

# KBULG in action!

## CEO UPDATE

Welcome to KBULG's Winter Newsletter! It's been a really busy few months since our last update. We have been conducting bushwalks, hosted a Permaculture course, had our annual "Clean Up Kalgoorlie-Boulder Day", attended Kid's Fest and more recently, we have been busily preparing for the Annual Community Tree Planting Day together with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. We will be continuing on from last year's tree planting site, along Boomerang Crescent, South Kalgoorlie. Please come along and help us, as there will be approx 3,000 - 4,000 seedlings to plant - all in a couple of hours! It is a massive community effort and I would like to say a BIG thank you to all those who have helped us prepare for this wonderful event. Once again, we will have the fabulous orange brigade of KCGM volunteers in force on the day, apart from helping us plant, they will also cook a sausage sizzle to feed our hungry helpers - thank you to our major sponsors for this event, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, KCGM and the Kalgoorlie Miner for all your ongoing support.

Sadly, Sunday will be our nursery officer, Lisa Short's last event with KBULG. Lisa has been with KBULG for 2 and half years and I would like to thank her for all the work she has contributed to KBULG, we will miss you! On that note, we would like to welcome Jan Hendren and Brenden Westbrook to our team, Jan and Brenden will be jumping into the deep end with us on Sunday, learning the ropes at KBULG's biggest event of the year! 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" - I hope to see you tomorrow.

Kim Eckert



KBULG Team at our Community Nursery.



## Native Plant Group

**Do you want to meet new people and learn how to propagate and seed local native plants?**

Come along to KBULG's Native Plant Group and help us to "Green the Goldfields". Native Plant Group will recommence on the first Sunday of September (7th) at the Karlkurla Community Nursery, Karlkurla Bushland Park (near small car park on Tumberri Way, Hannans) 9.00am - 11.00am.

*No experience necessary, everyone is welcome!*

**For more information please contact  
admin@kbulg.org.au or 0418 935 498**

## COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING INFORMATION

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and KBULG invite you to attend  
**COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY!**

Come prepared with sturdy shoes, gloves and trowel. Don't forget your hat, sunscreen and bottle of water.

Have **FUN** and get **DIRTY** planting! Enjoy a free drink and sausage sizzle on us!

**For further information and a registration form, contact: KBULG  
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# Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tree Planting Day

Don't forget to wear gloves and bring a trowel, water, hat and sunscreen

Free  
Sausage Sizzle & Prizes  
to Win!

Meet at the Community Park

Cnr of Altham St & Sewell Drive  
Sunday 27th July  
09am - 11am



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# KALGOORLIE-BOULDER URBAN LANDCARE GROUP

## BETTER ENVIRONMENT - BETTER LIFESTYLE

### Get kids keen on the environment!

- Make it fun!** Harness creative energy into making posters about what goes into the recycling bin and turn mundane tasks into games and challenges: Who can have the shortest shower? Who can sort the recycling the fastest?
- Get Gardening.** Involve kids in projects like maintaining a veggie patch, turning the compost or feeding the worms.
- DIY Craft Projects.** Instead of throwing things away, use bits and bobs left around the house and get crafty. Kids will love it and learn about consuming less too.
- Read.** There are many children's books with environmental messages that are great to read together.
- Take the family on a bushwalk and get to know your local environment.** Karlkurla Bushland Park is a great place to start!

### Local Plant Profile

## SCHOENIA CASSINIANA

**Common Name:** Pink Everlasting  
**Scientific Name:** Schoenia Cassiniana  
**Size and Form:** 0.1m Width - 0.1m height  
**Flowers:** Pale Pink  
**Leaves:** long, thin leaves  
**Habitat:** Prefers light to medium well-composted soils in a protected sunny position, drought and frost tender.

**Interesting Facts:**

- Excellent for cut flowers or for drying and preserving.
- The name is a reference to the fact that they make excellent dried flowers, and do seem to last forever.
- Showy annual daisy with pink paper-daisy flowers in winter or spring.
- Grows relatively easily from fresh seed sown in autumn.
- Everlastings are annual flowers that are endemic to WA and make up a large part of the spectacular wildflower display that occur every spring.



## Walking your dog in Karlkurla Park

Karlkurla Bushland Park is a great place to exercise and walk your dog but please remember a few things when walking in the park with your four legged friends.

- Your dog must **ALWAYS** be on a lead in the park. Karlkurla Bushland Park is not an 'off leash' Zone. Dogs allowed to roam are a threat to local wildlife and you can be fined \$100 if your dog is not on its lead. Always remain on the sealed paths.
- Have a dog tidy bag with you to clean up after your dog - you can be fined \$200 for not cleaning up your furry friends droppings.
- Try to discourage your dog from barking in the park, the noise can scare the native wildlife.

If everyone follows these few simple rules the park can be enjoyed by everyone. If you want somewhere to exercise your dog off-lead then the Kalgoorlie Arboretum located on Hawkins Street (adjacent to Hammond Park) is the perfect place for you.



## FIND OUT ABOUT RECYCLING NEAR YOU

Please refer to  
[www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au)  
 to find out more!

This site contains information about the recycling and waste services offered by your council as well as local drop-off options for items including computers, batteries, printer cartridges, mobile phones and many more.

To find options near you use refer to the website or call the Recycling Hotline on 1300 733 712 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 5.00pm EST).



## 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 your 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.

## FOOD for thought



Food Glorious food! We eat it, we love it, it unifies us and sustains us. We all love eating out but how much do we throw out?

Food waste affects every household in Australia economically and environmentally.

Recent figures show that up to 40% of an average household bin is FOOD. Costing an average household \$1.036 per year, this money could be spent on paying your winter bills.

Aussies throw out \$8 billion worth of edible food every year that is 4,000,000 tonnes of food each year. Aussies throw out 3 average size fridges of food or 345kg for edible food per household.

Environmentally the consequences of food waste are devastating.

Food rotting in landfill creates greenhouse gases that are 25 times more potent than carbon pollution that comes out of a car exhaust. When you throw out food, what you see in this bin is not the only waste.

You're also throwing away the massive amount of resources it took to

get that food all the way from the 'paddock to your plate.'

An estimated 25 -40% of fruit and vegetables are rejected even before they reach the shops mostly because they don't match the consumers 'and supermarkets' high cosmetic standards.

That includes all elements of production, processing, storage, refrigeration, transportation and cooking.

To educate Australians about the consequences of food waste and to generate greater awareness log on to [www.FoodWise.com.au](http://www.FoodWise.com.au) to learn how you can reduce the amount of food you are sending to landfill.



## ATTRACT WILDLIFE TO YOUR GARDEN!



Kalgoorlie-Boulder residents can play an essential role to help maintain and improve habitat for local fauna in their garden. If you want to attract native fauna into your garden without harming them you can:

- Provide a healthy habitat by removing weeds and planting indigenous plants in your garden
- Maintain a fresh water source
- Create a bird bath
- Put up wildlife boxes
- Provide an area which is safe from predators such as dogs and feral cats. Keep your domestic pets inside at night.

If you are fortunate enough to have native fauna at your place remember that they are wild animals, not pets. Wild animals should be observed from a distance and should never be fed, cornered or made to feel threatened.

## Protecting Your ZONES

DID YOU KNOW?

Kalgoorlie-Boulder has Regeneration/Dust Abatement Zones. These zones create a "green belt" around the city and were established over 40 years ago to reduce the major dust problems in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and protect the health of the city's residents. They have been very successful in reducing dust storms from an almost daily to a now rare occurrence. Everyone in town benefits from these protected areas.

Not only do the Regeneration Zones make life in Kalgoorlie-Boulder a less dusty place to live, they also provide passive recreational facilities for everyone to enjoy. These zones are being abused and destroyed. The regeneration zones are under constant threat from Off Road Vehicles, illegal rubbish dumping and illegal firewood collecting.

Most of the damage is caused by off road vehicles which cause soil erosion, destruction of vegetation, disturbance of wildlife and the destruction of animal habitat. Over the years KBULG has spent thousands of dollars fixing fences damaged through continual vandalism.

Please keep your Off Road Vehicles out of the Regeneration Zones, if these areas continue to run down due to continued vandalism, everyone in Kalgoorlie-Boulder will be effected!



Green belt: This view from Karlkurla Park shows part of a regeneration zone north of Kalgoorlie.



## 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





## 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.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMING EVENTS!

**Sunday 27 July**

- Annual Tree  
Planting Day

**Sunday 7  
September**

- KBULG Native  
Plant Group
- Sustainable  
Garden Quest  
Entries Close  
31 August



## CLEAN UP DAY - SUNDAY 15TH JUNE

249 bags of rubbish and dumped electrical  
appliances were taken to the tip.  
Thank you to everyone who came out and  
supported us!



## TIDY TOWNS ENTRANT FOR 2014



The city of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has been entered into the 2014 Tidy Towns – Sustainable Communities Awards. The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tidy Towns Committee has put together an amazing submission showcasing the fantastic achievements of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community.

The Tidy Towns-Sustainable Communities Judges visited Kalgoorlie-Boulder on Monday 21st July to assess the efforts of our community and see our beautiful City.

KBULG are urging the community to keep your patch of Kalgoorlie-Boulder clean by

picking up rubbish and weeding and tidying up gardens and verges. Or go one step further and get some friends and family together to clean up your street, a local park or a vacant block. Let's keep our city Litter Free! Clean Up bags are available from the KBULG office.

## CONTACT

### KBULG IS YOUR! COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION ORGANISATION

If you have concerns or questions about the environmental issues in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, if you require further information about or would like any environmental educational resources, please contact us and we will be happy to help! For over 40 years KBULG has been working for a Better Environment and Better lifestyle for the people of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

**COMMUNICATE - EDUCATE - PARTICIPATE**

KBULG is located at Karlkurla Community Nursery,  
Karlkurla Bushland Park, Tumbarri Way, Hannans.  
Telephone 0418935498 or email admin@kbulg.org.au

## THANK YOU ROTARY!

Rotary volunteers spent the morning at Karlkurla Nursery and propagated over 2500 native plants for future propagating projects including Tree Planting tomorrow.



Thank you  
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