

WALKING DOGS IN KARLKURLA PARK

When walking dogs through Karlkurla Park, please ensure that they are on a lead and that you take a dog tidy bag with you to clean up after your dog. If people misuse the park the privilege of walking dogs in this bushland setting may be withdrawn.

Domestic animals can easily disturb the habitat of native animals. Things that we think may not harm native habitats like domestic droppings can be enough to deter the native animals from their home. Even domestic animals drinking from a native animals water supply can have an adverse effect. The water troughs in Karlkurla Park are for native animals only. They are not for domestic animals to drink from. So please think of other people and the native animals when walking dogs in the park.

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DO YOUR BIT FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Australia produces 2 billion plastic bags every year.
Of these 230,000 are dumped every hour!!
Say NO to plastic bags and take your own canvas
or string bags for shopping

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PREMIER TO LAUNCH GOLDFIELDS ENVIRONMENT MONTH

The Premier of Western Australia, The Hon Dr Geoff Gallop has accepted KBULG's invitation to launch Goldfields Environment Month and the Community Tree Planting Day on Tuesday 5 June - World Environment Day.

Representatives from KBULG's Junior Landcare Program and KBULG's core sponsors will be attending the launch on World Environment Day.

TIPS ON PLANNING A WATERWISE GARDEN

The best time to plan a waterwise garden is when building a new house or re-establishing a garden.

The Water Corporation makes these suggestions:

- Consider the areas selected to be lawn and ensure they are shaped to suit the spray patterns of the proposed sprinkler configuration. Choose functional and compact areas and avoid long and narrow stretches of lawn.
- Choose a turf suited to the Goldfields climate. Warm season grasses have a relatively lower water demand and a high heat and drought tolerance. These include cultivars and hybrids of couch and kikuyu.
- It is important to divide garden beds into watering zones, grouping plants and trees with similar watering requirements.
- Group the high water demand plants where they will be most visible and appreciated.
- Individually tune each dripper to apply the required rate for the plant.
- Mix organic matter such as compost and animal manure into the soil or purchase an appropriate soil blend to dramatically improve the water and nutrient holding capacity.
- Apply at least a 75mm covering of shredded vegetation mulch to all plant beds. Spreading it thinly does not achieve the desired results or obtain the benefits your garden requires

Daytime sprinkler ban for water conservation:
Remember there is a year round ban on using sprinklers between 9:00am to 6:00 pm daily.

Setting Irrigation Systems for Wintertime:

Now is the time to set your irrigation controllers to run only once a week to suit wintertime conditions. If it has been raining turn off the irrigation system completely.

For further information on water efficiency, you can visit the Water Corporation Internet Site on www.watercorporation.com.au OR ring the waterwise advisory service on 131039 and ask for the brochure on Planning A Waterwise Garden.



Garden Beautiful Competition Reminder

If you plan on entering this year's Garden Beautiful Competition, start preparing your garden now, ready for judging in September.

Waterwise gardens will be favoured.