Week of Action events in Australia.