

## SAY NO TO PLASTIC BAGS!

**Plastic Bag facts** - Did you know that?.....

- Australians use more than 6 billion plastic bags per year—if these were tied together, they would stretch round the world 37 times!
- Plastic bags may take between 20 and 100 years to break down in the environment.

For more plastic bag facts visit: <http://www.cleanup.com.au>

Plastic bags contribute to much of our unsightly rubbish in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. The alternative is that you take your own bags for shopping. Once you get in the habit, it's easy.

KBULG has some **environmental friendly calico bags** in 2 designs: Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group - \$4  
Karlkurla Bushland Park - \$5.

(Bags available from the Landcare Office in Lotteries House).

## WASTE FACTS

- Australians are the second highest producers (behind only the United States) of waste, per person, in the world - with each of us sending almost 690kgs of waste to landfill each year (*Human Development Report 1999, United Nations Development Program*)
- The amount of waste placed in landfill each year in Australia is enough to cover the state of Victoria!

(Source: <http://www.cleanup.com.au>)

What can we do to help?

### THE 3 R'S—REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

Kalgoorlie-Boulder has its own recycling facility at the Yarri Road Refuse site.

Items which can be recycled are:

- aluminium cans
- cardboard
- newspaper
- office & glossy paper (mixed)
- mobile phones and batteries
- green waste (clean/uncontaminated)
- industrial goods (eg. Car batteries, white goods).

Please make sure your recyclables are clean and separated.

Proceeds go to Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital and the PMH (Princess Margaret Hospital for Children) Foundation.

Contamination of recyclables deprives these organisations of \$10 per bale.

Newspapers can also be dropped off at KBC Automotives -239 Hay Street, Kalgoorlie.

Stay tuned for further developments in the local recycling industry. Council currently has a Waste Minimisation Think Tank Group which meets every few months. If you are interested in attending, please contact Keith Boase, the City's Environmental Co-ordinator on 9021 9682.

## JUNIOR LANDCARE Class of the Year!



The winners of the "2001 Landcare Class of the Year Award" were the Yr 5 and Yr 5/6 classes at Kalgoorlie Primary School. The classes were presented with their prize at an end-of-year assembly. Their prize included a Landcare calico bag filled with goodies from KBULG's sponsors. The children wrote and read out poems at KBULG's Centenary of Federation Launch in Karlkurla Park and also made costumes and environmental banners for the Landcare float in the St Barbara's Festival Parade.

Junior Landcare is up and running for 2002 with some great new incentives.:

Classes enrolled in the program will receive a membership certificate and be eligible to participate in a variety of activities throughout the year including bushwalks in Karlkurla Park, visits to the native garden, planting a landcare garden in the school grounds, being involved in recycling, composting or having a worm farm at the school, entering competitions and lots more.

## 10 EASY STEPS TO SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

1. Walk, cycle or use public transport
2. Use compact fluorescent lights
3. Purchase the highest energy-efficiency star rating appliances
4. Insulate your home and save on heating and cooling costs. Add insulation to electric hot water units
5. Cut hot water consumption by washing clothes in cold water and by fitting a water-efficient shower head.
6. Replace an electric hot water service with solar or high efficiency gas.
7. Support renewable energy
8. Service your car regularly and, when buying a new car, choose one that is fuel efficient
9. Rate the energy efficiency of your new home design
10. Plant, protect and conserve existing trees and shrubs