



# **MEDIA REPORT**

## **2017 - 2018**







Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert with MCM Protection technician Cam Mallory. Picture: Tegan Guthrie

# PARK RANSACKED AGAIN

■ Tegan Guthrie

Thieves and vandals have again targeted Karikurla Bushland Park, this time leaving the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group more than \$20,000 out of pocket.

In the late hours of Wednesday or early hours of Thursday last week, KBULG's nursery compound was targeted by thieves who allegedly stole thousands of dollars in tools and the group's red maintenance buggy—estimated at

\$12,000. The thieves allegedly broke the latch and pulled the sheeting off the park's shed to gain access to the tools and buggy.

This comes just weeks after KBULG officially launched its ecological classroom, which was the target of more than \$10,000 damage earlier this year.

KBULG has now spent several thousand dollars upgrading the security on the site, with cameras, alarms and monitoring systems in every part of the compound.

KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert said this was the fifth break-in in recent years and she was "heartbroken, devastated and exhausted".

"Just leave us alone and let us get on with doing good work for the community," she said.

Worried the park would again be targeted before the security could be upgraded, Ms Eckert said she had camped in the office last week.

"I just felt like I needed to be there to protect the park," she said.

She called for the community to keep an eye out for the park's electric red buggy, which was used to maintain the 200ha park and more than 7km of trails.

"It would be one of a kind in our area and not hard to spot, so if you see it, or hear or know anything about the break-in, please let the police know," she said.

Ms Eckert said the incident highlighted an ongoing issue in the community which needed to be addressed.

"We know we are not the only ones being targeted, we know it runs deeper and I think we just need to try and help those people making these decisions, because they obviously need help," she said.

"It is sad they feel they have to go to these lengths.

"Are they doing it for cash? Or just for kicks?

"We need to work that out and as a community try to resolve these issues."

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## PLASTIC BOTTLES

### Including

Soft drink bottles • milk and juice cartons  
• plastic takeaway containers

### How to recycle

Lids off and empty of liquids, food or waste

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### Including

Soft drink cans • aerosol cans • alfoil trays,

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Lids off and empty of liquids, food or waste

## LONG LIFE CARTONS

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Lids off and empty of liquids

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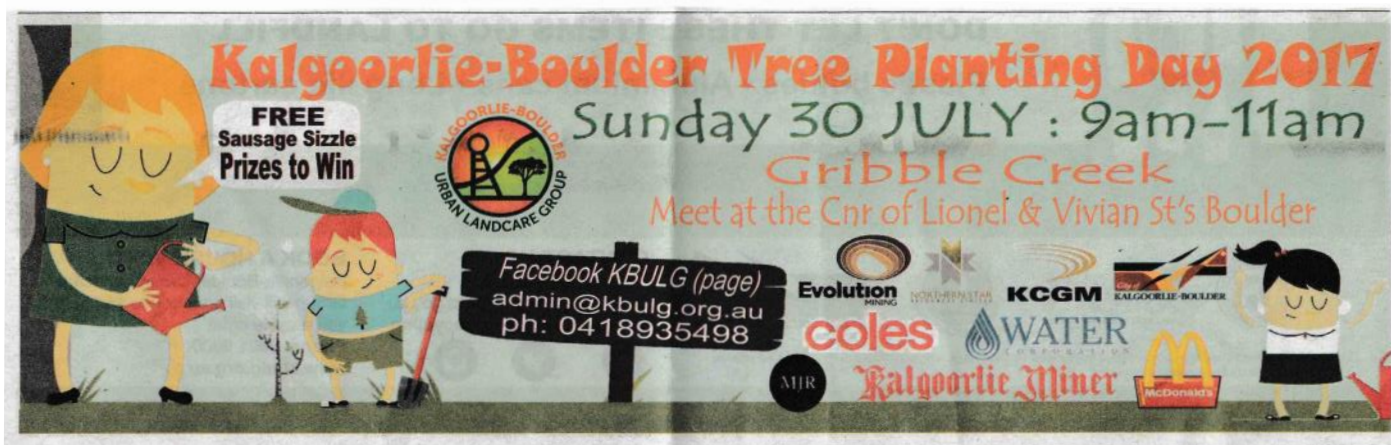
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## Volunteers needed to plant trees at Gribble Creek

■ Tegan Guthrie

Gribble Creek is the next location to receive some green-thumb love this weekend for Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tree Planting Day.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group is calling for community volunteers to help plant about 3000 seedlings along the Lionel and Vivian Street end of the creek on Sunday.

Coinciding with National Tree Day, the planting aims to encourage the community to play a role in the beautification and rehabilitation of the bushland around the city, as well as help to reduce dust.

KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert said she hoped to see as many people turn up as possible.

Last year, about 150 volunteers planted 3000 seedlings along Gatacre Drive. "It is always the

busiest week of the year for us because, aside from the community event, we also run tree-planting workshops in schools around town," she said.

"This is really important work so we are calling on everyone who has time, even if it is just half an hour, to come along and help us.

"The council will prepare the ground so all we have to do is plant them."

KBULG will be at East Kalgoorlie Primary School today, helping to plant trees, and two visits are planned for St Mary's Primary School this week.

Plants were also donated to Wiluna Remote Community School to help the school join in the national celebration.

A free sausage sizzle and drinks will be available at the tree planting, which takes place from 9-11am.



Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert and secretary and Central Regional TAFE horticulture and conservation land management lecturer David Strickland. Picture: Mary Meagher

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## Green idea takes root

Kalgoorlie-Boulder celebrated National Tree Day in style on Sunday morning with more than 150 community members, including Nian, 3, and Bill Jiang, planting 3000 native seedlings around Gribble Creek.

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Picture: Louise White



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## Community comes together to plant a greener future

■ Andrew Murdoch

Three thousand native seedlings were planted at Gribble Creek yesterday as Kalgoorlie-Boulder residents got their hands dirty supporting the environment and the community.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert said the planting played an important role in the beautification and rehabilitation of the bushland around the city.

"It is particularly important for reducing dust and decreasing the salinity around Gribble Creek," she said.

"The council have done a fantastic job of preparing the ground, within 12 months we will see some growth and after 18 months to two



City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Parks and Gardens general hands Robert Diccio and Ahmad Dehayat at Gribble Creek. Picture: Louise White

years it will look fantastic. The seedlings will be reticulated for 12-18 months, but then because all the plants are native we will be

able to scale back the watering."

Ms Eckert said she was pleased support for the event seemed to be growing each year.

"I think we are all coming together in supporting the environment more and more these days and it's a really good way for young families to engage with the community and the environment," she said. "It is always a really great community and family event, and this year was an absolutely fantastic turnout."

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Rotary Club donated \$1500 towards the cost of the plants and to help KBULG upgrade its security after a number of break-ins at its nursery in Kalkurla Bushland Park.

"All three Rotary groups in Kal came along, the Rotary world president this year wants every member to plant one tree, so they definitely did their part," Ms Eckert said.

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## 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

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".



STILL MISSING

*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 Karikurla 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



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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.

## SMALL SHRUBS AND ANNUALS

### Peaches & Cream Showy Eremophila *Eremophila racemosa*

**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.

- 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 your winter compost bin and shred up lawn mowings before adding them to the pile moist but not soggy. A good excess moisture is to add in some to absorb the water.



## 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 attract.

- Consider a green life and love to it. At this time of year, oats and wheat, incredibly, and, you'll find it well.
- On really cold days, shed, and sharp your garden to really rewarding plant illness in the
- Now is a great time to plant species. For further plants contact the join one of our groups.

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**Leaves:** Green oblong, glabrous leaves, 18 - 43mm long and 2.4 - 6mm wide.  
**Uses:** Lovely, waterwise residential shrub.

**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.

## Winter Composting Tips



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## 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

to ensure a top notch crop!

green manure crop to add some e to an overworked veggie patch. e of year try faba bean, field pea, heat. This will improve your soil and, for a bit of forward planning, t well worth the effort!

old days, why not head out to the sharpen, clean, oil and maintain n tools. Sounds tedious, but it's rding, and will save you cash and s in the long run.

reat time to plant local native plant r further information on types of act KBULG or come down and our many community Native Plant



**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.

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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.



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.

- 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



## Time to renew your membership!

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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 (please tick)

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**NATIVE PLANT GROUP**  
 has been cancelled for  
 Sunday July 30  
 due to the  
 KBULG  
 Tree Planting Day  
 (We hope to see you there!)

## NATIVE PLANT GROUP

Last Sunday Of Each Month  
 9:00 AM - 11 AM  
 KBULG Nursery Karlkurla Park  
 Entrance from small car park on Tumbarri Way

Come along and learn how to propagate local native plants

No experience necessary, everyone is welcome!



**Kalgoorlie-Boulder Sustainable Garden Quest 2017**  
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**CATEGORIES**  
 Residential (Owner & Tenant Combined)  
 Community Organisation  
 Edible Garden (Vegetables/Fruit/Bush Tucker)  
 Commercial (Business and Industry Combined)  
 Schools

This year's competition provides you with the opportunity to showcase your sustainable garden, with winners selected based on the overall appearance, colour and tidiness of gardens and verges.

For entry forms and judging criteria please email admin@kbulg.com.au or visit Lotteries House, Bergie's Soils or the Kalgoorlie Miner.

Follow us on KBULG Facebook page for competition updates

Entries/nominations close COB Wednesday 27th September 2017  
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## 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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**reCOncstructed**  
RECYCLED ART COMPETITION

**ENTRY DETAILS**

Entry forms and conditions available from the Museum of the Goldfields  
Or KBULG admin@kbulg.org.au.

Artwork must be submitted to the British Arms Hotel Museum of the Goldfields on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th November 2017

Exhibition Opening: Friday, 17th November 2017 5:30pm - 7:30pm at the British Arms Hotel Museum of the Goldfields

Exhibition closes Sunday 3rd December 2017

**THEME = 'Anything Goes'**

reCOncstructed Art Competition coinciding with National Recycling Week 13 - 19 November 2017

- 3D Sculpture \$200 Cash Prize
- 2D Posters, Painting, Collage \$200 Cash Prize
- Junior Individual (13 and Under) \$100 Cash Prize
- Primary School Class Entry \$200 Cash Prize
- High School Class Entry \$200 Cash Prize
- Community Group \$200 Cash Prize
- Peoples Choice Award \$200 Cash Prize

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# Group keeps City beautiful

■ Joanna Delalande

As the country switches its focus to keeping Australia beautiful this week, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert said not much would change on the agenda of the group, which "tries to keep Kalgoorlie-Boulder beautiful all the time".

Ms Eckert said KBULG always tried to promote sustainability and cleaning up of the town's litter through various initiatives, which it would continue to enforce this week for Keep Australia Beautiful Week.

She said the group organised clean-ups around Kalgoorlie-Boulder every day and undertook maintenance at Karlkurla Bushland Park several times a week.

"We focus on biosecurity, conservation and attraction," she said.

"We are committed, along with the City, to keep Kalgoorlie-Boulder beautiful all the time." Ms

Ekert said KBULG had recently become a finalist in the 2017 State Landcare Awards, with the winners to be announced at a gala in Perth next Wednesday.

Ms Eckert said becoming a finalist was a testament both to the group's hard work and to community support, particularly with the Williamstown cactus project.

Dozens of cacti were removed from Williamstown to encourage the growth of native plants, and Ms Eckert said the project had received great support from the community, especially Williamstown residents.

She said KBULG members were honoured and excited to have been recognised for their hard work.

"I don't know if we've entered these awards in the past, but it's the first time I have since being chief executive and it's a fantastic opportunity and a great community outcome," she said.



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Landcare officer Juliane Sander, KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert and volunteer Liz O'Donnell. Picture: Louise White

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# City makes Tidy Town stakes

■ Joanna Delalande

Kalgoorlie-Boulder has been recognised at a State level, with the city being named as a finalist in five of seven Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities categories and vying for the overall State title.

Out of 42 entries from regional communities across the State, the city is one of six WA towns to get through to the finals.

It has been recognised in the general appearance, community action and wellbeing, litter-prevention and waste management, environmental sustainability and environmental education categories.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert said regardless of the outcome, being recognised across so many platforms in environmental sustainability was a matter of pride for the city.

"There has been fantastic community collaboration in working on different projects to better this town, including Heartwalk, the Hormone Hoedown, Goldfields Girl, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Garden, the Recycling Bin Tag project, and the Williamstown Cactus project," she said.

"It's great to see the community working together and making a difference in the town."

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Mayor John Bowler said the Tidy Towns awards were about showing the rest of the State what the town was truly like.

"We know we've got a beautiful



**Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert and City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Mayor John Bowler.** Picture: Joanna Delalande

city," Mr Bowler said. "When people get here they see it, they say how nice and beautiful it is.

"But not everyone knows that.

"We've got to get the message out there that our city is beautiful, that members of our community work very hard to keep it looking good and that it's paying off."

He said hopefully this achievement would work as an incentive for community members to be even

more respectful of the town.

"Maybe people will think twice before throwing down a bit of litter," Mr Bowler said.

"Our town has been noticed and praised by the State, and we want to keep that image up."

Mr Bowler and Ms Eckert will be attending the Tidy Towns awards ceremony on October 20.

KBULG also became a finalist in the WA Landcare Awards, in the

Fairfax Landcare Community Group Award category earlier this week, with the winner to be announced next Wednesday.

Ms Eckert said it had been an amazing year for KBULG and she would be proud to represent the group on the day.

"I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our partners, committee, staff, volunteers and members," she said.

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# Best in business take centre stage

The Goldfields Business and Employees Award were announced on Saturday night. Here are some of the winners.



Regal Engineering's Brett Mais receives the Goldfields Business of the Year Award from Kurtis Grace.



Cindy Hurst of Goldfields Chiropractic & Healing receives the Community Engagement Award from City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Mayor John Bowler.



Hugh Gallagher presents the Home Based Business Award to Hayley Knott and Sam Knott of Alkoomie Honey.



Tom Spurling of Coopers Carpet Cleaning Service accepts the Micro Business Award from Pat Leighton.



Lee Jacobsen and Krystal Hutchinson of The Hutch, which received the Start-up Business Award.



Kristen Fragar and Helen Kenny collect the Best Customer Service – Business Award on behalf of Design Sense from Jessica Biddle.



Rob Wall presents the Employer Supporting People with a Disability Award to Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group's Kim Eckert.



Arianne Webb presents the Tourism Award to Wes Murray of Goldrush Tours.



Apprentice of the Year Hayden Hunter of SMS Innovative Mining Solutions and Ron Mosby.



Winner of the Mining and Service Sector Award, Paul Fleeton of Sykes Transport.



KBCCI president Jessica Biddle presents Eliza Sbizzirri of the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder with the Administration Award. Pictures: Brand L'or



Allan Pandal presents the Business Supporting Indigenous Employees Award to Peter Chen of Jesters Kalgoorlie.

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Apprentice of the Year winner Hayden Hunter from SMS Innovative Mining Solutions is presented the award by Ron Mosby.



Jessica Biddle presents the Administration Employee of the Year award to Eliza Sbizzirri from the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder.



Regal Engineering took out the 2017 Goldfields Business of the Year award. Regal Engineering's Brett Mais is presented the award by Kurtis Grace. Pictures: Brand L'Or Communications and Fleck Perry Creative

## ...and the winners are

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#### Franchise Business of the Year

**Wizard Pharmacy**

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#### Business Supporting Indigenous Employees

**Jesters Kalgoorlie**

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#### Tourism Organisation of the Year

**Goldrush Tours**

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#### Team Business of the Year

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#### Customer Service Business of the Year

**Design Sense**

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#### Community Engagement

**Goldfields Chiropractic & Healing**

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#### Young Achiever of the Year

**Holly Kiely**

Sponsored by: Northern Star Resources Limited

#### Business Person of the Year

**Guy Brownlee**

Sponsored by: Westpac

#### Citizen of the Year

**Tony Crook**

Sponsored by: Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry

#### Sustainability and Innovation

**Goldfields Oasis**

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#### Goldfields Business of the Year

**Regal Engineering**

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### BUSINESS CATEGORIES

#### Home Based Business of the Year

**Alkoomie Honey**

Sponsored by: Snap Printing

#### Micro Business (up to 4 Employees) of the Year

**Coopers Carpet Cleaning**

Sponsored by: Pat Leighton FCA

#### Business with 5 to 10 Employees of the Year

**Indulge Cosmetics & Fragrance**

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#### Business with 11 to 20 Employees of the Year

**WT Hydraulics**

Sponsored by: Small Business Development Corporation

#### Business with 21 Plus Employees of the Year

**Regal Engineering**

Sponsored by: Westpac

#### Not for Profit Organisation of the Year

**Goldfields Individual & Family Support Association**

Sponsored by: Goldfields Community Legal Centre

#### Employers Supporting People with a Disability

**Kalgoorlie Boulder Urban Landcare Group**

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### EMPLOYEE AWARDS

#### Apprentice of the Year

**Hayden Hunter - SMS Innovative Mining Solutions**

Sponsored by: Central Regional TAFE

#### Trainee of the Year

**Samantha McGregor - Goldfields Revitalise**

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#### Administration Employee of the Year

**Eliza Sbizzirri - City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**

Sponsored by: Eagle Petroleum

#### Mining & Service Sector Employee of the Year

**Paul Fleeton - Sykes Transport**

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#### Customer Service Employee of the Year

**Tori Ward - Finders Keepers Gold Prospecting and**

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#### Business Local Achiever

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Franchise Business of the Year award was presented to Elise Wheadon of Wizard Pharmacy by Simon Lyons.



Hugh Gallagher presents the Creative Industries Award to Desert Collectors' Nigel Quick.



Guy Brownlee receives the Business Person of the Year award from Simon Lyons.



Allan Pandal presents the Business Supporting Indigenous Employees award to Peter Chen of Jesters Kalgoorlie.



Rob Wall presents the Employer Supporting People with a Disability award to Kalgoorlie Boulder Urban Landcare Group's Kim Eckert.



Micro Business (up to 4 Employees) of the Year award winner Tom Cooper of Coopers Carpet Cleaning with Pat Leighton.



Lee Jacobsen presents Tanya Kemp of Goldfields Revitalise & Infatastic Massage the Business Local Achiever award.



Katie Miswa presents the Not for Profit Organisation of the Year winner Goldfields Individual & Family Support Association's Rob Wall.



Hugh Gallagher presents the Home Based Business award to Haley Knott and Sam Knott of Alkoomie Honey.



Trainee of the Year winner Samantha McGregor from Goldfields Revitalise is presented the award by Zarina Coetze.



Cheye Hill of Goldfields Oasis is presented the Sustainability and Innovation award from Slade Greenaway.



Goldfields Chiropractic & Healing's Cindy Hurst is presented the Community Engagement award from Mayor John Bowler.



Margaret Boyden presents Team Business of the Year winner Greg Bowden of Emyor Services.



Lee Jacobsen presents the Start Up Business award to Krystal Hutchinson of The Hutch.

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Ron Mosby and Pat Leighton present the Citizen of the Year award to 2017 winner Tony Crook. Pictures: Brand L'Or Communications and Fleck Perry Creative

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Kristen Fragar and Helen Kenny of Design Sense win the Customer Service Business of the Year award which was presented by Jessica Biddle.



Mining and Service Sector Employee of the Year winner Paul Fleeton from Sykes Transport is presented the award by Kassie Blechyaden.



Amanda Shanks of Indulge Cosmetics and Fragrance is presented the Business with 5 to 10 Employees of the Year award the award by Julia Shadlow-Bat.

## Shining a spotlight on success

A record number attended the 2017 Business and Employee Awards presentation dinner held last Saturday evening at the Central Regional TAFE Convention Centre.

Hosted annually by the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the awards provide an opportunity

to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of local businesses and their employees over the past 12 months. Chamber chief executive officer Hugh Gallagher said the awards were the biggest in a decade and this reflects their continuing relevance.

"The chamber is proud to be able to provide some great moments for our business community," he said.

"We simply hope the whole experience for all nominees produced something of value for them."

There were a total of 38 nominations across all categories, up from 34 nominations in 2016. The two categories most strongly represented with nominations were Micro Business and Business with 5 to 10 Employees. Regal Engineering certainly didn't go

home empty-handed on the business industry's night of nights, taking out the highly-coveted Business of the Year award as well as the Business with 21 Plus Employees accolade.

Other notable winners include Guy Brownlee of Goldrush Tours who won the prestigious Business Person of the Year, while Holly Kiely was awarded Young Achiever of the Year and Hayden Hunter Apprentice of the Year.

Micro Business went to Coopers Cleaning. Business with 5 to 10 Employees to Indulge Cosmetics & Fragrance and WT Hydraulics was awarded Business with 11 to 20 Employees.

Alkoomie Honey received the Home Based Business award, and Tori Ward was awarded Customer Service-Employee for her exceptional customer services skills and product knowledge. The Business Supporting Indigenous Employees was won by Jesters Kalgoorlie.

The Employer Supporting People with a Disability award went to Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group, and the Sustainability & Innovation award was presented to the Goldfields Oasis.

Following on from the changes implemented last year, the nomination criteria now aligns with the WA Regional Small Business Awards held annually in November.

Winners of categories including Start-up Business, Community Engagement and Customer Service-Business are automatically nominated for the awards.

Mr Gallagher said he hopes the winners make the most of the acknowledgement they have received.

"Take advantage of the profile you can achieve, as others have done in the past," he said.

"Use it or lose it."

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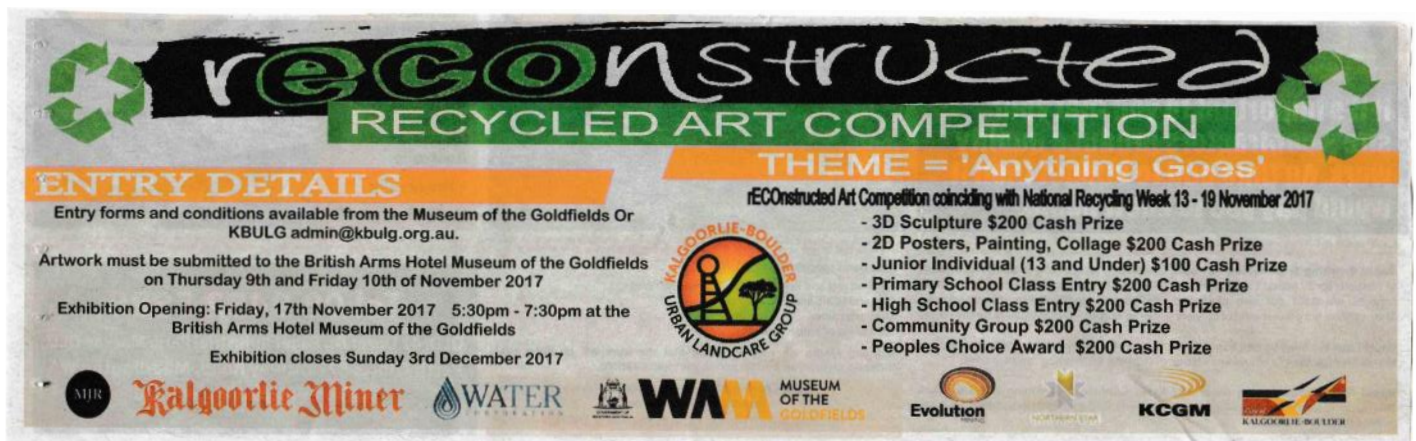
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**Spinifex Land Management cultural adviser Byron Brookes leads the rangers at a buffel grass burn last week.**  
Picture: Samantha Doudle/Spinifex Land Management

## Group's collaborative work for Spinifex recognised

■ Christy Taylor

A landcare group working in the remote community of Tjuntjuntjara was one of the winners at the 2017 Western Australian Landcare Awards presented on Thursday night.

Spinifex Land Management was awarded the indigenous land management award for its collaborative work combining traditional and contemporary land management practices to keep Spinifex people, culture and land healthy.

"It's all happened pretty quick," Spinifex Land Management ranger co-ordinator Shane Doudle said.

"We only got nominated a couple of months ago."

"It'll be good for the fellas because it shows their work is recognised."

Mr Doudle said some awards had no winners, but the indigenous land management award had two finalists.

The award was as a pleasant sur-



**Landcare WA patron Malcolm McCusker, Spinifex Land Management's Ian Baird, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group's Kim Ekert, and Rangelands NRM's Regina Flugge and Mark Batty.**

prise for Mr Doudle and his team after the recent death and funeral of an Aboriginal ranger.

The land management group was nominated by Rangelands NRM and will represent WA in its respective award categories at the 2018 National Landcare Awards to be held next year.

Dowerin Nursery owner Rob Boase was presented with the individual landcarer award for his work protecting unique and rare flora and vegetation across the Wheatbelt, and for his contribution to revegetation projects, cultivating several plant species through his nursery.

The State and Territory Landcare Awards in WA are coordinated by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, and supported by Landcare Australia with funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.

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## Partners vie for resources award glory

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group and Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines' sustainability partnership is one of three Goldfields-based partnerships to have become finalists for the Community Partnership Resources Sector Award. Pictured are KCGM's Helena Adams, KBULG's Kim Eckert and KCGM's Graeme Smith.

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Picture: Louise White

## Goldfields community programs make finals

■ Joanna Delalande

Three of the nine programs in the running for the Community Partnership Resources Sector Award are in the Goldfields.

The finalists include Teach Learn Grow and the Independence Group's Rural Tutoring Program, KCGM and the Kalgoorlie Boulder Urban Landcare Group's Environmental and Sustainability Partnership, and the Wiluna Martu Ranger Program, run by Tarlka Matuwa Piarku Aboriginal Corporation and Central Desert Native Title Services in conjunction with Northern Star Resources.

KCGM and KBULG have been working collaboratively on sustainability projects since 2005.

The partnership has worked on several key cultural and environmental awareness events, including the Karlkurla Dreaming Culture Trail, the annual Community Tree Planting Day and the Sustainable Garden Competition.

The Rural Tutoring Program offers one-on-one tutoring to primary school students in the Goldfields-Esperance region, including children from Leonora, Coolgardie, Norseman, Esperance and Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Teach Learn Grow chief executive Ella Gansfield said the organi-



KCGM external relations adviser Helena Adams, KCGM environment superintendent Graeme Smith and KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert. Picture: Louise White

sation used separate programs to provide academic support and help with attendance among socio-disadvantaged students.

"We send students from Perth universities to areas across the State for two weeks out of the year, one in summer and one in winter," she said.

"During each one-week period every child receives 10 hours per week of one-on-one tutoring, which adds up to one hour per fortnight over the school year.

"The Independence Group is one of our most supportive sponsors

and focus on community engagement, even coming to the schools to see the program in action."

The Wiluna Martu Ranger Program is another finalist, and the first project to pair the skills of rangers in remote WA with the resources of a mining company.

In its seventh year, it runs a team of rangers on a fly-in, fly-out basis from Wiluna to Jundee to work on environmental compliance and natural resource management.

CDNTS desert support services partnership manager Richard Gordine said after so many years the

project had developed a skilled pool of Martu people to work on the land.

"Similar projects are now operating in other parts of WA — including the Northern Star Kalgoorlie operations — and in the Northern Territory," he said.

The award winners will be announced at the Awards for Excellence night on Thursday, October 26, along with the prestigious Golden Gecko environmental excellence award and the inaugural Safety and Health Resources Sector Awards.



# Dig in for sustainability

■ Zach Relph

Green-thumbs, hobby gardeners and plant enthusiasts are being called to enter this year's long-standing Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group Sustainable Garden Quest.

The annual competition, which was founded in 2003, encourages sustainability and conservation across Kalgoorlie-Boulder through water-efficient and innovative garden practices.

The event boasts five categories — residential, community, edible, commercial and school gardens — and is open for any person or business to enter.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert urged all gardeners to take part for a chance to vie for prizes supplied by Bergie's Soils.

"The competition is educating

the City on sustainable use of water and encouraging people to plant natives," she said.

"Although we've been going for a long time, it is important to keep educating people because we do have such a transient population.

"It is also important to recognise people who are doing a fantastic job with their gardens."

The Kalgoorlie Miner has again been announced as a major supporter of the competition.

Nominations are open and scheduled to close on September 27, before judging is conducted on September 30.

Ms Eckert said the competition was important for generating sustainability awareness.

"We look forward to seeing more entries," she said.

"There is still plenty of time left to spruce up the garden and nominate."



Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert, with Bergie's Soils owner David Bergmeier and Kalgoorlie Miner general manager Tracee Relph. Picture: Mary Meagher

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This year the festival is hosting 150 stalls so even more to see and do than last year. Hence more stall holders and set to be a fantastic day out for the whole family.

There are many local community groups at the Festival fundraising for different causes, please help support them all.

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# Community salutes retired chief

Joanna Delalande

Hugh Gallagher's retirement as chief executive of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry, after 27 years at the head of the organisation, has sparked an extraordinary response from the community.

Dozens of people from Kalgoorlie-Boulder attended Mr Gallagher's final farewell on Friday evening at the Kalgoorlie Town Hall.

Mr Gallagher said he was now looking to his time off as a way to get back into the community swing.

"I love coming to work here, nothing has changed," he said.

"You weigh up all of the pros and cons at this stage in my life, what do I want to do, do I want to improve my golf handicap? The answer is yes I do. My community involvement won't stop."



Amy Fuchsichler, Mitchell and Lachlan Hunter with Kaye, Hugh, Mel and Ami Gallagher.



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Peta Osborne and Kim Eckert with George and Esther Roadnight.



Darryl Gaunt, Pam O'Donnell and Ivana Castle.

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# Landcare chief in the awards spotlight

■ Anna Hay

A Goldfields conservationist has been announced as a finalist in the prestigious 2017 Telstra Western Australian Business Women's Award for her contribution in creating a better environment and lifestyle for Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive and ambassador for WA Parks Kim Eckert is one of four finalists nominated in the For Purpose and Social Enterprise category.

In Ms Eckert's four-year reign as KBULG chief executive, she has established and intensified numerous collaborations and sponsorship programs.

Ms Eckert has also been involved in consultations for new development projects in the Goldfields community.

Her most recent initiative saw her successfully petition for and receive significant funding

to establish an Eco and Cultural Education Centre, which will be a knowledge sharing precinct for sustainable living ideas.

Telstra Business Women's Awards ambassador and group executive Joe Pollard said the WA finalists were exceptional women who deserved to be celebrated.

"The role of the Telstra Business Women's Awards is to shine a light on women's achievements as business leaders and celebrate the positive results of inclusive leadership

which includes better organisational performance, increased competitive advantage and at a macro level, a thriving economy," he said.

Mr Pollard recognised the different paths the 2017 finalists had followed to business success but had all displayed determination, innovative thinking and exceptional leadership to deliver real business impact.

WA acting media manager

Chris Marks said Ms Eckert's contribution to the Goldfields had created new learning and employment opportunities in the region. "Her efforts have significantly expanded KBULG's scope of work to raise the organisation's relevance in the local area," he said.

Ms Eckert said the award had not been on her radar but she was humbled to be nominated by a colleague, who had also been a Telstra Business Women's finalist. "I was extremely overwhelmed. It is an honour to be recognised for all the work that I am trying to achieve," she said.

"Not only for KBULG but also for our city and the Goldfields."

Ms Eckert said she would be attending the awards ceremony held at a gala dinner in Perth on October 24. "I'll keep my fingers crossed for a win, however the calibre of entrants and achievers in this State is extremely high and I am just honoured to have come this far."



Kim Eckert is as a finalist in the Telstra Western Australian Business Women's Award. Picture: Mary Meagher

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# Eco award win a city first

■ Josh Chiat

Kalgoorlie-Boulder is officially WA's tidiest town, securing the State Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Award for the first time in its 48-year history.

The award win has been praised as a community-wide effort, with a range of initiatives from community groups, the City of

Kalgoorlie-Boulder council and the public credited for the victory.

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group, whose chief executive Kim Eckert accepted the award at a ceremony in Perth yesterday, was instrumental in the victory, notably for co-ordinating the massive cactus eradication project in Williamstown, east of town, in an inter-agency collabora-

tion that removed 750 tonnes of invasive cacti from the area.

A 120kW solar photovoltaic system installed at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Airport and a similar 80kW system installed on the roof of Goldfields Arts Centre were also credited for leading the way in green energy technology.

A bin tagging trial that has halved the number of non-recyc-

lable items in Kalgoorlie-Boulder's recycling bins, after contamination rates peaked above 50 per cent in 2015-16, was also lauded, along with the Paula Fletcher-led Heart-walk public art project, which saw more than 20 empty shopfront windows on Hannan Street livened up with murals by local artists in May.

Environment Minister Stephen

Dawson said Kalgoorlie-Boulder demonstrated the community-wide approach could enhance cultural life and environmental sustainability in the regions.

"The Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards celebrates projects that promote sustainable living in regional communities and

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# Pride at heart of our Tidy Town

## MAYOR'S VIEW

■ John Bowler

Yesterday I was proud to represent Kalgoorlie-Boulder, along with Kim Eckert from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group, in Perth for the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards, of which I am proud to say our City was a finalist in five of the seven categories, as well as a State title finalist.

These categories are general appearance; community action and wellbeing; environmental sustainability; environmental education; and litter prevention

and waste management.

It's this last category in particular that I want to focus on.

I am a person who makes a point of picking up litter that I come across when I'm out and about. This not only stems from caring about our environment, but from a deeper sense of pride in our community and in our city.

I also believe litter should be managed using the same principles as broken windows and graffiti, which works on the assumption one broken window or tagged wall will attract more.

One piece of rubbish left on the ground sends the message no one cares and invites others to litter.

On the flip side, a clean community with no litter makes people less likely to be the one to leave rubbish behind.

There are really two levels of culpability with litterers — the first, and obviously most culpable, is the person who litters in the first place. The second is the apathetic person who walks past that piece of litter without picking it up.

If everyone picked up just one piece of litter each day, imagine the difference it could make.

We are a tidy city, and our community obviously takes pride in this. I take particular pride in

the fact that over the past month I have been sought out by visitors wanting to compliment the City on how tidy and well-presented Kalgoorlie-Boulder is.

While much credit is definitely owed to the City's dedicated works crews, who take care of our parks, gardens and reserves, as well as street sweeping and cleaning our footpaths every morning, the rest must definitely go to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community and particularly to Ms Eckert and the many volunteers from KBULG.

Kim and the KBULG team do much more than just manage Karlkurla Bushland Park.

They also co-ordinate tree planting days, annual clean-up days, caltrop removal, they facilitate environmental education and events, and work with the City to facilitate home visits for recycling education as part of our Recycle Right campaign.

I am very proud to announce that Kalgoorlie-Boulder not only won the community action and wellbeing category, but also the title of WA Tidy Town for 2018.

Congratulations to everyone.

■ John Bowler is the Mayor of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

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# City named tidiest town in the State

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provides the perfect opportunity to recognise communities that are committed to reducing their eco footprint," he said.

"The Kalgoorlie community has pulled together to complete projects that benefit everyone and make the city a more vibrant, culturally aware and environmentally sustainable place to live.

"In particular, the Heartwalk art project has activated a public art culture in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, giving the community a real sense of purpose and vitality and providing the CBD with an instant facelift."

The Heartwalk project also helped Kalgoorlie snap up the Community Action and Wellbeing award, while Southern Cross was named the winner of the Heritage and Culture Award.

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**DMIRS Community Partnership Award winners KCGM external relations adviser Helena Adams, KCGM environment superintendent Graeme Smith and KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert.**  
Picture: Louise White

Photo available at [westpix.com.au](http://westpix.com.au)



## Landcarers join KCGM to win resource partners award

■ Josh Chiat

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group has secured a second major gong in two weeks, partnering with KCGM to win a Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety award for excellence in Perth last night.

KBULG and KCGM shared in the Community Partnership Resources Sector Award, now in its second year, for work stretching back to 2005 to develop a number of key cultural, community and environmental awareness events for the benefit of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder

community. The partnership has worked on several key cultural and environmental awareness events, including the Karlkurla Dreaming Culture Trail, the annual Community Tree Planting Day and the Sustainable Garden Competition.

Judges commended the partnership for its long-term focus on cultural and community sustainability.

KBULG also shared in the celebrations last week when its work was honoured as part of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's successful Tidy Towns Awards victory, the city's

first in the 48-year history of the prize.

DMIRS director-general David Smith said the awards showed the work the State's resources sector was doing in the community space was "world class".

"The finalists have demonstrated outstanding work in leading the industry with innovative excellence and they are a credit to the minerals and energy sector," he said.

Also awarded a certificate of merit in the community partnership category were Northern Star

Resources and the Tarlka Matuwa Piarku Aboriginal Corporation for the Wiluna Martu Rangers program.

The program has run for seven years, with rangers regularly flown from Wiluna to Northern Star's Jundee mine to work on environmental compliance and natural resource management.

The prestigious Golden Gecko Award for environmental excellence was taken by Hanson Construction Materials and Kings Park Botanic Gardens for a Banksia Woodlands restoration guide.

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# Volunteers deserve respect

## ROADS LESS TRAVELLED ■ Esther Roadnight

This week I'm going to focus my column on volunteers — these people are the unsung heroes of our communities.

These volunteers save organisations and local, State and Federal governments many thousands of dollars a year.

A little respect for those volunteers would certainly not go astray.

These bands of community members across the board — from sporting, health, community and many other organisations — do not necessarily have the expertise or the funds to be able to put together professional documents, but they try their hardest.

These attempts need to be appreciated and recognised.

We all know that there needs to be checks and balances, but let's all work together and help those groups that are struggling to lift their knowledge and expertise.

I know of one group that has had a volunteer spend hundreds of hours assisting them, saving them many tens of thousands of dollars. This is done with only the betterment of our community in mind.

Why do volunteers do it? Often there is no thanks involved, only criticism. They do it because they love their community and want to do their little bit to make their community a better place.



Board members at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Volunteer Centre — chairman Kim Eckert, volunteer centre co-ordinator Shyama Fernando, vice-chairman Craig Dredge and secretary Mark Schatz. Picture: Louise White

If we all adopted that attitude then just imagine what could happen. There are too many are armchair critics who do absolutely nothing to assist any groups. They usually say, "I'm too busy".

I'm sorry we are all not "too busy" to give a minimum of an

hour a week to volunteer.

It puzzles me when members of the community do not place any value on these volunteers.

For heaven's sake, they are only trying to do their best.

They are not on huge salaries with plenty of support staff. They do it on their own.

Don't sit back and be critical and put up unreasonable barriers. Let's work together and strengthen and make our community grow.

■ Esther Roadnight is an honorary freeman of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

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## Sustainable practices win

### ■ Andrew Murdoch

The winners of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group's Sustainable Garden Quest have been announced with individuals and groups across five categories recognised.

The annual competition encourages sustainability and conservation across Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Science teacher Sue Dee helped oversee Boulder Primary School's numerous environmental projects this year which helped her students secure the sustainability award for the schools category.

Water Corporation sponsored the awards and Goldfields and agriculture regional manager

Sharon Broad said it was a great opportunity to spread the message about how precious water is.

"The kids are young and they learn things that stay with them right through to adulthood and they also go home and put pressure on Mum and Dad about what they have learned," she said.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert said the competition was important for generating sustainability awareness.

Other winners were residential: Sarah Campbell; commercial: Kalgoorlie-Boulder Racing Club; edible: 1st Boulder Scout Group; community organisation: Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Garden.



Water Corporation Goldfields and agriculture regional manager Sharon Broad, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group officer Mandi Roberts and Boulder Primary School teacher Sue Dee. Picture: Andrew Murdoch

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# Turn trash into treasure

■ **Andrew Murdoch**

Goldfields community members with an artistic flair can showcase their talents and win hundreds in cash prizes with free entry into an upcoming exhibition — the only catch is the artwork has to be made from recycled materials.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group's annual rECONstructed Art Competitions gives community members of all ages the opportunity to rethink their recyclables and turn unwanted trash into treasure.

With cash prizes totalling \$1300 up for grabs, primary school students, high school students, community groups and individual painters and sculptures can raise awareness for the environment and pocket money for themselves.

KBULG officer Mandi Roberts said the competition was aimed at keeping the "reduce, reuse, recycle" message at the forefront of the public's mind.

"We truly believe that the community want to reduce, reuse

and recycle materials from their everyday lives and to reduce their footprint," she said.

"The exhibition also motivates and inspires others to create their own masterpieces for their gardens and homes.

"We are excited about the amount of interest in this competition and looking forward to seeing all the entries that arrive. The competition progresses year by year and the standard of work is incredible."

The exhibition will launch at a special event at the Museum of the Goldfields on Thursday, November 16, and will be on display until December 3.

Entries must be submitted to the exhibition on Thursday, November 9, between 3pm and 6pm or November 10, between 10am and 1pm at the British Arms Hotel at the Museum.

Obtain a registration form from the KBULG website [kbulg.org.au](http://kbulg.org.au), the Museum of the Goldfields or by emailing [admin@kbulg.org.au](mailto:admin@kbulg.org.au).



**North Kalgoorlie Primary School students Hannah Stewart, 8, Jacob Reid, 7, and Catherine Roberts, 7, holding their recycled art, and KBULG officer Mandi Roberts.** Picture: Louise White



**reconstructed**  
RECYCLED ART COMPETITION

**ENTRY DETAILS**

Entry forms and conditions available from the Museum of the Goldfields or KBULG admin@kbulg.org.au.

Artwork must be submitted to the British Arms Hotel Museum of the Goldfields on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th of November 2017

Exhibition Opening: Friday, 17th November 2017 5:30pm - 7:30pm at the British Arms Hotel Museum of the Goldfields

Exhibition closes Sunday 3rd December 2017

**THEME = 'Anything Goes'**

**reCONstructed Art Competition coinciding with National Recycling Week 13-19 November 2017**

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- 3D Sculpture \$200 Cash Prize
- 2D Posters, Painting, Collage \$200 Cash Prize
- Junior Individual (13 and Under) \$100 Cash Prize
- Primary School Class Entry \$200 Cash Prize
- High School Class Entry \$200 Cash Prize
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## Recycled art recognised at eco show

■ Anna Hay

Goldfields artists who made spectacular artworks from recycled and no longer used materials were recognised for their creativity at the opening of the reCONstructed Art exhibition last night.

The Museum of the Goldfields is currently showcasing the 26 works entered into the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group's competition, which raises awareness of reusing and recycling.

KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert said it was encouraging to hear the competition was starting important conversations in the community.

"The awareness being raised about recycling instead of going to landfill is fantastic," she said.

Individual winners of the five categories were also announced last night, each taking cash prizes.

Kevin Zanker took out the 3-D sculpture category for his artwork Spring Dog, which was made from a used Holden spring coil, Ford bonnet springs, mill ball and trampoline springs.

Suzanne Burger won the 2-D poster category for her stand-out



Cara Haymes, Kim Eckert and Peta Osborne holding Ryder Papandrea's artwork *Pikachu Up Your Rubbish*. Pictures: Louise White

piece Goldfields Memories, which used dried house paint to create trees, old cards and magazines to make leaves, and falling-apart books to form background collages.

Joint winners in the junior individual category were Georgia Tuia for her creation Summer Tree and Ryder Papandrea for his artwork *Pikachu Up Your Rubbish*.

East Kalgoorlie Primary School Kangaroo and Echidna Classes and North Kalgoorlie Primary

School Years 2 and 3 were joint winners in the primary school category for their masterpieces *Bush Christmas* and *Spirit of the Anzacs*.

GIFSA PSO Group won the community category for the piece *Plastic Sleeping Bag*.

Ms Eckert said community members were welcome to check out the pieces at the Museum of the Goldfields and vote for their favourite in the People's Choice Award, which will close on December 5.



Kevin Zanker's artwork *Spring Dog*.

Photos available at westpix.com.au

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# Youth called on to rise up and pitch ideas on conservation

■ Christy Taylor

A new campaign is encouraging local youth to connect people with country by submitting ideas for conservation and nature-inspired events.

Intrepid Landcare has teamed up with WA Landcare Network to launch the Rise Up, Roots Down campaign to encourage young people around WA to reconnect with nature.

Local youth and landcare groups

have the opportunity to submit their event ideas which must have an "educational element" to go in the running to win \$1000 to cover the cost of their winning idea.

WALN project officer Blair Darvill said young people have been left out of the loop on what is happening and how to get involved with Landcare groups.

Kalgoorlie Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert said she was ready to jump on board the initiative saying she

would like to see more events involving families getting back to nature.

"I just want to see families get out on weekends to go for a drive and explore our local parks, even just to go out for a drive and reconnect with nature and go places for a family picnic and for the younger generation to explore our local parks," she said.

Intrepid Landcare co-founder Naomi Edwards said this was the first time Intrepid Landcare had

done something in WA. She said the ideas contestants pitch needed to have a "conservation element" and might include activities such as tree planting, cleaning creeks or any citizenship science project.

Three winners will also receive additional support including mentorship about branding and co-designing projects.

Submissions close on December 20, with winners announced in January next year. Visit the Intrepid Landcare website.

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# Christmas Street Party

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!

**Stall Holders**

1. Santa's Grotto- Meet Santa & Mrs Claus!
2. Angie the Fairy Face Painting
3. Super Sarah Face Painting/Plaster Crafts
4. Church of Christ Balloons
5. Goldfields TeeBall Hamburgers
6. Rotary Club Kalgoorlie Ham Wheel
7. Rotary Club Boulder Stocking Raffle
8. Hannans Lions Club Sausage Sizzle/Lions Cakes
9. KBULG Bush Craft Activity
10. Bread & Spice Indian Cuisine
11. Sam's Soft Serve
12. Scouts Merry Go Round & Craft
13. Fat Buddha Thai Food Truck
14. Headspace's Variety Bus & Nugget -Free Icy poles
15. WANSLEA/Anglicare Reindeer Food Activity
16. SAFE Goldfields Xmas Pet Treats
17. Slammers Basketball Glowsticks
18. Inner Wheel Xmas Tree Decoration Activity
19. BOQ/BEGA/Foodbank Sausage Sizzle & Craft
20. Trapeze
21. Kaychola's Icecream Truck
22. LemonGrass Vietnamese Food Van
23. Goldrush Cheer Fairy Floss/Popcorn
24. Meow Thai Noodles
25. Sweetalicious Treats Candy
26. Oasis Minion Selfie Booth
27. Jump for Us Inflatables
28. Joey's Icecream
29. Kalgoorlie Dog Adoption



**Key**

- 1 Santa's Grotto Market Arcade
- S Stage
- First Aid
- Fire Truck
- Foodbank Collection Point



**FOOD BANK** Your help is needed

FoodBank need to replenish the Christmas hampers lost in the storm! Anything you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Please bring along and put into FoodBanks truck located on Cassidy Street.

**PROGRAM**

TIME	ON STAGE
5:30pm	O'Connor Primary School Choir
6:00pm	Toddler Jam
6:30pm	K7
7:00pm	Kalgoorlie Show Band
7:30pm	Lighting the Tree & Fireworks Launch *

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# Charity grows from MP's thriving garden bed

■ Christy Taylor

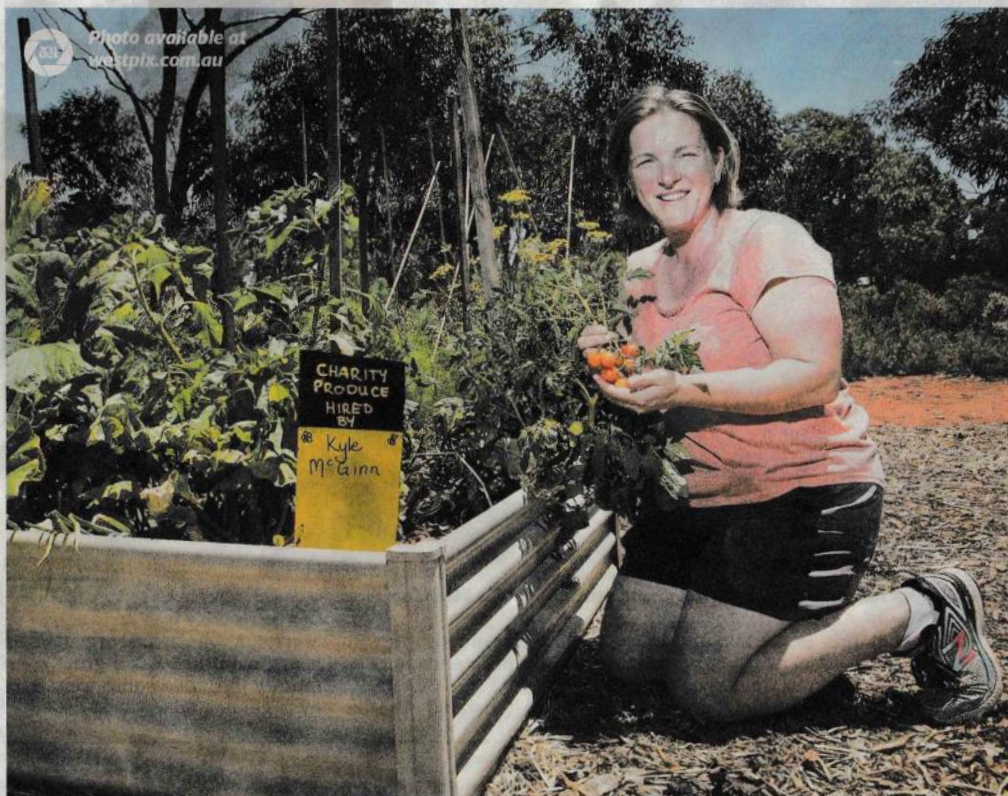
A local politician has used his green thumb for a good cause by purchasing and setting up his own charity garden bed at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Garden.

Member for Mining and Pastoral Region Kyle McGinn set up the garden bed in June and now has a garden filled with a variety of produce including yellow squash, beetroot, tomatoes and cucumbers.

"When I first got out to Kalgoorlie, I took notice of the community garden and had a look at the hard work they did and recognised that a lot of people had their own plots," he said. "The two ladies there — Kim Eckert and Jennifer Thompson — do such a brilliant job with maintaining the gardens and giving advice."

The trained chef turned politician intends on donating all the produce to charity before Christmas.

"Foodbank would be my high priority at this point to try and help



Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Garden's Jennifer Thompson with Kyle McGinn's garden bed. Picture: Louise White

them with regathering food for their Christmas hampers."

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Garden member and outgoing

secretary Ms Thompson said Mr McGinn's charity garden bed was one of four in the community garden alongside Ms Eckert, John

Walker and the Hassel family. Mr McGinn will be back in Kalgoorlie this weekend for the official opening of his office on Sunday.

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## what's on

### Now

#### ■ Reconstructed Artwork Exhibition, Museum of the Goldfields.

The Museum of the Goldfields is showcasing the 26 works entered into the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group's Competition, which raises awareness of reusing and recycling. The exhibition will be on display during museum opening hours until Sunday, December 3.

#### ■ Anangu Culture Exhibition, Museum of the Goldfields.

An exhibition celebrating and exploring the stories and Law of Anangu culture through traditional intricate carvings and artefacts is now

on display at the Museum of the Goldfields.

Punuku Tjukurpa opens at the Museum of the Goldfields today and will be on display until January 28. Entry to the museum is by donation.

#### ■ HomeFRONT Art Exhibition, The Goldfields Arts Centre.

An exhibition of contemporary art by 16 female artists from WA, engaging with and critiquing 100 years of the Anzac mythology and reality. HomeFRONT on display now at the upstairs gallery of the arts centre focuses on the impact of war, the waiting, the grief, as well as the return of physically and mentally damaged soldiers.

Entry is free and the exhibition runs until January 17.

### Today

#### ■ The Mysterious Affair of the Murders Most Macabre, The Goldfields Repertory Club

Written and directed by Goldfields residents this Whodunnit stage production offers a three-course dinner followed by a tantalising murder mystery.

The show is on tonight and tomorrow night as well as December 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16.

Tickets are on sale now at \$60 a person through [goldfieldsrepclub.org.au](http://goldfieldsrepclub.org.au).

### Sunday

#### ■ Superheroes and Villains, Goldfields Arts Centre

Moore Moves Dance Company presents Superheroes and Villains. The venue opens at 1pm and the show starts at 2pm. Tickets are available at [goldfieldsartscentre.com](http://goldfieldsartscentre.com).

### Next week

#### ■ Art grant information evening, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

An information evening about the DADAA Nexus Arts Grant available to young West Australians with disability hoping to pursue a career in the creative arts.

The evening is taking place on Monday, December 4, 3.30-4.30pm at Unit 3/58 Egan Street. Light refreshments provided.

#### ■ The Evolution of the Surfboard, The Cannery Arts Centre, Esperance.

Evolution of The Surfboard is an exhibition of vintage and modern surfboards chronicling the intriguing history of surf board design.

The exhibition is opening next Friday at the Cannery Arts Centre from 5.30pm and will run until January 13.

Opening times are Tuesday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturdays noon to 4pm.

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# A great idea planted

## HEARD ON HANNAN

■ Neil Watkinson

Without trees, not only would the landscape of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the Goldfields be barren, but also we might be choking in dust.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Land-care Group's website tells the story about the Goldfields Dust Abatement Committee, the organisation it replaced in 1994.

The website said the committee was established in 1973 in response to severe dust storms that affected the city, and one of the actions it took was to establish six regeneration zones around the city.

"Initially, the zones were established to control the dust in Kalgoorlie-Boulder," the website said.

One of these zones has become the excellent Karlkurla Bushland Park, which contains a wide variety of trees and vegetation, including many species native to the Goldfields.

So we need trees, and we need to act when storms such as the one on

November 18 destroy so many of them. Mayor John Bowler estimated the storm smashed about 2000, and he has announced the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Council is embarking on the biggest and most ambitious street-tree planting program in a century.

He said the council's street-tree program had seen 400 young trees planted along many of the main thoroughfares in Kalgoorlie-Boulder this year.

"The trouble is, those numbers have been dwarfed by the destruction ... and while the new trees will take decades to reach maturity, we have to start somewhere," he said.

"Some we have lost were a century old and while we can't do anything about that, what we can do is assure the community that council replants those lost."

Residents could play their part in the long-term recovery project by looking after young trees immediately in front of their property, he said.



**James the Tree is on Hay Street. Please leave him alone.**

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**Mates 4 Mates' Ben McFarlane and Keith Cowan with Rotary Club of Boulder's Jim Fleming and Kieran Warnock.** Picture: Louise White

# Rotary's radio auction spreads cheer

■ **Andrew Murdoch**

There were smiles all round at the Tower Hotel on Tuesday night, as the Rotary Club of Boulder delivered donations to the 14 beneficiaries of the club's radio auction this year.

The annual tradition has been running for 32 years and the nearly \$80,000, which was raised during the auction this year, put the total funds raised above the \$2 million mark.

Club president Jim Fleming said it was a momentous achievement and events such as the beneficiaries night on Tuesday made all of the hard work worthwhile.

"There has been something

like 200 beneficiaries over the 32 years and we are very proud that everything stays local and we have been able to raise \$2 million now," he said.

"If we don't give them some money, some of these organisations don't get it from elsewhere.

"It's a great night and everyone seems to enjoy it. When you see the smiles on people's faces as they receive the donations, it is truly remarkable."

The 14 beneficiaries were selected out of a pool of applications, which exceeded \$400,000 and included Kalgoorlie Boulder Urban Land Group, Christmas in the Park, Goldfields Baptist College Care and Goldfields

Disabled Sports. This week, the Rotary Club of Boulder was recognised by Kalgoorlie-Boulder Volunteer Centre as the Community Service Volunteer of the Year.

"Times are tough all round and raising donations has been very hard, but what we have been able to do this year just demonstrates how generous the people of the Goldfields are," Mr Fleming said.

"We wouldn't be able to do it without all of the support from local businesses."

The auction is the club's biggest fundraiser each year.

The Christmas Toy Stocking giveaway will be held at 1pm at the front of Kmart on Saturday.





**KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert with Federal Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson.**

## Group's kitchen funding a recipe for success

■ **Christy Taylor**

A \$20,000 Federal Government grant will help transform a 1970s transportable kitchen at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group's premises.

KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert welcomed the funding under the Stronger Communities Program for KBULG's kitchen facilities.

"At the moment we have a very

outdated old, small kitchen, so it'll give us some additional space, cupboard and storage areas," she said.

"We have a lot more community engagement at the nursery, so it's good to have an updated facility to be able to provide that to our staff and volunteers."

Federal Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson congratulated the group during a recent visit and said he was happy to support com-

munity groups that frequented the nursery. "I'm delighted to provide KBULG with a grant to help them upgrade their facilities — (chief executive) Kim Eckert does a wonderful job and it's great to be able to support her efforts," he said.

"KBULG is an important part of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community — this grant will allow them to accommodate more local groups and hold meetings, conferences and functions at the nursery.

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS



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# Crime keeps cops busy in eventful 2017

**Joanna Delalande** takes a look at the year that was for police patrolling the region

Goldfields-Esperance police dealt with everything from drug seizures and assaults to reptile trafficking in what was another tumultuous year for the region in 2017.

At the start of the year, Goldfields-Esperance District Superintendent Darryl Gaunt described Kalgoorlie-Boulder as "a big city with big problems" after it was revealed crime in Kalgoorlie-Boulder was up 19 per cent to date on the past financial year.

Burglaries and domestic violence were notable increases, and this announcement seemed to set the tone for the rest of 2017.

Hannan Street businesses went on lockdown in February to protect themselves against "brazen and opportunistic" attacks from people on the street.

Unique Skin Boutique owner Cherie May said she was surrounded by eight young people who

demand money from her till. She said the incident, which happened while she was 24 weeks pregnant, had left her scared to the point her business' door was locked almost more often than it was unlocked.

Shortly afterwards, staff at Boulder's Albion Hotel bottleshop were under siege, suffering rock and spade-throwing attacks and thefts at the business.

In May, a local family were shaken to find their miniature piglet had been attacked and one of its ears sliced off.

Home burglaries were up that month, with 74 reports in May compared with 54 in April.

A man was held at knifepoint while four people rummaged through his home in the early hours of the morning, taking whatever they could find of value.

Goldfields-Esperance Police Inspector Tony Colfer said at the time police were "bombarded" with burglaries.

Kalgoorlie detectives investigated two armed hold-ups in Kalgoorlie-Boulder in less than a week in July after a woman was threatened and a large quantity of cash was stolen from Orana Cinemas.

Thieves and vandals targeted Karlkurla Bushland Park, leaving the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group more than \$20,000 out of pocket, and the Kalgoorlie-



Senior Constable Paul Shields, Senior Constable Tegan Smith and Sergeant Jamie Paterson. Picture: Ravenshorpe police



Acting Sergeant Stu Hopkins and Senior Constable Mark Glen on Louie and Bluey. Picture: Joanna Delalande

Boulder Pistol Club was vandalised three times during the year.

On one occasion, offenders left the building trashed and on another they stole a urinal and ceramic sinks.

In September, it was revealed thefts in Esperance had risen almost 80 per cent since the same time the previous year, which officer-in-charge Senior Sergeant Richard Moore attributed to unemployment, illicit substance abuse and carelessness.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder's volume crime squad issued more than 250 charges throughout the year, most of them to repeat-offending youths aged 10-18 who were after money for drugs and alcohol.

Drugs were also on police's radar after Kalgoorlie-Boulder was identified as WA's new meth capital in June.

In March, more than \$1 million worth of drugs were seized from Kalgoorlie-Boulder streets and a woman was charged with 49 offences after an operation in which detectives, police and the canine unit carried out more than 20 search warrants, resulting in 24 people being charged with more than 100 drug-related offences.

About \$250,000 worth of methy-

lamphetamine was seized and another 43 people were charged after another drug operation the following month.

In September, the Organised Crime Squad visited Kalgoorlie-Boulder as part of the State Government's meth strategy, stopping nearly 400 cars and charging six people with drug-related offences.

Eucla police made an unlikely seizure when they stopped nine tiger snakes from crossing the border into South Australia.

Constable Luci Cleghorn said when a male driver was asked if he had weapons or drugs in the car, he said he did not — but he did have nine protected venomous tiger snakes.

In November, the Cold Case Homicide Squad arrived in town to continue investigations into the disappearance and suspected murder of Goldfields woman Lisa Govan 18 years ago.

Police Commissioner Chris Dawson said there had been "very credible" information provided to police about Ms Govan's disappearance.

Detectives used a concrete cutter to break the floor of the old Deroes clubhouse, now a shed at Zarraffa's Coffee carpark on Boul-

der Road. Searches were also carried out at the new Deroes clubhouse and the one in Perth.

Police also confirmed human remains found in a vehicle in January were those of 38-year-old Samuel Mark Walsh, or Enoch Samuel Wright, who killed his mother in 2005 and escaped from a Claremont care facility in October, 2014.

A man died in police custody in December as a result of a car accident.

Police were following a car with no registration plates in Boulder when the vehicle collided with a taxi.

The 27-year-old driver, who allegedly fled the scene, was charged with dangerous driving resulting in death.

In April, Goldfields-Esperance District Inspector Tony Colfer said he was concerned about "the impact to the community overall" if the trial of the man who ran over and killed Boulder teenager Elijah Doughty in August, 2016, was held in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

The trial was held in Perth, but residents expressed their dismay at the decision nonetheless, with non-violent protests taking place on Hannan Street after the trial ended.

Several people died on Goldfields roads during the year, with several more injured in car rollovers.

A 10-year-old boy died after a crash on the Coolgardie-Esperance Highway east of Widgimooltha, and a 27-year-old Boulder man died after a crash in West Lamington, both in January.

A man was killed and a woman flown to hospital after a crash on Great Eastern Highway near Merredin.

Police confirmed the man, aged in his 40s, was a passenger in the ute, which was travelling east before it left the road and hit a tree about 10.30am.



Protesters march along Hannan Street in support of Elijah Doughty.

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# Recycling transformation

■ Jason Mennell

New figures reveal Kalgoorlie-Boulder has dramatically turned around its previously pathetic recycling record.

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder chief executive John Walker attributed the achievement to the bin-tagging educational program in which inspectors looked through people's

bins and alerted residents to specific contamination issues with their recycling. Mr Walker said every suburb visited had shown significant improvements in recycling habits, preventing a large volume of waste going to landfill.

"The City's recycling bin-tagging program has been highly successful, with correct recycling improving from 49 per cent to 81 per cent over

the approximately 2500 properties inspected throughout 2017," he said. "The City has been able to reach its self-imposed target of 20 per cent diversion from landfill, with a 21 per cent diversion rate recorded in December. We want to keep improving

on this and ensure that we never go back to the levels that instigated the bin-tagging program in the first place." The City partnered with the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group for the program and chief executive Kim Eckert did home visits at people's request to teach them what could and

could not be recycled. Ms Eckert also helped people develop plans to recycle more efficiently in their homes.

She said the statistics revealed the bin-tagging program was working. "I think the statistics are a fantastic result and a credit to the City," she said.

"It just proves what I've always believed and that is most people want to do the right thing but they sometimes just need a little direction.

"Because we are such a transient town, there are people who arrive here having never been exposed to recycling and they often need help understanding how the system works.

"There is also a perception that recycling ends up in landfill but I want

to assure people the recyclable materials are sorted, bundled and taken to Perth, which is a win for the environment."

In spite of the numbers showing a positive trend, Ms Eckert believes more can be done and she would like to see a feasibility study undertaken for the City to introduce a bin for green waste such as food scraps and garden vegetation.

"I would love to see a green bin and I would fully endorse it and hope that will be a consideration," she said.

"Obviously we would like to help the environment and I do appreciate that it would have to be sustainable and economic.

"However, I believe it could be taken a step further and money could actually be made from processing green waste to make compost and even more would be diverted from landfill."

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief

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Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert. Picture: Louise White

**New figures reveal Kalgoorlie-Boulder has dramatically turned around its previously less than ideal recycling record.**

Grocery producers should have to reduce their packaging or only use recyclable packaging. It's getting ridiculous.

**Cathy Parker**

I too would love a bin for green waste. The town did have in the past a compost section at the Yarri land fill and we were able to purchase

compost from there.

**Mary Murray**

Anyone know where all the recycling get sorted then?

**Phill Christian**

Now that the Chinese aren't going to take our recyclables, council better expand Yarri waste dump.

**Gwydia Lanagan**

I am constantly at my husband and 17yr old about using the recycling bin and doing it properly, however they insist

that they have seen recycling trucks dumping recyclable loads at the Yarri disposal site. Can someone please explain to me why this may be?

**Kathrine Schubert**

**Hungry families of Kalgoorlie-Boulder will no longer have to walk kilometres to get the food they need, with a highly anticipated bus stop to be placed outside Foodbank from March.**

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**Mary Murray**

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**Annette Egan-Golding**

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**Ada Hanson**

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**GNRBA executive assistant Michelle Donaldson, her dog Sally and Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert.**  
Picture: Andrew Murdoch

## Summer rain prompts campaign to control caltrop

■ Andrew Murdoch

A series of heavy summer rainfalls created the perfect conditions for the harmful plant caltrop to thrive, sparking a campaign urging Kalgoorlie-Boulder residents to identify and destroy the weed.

Caltrop, famous for its notoriously painful "doubleteeth", is a summer-growing weed that is a major contaminant of produce for pastoral lands and is dangerous to

animals. The plant can grow rapidly after summer rains and is particularly prevalent in the Goldfields, spurring the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group and the Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association to begin the Caltrop Eradication Campaign.

KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert said Kalgoorlie-Boulder had such a problem with caltrop because after the weed spread

once, it was extremely difficult to eradicate completely.

"We as a community have been fighting it for years," she said.

"The seeds, when they do drop, can lay dormant for seven years.

"These seeds are easily spread.

"They spread on shoes, tyres and just about anything. If they were to get onto pastoral areas they would be devastating to the environment.

"Over the last few years we haven't had a whole lot of summer

rain but this year we have decided to do another campaign to raise awareness and to get the community on the lookout.

"We want people to bag them and bin them, which will mean the seeds don't lie there dormant but ready to reoccur."

KBULG and GNRBA are offering free bottles of herbicide and the chance to win an iPad for all those who register a clean-up site through [kbulg.org.au](http://kbulg.org.au).

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# Branded bag part of plastic ban conversation

■ Joanna Delalande

Kalgoorlie-Boulder retailers are suggesting that a locally produced and branded bag be used as a cheaper alternative to reuseable bags once the State's plastic bag ban comes into effect.

The idea was brought up at a workshop held at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Lotteries House on Wednesday night by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, at which attendees were encouraged to ask questions and raise concerns about the ban.

When legislation comes in banning single-use plastic bags from all WA retail stores on July 1, chains like Woolworths and Coles will have access to a range of alternative options, including reuseable and recyclable bags.

However, smaller retail stores will need to decide what changes they want to make to adhere to the ban.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert said some small retailers at the workshop were concerned about the financial strain of buying reuseable bags for their store.

"Someone suggested we collectively produce a bag, that would be a Kalgoorlie-Boulder bag, and that could be available at a cheaper price," she said.

Ms Eckert said the department had also used the workshop to discuss the implications of the ban, and to direct people to a discussion paper on its website through which they could write public submissions.

A spokeswoman for Environment Minister Stephen Dawson said the proposed lightweight bag ban was the best way to reduce littering and associated environmental impacts.

She said Coles, Woolworths and IGA had independently committed to banning lightweight single-use plastic bags by July 1, while Bunings and Aldi had already phased out their use.

A survey of WA households in November found 84 per cent of respondents supported a ban on lightweight single-use plastic bags.

Submissions to the DWER close on March 9.

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# Find out what the Goldfields has to offer

**explore**  
the Goldfields  
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The annual Explore the Goldfields Community Expo is on again! This FREE event – hosted by the KBCCI – is a celebration of all things local. Community organisations and sporting groups come together to showcase the many ways to enjoy a fun and vibrant lifestyle right here in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.



Whether you're new to town, or consider yourself a local, head on down to the Expo on Saturday February 10.

It's a great opportunity to meet new people, get active, and get involved!

Now in its 4th year, the Expo continues to be a very well supported affair, with over 50 community

groups, charities and not for profit organisations participating.

Stallholders are there to promote their services, increase membership and raise their profile in a fun and interactive way – think free competitions, workshops, live demonstrations, giveaways and

merchandise. If you have an interest in arts & crafts, sports & recreation, community & charity and Indigenous culture & youth services, you'll be sure to find something of interest.

So come, have a look, and see why the Goldfields is such a great place to live, work and play. The Expo will run from 10am until

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City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder chief executive John Walker and KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert with WA Tidy Towns' Shirley Brindley and National Tidy Towns judge Gail Langley. Picture: Zach Relph

## City looks to clean up at Tidy Towns gongs

■ Noor Gillani

Kalgoorlie-Boulder was named the State's tidiest town last year as part of the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards, and this year is looking to earn itself a national title.

National Tidy Towns judge Gail Langley recently visited and toured the city with Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert.

Ms Eckert said the tour was to introduce the judge to the city's key sustainability projects.

"We haven't in the whole history of Tidy Towns gone this far," she said.

"Tidy Towns is not just about

rubbish, although that is an important aspect.

"It's about promoting and enhancing regional and remote communities in sustainability."

Ms Eckert said the tour started at the nursery in Karlkurla Bushland Park, where many of the city's environmental and conversational land management resources were held.

Also highlighted was the Williamstown cactus project, which saw the removal of 765 tonnes of high-priority invasive cacti species from Williamstown in East Kalgoorlie.

Other initiatives showcased included an LED lighting project on Hannan Street, the city's exten-

sive solar panel implementation, the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Garden and the Heartwalk trail through the CBD.

"The city of Kalgoorlie-Boulder does a fantastic job in environmental sustainability projects and I am working with the sustainability officer to showcase the city's projects," Ms Eckert said.

She said Kalgoorlie-Boulder was among the first 35 members to engage in the Climate Council's Cities Power Partnership, a local government program encouraging regional cities to share sustainability ideas.

The 2018 Tidy Towns Awards will be hosted between April 5 and 7 in Barmera, South Australia.

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# Forum focuses on

Kalgoorlie Women in Mining's first networking event of the year drew a strong crowd, supporting a theme to "leave no woman behind" in the resources sector.

KCGM general manager Cecile Thaxter and Julie Moide were guest speakers at the Leave No Woman Behind forum at the Kalgoorlie Overland Motel on Fri-

day night. Organised by the Kal-WIM committee and sponsored by Perseverance Drilling, more than 50 people attended the seminar.



KCGM general manager Cecile Thaxter. Pictures: Kelsey Reid



Giovanna Lorusso, Asher Polgar and Ayako Kusul.



Chelsie Kavanagh and Maxine Grest.



Jamie Stratton and Amy Cyprian.



Nicola Murdoch and Matt Dadd.



Allison Golsby and Kim Eckert.

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## Volunteers needed to clean up bushland

■ Noor Gillani

In the spirit of Clean Up Australia Day, the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group is hosting an event to keep the bushland looking spick and span.

KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert said the Kalgoorlie-Boulder event would be held on the Sunday following the national day to accommodate the long weekend in WA.

"We've tried it on that day before but we don't get enough volunteers because most people go away," she said.

The area targeted will be a portion of bushland near the top end of Graeme Road.

"We're going to target obviously where people have been dumping rubbish," she said.

"With the restriction of Keep Australia Beautiful because of volunteer insurance, if you want kids to participate you're not able to do it along roadways.

"Realistically, the only area in town would be a park area and the



Cleanaway branch manager James Wilson is pumped for the big day. Picture: Noor Gillani

council keep all our parks so beautiful."

The family-friendly event will finish with a sausage sizzle and prizes will be available as part of a raffle, including a Bunnings gift

voucher and keep-cups donated by Cleanaway.

"Unfortunately, picking up rubbish is one of the events that doesn't get a lot of volunteers, our tree planting day is much more

widely participated," Ms Eckert said

Those wanting to participate can meet organisers at the corner of Graeme Street and Tumberri Way at 9am on Sunday, March 11.

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## 125th Celebrations of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Kalgoorlie-Boulder is celebrating the 125th anniversary of the discovery of gold, and we want you to join in to celebrate this momentous occasion.

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## Tidy Towns Sustainable Community Awards



KBULG CEO Kim Eckert, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder CEO John Walker, Shirley Brindley from Keep Australia Beautiful WA and Tidy Towns Judge Gail Langley.

Tidy Towns Judge Gail Langley visited Kalgoorlie-Boulder last month to judge the City against the other 2017 State Winners from across Australia for the Tidy Towns national title.

Alongside Shirley Brindley from Keep Australia Beautiful WA, Ms Langley was shown the many environmental, cultural and community highlights Kalgoorlie-Boulder has to offer.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder won the State Tidy Town Award in 2017 due to a number of sustainability and environmental projects driven by local community groups and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group coordinated the submission and City tour, which began with a cultural and environmental display at Karlkurla Bushland Park.

Other tour highlights included the Williamstown Cactus Eradication project, the LED lighting replacement at Hannan Street, and the Heartwalk Art Trail through the CBD.

The City will be judged for the national title in Barmera in South Australia in early April, where it is hoped Kalgoorlie-Boulder will take home its first National Tidy Towns Award.

## Cashless Debit Card Confirmed

The Cashless Debit Card will be rolled out from March 2018 in the local government areas of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Laverton, Leonora, Coolgardie and Menzies.

Around 3,600 people who are recipients of working age payments (for example Newstart Allowance and Youth Allowance) will receive the card. The rollout is expected to be completed by June 2018.

Aged Pension and Veterans' Pension recipients will not be included, however they can

volunteer to be part of the program.

The Goldfields region was selected for its introduction based on the support of community leaders and a demonstrable need identified - including the higher than average rate of domestic and non-domestic assaults.

There will be an intense effort on the ground in the Goldfields to transition people onto the card.

To find out more about the Cashless Debit Card, visit [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au)



## 2018 Evolution Mining Goldfields Gold Rush KidsFest!

It's going to be a gold rush at the 2018 Evolution Mining Goldfields KidsFest! With a new venue and an exciting gold rush theme, little prospectors will be coming from far and wide to experience this fantastic event!

Headlined by Hey Duggee and Justine Clarke, this year's KidsFest will take place on 7 and 8 April and will be held at the Ray Finlayson Sporting Complex for the first time!

Save the date in your diary for this exciting event, part of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's 125th Anniversary Celebrations!



## Skip full of trash cleaned up in bush

■ Andrew Murdoch

It did not take long for Clean Up Australia Day volunteers to fill up a 15m skip bin with litter from the bushland of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on Sunday afternoon.

More than 50 volunteers gloved up and spent the morning doing their bit to help the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group protect the environment from potentially harmful waste.

KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert said it was a fantastic effort by the volunteers but sadly there was plenty more rubbish still to be collected.

"Most of it of course was household dumped rubbish," she said.

"We had volunteers from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Cleanaway, Northern Star Resources and KCGM."

The area targeted on Sunday was a portion of bushland near



Finn, 8, Chelsie and Riley Cavanagh, 6 at the Clean Up Australia Day event. Picture: Kelsey Reid

the top end of Graeme Road. "We're going to target obviously where people have been dumping

rubbish," Ms Eckert said. The family-friendly event finished with a sausage sizzle and prize give-

aways including a Bunnings gift voucher and reusable coffee cups donated by Cleanaway.

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## Illegal dumping crackdown

■ Jason Mennell

The scourge of illegal dumping costs Kalgoorlie-Boulder rate-payers \$75,000 a year and the council has declared it is going to ensure offenders are held accountable.

City chief executive John Walker said it was a big issue and he urged residents to do in dumpers.

"We need the community's help to tackle this issue and will be throwing the book at anyone we can prove is illegally dumping," he said.

"If you see someone dumping, or know of someone who has, do them in. It's not acceptable to the community, and negatively

**If you see someone dumping, or know of someone who has, do them in.**

**John Walker**

impacts the image of our City."

The council has recently stated it will look at raising commercial tipping fees at the Yarri Road refuse facility and Mr Walker said though there was a risk it could exacerbate the problem, it was unlikely to have a major impact.

"The majority of dumping we investigate is generally domestic waste, despite the landfill remain-

ing free to domestic residents," he said.

"We will be improving our campaigns against illegal dumping to make sure any future decisions by the City don't increase illegal dumping."

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert echoed Mr Walker's assertion it was mainly household items being dumped and said she failed to understand why people thought it was OK to dump their waste illegally.

"It's nothing new unfortunately," she said. "It's been a big problem and it has been for a long time."

"I really don't understand why the illegal dumping is happening

because residents have free access to a tip which is open seven days a week.

"There is a lot of household dumping and I think it might be because the population is transient and people leave town and perhaps don't want to take things with them."

Ms Eckert said she supported the City's drive to stamp down on illegal dumping.

"I think we need to work together and help report illegal dumping so people understand there will be consequences," she said.

"If people are not getting in trouble for doing something they will keep doing it so I think if we can promote the awareness that it is not OK."

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# Kalgoorlie-Boulder in mix for national Tidy Towns title

■ Andrew Murdoch

Kalgoorlie-Boulder is among the six finalists in the running to be crowned Australia's tidiest town for 2018 at the national Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns awards ceremony to be held in South Australia tonight.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder was named the WA State winner in October and is up against State finalists Orange, Finke, Kimba, Smithton and Beechworth, for the national title.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim

Eckert is representing Kalgoorlie-Boulder and WA at the awards with Keep Australia Beautiful WA chairman Michael Aspinall.

KBULG was instrumental in the State victory, notably for co-ordinating the massive cactus eradication project in Williamstown, east of town in an inter-agency collaboration that removed 750 tonnes of invasive cacti from the area.

Mrs Eckert said it was an honour to represent the community and she hoped to return with another title for the city.

"I think our city has done some

absolutely fantastic sustainability projects in the last few years," she said.

"I am very pleased to be able to say we are State winners and we can be really proud to have come this far.

"Things like our Williamstown cactus project, the Heartwalk project, the environment education centre, which was built and opened last year, and the bin tagging project the City implemented, which increased our recycling rates from 49 per cent to 81 per cent, have all been fantastic. Hopefully we can at

least win a category — it is pretty challenging to be the best in the nation, particularly being so remote and in an arid environment, but we are hoping for the best."

Tidy Towns has been running nationally since 1990, and began in WA in 1968.

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder chief executive John Walker said the City was thrilled to be up for the national Tidy Towns award.

If Kalgoorlie-Boulder takes the title, it will win the right to host the awards ceremony next year.

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# City misses out on top gong in National Tidy Towns Awards

■ Andrew Murdoch

Kalgoorlie-Boulder was highly commended in three out of six categories at the National Tidy Towns Awards last week but failed to win the top gong after being one of seven finalists across the country.

At the annual awards ceremony on Friday night, Kalgoorlie-Boulder was highly commended in the environmental education, environmental sustainability, and heri-

tage and culture categories. The overall winner for 2018 was the Tasmanian coastal town of Smithton. The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group played an instrumental role in the city's nomination and achievements at the awards and chief executive Kim Eckert said the recognition was a testament to the region's community-minded approach to the environment.

"There were only six categories

and to get a highly commended in three out of six categories is definitely something to be proud of," she said.

"The projects that we put forward for those were obviously highly credible and it is great to see that the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is on the right track and we are doing everything we can for sustainability in our area.

"Tidy Towns is not just about rubbish, it is about sustainability,

so to get highly commended, particularly in environmental sustainability, education and heritage and culture means that we are doing a really good job against all other regional cities and towns in the nation. "Winning isn't everything, to me it is about raising awareness and promoting what we are doing and educating people about what we are doing so we can get really positive people on board and get positive results as well."

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KBULG's Sue Astill and chief executive Kim Eckert at the Karlkurla Park nursery open day. Picture: Tori O'Connor

## Day plants green shoots of knowledge

■ Joanna Delalande

WA's native plants were on show and up for sale at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group's first open day in years at Karlkurla Bushland Park yesterday.

KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert said the group used to hold open days years ago but had not for a long time and not since she had

been in the position. "It serves the purpose of allowing the public to see what we do, it provides an education opportunity and it gives them the chance to purchase some native plants if they want," she said.

Ms Eckert said the event gave the community an opportunity to learn about native propagation.

"It gives them an educational experience, and also allows them to

buy native plants that thrive in Australian soil and don't require a lot of water," she said.

"Planting these is helpful to promote the sustainability of our environment."

Ms Eckert said KBULG had been lucky with great weather yesterday morning, with the event running from 9am-noon, and there had been a steady flow of visitors.

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The Liberal Government is committed to helping older Australians stay in their own home for longer through an additional 20,000 high-level home care packages. We're also ensuring better quality of care and greater transparency of care to protect the elderly who can no longer stay at home. In O'Connor, we are helping the 25,890 people over 65 live longer, happier and healthier lives.



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Kim Eckert does a fantastic job as the chief executive of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Land Care Group. It's always good to hear about the work being undertaken in the Goldfields, and I was pleased to provide the organisation with a \$20,000 grant to help upgrade their facilities in December.



The Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival is a fabulous community event and I try to make a point of being there every year.



The Prime Minister came to O'Connor twice in 2017, visiting Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Albany. It was a great opportunity to discuss local issues and give him an insight into life in regional WA.



## CEO Update

It may be getting cooler outside but for us at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare this is an exhilarating time of the year.



We are looking forward to many upcoming opportunities to interact with the wonderful community of Kalgoorlie-Boulder with our Annual Tree Planting Day coming up on Sunday, 29 July 2018, followed by many other exciting events including our Sustainable Garden Quest & rECONstructed Art Competition. I am truly touched by the whole-hearted commitment of the community to make this City more sustainable and to contribute to a better lifestyle and healthier environment.

In the light of the substantial environmental and social challenges we face in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, we have achieved a lot as a community over the last months. Prominent examples of being recognised for our

hard work include the very successful recycling education project implemented by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the fantastic accomplishment of Kalgoorlie-Boulder winning the WA Tidy Towns State Title, in addition to being highly commended in three of the six categories at the National Tidy Towns Awards held in April.

There always remains a lot to do and we at KBULG are excited to develop and deliver many more rewarding projects together with the community and our sponsors and partners.

Long-term mutually beneficial relationships with our immensely valued sponsors are the key to the success of our community engagement projects and it was a remarkable achievement for KCGM and KBULG to win the DMP Community Partnership Resources Sector Award in late October of last year.

We continue to be grateful to the community for an enthusiastic uptake of our events and projects such as the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Clean-Up Day organised in March, KBULG's Cultural Trails

and our ongoing Junior Landcare Programme which involves all local schools. I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events – from planting trees, being recognised for your hard work in the garden and crafting your recycled art piece – we have got something for everyone! The cooler weather makes it also a perfect time to take a stroll in Karikuria Bushland Park and to visit our community nursery.

I hope you enjoy our Winter Newsletter and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working staff, committee, volunteers, the community and ALL our sponsors. With all of your ongoing help, KBULG is successfully achieving our vision of "working towards a Better Environment, Better Lifestyle for the people of the Goldfields".

*Kim Eckert*

## Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tree Planting Day

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

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## Upcoming kitchen upgrade for KBULG's Eco and Cultural Education Centre

Late last year KBULG received the exciting news to have been selected to receive a \$20,000 Federal Government grant under the Stronger Communities Program towards an upgrade of KBULG's kitchen facilities.



Kim Eckert with Rick Wilson, Federal Member for O'Connor.

Following the addition of our Eco & Cultural Education Centre to the nursery last year and relevant upgrade of parking and sanitary facilities, interest in our new facility and expanded community nursery has been overwhelming, and KBULG constantly receives new requests for courses/

workshops and activities from Central Regional TAFE, schools and a large range of community organisations.

The current kitchen facilities are outdated and fail to provide sufficient space for the many participants in our courses, events and activities.

Following the great

news KBULG was thrilled to accommodate a visit of Rick Wilson, Federal Member for O'Connor, who applauded KBULG for its ongoing community initiatives and took a lot of interest in getting to know KBULG's expanded Community Nursery facilities.



Helena Kmit, Kim Eckert, Cecile Thaxter and Graeme Smith.

## Winner of the Community Partnership Awards – KCGM and KBULG

Last year KBULG submitted a joint application with its long-term sponsor KCGM to the Department of Mines & Petroleum Community Partnership Awards, which publicly recognises outstanding achievements and leadership in building constructive community partnerships that provide positive outcomes.

Among nine exceptional state finalists the partnership between KBULG and KCGM was chosen as the winner of the Community Partnership Resources Sector Award on 26 October 2017! KCGM and KBULG were recognized for their shared projects that have been developed and implemented since 2005 and focus on key cultural, community and environmental awareness events and activities for the benefit of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community.

Judges commended the partnership for its long-term focus on cultural and community sustainability.

As one of KBULG's core sponsors KCGM has of importantly contributed to the

successful organisation of key cultural and environmental awareness events targeting the entire community of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, including the Karikuria Dreaming Culture Trail, the Annual Community Tree Planting Day, the Sustainable Garden Competition, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Clean-Up Day and the Reconstructed Art Competition. KBULG and KCGM's partnership continues to go from strength to strength as a result of KCGM's dedication to its social responsibility programme and KBULG's ability to develop and implement a multitude of engaging community projects.

KBULG would like to wholeheartedly thank



Helena Kmit and Kim Eckert.

KCGM for its long-term commitment to social responsibility and for supporting so many worthwhile projects which assist the Goldfields community to live a balanced and sustainable lifestyle.





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## LOCAL PLANT PROFILE

### POACHED EGG EVERLASTING *Rhodanthe floribunda*

**Size and Form:** Erect and recumbent annual herb (0.05 – 0.30m high)

**Flowers:** Papery white with large yellow centres, look like a poached egg, flowers face upwards towards the sun

**Leaves:** Small, green on a flimsy brown stem  
**Habitat:** Red sandy, clay or stony soils

Leaf confetti.



## Sprinkle Eco Friendly Love

You'll feel incredible while sprinkling your loved ones with eco-friendly confetti, for a project or maybe even a special day.



Whether you're environmentally conscious, or the person you're sprinkling it on is, this will be a beautiful, sweet-smelling solution to plastic pieces that quite frankly stick everywhere, litter the earth and cost you money.

**What you'll need:**

- ♥ Leaves, lots of glorious leaves!
- ♥ Heart hole punches
- ♥ Use recycled products around your home, or make recycled cardboard boxes.

Enjoy a walk outside and collect leaves. Be sure to bring your children along. Then simply hole punch them and tip the pieces into your recycled paper bag or box.

## TIP FOR LITTLE GROWERS

If you want to get the little ones interested in your vegie patch make sure to plant some radish and mustard greens.

They will be ready to harvest in about 5 weeks – not too long for little ones to care for them and watch them grow before they can enjoy the harvesting and eating stage.

They also provide a great opportunity to show kids how some food grows above the ground and some underneath and therefore enforce the importance of watering and taking care of the

soil. While maybe radish and mustard greens may not be favourite kids' food, they might surprise you by devouring their own edible garden produce.



# WINTER is coming...

In fact, it's here! Here are a few simple and environmentally-friendly ways to keep yourself warm while saving money.



**🔥 Cover your windows**

Up to 40 per cent of the heat escaping from your home in winter is from uncovered windows. Heavy, lined curtains which extend below the window frame will insulate your windows and help keep the warmth in. You can even make your own! Blinds and shutters will also work, especially if they sit close to the windows.

**🔥 Seal up gaps and cracks**

Seal up cracks and gaps using weather stripping around doors and windows, gap filler for cracks in the walls and even a simple door snake for the bottom of the door. You can buy all of these things at your local hardware store, for not much money.

**🔥 Let in the sunlight!**

It's tempting to keep your home shut up all day, but by opening your curtains, blinds or shutters during the day, you'll allow sunlight to warm the rooms. Shut the

curtains or blinds at night to keep the heat in.

**🔥 Watch the temperature**

Heat the rooms you are using to around 20°C in winter, a comfortable temperature for most people.

If you don't have a programmable thermostat on your heater, place a thermometer in your living area to keep an eye on the temperature. And think of putting on a jumper before turning up the heat.

**🔥 Close off any rooms that are not in use**

Furniture can't feel the cold so why waste energy heating areas that you're not using? A great way to keep the heat where you want it is to keep the doors to your living space closed. It's obvious, but we often forget this idea, which allows the heating to work

efficiently in the space that's actually in use.

**🔥 Maintain your heaters**

Getting your heater serviced professionally at least every two years will keep it running more efficiently. Keeping heaters free of dust and cleaning any filters regularly will also help.

**🔥 Focus on people, not your house**

It sounds straightforward, but often it's easier to warm yourself rather than your whole house.

A warm pair of slippers and a snug jumper could save you hundreds in heating and energy bills!

If everyone in the house is warm, the house itself doesn't need to be. Get an over-size fleece for nights on the couch. These little luxuries will keep you considerably warmer for less.

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## DO YOU COMPOST?

When food is sent to landfill the lack of oxygen when it's decomposing results in it producing methane, a gas which is 20 times worse than carbon dioxide for the atmosphere.

If that doesn't convince you to start composting, think of all the nutrients a compost system can put back into your garden (or someone else's!).

Food scraps are food too, and they should always be fed to someone else, whether that's a pet dog, chicken, worm farm, or plants.

IF JUST 10% OF AUSTRALIANS COMPOSTED THEIR FOOD WASTE INSTEAD OF THROWING IT IN THE BIN, WE'D STOP 450 MILLION KG OF GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION FROM ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE.

IMAGINE IF ENTIRE COUNTRIES DID IT!



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## Kalgoorlie-Boulder turns TRASH INTO TREASURE

Think about your entry for this year's rEConstructed Art Competition and Exhibition has become a major annual community event, and inspires individuals, community groups and schools to get creative while helping to raise awareness about the waste cycle and the importance of recycling.

Last year the event was again held in November in support of the National Recycling Week 2017.

Spectacular artworks from recycled and no longer used materials were exhibited at the Western Australian Museum, resulting in an exciting, educational, and highly visible 2-week Arts exhibition being showcased to a wide audience in this popular landmark for visitors and locals alike.

The enthusiastic uptake of the competition by the community

and the high level of thought and creativity demonstrated by entrants showcased the growing awareness and passion of community members from all age groups and professional backgrounds in regards to recycling and the concept of 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'.

KBULG would like to again sincerely thank all the participants for all their hard work and is looking forward to another exciting display of the community's creativity and dedication to art and sustainability

at this year's event in November. Start conceptualizing your entry now to provide you with plenty of time to collect the necessary recyclable materials and put them together.

There is no limit to creativity as we welcome any entry with the only requirement being that the artwork originates from recycled materials.

You don't have to be a professional artist to submit an entry - often the simplest ideas and materials impress the community and judges the most!



rEConstructed Art Work submitted for last year's competition.



## Saving the precious Goldfields Water

In 2016 the Water Corporation joined forces with KBULG to develop new community projects with a special focus on saving water in the Goldfields region.

With the support of the Water Corporation KBULG implements projects to educate the community on how to become waterwise in the home and garden, as well as reaching out to businesses and industry with practical tips to make a positive impact on the environment by saving precious water.

The Water Corporation continuously develops new online tools for households to monitor and assess their water use.

A new very useful online calculator allows you to check for leaks in your home. Leaking taps, toilets, showers and sprinklers can waste a lot of water!

Check your home for leaks at [www.watercorporation.com.au/faults/seek-a-leak](http://www.watercorporation.com.au/faults/seek-a-leak)

## Schools become waste wise role models

Through a new partnership formed in 2017 KBULG is raising awareness about the Waste Authority WA School Program and provides schools with the necessary resources and equipment to participate, become accredited and receive relevant grants.



The Waste Wise Schools program targets schools in WA with educational strategies for reducing waste to landfill by implementing the 3Rs, reduce, reuse, recycle - while developing positive environmental values in students

and the whole school community. Currently ten primary and secondary schools in Kalgoorlie and Kambalda hold Waste Wise accreditations.

These schools model responsible environmental behaviours through hands-on learning experiences

that are linked to the Australian Curriculum. Conducting a waste audit is a necessary component to becoming a Waste Wise School.

The process is used to determine how much and what type of waste a school produces and can

be used as a baseline to measure improvements.

KBULG assists schools with conducting such audits and recently facilitated an audit for Hannans Primary Schools which is in the process of becoming a Waste Wise School.

## GET YOUR GARDEN READY for this year's Sustainable Garden Competition

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 competition were announced at Lorna Mitchell Spring Festival in September 2017.

Last year's 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. Judges were fascinated with the real passion for gardening and innovative ideas for waterwise gardening demonstrated by entrants, which greatly enhances the street-scapes of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. This year KBULG launches the competition today with judging taking place on Saturday, 8 September 2018.

All entries will need to be submitted by 1 September 2018 and announcements will be published in our Spring Newsletter in September. Come and see us at our community nursery in Karikurla Bushland Park and we provide you with advice on how to create an attractive and sustainable garden with native plants.

Please also feel free

to contact [admin@kbulg.org.au](mailto:admin@kbulg.org.au) for more information about your competition entry. You don't have to be a pro gardener to enter, the KBULG team would love to meet you and learn about your approach to gardening. We look forward to visiting you in September!



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## Coming Events

**Karikurla Dreaming Culture Tour**  
(Tickets at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Visitor Centre)  
**Tuesday, 12 June 2018 +**  
**Friday, 15 June 2018, 9:00am**

**Native Plant Group** KBULG Community Nursery  
**Sunday, 24 June 2018, 9:00am – 11:00am**

**KBULG Free Holiday Fun**  
KBULG Community Nursery  
**Tuesday, 3 July 2018, 9:30am – 11:00am**

**Annual Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tree Planting Day**  
**Sunday, 29 July 2018, 9:00am – 11:00am**

**Sustainable Garden Competition**  
Entries close 1 September 2018

## Community Nursery welcomes invaluable gardening know-how

KBULG was delighted to welcome Josh Byrne (Josh's House) to its Community Nursery on Saturday, 24 March 2018.

Dr Byrne is best known for his role as the WA presenter of ABC TV's Gardening Australia program where he conveys practical advice on creating productive and water efficient gardens to a national audience.

Having published two best-selling books on sustainable and innovative household gardening practices while being appointed in research positions by both Curtin University and the

University of Western Australia, KBULG was incredibly honored to hosts Josh' visit and receive a wealth of innovative advice and tips on waterwise and sustainable horticulture techniques tailored to the rugged Kalgoorlie-Boulder environment.

KBULG is exceedingly grateful to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Fair for inviting Josh and for allocating time for him to visit our wonderful Community Nursery.



Josh Byrne with Kim Eckert and KBULG's committee chair Peta Osborne.

## COMMUNITY TURNS CLEANING UP INTO A FUN DAY OUT

One of KBULG's key objectives is to convey the message 'Reduce, Re-use, Recycle' to the wider community, leading to an increased awareness of the waste cycle, and empowering the community to adequately assess the environmental impacts of waste.



In addition to ongoing education projects to educate the community about methods of waste prevention and waste recovery, KBULG hosts an annual Kalgoorlie-Boulder Clean Up Australia Day – a nationwide initiative promoted through state-specific Keep Australia Beautiful Councils.

This year's event was held on Sunday, 11 March 2018, and focused on cleaning up the area around the Communication



Tower on the top of Graeme Street.

The participants filled up a skip bin, supplied by Cleanaway, with litter items of varied shapes and sizes affecting the bushland and native animals at the site.

The many hard-working volunteers were rewarded with a BBQ and various raffle prizes, making this event again a fun day out achieving a great outcome for both visual amenity



and conservation. Thank you to all our sponsors and the people of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for all your hard work and a morning full of smiles!

## Together for a Sustainable Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Local decision-makers and project planners together with the community in Kalgoorlie-Boulder have come a long way in improving the environment of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and implementing projects that contribute to the long-term sustainability of this uniquely placed City.



Well done Kalgoorlie-Boulder!



Kim Eckert with John Bowler, Mayor Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Hon. Kerry Sanderson, Governor of Western Australia.



Kim Eckert and Kalgoorlie-Boulder Visitor Centre manager Veronica Dobner.

A prominent example is the significant improvement of the City's recycling effort. Data collected through the recycling bin-tagging project implemented last year indicated that correct household recycling improved from 49 per cent to 81 per cent over 2017. Kalgoorlie-Boulder's commitment to developing and implementing projects that enhance environmental sustainability and foster the community spirit were recognized in the WA Tidy Towns Awards 2017 with our City winning the State Award.

This is a magnificent achievement and a first for our City. Kalgoorlie-Boulder impressed the judges through the successful implementation of various environmental sustainability and cultural initiatives including the Williamstown

Eradication project, the LED lighting replacement on Hannan Street, and the revitalisation of the Kalgoorlie CBD through the 2-year HEARTWALK public Art Project. Representing WA as the State Winner at the National Tidy Towns Awards held in Barmera, South Australia in

April, Kalgoorlie-Boulder received high commendations in the categories Heritage & Culture, Environmental Sustainability and Environmental Education. The Awards Certificates are on display at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Visitor Centre.



## Time to renew your membership!

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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)

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# Culture, native flora and stories highlight bush tours

■ Jason Mennell

Guided walking tours through the popular Karlkurla bushland will form part of the 125-year-anniversary celebrations of the founding of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

Hosted by the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group, the Karlkurla Dreaming Culture Tours will see local guides teaching people about bush medicine and local flora as they talk about historical stories from the Goldfields.

KBULG chief executive Kim Eckert said the organisation had been hosting the tours for many years and the response from participants had been overwhelmingly positive.

"We stop at various plants and we talk about their properties and what the Aboriginal people used to use them for and what they

probably still do use them for," she said.

"There is the medicine bush, for example, which has good properties to aid digestive ailments, can be used as an anti-inflammatory and is reputedly used for cancer as well.

"Then there are the sandalwood trees which produce nuts and the silky pear which is our local native fruit which is where Kalgoorlie gets its name from."

Ms Eckert said the tours were informative and aimed to unite people through sharing stories.

"Being a not-for-profit organisation what we are trying to make it an informative and enjoyable morning for people to learn and share the knowledge," she said.

"It's definitely a beautiful morning walk through the park learning about the native flora and local Aboriginal culture in terms of



Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert in Karlkurla Bushland Park. Picture: Louise White

bush medicine and bush tucker."

The tours are rounded off with damper and quandong jam washed down with billy tea.

The tours will be on June 12 and

June 15 from 9am to 11.30am.

Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$20 for children under 12 and are available from the Kalgoorlie Boulder Visitor Centre.

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# Events for gold and growth

## KEEPING IT NEIL Neil Watkinson

The celebration of all things Kalgoorlie-Boulder steps up from this Saturday, when the main week of the town's 125th anniversary celebrations takes place.

A Heart of Gold discovery trail and app launch takes place at Kalgoorlie Town Hall on Saturday at 9.30am, and there is also the unveiling of a Perth Mint-commissioned gold ingot statue and information board outside City Markets Arcade on Hannan Street at 10am.

Later that day is a multicultural festival outside the Goldfields Art Centre and Lord Forrest Olympic pool park.

Karlkurla Dreaming Culture four events take place in Karlkurla Bushland Park on Tuesday and Friday next week, with the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group set to inform people about bush medicine, native flora and historical Goldfields stories.

The 125th Historical Gala ball at Kalgoorlie Town Hall will be on Friday next week, and on Sunday, June 17 is the Mayoral Cup meeting at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Racing Club.

There are also several events affiliated with the anniversary, including the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy's gala dinner, and the Goldfields



**Paddy's Tree on Outridge Terrace marks where gold was discovered in June, 1893. Picture: Neil Watkinson**

Football League v WA Country game on Saturday, June 16.

Gold was the reason for the foundation of the city, with June 14, 1893, pencilled in as the official date thanks to Paddy Hannan, Tom Flanagan and Dan Shea.

The most glamorous of minerals has been the mainstay of the Goldfields' economy ever since, with other minerals such as nickel and lithium playing their part in more recent times.

The gold industry has seen the region make a huge contribution to the State and national economy. But Kalgoorlie-Boulder

and the Goldfields also gained a reputation across the years as a "wild west" town full of hotels and hard-drinking miners, with TV programs such as Kalgoorlie Cops reinforcing this reputation.

But this is not what many want the city to be in the future, and the process of a transformation into a family-friendly city of permanent residents is ongoing.

Yesterday's Growing Kalgoorlie-Boulder 2018 event at the Hyatt Regency Perth is part of this process, with a range of business and political leaders pitching the benefits of life away

from the helter-skelter of metropolitan areas.

Also, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry recently initiated a survey seeking the stories of those people who had chosen life in the Goldfields after living in metropolitan areas.

It was seeking to uncover and publicise hard data such as travel time, living costs and activity comparisons.

The process of transforming a community is long-term and can only be judged in such a way.

It faces many challenges, including some — such as global economic shifts — which are outside the control of locals.

But change does occur, and will continue to do so in the future — although it might not always be to the liking of locals.

However, think about what has happened during the past 30 years.

Locals tell me until the 1990s, the western edge of the city was the Overland Hotel, across the road from Centennial Park on Great Eastern Highway.

There is a lot more housing and industry in the west nowadays.

So in another 20 years time, we will have a better idea of the success of ventures such as Growing Kalgoorlie-Boulder 2018.

■ Neil Watkinson is a senior journalist at the Kalgoorlie Miner.

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# Kalgoorlie-Boulder Sustainable Garden Quest 2018

**CATEGORIES**

- Residential (Owner & Tenant Combined)
- Commercial (Business & Industry Combined)
- Schools
- Community Organisation
- Edible Garden (Vegetables/Fruit/Bush Tucker)

This year's competition showcases your efforts towards creating and maintaining a sustainable garden, with winners selected based on the overall appearance, colour and tidiness of gardens and verges

For entry forms and judging criteria email [admin@kbulg.org.au](mailto:admin@kbulg.org.au) or [www.kbulg.org.au](http://www.kbulg.org.au) or call KBULG on 0418935498 or visit Lotteries House, Bergie's Soils or the Kalgoorlie Miner

Follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/kbulg1](http://www.facebook.com/kbulg1) for competition updates

Entries / nominations close Tuesday 4th September 2018

Judging occurs on Saturday 8th September 2018 (Entrants need to provide garden access)

Winners will be announced via the Kalgoorlie Miner—KBULG Spring Edition Saturday 15 September 2018

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## Bush tucker tutor puts flora on the menu

■ Andrew Murdoch

Food science technology students at Eastern Goldfields College were given a taste of the natural ingredients and flavours on offer in their own backyards at a unique school workshop last week.

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landscape Group administration assistant Sue Astill brought a raft of native ingredients, including Karlkurlas, or silky pears, for which Karlkurla Park in Hannans is named, and guided the students through a cooking tutorial.

"I was telling them about the local bush tucker and food that is available up at Karlkurla Park and in the Goldfields area," Mrs Astill said.

"The main one is the Karlkurla, the silky pear. They can be roasted or eaten fresh.

"The silky seeds fly off in the wind and plants itself. You have also got the quandong seeds, which



Students Annabel Trader and Kirby Jefferies, both 17, and Sue Astill. Picture: Andrew Murdoch

can be roasted and ground up to make quandong jam.

"It is teaching the students about the local environment and knowledge in case they are ever caught out in the bush.

"It is also having that connection with Aboriginal people and tradi-

tional ways of life as well."

Food science technologies teacher Anna Gavan said the class was an engaging and informative exercise for the Year 12 students.

"In a nutshell for their local food component of their assessment,

Sue came in to explain what you can find in and around Kalgoorlie-Boulder, what is in season and what is available," she said.

"The students cooked using native spices. It cements what they 'kind of' already know is available."

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# Volunteering helps connect

**FAITH JOURNEYS**  
■ Elizabeth Smith

Working together is a great way to make friends.

Last Sunday, I was part of an assembly line putting little packets of homemade biscuits together. Beforehand, much baking had been done by better cooks than me. I wrote some blessings to go with the gifts.

At the right moment, it all came together and the assembly line swung into action. Some of us filled cellophane bags. Some of us stamped, cut, drew and decorated the blessing cards. Some of us glued, hole-punched and tied the packets up with ribbons.

The biscuits were delivered the next day to the wonderful staff at Amana Living and Anglicare in the Goldfields.

It's our church's way of saying thank you to these organisations that are part of the wider Anglican family.

Through them, we reach out in loving service to our community.

The biscuit workers spoke Setswana, Polish and Chinese in addition to Australian English.

The ages ranged from seven to 87. There was such a buzz in the room.

If you are new to town, or feeling like it's hard to make friends, maybe working with others might be a way to connect.

Volunteering is not just a way to get work done — it's a way to



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meet people. It's a way to build community.

Enjoy the open air?

Go to a clean-up day or a tree-planting day with the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group.

Crazy for the arts? There are huge backstage teams at the Goldfields Repertory Club or

Stage Left. Like a chat? There are op shops in town that need helpers to sort, pack, price and sell.

The patterns of shift work make it hard for some Goldfields people to join in regular timetabled activities. Even Sunday church can't be a regular commitment, let alone sports and training.

So let's have more one-off activities along with the rosters and the routines — some random extravaganzas.

Some occasional binges of working together. It'll be a buzz!

■ Rev Elizabeth J Smith is Senior Mission Priest in the Anglican Parish of The Goldfields.

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Last year's sustainable gardening residential category winner Sarah Campbell. Picture: Louise White

## Competition highlights sustainable gardens

■ Jason Mennell

Green-fingered gardeners are urged to enter the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group's Sustainable Garden Quest.

The annual competition encourages sustainability and conservation across Kalgoorlie-Boulder with five categories up for contention including residential, commercial and schools.

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community Garden won the community category last year and committee member Jennifer Thompson hoped the competition would inspire future generations.

"It is really good for Kalgoorlie-Boulder to be able to showcase grassroots initiatives, even if it is as simple as a day-care facility growing tomatoes and peas for their kids to eat," she said.

"Growing vegetables at the community garden and involving children in that process means they get to see the hard work that goes into the fruit and veg that appears on their plate."

This year's competition will consider the sustainability of gardens with winners being selected on appearance, colour and general tidiness.

Last year's residential category

winner Sarah Campbell said not a lot of space was needed to create a sustainable garden — just some imagination. "We try and be sustainable as we can in our backyard and we have solar power, we collect rain water and we grow vegetables in our garden," she said.

"We don't have grass out the front like most people do but we have native plants which feed the birds and provide an environment for other animals."

Entry forms and judging criteria can be found at: [kbulg.org.au](http://kbulg.org.au).

Nominations close on September 4 and judging will take place on September 8.

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# Together, we can make a difference

Desert Gem acknowledges and commemorates NAIDOC Week 2018 celebrations, as well as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who made universal changes for future generations to exceed with dignity and equality.

Because of her we can! These women overcame barriers and obstacles with strength, resilience and tears. They advocated many roles and wore many hats as grandparents, mothers, sisters, aunts, nieces and daughters, at all levels.

So let us celebrate and honour the richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women of the past, present and future. As part of NAIDOC Week celebrations, a first children's book launch is to be held at the Museum of the Goldfields on Tuesday July 10 from 10am until 1pm. William Wijity Life Cycle of Witchetty Grub is a tale that has been written in English, and translated to the Ngaanyatjarra language. Tahlia Lynch, a versatile, young Aboriginal artist, illustrated the book.

The author is Vattessa Colbung, a contemporary Aboriginal artist and writer who is also part owner of Desert Gem – a local Goldfields company that sells products designed by Australian Aboriginals. The business also works to

promote Aboriginal artists and Indigenous models.

Desert Gem runs workshops designed to provide the younger generations with a positive future and an introduction to the fashion industry. Topics include multi-media, self-esteem, grooming, leadership, communication, culture and heritage.

The team behind Desert Gem – Vattessa Colbung, Joseph Coleman, Keesha Coleman and Shonaye Sambo – all have Aboriginal heritage, and a cultural understanding that allows them to engage effectively with their communities. Their vision is respect, compassion and empathy.

They believe in the value of every person. Their dream is to see young Indigenous people, in particular, succeed in life, equipped with the skills and the confidence they need.

With your help, they can extend their reach and support more Indigenous people.

Go online and check out the range of products today at [www.desertgem.com.au](http://www.desertgem.com.au).



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**Hope Community Services is proud to support NAIDOC Week**

Hope Community Services would like to acknowledge the first people of this country and offer our respect to their culture and their elders past present and future.

This year we want to pay particular respect to the role that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played and continue to play.

HOPE recognises Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week through activities involving staff and clients and we developed our first Reconciliation Action Plan several years ago.

In the last financial year, HOPE helped over 700 clients in the Goldfields and has been helping the most marginalised in WA for over a 100 years.

If you want to yarn to us about somebody's drug or alcohol problem, mental health or chronic disease management, come and see us at 48 Brookman Street or call us on 9021 3069.



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