

# Spring 2024 BACKYARD IMPROVEMENT program



## Spring 2024 Backyard Improvement Program COMPETITION GUIDELINES & APPLICATION FORM

- APPLICATIONS OPENS:** **Monday 15th July 2024**
- APPLICATIONS CLOSES:** **Monday 19th August 2024 at 5.00pm**
- WHERE TO SUBMIT:** ALL APPLICATION FORMS AND BEFORE PHOTOS can be submitted to The Lead Alliance office at **12 Miles Street Mount Isa** or via email [admin@leadalliance.com.au](mailto:admin@leadalliance.com.au)
- COMPETITION CLOSES:** **Friday 15th November 2024 at 5:00pm**
- JUDGING:** **Monday 18th November to Friday 22nd November 2024**
- CATEGORIES:**
- LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPERS**  
Convert bare soils into a well covered and maintained lawn area.
  - NATURE STRIP NURTURERS**  
Improve the nature strip ensuring that bare soil is covered.
  - HEALTHY HEROES**  
Create and maintain a mulched fruit, vegetable and/or herb garden.
  - BUDDING BLOOMERS**  
Create and maintain a mulched floral garden.
  - GARDEN GURUS**  
Complete a backyard makeover comprising at least two minor categories.
  - LEADSMART LEARNERS**  
School or Childcare Organisations are to convert a bare soil area into a lead safe environment.
  - JUDGE'S CHOICE**  
All entrants who submit 'before' and 'after' photos will be eligible to win the Judge's Choice.
- AWARDS CEREMONY:** The Backyard Improvement Program Competition Award Ceremony will be held at The Rose Garden Nursery, Flynn Street, Mount Isa. The date to be confirmed closer to the end of the program. All finalists are encouraged to be at the Award Ceremony.



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### CRITERIA:

All applicants will be judged on three main factors.

**DESIGN** The variety of methods/materials used to cover the bare soil areas e.g. grass, mulch, fruit trees and vegetable gardens (speaks to nutritional issue for lowering lead absorption.)

**INTENT** The active participation of the entrant and enthusiasm and extent of third party assistance.

**MAINTENANCE** The size of area improved, the amount of bare soil covered to reduce bare soil area yards and or gardens. Creating a lead safe and water wise garden/backyard for children's and families to enjoy.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Applicants must reside in the Mount Isa City Council local government area.

Only one application will be accepted per family.

Entry to the Backyard Improvement Program Competition is FREE.

Applicants will be required to submit a completed Backyard Improvement Program Application Form and BEFORE PHOTOS by 5:00pm, Monday 19th August 2024 to be considered for judging.

Local businesses will be approached to sponsor the prizes for the Backyard Improvement Program Competition.

Vouchers are redeemable at local business houses in Mount Isa and are not transferable or redeemable for cash.

All prizes are awarded at the discretion of the Judging Panel, whose decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The winners of the awards cannot win the same prize over two consecutive years.

Backyard Improvement Program starter kit and \$40.00 voucher from "The Rose Garden Nursery" will be obtainable once application and before photos are received.

All applicants will be required to submit AFTER PHOTOS by Friday 15th November 2024.



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### APPLICATION FORM

FULL NAME/FACILITY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

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CONTACT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THIS PROPERTY?

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NUMBER OF CHILDREN?

AGED 0-5 YEARS \_\_\_\_\_

AGED 5-10 YEARS \_\_\_\_\_

AGED 11+ YEARS \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY YOU WISH TO ENTER

- LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPERS
- NATURE STRIP NURTURERS
- HEALTHY HEROES
- BUDDING BLOOMERS
- GARDEN GURUS
- LEADSMART LEARNERS

ETHNICITY

- Aboriginal
- Torres Strait Islander
- Other:

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Have any of the children had their blood lead levels tested in Mount Isa?

- YES  NO

Would you like The Lead Alliance to facilitate a Point Of Care (finger prick) test for your child/ren?

- YES  NO

What type of improvements are you hoping to achieve from this competition?

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#### PHOTO DECLARATION

- I give my approval for The Lead Alliance to utilise the photographs provided for use in publicising the Backyard Improvement Program entrants and winners. The photographs will be published in the local newspaper and on The Lead Alliance website and Facebook pages.

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2024

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Have you completed all the questions on this application form?
- Have you attached your before photos for entry into the competition?



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