

## 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.