



# KALGOORLIE-BOULDER LANDCARE NEWS



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Better Lifestyle

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## Plant a Native Garden in Winter



If you have ever wanted to plant a few native species or for that matter establish an entire **Native Garden**, then winter is the best time to do it. Due to our hot dry summers some native species find it difficult to survive unless they have been given time to establish themselves. By planting in winter you give your plants a great opportunity of surviving the summer months and as a result increase your chances of gardening success. Remember to follow the **Waterwise Hints** for your garden by visiting [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au).

**Planting Native Gardens** is one way we can all contribute to the success of the environment, particularly as it creates habitats for native animals, birds and insects. To obtain further information regarding this, there is a great resource available at [www.floraforfauna.com.au](http://www.floraforfauna.com.au) which is specifically aimed at creating garden homes for native animals.

For further information regarding **Native Gardens** contact the Landcare Office on 9091 6233 or call in and browse through the range of information we have available.

## COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY



*Put on those tree planting clothes, sturdy shoes, gloves, sunscreen and a hat and head down to.....*

**GRIBBLE CREEK**  
(Maxwell Street, opposite Boomerang Crescent)

**Saturday 19 July**  
**9–11am**

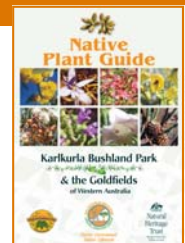
Join in Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Annual Community Tree Planting Day and do your bit for our environment.

Free drink & sausage sizzle for all participants provided by Western Power

There will also be a *Corporate and Community Group Challenge* for the group with the most participants. Contact the Landcare Office on 9091 6233 for a Registration Form.

## NATIVE PLANT GUIDE LAUNCH A HUGE SUCCESS

(see inside for details)



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



Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter



Natural Heritage Trust



Western Power



## Native Plant Guide Launch at Karlkurla Park

KBULG's Native Plant Guide was officially launched at Kalkurla Park on Friday the 30th May. More than seventy people looked on as Brad Gordon, Deputy Chairman of KBULG and MC for the day, introduced guest speakers and Junior Landcare participants who spoke, recited poems and sung songs about the Goldfields Bush.



John Colwill, ABC Weatherman and gardening expert, was the invited guest responsible for officially launching the book. With his horticultural background and experience as a gardening show host, he spoke of the Native Plants with great authority. It was a pleasure to have John with us and we thank him very much for his contribution towards the success of the day.



Doug Krepp told us all about the history of the park and of his idea about a Native Plant Guide for the area. Doug of course was instrumental in the proposition and then construction of Karlkurla Park. If it wasn't for his efforts and those of the Work for the Dole scheme the people of the Goldfields and visitors alike would not be enjoying and learning about our Native Plants. Although this may have been his last official visit we hope that Doug continues to return to check up on the continual improvements in the park.



The day would not have been complete without the books compiler Kylie Payne. Kylie had spent a tremendous amount of time and effort accumulating the information for the book and it was great for her to finally see the end result and the book being officially launched. Kylie thanked all those who contributed to the book and made special mention to a few including Justin Madden of Reynolds Graphics who designed and brought the guide to life.

## BEING LED ASTRAY AT KARLKURLA PARK

Karlkurla Park is a great place to exercise and walk your dog but please remember a few things when walking up there with your four legged friends.

Ensure that your dog is on a lead and that you have a dog tidy bag with you to clean up after your dog.



Domestic animals can have an adverse effect on the native fauna in the park; small things like drinking from the water troughs in the park which are for native animals only and having a noisy uncontrollable dog in the park can scare off native animals.



So please think of other people and the native animals when walking dogs in the park.

**Dogs must always be on a lead in the park**

## ARBOR DAY - WHAT A DAY

Arbor Day was held on Friday the 6th June and once again Junior Landcare showed the way with another successful tree planting day.



St Mary's, North Kalgoorlie Primary and Goldfields Baptist

College were involved in the tree planting events over the 2 environmental days, World Environment Day and Arbor Day. June is also Goldfields Environment Month! The trees were planted along the Gribble Creek floodplain with the students working in a buddy system with the older children helping the younger students. This works very well ensuring the plants are planted properly and the students learn about sharing, helping and mentoring as well as about the environment



The plantings on Gribble Creek will help stop the salinity problem from spreading down the creek. The trees and shrubs will also be a habitat for wildlife and provide much needed shade in summer.



Although now gone for this year, it is still important to reflect on what Arbor Day is all about.

**Arbor Day means Day of Trees.** It is a day when we remember the importance of trees and the role they play in our lives.

**In Kalgoorlie-Boulder we can continue to celebrate Arbor Day all year round by ....**

- Planting a native garden.
- Being involved in KBULG's community tree planting days.
- Visiting **Karlkurla Bushland Park** to learn about our unique Goldfields flora. The park is located in Riverina Way, Hannans.
- Visiting the **Arboretum** in Hawkins Street Kalgoorlie and get to know some of the Goldfields Trees.
- Adopting a patch of bushland near your home or school. Our surrounding bushland is very important for preserving our native flora and fauna. Bushland areas need extra attention in the forms of weed and rubbish removal and fencing to encourage regeneration.

## RECYCLING IN ART

Did you visit the Goldfields Art Centre gallery during May/June? The art on display was created by re-using waste materials. Called "Double Take", it was an exhibition designed to demonstrate ways in which waste materials can be used.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder resident Trish Little (pictured) was among artists with work on display. Her work *Meme mat 2000* has been created

using an assortment of reused materials such as hessian, and bits and pieces from discarded prom, party and ball dresses. Trish spends a lot of her time in op-shops where most of the materials for her work were sourced. *Meme Mat 2000* (pronounced me-me mat) is 10.8m long, and implies how some people think only of themselves forsaking important issues relating to the environment.

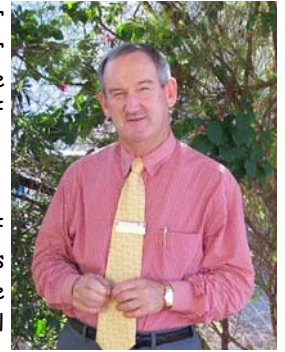
It was a refreshing experience from both an artistic point of view and environmental perspective to see works of art created from materials that would otherwise have been discarded. To all the artists, curators and organisers involved a big thank you from the KBULG team for a wonderful display.

The Goldfields Art Centre gallery is open from Tuesday to Friday between 10:00am and 4:00pm and Sat/Sun between 12:00 and 4.00pm.



## KBULG COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE

KBULG profiles one committee member in each issue of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Landcare News. This issue we profile Hugh Gallagher from the Chamber of Commerce.



### 1. WHAT DO YOU DO?

CEO Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc. which means I am responsible for the three businesses the Chamber owns and all other activities that it arranges.

### 2. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Coaching junior cricketers, umpiring senior cricket, playing golf and being involved with football as a GFL Commissioner and participating on numerous community organisations that are complimentary to my role as Chamber CEO.

### 3. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN KALGOORLIE?

The family moved to Kalgoorlie from the leafy Perth hills suburb of Kalamunda in 1986.

### 4. WHY DO YOU ENJOY BEING INVOLVED IN KBULG?

Because it is a fantastic reflection of Kalgoorlie life in general where we get out and do things. It also reflects the changing quality of life expectations that our community rely on for their families. The Community Tree Planting Day is special, it is the best indicator this community has that reflects our commitment to the environmental expectations for Kalgoorlie-Boulder. The people who drive the ideals of KBULG are great to learn from. These people, including students and the younger generation in general, set their standards high, so does KBULG.

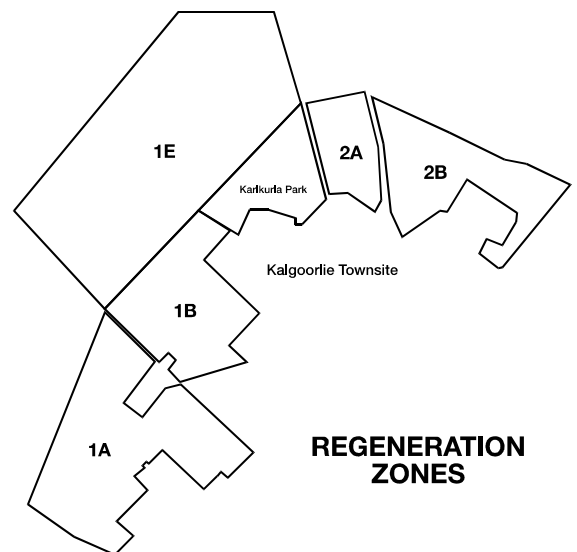
## REGENERATION ZONES "UPDATE"

In previous issues of Landcare News we have mentioned how KBULG are in the process of developing ways in which the Regeneration Zones can be better managed. Well the first step has been taken.

A contract has been awarded to KBC Fencing Contractors to repair the existing boundaries of all the Regeneration Zones. The work will be carried out in late June and July and will consist of re-establishing damaged fence-lines and gates, creating corridors, and, in some instances, erecting new fence-lines.

With this initial work it is KBULG's intention to try and minimize the impact on the zones whilst trying to maintain the public interest in them. For instance in some zones we have allowed for corridors to be created in areas where fence-lines have been constantly broken through. It is obvious to us that these sections are used quite regularly so it's in everyone's best interest for us to provide an access point. There will be some sections however that will be permanently repaired. These areas will be identified by flagging tape so we ask everyone to be vigilant.

We hope the work will be completed by August, just before spring-time when most people are out and about. When you are in and around the Regeneration Zones please help us by respecting the fencing and using existing tracks, they support a wide variety of flora and fauna species and keep the bush beautiful and healthy.



## NATIVE PLANTS FOR SALE!



KBULG have a variety of native plants for sale including native flowering shrubs and ground covers. These are available for \$6 each. Phone the Landcare Office on 9091 6233.

## ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT ITEMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE LANDCARE OFFICE (LOTTERIES HOUSE, CNR WILSON AND MACDONALD STS, KALGOORLIE). MOST ITEMS HAVE THE KARLKURLA PARK LOGO ON THEM.

	PRICE
KIDS T-SHIRTS (SIZES 4—12)	\$15
ADULT POLO SHIRTS NORFOLK GREEN OR COUNTRY CINNAMON	\$20
WIDE BRIMMED HATS- DARK BOTTLE GREEN	\$18
NATIVE WILDFLOWER CARDS	\$ 6
CALICO SHOPPING BAGS - KBULG	\$ 4
KARLKURLA PARK	\$ 5
BOOKS ON TREES, SHRUBS AND BIRDS	VARIOUS
PAMPHLETS	FREE

## WHY NOT COMPOST?

### HOME COMPOSTING

Food scraps and garden clippings that are often thrown in the rubbish, are the perfect ingredients for compost.

#### Here's how to have a go at home composting:-

- Buy or make a compost bin
- Set up your bin in the shade, the closer to the kitchen the better.
- Throw in all fruit and vegie scraps and green garden waste.
- Keep compost moist, but not wet, and turn it every so often.
- After 3-4 months your compost should be ready for the garden.

#### Remember:-

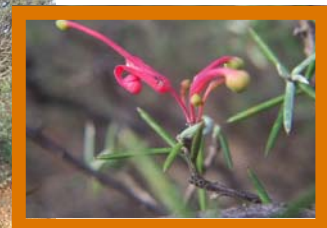
- Do not put meat, dairy products, pet droppings or citrus into your compost bin.

#### Other useful hints:-

- Use a container in your kitchen to separate scraps.
- Wear gloves when handling compost.
- Do not include woody materials or weeds.

Source: Ecorecycle - Victoria (1999)

## FLORA IN FLOWER



**Common Name:** Spiny Grevillea

**Scientific Name:** *Grevillea acuarria*

**Description:** The Spiny *Grevillea* is a small, dense, shrub that has diverging branches. As the name suggests it has spiny leaves so be careful when viewing or touching it. It grows between 0.2—1.5m high and can obtain a width of 1m. The flowers are a beautiful red colour and typical of the *Grevillea* shape and form.

**Habitat:** Loam, clay loam, lateritic gravel or granite soils.

**Distribution:** Goldfields; Murchison, Nullabor, Esperance Plains and Avon Wheatbelt.

**Interesting Facts:** *Grevilleas* are not that common in the Goldfields as they generally prefer sandy soils.

**Where can you see one?:** This species of *Grevillea* is quite common in Karlkurla Bushland Park and some are in flower at the moment.

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## FLORA-INTERESTING FACTS

The word *Eucalyptus* means 'well-covered' in Greek, and refers to the cap that seals the flower bud within the gum nut.



## Waterwise Garden Competition COMING SOON!

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

Application forms will be available from the Landcare office in August.

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 (cnr Wilson & MacDonald Streets, Kalgoorlie). Phone: 9091 6233 or 0418 935 498 or email: [kbulg@emerge.net.au](mailto:kbulg@emerge.net.au), [www.kalgoorlie.com/kbulg](http://www.kalgoorlie.com/kbulg)