



KBULG in action!



Kim Eckert at Karlkurla Bushland Park.

CEO UPDATE

Welcome to KBULG's Autumn Newsletter! The past few months have flown by, we've had Christmas/New Year leave and we are all back into the swing of another busy/fun year. We have set the dates for all our events and have already hit the ground running. The nursery out at Karlkurla Bushland Park is looking fabulous, if you get a chance to come out to the park whilst we are here, please drop in, say hello and have a look around.

On the first Sunday of every month (next one is the 6th of April), we have our Native Plant Group - the time has changed to 9am - 11am and you are invited to come along and help in the nursery and learn how to propagate local native plants.

World Environment Day is coming up on the 5th of June and to coincide with that, we have scheduled our "Clean Up Kalgoorlie-Boulder Day" on Saturday the 7th of June, so if you weren't able to help last Sunday with the "Clean Up Australia Day", please join us for just a couple of hours, it's a worthwhile cause... helping our community and our environment (location yet to be confirmed). Please enjoy reading all the useful information and handy tips in this latest edition of KBULG news for the season ahead.

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

Kim Eckert



As the weather begins to change, Western Power has provided us with some information on things we can all do to help keep the lights on and make this Winter a little safer for everyone...

Power poles on your property?

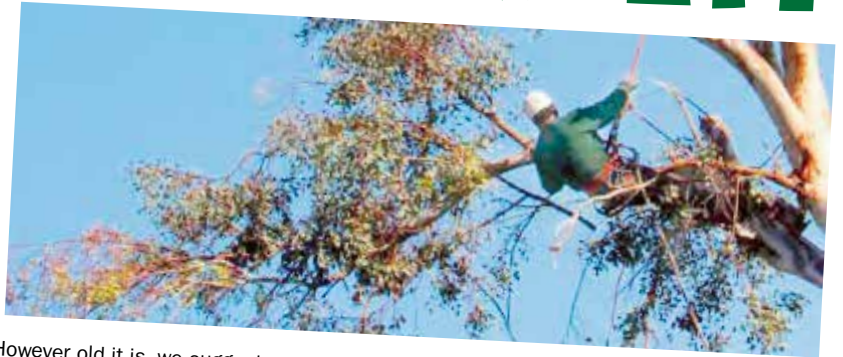
Did you know that you may be responsible for the power equipment on your property? While most poles and powerlines are owned by Western Power, some power equipment is privately owned. Some quick ways to check if you may be responsible:

- your meter box is on a power pole
 - powerlines to your property are supported by one or more power poles within your property boundary
- If you're unsure, you can always contact us on **13 10 87** or email **enquiries@westernpower.com.au** to check if you are responsible and how you can make sure they stay in a safe condition.

Keeping the lights on

Though we're focused on keeping your lights on, stormy weather at this time of year can mean this isn't always possible. For our customers who require 24-hour power supply, some maintain back-up power sources such as generators.

POWER SAFETY



However old it is, we suggest you take the time to have it checked by a licensed electrical contractor to review the wiring and ensure it meets national safety requirements.

For information on licensed electrical contractors, visit **commerce.wa.gov.au/energysafety**.

Trees touching powerlines - the waiting game

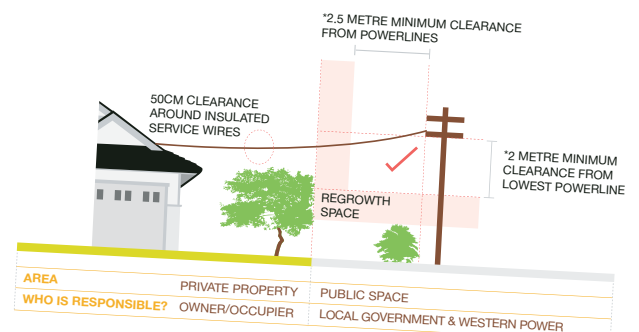
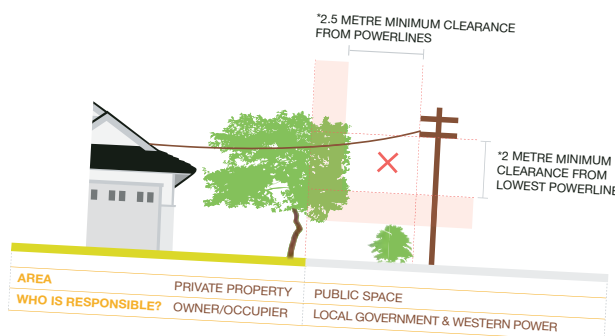
Year on year, June through August is a busy time for trees and other debris being blown into powerlines. At best, this can mean frustrating power outages, and at worst, this can bring down powerlines and

endanger lives of passersby or live stock. So if you see trees touching powerlines, report them to us at Western Power on **13 13 51**.

For information visit **westernpower.com.au**.

And remember, if you see a fallen powerline, assume it's live and stay clear. Make the safe call and call Western Power on 13 13 51.

*Local call charges apply from a landline phone. Mobile phones may incur a higher charge.



KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL WA - BIN IT 'YOU KNOW IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO

Littering continues to be a significant issue in Western Australia. While the 2012-13 National Litter Index statistics show that in Western Australia there have been improvements in litter levels over the last five years, the volume of litter has increased, primarily due to an increase in the littering of plastic, paper and cardboard items. Therefore, there is considerable work to be done to achieve a cleaner and safer state, by working collaboratively with community groups, government and businesses and continuing to inform and encourage the community to change their behaviours.

What we know about littering

- Litterers come from all age groups.
- Younger people are more likely to litter when in groups.
- Littering is worse in littered and graffiti areas.
- People litter if others are doing it too and it's seen as normal

Feedback from the community suggests that the roadside litter is an increasing problem. Especially littering of takeaways containers, bottles and cans.

"I'm in my car, and one cigarette butt out the window isn't going to make a difference"

"It's only a small bit of rubbish and no one will notice it"

"It's an apple - and that's bio-degradable or a bird will get it"

"Someone else has done it, so that makes it ok for me to do it as well"

If areas are kept clean, they are more likely to stay clean and be littered less. Littering is not acceptable and appeals to those people who perhaps might justify littering with the excuse... Regardless of the reason we might have...the message is, it's actually not okay to litter. In fact, we should always Bin It - why? Because we know it's the right thing to do. How can you get involved and promote the campaign message? Join the fight against litter and do your bit. To learn more about the 'Bin It' anti-litter message you can email: **kabc@kabc.wa.gov.au**, telephone: 08 6467 5339 or visit: **www.kabc.wa.org.au** to obtain free 'Bin It' resources. Watch the ad on you tube: **http://www.youtube.com/**

KBULG will be hosting a Clean Kalgoorlie-Boulder Day in support of Clean Up Australia Day on 7 June 2014, please stay tuned for more information or email **admin@kbulg.org.au for details.**

It's only a cigarette butt. Somebody else will pick it up.



STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Clean Up Day in June

Just 1 piece of rubbish can make a difference!

9am - 11am
Saturday 7th June

Stay tuned for location details
(Please bring your gloves, hat, sunscreen and waterbottle)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AFTERWARDS AND PRIZES TO BE WON!



For further information please contact KBULG on 0418935498 or **admin@kbulg.org.au**

RIP it out NOW! Before it RIPS INTO YOU!

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**

Kalgoorlie Miner

www.kbulg.org.au



Local Plant Profile

Eremophila Racemosa

Size and Form: Erect shrub, reach 2 metres high x 2 metres wide.

Flowers: White to yellow flowers occurs singly in the leaf axils and are tubular in shape to about 25 mm long.

Leaves: Thin bright green leaves. Habitats: Red to yellow sands, granite, laterite or clay soils on undulating plains, claypans, salt lakes and screes.

Interesting Facts:

- Flowering time is from spring to early summer.
- Prefers well drained soils and a full sun position.
- Frost and drought tolerant.



Attracting Birds to your Garden

Australia is home to a large and diverse range of bird species. Many of us enjoy the colour and song that birds provide, but how do you go about attracting them?

Three key things need to be in place to attract native birds:

PLANT VARIETY

When considering what type of plants to use, it is important to create a community of plants with different heights, shapes, leaves and flowering times. This will make your garden more attractive to a wider variety of birds.

FOOD SUPPLY

Different bird species have different dietary requirements, but birds generally eat a combination of nectar, insects, fruit or seed. Planting indigenous plants is the best option as these plants provide resources that native birds can identify, having developed associations with them over hundreds or even thousands of years.

FRESH WATER

A bird bath is the easiest way to supply water for birds in a residential setting. A basin with shallow edges and a deeper centre is important as it allows large birds to bathe and drink without drowning the smaller birds! Alternatively, creating a pond where insect larvae, frogs and fish can live will further enhance the habitat value of your garden.

Contact KBULG Phone 0418 935 498
email admin@kbulg.org.au
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ILLEGAL RUBBISH DUMPING

DESPITE free tip access, some Kalgoorlie-Boulder residents are disposing of their rubbish in our native bushland.

Dumping this rubbish on private or public land without authorisation is illegal and degrades our environment.

Furniture, packaging and organic waste are amongst the most common types of illegally dumped rubbish, although construction materials, scrap tyres, abandoned cars and hazardous waste are also found.

The environmental impacts of illegal dumping are significant.

Not only does illegal dumping result in our bush land looking



unsightly but it is also a potential fire hazard, smothering native vegetation through the introduction of unwanted cuttings, seeds and weeds.

Dumped rubbish can leach contaminants into our bushland, harming our plants and animals and damaging our landscape.

Illegal dumping can be prosecuted under the Litter Act 1979.

If you see an illegal dump site or see someone dumping rubbish, you can report it to the Rangers Department at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Council, who will be able to investigate the matter further.

Become a lean green shopping machine

DID you know that by making small changes in your shopping habits you can make a big impact on the environment? Being environmentally conscious when you shop is not only good for the environment it can be good for your wallet as well. Shopping 'green' doesn't have to take any extra time and effort, all it takes is a little environmental know-how.

Here are a few tips to get you well on the way to becoming a lean green shopping machine:

- Take your own reusable bags or basket shopping. Say NO to plastic bags.
- Buy fresh food and fruit loose.
- Purchase reusable, long-life and

rechargeable items. Avoid buying disposable, single-use products such as disposable nappies and plastic plates.

- Rent or borrow equipment you may only use a few times, such as trailers, ladders and power tools, or buy them second hand. You will save money and reduce the amount of rubbish created.
- To reduce packaging, buy in bulk and purchase long-life goods or buy concentrated products.
- Buy products made from recycled materials and avoid excess packaging. Choose products that come in recycle, refillable or reusable packaging.
- Choose the container that can be most

easily recycled.

- Buy from manufacturers with a good environmental track record and check product labels or environmental certification
- Try to buy locally if possible. Transporting products from around the world contributes to air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Always write a shopping list and stick to it. Avoid buying more food than what you need.



Recycling Computers and Accessories

The Problem

In 2011-12, an estimated 29 million televisions and computers across Australia reached their end-of-life, with only around 10% of these likely to have been recycled.

- The inappropriate disposal of unwanted televisions, computers and other e-waste is a problem not only for the environment but also for human health due to the hazardous materials they contain.

Televisions and computers also contain valuable non-renewable resources like gold, steel, copper, zinc and aluminium. When electrical items are sent to landfill or recycled incorrectly, these resources are wasted, along with the water, oil and energy required to produce them.

The Revolution

Following the introduction of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme manufacturers that make and/or import televisions and computers must pay for the recycling of these products at the end of their life.

- The Scheme requires importers and manufacturers to join and fund industry-run arrangements, such as the not-for-profit organisation TechCollect, to establish recycling drop off points around Australia.
- 40,000 tonnes of televisions, computers and computer products were recycled under the scheme in 2012-13; nearly double the volume of the years before.

Australians are among the highest users of new technology in the world and purchase over 2.4 million computers every year. This makes electronic waste or e-waste, including computers and accessories, a growing problem. Computers are ideal for recycling due to their large volumes, high toxicity and good resource recovery potential of non-renewable resources like tin, nickel, zinc and copper.

Council services for Computers City Of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has listed the following locations where you can recycle your computers.

1. Drop off Facility - C.D. Dodd Scrap Metal Recyclers
2. Drop off Facility - Simsmetal
3. Drop off Facility - Yarri Road Refuse Facility

Please refer to www.recyclingnearyou.com.au to find out more about what you can recycle.



HEDGES

Trim hedges before the onset of winter to keep them compact and bushy from ground level.

CUTTINGS

Now is the best time to make new plants from cuttings.



AUTUMN GARDENING TIPS



It's now the end of the long, hot summer days and a great time of the year to get the jobs done that have been put off because of the heat. Autumn is a great time to do garden improvement and maintenance, many plants have grown over the summer and need to be shaped and thinned. You can also sharpen your tools, improve your soil and mulch the garden beds.

A little time spent on jobs now, will help your garden flourish in Spring.

PRUNING Get out the secateurs and shears, tidy your plants, get rid of dead wood and cut back vines.

LAWN Now is the time to feed your lawn. Use a slow release lawn food to develop a strong

root system and get thicker grass. Aerating compacted areas of the grass where nothing grows is also a great idea. Grab a pitchfork, jab it in to the lawn and loosen the ground. You might also need to spread lawn seed.

GARDEN BEDS also appreciate aeration. Insert a garden fork as far as you can into the soil and move it back and forth slightly. Loosening soil helps encourage deeper and stronger root growth, it also helps with water dissemination. Do this around the area underneath the outer canopy of trees where rain or dew drips onto the ground.

CITRUS TREES Autumn is the time to mulch your citrus trees. A mulch of cow manure in

Autumn is beneficial and also a surface mulch of Lucerne added after each application of fertiliser will ensure that moisture is retained in the soil.

Remember that Lucerne is a most important product as it adds nitrogen to the soil, promoting worm activity and keeps weeds down. It also helps to retain moisture and eventually breaks down to a wonderful compost.



COMING EVENTS!

Sunday 6 April 2014

**Native Plant Group at Karlkurla Bushland Park – KBULG Nursery, Tumberri Way
Entrance – 9am to 11am**

Sunday 4 May 2014

**Native Plant Group at Karlkurla Bushland Park – KBULG Nursery, Tumberri Way
Entrance – 9am to 11am**

17-25 May 2014

Heart of Gold Festival

Saturday 24 May 2014

**Karlkurla Dreaming Culture Trail –
Karlkurla Bushland Park**

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

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community environment group

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

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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: _____

**RETURN TO: KALGOORLIE-BOULDER URBAN LANDCARE GROUP
PO Box 1038, KALGOORLIE WA 6430
Phone: 0418935498 Email: admin@kbulg.org.au**

COMPOST

**AWARENESS WEEK
5 - 11 MAY 2014**

Better Soil, Better Life, Better Future

IF YOU don't have a compost heap, it's a GREAT time to start one! Autumn leaves are a fantastic source of nutrients and organic matter, and will soon be in good supply. Composting is the decomposition of plant remains and other once-living materials to make an earthy, dark, crumbly substance that is fantastic for adding to house plants or enriching garden soil. It is an ideal way to recycle your yard and kitchen wastes, and is a critical step in reducing the volume of garbage needlessly sent to our local landfill for disposal. It's easy to learn how to compost.

There are many options for containing your compost. Some people choose to go binless, simply building a compost pile in a convenient spot on the ground. Or you could build a bin from materials such as recycled pallets, or 2x4's and plywood.

And, of course, there are various ready-made compost bins for sale. Please give us a call if you'd like more information on composting.

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Heart of Gold FESTIVAL Karlkurla Dreaming

**Culture Trail
Saturday 24th May
9.00am**

**Karlkurla Bushland Park
Main Carpark
Paddington Drive, Hannans**

Experience the Karlkurla Bushland Park with local Indigenous
& KBULG guides. Learn about native flora & fauna, bush medicine,
bush tucker, historical events & stories of Dreamtime (approx 2hrs).

Adults \$12 Students \$7

*Tickets are available from the
Goldfields Arts Centre on 9088 6905
For more information contact KBULG on
0418 935 498 or email admin@kbulg.org.au*

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08:30 Saturday March 29, 2014

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LIVE LOCAL, PLANT LOCAL

What are indigenous plants?

Indigenous plants are local native plants that grow naturally in your area. Many have colourful flowers and attractive foliage that look great in all types of gardens.

Benefits of indigenous plants

• Low maintenance

Indigenous plants are perfectly suited to the local soil and climate. They thrive in the local area with little or no additional water, fertilisers or pesticides once they have established.

• Provide food and shelter for native wildlife

By planting even a few indigenous

plants in your garden you can provide food and shelter to native wildlife such as birds, butterflies and frogs.

• Enhance the landscape

Indigenous plants reflect the character and charm of your local area. Their unique style contributes to a sense of local identity.

What can you do?

Planting indigenous plants doesn't mean you have to turn your garden into bushland, you can start by mixing and matching indigenous plants with other natives and exotics. If you are pulling out a tired shrub, why not replace it with showy indigenous plant?

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