



Living safely with lead Newsletter

It's time to make a change

We are pleased to be once again launching the Backyard Improvement Program Competition. This program is aimed at families with young children who want to make sure that their children have a safe and healthy environment to grow and play, by reducing bare soil areas in their gardens. Parents who want to make positive changes to their yards can win some fantastic prizes.

First prize is a four night stay at the award-winning Adels Grove - a wonderful opportunity to take in the beauty of the Gregory River with tours of Lawn Hill National Park.

This program encourages residents to reduce bare soil areas where children play. Bare soil areas in the garden are where children can pick up the most lead dust. We all know that children love to make mud pies - as we all did when we were young - but it is essential that we discourage them from eating dirt and ingesting lead dust particles. If we reduce the amount of bare soil areas we can reduce the risk of elevated blood lead levels in our children. Hand washing is the most important thing we can teach young children to reduce the risk, especially after playing outside in the yard and before eating.

To join the program parents need to FREE CALL the Alliance on 1800 457 547. We had some fantastic improvements by residents in our last competition who created everything from flourishing vegetable gardens with children, to installing soft fall in a fenced play area.

We would like to let residents know that it is not the amount of money you spend on your garden that counts, but the relevancy of the changes made that are most important in this competition. You do not need to spend much money to reduce the bare soil areas, just spend the time.

The latest blood lead testing results show that lead levels in Mount Isa children are decreasing. This is a credit to the community, showing a commitment to working together and achieving great results, we look forward to working with the community again with this year's program and encourage families with young children join us.

FREE CALL 1800 457 547 JOIN TODAY!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mount Isa Show**
Where: Buchanan Park
Day: Friday & Saturday
Date: 17th & 18th June 2016
Time: 9am—4pm
- **Centacare NAIDOC Fun Day**
Where: Minnie Davies Park
Day: Thursday
Date: 7th July 2016
Time: 9am—12pm

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QUESTIONS ABOUT LEAD?

If you have any questions about living safely with lead in Mount Isa, go to www.livingwithlead.com.au to download our Q & A and fact sheet.

Alternatively, call us on:

FREE CALL 1800 457 547

FREE BLOOD TESTING

QML Pathology

13a Isa Street, Mount Isa

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OPEN: Monday—Friday 7.30am to 2.00pm

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The **Living with Lead Alliance** is a public education initiative developed by its community partners Mount Isa City Council, Queensland Health, Department of Environment & Heritage Protection and Mount Isa Mines. Chaired by State Member for Mount Isa Rob Katter.