

## 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 Karlkurla 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*



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

Late last year KBULB 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.

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/



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

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 Karlkurla 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.

## Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tree Planting Day





## Coming Events

**Karlkurla 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!

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:** (tick one)

- ☐ Business \$100  
☐ Financial Membership\* \$10  
☐ Social Membership (free)

(Individual, junior or family)

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_  
Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

☐ I am interested in volunteering (please tick)

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

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Poached Egg Everlasting  
- *Rhodanthe floribunda*.



## 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 veggie 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.

## 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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## 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 School accreditation.

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 waterwise 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-scape 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 Karlkurla 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!

## 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)



rEConstructed Art Work submitted for last year's competition.



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