

## WEED COMPETITION

KBULG and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Weed Competition was another success.

Just over 850kgs of weeds were collected by participants from all around Kalgoorlie-Boulder. An awesome effort from all who took part.

This year we gave a flat cash reward of 50 cents per kilo of Caltrop, with category winners receiving an additional \$100 cash prize money.



All participants also received KBULG plant vouchers.

Winners, remember to redeem these at the KBULG Plant Sale on August the 5th.

Thank you to everyone involved in the day.

Category/Winner	Weed weight	Place
<u>Business</u> Dept of Environment & Conservation Dept of Industry & Resources	117kg 80kg	1st 2nd
<u>Community/ School Group</u> 1st Boulder Scout Group Goldfields Out of School Care O'Connor Education Support Centre	171kg 32kg 19kg	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Family</u> Williams Family Fanetti Family Kirke Family	204kg 49kg 40kg	1st 2nd 3rd
<u>Adult Individual</u> Megan Byfield	50kg	1st
<u>Child Individual</u> Chelsea Hailey Rebecca Kuhne Jessica Fanetti Liam Delaney Sarah Mazzucchelli Niamh Delaney	38kg 27kg 13kg 6kg 4kg 2kg	1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th



## WATERWISE GARDEN TIPS

### Careful Watering can save Thousands of Litres in the Garden:

Here are a few simple steps you can take:

**Water early in the morning:** The best time to water your garden is early in the morning so that plants are charged with water during the growth time for photosynthesis during daylight hours. During winter you can easily cut your watering to one per week and if it has been wet not water at all for a week. *Remember there is a state wide ban on watering using sprinklers between 9am to 6pm during the day and you can only water on your two designated watering days.*

**Water at the base of the plants:** If you need to hand water, aim at the base of the plants so water is absorbed directly by the roots. Also consider replacing micro sprays with drippers that feed directly to the roots.

**Apply a soil wetting agent:** These break down your soil's water resistance and allow more water to permeate to the roots.

**Choose waterwise plants and plant them in hydro zones:** Choose local area plants that have developed their water saving adaptations to store water or growth hibernation during extreme weather periods. Your local waterwise nursery have a good range of local native species and waterwise plants suitable for Goldfields conditions.

**Mulch your garden:** Mulching not only makes your garden look great, it also reduces evaporation from the soil surface by as much as 70%. Spread your mulch to a minimum thickness of 75mm (3 inches) and leave at least 50mm breathing space around the base of the plant.

For more information on waterwise plant species and garden practices visit [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au)

## KERBSIDE RECYCLING

The first Monday of the first week of July marked a very special day for Kalgoorlie-Boulder, with the first pickups of the new kerbside recycling service. The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has listened to the community and their requests for a more sustainable waste management program and finally responded with this important step.

However... It is now up to every household in the community to use this service correctly.

Please read your calendar and follow the instructions carefully. Only place items which may be recycled in your new bin, and make sure they are rinsed! I know many of you are wondering "what we have to rinse" but just take a second to imagine this scenario and I think you will understand.

*A can of cat or dog food, not rinsed put inside a hot plastic bin with little ventilation, which then sits there for a month. In this month the tin gets all festy and starts 'growing' stuff. Now ask yourself, do you want to open the bin, let alone touch that can? Would you like to be the person in the recycling plant sorting that mess by hand. NO. Plus it's a OH&S hazard.*

Contaminated recycling is not safe for people to sort. This is why a proportion of recycling sometimes goes to landfill. Recycle carefully and rinse your recycling Please! If you need help or clarification, just ring and ask.

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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