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Best ever results for Port Pirie Blood lead levels

More children in Port Pirie have blood lead levels below the recommended level than ever before, according to the latest 2014 data.

81.5% of children tested have blood lead levels below the current recommended level of 10 micrograms per decilitre. This is the best result on record.

Member for Frome Geoff Brock said "I believe Nyrstar Smelter's work in reducing emissions of lead into the community has played an important role. The current level of 81.5% of children below the recommend level of 10 is a credit to the hard work of the entire Port Pirie Community.

Despite these results there is still more work to do to ensure as many Port Pirie Children as possible are below the level of 10. The upcoming transformation of the Smelter will significantly reduce the smelter's lead emissions and help to deliver further improvement in the blood lead levels.

In addition, a Targeted Lead Abatement Program (TLAP) is currently being implemented by the State Government in conjunction with Nyrstar, local council and local non-government organisations" Mr Brock said.

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