

# KALGOORLIE-BOULDER URBAN LANDCARE GROUP



ANNUAL REPORT  
2002 - 2003



KBULG proudly sponsored by



Kalgoorlie  
Nickel Smelter  
& Concentrator



Western Power



**Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group**

Lotteries House (Corner Wilson & McDonald Streets, Kalgoorlie)  
Telephone: 9091 6233 Mobile: 0418 935 498 Fax: 9091 6211  
Email: [kbulg@emerge.net.au](mailto:kbulg@emerge.net.au) Website: [www.kalgoorlie.com/kbulg](http://www.kalgoorlie.com/kbulg)



# KALGOORLIE-BOULDER URBAN LANDCARE GROUP



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group (KBULG) is a community based urban landcare group. The group has been working to improve the environment in & around Kalgoorlie-Boulder for 30 years.

**KBULG's VISION:** **Better Environment, Better Lifestyle**

**KBULG's MISSION:** *communicate, educate, participate*

## KBULG'S GOALS for 2002-2005

1. TO BE THE LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP IN THE GOLDFIELDS
2. TO FACILITATE KALGOORLIE-BOULDER BECOMING A MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE COMMUNITY
3. TO INSPIRE THE KALGOORLIE-BOULDER COMMUNITY TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY ACTIVE
4. TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF KBULG



Highlights for 2002/03 were:

- **Annual Community Tree Planting Days** at Centennial Park and Gribble Creek where **300 people** participated in planting 2000 local trees and shrubs at each event.
- **40 Kalgoorlie-Boulder primary school classes** involved in the **Junior Landcare Program** which includes guided bushwalks, tree planting, Schools Tidy Day, bush drawing competition and class room projects.
- Producing a 64-page **Native Plant Guide**, which includes the aboriginal, scientific and common name of each species plus a photo, distribution map, flowering time and interesting facts and uses for each plant.
- Making the **Regeneration Zones** (3500 hectares green belt around the city) a focus project for the next few years by doing an inventory and setting up a mapping database for the zones and involving the media and community in a public awareness campaign about the value of the zones.
- Completing **Karlkurla Bushland Park project** which included propagating and **planting local trees and shrubs** and the development of a **boardwalk, 4km interpretive walk trail** and an **octagonal lookout** on the main hill built by **KBULG's Work for the Dole** participants.
- **Strategic Planning** to further develop our vision, mission and goals of the group to 2005.
- Providing a positive focus and **awareness** of the local environment to the **community**.



...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...  
*communicate, educate, participate*



## SPONSORS AND PARTNERSHIPS

KBULG could not achieve our goals without our local core sponsors: the **City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Placer Dome Asia Pacific, Western Power, KCGM, WMC – Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter, MPI Mines – Black Swan Nickel and the Water Corporation**. These organisations share a partnership with KBULG to achieve its vision of working for a *better environment and better lifestyle* for the people of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. They provide the ongoing funding for all of KBULG's core projects including Junior Landcare, tree planting, KBULG newsletter, Karlkurla Bushland Park and Regeneration Zone Management and the administration of the group. Without these core sponsors, KBULG would not exist and we would not have the profile and respect that we have in the community. KBULG has a strong link and working relationship with all of our core sponsors and other mining companies and businesses in the region, which provide in-kind support. All of our projects involve partnerships, which provides mutually beneficial outcomes.



**KALGOORLIE-BOULDER'S  
NATIVE PLANTS GARDEN**



Established in 1995 by the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group to:

- Encourage the city's residents to plant local native species in their gardens
- Show visitors the unique flora of the Goldfields Region
- Be a resource for Junior Landcare students



For further information about gardening with local native plants, contact the Landcare Office on 9091 6233 or [kbulg@emerge.net.au](mailto:kbulg@emerge.net.au)  
**KALGOORLIE BOULDER URBAN LANDCARE GROUP**



KBULG acknowledges the vital role of sponsors to its operations and works with core sponsors throughout the year.

### KBULG'S CORE SPONSORS & CONTRIBUTIONS – 2002/2003

• City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	\$40,000
• Placer Dome Asia Pacific	\$20,000
• Western Power	\$15,000
• Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines	\$12,500
• WMC (Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter)	\$ 6,200
• Water Corporation	\$ 5,000
• MPI Mines – Black Swan Nickel	\$ 5,000

### OTHER GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP

• Envirofund	\$30,000
• Community Conservation Grants	\$5,000

KBULG greatly values its sponsors and is always seeking new sponsors to enable the group to continue and expand its many projects and role in the community.



...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...  
*communicate, educate, participate*



## MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION OF KBULG



The KBULG committee is made up of a large and diverse group, including interested members of the community and representatives from government & local industries. A list of committee members is displayed in Appendix 1.

KBULG co-ordinate numerous projects and activities around the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as described in this report. The committee employs a full-time Landcare Officer to co-ordinate KBULG's activities. The office is located in Lotteries House, corner Wilson and MacDonald Streets, Kalgoorlie.

The Landcare Officer is responsible for liaising with a wide cross section of the community and ensures projects are planned, implemented, maintained and monitored. Major tasks include a variety of project development and funding, public education, co-ordination of community events, office duties and liaising with Council, schools, government departments, sponsors and the media on local environmental and landcare projects and issues.

An elected Management Committee assists that Landcare Officer with decision-making, makes recommendations for meetings and guides and supports the Landcare Officer with any issues that arise. The management committee also provides strategic planning and direction for the group.

Volunteers and casual employees assist with on-ground works and implementing projects. A casual Landcare Assistant and Project Officer has been employed for specific projects such as the Regeneration Zones. Volunteers assist with the Junior Landcare Program, guided bushwalks, tree planting, editing newsletters and publications, manning the registration desk at tree planting days and helping out on the landcare stall at displays and expo's.



## MEMBERSHIP

KBULG revised its Constitution in 2003 which now enables the group to have community membership. (Appendix 2 – Membership Form). KBULG also held a brainstorming workshop this year as a follow on to our Strategic Planning Workshop in 2002. Ideas were suggested for new projects under our goal headings to be implemented over the next three years.



...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...  
*communicate, educate, participate*





# KBULG'S ACHIEVEMENTS 2002-2003



<b>AWARD WINNER</b>	2003 – Finalist <b>WA Environment Awards</b> – Community Achievement 2003 – Finalist WA Landcare Awards – Westpac <b>Landcare Education Award</b> for Junior Landcare 2002 – Winner Kleenheat Gas Regional <b>Community of the Year Award</b> 2002 – Highly Commended Work for the Dole Awards – Best Activity – Caring for the Environment 2002 – Doug Krepp -Winner Best Work for the Dole Supervisor – National Awards
<b>JUNIOR LANDCARE</b>	Establishing and supporting <b>Junior Landcare Groups</b> - Producing a Junior Landcare Poster for each class involved to earn points for the Landcare Class of the Year Award. Classes are involved in tree planting along Gribble Creek, bushland walks in Karlkurla Bushland Park, planting native gardens in their school grounds, Landcare Drawing Competition, Schools Tidy Day, recycling composting and reading poems at various KBULG events. <b>40 classes are involved in the program.</b>
<b>COMMUNITY LANDCARE NEWLETTER</b>	Producing a seasonal newsletter, " <b>Kalgoorlie-Boulder Landcare News</b> " which is distributed quarterly to every home in Kalgoorlie-Boulder (10,000 homes).
<b>PROMOTION, DISPLAYS, MEDIA, WEB SITE</b>	Co-ordinating and participating in various <b>promotions</b> and <b>displays</b> including the <b>Mining Expo</b> and the <b>St Barbara's Festival Parade</b> in conjunction with Junior Landcare students and KBULG sponsors. Developing a <b>web site</b> and involving the media in all of our activities.
<b>GOLDFIELDS ENVIRONMENT MONTH</b>	Planning and promoting <b>Goldfields Environment Month</b> in June including World Environment Day, Arbor Day, annual Community Tree Planting Day and Junior Landcare activities.
<b>NATIVE PLANT BOOK</b>	Producing a 64-page <b>Native Plant Guide</b> , which includes the Aboriginal, scientific and common name of each species plus a photo, distribution map, flowering time and interesting facts and uses for each plant.
<b>INFORMATION PAMPHLETS</b>	Producing a <b>series of pamphlets for public information</b> on KBULG's major projects and programs: Junior Landcare Groups, Native Plants Garden, Regeneration Zones, Volunteers, Karlkurla Bushland Park, Bushland Walks, Weeds, lists of local trees and shrubs.
<b>COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAYS</b>	Co-ordinating the annual <b>Community Tree Planting days</b> in conjunction with <b>corporate sponsors</b> : <b>Gribble Creek floodplain 2003 – 250 people involved planted 2600 trees and shrubs</b> <b>Centennial Park in 2002 – 300 people participated – 2000 trees and shrubs planted.</b>
<b>KARLKURLA BUSHLAND PARK</b>  <b>WORK FOR THE DOLE</b>	Managing a <b>Work for the Dole</b> scheme in <b>Karlkurla Bushland Park</b> and other locations around the city. Participants were involved in: building picnic tables, toilet, shed & shadehouse, growing seedlings, laying reticulation, building walk trails, a board walk and an octagonal lookout at Karlkurla Bushland Park; maintaining Regeneration Zone fences and maintaining KBULG's Native Plants Garden.
<b>CELEBRATIONS</b>	Hosting a <b>Celebration</b> in the Park with the Minister for Environment to celebrate the completion of the Work for the Dole Project and handover to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
<b>GOLDFIELDS 1<sup>ST</sup> TOUCH TOURISM PROJECT – SCATTER THE SILKY PEAR</b>	Promoting the Goldfields first <b>Touch Tourism Project</b> in conjunction with the WA Tourism Commission where tourists can pick up a brochure with a packet of Karlkurla seeds for a small donation from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tourist Centre and scatter them in Karlkurla Park.
<b>WILDFLOWER &amp; BUSHLAND WALKS</b>	Conducting Bushland and <b>Wildflower Walks</b> for <b>school children, local residents and visitors</b> in Karlkurla Bushland Park and promoting self-guided walks in the park with a pamphlet and the new interpretive signage.
<b>REGENERATION ZONES TOWN PLANNING</b>	<b>Regeneration Zone and native bushland management</b> - Employing a casual project officer to work on this project including researching the history of the zones, doing a thorough inventory of the condition of each zone and mapping each zone with respect to fence damage, signage and access. Engaging a contractor to repair and upgrade the fencing in the Regeneration Zones  Liaising with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and developers on planning for the North West Sector Development including ongoing surveys of the Priority 1 plant species <i>Eremophila praecox</i> .
<b>GRIBBLE CREEK SALINITY PROJECT</b>	Facilitating a <b>Salinity Working Group</b> in conjunction with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Centre for Management of Arid Environments, mining companies and community members to monitor the salinity problem along Gribble Creek. Including assisting with practical on-ground works to help control the salinity problem such as tree planting and direct seeding with local school children and community members along the Gribble Creek floodplain.
<b>RECYCLING</b>	Part of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Think Tank group to investigate recycling and waste minimisation options for the city. Producing a <b>Community Recycling Directory in conjunction with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder</b> and encouraging residents to participate in recycling.
<b>PROMOTING KBULG'S VISION</b>	Providing a positive focus and <b>awareness</b> of the local environment and landcare issues to the <b>community</b> and encouraging the community to embrace our <b>vision: better environment, better lifestyle</b> – <i>communicate, educate, participate.</i>



## KBULG'S PROJECTS 2002-03

### GOAL TO FACILITATE KALGOORLIE-BOULDER BECOMING A MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE COMMUNITY

#### JUNIOR LANDCARE



KBULG has co-ordinated a Junior Landcare Program in Kalgoorlie-Boulder since 1995 which is expanding every year. Our Junior Landcare Program aims to keep teachers and students aware and involved in local environmental issues. KBULG visits all Kalgoorlie-Boulder schools at the beginning of the year and talks to staff about the Junior Landcare Program. Teachers are then encouraged to enrol their class in the program (Appendix 3 – Junior Landcare Group pamphlet). Classes receive a Junior Landcare Poster (Appendix 4) and can receive points throughout the year for being involved in landcare activities both inside and outside the classroom.

KBULG then invites teachers to participate in a bus tour visiting Landcare sites such as Karlkurla Park where they may like to take their class for Landcare activity. All schools and interested teachers are presented with a comprehensive locally produced Junior Landcare Package with local environmental information and activities which can be undertaken inside and outside the school.

The package includes:

- Classroom Landcare Activity Sheets
- Environmental Education Resources
- Suggested Times for Landcare Activities such as Tree Planting and Seed Collecting
- Out of School Activities
- Pre & post excursion activities
- Several pamphlets.



KBULG produces a Junior Landcare Newsletter (Appendix 5) at the start of each term highlighting events & activities which classes can be involved in. Children in the program participate in a number of landcare activities including: guided walks in Karlkurla Bushland Park, tree planting, Schools Tidy Days, wildflower walks in spring, recycling, composting and developing their own local plants garden in their school grounds.



KBULG also conducts an annual Junior Landcare Drawing Competition (Appendix 6). Students are asked to 'Draw the Bush around their home or school'. Middle and upper primary students included things that harm the bushland such as weeds, trail bikes, littering, feral animals, rubbish dumping etc. There were about 500 entries! All drawings were on display at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport. There were 17 winners who received a landcare calico bag full of goodies and a Karlkurla Park hat.

Through the Junior Landcare Program students learn to appreciate the local plants and animals and are made aware of bushland management issues and are encouraged to think about these issues and ways they can help.

The Pre Primary classes at North Kalgoorlie Primary School won the Landcare Class of the Year Award in 2002. They developed a native garden in their school grounds and participated in landcare activities during the year.



KALGOORLIE-BOULDER  
URBAN LANDCARE GROUP

...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...

*communicate, educate, participate*



KALGOORLIE-BOULDER  
URBAN LANDCARE GROUP

## PROMOTION

### KBULG Newsletter

KBULG produces a quarterly seasonal newsletter, 'Kalgoorlie-Boulder Landcare News'. (Appendix 7 to 10 - 2002/2003 newsletters). The newsletter is distributed to more than 10,000 homes in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.



The Winter Newsletter focuses on Goldfields Environment Month, Arbor Day, World Environment Day and the various planting projects being undertaken. The Spring Newsletter focuses on the native flora and fauna; spring bushland walks. The Summer Newsletter concentrates on waterwise gardens, with ideas on water efficiency measures and details the Landcare highlights of the year.

The aim of the newsletter is to inform the local community of KBULG activities and how they can be involved and to increase the awareness in the community about local landcare projects and issues. We also inform the community of our activities via the KBULG website, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, schools and the Tourist Centre.

KBULG now **emails** out our quarterly newsletter 'Kalgoorlie-Boulder Landcare News' which uses technology and saves paper and also means we can send to a much wider readership in almost no time and cost – communication with conservation! This has resulted in more enquires and more awareness and involvement in KBULG projects and environmental issues around town.

### Media



KBULG aims to inform the community of its activities through regular Media Releases to the Kalgoorlie Miner, Golden Mail, Radio West, ABC radio, GWN and WIN TV. This results in feature articles, frequent publicity on the local news & regular interviews with KBULG staff. (See media articles attached.) In fact, the Kalgoorlie Miner photographers and journalists often call us for stories and photos! And the same with radio and occasionally TV. KBULG aim to receive exposure on a variety of angles from news stories through to general interest and community announcements that encourage participation in landcare activities; which allows greater community involvement and awareness of KBULG's projects and the environment.

### Website

KBULG developed a new interactive website in 2002 that can be viewed at <http://www.kalgoorlie.com/kbulg>. The website includes information about KBULG's activities, how people can be involved and direct links to our sponsors. It allows the community and Junior Landcare students to find out more about KBULG. It is also regularly updated with a 'What's New' page for recent events and upcoming activities.



KALGOORLIE-BOULDER  
URBAN LANDCARE GROUP

...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...  
*communicate, educate, participate*



KALGOORLIE-BOULDER  
URBAN LANDCARE GROUP

## Displays, Expo & Festivals

KBULG set up a display for the **Goldfields Mining Expo** in October. The display site was courtesy of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry. KBULG had a display of wildflowers and photos highlighting our activities.



We also promote and celebrate milestones and participate in the **St Barbara's Day Festival**, the annual mining and community festival in Kalgoorlie. This gives an opportunity to wave the Landcare flag, involve Junior Landcare students and acknowledge our sponsors.



## Goldfields Environment Month (GEM)

June was Goldfields Environment Month. The month was organised by KBULG, with events and activities encouraging community involvement.

### GEM activities included:

- World Environment Day - 5 June
- Arbor Day - Day Of Trees - Friday 6 June
- Junior Landcare Tree Planting
- Annual Community Tree Planting Day



KALGOORLIE-BOULDER  
URBAN LANDCARE GROUP

...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...  
*communicate, educate, participate*



KALGOORLIE-BOULDER  
URBAN LANDCARE GROUP

## PROMOTING LOCAL NATIVE PLANTS

KBULG receives many phone calls about gardening with local native plants from new and existing residents. Residents are supplied with lists of native trees and shrubs suitable for planting in a Goldfields Garden. KBULG also consults local nurseries encouraging them to stock local native plants. This can be a problem due to regular availability of retail stock but some nurseries are now stocking Goldfields plants. The next stage is to encourage the nurseries to promote the local natives with attractive signage and in a prominent place in their nursery. KBULG has also encouraged the nurseries to join the national 'Flora for Fauna' program.



## Goldfields Waterwise Plants Poster and Gardening Pamphlet

KBULG's Waterwise Plants poster and Gardening with Local Native Plants pamphlet (Appendix 11 & 12) has recently been completed and launched by Environment Minister, Dr Judy Edwards. The Poster was available at the Mining Expo for a gold coin donation and was well received by community members. The ideas for the pamphlet and the poster were as a result of public enquires and suggestions and as a follow on to the Waterwise Garden Competition held in September. The posters and pamphlets are also available at the Tourist Centre for a gold coin donation and will be distributed to schools and garden centres. The Goldfields Soroptimists International gave a \$400 donation towards the production of the poster.



## Native Plant Guide

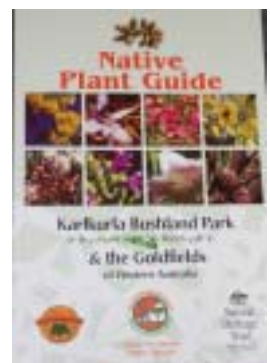
KBULG produced a Native Plant Guide (enclosed) for local residents, school children and visitors to find out more about the native trees and shrubs of the Goldfields. The book was sponsored by the Natural Heritage Trust and focuses on the flora in Karlkurla Bushland Park and links in with the existing signage. 65 types of plants are featured in the book with a colour photo of each species.

The book includes:

- a description of each plant including its leaves fruit and flowers
- the plants common, scientific and Aboriginal name
- a dial showing flowering times,
- a map showing where it can be found
- interesting facts and uses of the plant.

There is also a **CD-rom** of KBULG's Native Plant Guide.

The books and CD's are available from the KBULG office and tourist outlets and are selling very well.





## Native Plant Guide launch

The Native Plant Guide was launched at sunset from the lookout in Karlkurla Bushland Park by John Colwill (gardening expert and ABC weather presenter) in May 2003.

Junior Landcare students participated in the launch by reading poems and singing songs they had written about the park and the Goldfields bushland.



## The Bush, it's the heart and soul of WA



The bush is a very nice place to live because of the wildlife and the trees.  
 If we didn't have the bush there wouldn't be any wildlife,  
 there wouldn't be any good places to camp,  
 there wouldn't be any walking trails and there wouldn't be any Aboriginal stories to tell.  
 WA is also famous for its wildflowers but there wouldn't be any if there wasn't any bush.  
 The bush - It's the heart and soul of WA

By Brennan

## *The Bush*

The bush is really nice and clean  
 And it's especially very green.  
 These are green and they are trees  
 When you see one you will see lots of leaves.  
 It is full of plants and full of wood  
 That's why they are so good.  
 It's for the animals that live here  
 They love hollow logs quite near.  
 You go up a hill and have a look  
 When it's dark you go down and cook.



By Digby

# GOAL TO INSPIRE THE KALGOORLIE-BOULDER COMMUNITY TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY ACTIVE

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY

More than 250 people came out on a beautiful winter's day in July 2003 to plant nearly 3000 trees in the Gribble Creek floodplain between Maxwell Street and the Oasis. Despite the wintry weather in the week leading up to it, the day was near on perfect weatherwise and a great day for planting trees. There were a few creeks and puddles to cross, but many people came well prepared in their wellington boots and the kids had a great time getting dirty planting their trees.



The response from the Community was fantastic. The trees and shrubs were planted and mulched superbly. A variety of eucalypts, bottle brushes, casuarina's and wattles were planted - all species which can tolerate waterlogging, since they were being planted in a floodplain.

The day was very worthwhile both for environmental and social reasons. It was great to see the community come together to do their bit for the environment, to participate in the statewide Greening Challenge, and help slow the salinity problem from spreading down Gribble Creek. The area will also provide a habitat for birds and wildlife, reduce the dust problems and provide much needed shade in summer."

Community and corporate groups, mining companies, families and individuals joined together for a common cause.

Placer Dome Asia Pacific - Strategic Development and Support Services won the Corporate Challenge with 50 participants and the Boulder Scouts won the Community Challenge with 37! This was a fantastic effort!



The Department of Environment won the best costume with their homemade gumnut babies outfits.

Sponsors who helped out and made the day possible were:



- City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for preparing the site and laying all the reticulation, a huge job over many weeks.
- Western Power for providing the BBQ and drinks and all of the prizes as part of their statewide Greening Challenge.
- WMC Resources Community Participation Team for manning the Registration Desk
- Minister for Environments Community Conservation Grants



## KARLKURLA BUSHLAND PARK PROJECT



Karlkurla Bushland Park (KBP) is a community project, co-ordinated by KBULG (Appendix 13 - Karlkurla Bushland Park pamphlet). It is 200 hectares of natural regrowth bushland, located 4km north of the centre of Kalgoorlie, adjacent to the suburb of Hannans. The park is located in KBULG's Regeneration Zone 1C (See Map 1).



The aim of the KBP Project was to provide recreation, interpretive and educational opportunities in a woodland setting, whilst ensuring the natural values of the woodland are preserved or enhanced.

The Karlkurla Bushland Park project has seen some great achievements. The Work for the Dole Program was completed in July 2002. Doug Krepp our Work for the Dole Supervisor was honoured as the best Work for the Dole Supervisor in Australia at a ceremony in Parliament House where he was presented with his Award by the Prime Minister, John Howard. KBULG was also presented with a Highly Commended Certificate in the Caring for Environment Category of the National Work for the Dole Awards by local Federal Member for Kalgoorlie, Barry Haase in October 2002.



We also had a celebration of the completion of the Karlkurla Bushland Park project in October 2002 and handover of the management and maintenance of the park to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. The Minister of Environment, Dr Judy Edwards was the special guest for the celebration.

KBULG continues to conduct guided bushland walks through the park for local Junior Landcare students, visiting Camp School students and interested groups.



KBULG has also been involved in liaising with the planners, engineers and site managers of the Karlkurla Grove subdivision which is adjacent to the park. On site meetings have been held with KBULG members regarding drainage, significant trees, firebreaks and rehabilitation.

The greatest success with the Karikurla Bushland Park Project is the community involvement and partnerships formed. Many people have worked together to enhance the park to what it is today. What was once a degraded bushland area has been transformed into an environmental and education asset.



A boardwalk acts as the entrance to the park over the seasonal creekline where the *Karikurlas* grow. Also at the entrance are local trees and shrubs grown and planted out by Work for the Dole participants. An octagonal lookout on the main hill built by the Work for the Dole participants provides 360 degree views of the surrounding bushland and picnic tables also constructed by the participants are located every 200m around the trail.



The park has a 4km loop walk trail with full colour interpretive signage at points of interest, which allows visitors and local residents to explore the park on self-guided walks. There are also 50 plant identification labels with the plants common, scientific and aboriginal names. The signage was sponsored by Centenary of Federation WA and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.



...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...  
*communicate, educate, participate*



## Celebration of the Completion of the project



Many special events have been held in the park to celebrate milestones. At each event Junior Landcare students have participated by reading out poems and stories about the park.

The Native Plant Guide and signage makes it possible for visitors and local residents to enjoy self guided walks in the park. A Centenary of Federation launch was held in Karlkurla Park to launch the interpretive signage for self guided walks. Year 5 and 6 students from Kalgoorlie Primary School participated in the launch and read out poems they had written about the park. Below is one of the children's poems.

### My Bush

By Teniel Morgan

I'm walking through the bush,  
I wonder what I'll see.  
Oh wow, it's a silky pear, a Karlkurla I think  
It's how Kalgoorlie got its name you see.  
One day when white man came,  
An Aboriginal said 'Karlkurla - a silky pear'  
White man said Kalgoorlie.  
So passed all that I love the bush,  
I wish that I could stay.  
It's so peaceful and calm, because I'm surrounded by wildlife.  
There's no salinity, there's just too much bush you see.  
There are native shrubs and tall trees.  
It's so exciting.  
Wow, there's a kangaroo.  
But now it's time to go as I venture back towards my car.  
The sun is setting in the sky, it's so beautiful.  
I think I'm going to cry!



### Scatter the Silky Pear

The park boasts the Goldfields first Touch Tourism Project "Scatter the Silky Pear." Visitors can pick up a brochure with a packet of Karlkurla seeds for a small donation from the Kalgoorlie Boulder Tourist Centre and scatter them in the park. (Appendix 14).



## REGENERATION ZONE MANAGEMENT



A series of fenced Regeneration Zones forms a 'green belt' around Kalgoorlie-Boulder, encompassing an area of approximately 3,500 hectares. The Regeneration Zones were established by KBULG's predecessor, the Goldfields Dust Abatement Committee, to control the dust storms of the early 1970's. Karlkurla Park was one of the original Regeneration Zones. The Regeneration Zones are managed by KBULG. (Appendix 15 - Regeneration Zones pamphlet and Map 2).

The Regeneration Zones are mostly remnant native bushland in close proximity to the City. KBULG encourages the community to use the zones for passive recreation. Many members of the community are keen to see these areas preserved as they enjoy their walks in the local bush close to their home. There is unique flora found in the zones including several different types of *Eremophila* (means *desert loving*); some have very restricted distribution, for example Priority 1 species, *Eremophila praecox*.



However, trail bikes and stolen cars are a constant problem in the Regeneration Zones. Woodcutting and rubbish dumping are also major management issues that need to be addressed. Some of the Regeneration Zones will be taken up for urban development as the City expands. However, KBULG is working with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and planners in recommending which areas are of the highest conservation value and should be preserved.

In 2002/03 KBULG has shown its long term commitment to the preservation of the Regeneration Zones by employing a casual Project Officer to do a thorough inventory of the Regeneration Zones. This information has been recorded on a GIS mapping package. Following the initial inventory all of the fences were repaired. The second stage was to install new signage and KBULG are currently doing an inventory of the types and location of rubbish in the zones and investigating its removal.



## WATERWISE GARDEN COMPETITION

KBULG organises the annual Waterwise Garden Competition in Spring which is sponsored by KBULG's core sponsors, the Water Corporation and Waldecks. Categories for the Competition include residential, commercial/industrial and community. Winners are judged on aesthetics, water efficiency measures, colour and verge maintenance (Appendix 16 Nomination Form and Judging Criteria).

The 2003 winners were **Robin Lonsdale and Morrie Goodz** of **134 Lyall Street**. Their waterwise garden full of Goldfields native plants was developed over less than 2 years. They used groundcovers as a waterwise alternative to lawn and mulched all of the garden beds with coarse enviro-mulch. Plants included a number of varieties of *Eremophila*, also known as emu bushes. These come in a variety of flower colours including yellow, red, purple and pink, and a variety of leaf shapes and colours. The garden attracts many birds and butterflies.

The winner was presented with their prize by the Minister for Works, Housing and Government Enterprises, Mr Nick Griffiths.

The winners in the residential category for 2003 were Robin Lonsdale and Morrie Goodz of 134 Lyall Street



The runners up were Jim and Andrea Williams of 3 Emery Close



The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder was highly commended for its Hannan Street and Burt Street streetscape plantings and the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Business Development Centre was also highly commended for its selection of a native garden for its new premises at 171 Piccadilly Street.



...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...  
*communicate, educate, participate*



## GRIBBLE CREEK

Over the last ten years KBULG has assisted the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder in co-ordinating and supervising vegetation planting along Gribble Creek. Gribble Creek is a seasonally inundated waterway stretching from Hannans in the north to South Boulder. During times of heavy rains the creek is all-important in taking away large amounts of water from built up areas. KBULG volunteers and local school children have planted approximately 50,000 trees along Gribble Creek over the last ten years. More than 2000 trees and shrubs were planted by 400 Junior Landcare students on Arbor Day and World Environment Day and during Goldfields Environment Month, June. This project has been very successful both in the number of trees that have been planted and survived and in the number of people involved in the project.

An 11km dual-use path has been constructed along the vegetation corridor adjacent to Gribble Creek that allows walkers and cyclists to enjoy and appreciate this rehabilitated area that once was a degraded wasteland.



## SALINITY WORKING GROUP



KBULG has an ongoing interest in the salinity problem along Gribble Creek. KBULG initiated a project with the Centre for the Management of Arid Environments to look into the townsite salinity problem. KBULG instigated the working group: joining together mining companies, the Council, community members and researchers in an innovative project which resulted in an honours student carrying out an initial study. We also involved local surveyors and drillers to drill a series of monitoring bores along Gribble Creek.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder employed a consultant to do an action plan for works along the creek to reduce the salinity problem. The Council have now taken on board these recommendations and are undertaking practical approaches to control the salinity problem, including planting 2000 trees per year along the street verges in Boulder. KBULG's annual Community Tree Planting Days and Junior Landcare tree planting along Gribble Creek are also reducing the salinity problem.

## RECYCLING AND TIDY TOWNS

KBULG produced a **Recycling Directory** (Appendix 17), sponsored by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder which was delivered to every home in the Goldfields in February 2003. KBULG is keen to promote and encourage recycling in the City and includes ideas for recycling and re-use in our quarterly newsletter. We encourage the community to support local businesses that recycle including St Mary's Recycling which recycles most items including plastics, cardboards, newspaper, aluminium and glass.

Several schools have been involved in recycling activities in association with KBULG, including newspaper and aluminium can recycling. KBULG receives ongoing public enquires from local residents and school students who are keen to see kerbside recycling eventuate in the city.

KBULG is represented on many local committees. One of these is the Tidy Towns Committee, which is involved, in organising Clean Up Australia Day, Tidy WA in May Day, and Schools Tidy Days in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.



## ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

Refer to KBULG's Summary of Achievements for 2002/03.

The greatest achievements are in:

- seeing the looks on the children's faces when they find that a Goldfields Blackbutt nut looks like a soft serve ice-cream!
- watching 300 people roll up for a tree planting day on a cold winter's morning!
- hearing 11 children read out their unedited poems about Karlkurla Park at the Celebration of the completion of the Karlkurla Bushland Park project;
- noticing kids faces light up when you come to Assembly to present the Junior Landcare Class of the Year;



- realising 8 years down the track that the trees we planted with Year 1's who are now in high school are still growing tall & strong;
- looking at before & after photos of barren wasteland areas that have been transformed into community and environmental assets;
- witnessing the sense of achievement on the Work for Dole crew's faces as the plants they grew from seed they collected are now being planted out and growing in Karlkurla Park.

These are the results and achievements – seeing the community involved, learning and enjoying being part of KBULG's vision for a *better environment and better lifestyle* in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

## MEASURABLE OUTCOMES



- 2000 to 3000 trees and shrubs planted on annual Community Tree Planting Days by 250 to 300 people.
- More than 2000 trees and shrubs planted by 400 Junior Landcare students each year.
- 40 classes enrolled in the Junior Landcare Program in 2003.
- Producing a 64-page native Plant Guide for Karlkurla Park. Since the launch of the book in May 2003 over 300 copies have been sold with almost no marketing at this stage.

## AWARDS

KBULG was presented with 3 Awards in 2002/03.

- Winner - Kleenheat Gas Community of the Year Award in 2002
- Finalist - Westpac Landcare Education Award for Junior Landcare in 2003
- Finalist - WA Environment Awards in the Community Achievement Category in 2003.



...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...  
*communicate, educate, participate*



## RELEVANCE TO WIDER COMMUNITY

The wider community find the group down to earth and will come to KBULG for advice and encouragement on anything related to Goldfields urban landcare and environmental issues generally.



The most public enquiries we receive are about gardening with native plants and recycling. Residents are keen to be involved and find out about these things. As a result KBULG produced an A-Z Recycling Directory in conjunction with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, which was distributed to every Kalgoorlie-Boulder household this year. KBULG also encourages local nurseries to stock Goldfields plants and devote a section in their nursery to them. We also co-ordinate a Waterwise Garden Competition and have native shrubs and ground covers available for sale at fairs and expos, along with pamphlets and a poster which lists and has a photo of recommended native plants and also advice on waterwise plants in our quarterly newsletter.

## PARTNERSHIPS



KBULG lives for partnerships. Without partnerships we would not exist. KBULG has a strong link and working relationship with the local Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Council. This includes close links with staff in all the different departments from town planning, finance, community, engineering, public relations right through to the CEO plus of course the Mayor and Councillors. We also have strong links with our core sponsors and other mining companies and businesses in the region, which provide in-kind support. All of our projects involve partnerships, which provides mutually beneficial outcomes.

Example: We have a partnership with our core sponsors for Community Tree Planting Days. Western Power work with us to promote the event as part of their statewide Greening Challenge, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder works with us to prepare the site. The Minister for Environment's Community Conservation Grants and local sponsors work with us to provide funding. Corporate and Community Groups work together as part of the challenge for the most participants. The result is that KBULG, sponsors and the community work together for a common cause. The results are environmental, social and aesthetic. The environmental results are that the salinity problem is slowed from spreading further down the creek. The trees and shrubs reduce dust and erosion problems and provide much needed shade in summer.

Another example is Junior Landcare where Placer Dome Asia Pacific is the major sponsor of the program. Here managers present prizes to winners in the Junior Landcare Drawing Competition.



## DEMONSTRATION OF LEADERSHIP

KBULG's first goal is:

### TO BE THE LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP IN THE GOLDFIELDS



KBULG is looked upon as the premier environmental group in the Goldfields. The Council looks to us for environmental advice and there is a great deal of respect in the community for KBULG. As we are a diverse, long running and visible group most people know who we are and look to KBULG as the first point of call for environmental & landcare advice in the Goldfields.

The media often contact KBULG at the outset for a comment on an environmental issue and the public look to us as the hub for advice on native gardening, recycling etc.

## ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION ON CURRENT LANDCARE ISSUES

KBULG meetings always have a general business element and members are encouraged to bring up and discuss current issues that have environmental/landcare impacts. If appropriate these issues will be discussed further in subcommittee or management meetings and if appropriate KBULG will approach the media or respond to the media on relevant local issues.

## INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING FOR THE CITY'S FUTURE

KBULG has a keen and active interest in the future development of the City. For example: KBULG assists the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and planners with environmental advice for the retention of public open space in new subdivisions and is involved in decision making and on the ground discussion with developers from the planning phase right through until construction. KBULG is respected and sought after for its expertise and advice in this area.



## MARKETING OUR CITY AS A LEADER IN LANDCARE

KBULG is a high profile, long running and respected organisation. It has a diverse committee made up of a large cross section of the community including mining, corporate, government, council and community representatives. KBULG has many opportunities both within the local community and in a broader context at conferences and awards, to work with these organisations to market our City as a leader in mine site rehabilitation and regional urban landcare.



KALGOORLIE-BOULDER  
URBAN LANDSCAPE GROUP

...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...  
*communicate, educate, participate*



KALGOORLIE-BOULDER  
URBAN LANDSCAPE GROUP

## COMMITMENT TO CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT & LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT

KBULG works each year to continually learn and improve in the way we operate and manage our projects. The group has a history of commitment to getting things done: previously as the Goldfields Dust Abatement Committee for over 20 years and for over 9 years as the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group. We like to choose a project, do it well and see it to completion. The Council's allegiance to the group; and the mining companies and corporate commitment to KBULG despite fluctuating economic times in the Goldfields, shows their strong commitment to Landcare. Our sponsors and the community also ensure we are continually improving and have a commitment to long-term management.



The Regeneration Zones are an example of commitment to long-term management. These zones were established in the early 1970's by the Goldfields Dust Abatement Committee in an effort to curb the serious dust storms in the city. KBULG has continued to manage these zones and has set one up as a focus project, Karlkurla Bushland Park.

We like to learn lessons from the success or otherwise of our tree planting projects, including timing of planting, preparation and lead up time for site selection, species selection and site preparation. We have also learnt that tree planting with Junior Landcare student's works best when older students are buddied up with younger students resulting in the trees being planted well and valuable social skills learnt about mentoring, sharing and caring for others.



## CONCLUSION

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group, previously the Goldfields Dust Abatement Committee, has conserved and established native vegetation in the Goldfields for over 30 years. Due to past, present and future impacts and threats to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder environment, planning and promoting our activities and the need for conservation and rehabilitation of the Goldfields environment is given high priority.

KBULG's vision is to work for a *better environment and better lifestyle* for the people of the Goldfields by encouraging *communication, education and participation*. The group aims to involve the community in all its activities and is committed to working with other community groups, schools, business and government to achieve its goals.

### Kalgoorlie-Boulder



Early 1970's



Present Day



...BETTER ENVIRONMENT...BETTER LIFESTYLE...  
*communicate, educate, participate*



