# Lead Alliance



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# OUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

#### of our Traditional Custodians

Lead Alliance respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, sea and waterways which we service. We pay respect to the Elders past, present and future. We are committed to delivering ongoing public education to ensure the health of Mount Isa residents.



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# Patron of Lead Alliance Hon Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM



#### Her Excellency the Honourable Dr. Jeanette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland.

In August 2005, the Governor was appointed to the role of Chief Health Officer for Queensland, with responsibility for leading the State's preventative health and public health agendas, including response to public health emergencies. In January 2020, when the COVID-19 virus outbreak was declared a pandemic, the Governor became the State Health Incident Controller.

> During her medical career, Dr Young had specialist qualifications as a Fellow of the Royal Australasian

College of Medical Administrators and as a Fellow by Distinction of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom. She was also appointed Fellow of numerous other eminent education and research institutions, has received honorary doctorates from two Queensland Universities, and has received an Australia Day Achievement Medallion, as well as a Public Service Medal.

Her Excellency was sworn-in as the 27th Governor of Queensland on 1 November 2021.

More information can be found on the website **www.govhouse.qld.gov.au** 

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# Lead Alliance Committee

The Lead Alliance is a local committee consisting of the following representatives from Local Government, North West Hospital Health Service, Mount Isa City Council and Glencore North Queensland.

### OUR GOAL

We aim to achieve a sustainable improvement in the health of the Mount Isa community, by effectively managing how residents live and work with both naturally-occuring and non-natural sources of lead and other contaminants, throughout Mount Isa.

Lead Alliance Committee vision is to provide an oversight of local operational tasks and procedures. The committe provides a forum of leadership for the local team and drives actions on local issues for our community.

### **OUR PARTNERS**

- Resources Safety and Health Queensland
- Department of Environment and Science
- Glencore, Mount Isa Mines
- North West Hospital and Health Service

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# Lead Alliance Committee Chair Message

It is with honour that I continue to serve as the Chair of the Lead Alliance Committee. Throughout my tenure, my foremost priority has been to maintain an unwavering focus on ensuring the safety of our community while facilitating seamless access to the invaluable services provided by the Lead Alliance.

Our dedicated efforts are aimed at fostering an environment of safety, security, and community well-being. By diligently steering the Lead Alliance, we strive to make a meaningful impact within our community.

We are pleased to announce the new establishment of the Lead Alliance Hub, a facility that seamlessly integrated with the North West Hospital and Health Service and the Townsville Public Health Unit. This collaborative endeavour is dedicated to providing a central hub for the residents of Mount Isa, offering accessible avenues for resources, consultation, community engagement, and, most importantly, lead testing.

There have been many achievements over the past twelve months which have involved establishing a lead hub to promote the cohesive coordination of integrated lead healthcare management of children and young people, and ensuring our stakeholders and community members are involved in working together to consult around how we manage and respond to lead locally. We remain steadfast in our commitment to delivering crucial information and services aimed at raising lead awareness.

The goal for the lead hub was to join services to strengthen a united approach amongst key stakeholders, promote accessibility and visibility, increase advertising and brand profile for a single point of care location in Mount Isa. A new feature you will see at the lead hub will be the point of care testing that is readily available which will accommodate walk-in and booking appointments to ensure we meet the public needs.

Our children and young people are pivotal to our future and our town therefore, I am proud to report there has been a significant increase in the amount of education being provided by the Lead Alliance team engaging at community events, day care facilities, schools, and other government funded programs. The vision of all facilities is to ensure they are LeadSmart and able to provide their compliance policy information to the Lead Alliance committee annually which is subject to an ongoing yearly review.

With the educational and community engagement initiatives being promoted by our Lead Alliance team, the Mount Isa community can be reassured that our priorities are to reduce the amount of children and young people impacted by lead and increasing the awareness, continues to be a key focus to ensure people are living safely with lead.

I am pleased to report the Lead Alliance team continues to work diligently in promoting the six key messages concerning the importance: Are you LeadSmart?

- 1. WASH and Dry your HANDS before eating.
- 2. DRINK healthy amount of WATER.
- 3. EAT lots of HEALHTY FOOD.
- 4. BRUSH your TEETH twice daily.
- 5. WET WIPING all surfaces & MOPPING floors to help STOP LEAD DUST.
- 6. COVER BARE SOIL.

It was with pleasure that we shared the notable visit of Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland, to our North West Outback. This distinguished occasion provided a unique opportunity for the Mount Isa community to showcase our town and highlight the exemplary work being done in the realm of lead smart living.

During Her Excellency's visit, we had the privilege of introducing her to the initiatives and progress made in our community. A particular highlight, especially for me as the Chair, was the engagement at Happy Valley State School. The assembly, conducted within the patronage of Her Excellency's, featured an enlightening session that underscored our commitment to education and particularly meaningful as it allowed Her Excellency to witness firsthand the positive impact of our lead smart living initiatives on the students. It was an honour to see the smiling faces of these young minds as they actively participate in creating a safer and healthier environment.

What a year 2022-2023 has been with Lead Alliance! Our community will continue to benefit from our Lead Alliance team remaining focussed and committed to education, community engagement, stakeholder collaborative and planning, and most importantly, delivering a gold class service that ensures our most vulnerable yet most important members of the community, our children and young people, are lead safe. I express our gratitude for your continued support and cooperation.

Together, we can build a stronger, more informed, and resilient community. As the Lead Alliance continues to advance and strengthen its foundation, I am eager to embark on another year filled with productivity and anticipate the significant achievements that can be achieved in 2024.



#### Robbie Katter MP

**Chair of Lead Alliance Committee** 

### **Messages from our Partners:** Resources Safety and Health

The Commissioner for Resources Safety and Health remains a committed member of the Mount Isa Lead Alliance and supports its continued action to achieve a sustainable improvement in the health of the Mount Isa community.

In 2022–23, the committee made progress in the implementation of the Lead Health Management Strategic Plan by aligning a range of projects and activities to the five strategic priorities. The strategic plan was developed in consultation with primary stakeholders, including the North West Hospital Health Service, the Townsville Public Health Unit, the Department of Environment and Science, and the Commissioner for Resources Safety and Health.

Some of the key programs included establishing a single collaborative Lead Hub to coordinate and integrate lead health care management of young children. It has also included the progression of the employment of three additional staff members and the purchase of new equipment. The Lead Health Management Sub-Committee has also continued to promote lead health and hygiene awareness across successful programs such as Backyard Improvement Awards and LeadSmart Community Engagement and Education.

The Queensland Government plays a significant role in protecting mine workers from the harmful impacts of lead exposure. The Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2017 supports these aims and includes requirements for managing risks from exposure to health hazards including lead, exposure limits, health assessments, and health surveillance to monitor workers' exposure. The Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health (Lead) Amendment Regulation 2023 will further reduce the risk of adverse health outcomes for workers caused by exposure to lead at mineral mines by regulating risk management controls, more stringent biological monitoring of workers in lead risk jobs as part of lead health surveillance, and by lowering allowable blood lead levels for workers.

I will continue to work collaboratively with the regulator, industry operators, resources workers and other government agencies to support the Mount Isa Lead Alliance to continue to assist the community in working towards a safe and healthier lifestyle for the Mount Isa community.

Kate du Preez Commissioner Resources Safety and Health Queensland



### Messages from our Partners: Department of Environment and Science

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) is a proud partner to the Lead Alliance and has been an active member of the Mount Isa Lead Health Management Committee since its introduction in 2012.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring the community of Mount Isa is informed about the risks of lead and other significant contaminants.

In collaboration with industry partners, the Queensland Government operates an air quality monitoring network across the state, with a monitoring station for Mount Isa located at The Gap. This data is available to the public via the Queensland Government's live air data webpage. Near real time air quality data from the Mount Isa station is presented hourly for lead, sulfur dioxide and other heavy metals.

#### Website link: https://apps.des.qld.gov.au/ air-quality/?category=meteorological

DES continues to work collaboratively across Queensland Government agencies to ensure the health of the Mount Isa community. through strict, contemporary environmental regulation of emissions from the Mount Isa Mine and other industries in Mount Isa.

In addition to the Queensland Government monitoring station, the Mount Isa Mines is required to operate an extensive network of air quality monitoring stations across Mount

Isa, with 6 of their 12 stations monitoring levels for lead and other heavy metals.

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#### **Rob Lawrence**

**Deputy Director General** Dept. of Environment and Science

### Messages from our Partners: Mount Isa Mines

Mount Isa Mines is proud to be one of Australia's oldest mining towns with a proven track record as a responsible operator, with the genuine commitment to our community.

We support the Lead Alliance in its valuable work, promoting and educating the community on managing the risks associated with living in a naturally mineralised area.

During the 2022-23 period, we continued to make significant improvements to our operational performance to minimise the impact of our operations on the surrounding environment and community.

As modern regulations and science have evolved, so have our operations. We operate under a modern, Queensland Government-managed regulatory regime and have an industry-leading air quality management framework. We continue to meet or exceed environmental obligations.

Throughout the 2022-2023 period we continue to maintain low ambient lead in air levels. We have achieved this by continuing to focus on dust and emission mitigation across the operations.

Our air quality management framework includes a comprehensive system of emission capture technology and dust control measures to reduce dust and emissions at their source.

> Mount Isa Mines have developed and implemented Trigger

Action Response Plans (TARPs) for all air quality metrics required by the Environmental Authority (EA). These TARPs are managed by the 24/7 Air Quality Control (AQC) operators in conjunction with the processing plant control room teams to monitor and manage emissions from our operations in order to minimise potential impacts from our operations.

We continue to invest significantly in infrastructure to improve our environmental performance and have achieved substantial reductions in total emissions generated from our site.

In the 2022-2023 period MIM has updated our understanding of metals emission sources, conducting a comprehensive site wide study and quantification of all potential emissions sources. This study is being conducted by an external third party consultant and will enable Mount Isa Mines to identify and prioritise further emissions improvement options.

During 2022-2023 we continued to improve our occupational health and hygiene performance and have seen an overall decrease in our blood lead averages.

Our monitoring program and routine blood lead testing monitors personal exposure to lead in the workplace. Our occupational hygiene team provides lead exposure reduction and management strategies, education, awareness, analysis and reporting.

During 2022-23 we carried out

infrastructure upgrades at the Lead Smelter with the installation of more baghouses on main feed conveyors to capture and encapsulate dust and made upgrades to conveyors in the Zinc Lead Concentrator by redesigning conveyor skirting and conveyor hoods to capture dust and reduce exposure.

George Fisher Mine completed upgrades to the Female Clean in Clean Out facilities with the installation of more shower cubicles to ensure our workforce is leaving site free of lead dust.

2023 also saw the introduction of regulatory reduced reportable lead in blood levels for occupational exposure, Mount Isa Mines has reduced internal removal limits.

Within the community, we take a proactive role in education and awareness initiatives. In 2022-23, we continued to deliver an Air Quality Education Program to local school staff and P&C groups. This is part of an annual program offered to Mount Isa schools, day care centres, health stakeholders and sporting groups. We engage openly with our community and provided updates to the community through our biannual Community Information Sessions. Our resources available to the community include the AQMI smartphone app, real-time air quality data on our website, air quality brochure and a video on our website to educate the community on our air quality monitoring program, and the 24hour community hotline 1800 982 982.

We have been offering free and confidential blood lead testing at QML since 1994, and in the last year we have increased options with free blood lead testing now available through Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology.

As the City of Mount Isa celebrates its 100th year this also means Mount Isa Mines' workforce and their families have been calling Mount Isa home for 100 years. Our priority is the wellbeing of our workforce, the community, and the responsible operation of our mine.

We will continue to work collaboratively with the Lead Alliance and support its valuable work to promote community health education and initiatives in Mount Isa.

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#### Maryann Wipaki

**General Manager Health, Safety, Environment and Community** Glencore Zinc Assets Australia

### Messages from our Partners: North West Hospital and Health Service

The North West Hospital and Health Service is a proud member and active co-contributor of the Lead Alliance together with key partners, the Queensland Government, Mount Isa Mines, and Mount Isa City Council.

The success of the lead alliance can be attributed to their valuable community engagement. This engagement includes the LEADSmart Education Program with many kindergartens, childcare centres, and schools becoming recognised as LEADSmart Education Facilities. Children under five are the most vulnerable to health risks from lead. Regular lead-level testing is essential for early identification, and to assist this, routine screening for lead levels continues to be ordered in all blood tests for children 0-5 years old at Mount Isa Hospital.

The North West Hospital and Health Service continues to support the important work undertaken by the Lead Alliance as it assists our community in managing the risks associated with living in a naturally mineralised area.

#### **Cheryl Vardon AO**

Chair NWHHS Board North West Hospital and Health Service



# Messages from our Partners: Mount Isa City Council

Mount Isa City Council is proud to be a member of the Lead Alliance, a position it's had since the Lead Alliance was created in 2008.

The Lead Alliance's commitment to safeguarding the health and wellbeing of Mount Isa's residents remains at the heart of its collective mission.

It does this through community-wide and ongoing targeted education programs and information campaigns about the best ways to reduce residents' exposure to environmental lead.

These initiatives get across the message that it's important for us all – but particularly children – to wash their hands regularly, to eat healthy, nutritious food, and to wet wipe surfaces when cleaning, thus empowering residents with the knowledge and tools to protect themselves and their loved ones.

By instilling these habits in their daily routines, residents take proactive measures to safeguard their long-term health. The Lead Alliance's primary focus on reducing lead exposure underscores its determination to create a healthier and safer environment for all Mount Isa residents.

Ultimately, the Lead Alliance's work is about building a community that is resilient, informed, and united in its commitment to wellbeing.

I commend Lead Alliance staff for their ongoing work in delivering its core messages to school students, and children in kindergarten and childcare, through regular visits as part of its Handwashing and Eating Healthy Education Program.

The annual Backyard Improvement Program is also going from strength to strength, encouraging families to take improve or revamp their yards in order to reduce the risk of environmental lead exposure in their homes.

I congratulate everyone involved in the Lead Alliance for the work they do in the community.



#### **Danielle Slade**

**Mount Isa Mayor** Mount Isa City Council

### Lead Health Management Committee Members



Dr. John Gerrad Chair of MLHMC Queensland's Chief Health Officer Department of Health



Honorable Bob Katter MP Member for Kennedy Federal Representative



Phillip Brooks Queensland Commissioner Family and Child Commission



**Rob Lawrence Deputy Director General** Department of Environment and Science



Robbie Katter MP Member for Traeger State Representative



Sophie Dwyer Executive Director of Health Protection Branch Department of Health



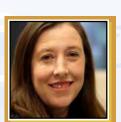
Danielle Slade Mount Isa Mayor Mount Isa City Council



**Uma Rajappa** Director Environmental Hazards Program - Health Protection Unit (Secretary) Department of Health



Sean Birgan Health Service Chief Executive North West Hospital and Health Service



Kate du Preez Commissioner for Mine Safety and Health

Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy



Maryann Wipaki General Manager Health, Safety, Environment and Community Glencore North Queensland

### Lead Health Management Committee

### MLHMC's VISION

Our vision of the Mount Isa Lead Health Management Committee (MLHMC) is to protect the health of the children of Mount Isa from lead and other heavy metals in the environment.

### MLHMC's PURPOSE

Our purpose of the Mount Isa Lead Alliance is to provide practical prevention measures through identifying young children at risk, care coordination, education and risk reduction measures for young children and the broader community.

We collaborate with government and non-government organisations to promote, develop and implement activities and policies appropriate to providing and promoting the health of young children in Mount Isa. We also develop, integrate and disseminate lead health management strategies to reduce health risks from lead in young children (younger than 5 years old) in Mount Isa.

The Queensland Government, led by Queensland Health, had the foresight to form the Mount Isa Lead Health Management Committee (MLHMC) over a decade ago. This group's task is to oversee lead health management in Mount Isa and safeguard residents through education to ensure the community has access to world-best lead health practices.

The committee meet quarterly and are well positioned to make informed and consultative decisions, providing the Mount Isa community with a rapid response to risks and the early adoption of leading lead-safe systems.

### Lead Health Management Committee Chair Message

As the Chair of the Mount Isa Lead Health Management Committee, I am pleased to report on the activities of the Committee over what has been a successful year.

There have been many achievements this past year, including the enhanced blood lead surveillance program managed by the North West Hospital and Health Service. The point of care blood lead testing program continues to have strong participation, with 238 children under five tested between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023. This blood testing method is an easy and effective way to identify 'at risk' children. The success of the program is complemented by the other established blood lead testing programs, including the Mount Isa Base Hospital program involving routine analysis of blood samples taken from children aged 1-4 years in Mount Isa Hospital, and the free blood lead testing program at the QML laboratory which is available to all Mount Isa residents.

The work of the Lead Alliance and the sustained advocacy of the Chair, Mr Robbie Katter MP and Ms Goddard, the Lead Alliance Project Officer, has been critical in underpinning these testing programs by raising awareness of lead health risks and protection strategies. The Lead Alliance office has recently moved to a more central location at 12 Miles Street, which is easier for Mount Isa residents to access. I am pleased that public interest has significantly increased, with more community 'walk-ins' into the office, helping the residents learn more about lead health risk management.

The Committee members and the Lead Alliance are united in our mission to encourage and support positive change in Mount Isa, contributing to the ongoing development of a 'living safely with lead' lifestyle within the community.

The past twelve months have also seen a strengthening of Public Health Unit resources dedicated to improving children's 'lead health' in Mount Isa. This includes funding for additional personnel and equipment.

I would also like to welcome to our Committee, Mr Sean Birgan, who has recently been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Northwest Hospital and Health Service. I am sure that Mr. Birgan will play a key role in supporting the Committee's role in improving children's lead health in Mount Isa.

#### Dr. John Gerrad Chair of Mount Isa Lead Health Management Committee



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### Lead Alliance Committee What is it that we do?

### OUR PURPOSE

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Our purpose is to achieve a sustainable improvement in the health of the Mount Isa community, by effectively managing how residents live and work around the naturally occurring and non-natural sources of lead and other contaminants throughout Mount Isa.

### RAISE AWARENESS

in community about lead and its potential impacts

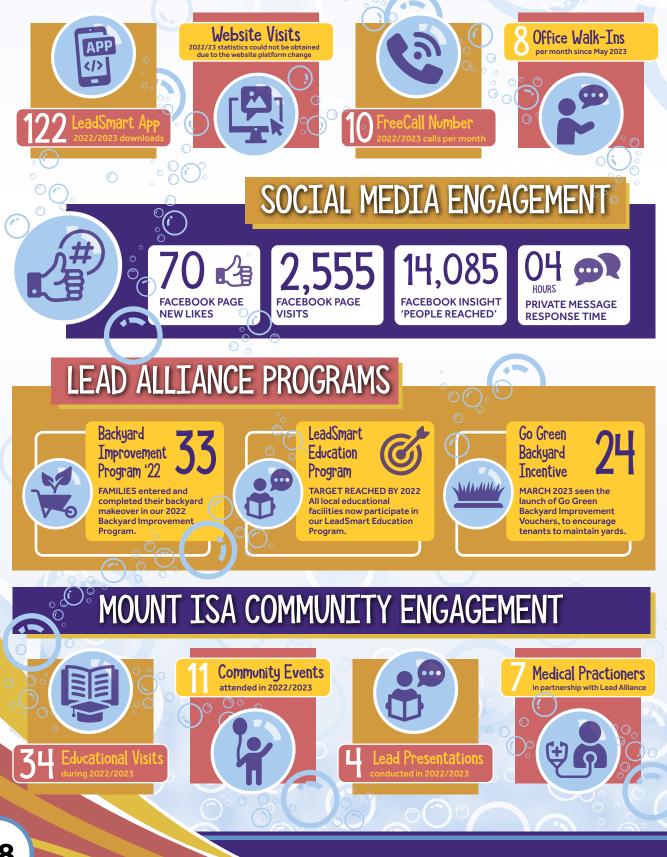
### EDUCATE AND ADVOCATE to change behaviours and limit lead exposure

WORK COOPERATIVELY to reduce exposure to lead

PROMOTE good hygiene practices

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# Lead Alliance 2022/2023 Highlights



### Lead Alliance The Lead Alliance Patron's Visit

Lead Alliance was honoured to welcome the Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland during her visit to our North West Outback.

Her Excellency who is the Patron of the Lead Alliance attended a Living Safely with Lead Education at Happy Valley State School with the prep and year one students. Our Chair for Lead Alliance MP Robbie Katter, kindly introduced Her Excellency with a brief speech on her role as Governor of Queensland.

Her Excellency spoke briefly with the students, "This is my first visit as Governor and I'm delighted to be here, I have always enjoyed coming to Mount Isa over the years." The presentation was hosted with Captain LeadSmart, Louis Johnson and Dr Kevin Num Num with educating the students on eating healthy, the importance on hand washing and Lead Awareness.

Following this, Her Excellency presented each student with a gold coin comprised with the Union Jack with a white roundel in the centre featuring the Badge of the State of Queensland, a light blue Maltese Cross, surmounted by a Royal Crown and a garland of laurel leaves.

It was a whole-hearted morning to have the Governor attend Happy Valley State School and partake in the education assembly within her patronage organisation.

Attendees were MP Robbie Katter, Mayor Danielle Slade, Councillor Kim Coghlan and George Fortune.

### Lead Alliance Office New Location in the CBD

Feedback from the community and stakeholders indicated that they were unaware of the location of the Lead Alliance office and or that the Lead Alliance was operational.

Lead Alliance Committee and community members suggested that the office location needed to be reviewed and a more centralised location be considered for community to be able to access.

The Committee were advised that the Department of Health approved funding for the next three years to strengthen service delivery in Mount Isa. The goal is to strengthen existing services by colocating the Lead Alliance with the Public Health Unit, providing additional staffing, facilities and improving accommodation. The Lead Alliance office relocated to 12 Miles Street, in March 2023. The location being centralised for our community with anticipating street visibility, higher foot traffic and increase the presence of the brand allowing for additional opportunities for the Lead Alliance to work with other organisations in the centre of Mount Isa.

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# Lead Alliance Office Grand Opening Day

#### On the 10th June, we held our Grand Opening of the New Lead Alliance office on Miles Street.

Celebrating live with MOB FM broadcast, BBQ sausage sizzle, balloons, facilitated point of care testing for the first 8 children providing Captain LeadSmart Water bottle, Movie Voucher, Domino's Pizza Voucher and Captain LeadSmart information backpack plants to give away to a green thumb gardeners. Over 200 sausages were cooked for the community. With full support of Mob FM 100.9, NWHHS CE Sean Birgan, Mayor Danielle Slade, MP Robbie Katter, Mal Macrae, Christine Mann, Kim Coghlan, Kerri O'Connor, Mount Isa City Council, Domino's Pizza Mount Isa, Wyld MADE., North West Hospital and Health Service, Cookies on Crystal, Bell & Moir Toyota, Glencore Queensland Metals, the event was a fun filled morning celebrating the opening of our new office along the public.

### Lead Alliance New Lead Blood Testing Station

Upon moving to the New Lead Alliance Office, a Lead testing station was designed to accommodate walk-in consumers who may enquire for their child to have a Point of Care test.

A sign is placed outside of the office to advise times of Lead Testing which is accessible every Tuesday & Thursday from 9am – 11am. Each child receives a children's book promoting positive relationships for parents to engage with their children through literacy skills at an early age, leading to higher levels of education achievements.

Dominos Pizza have generously donated one Large Pizza voucher for each child who partakes in a Point Of Care Blood Lead Level Test. The Manager has initiated that the voucher will allow the child to make their own healthy pizza when presenting to the Miles Street Dominos Store.

Anticipating to increase the presence of our brand by street visibility and high foot traffic with displaying the A-frame sign at the front of the building promoting Point of Care Lead Testing with additional space for quotes/availability.

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	BLOOD LEAD LEVEL	
	<5µg/dL	No Action Required Provide lead education to minimise exposure, potential sources.
Testing Station	5µg/dL - 8µg/dL	Provide lead education, assess risk factors. Identify risk factors, nutrition, environment, household. Public Health access the lead test database, no formal referral.
	8µg/dL and above	Advise patient to have a venous testing, following a referral to general practitioner. Notify Public Health.
Waiting	may be perform > The amount o	herson's blood lead level requires a blood sample, which hed with a finger stick or a blood draw. If lead found in the blood sample may be measured in lead per decilitre of blood µg/dl = micrograms per decilitre
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### Lead Alliance What is New

Following after a Point of Care Test, each child is presented with a Lead Alliance Congratulations Certificate. All participating medical centres have the certificates available for children to receive after the completion of the test.



Captain LeadSwart

Blood Lead Level Test Congratulations Certificate

> A Certificate of Appreciation is presented to each education facility that participated in our LeadSmart Education Program, recognising their participation and support to lead awareness.

With the relocation of our office, gave an opportunity to redesign our business to feature our mascot,

Captain LeadSmart.

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New Business Cards

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• LeadSmart Education Appreciation Certificates

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### Lead Alliance Bell and Moir Supplies Vehicle

Bell and Moir Toyota continue to live by their slogan "locals supporting locals" through their generosity and eagerness to support the Lead Alliance.

Bell and Moir Toyota provided a new Toyota Hilux SR5 to the Lead Alliance to assist with the promotion of living safely with lead. It has assisted the Lead Alliance's ongoing endeavours to provide information and education on living with lead and will be available to attend highly patronised events across Mount Isa ensuring that information is delivered in the most accessible and engaging way possible.

Bell & Moir Toyota

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Their support enables the Alliance to access groups and events within the community where we may have an impact on lowering children's blood lead levels by providing readily accessible information.

## Lead Alliance **Redesigning Brochures**

Following the rebranding exercise for the Lead Alliance end of year 2021, we were tasked to update all the brochures, handouts and fact sheets.

Historically, the handouts were quite "wordy" with intensive information. With this in mind, a working group was established and met on a number of occasions to recreate the new handouts for the benefit of the Mount Isa Community. In total seven brochures were redesigned.





Eat safe.

Healthy Eating

and Nutrition.







Information for our Mob.





### Lead Alliance Programs LEADSmart Education Program

The LEADSmart Education Program, aims to ensure all an opportunity for Mount Isa Kindergartens, Child Care Centres and Schools to incorporate lead awareness and education into their policy, curriculum and practices.

The LEADSmart Education Program aims to educate Mount Isa teachers, parents, and students/children about the facts on lead, how to reduce the risk of elevated blood lead levels and promote the Lead Alliance key messages: Wet Wipe, Wash and Eat Well.

To be recognised as a LEADSmart Education Facility, Mount Isa Education Services are required to carry out all activities and programs outlined in a "LEADSmart Policy" which is submitted to the Lead Alliance and reviewed by the Lead Alliance Project Officer annually.

Upon receipt of a LEADSmart Policy, Education facilities are presented with a personalised LEADSmart Sign recognising the efforts in providing information and education to teachers, parents, students and visitors regarding living safely with lead.

There are 31 Mount Isa educational facilities now engaged with the LEADSmart Education Program.

Barkly Highway State School



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### Lead Alliance Programs LEADSmart Education Program



### **GOODSTART PLAYGROUND**

In late 2020, Goodstart Early Education Mount Isa started a journey to become a lead smart centre. We received guidance from a wide range of stakeholders to develop a policy and procedure that would align with the Lead Alliance's commitment to living safely with lead.

In November 2021, we received both a State and National Centre Innovation Award from Goodstart for our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe and protected.

Mount Isa State Special School

In March 2022 we started a playground upgrade to remove all the excess dirt and sand, a modern sprinkler system was installed, an enclosed sand pit area built, and covered vegie pods installed. The upgrade was completed in May 2022 just in time for the Governor's visit to Mount Isa.

As an ongoing commitment to living safely with lead, the kindergarten children receive a yearly visit from the LEADSmart Education Program and Captain Leadsmart. The program teaches children the importance of lead safe practices and what they need to do to live safely with lead.

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### Lead Alliance Community Engagements

Bunnings Christmas Community Event

Attending events forms a fundamental part of the Lead Alliance's engagement and promoting 'Being LeadSmart' within our community.

The aim is to build positive relationships with local families, encouraging parents to have their child tested. The Lead Alliance participated and contributed to the following events.

#### NAIDOC Week Get Up! Stand Up!

Bunnings Easter Community Event

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Captain LeadSmart School Holiday Activities Allianc

Sign On Sports Day

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### Lead Alliance Community Enagements

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## Lead Alliance Lead Educational Presentations



## Lead Alliance Programs Backyard Improvement Program

The Lead Alliance mission is to reduce the bare soil areas in the community yards and/or gardens that are accessible to children. These positive changes help reduce the risk of elevated blood ,lead levels and aim in making outdoor areas safe for children and the community with an opportunity to win great prizes.

This years competition was the second largest number of entrants since the program commenced over 11 years ago. Upon entering the program, all entrants were supplied with a FREE Backyard Improvement Kit containing Bunnings pack, rake, grass seed, fertiliser, tap & soaker hoses, gloves and \$40 voucher from The Rose Garden Nursery to contribute to their yard improvements. All entrants provide "before and after" images as part of their commitment to the program which highlighted all of the improvements made during the programs duration. These images were then collated and provided to independent judges against a set criteria for judging.

The Mayor of Mount Isa, Danielle Slade and Councillor Kim Coghlan along with all the program sponsors, attended the formal presentation.

We received wonderful support from our local businesses who kindly contributed towards the Program. The Lead Alliance is committed to developing partnerships with businesses, schools and community groups to encourage Mount Isa residents in making relevant improvement to their outside areas.

## NOTABLE STATS

15% of families Identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

30% of families requested a referral for their children to obtain a Point of Care blood lead level test as part of their participation in the program.



## Lead Alliance Programs Backyard Improvement Program



## Lead Alliance Incentive Go Green - Bare Soil No More

Expanding on our Lead Alliance Backyard Improvement Program that runs yearly, Lead Alliance are now collaboratively working with Mount Isa Department of Housing.

Lead Alliance noted a high percentage of rental properties with bare soil backyards in Mount Isa. Go Green - Bare Soil No More Incentive not only helps bring awareness to the risks of lead exposure in the backyard but also encourages Department
 of Housing tenants to cover bare soils in their yard to minimising lead exposure.

Having the new tenant to use their voucher by visiting our office to collect their Go Green Pack is also a motive to encourage residents to be familiar with our centralised office.

Since our Go Green Bare Soil No More incentive launch in March 2023, we have had 24 Department of Housing tenants come to the office to ultilise their voucher and collect their Go Green Pack.

TO COLLECT TOUR GO GREEN - BARE SOIL NO MORE PACK:

VOUCHER

## **GO GREEN PACK**

- SOAKER HOSE
- LAWN SEED
- FERTILISER
- TAP TIMER
- GARDENING GLOVES
- HAND SANITIZER
- **BUNNINGS HAT**
- LAWN RAKE
- LEAD ALLIANCE
  INFORMATION BAG



#### O'Regan & Partners Audit Services Chartered Accountants • Business Advisors

### **Financial Report**

Lead Alliance For the year ended 30 June 2023

Prepared by O'Regan & Partners

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### **Committee's Report**

Lead Alliance For the year ended 30 June 2023

#### Committee's Report

Your committee members present their report on the accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the Association during the financial year was to raise awareness in the Mount Isa Community about lead and its potential health effects.

#### **Significant Changes**

No significant changes in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### **Operating Result**

The surplus from ordinary activities amounted to \$16,735 (2022: surplus of \$47,030).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:

President 2619 Date

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Treasurer Date /

### **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

#### Lead Alliance

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For the year ended 30 June 2023

Account		2023	202
Income	$^{\circ}$ $^{\circ}$		
Government Grants	( all )	281,063	206,625
Total Income		281,063	206,625
Expenditure			
Accounting and Audit Fees		1,800	1,800
Advertising		12,286	20,025
Contract Work		179,289	46,778
Insurance		755	739
Management Fee Charge		4,000	4,000
Meeting Expenses		-	162
Motor Vehicles		2,027	5,716
Office Expenses		5,247	5,753
Program Expenses		12,119	14,052
Promotional Expenses		20,389	36,784
Rent		7,779	10,620
Set up costs		9,968	-
Superannuation Contributions		519	424
Telephone		2,646	2,584
Wages		4,947	4,725
Website		557	5,433
Total Expenditure		264,328	159,595
Surplus/ (Deficit) For The Year		16.735	47.030

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Living With Lead Safely In Mount Isa

### **Statement of Financial Position**

Lead Alliance As at 30 June 2023

Account	30-Jun-23	30 Jun 2022
Account	50-5un-25	50 0011 2022
Assets		
Current Assets		
Westpac Lead Alliance	83,874	78,230
GST Receivable	0 12,704	2,114
Cash and Cash Equivalents	o ( 700	200
Total Current Assets	97,279	80,544
Non-Current Assets		
Plant and Equipment and Vehicles		
Plant & Equipment - Lead Alliance	2,225	2,225
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(2,225)	(2,225)
Total Plant and Equipment and Vehicles	· · ·	-
Total Non-Current Assets	-	-
Total Assets	97,279	80,544
Liabilities Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	-	-
Total Current Liabilities		-
Total Liabilities	-	-
Net Assets	97,279	80,544
Member's Funds		
Retained Earnings	80,544	33,514
Current Year Earnings	16,735	47,030
Total Member's Funds	97.279	80.544

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### Lead Alliance

For the year ended 30 June 2023

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Preparation**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act QLD. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

#### Comparatives

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to confirm to changes in the presentation for the current financial year.

#### Income Tax

The body is a non-profit organisation and exempt from Income Tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks convertible to known amount of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

#### **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

#### Fees and Levies

Fees and levies are recognised as revenue in the year in which the service is provided.

#### Contributions

Grants, contributions, donations and gifts that are non-reciprocal in nature are recognised as revenue in the year in which the Association obtains control over them. Where grants are received that are reciprocal in nature, revenue is accrued over the term of the funding arrangements.

#### Interest

Interest revenue is generally recorded on receipt from the relevant financial institution.

#### **Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

All trade debtors are recognised at the amounts receivable as they are due for settlement at no more than 30 days.

Collectability of trade debtors is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Bad debts which are known tobe uncollectible are written off during the year in which they are identified. A provision for doubtful debts is established where is objective evidence that the entity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment (excluding freehold land) reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the company. Depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. The depreciation method and useful life of assets is reviewed annually to ensure they are still appropriate. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each

#### **Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association that remain unpaid.

Accounts payable are recognised at their transaction price. Accounts payable are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

### **Statement By Members of the Committee**

Lead Alliance

For the year ended 30 June 2023

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial

In the opinion of the committee the financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 7:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Lead Alliance as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Lead Alliance will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with are solution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

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Date 26/9 /

Treasurer

Date / /

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

### Lead Alliance

For the year ended 30 June 2023

#### **Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special-purpose financial report of Lead Alliance which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of financial performance for the year then ended, statement of changes in equity, cash flow, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and statement by members of the committee.

#### Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee members of the entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee members, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standard Board.

#### Qualification

The Corporation receives room rental income and other miscellaneous income from various sources. As is common with organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Centre to maintain an effective control over receipts from these activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit of this income was limited to amounts recorded.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Lead Alliance gives a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance for the year ended on that date and comply with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial report.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee members' financial reporting responsibilities. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**O'Regan & Partners** Chartered Accountants Lvl 19, 344 Queen St Brisbane Queensland Australia 4001

Peter O'Regan Partner Date:

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# Are you LeadSmart?

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- ☑ WASH and DRY your HANDS before eating
- DRINK healthy amounts of WATER
- M EAT lots of HEALTHY FOOD

Wat Wipe, Wash and Eat Wall

- ☑ BRUSH your TEETH twice daily
- WET WIPING all surfaces and MOPPING FLOORS to help STOP LEAD DUST