



Current Lead Shot Recovery Operations in Australia



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Lead shot recovery at shooting facilities is now undertaken using custom-designed equipment engineered specifically for Australian conditions.



Lead Pro Aus Pty Ltd operates “Lead Miner” recovery units, Lead Miner #1 and Lead Miner #2, both manufactured in Wisconsin, USA and imported into Australia. These machines were introduced following the retirement of earlier equipment and remain operational today.

Modern recovery systems are designed to:

- Recover surface lead shot from managed fall zones
- Reduce operator exposure
- Minimise manual handling
- Support licensed recycling pathways
- Operate in accordance with environmental and workplace safety requirements

Recovered lead is processed through approved recycling facilities.

Environmental Management Context

Clay target shooting produces accumulated lead shot over time. Responsible management of this material is an important part of long-term site sustainability.

Lead shot accumulation is an inevitable by-product of clay target shooting. Without management, spent shot can migrate into soils and waterways over time. Responsible recovery programs form a key part of long-term environmental stewardship for shooting facilities.





Supporting Industry Responsibility



Australia has hundreds of clay target shooting clubs operating across metropolitan and regional areas. Sustainable operation requires:

- Responsible lead recovery programs
- Ongoing surface management
- Environmental risk mitigation
- Collaboration between clubs, regulators and specialist contractors

Lead Pro Aus Pty Ltd works nationally with clubs and governing bodies to assist in maintaining safer and more environmentally responsible facilities.

Our approach focuses on practical, long-term solutions that support both the sport and environmental protection.

Surface recovery is typically conducted as part of broader site management programs, which may include:

- Containment systems
- Fall zone management
- Surface maintenance
- Ongoing monitoring

Lead Pro Director Craig Mitchell's background combines practical shooting experience with over 20 years in environmental earthmoving and construction. This integrated knowledge allows Lead Pro to approach each site with both operational understanding and environmental responsibility.





Projects have included major Australian facilities such as:

- Sydney International Shooting Centre
- Large metropolitan and regional clay target clubs
- National competition venues

Lead Pro provides:

- Surface lead shot recovery
- Wad and clay target clean-up
- Ongoing site management support
- Environmental risk reduction strategies
- ShotStop ballistic curtain supply and installation through Green Range Pty Ltd

The Lead Miner recovery systems are purpose-built to minimise operator exposure, reduce material handling, and efficiently bag and prepare lead for licensed recycling.



In addition to lead recovery, Lead Pro supports shooting ranges in managing contamination footprints through engineered solutions including ShotStop curtain systems, which significantly reduce the spread of shot fall zones and improve ongoing recoverability.

Our mission is simple:

To help shooting facilities operate safely, sustainably, and responsibly — protecting both participants and the surrounding environment.

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