



THE LEAD GROUP INCORPORATED

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 FY2022 – presented to AGM 28/10/2022

This Financial Year (FY) 2022 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 Friday 28th October 2022, 6 pm Sydney = London 8am = Auckland 8pm – during the week of the 22nd International Lead Poisoning Awareness Day (as declared by The LEAD Group on 20th October 2001) and the 26th Lead Poisoning Awareness Week (as declared by NSW Health Minister Dr Andrew Refshauge in 1997), and the 10th International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action 23rd -29th October 2022 (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

For this, our 32nd 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](#)

Until COVID-19 grants and JobKeeper payments for some staff became available in FY2021, The LEAD Group had not received a government grant since the change to a

Liberal/National coalition government in 2013. During FY2022, with generous donations adding to our now-dwindling wage subsidies and zero COVID grant income from government, we were able to continue our ambitious project – the Lead Archives Digitization Project or LADP.

The LADP has meant truckloads of paper files, soft plastic pockets, filing boxes and cabinets headed out the door for reuse or recycling and there was cleaner air in the now more spacious office. It also, most importantly, has meant 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.

On the day, 24/07/2020, the first LADP Team member was employed, the first new library article was the 19,575th article so became Library ID number (LID) 19,575 but as at 30/06/2021 we were up to LID 23,526 so 3,951 new entries had been added in Financial Year 2021 (**an increase of 20%**), and as at 30/06/2022 we were up to LID 26,069 so 2,543 new entries had been added in Financial Year 2022 (with a reduced staff due to fewer staff, fewer wage subsidies and no COVID grants). Today (28/10/2022) the last LID is currently LID 26,565 as LADP work has continued in the office and at home

for some staff - during these COVID times. Of the 26,565 Library articles data-entered as of today, only 4,684 have no digital (emailed, created by us, downloaded or scanned) version and 22,423 (compared to 20,213 at this time last year) LIDs have an entry in the filename field.

LEAD Group members, advocates, researchers and students are all welcome to “TeamViewer” - to enter into our system to search and play around 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!

Many thanks to our hardworking LADP Team past and current: Manli Chen, James Scotman, Atunaisa Matavesi, Lily D’Adam, Michelle Joyce, Thwin Htoo, Lizzie Choo, Farah Shabestari, Crystal Vincent, Ingrid Harvey and Monique McDonald. Special thanks to Farah and Lily for their willingness to train the newbies, and to Farah and more recently Lizzie who have incorporated Kit Sendout volunteering and MYOB data-entry volunteering respectively in addition to working on the Project.

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 12,616 (compared to 11,760 at the same time last year) 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 32nd 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. Also some advocacy work, mostly because Elizabeth O’Brien now works as a full-time volunteer and Tim Pye in the United Kingdom has made amazing leaps forward with his brilliant idea - the Lead Exposure and Poisoning Prevention (LEAPPP) Alliance!

During Financial Year 2022, we published one issue 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, along with \$600 in cash prizes from LEAD Group Kit sales.



The 83rd issue of *LEAD Action News* can be found by clicking on the following links at <https://www.lead safeworld.com/media-page/> :

[2021 August – LANv21n3 – Celebrating the End of the Leaded Petrol Era *LANv21n3-Contents](#)

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

1. LEAD Action News vol 21 No 2, [Celebrating 30 Years of Lead Safety Advocacy](#)  [Contents](#)