



## Editorial *LEAD Action News* vol. 20 no. 2

### Who can write a Brian Arndt Wiki article?

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This issue of *LEAD Action News* begins, as did *LEAD Action News* volume 20 number 1, with an appeal to one wonderful person in the world who might be able to write a Wikipedia article about the case of Brian Arndt Vs ACC and New Zealand Refining Company. Since that appeal first went out on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, two volunteers – Bob Wang and Earnest Thomas – have helped me upload 80 relevant references (including archival documents and graphics and references cited in writing the 27 articles for or about Brian Arndt from the October 2019 issue of *LEAD Action News*), to a [Wiki draft article page](#)

That list of 80 references, which is already uploaded to the above Wikipedia page, forms the final article in this issue: *LEAD Action News* volume 20 number 2 – please be inspired to incorporate any or all the references, and others, into a single narrative on this case!

If you are capable of writing an article for Wikipedia, or could set up a Wiki account and follow their detailed instructions on writing articles, please do so – you could literally save many other people from the fate that has befallen Brian Arndt – exposure to multiple hazardous chemical mixtures in a petroleum refinery – as well as potentially invoking an inquiry as to the conflicts of interest for New Zealand's Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), in properly investigating occupational poisonings. See the articles below that immediately precede the reference list for more on Brian Arndt's situation.

So what else awaits you in this issue of *LEAD Action News*?

Some good news stories to start with: International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action 2019 – or ILPPWA 2019 – reports of activities held for ILPPWA – mostly in the last full Sunday to Saturday week of October 2019 – have come from the United Kingdom, India, Nepal, Malaysia, Bangladesh (two events), Russia, Cameroun/Cameroon (original in French and translated into English), the Caribbean Poison Information Network (CARPIN) in Jamaica, and Australia (reports on two of the three events listed on the WHO site).

There follows a list of all the ILPPWA 2019 events because this list will soon be taken down from the WHO website to make way for the ILPPWA 2020 events. So be sure that your organisation is gearing up to upload your ILPPWA 2020 Event!! And always take a look at the list of events as it grows to find out about other organisations taking action on lead in your country or region. That's how I discovered the Hazelwood North Action Group in Victoria, Australia (see below).



Then comes the *Quotable quotes* section including: *Baby teeth study may help to prevent autism – one culprit could be lead*, *Study Links Childhood Lead Exposure To Later Gun Violence*, *Shooting lead exposure may affect verbal memory*, and *Paris shuts down streets around Notre Dame to remove lead contamination left by fire*; followed by an Info Pack re: *Leaded eyeliner (kohl) from India poisons Sydney children, July 2018* and *Offer of free lead testing for 20 kohl or surma products*; and a series of articles about lead painted-steel recycling (or the lack thereof) in Australia and the United States, including *Permits granted during 2018 and 2019 in Australia for export of ULABs* (used lead acid batteries) for recycling overseas.

The next three articles are related to ULABs – firstly a *Letter to the Editor* and *Media Release*, then excerpts from The LEAD Group’s replies to community members of the Hazelwood North Action Group re: the proposed Chunxing ULAB Secondary Smelter at Morwell in the Australian state of Victoria.

Another *Letter to the Editor* follows. It arrived by snail mail from the USA after the writer’s first *Letter to the Editor* about lead exposure of Bell Telephone System Cable Splicers was published in *LEAD Action News* volume 20 number 1. Please note that The LEAD Group does not endorse *Lee Crock’s Fountain of Youth Energy Cleaner or Polarity Timer or Electronic Healing System* – it is included because our correspondent believes it has allowed him to survive to 90 despite being exposed to a lot of lead!

Two new partners of The LEAD Group’s Lead-Safe World Project – and these we do endorse - have contributed the next two articles: *Ask your Water Authority to replace your leaded brass meter with a ZLM today* by Global Valve Technology (GVT) and *Ulladulla Lighthouse Case Study* by asset protection specialists RemedyAP; and a founding Lead Safe World Partner, AussiePainters has discovered a dry-sander that purports to be dust-free so The LEAD Group is calling for feedback from users of the Mirka Dust-free sanding perfection. If it really is dust-free, then we’ll need to change our *Lead Paint Management Flowchart* so a call for further feedback on the flowchart follows!

Penultimately, our wonderful Lead Safe World UK volunteer has provided this issue with a letter he wrote to the Under-Secretary for Health, with an emphasis on prevention of lead poisoning due to its connection to autism.

And to round out this bumper issue of *LEAD Action News*, there’s a series of articles (including one on leaded AvGas) relevant to Brian Arndt’s case, aimed at getting compensation for the health impacts he began to suffer in 1965 (some life-threatening) from working at New Zealand Refining Company from 1965-1975 – more articles to inspire some kind soul to write up Brian’s case into a single narrative... is this you?