

KALGOORLIE-BOULDER URBAN LANDCARE GROUP

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Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Weed Competition **“WALLOP A WEED & BAG A BITER”**

Nasty caltrop prickles puncture feet, bike/pram tyres and shoes and are a problem for the adults, children and pets of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

- Caltrap needs temperatures above 30 degrees to germinate and moisture, hence the rapid germination after the December rainfall. This has resulted in a large number of caltrap plants in gardens, on road verges, parks, back alleys, etc.*
- The weed grows rapidly taking only 3 weeks to flower after germination and 10 days later can form new burrs.*
- If conditions remain moist, it will continue to seed indefinitely; so it is important that the weeds are removed as soon as they come up. Caltrap seeds can remain dormant in the soil for probably four to five years.*

Residents of Kalgoorlie-Boulder: Take action against weeds threatening our community, by removing and collecting local weeds, focussing on the nasty Caltrap.

Start collecting TODAY

WEIGH-IN, Sunday 27th February

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Centennial Park, Carpark

CATEGORY	MAJOR PRIZES	SPONSOR
COMMUNITY / SCHOOL GROUP	<i>Frontier Tent (sleeps 6 people) & \$250 cash</i>	KALGOORLIE CARAVAN & CAMPING & CITY OF KALGOORLIE-BOULDER
FAMILY	<i>TEAC Home Theatre System</i>	DON JONES RETRAVISION
ADULT-INDIVIDUAL	<i>Russell Hobbs Coffee Maker</i>	GOLDFIELDS BETTA ELECTRICAL
CHILD-INDIVIDUAL	<i>Hitachi DVD Player</i>	HARVEY NORMAN ELECTRICAL

Additional Prize Sponsors: BERGIES SOILS & FREERANGE CAMPING.
All participants receive a free drink, sausage sizzle and native plant voucher/s.

Competition Instructions

1. Find your fresh caltrops.

Look in your front and back yard, along local streets & back lanes, check out local paths, etc Anywhere around Kalgoorlie with Caltrops.

(Note: Weed pamphlets identifying Caltrops are available at the KBULG office and on the web site in the downloads section under Weeds pg 3)

2. Gather your equipment

ie. Weeding fork, shovel, collection bags & the very essential gloves (caltrops are prickly little buggers).

3. Remove weeds (Make sure you collect ALL the seeds/prickles)

Hand Pulling - Good after rain or a watering

Gardening gloves are recommended if pulling weeds.

It's best if all leaves and stems are taken hold of to pull - ensure complete removal of the plant (weeds can grow back if not completely removed).

If weeds snap off at the base of the plant - a weeding fork or shovel might be more appropriate.

Complete Plant Removal - For removing roots, plant material and seeds

Use a weeding fork or shovel to dig up the entire plant.

Ensure no seeds are left on the ground.

4. Bag & contain caltrops.

All caltrops/weeds must be bagged so they cannot escape or leak. We recommend double bagging with a Poly-weave/synthetic bag and a garbage bag over the top. (Use plastic garbage bags to retain weight).

5. Transport to WEED WEIGH-IN

Sunday, 27 February 2005 at 4pm in Centennial Park Carpark, Hannans Street.

6. ENJOY free sausage sizzle

Between 4-5pm.

7. Final Judging Announcement & Prize-giving

After weigh-in completed at approximately 5pm.

KBULG reserves the right to make the final decision on prize allocations according to entries received on the day of judging.



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