



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 FY2018 – presented to AGM 25/10/18

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 25th October 2018 - in the week of the 18th International Lead Poisoning Awareness Day (as declared by The LEAD Group on 20th October 2001) and the 22nd Lead Poisoning Awareness Week (as declared by NSW Health Minister Dr Andrew Refshauge in 1997), and the 6th International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action 21st-27th October 2018 (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.

In this, our 28th 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.

During Financial Year 2018, we also published 3 issues of our 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. Of members present at this AGM, CL, PK and EO'B entered and PK and EO'B attended the 2017 Volcano Art Prize (VAP) award ceremony at the Summer Hill Community Centre

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, and through our online work with World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations (UN) and numerous NGOs worldwide, made the lives of many individuals and families lead-safe worldwide.

The International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action (ILPPWA) generated 90 activities held in 86 cities in 42 countries in October 2017 (compared to activities in 103 cities in 47 countries in October 2016 and activities in 90 cities in 30 countries in October 2015). The LEAD Group published the 2017 Lead Week of Action events list at <https://lead.org.au/lanv18n3/lanv18n3-12.pdf> along with reports from organisations in 8 countries.

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 and the VAP award ceremony for 2017 was, again, the only Australian event listed on WHO's ILPPWA list of events page at http://www.who.int/ipcs/lead_campaign/events/en/

Announcement of Volcano Art Prize (VAP) 2018 Awards

Seventy nine 2018 VAP entries have been judged by Rosemary Vinton. She is the mother of an 18 year old who was lead poisoned at his school when he was 8 years old. Rosemary was the first VAP judge to provide comments on each of the winning 36 entries so we thank her for her expertise and commitment. Thirty entries chosen by the Judge have had their artwork sent to have the images transferred to pictureproducts (our VAP sponsor since its inception in 2012) mugs for presentation to the artists. And two Judge-chosen entrants have been sent a Prize of a Mini-Shoot with award-winning photographer Darren Tilnak sponsored this year for the first time by Tilnak Photographic Fine Art & Education.