

Entries in Volcano Art Prize 2025 – including Prize Winning & Highly Commended Images

Many thanks to our sponsor Pictureproducts, all our entrants and the VAP 2025 Judge, Artist, Michael Maratea!

Note: this list shows the Volcano Art Prize (VAP) 2025 entries, in the approximate order that they appeared on the website

<https://volcanoartprize.com/>

(see the LID or LEAD Group Library Identification number preceding each image below) when the VAP 2025 Judge, Michael, judged them.

Michael's high commendations and decisions on the Joint First Prize winners of the \$400 (\$200 each) cash prize, and the winners of the 30 Pictureproducts mugs from our sponsor

 , have been marked on this list. Congratulations to cash winners: Leo Mantan and stop-motion video-makers Phoenix and Alex Jewson from Australia!



Once people clicked the thumbs-up buttons on their favourite 2025 VAP entries at www.volcanoartprize.com up to the voting deadline of Thurs 20th Nov 2025, the winner of the People's Choice cash prize of \$200 was determined to be Paula Jacobe, Age: 10, from the Philippines.



LID 28874



Artist: Zoe Lu, Age 7, School: Creative Einstein

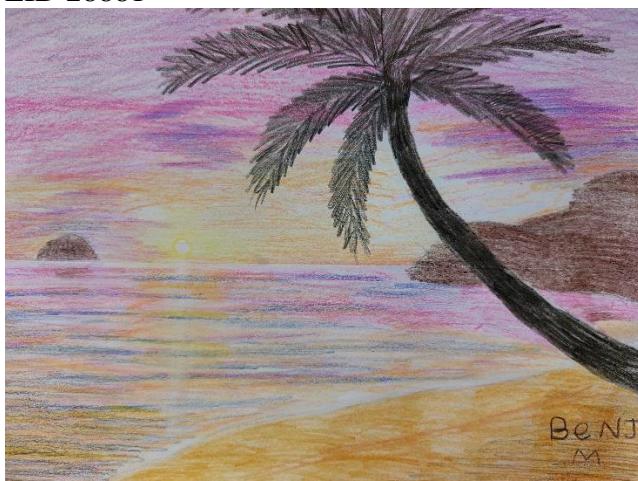
Title: Palm Island

Lead-Safety Message: Remote First Nations communities like Palm Island community where blood lead testing has never been done despite all the usual lead hazards being present, would benefit greatly by a portable XRF bone lead testing program.

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/palm-island/>

LID 28881



Artist: Benji Muthukrishna, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Palm Islands Sunrise

Lead-Safety Message: Indigenous Australians such as those living on Palm Island, are more likely to have higher blood lead levels than non-Indigenous Australians. Governments should make efforts to test blood lead levels in order to Close the Gap for a brighter tomorrow.

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/palm-islands-sunrise/>

LID 28882



Artist: Benji Muthukrishna, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Avocado Halves

Lead-Safety Message: Higher serum (blood) levels of α -carotene/ β -carotene, α -cryptoxanthin/ β -cryptoxanthin and other carotenoids – the pigments which make avocado flesh yellowish - are associated with lower blood lead levels.

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing. References for Message:

<https://lead.org.au/lanv1on2/lanv1on2-8.html> and

<https://PMC2796540/#>

URL: <https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/avocado-halves/>

Highly Commended by the Judge LID 28883



Artist's Name: Benji Muthukrishna, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein,

Title: Coloured Shapes

Lead-Safety Message: In the old days, “lead pencils” had lead in them and the pigments in yellow, orange, red, green and brown pencil cores were lead pigments and lead paint was used on the outside too but now lead is strictly limited in and on what we still call “lead” (but is actually graphite) pencils and coloured pencils.

Description of Work: Colouring pencils on paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/coloured-shapes/>

Highly Commended by the Judge LID 28884



Artist's Name: David Suh, Age: 10, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: I Love Avocados

Lead-Safety Message: Tree fruits like avocados are not lead contaminated even when their soil is, and the carotenes in the yellow flesh may help remove lead from the body.

Description of Work: Colouring pencils on paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/i-love-avocados/>

LID 28885



Artist's Name: Zoe Lu, Age: 7, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Shape Shadows

Lead-Safety Message: Like a shadow, Lead gets into the brain by "pretending" to be Calcium. Lead sneaks into brain cells and kills cells and breaks up cell-to-cell communication, thus causing short attention span, poor memory and trouble learning.

Description of Work: Colouring pencils on paper. Lead Safety Message from

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lead_in_the_Head.png

URL: <https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/shape-shadows/>

LID 28888



Artist: Zoe Lu, Age: 7, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Z is for Zoe

Lead-Safety Message: Z is also for Zinc. Zinc helps over 300 enzymes to work in our body. Lead poisoning involves lead binding to enzymes in place of the zinc or iron etc, inhibiting them; it's reversible because chelation with EDTA removes lead, restoring enzyme activity.

Description of Work: Coloured quilling paper cut, curled, and glued to a board. Lead Safety

Message from: <https://lead.org.au/lanv1on2/lanv1on2-14.html>; <https://www.vaia.com/en-us/textbooks/chemistry/fundamentals-of-general-organic-and-biological-chemistry-2017-edition/chapter-19/problem-63-one-mechanism-by-which-lead-exerts-its-poisonous-/> and <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/10801957/#>

URL: <https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/z-is-for-zoe/>

LID 28889



Artist: Benji Muthukrishna, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: B is for Benji.

Lead-Safety Message: B is also for Bonus. The only way to avoid harm from lead in your body is to remove it. Chelators like EDTA bind to the lead in your blood so this biotoxin can be removed. As a bonus, lead removal may reverse some of the bad effects of lead.

Description of Work: Coloured quilling paper cut, curled, and glued to a board.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/b-is-for-benji/>

LID 28890



Artist: David Suh, Age: 10, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: D is for David

Lead-Safety Message: D is also for Delicious. Lead distorts the metabolism of Vitamin D, reducing the amount transformed into the form most useful to the human body. So I get my Vitamin D from sunshine and from delicious fish like haddock, salmon and sardines.

Description of Work: Coloured quilling paper cut, curled, and glued to a board. Reference for Lead-Safety Message: <https://lead.org.au/lanv10n2/lanv10n2-10.html> - Vitamin D - Nutrition to Fight Lead Poisoning, in LEAD Action News vol 10 no 2 (LANv10n2), by Robert Taylor, The LEAD Group Inc.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/d-is-for-david/>

Highly Commended by the Judge LID 28891



Artist: Zoe Lu, Age: 7, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Plain Sailing

Lead-Safety Message: Once lead-using industries like aviation fuel additive and paint manufacturers stop adding lead to their products to increase their profits, and we work out how to collect or abate all the lead contamination in children's environments, growing up unleaded will be plain sailing.

Description of Work: Colouring pencils on paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/plain-sailing/>



Artist's Name: Benji Muthukrishna, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Sunset Clause

Lead-Safety Message: Australia needs a sunset clause, meaning a legislated date to cease the use of leaded aviation fuel. A good date would be 2030 or earlier.

Description of Work: Colouring pencils on paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/sunset-clause/>

LID 28893



Artist: Benji Muthukrishna, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: New Era in China

Lead-Safety Message: Unlike in the past in China, when the industrial chelator TMT was mixed into contaminated sewage the TMT completely passivated the heavy metals so that food crop plants fertilised by the treated sewage were free of heavy metals, *including lead*.

Description of Work: Colouring pencils on paper. Lead-Safety Message from www.leadtox.blog by Dr Ulrich Mack.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/new-era-in-china/>

Highly Commended by the Judge LID 28894



Artist: David Suh, Age: 10, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Past the Point

Lead-Safety Message: If we can stop kids being lead poisoned and get the lead out of everyone, we can create a global population smart enough to avert a climate crisis. We are not yet past the point of no return.

Description of Work: Colouring pencils on paper. Reference for Lead-Safety Message: The LEAD Group Inc [2023 December – LEAD Action News v21n4 – Model National Lead Safety Policy and 2023 VAP](#)

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/past-the-point/>

Highly Commended by the Judge LID 28895



Artist: Zoe Lu, Age: 7, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Every New Year

Lead-Safety Message: Every new year brings more global warming and climate disturbances. What are you going to do this year to avert the crisis? Move your money to a green bank, invest in super that doesn't invest in fossil fuels, switch from gas to electricity, get solar panels, ...?

Description of Work: Colouring pencils on paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/every-new-year/>



mug winner! LID 28896



Artist: Zoe Lu, Age: 7, School Name: Creative Einstein

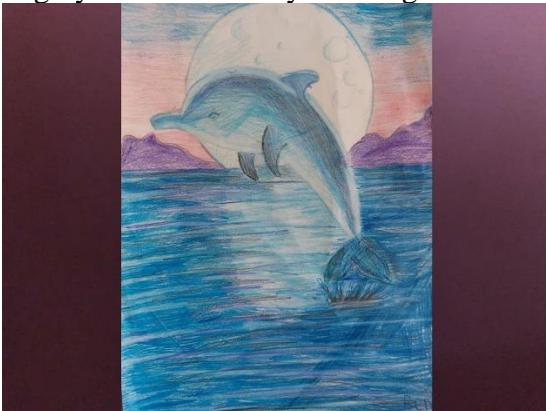
Title: Flying

Lead-Safety Message: Whether they fly across the sun or the moon, over the land or the oceans, earth's creatures all depend on us to keep their home lead-safe and avoid a climate crisis.

Description of Work: Colouring pencils on paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/flying/>

Highly Commended by the Judge LID 28897



Artist: Benji Muthukrishna, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein

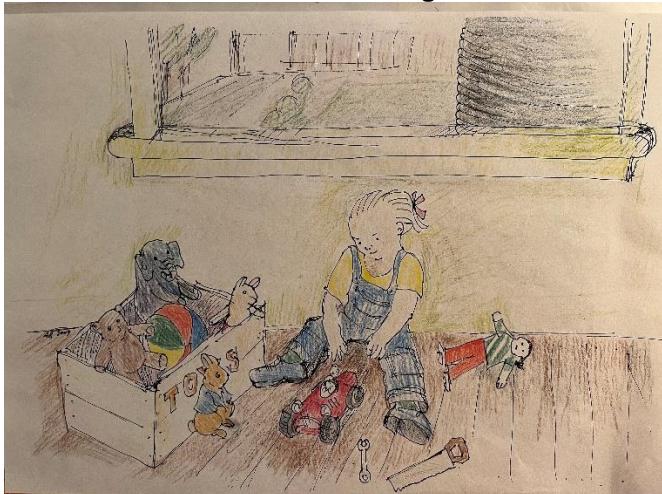
Title: Moonlit Dolphin Porpoising

Lead-Safety Message: Let dolphins thrive in the moonlight, not die by stranding themselves on beaches. Heavy metal exposure like lead, mercury and cadmium, has been linked to degenerative heart disease, immunodeficiency and increased parasite infestations, among other disease risks in stranded dolphins and whales. Keep heavy metals out of stormwater and the sea!

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing. Lead Safety Message from

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2024/02/240221160407.htm> - *Toxic elements found in stranded whales, dolphins over 15 years.*

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/moonlit-dolphin-porpoising/>



Artist: Anne Roberts, Age: 93.

Title: Toddler with Toys

Lead-Safety Message: A LEAD Group Kit is a fantastic tool for detecting lead in a toddler's environment through lab analysis of surface dust wipes from the playfloor and window sill, bare soil, water from brass taps installed in the last 3 years, from rain tanks or bores, paint, toy paint and ceiling cavity dust or vacuum dust.

Description of Work: Colouring pencils and pen on paper. Lead-Safety Message from:

<https://leadsafeworld.com/solutions/lead-group-diy-sampling-lab-analysis-lead-test-kits/>

by The LEAD Group Inc.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/toddler-with-toys/>

LID 28899



Artist: Elizabeth O'Brien

Title: Pectin in Marmalade

Lead-Safety Message: Marmalade and other cooked citrus peel foods are a rich source of pectin which is a lead detox nutrient. Excellent when paired with high fibre wholemeal high-mineral seeded bread or toast.

Description of Work: iPhone photo of Lyn Bearlin's home-made marmalade. Lead-Safety Message from: https://lead.org.au/fs/Foods_for_Lead_Detox_A-Z_20150214.pdf - Foods for Lead Detox - Alphabetical list of foods rich in the nutrients which fight lead poisoning and List of how those Nutrients help fight lead poisoning by The LEAD Group Inc.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/pectin-in-marmalade/>

LID 28900



Artist: Elizabeth O'Brien

Title: Broken Hill Ore Trains

Lead-Safety Message: After more than a century of uncovered ore trains (inset) spreading toxic lead and other heavy and radioactive metals through Broken Hill and all along the train line to Port Pirie smelter, Jenny Rowbotham led a successful campaign to get the ore trucks covered so today you can see green trains snaking through the town between the mine waste dumps or line of lode (on the right) and nearby heavily contaminated residences.

Description of Work: iPhone8 colour photo and inset from

<https://digital.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/nodes/view/300> - Broken Hill Ore Train circa 1951.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/broken-hill-ore-trains/>

LID 28596



Artist: Louise Eaton

Title: Stop the Arms Trade

Lead Safety Message: Apart from preventing death and destruction, we need a world without war in order to stop spreading lead. Mega tons of lead are in ammunition, missiles, landmines and other weapons.

Description of Work: Collage of Anti-War Postcards published by Quaker Peace & Service, United Kingdom

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/stop-the-arms-trade/>

LID 28901



Artist: Elizabeth O'Brien

Title: Ban Lead Ammunition

Lead-Safety Message: *Lead from ammunition is a threat to everyone's health* (Hampton 2021). "Child blood lead was positively associated with household firearm ownership" in *Firearm-Related Lead Exposure and Child Lead Levels in the United States, 2012-2018* (Hoover et al 2024). *Study Links Childhood Lead Exposure to Later Gun Violence* (Hess 2019). EU regulation: *An unprecedented opportunity to protect children's and wildlife health from the toxic effects of lead ammunition* (Pain et al 2025).

Description of Work: Photo of spent lead bullet casings in a home.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/ban-lead-ammunition/>



Artist: Lyn Hartwig

Title: Inspired by Children

Lead-Safety Message: My friend Elizabeth O'Brien was inspired by her children to dedicate the rest of her life to our lead-safe future. Prevention of lead poisoning is her goal for all.

Description of Work: Photo

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/inspired-by-children/>

Highly Commended by the Judge LID 28903



Artist: Danny Wang, Age: 8, School: Creative Einstein

Title: Monstera Deliciosa

Lead-Safety Message: Even when Monstera deliciosa is grown in lead-contaminated soil, the fruit called "Mexican breadfruit" is safe to eat because plants don't put lead in their fruits. Just wash those monstera tiny spikes out under running water!

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing on paper

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/monstera-deliciosa/>



Artist: Rishab Vohra, Age: 12, School: Creative Einstein

Title: Clown Fish

Lead-Safety Message: "Lead (Pb) is a highly toxic metal in aquatic environments. Fish are at the top of the food chain in most aquatic environments, and are the most susceptible to the toxic effects of Pb exposure."

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing on paper. Lead-Safety Message from Toxic effects of lead exposure on bioaccumulation, oxidative stress, neurotoxicity, and immune responses in fish: A review, from <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30884452/>
<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/clown-fish/>



mug winner! LID 28905



Jennifer Chuah

Artist: Jennifer Chuah, Age: 14, School: Creative Einstein

Title: Sushi

Lead-Safety Message: A Polish study found high lead and nickel levels in sushi and high levels of lead, nickel, cadmium and arsenic in nori – the red algae that is shredded, rack-dried and made into flat sheets and used to wrap sushi. None of the samples tested contained mercury. If you eat a lot of nori or sushi, ask your doctor for a blood lead series to find out if your sushi is heavy metal contaminated.

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing on paper. Lead-safety Message from [Heavy Metals in Sushi](#) and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nori> - Wikipedia.
<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/sushi/>

LID 28906



Artist: Tim Pye

Title: Lead is a crime

Lead-Safety Message: There is no lead on this roof. Not because of toxicity concerns but because lead might get stolen. Lead increases criminality and the lead flashing on a roof provides the opportunity for crime.

Description of Work: Photograph of a sign on a wall.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/lead-is-a-crime/>



Artist: Anna Mutton

Title: Still Waters Heavy Metals

Lead Safety Message: This artwork, created using lead-free materials, depicts an aurora arcing gently over a quiet mountain range and undisturbed lake. But beneath the surface of this serene landscape lies a deeper reflection - on the unseen toxins that threaten both nature and our health. Many of our water sources are no longer as pure as they appear. Lead continues to leach into drinking water systems, homes and environments. Just as the aurora responds to invisible solar winds, our ecosystems react to pollutants we can't always see.

Description of Work: Watercolour and acrylic paint on watercolour paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/still-waters-heavy-metals/>



Artist: Phoenix Jewson, Age: 5, Home-Schooled

Title: Rainbow the Turtle

Lead Safety Message: Climate change significantly impacts coral reef ecosystems through ocean warming, acidification, and altered weather patterns, leading to coral bleaching, reduced growth, and increased mortality among fish, turtles, crabs and seahorses. Get your lead-free energy from the sun like we do at our farm.

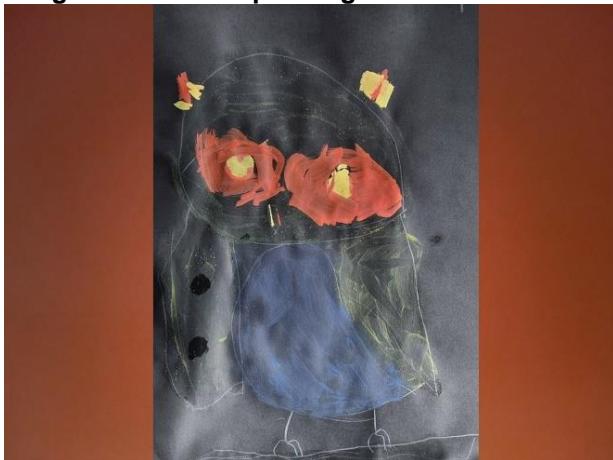
Description of Work: crayon and watercolour drawing.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/rainbow-the-turtle/>

Judged as the best painting and



mug winner! LID 28908



Artist: Phoenix Jewson, Age: 6, Home-Schooled

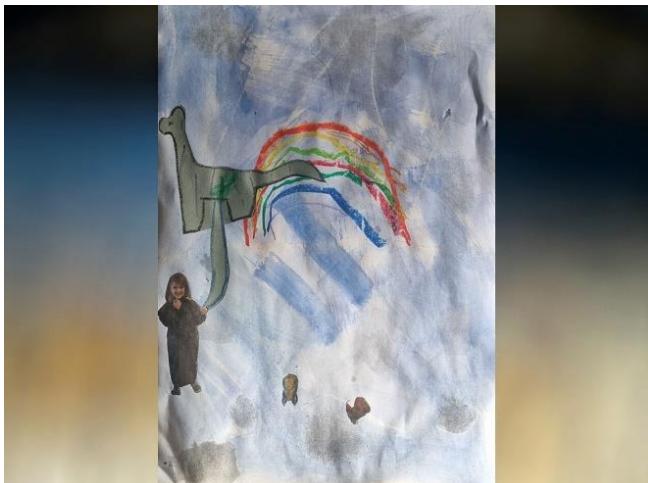
Title: Horned Owl

Lead Safety Message: Great horned owls are opportunistic predators that hunt mainly mammals like rats, mice, rabbits, ground squirrels, opossums, skunks, birds like geese, ducks, hawks, and smaller owls and also snakes, lizards, frogs, insects, scorpions and even fish. Lead is an opportunistic toxic that affects mainly the brain, heart and kidneys but also fertility, learning behaviour, balance, eyesight, hearing and any inherited weakness.

Description of Work: crayon and acrylic paint drawing.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/horned-owl/>

LID 28909



Artist: Phoenix Jewson, Age: 5, Home-Schooled

Title: Brachy Umbrella

Lead Safety Message: This is my Brachiosaurus umbrella, me, Scorpius Rex, Pyro, puddles, rain and a rainbow. Eating nutritious foods like quail eggs, berries and vegetables we grow on our farm protects me from any lead in my shop-bought food or my environment.

Description of Work: cut-out printed photos, fabric, crayon and watercolour paint drawing.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/brachy-umbrella/>

File Name: Phoenix Jewson Brachy Umbrella.JPG



mug winner! LID 28910



[Go to <https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/farm-chores/> and click on the image online to watch the short video]

Artists: Justine Cooney (Film-maker) & Phoenix Jewson (Talent), Age: 5, Home-Schooled

Title: Farm Chores

Lead Safety Message: I have fun doing my daily chores in the lead-safe food garden and farm mummy has created for us, the quail, pigeons and chickens, cows, horses, rescued possum and magpie, by choosing low lead commercial stock feeds and testing with a LEAD Group Kit to ensure our soil and bore and rainwater all have low to non-detectable lead.

Description of work: Video shot on iPhone, edited in Splice with music from Shuttershock (licensed by Splice video editing app).

URL: Farm Life with Phoenix Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@FarmLife.13> - this short film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nWILZALxGU>

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/farm-chores/>



mug winner! LID 28911



Artist: Anne Roberts, Age: 93.

Title: Wooden Birds

Lead-Safety Message: We've long known that birds and trees can be poisoned by lead. Each tree ring records a year of growth, but also a year of pollution. By measuring lead in the rings, researchers can reconstruct the rise and fall of airborne lead across decades.

Description of Work: Birds sculpted from wood in pieces and bolted/glued together. Message adapted from Professor Bruce Lanphear's August 26, 2025 Substack -

<https://blanphear.substack.com/p/times-toxic-signature> - *The Chronicles of Lead Toxicity: A History Cast in Fire, Frozen in Ice.*

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/wooden-birds/>

Joint First Prize and  mug winner! LID 28912



[Go to <https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/gryposuchus-conquers-dilophosaurus/> and click on the image online to watch the short video]

Artists: Alex and Phoenix Jewson, Age: 5, Home-Schooled

Title: Gryposuchus Conquers Dilophosaurus

Lead-Safety Message: Just as Gryposuchus waits on the sidelines until Dilophosaurus has grown closer and closer, oral EDTA chelation has been around for 70 years and only now is poised to conquer lead poisoning globally – if only biscuit-makers and bread-bakers would come to the party and add this iron fortificant to commercially available foods that kids and adults like to eat daily. And in the background, lead-safety advocates will still be fighting to reduce lead emissions and make a circular economy for all lead products.

Description of Work: Stop-motion video.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/gryposuchus-conquers-dilophosaurus/>

LID 28913



[Go to <https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/harvesting-broccoli/> and click on the image online to watch the short video]

Artists: Justine Cooney (Film-maker) & Phoenix Jewson (Talent), Age: 6, Home-Schooled

Title: Harvesting Broccoli

Lead-safety Message: We used a [LEAD Group Kit](#) to find out our farm soil is good and low in lead. The LEAD Group says broccoli is a great lead detox food, but in Port Pirie, children and pregnant women are told not to eat home-grown “leafy vegetables like lettuce, silverbeet, cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower”. Instead, they could treat the soil with [RC3 Yard N Garden Potassium Humate](#) to bind the lead to the soil, and then start eating their leafy greens and backyard eggs!

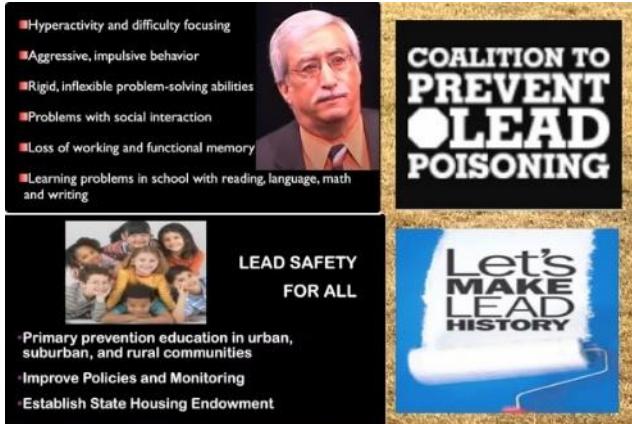
Description of work: Video shot on iPhone, edited in Splice with music from Shuttershock (licensed by Splice video editing app). URLs: Farm Life with Phoenix Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@FarmLife.13> - this short film:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4e72-HUoA4k>. Message from [Pregnant women and parents misled about dangers of living with lead pollution](#). Broccoli is a good source of: [Alpha-linolenic acid \(ALA\)](#); is rich in [Calcium](#), [Vitamin C](#) and [Carotenoids](#); and contains [cysteine, a precursor of glutathione which detoxifies the brain and liver](#)

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/harvesting-broccoli/>

LID 28914



[Go to <https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/put-children-first/> and click on the image online to watch the short video]

Artist/Presenter: Ralph Spezio, School Principal

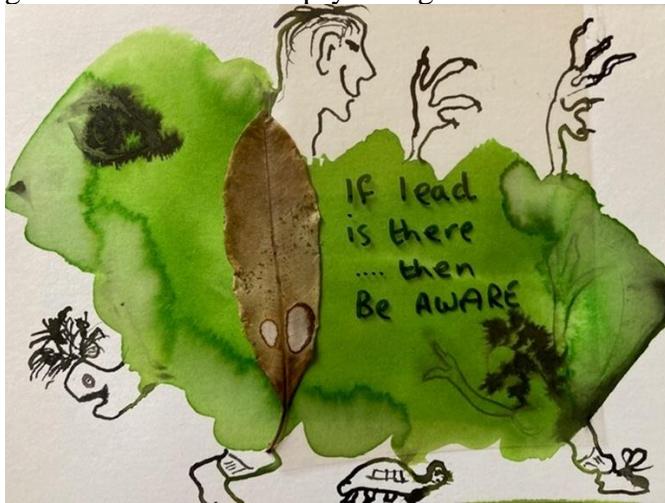
Title: Put Children First

Lead Safety Message: When we have slain the lead monster, we will truly know we have put children first. When I found out that 100% of the 3-, 4- and 5-yr old special ed students at my school in Rochester USA had been found at age one or two to have blood lead levels above 10 µg/dL, I became a founding member of the Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning. Stay informed with our newsletter at <https://theleadcoalition.org/>

Description of Work: [TEDxRochester Ralph Spezio video](#) 1st Nov 2010 - screenshots including learning and behavioral problems caused by lead, and three simple solutions, collaged in Powerpoint and Paint.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/put-children-first/>

37.  mug winner! The Judge thought this was by a child which is his highest form of praise considering he prefers children's art over adult's art. Siobhan is actually a grandmother and child psychologist who often does art with her clients! **LID 28915**



Artist: Siobhan Hannigan

Title: Be Aware

Lead-Safety Message: If lead is there... then BE AWARE. To help make the world lead safe, you can donate to The LEAD Group's LEAF fund at <https://leadsafeworld.com/contribute/>

Description of Work: Ink drawing with watercolour and leaf.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/be-aware/>

File Name: Siobhan Hannigan Be Aware.jpeg



mug winner! LID 28916



Artist: Azalea Manttan, Age: 3

Title: Living Things

Lead-Safety Message: All living things deserve to be protected from lead. Use a [LEAD Group Kit](#) to test backyard eggs, water, soil, surface dust wipes, etc and treat any lead contaminated soil with [RC3 Yard N Garden Activated Humate for application to plants and soil](#) to bind the lead in and reduce egg lead levels.

Description of Work: Texta drawing on newsprint on coloured ink stamped paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/living-things/>

Highly Commended by the Judge LID 28917



Artist: Leo Manttan, Age: 6

Title: Family

Lead-Safety Message: Families that stay lead-safe together, thrive together. To leave a legacy of supporting lead safety, ask your will's lawyer to add a bequest to your will of a percentage of your estate or other gift to The LEAD Group Inc ABN 25819463114.

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing on paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/family/>

Joint First Prize and  mug winner! LID 28918



Artist: Leo Manttan, Age: 6

Title: Leaded Zebrafish

Lead-Safety Message: Researchers use see-thru zebrafish embryos to find out that high lead concentrations in the water cause death for 4 out of 5 fish eggs and even low lead levels cause faster heart beats and bending of the spine. Calcium ion rescue drugs can reverse the damage. Better still... let's prevent lead pollution of water!

Description of Work: Texta drawings cut and collaged with cardboard and paper cut-outs on painted paper. Lead-Safety Message from [Lead Exposure Causes Spinal Curvature during Embryonic Development in Zebrafish](#).

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/leaded-zebrafish/>

LID 28919

the military. Oh and Tyler's parents introduced him to weapons at an early age.



Artist: Grandma Lead

Title: Test Shooters for Lead

Lead-Safety Message: [A possibly lead poisoned shooter confessed on September 11, 2025](#) to assassinating Charlie Kirk. As a 3rd year electrical apprentice, the 22 year old shooter would have been protected from occupational lead exposure but there need to be regulations to protect child shooters from lead exposure that can cause frontal lobe damage, homicidal violent crime and brainrot incoherence. US criminologists and lead poisoning prevention advocates need to write to their congressional representatives demanding that he and all indicted shooters be bone lead and blood lead tested ASAP after being taken in to custody.

Description of Work: Collage of photos from YouTube video by [The Rational National, Meme'd To Death: The Brainrot Incoherence Of Charlie Kirk's Alleged Killer, September 14, 2025](#).

Lead-Safety Message by Elizabeth O'Brien, AKA Grandma Lead.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/test-shooters-for-lead/>

Highly Commended by the Judge LID 28920



Artist: Leo Manttan, Age: 6.

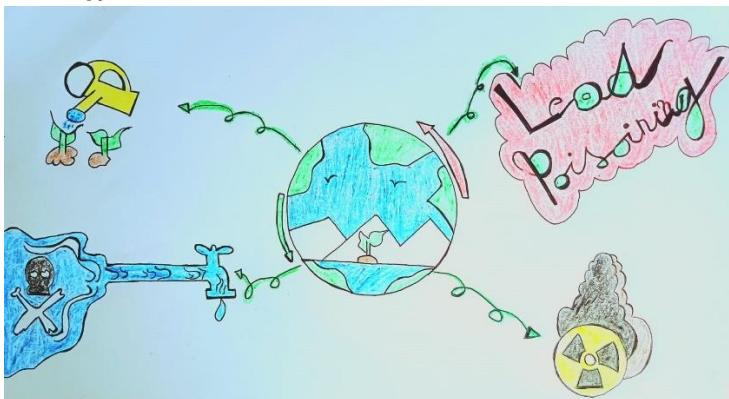
Title: Green Future

Lead-Safety Message: For me and my little sister to have a green future, we need all the adults in all the countries to stop mining lead and burning fossil fuels, and switch to renewable energy and for someone to invent 100% recycled lead products.

Description of Work: Painting over lead pencil drawing.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/green-future/>

People's Choice cash prize winner and  mug winner!
LID 28921



Artist: Paula Jacobe, Age: 10.

Title: Earth Under Attack

Lead-Safety Message: Lead may be invisible, but its damage costs 6-9% of global gross domestic product (GDP). It poisons the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the soil that grows our food. Let's protect our planet and our children—say no to lead, say yes to a safer tomorrow.

Description of Work: Coloured pencil and pen drawing. GDP estimate from [Global health burden and cost of lead exposure in children and adults - A health impact and economic modelling analysis](#) (2023).

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/earth-under-attack/>



mug winner! LID 28922



Artist: Claire Leight

Title: Woman on a Mission

Lead-Safety Message: For thirty-five years, Elizabeth O'Brien has NOT turned her back on her campaign to rid the world of lead poisoning. I thank her.

Description of Work: Oil on canvas 122cm x 92cm.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/woman-on-a-mission/>



mug winner! LID 28923



Artist: Claire Leight

Title: On a Clear Day

Lead-Safety Message: If lead could be removed from aviation fuel, all days could look like this.

Description of Work: Digital photo.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/on-a-clear-day/>



mug winner! LID 28924



Artist: Khangai Davaasuren, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Semiquavers

Lead-Safety Message: Two semiquavers take the same time as an eighth note or quaver to play.

Children can play lead-safely if parents or grandparents get a LEAD Group Kit from

www.leadsafeworld.com/shop and collect 8 samples for lab lead analysis, including play soil, dusty indoor surfaces, degraded paint, ceiling cavity dust, water, etc. Take the time now to test, so children grow up to fulfil their potential.

Description of Work: Coloured quilling paper cut, curled, and glued to a board then collaged in Paint and Powerpoint.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/semiquavers/>



mug winner! LID 28925



Artist: Khangai Davaasuren, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Australian Koala

Lead-Safety Message: They say that there are no Koalas in Lue because they [Bowdens Silver who've proposed a lead mine at Lue, near Mudgee, NSW Australia] want to destroy 400 hectares of prime Koala habitat [if the mine is approved/viable]. Tell that to this guy.

Description of Work: Lead pencil drawing using a lead-free graphite pencil. Message from [Mudgee Region Action Group FB page](#), 25th March 2025.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/australian-koala/>

LID 28936



Artist: Australian Dust Removalists Association (ADRA) Webmaster

Title: ADRA Members Detox Attics

Lead-Safety Message: Solartex and Insulvac in Sydney and Ceiling Alert in Melbourne are the professionals you need to remove contaminated dust from your home, particularly before any demolition, building or insulation work is attempted. Ceiling dust can also be tested for lead, other toxic metals and asbestos prior to removal so you know how toxic the cavity dust was! With more frequent severe storms forecast, you really don't want to be like one of the 20,000 home-owners negatively impacted by ceiling dust in the April 1999 Sydney Hail Storm, before ADRA existed. Go climate resilience and lead-safety!

Description of Work: image downloaded from www.adra.com.au

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/adra-members-detox-attics/>

LID 28937



Artist: Australian Dust Removalists Association (ADRA) Webmaster

Title: ADRA Members detox roof spaces

Lead-Safety Message: Member companies of the Australian Dust Removalists Association have been detoxing the building cavities of homes, schools, churches and other buildings lead-safely since 1999. Get a quote from an ADRA Member for dust and old insulation removal and new insulation installation as your next step towards lead-safety and climate-safety...

Description of Work: Image downloaded from www.adra.com.au

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/adra-members-detox-roof-spaces/>



mug winner! LID 28938



Artist/Photographer: Joseph Lee

Title: Solar Ebike

Lead-Safety Message: Because my house has solar panels on the roof and a storage battery on the wall (inset), my default mode is now ebike to get to pickleball and tennis and I can even extend my journey by taking it on ferry, light rail and bus trips. Way to go to NOT contribute to climate change or burn fossil fuels that all emit some lead. Go SOLAR!

Description of Work: "Sticker" of ebike created on iPhone13. Smart phone photos and sticker collaged in Powerpoint and Paint.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/solar-ebike/>

LID 28939



These 6 LEAD Group Kits are making Australia lead-safe one family at a time – so adaptable!



1-Sample
Lead Test Kit
(emailed)



2-Sample
Lead Test Kit
(emailed)



8-Sample
Lead Test Kit
(emailed)



1-Sample
Lead Test Kit
(posted)



2-Sample
Lead Test Kit
(posted)



8-Sample
Lead Test Kit
(posted)

1-Sample Lead Testing Kit
(emailed) \$66
\$66.00

2-Sample Lead Testing Kit
(emailed) \$132
\$132.00

8-Sample Lead Testing Kit
(emailed) \$288
\$288.00

1-Sample Lead Testing Kit
(posted) \$76
\$76.00

2-Sample Lead Testing Kit
(posted) \$142
\$142.00

8-Sample Lead Testing Kit
(posted) \$298
\$298.00

Let's export the concept for a lead-safe world!

Artist: Grandma Lead aka Elizabeth O'Brien

Title: Grandma Lead Six Lead Test Kits

Lead-Safety Message: These 6 LEAD Group Kits – whether emailed or posted – are making Australia lead-safe one family at a time – so adaptable! Buy an Emailed LEAD Group Kit to test paint, toy paint, soil, backyard eggs, commercial chicken feed, ceiling cavity dust, vacuum dust, food, supplements, complementary medicine, or a Posted Kit to test any of these and/or surface dust wipes and water samples, for lead, other toxic metals, asbestos, pH, fluoride and even pesticides.

Description of Work: Screenshots from www.leadsafeworld.com/shop collaged in Powerpoint and Paint.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/six-lead-test-kits/>



mug winner! LID 28940



Artist: Grandma Lead

Title: Insulvac Electric Vehicle

Lead-Safety Message: Being the President of the Australian Dust Removalists Association since 2004 and a Founding Partner of The LEAD Group's Lead Safe World Partnership since 2013, Gavin Clarke of Insulvac clearly takes cleaning up the built environment seriously. But his fully electric Kia and electric vehicle charging station at the office in Leichhardt, is the icing on the cake of Insulvac's achievement of thousands of clean Sydney roof spaces with insulation installed. If everyone took such steps... goodbye climate crisis, hello lead-safety!

Description of Work: Lead-Safety Message from <https://www.insulvac.com.au/> and <https://www.adra.com.au/> and iPhone 13 photos collaged in Powerpoint and Paint. <https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/insulvac-electric-vehicle/>

LID 28941



Artist: Grandma Lead

Title: Closing the Gap

Lead-Safety Message: The LEAD Group seeks to *Close the Gap* (in health, education and justice between First Nations and more recently arrived Australians) by offering a free 8-Sample LEAD Group Kit to anyone wishing to collect samples which could lead to the reduction of lead exposure in Indigenous Australians. To take up our offer, please fill in the form at <https://leadsafeworld.com/free-lead-group-kits-for-indigenous-australians/> or phone freecall 1800 626 086.

Description of Work: Message from www.leadsafeworld.com/shop/ & iPhone 13 photos of grasstree flower spikes growing closer together as they get higher off the ground, collaged in Powerpoint and Word.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/closing-the-gap/>

LID 28942



Artist: Grandma Lead aka Elizabeth O'Brien

Title: Butterflies Fluttering

Lead-Safety Message: "Passing by butterflies, fluttering for a day" - a line from *An ocean of strange islands*, reminds me of 1920s US tetra ethyl lead (TEL) factory workers who were so lead poisoned they hallucinated butterflies and soon after, died. I pray that the New Zealand Prime Minister will finally acknowledge and compensate the last one alive of the manual TEL plant workers, Brian Arndt (who turned 85 in 2025), for his exposure to TEL at New Zealand Petroleum Refinery 1965-1975.

Description of Work: Screenshot from [Nightwish – An ocean of strange islands \(official lyric video\)](#) & lyric by [Songwriter: Tuomas Holopainen](#). An Ocean of Strange Islands lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing. Message from Rebecca Skloot's [Houses of Butterflies](#), Jan 2001, and Dr Ulrich Mack's LeadTox Blog [Institutional Manslaughter Part 1](#), 25 Jul 2025. <https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/butterflies-fluttering/>

LID 28943



Artist: Riley Jewson, Age: 6

Title: Persecuted by Butterflies

Lead-Safety Message: 1923 Sept - workers started dying in the DuPont TEL works... "sickening deaths and illnesses of hundreds of TEL workers... Gripped by violent bursts of insanity, the afflicted would imagine they were being persecuted by butterflies and other winged insects before expiring, their bodies having turned black and blue." (Kitman 2000)

Description of Work: Message from [Chronology of Leaded Gasoline / Leaded Petrol History](#), 2011 by Elizabeth O'Brien and Zac Gethin-Damon, 23 Dec 2011. Stencilled butterflies drawn in and around with coloured pencils.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/persecuted-by-butterflies/>

LID 28944



Artist: Grandma Lead aka Elizabeth O'Brien

Title: RC3 Your Garden

Lead-Safety Message: #Grandma Lead says finding out that RC3 Yard N Garden Activated Humate foliar spray plant growth promotor can also be added to soil to chelate or bind lead in the soil, is a game-changer! And the RC3 Potassium Humate and RC3 Sea Minerals also promote plant growth so get some RC3 products on your garden today!

Description of Work: iPhone 13 photos of RC3 products from <https://rc3.info/> collaged in Powerpoint and Paint.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/rc3-your-garden/>

 **mug winner!** LID 28945



Artist: David Suh, Age: 11, School Name: Creative Einstein

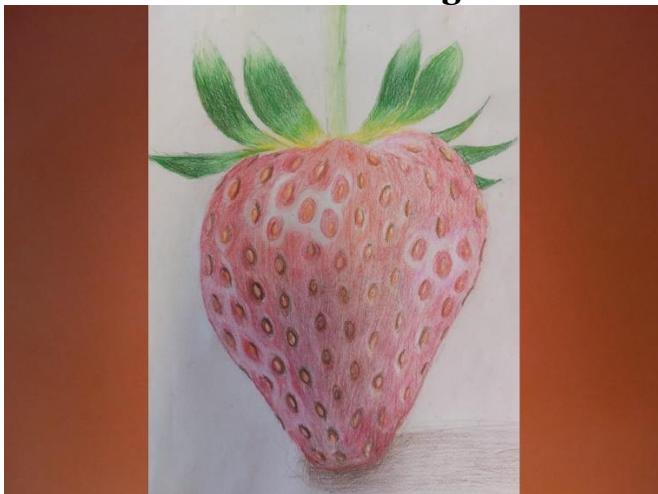
Title: Wave Goodbye

Lead-Safety Message: Wave goodbye to the lead that's already in your body – we all have some – by eating food made with the iron fortificant Ferric EDTA or taking Calcium EDTA capsules every day for months or years. The more lead you are carrying the longer it takes.

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing. Lead-Safety Message from:

<https://leadtox.blog/> - Dr Ulrich Mack's blog.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/wave-goodbye/>



Artist: Tenzin Kuensel, Age: 12, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Homegrown Strawberry

Lead-Safety Message: Strawberries are moderately high in Vit C (which helps remove lead from your body) and they reduce the recycling of toxics within the body. If you grow strawberries, be sure to test your soil for lead with a LEAD Group Kit, and always wash them before eating them from the garden.

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing. Lead-Safety Message from: [Foods for Lead Detox - Foods which Fight Lead Poisoning](https://lead.org.au/fs/fst86.html) - <https://lead.org.au/fs/fst86.html> and [www.leadsafeworld.com/shop](http://leadsafeworld.com/shop) to buy LEAD Group Kits.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/homegrown-strawberry/>

LID 28947



Artist: Tenzin Kuensel, Age: 12, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Daisy Shu

Lead-Safety Message: Daisy Shu wrote, in 2010, that: "Studies have shown that lead exposure can result in a reduced sensitivity of rod photoreceptors, blurred vision and irritated eyes as well as an increased susceptibility to cataract and optic neuritis." Test the soil and playfloor surface dust for lead before young children play on them, with a Posted LEAD Group Kit from [www.leadsafeworld.com/shop](http://leadsafeworld.com/shop)

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing. Lead-Safety Message from: [How does lead exposure affect our eyes?](https://lead.org.au/lanyion3/lanyion3-8.html) - <https://lead.org.au/lanyion3/lanyion3-8.html> - published by The LEAD Group Inc in LEAD Action News, June 2010.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/daisy-shu/>



Artist: Danny Wang, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Redcapped Mushrooms

Lead-Safety Message: This could be a cluster of Scarlet Waxcap mushrooms OR it could be any one of similar-looking poisonous mushrooms so don't eat it!! With lead, it's much harder to know what contains poisonous lead so don't let your little brother or sister eat soil, paint or put their own dirty fingers in their mouth. Ask your parents to test for lead with a LEAD Group Kit from www.leadsafeworld.com/shop if you see that happening.

Description of Work: Coloured pencil drawing.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/redcapped-mushrooms/>

LID 28949



Artist: Danny Wang, Age: 8, School Name: Creative Einstein

Title: Alien Landscape

Lead-Safety Message: "By the time the aliens fly by, rather than this pear-shaped Earth, let's show them: a well-informed, well-regulated, lead-knowledgable World - a Lead-Safe World." This is most easily achieved if national governments utilise The LEAD Group's our [Model National Lead Safety Policy](#) (2023).

Description of Work: [Message from Consumer Products and Lead Exposures: Vision for a Lead-Safe World](#) by Elizabeth O'Brien, LEAD Action News; June 2012 and <https://leadsafeworld.com/directory> (2023). Coloured pencil drawing.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/alien-landscape/>

LID 28950



Artist: Grandma Lead

Title: Ferdy and Alex

Lead-Safety Message: Wonderful volunteers like Ferdy and 15-year old Alex helped me talk to attendees and handed out hundreds of copies of dozens of different LEAD Group lead-safety information handouts at Expos like this between 1997 and 2014 – whenever we had government funding to pay for the stall to raise lead poisoning awareness.

Description of Work: Photo of The LEAD Group's Lead Advisory Service Australia (LASA) stall in the Parents, Babies and Children's Expo 2000 brochure.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/ferdy-and-alex/>



Artist: Khai, Age: 7

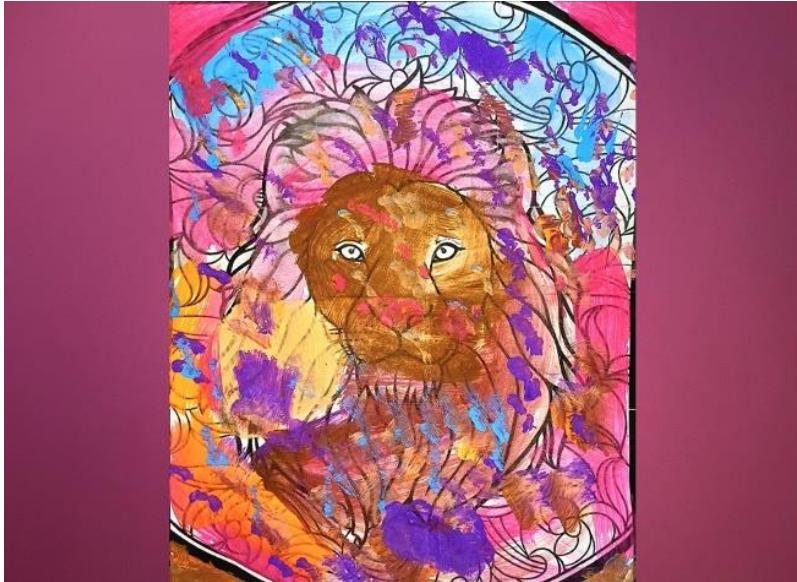
Title: Two Girls Gardening

Lead-Safety Message: Trees, flowers, vegetables and herbs will all grow better if there's no available lead in your soil. Apply 4mL of RC3 Yard N Garden Activated Humate Foliar spray per sq metre of soil because it promotes plant growth and binds the lead safely.

Description of Work: Lead-Safety Message from <https://rc3.info/> and Dr Ulrich Mack. Pen and coloured texta drawing.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/two-girls-gardening/>

LID



Artist: Paula Jacob, Age: 10

Title: Painted Lion

Lead-Safety Message: Thankfully, since the Philippines banned lead in children's paints in 2013, the EcoWaste Coalition and UN/WHO Lead Paint Alliance has achieved a government ban on decorative (house) paints with lead - phased in from 2013 to 2016 - and a ban on lead-containing industrial paints by December 31, 2019.

Description of Work: Lead free children's paints painting of a lion stencil.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/painted-lion/>

LID 28951



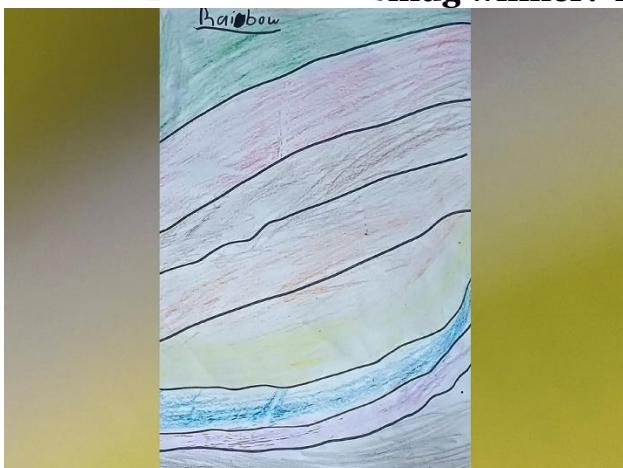
Artist: Prince, Age: 8

Title: Rizal Monument

Lead-Safety Message: Rizal Monument in Manila includes a sculpture of Philippines national hero Jose Rizal, that was cast, in 1912, from molten bronze containing possibly up to 20% lead. Occupational exposure to lead fumes back then would have been massive and would certainly have contributed to the early death of the bronze workers.

Description of Work: Pen and coloured textas on paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/rizal-monument/>



Artist: Ella Mae Castro, Age: 4

Title: Dusty Rainbow

Lead-Safety Message: When there's too much heavy metal dust and smog in the air in Manila, the rainbow is greyer and less vivid. Lucky for me, Pure Earth has collaborated with local governments to include blood lead testing in to local health programs in the Philippines.

Description of Work: Message from [Pure Earth's Mitigating Lead Exposure in Low- and Middle-Income Countries - A Project to Reduce Lead Exposure in 7 Countries \[Colombia, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Peru, and the Philippines\]](#). Texta line drawing coloured in with pencils.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/dusty-rainbow/>



Artist: Paulo Castro, Age: 6

Title: Happy Family

Lead-Safety Message: My family will be happy for life if my parents take me to Philippine General Hospital for a blood lead test to find out if I should be treated for lead poisoning. EDTA in food can lower my blood lead level and supercharge my learning at home and at school.

Description of Work: Message from [Pure Earth's Mitigating Lead Exposure in the Philippines: Integrating Lead Detection Into National and Local Health Systems](#), and www.leadtox.blog by Dr Ulrich Mack. Texta drawings on coloured paper, cut-out and glued to paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/happy-family/>



Artist: James Brando, Age: 4

Title: Masked Man

Lead-Safety Message: My city of Manila is ranked the 11th worst city in the world for air pollution. Wearing a mask protects me from some of the air pollution and from COVID19 too. If my parents take me to the local health program, I could get a blood lead test and then they'd know if I need to start lead detox with oral EDTA.

Description of Work: Message from Pure Earth's [https://www.pureearth.org/philippines/-Working to Solve Pollution in the Philippines Since 2008; Progress in Blood Lead Level \(BLL\) Testing in the Philippines \(2021-Present\)](https://www.pureearth.org/philippines/-Working-to-Solve-Pollution-in-the-Philippines-Since-2008;Progress-in-Blood-Lead-Level-(BLL)-Testing-in-the-Philippines-(2021-Present)) and www.leadtox.blog by Dr Ulrich Mack.

“Lead” pencil drawing with lead-free pencil.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/masked-man/>

LID 28955



Artist: Grandma Lead

Title: Solar Electrifying

Lead-Safety Message: I actually feel joyful now that I've had solar panels and a battery installed and replaced my gas hot water and stove with an electric heat pump and electric stove. Fairy lights and an electric plane lightshade in the lounge really top off the feeling of doing something to protect our planet from lead in fossil fuels and help avert a climate crisis. Having a \$300 credit for my electricity bill over the 6 months since the battery went in, instead of paying \$600 in that time, is icing on the elation cake!

Description of Work: iPhone13 photos collaged in Powerpoint and Paint.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/solar-electrifying/>

LID 28956



Artist: Dr Gemma O'Brien

Title: Hybrid Car

Lead-Safety Message: Since 2023, this plug-in hybrid car has been getting me around on way less petrol than my previous vehicle. It plugs in to charge in my garage using electricity from 100% renewable energy. Fully charged I can travel 50kms – which covers most of my local trips - without reverting to burning dead fossils (petrol). It feels so good to be able to make this move towards climate safety.

Description of Work: Selfie sticker made on iphone13. Smart phone photos collaged in Powerpoint and Paint.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/hybrid-car/>

LID 28957



Artist: Eric Evans, Age: 13. School: Ashfield Boys High

Title: Best Mum Ever

Lead-Safety Message: I swear when I gave this card to my mum there was very low-lead milk chocolate inside the packaging! I did my research and read: "It seems that despite the many health benefits of dark chocolate, in the case of lead, milk chocolate wins."

Description of Work: Message from [Chocolate: Lead and Cadmium](#) in LEAD Action News vol 22 no 1 April 2024 by The LEAD Group. Card made with love from purchased objects.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/best-mum-ever/>

LID 28958



Artist: Tony Lennon

Title: Growing Garlic

Lead-Safety Message: Grow your own garlic for maximum health benefits and minimum food travel miles! Near the winter solstice, plant good organic (not imported bleached Chinese) garlic cloves tip-upwards just below the surface 10 cm apart in deep rich well-drained elevated soil and water in well. Near the summer solstice pick the whole plants and hang up in a well-ventilated room in your home with no direct sun. Remember to keep the best bulbs for next season for seeds so to speak. You will then end up with garlic suited to your soil and location.

Description of Work: Smart phone photos collaged together.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/growing-garlic/>

LID 28959



Artist: Claire Leight

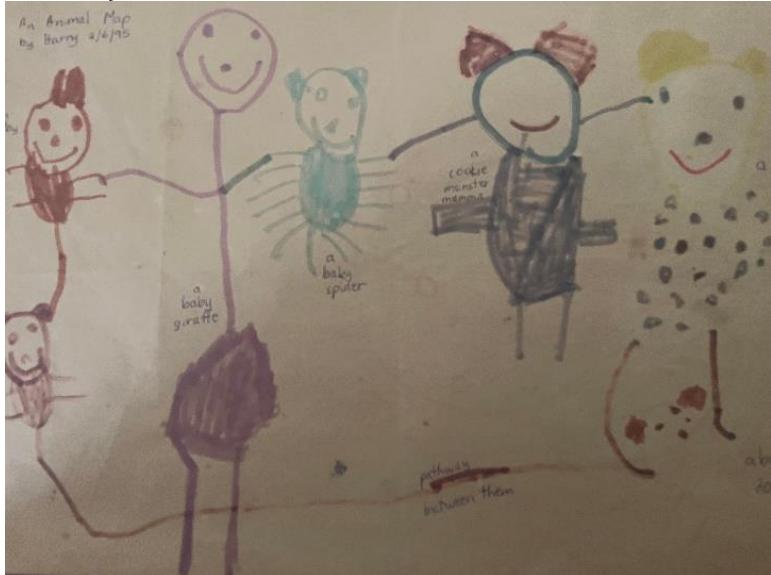
Title: Grey Sky

Lead-Safety Message: If we don't remove lead from aviation fuel, this may be the new normal, no more blue skies.

Description of Work: iPhone14 photo.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/grey-sky/>

LID 28960



Artist: Harrison Desmond, Age: 4, Pre-school: Summer Hill Children's Centre

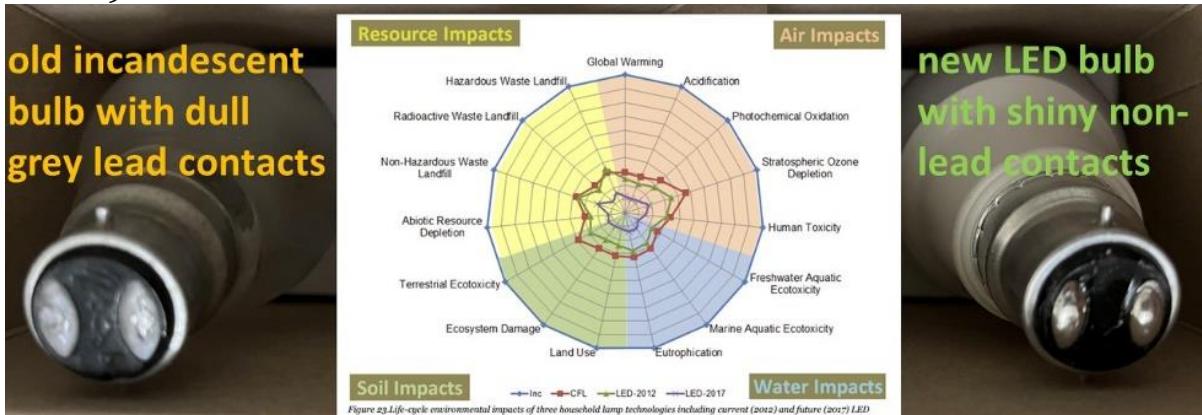
Title: Animal Map

Lead-Safety Message: All creatures on earth are connected by our need for clean air, water and soil. The lines between the animals on my map are pathways for us to be together.

Description of Work: coloured texta drawing on re-use paper.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/animal-map/>

LID 28961



Artist: Grandma Lead

Title: LED not lead

Lead-Safety Message: LED (Light Emitting Diode) bulbs sold today in Australia are not only more energy efficient but also don't contain lead cat's-eyes contacts like the old incandescent bulbs did. So, while all light bulbs should be separated from general waste for recycling, mercury- and lead-free LED bulbs can be recycled for their glass and aluminium with less hazardous waste created, and hopefully, in the future we'll also extract valuable gallium and indium in the LED recycling process so we don't have to usurp good farming land to mine these rare minerals.

Description of Work: Message from energyrating.gov.au (including *Figure 23. Life-cycle environmental impacts of three household lamp technologies, from US DOE 2012; recyclingnearyou.com.au; Landline - Mineral Sands by Gillian Aeria 17 Nov 2024 (TRANSCRIPT)*); and Peter Dixon, Lighting Expert. iPhone13 photo collaged in Powerpoint and Paint with Fig 23.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/led-not-lead/>

LID 28962

*The Purpose of my Life is to:
be a powerful, visionary & passionate
woman inspiring others to become
lead-safe and accept guidance on
how to protect the environment; to
be a teacher and mentor empowering
humankind to be free from toxic exposures;
to further my quest for environmental justice
and to enable children to reach their full
potential and preserve the world they will
inherit. To be all this with ease and pleasure.*

Artist: Grandma Lead

Title: Purpose

Lead-Safety Message: The Purpose of my Life is to: be a powerful, visionary & passionate woman inspiring others to become lead-safe and accept guidance on how to protect the environment; to be a teacher and mentor empowering humankind to be free from toxic exposures; to further my quest for environmental justice and to enable children to reach their full potential and preserve the world they will inherit. To be all this with ease and pleasure.

Description of Work: Purpose hand-written by Elizabeth O'Brien in 2003 with pencil overwriting of faded phrase done in Paint with a vertical mouse in 2025.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/purpose/>

LID 28963



Artist: Grandma Lead

Title: Plumbing the Depths

Lead-Safety Message: While gazing at the saturnine moon behind the jacaranda, and noting my own thoughts about what I don't yet know about lead-safety, I have come to depend on a mellifluous Scottish sleepcast to lull me off to sleep: "No-one knows quite how deep the loch is. No plumline has ever reached its bottom... It could be as deep as it is still... The truth is, when it comes to its depth, we just don't know."

Description of Work: Message quote from *Soothing Scottish Loch* sleepcast in Headspace app; iPhone13 photo.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/plumbing-the-depths/>

LID 28964



Artist: Grandma Lead

Title: Daily Detox

Lead-Safety Message: In February 2025 I added CaEDTA biscuits or crackers and then FeEDTA crackers or bread to my usual breakfast &/or lunch lead detox foods (fresh ginger and garlic, garlic paste and garlic-infused oil, red onion, coriander &/or parsley, mixed pepitas, sunflower & black & white sesame seeds, sesame seed halva, psyllium, wild blueberries, orange rind in syrup, lime/lemon zest & juice, a brazil nut, LivOn Vit C, Calcium with Vit D, Magnesium) then in September 2025 I added RC3 Sea Minerals in milk, omega-3 oil, creatine (after it was ok'ed by my GP) & pistachio nuts & sour cherries for dementia prevention and improved sleep (when the brain is being detoxed). I've brought my blood lead level down this year by 40% on this daily lead detox regime.

Description of Work: iPhone13 photos collaged in Powerpoint and Paint.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/daily-detox/>

LID 28965



Artist: Grandma Lead

Title: Rosemary Alignment

Lead-Safety Message: Just as this rosemary plant is aligned perfectly towards the midday sun to help it grow, I hope that now that The LEAD Group has joined (in September 2025) UNICEF's Partnership for a Lead Free Future (PLF) and Children's Environmental Health Collaborative (CEH is co-founded by UNICEF, UN Environment Programme and the World Bank) we can work perfectly in alignment with all the governments, NGOs and others who have already or will join the PLF, to create global lead-safety ASAP and the grand prize of a Lead Free Future.

Description of Work: iPhone13 photos collaged in Powerpoint and Paint.

<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/rosemary-alignment/>



mug winner! LID 28966



**Broken Monitor at
Broken Hill in a
Broken System**

Artist/Photographer: Jenny Rowbotham

Title: Broken Hill Monitoring System

Lead-Safety Message: With broken air monitors like this for the Broken Hill CML7 Mining Lease and totally incredibly low Lead & lead compounds emitted to air (fugitive/total) like [95kg in 2015/16](#); despite the astronomical Lead & lead compounds transferred to on-site tailing storage reported as 1,600,000 kg in the same year in the NSW EPA uploads to the National Pollutant Inventory (NPI), how can any government even consider renewing this surface lead Mining Lease and why doesn't NSW EPA interrogate/investigate BROKEN HILL OPERATIONS PTY LTD, CBH Resources- Rasp Mine – Broken Hill data before passing it on from the mine operators to NPI?

Description of Work: Lead-Safety Message data from www.npi.gov.au federal Australian government website. Smart phone photos collaged in Powerpoint and Paint.
<https://volcanoartprize.com/portfolio-item/broken-hill-monitoring-system/>