

Welcome to KBULG's Winter Newsletter!

Earlier this year, I was invited to become an Ambassador for the WA Parks Foundation by Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson, AC, Governor of Western Australia.

The WA Parks Foundation is an initiative which involves those who are passionate about Western Australia's natural environment, and who believe that we all should have a sense of stewardship for our national parks and conservation estate.

This was a perfect extension to my role and my new motto in life has become "connecting people to parks and nature".

To find out more about the WA Parks Foundation, visit their website or Facebook page.

KBULG's Community Nursery has been the target of break-ins and theft,

with five incidents in the past 15 months. The last "break-in" saw our red electric buggy and a lot of our tools go missing, all out of sight and secured in a locked shed (so we thought).

KBULG has had to spend thousands of dollars repairing our facilities and upgrading our security, in the hope that this will not happen again.

Thank you to Evolution Mining, the Rotary Club of Boulder and MCM Protection for assisting us with the security upgrades that have now been installed.

PLEASE keep an eye out for our red buggy, it has still not been found.

Onto a more positive note, it's been

a really busy and productive year, we have conducted cultural bushwalks, held our annual "Clean Up Kalgoorlie-Boulder Day", attended Kid's Fest, WA



STILL MISSING

Day at the Museum of the Goldfields and more recently opened our new Eco and Cultural Education Centre.

Tomorrow is our biggest event of the year, our Annual Community Tree Planting Day which will see the area rehabilitated near the corner of Lionel and Vivian Streets, Boulder.

It will be another massive community effort and I would like to invite everyone to come along and help us.

Thank you to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for all your help in preparing the site - another one of our fantastic joint rehabilitation projects.

I would like to finish off by thanking our hard working staff, committee, volunteers, the community and ALL our sponsors. With your help, KBULG is successfully achieving our vision of "working towards a Better Environment, Better Lifestyle for the people of the Goldfields".

Kim Eckert



Kim Eckert - KBULG CEO.

THIS SUNDAY

9am-11am



First-class training facility unveiled

KBULG has established and opened its Eco and Cultural Education Centre in memory of the late Doug Krepp at the Community Nursery within Karlkurla Bushland Park.

The classroom, which was targeted by vandals in March, putting off its opening date, was officially unveiled in honour of the former City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder councillor on 28 June 2017.

Mr Krepp's widow, Eileen, made the trip from Mandurah to open the building alongside Mayor John Bowler.

Mrs Krepp said the opening was a fitting occasion to mark and remember the park which her husband took responsibility for. "He would have been very proud of the development that occurred and will continue since his passing".

The transportable classroom was donated by Central Regional TAFE and what started off as a \$45,000 gift, turned into a \$260,000 project.

Upgrades to the nursery were required to establish the classroom, including extending the compound, installing



Mayor John Bowler, Kim Eckert and Eileen Krepp.

disability toilets, carpark, ramps, rails and the door of the classroom widened for access.

A grant from the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) Regional Grants Scheme allowed this project to become a reality, almost \$109,000 was secured, contributions from GEMG, KCGM, DPaW, Pindan, Central Regional TAFE, Evolution Mining, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and KBULG saw the completion of the education centre, 16 months later.

KBULG Staff, board members and volunteers worked tirelessly during the project and now we have a first-class training facility whereby Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management courses can be conducted in one unique location.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped our dream become a reality.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tree Planting Day



Free Sausage Sizzle & Prizes to Win!

Gribble Creek

Meet at the Cnr of Lionel & Vivian Street's Boulder

Sunday 30th July
09am - 11am

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Boulder Primary is a “Waste Wise School”

KBULG recently went to Boulder Primary School to assist them conduct a Waste Audit. The Waste Audit is a part of the Waste Wise School Program, initiated throughout Western Australia by the Waste Authority Services.

Boulder Primary is a “Waste Wise School”, which requires a commitment to try to reduce their waste. For an audit, students collect, sort, count and weigh the rubbish the school throws away so they can begin to find specific strategies to reduce it.

Teacher, Sue Dee said “once we understand what types of rubbish we need to address the most, we will reuse, recycle and especially reduce as much as possible. This is good for the rubbish collection costs, the environment and also school morale”.

When asked how do you feel about this?

One student replied “It smells disgusting but it is good for the environment and I think we should do it every two to four weeks”.

One strategy Boulder Primary has, is to encourage students to

pack waste free food and reduce the amount of packaging.

Another strategy to reduce waste is to set up a school Worm Farm.

The Year Fours observed the rubbish sorting event and then went off to set up the school Worm Farm.

This will reduce fruit and vegetable waste, it will benefit the worms and also the school vegetable gardens.

The children are hoping to set up an enterprise to sell Worm Tea when supplies get high enough.

Worm castings are a valuable resource for garden soil and health and growth of plants.

A Waste Wise incursions officer and KBULG will be presenting a workshop on *Composting, worm farming and school gardening* at Boulder Primary School for teachers on 31 August, for more information please contact KBULG.



CIGARETTE BUTT LITTERING

THE FACTS:

- Cigarette butts are the most littered item in Australia.
- Approximately seven billion of the 24 billion filtered cigarettes sold every year in Australia are littered.
- Six out of 10 Australian smokers litter their butts outdoors.
- Cigarette butts comprise around 50 per cent of the Western Australia litter stream.

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

- Butts littered on streets get washed into stormwater drains and into waterways where they leach toxic chemicals such as cadmium, lead & zinc.
- Cigarette butts are made from non-biodegradable plastic and can take up to 12-15 years to break down.
- Cigarette butts are responsible for 8-10 per cent of bush fires



in rural areas.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP REDUCE CIGARETTE BUTT LITTER?

- If you are a smoker, dispose of your cigarettes butts responsibly by always putting them in a bin.
- Carry a pocket ashtray with you to use when there are no bins around.
- Get your business involved in the Bin Your Butt Program - a workplace education campaign to reduce butt litter.



Time to renew your membership!

Join Kalgoorlie-Boulder's leading community environment group . . .

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

To receive KBULG news the environmentally friendly way, please provide us with your email address

Email: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: (tick one)

- ☐ Business \$100
☐ Financial Membership* \$10
☐ Social Membership (free) (Individual, junior or family)

Number of Adults: _____ Children: _____

*Financial Membership entitles you to have voting privileges and 10% off KBULG purchases.

If you volunteer with KBULG, here are some of the projects you can be involved in:

- Community Tree Planting Days
- Regeneration Zones
- Recycling Clean Up Days
- Bushwalks
- Gardening with Native Plants
- Flora and Fauna

☐ I am interested in volunteering (please tick)

Comments: _____

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NATIVE PLANT GROUP

Last Sunday Of Each Month

9:00 AM - 11 AM

KBULG Nursery Karlkurla Park

Entrance from small car park on Tumberri Way

Come along and learn how to propagate local native plants

No experience necessary, everyone is welcome!



Coming Events

GEMIA Explore Karlkurla Launch
 (National Science Week) -
 Sunday 20th August 2017

Sustainable Garden Competition -
 Entries open Friday 1st September 2017

rEConstructed Art Competition -
 Entries open Thursday
 9th November 2017



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DIY Gardening with Recycled Items

With the weather being cool and perfect for outdoor activities now is the time to think about innovative gardening projects.

All it takes to add fun and color to your backyards is a little creativity, imagination and enthusiasm.

Transform your garden into a unique and beautiful outdoor living space through simple projects such as creating functional

items out of plastic bottles, or painting pallets in bright colors and using them for plantings.

There are endless ways of how you can turn your backyard into something special with recycled and repurposed items and below are just some examples that may inspire you for your autumn landscaping projects.



WINTER gardening guide

- Winter is a good time to carry out major landscaping tasks in the garden. Keep efficient use of water in mind in terms of plant types and watering systems.
- Pruning and weeding is a top job to do at this time of year. Deciduous fruit trees love a good old haircut now, except for your apricot!
- Check the soil moisture before watering and hold off if it has recently rained. If watering is needed do it first thing in the morning. A decent drenching a couple of times a week is better than a quick daily water.
- Top up mulch on you veggie patch, herb garden and ornamental beds. Try to mulch, after watering, to a depth of about 7cm and be careful not to cover delicate young seedlings. Choose sustainable, low

environmental impact mulch, one that will enrich your soil as it breaks down.

- Feed winter flowering plants and leafy winter vegetables with a seaweed tea or low environmental impact liquid fertiliser.
- Move deciduous trees and shrubs while they are dormant. Winter is also a good time for transplanting evergreen trees and shrubs as the cooler weather reduces stress.
- Spread blood and bone all over the garden, including the compost heap.
- Winter is the time to plant citrus and bare-rooted deciduous fruit trees. Pick trees with a nice shape, and don't forget to prune them back before you plant them out (best thing to do is ask the local nursery to do it for you). Remember to make sure you have the correct

pollinators to ensure a top notch crop!

- Consider a green manure crop to add some life and love to an overworked veggie patch. At this time of year try faba bean, field pea, oats and wheat. This will improve your soil incredibly, and, for a bit of forward planning, you'll find it well worth the effort!
- On really cold days, why not head out to the shed, and sharpen, clean, oil and maintain your garden tools. Sounds tedious, but it's really rewarding, and will save you cash and plant illness in the long run.
- Now is a great time to plant local native plant species. For further information on types of plants contact KBULG or come down and join one of our many community Native Plant Groups.

SMALL SHRUBS AND ANNUALS

Peaches & Cream or Showy Eremophila *Eremophila racemose*

Size and Form: An erect shrub usually less than 1m high.

Flowers: Flowers 15 – 22mm long change colour as they age from bud to full flower – typically from yellow, orange, then red to pink. As flowers open in sequence a beautiful multi-coloured effect is produced.

Fruits: consist of four chambers, with a single seed each.

Leaves: Green oblong, glabrous leaves, 18 – 43mm long and 2.4 – 6mm wide.

Uses: Lovely, waterwise residential shrub.



Winter Composting Tips

- The same concept for managing your winter compost heap applies as any other time, with layers of browns and greens. The best compost piles layer green kitchen scraps, fresh garden waste, etc. with browns that include straw newspaper and dead leaves.
- The only difference with winter composting is that you do not have to turn the pile as much. Frequent turning of the winter compost heap may result in heat escape, so it is best to keep turning to a minimal.
- Since the cold weather slows down decomposition, reducing the size of your compost pieces helps. Chop up food scraps before placing them in the winter compost bin and shred up leaves with a mower before adding them to the pile. Keep the pile moist but not soggy. A good way to combat excess moisture is to add in some more browns to absorb the water.



Evolution Mining Sponsorship...

KBULG has secured \$90,000 over three years from Evolution Mining to boost its nursery in Karlkurla Bushland Park.

The project, in which \$90,000 will be put towards upgrading infrastructure and supporting education programs at the nursery, is the first major community project Evolution has managed in Kalgoorlie since it took over the Mungari gold operations in 2015.

The upgrades will enable KBULG to enclose the hothouses with upgraded materials, so there's going to be shade cloth and canvas around those houses so that they can be used throughout winter and there will be occupational health and safety upgrades within the nursery as well.

The funding will also allow KBULG to expand its community education programs, including culture information and education.

Evolution people, culture and community manager Dianne Newell said "it was important to establish a community project in Kalgoorlie to give back to the local community, this is our first



Dianne Newell, Kim Eckert, Simon Jessop and Angela Vanstone.

environmental sustainability project in Kalgoorlie".

Dianne also said "It's the area that we operate, the majority of our employees are based in Kalgoorlie, and it's important for them to see we're giving back to the community in which we operate and where they live".

KBULG would like to thank Evolution Mining for its sponsorship and is looking forward to working with their staff and employees during the next 3 year partnership.

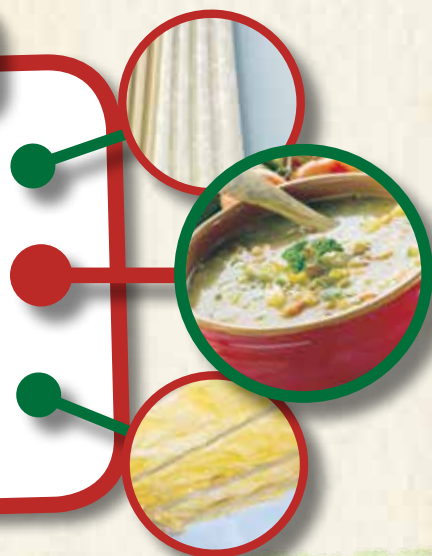
GREEN TIPS TO KEEP WARM THIS WINTER!

Heating your home can be very expensive. Here are some tips on how you could reduce your heating bills:

- Cover drafty windows, use heavy curtains and blinds to stop heat from escaping from your windows
- Let the sunshine in during the day
- Rug yourself up in warm clothes instead of using the heater
- Find and seal cracks and gaps,

25% of heat can escape that you use to warm your home

- Close off any rooms that aren't in use
- Install insulation in your house or top up old and thinning insulation, you might be able to save 50% total cost of heating. Tip: The higher the "R" rating on insulation, the more comfortable you will be.
- Eat for warmth



Get your Garden ready for this year's Sustainable Garden Competition



Sustainable residential garden category winner Peter Mitrasinovich, with Danica Mitrasinovich.
Picture: Louise White

KBULG's Sustainable Garden Quest has become an important spring event for everyone engaged or interested in waterwise gardening within the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Region.

The winners of last year's Spring competition were announced at Lorna Mitchell Spring Festival in October 2016, and the competition again served its purpose in promoting, educating, and awareness-raising about opportunities and varied techniques for water-wise gardening. Winning entries were selected from following five categories: Residential (Owner & Tenant combined), Commercial (Business and Industry combined), Schools, Community Organisation, and Edible Garden.

Over recent years judges have been particularly impressed with the amount of effort and planning that has gone into the many different gardens and the use of a variety of native species, edible plants, mulch and weed-free verges. Judges were fascinated with the real passion for gardening and innovative ideas for waterwise gardening demonstrated by entrants, which greatly enhances the street-scape of Kalgoorlie - Boulder.

This year KBULG will open the competition on 1st September. Entries close on 27th September, with judging of the competition on 30th September. The winner of competition will be announced at this year's Lorna Mitchell Spring Festival on the 8th of October.