




LEAD MITIGATION

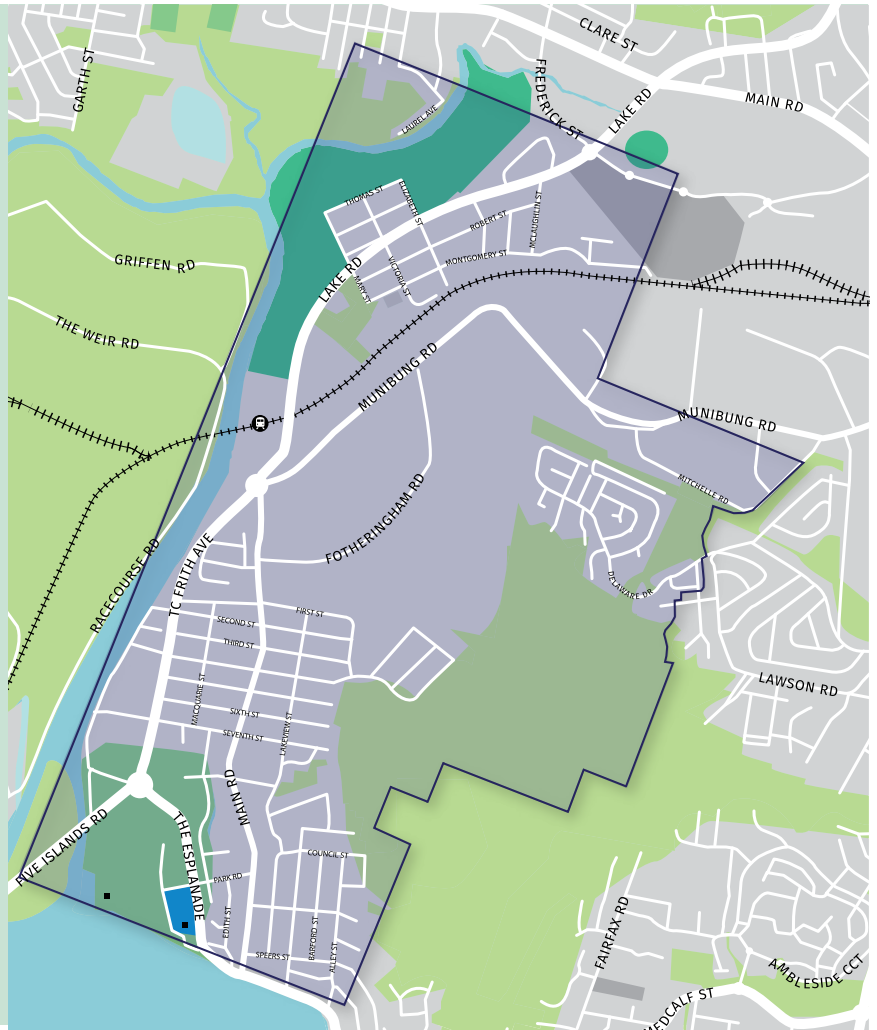
Raised Garden Bed Grants

INTRODUCTION

The Lead Mitigation Raised Garden Bed program is funded by the NSW Government and administered through Lake Macquarie City Council. It aims to provide assistance for landowners or tenants of residential properties in the Lead Abatement Strategy (LAS) area who have been adversely impacted by lead contamination from the former Pasmenco Cockle Creek Smelter (Figure 1) by:

- Supporting the community to identify and understand their contaminated risk
- Supporting the community to appropriately remediate contaminated land

Figure 1: Lead Abatement Strategy (LAS) area highlighted by 



This guideline outlines the distribution grant funds for raised garden beds. Grants are available to fund activities that reduce and/or manage legacy lead contamination and reduce exposure to lead contaminated soil at residential properties. Grants are assessed on a case by case basis and are open year-round until 30 June 2026.

Applications are prioritised according to the associated level of health, environmental or financial risk, and are subject to funding being available.

How do I find out more?

Contact Council's Sustainability Engagement Officer (Land Contamination) to find out further information about the Lead Mitigation Garden Bed program and discuss your eligibility.

TIMING

Funding is available for this program year-round and will operate until 30 June 2026. Funding for grants will expire in June 2026.

ELIGIBILITY

The Lead Mitigation Raised Garden Bed program is only available to land owners or tenants of residential properties who live within the Lead Abatement Strategy (LAS) area. This includes suburbs of Boolaroo, Argenton and parts of Speers Point, Macquarie Hills and Edgeworth.

Depending on the contamination status of your property, you may also be eligible for financial assistance through the dedicated Lead Mitigation Grant program. You can find the contamination status of your property on Council's website [Property Enquiry: Lake Macquarie City Council](#), or by contacting Council's Sustainability Engagement Officer (Land Contamination). Please see Lead Mitigation Grants for further information.

Households that applied for Lead Mitigation Grants in previous funding rounds may be eligible for funding under these guidelines, please see section 'exclusions and ineligibility' or contact Council's Sustainability Engagement Officer (Land Contamination) for further information.

GRANT ACTIVITIES

Table 1 outlines the grant funding that is available for residents for raised garden beds who live within the Lead Abatement Strategy area.

Table 1: Funding available for raised garden beds

Grant category and activity	Funding available for each activity
Raised garden beds	Installation of raised garden beds up to \$1,000

Am I eligible?

Please contact Council's Sustainability Engagement Officer (Land Contamination) if you wish to discuss or clarify your eligibility for the residential Lead Mitigation Grants program.

How can I claim funding for a raised garden bed?

Residents must be able to submit suitable evidence that they either reside or own a residential property within the LAS.

Suitable evidence includes

- Lease agreement/rates notice
- Utility bill
- Drivers licence
- Electoral roll

Residents purchase materials for raised garden beds independently and can claim up to the total value of funding available to match the spend. Sufficient evidence must be produced to receive grant funds, this may include a paid invoice/remittance clearly stating a business name and current ABN number.

Table 2 outlines what activities are included under this funding program.

Table 2: What is included/excluded in this grant program

Grant Activity	Included	Not included
Raised garden beds	Setting up and maintaining raised garden beds including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised garden beds (prefab or other material's such as sleepers, timber, aluminum/steel) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeds, seedlings and established plants including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit, vegetables, shrubs, trees, flowers etc
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil and compost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other garden materials such as mulch, sugarcane etc. Equipment such as gardening gloves, trowels, shovels

If you have any questions or would like to clarify if an activity is not included in the list above please contact Council's Sustainability Engagement Officer (Land Contamination) on 02 4921 0333 or leadgrants@lakemac.nsw.gov.au.

GRANTS MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Applications

Application forms are available online on Council's website at Lead Mitigation Grants. If required Council's Sustainability Engagement Officer (Land Contamination) can assist with the application process. Online forms for other lead grant activities, including Residential Lead Mitigation Grants, Acute Health Risk and XRF testing is available year-round are available at Lead Mitigation Grants.

Assessment

All applications for Raised Garden Beds program are assessed by the Sustainability Engagement Officer (Land Contamination). Applications will be reviewed and assessed within 10 business days after the application has been.

Notification Process

Council aims to notify applicants of the outcome of their grant application within 11 business days of grant closing.

Payment arrangements

Grants are paid to applicants by Council once evidence of a grant activity has been received and approved by Council's Sustainability Engagement Officer (Land Contamination). Applicants are required to complete a New Creditor Request form prior to funding being deposited in the applicants preferred bank account. Please note, no cash payments will be made.

Disputes

Any disputes can be lodged directly Council's Sustainability Engagement Officer (Land Contamination) by contacting either on 02 4921 0333 or leadgrants@lakemac.nsw.gov.au.

APPLICATION SUPPORT

Council encourages you to speak to the Sustainability Engagement Officer (Land Contamination) at any point during the application process for assistance or support.

Further information can be found at

Website: [Lead Mitigation Grants](#)

Email: leadgrants@lakemac.nsw.gov.au.

Phone: Call 4921 0333.

Drop in sessions: Council will hold grant briefing sessions through the term of the program. Session dates and times will be published on our website at Lead Mitigation Grants

REVIEW

These Guidelines will be reviewed at least once each year by the Panel, and may be amended by resolution of the Panel or Council Portfolio Committee.



