

# CEO Update

It may be getting harder to get out of bed with this cooler weather but for us at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare this is an exciting and busy time of year.



We have been out and about at many community events including Kidsfest, WA day the Museum of the Goldfields and the KCGM open day and we are looking forward to many more upcoming opportunities to interact with the wonderful community of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, the next being our annual Tree Planting Day coming up on Sunday, 28th of July 2018. This year to be held at Gribble Creek which has had work completed on it to improve the water flow through the creek, volunteers will be planting a variety of Goldfields Natives which will greatly increase the biodiversity of the area. This event will be followed by many other community inclusive events including our Sustainable Garden Quest and reCOConstructed

Art Competition. I am always 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. This year we were blown away by the community support we received for our annual Clean-Up Kalgoorlie-Boulder Day, which we held the weekend after Clean-Up Australia Day to better involve the community. There, as always, remains a lot to do and we at KBULG are excited to develop and deliver many more rewarding projects and events together with the community and with our sponsors and partners. Long-term mutually beneficial friendships with our valued sponsors are the key to the success of our community engagement projects. I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events from planting trees, showing off your beautiful and carefully thought out gardens, creating amazing art pieces out of recycled materials to our monthly native plant group at our nursery. Our drive to provide environmental education is still a top priority for

us, recently we welcomed a group of students from America and Canada, who were part of the Rotary student exchange program, to the park and took the excited students on our culture tour with the help of our Indigenous guide Edie Ulrich. The students were taken on a tour of the park, which included much commentary on the native plants of the area and their uses both as bush tucker and as medicine, and fed up on fresh made damper with quandong jam at the end of the tour. Safe to say the damper was a hit. I hope you enjoy our Winter Newsletter and all the bits of information it provides, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working staff, committee, fabulous volunteers, the community and All of our generous sponsors. With all of your ongoing help and support KBULG is successfully achieving our visions of 'working towards a Better Environment, Better Lifestyle for the people of the Goldfields.

Kim Eckert



# Congratulations to Kim Eckert

We at KBULG would also like to offer our Congratulations to Kim Eckert the latest Kalgoorlie recipient of the Order of Australia Medal, it is a well deserved award and we are thrilled to see all of Kim's hard work and community contributions recognised at such a high level.

Good Job Kim. – KBULG Staff

# Check out our new pergola for rainy day works– Evolution and Nicklewest

John Maske and his Crew (from Nickel West – Kalgoorlie Smelter) volunteered their time to put up a new pergola at the KBULG's nursery on the 16th of May.



The pergola was purchased by KBULG with funds received from Evolution mining. It will allow the KBULG nursery staff to work all year rain or shine. Continuing the good will Daniel Trott and his crew (Nickel West – Kalgoorlie

Smelter) came out to the nursery on Monday the 17th of June and volunteered their time to help complete some roofing work over our potting up area. Thanks to all the team who helped us.

# Karlkurla Bushland Park



The Hon Stephen Dawson MLC Minister for Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs and Shelley Payne visited with Kim Eckert at Karlkurla Park to explore our beautiful park. He was saddened to see the damage to our lookout.

#Connectingpeopletoparksandnature

# Annual Tree Planting Day

This year the Annual Tree Planting Day will be held at Gribble creek near Centennial Park on the 28th of July to rehabilitate the area after needed earth works were carried out to prevent future flooding in the area. This replanting of the area will also bring in much needed biodiversity to the only creek in Kalgoorlie-Boulder as well as provide more food sources for our wonderful native fauna.

# Re-seeding Nanny Goat Hill

Re-seeding Nanny Goat Hill day was an event organised by KBULG to celebrate National Volunteer week, held on Wednesday the 22nd of May, volunteers came and spent the morning cleaning up rubbish and direct seeding pre-treated seeds into the soil and watering them to give them the best head start they could.

## Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tree Planting Day

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

Free Sausage Sizzle & Prizes to Win!

Gribble Creek  
Meet at the Centennial Park carpark  
Sunday 28th July  
9am – 11am

PLANETARK  
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## SWITCHES TO AN ECO-FRIENDLIER YOU

Some changes we embrace happily like reusable water bottles and keep cups for our daily tea and coffee. It is estimated Australians use 1 billion disposable coffee cups each year, that's approximately 2,700,000 paper coffee cups thrown out every day but what other changes can we make that will reduce our waste.

### How about trying some of these?



- **Reusable straws**
- **Mesh bags for your loose veggies**
- **What about switching to a bamboo toothbrush that will decompose when you're done with it?**
- **Essential oil diffusers to keep your home smelling fresh rather than buying spray products or plug-ins.**
- **Lunch boxes aren't just for the schoolkids, how about packing your lunch in a reusable lunch box to reduce those nasty takeaway containers.**
- **Reusing large glass jars to store your lentils and other dried goods**
- **Donate your clothes or used goods to Op-shops**

## GARDEN PROJECTS FOR LITTLE ONES

### A: Try a potato bag

Plant your seed potatoes and keep mounding the dirt up and up and up and in 8-12 weeks you will have potatoes. Help the little ones turn them into all sorts of delicious treats.

### B: Seedling starters

Fed up with throwing out your egg cartons and toilet rolls, in the recycling we hope, well here is an idea on how to use those items to bring a bit of green into your life. Use the bottom of the egg carton and the toilet roles as seedling starters, the best bit is you just have to plant them in the ground as is and the little seedling pot will decompose in the soil. Stop buying the plastic seedling starters from your local nursery and grow those little seedlings yourself.



*Eucalyptus kruseana* –  
Bookleaf Mallee.

## LOCAL PLANT PROFILE

### EUCALYPTUS KRUSEANA

*Bookleaf Mallee*

Small Eucalyptus with beautiful yellow flowers formed in bunches. Leaves are a interestingly clustered on the branches and are popular in flower arrangements.

**Size and Form:** Straggly mallee of restricted distribution, 2 - 3.5m high and 2 - 4m wide; bark smooth grey.

**Flowers:** Creamy yellow clusters.

**Leaves:** Rounded, dull grey/green leaves and crowded along the stem.

**Habitat:** Sandy loam soils on and near granite outcrops and hills.

**Uses:** An attractive garden plant and very popular for flower arrangements.



## Staying Warm this winter

Here are a few simple and environmentally-friendly ways to keep yourself warm while saving money.

a. Change your curtains over from light summer ones to heavier style curtains to stop the heat from escaping, but don't forget on those nice sunny days to open them to let in the warm sunlight

b. Making the most of your bed. Pull your bed away from the wall if it's an exterior wall, leave a gap so you aren't losing heat. Make sure the softest, fluffiest blanket is closer to your skin. Thin dense blankets should be on top to prevent heat loss.

c. Winter isn't just soup and stew season for the heartiness of these meals it also helps to keep the whole house warm. Make the most of the oven this winter, bake to your heart's content, slow cook lovely meals and warm your house at the same time.

d. Don't forget to dress warm, enjoy the chance to wear beanies and keep your head warm. Break out the Ugg boots or slippers to keep your feet warm too. Any exposed area of skin is a heat loss zone and remember it is easier to warm yourself up then it is to warm a hole house.

e. Have you been eyeing up a beautiful fluffy blanket at your favourite store? Winter is the perfect time to buy that big blanket and snuggle up with a loved one on the couch. Body heat is a great way to stay warm.



f. Don't forget your hot drinks to keep your fingers warm and you warm too.

g. Hot water bottles are a great and inexpensive way to stay warm; yes they are an oldie but a goody. Before you go to bed pop it on the spot where you get the coldest and climb into a warm bed.

h. Time to rug up – not you but your floor. Putting rugs on the floor not only stops your feet from cooling you down but it also creates a buffer between your warm house and your cold floor.

i. Program your reverse cycle to warm the room when you're in it or to come on just before you come home from a hard day of work. Remember it doesn't have to be set at 30 degrees to keep you warm, keeping the house or room at 20 to 22 degrees will keep the room comfortable and won't break the bank come bill time.

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## COMPOSTING TIPS FOR WINTER

- Turn less in winter so you do not lose too much heat from your compost
- Move your compost to a sunny spot in the yard.
- Use layers of leaves, straw, cardboard or sawdust to help insulate and keep warmth in your compost
- To get the warmth of your pile up add nitrogen rich materials (so green materials), brown materials like dried leaves are rich in carbon.
- Getting rid of weed seeds in your compost come winter is all about keeping it hot, hot, hot so make sure you turn your compost to get those seeds into the centre but not too much that you are losing heat. Compost tumblers are a great option come winter for composting.



## COMPOSTING IN SMALL SPACES

A whopping 62% of Australian landfill consists of food waste so here are some composting options for you

### Houses with little to no space

**Bokashi Bins** are compact, odourless and provide you with a way to turn your household food scraps into food for your indoor and outdoor plants. By composting your household scraps you keep them out of landfill and return nutrients to the plants.

**Worm Bins** are a great way to turn food scraps into compost for your garden and are a great activity for the whole family, getting the kids involved helps to educate them about composting and about food in general.

### Houses with small backyards

**Worm bin or compost tumblers** are a great option for those who don't like worms and don't have time or space for compost piles. Fill your tumbler up and a couple of times a week give it a spin and let it do its thing. Soon enough you will have lovely healthy compost for the garden.

### Houses with a large backyard

**Standing compost bin or compost tumbler** If you have more space maybe consider getting a trio of open based enclosed compost bins. Set them up side by side and while one is composting you can move to the next bin and so on until you have a cycle of composting going on in your own backyard.

## Kalgoorlie-Boulder turns TRASH INTO TREASURE

Last year's rECONstructed Art Competition was held in November to celebrate National Recycling Week 2018 and again provided a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of recycling. The competition, including seven categories with cash prizes for each, attracted some superbly creative pieces of artwork from Kalgoorlie-Boulder residents and participants from nearby areas.

Amazing artworks made from recycled and waste 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 the 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 we are looking forward to another exiting display of the community's creativity and dedication to art & sustainability at this year's event in November.

So it is time to start planning your artworks and collecting materials. There is no limit to creativity as we welcome any entry with the only

requirements being that the artwork originates from recycled materials. You don't have to be a professional artist to submit an entry you just have to have passion and a spark of imagination, often the simplest ideas and materials produce the most impressive pieces of artwork that both impress and inspire.

Download your entry form at <http://kbulg.org.au> or contact [admin@kbulg.org.au](mailto:admin@kbulg.org.au) for more information.



## 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 spring competition were announced in September 2018 on Facebook.

The competition again served its purpose in promoting, educating and raising awareness 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.

2019's competition will once again run with all entries being submitted by the 3rd of September with judging taking place on Saturday the 7th of September and the winners will be announced over Facebook and email in September

Come and see us at our community nursery in Karlkurla Bushland Park and we can provide you with advice on how to create an attractive and sustainable garden with native plants.





## Coming Events

**Annual Tree planting Day 28th July**  
Sunday, 28 July 2019

**Native Plant Group**  
Sunday, 25 August 2019

**Sustainable Garden Competition**  
Entries close 3rd September 2019

**rEOnstructed Art Competition**  
Entries close 1st December 2019

## COMMUNITY FAIR



Sabrina Hahn's visit  
to the nursery -  
Part of the Community  
Fair Community  
Fair - Recycled Art  
competition



### Time to renew your membership!

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

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

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

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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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## CLEAN UP DAY SUCCESS

10th March Clean Up Kalgoorlie Boulder Day was a huge success this year. Over 200 volunteers came out between 9am and 11:30 am to help us clean up the area between Gatacre Dr and Atbara St. Two entire skip bins, supplied by Cleanaway, worth of rubbish were collected not only in the orange bags but also with the KBULG Ute. A variety of rubbish.

A sausage sizzle was held at the end of the event to feed all the hungry and hardworking volunteers and the door prizes were drawn from the raffle. Thanks to all the sponsors that help make these days happen.



**Thank you to our valued sponsors**



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