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CEO Update

Welcome to KBULG's Summer Newsletter! Once again, the year has flown by, and I can't believe tomorrow will be the first day of Summer! This edition of KBULG's newsletter is jam packed with all our recent community involvement, important information on how to look after our environment and some handy "summer" tips - please read, learn and enjoy!

With tomorrow also being the first Sunday of the month, our Native Plant Group will be meeting at the Karlkurla Bushland Park Community Nursery (1:30pm-3:30pm) - if you would like to find out more about our local natives, please come along to this free, informative session. The Native Plant Group will not meet in January, however, will commence monthly again on Sunday the 2nd of February 2014, at a new time of 9am-11am - so please note this in your diaries and we hope to see you all then.

I would like to finish up by thanking our hard working staff, volunteers, the committee, our community and ALL of our sponsors for their dedication and support throughout 2013. With your help, KBULG is continuing to achieve our vision of "working towards a Better Environment, Better Lifestyle for the people of the Goldfields".

Merry Christmas and Happy 2014!

Kim O'Reilly



The making of Frosty the Snowman at this year's Lighting of the Christmas Tree (from left) Anjali Avgeris, Lisa Short and Kim Eckert.



KALGOORLIE-BOULDER WINS TIDY TOWNS 2013 REGIONAL AWARD



KBULG and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's (CKB) ongoing efforts were once again recognised by winning the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities 2013 Regional Award for Natural Environment Conservation in the Central Wheat Belt-Goldfields.

The award particularly recognised the commitment in its on-going effort in environmental conservation.

The judges spent three days in the city and were guided through the different community and conservation programs KBULG organize and manage.

Some these are ; Community in Action - KBULG Nursery and Native Plant Group, Annual Community Tree Planting Day, Clean



Up Kalgoorlie-Boulder Day, reCONstructed Art Competition, Waste management and Litter Prevention, Heritage and Culture and the management of the 'Green Belt', 3500 hectares of natural regeneration including Karlkurla Bushland Park.

The judge Mr Ashton said they were looking for the city that did the most with what they had. Peter Ashton accepted the award on our behalf at the award ceremony. Congratulations to everyone for your contributions to this well deserving award. Well Done KBULG and CKB!

KBULG Welcomes New Management Committee

KBULG held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday the 03 October and after a brief summary of the year's abundant activities and acknowledgement of our fantastic core sponsors the new 2013/2014 committee was elected.

We are pleased to welcome Peta Osborne as acting elected Chairperson and Jim Tompson has again filled the position as Vice Chairperson, and Rod Botica who after 14 years still continues to be the Treasurer and Suzie Williams has nominated to fill the position as secretary.

A big thank you to all the outgoing committee members for their contribution over the last year, your assistance, during 2012/2013, has been greatly appreciated.

Sustainable Garden Competition 2013

Kalgoorlie-Boulder's annual Sustainable Garden Competition organized by KBULG was a great success again this year.

The competition is not only about engaging the community in taking pride of their gardens, it is about rewarding those people who are trying to do the right thing and adapting their gardens to suit the semi-arid climate of the Goldfields.

There was a new category introduced into the competition this year 'Edible Garden'.

The standard of nominations were extraordinarily high across all categories and judges were particularly impressed with the amount of effort and planning which has gone into the many different gardens and the use of native and edible species.

We would also like to say,

"thank you" to our judges for volunteering their time and being part of the competition.

Congratulations to all our winners and for participating in the competition this year:

- **Residential Owner Maintained:** Sarah Campbell
- **Residential Owner Maintained Runner Up:** Steve Leipold and Sharon Grundie

- **Residential Tenant Maintained:** Betty Pollard
- **School Group:** Tex Bramley - John Paul Collage
- **Industry:** Ripley Cramp - Quality Inn
- **Edible Garden Residential:** Sarah Campbell
- **Edible Garden Community:** Golden Mile Loopline Railway Station



Lighting of the Christmas Tree Street Party

KBULG was at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree Street Party this year again, kids had the opportunity to make snowman decorations from recycled bottle caps and ribbon. It was a fun night of arts and crafts for the kids.



STOP CALTROP WEED!

CALTROP is taking over our City! We need your HELP.

CALTROP is a nasty, ground covering noxious weed with yellow flowers that produce seeds with very prickly spines. Known to attack the innocent feet of adults, children and pets alike.

Approach with caution, be sure to have well equipped weaponry such as gloves and a shovel. Completely remove, collect & bag all roots, plants & seed material to prevent escape.

Place sealed bag into your green wheelie bin.

For more info contact Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group

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Local Plant Profile

Climbing Saltbush

Climbing Saltbush – *Einadia nutans*

Size and Form: twining herb with herbaceous or woody stems spreading to 1 m diameter.

Flowers: tiny yellow flowers and attractive bright red or yellow fruit most of the year.

Leaves: leaves 20–30 mm long.

Habitats: It grows on a wide range of soil types and in most vegetation communities.

Interesting Facts:

- It is usually found growing along the ground, often around tree trunks, or on low shrubs, fences, or supported by tree trunks in a variety of soils and condition.
- It is extremely vigorous and hardy, able to withstand very dry conditions, frost, saline conditions or salt-laden winds.
- These plants provide food for adult butterflies and their larvae.

SUNSMART®

KBULG along with the Golden Mile Loopline staff and volunteers took part in an in house SunSmart workshop in preparation for summer.

The cancer council seminar provided staff and volunteers with critical and educational information in protecting against the sun's harmful UV rays and how individuals and workplaces can take actions to reduce sun exposure. The best protection for staff working outdoors is to wear the appropriate clothing, change work hours to reduce exposure and to have sufficient shade where possible. Both employers and staff have an equal role in making sure they are sunsmart. This information session provided staff and volunteers with a great insight that has been adopted into our workplaces and homes.

- Some helpful hints:**
- Slip – Appropriate protective clothing / eye gear
 - Slop – SPF 30 + Sunscreen
 - Slap – Full brimmed Hat – with a brim of 7.5 cm
 - Seek – Staying in shade is an effective way to reduce exposure
 - Slide – Sunglasses (EPF of 10) that protect/ wrap around your face to reduce UV entering from the side

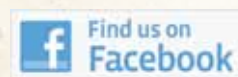


Thank you Pam Foulkes-Taylor from the Cancer Council.

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RECONSTRUCTED – RECYCLED ART COMPETITION – NOVEMBER 2013

KBULG hosted our annual rECon-structed Art Competition in November this year.

The rECon-structed Art Competition is about creating community awareness about the waste cycle and ultimately reducing the amount of waste going to landfill. It encourages the creation of artwork from reused and recycled materials.

The competition was a huge success. KBULG hopes to continue the project again next year as part of its ongoing objective of encouraging and educating the community about waste reduction within our local community.

The quality of the entries this year was extraordinary, making judging very difficult. After lots of hard work

and being creative with waste materials, the winners of the exhibition were announced on Friday 15th November!

Over 100 spectators attended the exhibition on the night. The People's choice award is still open until Friday 06 December, so get down to the Goldfields Art Centre and cast your vote before it's too late.

The winning entries were:



Thank you to all our sponsors and the Goldfields Art Centre for your on-going support.

PLEASE HELP OUR COMMUNITY BY PARTICIPATING IN KERBSIDE RECYCLING

- When you put materials into your recycling bin, don't ever put them in a plastic bag.
- Don't put oven-proof glass, drinking glasses or ceramic mugs in your bin. Just 25g of oven-proof glass can contaminate one tonne of normal glass, making it useless for recycling.
- All types of printer cartridges are now recyclable all around Australia through the 'Cartridges 4 Planet Ark' program. In Kalgoorlie-Boulder you can drop off your cartridges at any Australia Post outlet, Harvey Norman, Dick Smith, Cartridge World and Online Business Equipment.
- Drink cans are commonly recycled. However, many people forget about the cans they drink from away from home. Don't litter, put them in a recycling bin when you're finished and if you can't find a recycling bin take them home with you and recycle them with your other home recyclable items.
- Keep recycling those newspapers and magazines! Last year, we recycled the equivalent of 1 billion newspapers into newsprint and other paper materials. When it comes to newspapers and magazines, we are arguably the best recyclers in the world.
- Rinse out containers, jars and bottles before putting them in your recycling bin. They don't have to be spotless, just give them a quick clean.
- Remove the lids from bottles and jars before putting items your recycling bin.
- Pizza boxes, paper bags or cardboard boxes containing food also need special treatment before putting them into your recycling bin. Take out all food items before recycling and remember if the cardboard/paper box or paper bag is too soiled or greasy it cannot be recycled.
- 47% of Australia's household waste is made up of organic waste like food scraps and garden cuttings. That's a huge amount of waste to add to landfill so invest in a compost bin, bokashi bin or worm farm to make good use of your organic waste and keep it out of landfill.

For more information contact Cleanaway telephone: 08 9091 5686.



Ho Ho Eco!

Top Tips for a Greener Christmas

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: They get hot and expensive to run so buy LED lights instead. They generate light through the electronic movement of particles. They last for up to ten years and use up to 80% less electricity than other lights.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Pick up a free 'Cards 4 Planet Ark' recycling envelope from Australia Post and recycle your cards after Christmas. Send electronic Christmas cards by email—this will save paper OR cut pictures out of old Christmas cards and make new ones for next year.

TOYS AND GADETS need batteries, so use a battery re-charger...Rechargeable batteries can usually be re-charged up to one thousand times.

FOOD: If you're having a traditional Christmas dinner, think about a free range organic turkey and organic veggies. Recycle all your food scraps and left over food in your home compost/worm farm.

FOOD WASTAGE: Plan ahead and try not to over cater – there is only so much you can fit in your tummy! Make sure you get the leftovers back in the fridge quickly and have a plan for them. If you won't eat them within three days, then freeze or give away. Find out where in your area will take leftover food. Compost what you can as well. We know disposable crockery and cutlery is really handy and saves so much work. But, they really have an impact on the planet, particularly if they are not bio-degradable.

PLATES: Avoid using disposable plates or plastic cutlery, and only use the dishwasher once it's full.

BEFORE YOU HEAD OFF ON HOLIDAYS: Make sure you turn off all the lights in the house, switch off computers and televisions and all the electrical appliances that you can at the wall.

RECYCLE anything you can after the Christmas feast...that includes cans, bottles, corks, cardboard...and if you get something like a new mobile phone as a present, make sure you recycle the old one by taking down to your local Telstra Shop.

WRAPPING PAPER: Get creative—wrap presents in re-usable items like tins, tea towels, beach towels, pillow cases, scarves, table cloth etc, which makes for a great bonus gift! If you choose to wrap presents, make sure wrapping is recyclable, like paper wrap, not plastic or cellophane wrap.

PRESENTS: Treat someone to an "experience present" such as theatre tickets, flying lesson or a trip to the cinema – they're very personal gifts and don't come surrounded by stacks of packaging!

SHOPPING: Say "No" to plastic bags – when doing your Christmas shopping, take a re-usable shopping bag with you.

CLOTHES: Over 80,000 tonnes of old clothes will be thrown away this Christmas, so if you do get a new wardrobe, make sure you donate your old clothes to a local charity shop.

Remember "Rethink!" this Christmas – Reduce – Reuse – Recycle!

DUST! DUST! DUST

In recent months we have experienced some very dusty days and as summer approaches it is only going to increase. Loose surface soil particles are picked up and carried along by weather front winds resulting in dust storms.

Dust storms are natural events and are relatively common in the semi-arid rangelands, however many of the storms affecting us in urban Kalgoorlie-Boulder originate from inside the town's perimeter.

These "dust storms" reduce air quality and visibility and have adverse effects on people's health, especially those who already have breathing-related problems. In addition they have an annoyance factor of covering everything outdoors and sometimes inside with a layer of dust.

So what can we do? We can reduce the problem, by eliminating or reducing the common sources of dust in Kalgoorlie-Boulder!

Dust emissions can be prevented/reduced in four basic ways:

- Limiting the creation or presence of dust-sized particles.
- Reducing wind speed at ground level.
- Binding dust particles together.
- Capturing and removing dust from its sources.

Common dust sources:

- Basically, anywhere the soil surface is exposed!
 - Storage piles, including soils and sands for landscaping etc. Cover these with wind-impervious fabric.
 - Construction sites – these are strictly regulated and required to control and manage dust. Report if regular dust problems.
 - Un-vegetated road verges – especially those regularly driven and parked on. Cover the soil, either vegetate or add surface gravel, but limit the amount of fine particles.
 - Gravel roads and tracks throughout the town. Lower your speed, use alternate bituminised routes and stay off the tracks. High vehicle speed increases the amount of dust stirred up from non bitumen roads and vacant land. Don't drive off-road recreational vehicles on open land – stay to permitted areas.
 - Bare back and front yards. Vegetate, or pave, just cover the soil, preferably with a permeable substance. In areas where planting, mulching or paving is impractical, apply gravel or landscaping rock.
 - Construct natural or artificial wind breaks or wind screens.
- If we work together and deal with the dust sources around our homes we can reduce these dust occurrences!

GARDEN ORGANICS BINS

- Large 360 litre wheelie bins
- Weekly, fortnightly or monthly collection
- Competitive pricing



Simply call SITA to arrange your Garden Organics Bin that's environmentally friendly

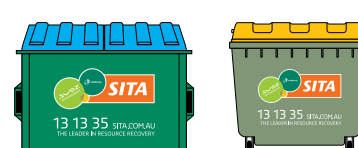
ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Pruning's and grass clippings
- Shrubs • Weeds
- Leaves and bark

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Kitchen waste including fruit and vegetable scraps, animal dropping, general recycling and rubbish, large logs, branches and stumps which will make the bin difficult to lift

Green Waste should only be put in the Green Waste recycling bin and not bagged. Materials should be no larger than 10 centimetres in diameter



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RECYCLING BY THE NUMBERS

WE all know they have something to do with recycling, but what do those numbers and letters on plastic containers actually mean?

1 PET Found on: Soft drink, water and juice bottles, some plastic jars

2 HDPE Found on: Milk Bottles, shampoo and cleaning product bottles

3 PP Found on: Rigid Packaging, lunch boxes and microwave containers, toys

4 LDPE Found on: Cordial and juice bottles, shampoo and detergent bottles

5 PVC Found on: Cordial and juice bottles, shampoo and detergent bottles

6 PS Found on: Yoghurt containers, disposable cups and cutlery, meat trays, straws

7 OTHER Found on: Wide range of products

8 PP Found on: Rigid Packaging, lunch boxes and microwave containers, toys

9 PP Found on: Rigid Packaging, lunch boxes and microwave containers, toys

10 PP Found on: Rigid Packaging, lunch boxes and microwave containers, toys

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COMING EVENTS!

KBULG NATIVE PLANT GROUP

Sunday 01 December 2013
1.30pm to 3.30pm
Sunday 02 February 2014
9.00am to 11.00am

KBULG will be closed from the
20 December over the
Festive Season and re-open on
the 06 January 2014.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Join Kalgoorlie-Boulder's leading
community environment group

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

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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.

Comments: _____

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GARDEN WATER SAVING TIPS FOR SUMMER

The hot summer months are fast approaching and one thing we quickly become aware of over summer is just how valuable water is and the importance of conserving it. Did you know that the average household garden is the largest consumer of water? Here are some tips on how to reduce water consumption in your garden whilst keeping it looking at its best.

- Mulch your garden, preferably with organic mulch to a depth of 100-150mm. Mulch can reduce evaporation from soil by up to 70%. Mulch is like a blanket on the soil, it keeps the soil cool and it reduces evaporation because the soil is not exposed to dry air and drying winds.
- Apply a soil wetting agent to your lawn and garden beds. This will help prevent the soil from repelling water
- Add water saving crystals to baskets and pots.
- Install a water tank. During hot, dry summer months, collected rainwater

is ideal for use on the garden to help lawn and plants thrive under difficult conditions.

- Minimize lawn areas as they use large amounts of water. Only water them at night and use sprinklers which produce large droplets, rather than fine mist.
- Consider water efficient lawn alternatives, e.g. hardy attractive ground cover plants, mulches and paving.
- Install drip irrigation where practical as it is the most water efficient means of irrigating plants. Check all the sprinklers, drippers, sprayers etc on your pre-existing irrigation system to ensure there are no blockages or water spraying onto paths.
- Water longer and less frequently. This encourages the development of deep root systems, which makes plants more drought tolerant.



Select the right plants. Choose plants local to the area and group plants with similar water requirements.

KARLKURLA BUSHLAND PARK

New signage was installed at Karlkurla Bushland Park with the assistance of our local Department of Parks and Wildlife staff members in November. The signage will allow users of the park to have a clear understanding of all the different walking tracks available at each intersection while providing information about the surrounding flora and fauna of the Great Western Woodlands. Karlkurla Bushland Park has seen increased foot traffic due to activities such as Park Run and Scavenger Hunt in relation to wellbeing programs, additionally school groups and tourists are also moving through the park daily.

We are advising residents to keep dogs on leads in Karlkurla Bushland Park. The Bushland Park is an 'on lead area' signage is posted at each entry gate, along with litter bags to pick up after your dog.

Native wildlife is coming back to Karlkurla and we want to ensure that we keep their habitat safe. Dogs can often displace native wildlife and birds from natural areas. We had several recent reports of reptiles and

snakes in the park. Dogs must always be under the control of the owner, leaving your dog off lead can be dangerous to your dog and other park users.

Most owners don't believe their dogs would attack native wildlife, however all types of domestic dogs will instinctively chase wildlife when they see them moving through the bush or on the ground. It's just a natural response. Please be responsible and look after the safety of our wildlife and our furry friends.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder offers a number of off lead parks for dogs to run free.

These areas are:

- Rydel Park - Rydel Street
- Gribble Creek (Speculation Rd to Vivian St)
- Arboretum - Hawkins Street
- Edwards Park - Piccadilly Street
- Dwyer Street Dam - Dwyer Street
- Bushland between Eastern Bypass Rd, Lane Street and Goldfields Regional Prison

Photo of the Western Brown or Gwardar snake, very fast and highly venomous, taken at Karlkurla Park last week.



For more information please contact the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on 9021 9600 or visit their website on www.kalbould.wa.gov.au

If you see a roaming dog contact the rangers on 9021 9697 during business hours or 9021 9600 for after hours or on weekends or public holidays.

Let's work together to protect our native wildlife, maintain the safety of our community and furry friends at Karlkurla Bushland Park by keeping your pet on a leash at all times.

MAKE YOUR OWN ECO CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



KBULG demonstrated ECO Christmas Decorations at the Lighting of the Christmas Tree on the 27th November - Here's how we made ours:

Materials:- bottle caps

- white, black, orange, and red acrylic paint
- paintbrushes
- ribbon
- hot glue gun and glue sticks
- buttons
- scissors
- optional: glitter and/or sparkle Mod Podge

Merry Christmas everyone!

STEP 1: Paint the inside of each bottle cap white. It's a little tricky getting it to coat completely, so you'll probably need to do several coats, letting it dry in between. It won't take long if they're spray painted.

STEP 2: Glue three bottle caps to a piece of ribbon. You'll also want to put a bit of glue in between each bottle cap to hold them together. Form a loop with the top of the ribbon and glue in place.

STEP 3: Use the end of a paintbrush or a toothpick to paint eyes, a nose, mouth and buttons on your snowmen.

STEP 4: Tie a ribbon or yarn between the first and second bottle caps to make a scarf and accent with a button if you like.

KBULG would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MAKE IT GREEN AND KEEP IT CLEAN!

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