



# KALGOORLIE-BOULDER LANDCARE NEWS



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## JUNIOR LANDCARE CLASS & GROUP OF THE YEAR



The Landcare **Class of the Year** for 2006 was Miss Wayman's Pre-primary class at Kalgoorlie Primary. Congratulations.

The Junior Landcare **Community Group of the Year** was won by the First Boulder Scouts.

All winners were presented by Aaron Gleeson of Barrick Kanowna with certificates and a landcare calico bag, packed full of goodies from all KBULG's sponsors.

Special Commendations went to Mrs Wostears Yr 3/4 class from Kalgoorlie Primary and the Hannans Primary School Environmental Officers.

Thanks to all the other classes and groups who took part in the Junior Landcare Program in 2006 for doing their bit to promote landcare in Kalgoorlie Boulder.

**KBULG will be presenting the shield again this year, so we encourage all classes and community groups to get involved to become the Best Landcare Class/Group for 2007!**

## 2007 WEED COMPETITION "CASH FOR CALTROPS"



### CASH REWARD!

**50c per Kg for the first 2000Kgs**

(Reward reduced by 10cents every 100kg from 200kg onwards)

#### CATEGORIES & MAJOR PRIZES

- ⇒ **Receive Cash:** Entrants will be paid by the kilogram for the first 2000kgs received in total from everyone. Sponsored by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
- ⇒ **Bonus Prizes:** \$100 to the winner of each category.
- ⇒ **All Participants:** Receive native plant voucher(s).

#### Five different Categories to enter.

Child Individual, Adult Individual, Family, Business, Community/School Group

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Find your fresh caltrops.**  
Look in your front and back yard, along local streets and back lanes, anywhere around Kalgoorlie. (Note: Weed pamphlets identifying Caltrops are available at the KBULG office and on the web site in the downloads section under Weeds pg 3).
- 2. Gather your equipment**  
i.e. Weeding fork, shovel, gloves (essential) & collection bags.
- 3. Remove weeds** (Make sure you collect all seeds/prickles).  
*Hand Pulling* - Good after rain or a watering.  
*It's best if all leaves and stems are taken hold of to pull to ensure complete removal of the plant. If weeds snap off at the base of the plant a weeding fork or shovel might be more appropriate.*  
*Complete Plant Removal* - Use a weeding fork or shovel to dig up the entire plant. Ensure no seeds are left on the ground.
- 5. Bag & contain caltrops.**  
All caltrops must be bagged so they cannot escape. We recommend double bagging with a Poly-weave/synthetic bag and a garbage bag over the top. (Use plastic garbage bags to retain weight).
- 6. Transport to WEED WEIGH-IN**  
Saturday, 14th April 2007 at 3pm in Centennial Park car park.
- 7. ENJOY free sausage sizzle** between 3-4.30pm.
- 8. Final Judging & Announcement** after weigh-in finishes at 4.15pm

KBULG reserves the right to make the final decision on prize allocation and amounts according to entries received on the day of judging.

KBULG - Better environment, better lifestyle ..... communicate, educate, participate



# KBULG HAPPENINGS



## Native Plant Sale

There was a huge turnout for the KBULG Native Plant Sale last year. All of the plants were sold in the first hour of the sale.

In addition, KBULG's Native Plant Group have given away over 1000 free trees to local community Groups.

## SGIO Funding for the Native Plant Group

In late August SGIO presented a cheque for \$5,000 to KBULG as part of their Community Help Grants.

The objectives of the project are: propagate local Native plants to utilize within the community, increase local knowledge of growing and propagating local natives and share this information freely.

In addition we wish to educate the community on the benefits of using local native plants and help people to incorporate these into their home gardens.



## "An Inconvenient Truth" Screening

A screening of the Al Gore movie An Inconvenient Truth was sponsored by Jim Thomson of Outback Energy Supplies.

The event was so popular that we sold out the 200+ seat cinema. Talks were given by Rod Botica of the Water Corporation and Dan from the DEC. Thank you everyone for coming and supporting this event.

## Mining Expo

Western Power sponsored KBULG to have a stand at the 2006 Mining Expo. The stand was manned by Western Power representatives for the first 2 days of the expo, and by KBULG volunteers for the last day. KBULG would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Mining Expo a great success.

## Nightstalks

A fully booked Nightstalk was held late last year around the Pony Club Grounds at the end of Marshall St.

Adults and children joined us on a walk in the dark to see what was lurking away from the streetlights.



Geckos, spiders, rabbits and kangaroos with joeys were all spotted, with the kids able to sit quietly just meters away from kangaroos and watch them graze!

## KBULG Xmas Wind Up

The annual Xmas wind up took the form of a barbeque in Hopkins Park. Certificates were handed out to all of KBULG's core sponsors to thank them for their continuing support, and Julian Grill received KBULG's first lifetime membership for his contribution to the organization over the last 30+ years.

# COMING EVENTS!

- **Weed Competition** Saturday 14th April
- **Native Plant Group** Sunday 6th May
- **Schools Tidy Day** Friday 25th May
- **KBULG Committee Meeting** Friday 1st June
- **Native Plant Group** Sunday 3rd June
- **Junior Landcare Treeplanting** June 18th-24th
- **Community Treeplanting Day** Saturday July 22nd

Contact the KBULG office if you would like to receive more information on any of the above events.

# WATERWISE MULCH GIVEAWAY

There was mulch excitement in Kalgoorlie-Boulder when a huge pile of the garden material was given away in September. Water Horizons, who are building the city's two new drinking water reservoirs, organised the day along with the Water Corporation, LandCorp and KBULG.

People were queuing at the LandCorp site well before the 9am start time, with cars and trailers backed up along Karkarra Drive. Vehicles were being loaded at a rate of 30 seconds per trailer, with over 600 garden owners benefiting from this free mulch.



Volunteers helped to direct traffic, hand out bottled water, tree seedlings and even hot dogs. Representatives from Water Corporation and KBULG, which provided free native seedlings, were on hand to advise on planting and waterwise gardening. It was a huge success and our thanks go to all the helpers.



Rod Botica from the Water Corporation estimated the mulch would cover about 30,000 square metres of garden surfaces and should provide an ongoing saving in garden water use of at least 15,000 kilolitres per year.

# FREE KBULG MEMBERSHIP

NAME:.....  
 ADDRESS:.....  
 .....POSTCODE:.....  
 PHONE:.....FAX:.....  
 EMAIL:.....

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (please tick one):**  
 Individual     Junior (under 18)     Family  
 Business \$100 (Business Membership price includes GST)  
 (Membership 1st July—30th June & renewed annually)

Projects you are interested in being involved with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Community Tree Planting Days	Junior Landcare	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Regeneration Zones	Recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Busy bees on weekends	Displays and promotions	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening with native plants	Bushwalks	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) .....		
<input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me. I'm interested in volunteering.		

PLEASE FILL IN & SEND TO:  
 KALGOORLIE-BOULDER URBAN LANDCARE GROUP. PO Box 10381, Kalgoorlie WA 6430

# Regeneration/Dust Abatement Zones They protect YOUR health!

*Did you know?*

1. **Kalgoorlie-Boulder has Regeneration/Dust Abatement Zones.**
2. **These were set up over 30 years ago to improve the environment in which you live in order to protect your health.**
3. **Everyone in town benefits from these protected areas.**
4. **These zones are being abused and destroyed.**
5. **If these areas continue to run down due to continued vandalism, everyone in Kalgoorlie-Boulder will be effected.**

*These zones create a "green belt" around the city and were established to reduce the major dust problems in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.*

- The Regeneration Zones were established over 30 years ago after severe dust storms in Kalgoorlie-Boulder created the need for community action to control the dust problems.
- They have been very successful, reducing dust storms from an almost daily to a now rare occurrence.

*These Zones are currently managed by the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group (KBULG).*

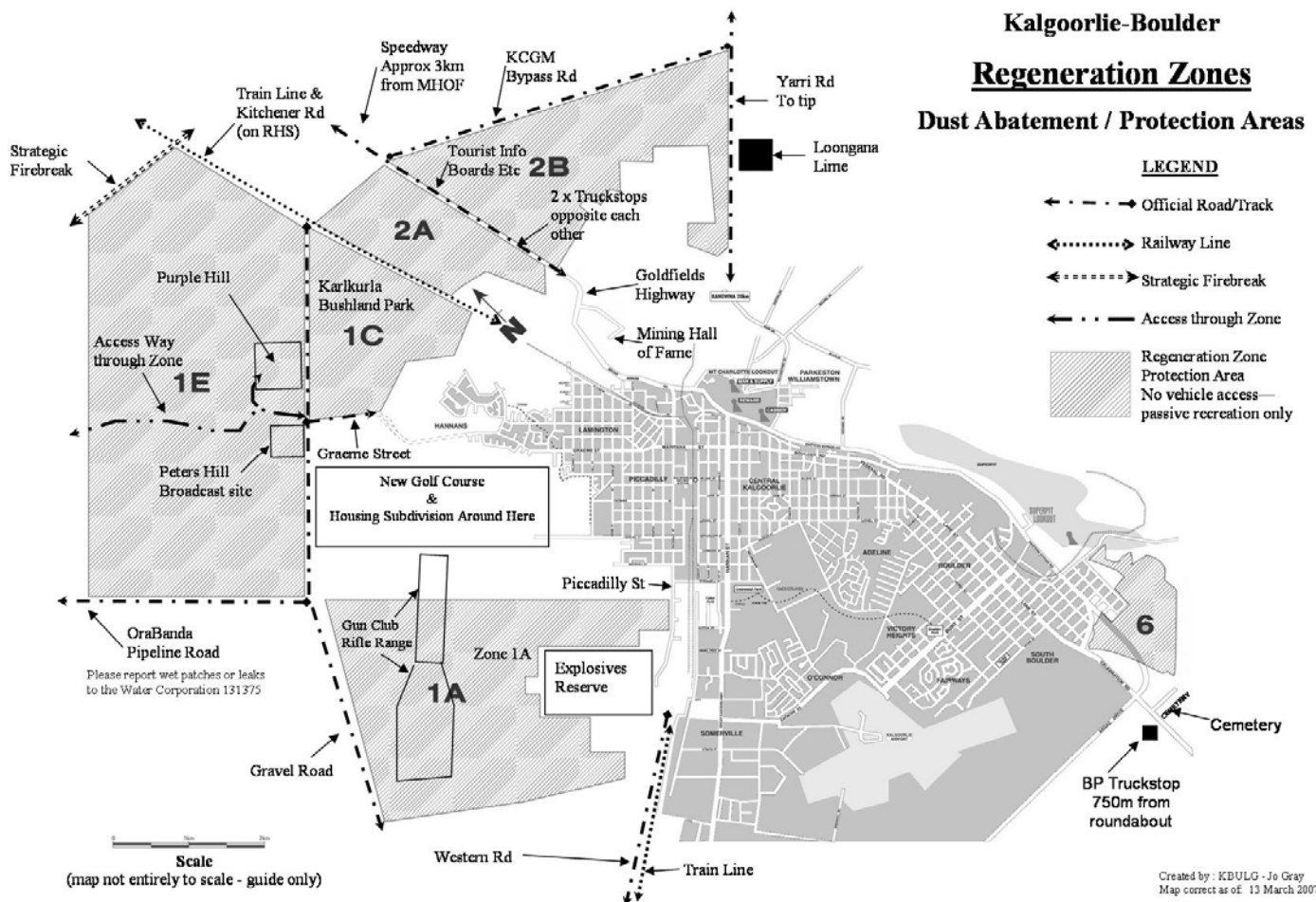
- KBULG spends approximately \$20,000 per year fixing these fences, mainly damaged through continual vandalism. However, it is not enough; finding funding for these areas is very difficult.

*Most of the damage that occurs to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Regeneration Zones is caused by Off Road Vehicles (ORV).*

- As well as being enjoyable, ORVs can damage bushland areas and be a cause of dust. Damage is done by both adults and children, some of whom purposely cut and damage the fences to gain access to these areas.
- Since being established it has been proven that protecting areas from grazing and motorised traffic (foot access only permitted & encouraged) will allow the natural vegetation to establish and reduce dust generation.

*Suitable areas are available outside these zones for ORV usage.*

- If you or your children use ORVs, please note that they are not permitted in the fenced Regeneration Zones as shown on the map below. In addition riding in the town area and within City limits is definitely not allowed, including along Gatacre St, Gribble Creek, Airport areas etc.



## WATERWISE GARDEN COMPETITION RESULTS



Kalgoorlie-Boulder's annual Waterwise Garden Competition 2006 was again hotly contested with entrants vying for \$1200 worth of Waldecks-Kalgoorlie gardening vouchers and 6 trailer loads of mulch donated by the Water Corporation.

Typically those gardens that were successful had little or no lawn, a variety of Waterwise and local native plants on drip type reticulation and were weed free. The gardens that had an attractive layout and used coarse, environmentally friendly mulch were also held in high regard.

Winners of the 2006 Waterwise Garden Competition were:

### RESIDENTIAL — OWNER/OCCUPIER

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Tania Kentish, 50 Carrington St  
 2<sup>ND</sup> Steve Leipold, 41A Lyall St  
 3<sup>RD</sup> Robin Lonsdale and Morrie Goodz, 132 Lyall St  
 4<sup>TH</sup> Ian & Leila Worth, 98A Ward St

### COMMUNITY

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Family Training Institute, Wilson St  
 2<sup>ND</sup> O'Connor Special Ed Garden, Osmetti Dve

### COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL—Small Owner Maintained

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Goodz & Associates GMC P/L, 134 Lyall St  
 2<sup>ND</sup> Dr A Schmidt, 27 Charlotte St

### COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL—Professionally Landscaped

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Australian Prospectors & Miners Hall of Fame  
 2<sup>ND</sup> Broadwater Resort Hotel

If you believe your garden is worthy of consideration for next year's Waterwise Garden Competition look out for the entry forms in August 2007.



## JUNIOR LANDCARE DRAWING COMPETITION

The Drawing Competition was the final activity for Junior Landcare in 2006.

Children were asked to 'draw the bush around their home or school' and the upper primary students were also instructed to include things which may cause harm to bushland.

These drawings are currently on display at the Kalgoorlie Airport.

The individual winners of the KBULG drawing Competition were:

School/Student	Year	Teacher
<u>KALGOORLIE PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>		
Ashley	Year PP2	Ms Tangney
Amy Stokes	Year 3/4	Mrs Wostear
<u>O'CONNOR</u>		
Rachel Thomas	Age 8	Ms Talbot
Piwiki	Year 4	Ms Cavaney
Kathrine Reed	Year 4	Ms Cavaney
<u>NORTH KALGOORLIE</u>		
Tania Loone	Year 3	Ms Wales
Michael Callaghan	Year 3	Ms Wales
<u>South Kalgoorlie PS</u>		
Katy	Year 6	Ms Giles



## 2006 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY

The corner of Maxwell and Speculation Street was the site for the 2006 Community Tree Planting Day. Individuals and teams planted over 4,000 trees.

Congratulations to BHP Billiton Nickel West for winning the Corporate Challenge and the 1st Boulder Scout Group for winning the Community Challenge and the best tree planting song (again). This time the Tree Planting song was to the tune of Time Warp from the Rocky Horror Picture Show.



Thanks to McBrides Nurseries, Ace Cinema, Kalgoorlie Sound Centre and Civic Video for contributing some great prizes, the BHP Billiton Community Participation Team for manning the Registration Desk and to the Golden Mail for letting Korker Roo come out to play.

The day would not be possible of course without our core sponsors, with a special thank you to Western Power and the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder.

We thank everyone who came along and participated during the day. Your fantastic efforts help create a better environment and a better



## JUNIOR LANDCARE TREE PLANTING 2006

Over 1000 children were involved in completing planting at the 2005 Johnston Street site opposite the Oasis.

Younger students were paired with older buddies who helped them plant their trees, giving them valuable lessons about sharing, helping and mentoring.

Students from Goldfields Baptist College, Eastern Goldfields Education Support Centre, Kalgoorlie and O'Connor Primary Schools and the Bushrangers all helped out by planting trees along Johnston Street.



**Thank you for all of your hard work!**

For more details on any of the articles in this newsletter or to find out more about the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group, call or visit the Landcare Office located in Lotteries House (corner Wilson and MacDonald Streets, Kalgoorlie).

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