



Living safely with lead Newsletter

Update on our Programs

Backyard Improvement Program Competition

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.

We have had a fantastic number of Mount Isa parents join the program this year, it is encouraging to see so many parents are willing to put in the hard yards to reduce bare soil areas.

There are some fantastic prizes on offer!

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, lawn mower, whipper snipper, child's swing set and a child's vegetable garden.

The Alliance wish all our entrants the very best of luck!

More Fun with Squeaky Activity Book

At this years Mount Isa Show the Alliance launched our second activity book for children full of fun activities teaching children how to be lead smart.

We will be giving out these books at this years Mount Isa Rodeo Mardi Gras, Friday 12th August so make sure you bring your children down to Buchanan Park for the parade to get your free copy.

For information on Living Safely with Lead Free call 1800 457 547

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mount Isa Rodeo Mardi Gras**
Where: Buchanan Park
Day: Friday
Date: 12th August 2016
Time: 7pm

**Come on down for your
free copy of
More Fun with Squeaky!**

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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.