

## CEO Update



### Welcome to KBULG's Spring into Summer newsletter!

We have had a busy few months since our last update. You may have seen us out and about doing school bushwalks in the beautiful Karlkurla Bushland Park, planting native flora at some of the local schools, joined us for National Tree Planting Day, attended our Native Plant Group or even entered in our Sustainable Garden Quest.

We would like to say a big Thank You to Ray Goddard from BGC Cement who upon seeing the newspaper article regarding the vandalism of our wonderful Katunga Lookout reached out to me wanting to

help get it fixed up and back to working order. This last month works have been completed to get the lookout repaired free of charge. The Katunga Lookout completed by Mr Doug Krepp is of extreme importance to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community and is used by residents and tourists alike for a variety of activities from morning yoga to wedding photos. It provides people with an amazing vantage point over the park and our section of the Great Western Woodland and surrounds and is an example of all the hard work Mr Krepp put into the park since its' founding in the early 90's. We look forward to seeing it complete, restored and opened once again for the public's enjoyment.

We recently held our annual Sustainable Garden Quest once again however we brought it forward to September this year to see the gardens at their best and the judges were not

disappointed. Huge congratulations to our winners, who were announced on facebook and can be found on our website, your hard work and dedication to your gardens really wowed our Judges.

While the weather may be warming up we aren't letting it slow us down and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at our up-coming events, including the rEConstructed Art Competition and the Spring Festival. I would like to finish off by thanking our hard working staff (past and present), 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 people of the Goldfields".

*Kim Eckert*



**DID YOU CATCH KBULG AND KARLKURLA BUSHLAND PARK FEATURED ON GARDENING AUSTRALIA ON THE 26TH OF JULY?**

**GARDENING AUSTRALIA**

## WILDFLOWER SEASON

With the weather finally warming up now is a great time to be out and about to see what the Goldfields Bushland has to offer.

If you are feeling adventurous take a drive along the Kalgoorlie to Merredin Wildflower Trail to witness a stunning

array of wildflowers in season.

Or if you want something a little closer to home why not head out to Burra Rock, Cave Hill or Victoria Rock to see what is flowering around these natural rock formations.

If you're looking for something in your

backyard why not take a stroll around Karlkurla Bushland Park to see Kalgoorlie-Boulders diverse range of flowering native shrubs and trees.

Admire the many hues varieties of Eremophila and keep a sharp eye out for the Mulla Mulla just starting to flower.



## Reconstructed... RECYCLED ART COMPETITION

We are looking forward to another year of the community letting their creative streak run wild for our annual rEConstructed Art Competition.

Last year we had such an array of art works made of recycled objects that otherwise would have gone straight into landfill and we

can't wait to see what everyone makes this year.

Remember to get your entries into the WA Museum of the Goldfields on the 7th

and 8th of November with your entry form.

More details can be found on our website [www.kbulg.org.au](http://www.kbulg.org.au) or email us at [admin@kbulg.org.au](mailto:admin@kbulg.org.au).

## REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE reConstructed RECYCLED ART COMPETITION



### CATEGORIES

3D Sculpture—\$200 Cash Prize

2D Posters / Painting / Collage—\$200 Cash Prize

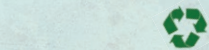
Junior Individual (13 and Under) - \$100 Cash Prize

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



### ENTRY DETAILS

Entry forms and conditions will be available from the KBULG email: [admin@kbulg.org.au](mailto:admin@kbulg.org.au) or

**[www.kbulg.org.au](http://www.kbulg.org.au)**

Exhibition Opens Friday 15th November 2019

**Kalgoorlie Miner**

**KCGM**

**Evolution**

**WAM**

**MUSEUM OF THE GOLDFIELDS**

**NORTHERN STAR**

**WATER CORPORATION**

**KBCCI**





# SPRING INTO SUMMER...

## KBULG AND THE WATER CORPORATION ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK WATERWISE FOR YOUR GARDEN

Some handy tips to spring clean your garden and make it more waterwise for the warmer months

**Prepare your Soils** – Wa's soils are not very good at holding water or nutrients. Kalgoorlie soils particularly so, this spring why not add in some soil improvers and wetting agents to give your plants the best possible chance of survival.

**Irrigation** – Remember to give your irrigation system a good once over to make sure there are no broken parts and you're not just watering your driveway if the sprinklers have got turned around

**Mulch** – It's time to Mulch... The bigger the better. Mulch is a great

way to stop water loss during the Summer months when it's starting to heat up and for Kalgoorlie stopping water loss is very important.

**Choosing your plants carefully** – as much as we would love a rainforest in the back yard you have to choose plants that suit your climate so that means choosing waterwise

plants and ones adapted to survive in arid climates. So choose your varieties carefully and make sure you put them in the right spot in your garden. Come to our friendly community Nursery between 8:30am and 11:30am Monday to Friday to chat to our friendly staff about what natives we can help you get into your garden.

## Coming Events

**Sunday, October 13**  
See you at the Spring Festival

**Sunday, October 27**  
KBULG Native Plant Group

**Thursday, November 7**

Reconstructed Art Competition registrations at the WA Museum of the Goldfields 2:30pm to 5:30pm

**Friday, November 8**

Reconstructed Art Competition registrations at the WA Museum of the Goldfields 11:00am to 1:00pm

**Friday, November 15**

Opening night – Reconstructed Art Competition Exhibition at the WA Museum of the Goldfields 5:30pm to 7:00pm – Come on Down!

**Sunday, November 24**  
See you at the Christmas Street Party

## LOCAL PLANT PROFILE

### Eremophila Racemosa

**Common Name:** Showy Eremophila

**Scientific name:** Eremophila – desert lover & Racemosa – bunch of grapes

**Size and Form:** Erect shrub, can reach 2 m high x 2 m wide. Flowers from March to December. This plant is aptly named as the flowers change colour as they age from bud to full flower.

Typically they change from yellow, orange and then red to pink or from yellow to white. As flowers open from the bottom to the top a beautiful multi-coloured effect is produced when they are flowering.

**Leaves:** Green oblong, glabrous leaves approximately 18-43 mm long and 2-4-6mm wide.

**Habitats:** Usually found in sandy or stony-clay loam soils on undulating plains.

**Interesting Facts:** Attractive, native and water wise residential shrub.

**PERFECT FOR YOUR GARDEN THIS SPRING!** Come down to the nursery Monday-Friday to grab some for your garden.

## SPRING CLEANING

### with sustainable cleaners

Let's face it no one likes cleaning and a big part of that is those nasty chemicals that we use. Well there are safer and more environmentally friendly options for you.

**Bicarbonate Soda or Baking Soda** – We all have some in the house for baking but did you know it is also a handy natural cleaning product as well. Its cleans, deodorises, softens water and is a great scouring powder. Whats more if you mix it with vinegar it can become a great drain cleaner for those clogged drains.

**White Vinegar** – Another common household product and a great deodoriser, mild disinfectant, glass cleaner and it cuts through grease.

**Lemon Juice** is a handy mild bleach, deodoriser and cleaning agent plus it makes the house smell

lemony fresh.

**Borax** is one you may not have heard of but it is a naturally occurring mineral salt it cleans, it deodorises, bleaches, and disinfects whats more it can also be used to control pests such as ants and cockroaches.

Now lets not forget one of our handy Australian products – **Eucalyptus Oil** – Found everywhere from the supermarket to the pharmacy this handy product can be used for a whole range of cleaning uses it is a proven disinfectant and is non toxic and environmentally friendly plus they smell great and clear the nose.

Here are three extra tips to **Keep your House Green Clean**

**1. Reduce** – Try to decrease the use of household cleaners by buying less and looking for more safer natural alternatives.

**2. Be Smart** – When you shop read the label, avoid toxic ingredients and try to buy earth friendly products inside and outside, so check to make sure they are recyclable.

**3. Think Safe** – When you are handling or storing cleaning products and make sure you dispose of them legally, correctly and safely.

## HEALTHY LAWN WITH LESS WATER

Everyone loves their lawn to be green during summer but it can take its toll on the water supply so even if your property doesn't have a sprinkler system all set up, there are a number of simple steps you can take to promote a healthier lawn and garden with less water this summer:

**STEP ON IT** Grass doesn't always need water just because it's hot out.

Step on the lawn, and if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.

An inexpensive soil moisture sensor can also show the amount of moisture at the plant's roots and discourage overwatering.

**LEAVE IT LONG** Raise

your lawn mower blade.

Longer grass promotes deeper root growth, resulting in a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.

**SMART WATERING** Make sure you are watering early morning; this enables the water to be used effectively by the lawn during the day as

it photosynthesises and means it will soak into the soil and not be lost to evaporation.

Watering less frequently for longer periods of time will help to train your lawn causing it to establish its roots deeper in the ground promoting a more sustainable and resilient lawn during the summer months.

## Congratulations...

...to all our entrants and winners of our Sustainable Garden Quest. This year the judges had a tough time deciding on the winners as everyone had put a lot of hard

work into making their gardens not only stunning but also using sustainable garden practices including the use of natives and water wise gardening practices. An extra big shout out to the

kids at O'Connor Primary School for their very well thought out and well planned vegetable Garden. Our winners can be found on our website at www.kbulg.org.au

## BOTTLED WATER – DON'T BUY INTO IT

ONE BOTTLE FOR LIFE



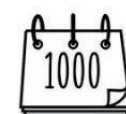
AUSTRALIA'S TAP WATER IS WORLD STANDARD SAFE DRINKING WATER



DRINKING 2L OF BOTTLED WATER A DAY COSTS ABOUT \$3000 A YEAR!

1L OF WATER + 1L OF WATER + 1L OF WATER + 250ML OF OIL = 1L OF BOTTLED WATER

IT TAKES 3L OF WATER AND 250ML OF OIL TO PRODUCE 1L OF BOTTLED WATER



PLASTIC IN LANDFILL CAN TAKE OVER 1000 YEARS BEFORE IT STARTS TO BREAK DOWN



## CAUTION BEWARE OF SNAKES BETWEEN OCTOBER TO MARCH

Did you know that snakes are incredibly beneficial to the ecosystems ... no ... well they control the population of several pests including mice, cockroaches and other insects.

However we really don't need them in our yards. So this summer make sure to snake proof your property and protect your family, human and four legged, with these simple tips.

- Keep your yard clutter free. Snakes love to hide under piles of stuff it's a safe place for them and a great spot to sneak up on a meal so make sure you clean your yard of any piles of wood, mulch or anything else that forms a pile
- Clean up under your plants. Easiest way is to trim the bottom of your plants just so they are not resting on the ground, leave 10-20cms of clearance underneath.

- Make sure you're not providing a buffet for the snakes by controlling the pests around your house. Snakes will come looking for food and if you have some tasty treats living in your yard then the snakes will follow. Try laying traps or spraying repellents to keep those pests far away from your house.
- Patch up any holes in the fence to prevent snakes from getting into your yard and if you suspect there may be a snake in the yard why not mow the lawn (in sturdy work boots) the vibrations and noise maybe enough to scare off your un-invited and unwanted guest.

## Walking your dog in Karlkurla Bushland Park

Karlkurla Bushland Park is a great place to walk your dog and enjoy the great outdoors but please remember that our park is a multi-use area that everyone in the community enjoys so here are some things to remember when you're taking your four legged friend for a walk.

Your dog must **ALWAYS** be on the lead. Karlkurla Bushland Park is not an 'off leash' zone.

Dogs allowed to roam are a threat to local wildlife and vice versa wildlife can be a threat to your dog especially as we head into the warmer months, so

keep them safe on a lead where you can see them.

A \$100 fine can also apply if your dog is caught of their lead. Have a dog tidy bag with you to clean up after your dog, we have them at most of the entry points in the park so there is no excuse to not grab a

couple and tie them your lead or put them in your pocket ready to go. You can be fined \$200 for not cleaning up after your furry friend.

If everyone follows these two simple rules the park can be enjoyed by all, dog, human and wildlife alike.





# TREE PLANTING DAY

A great big Thank you to everyone who came down on Sunday the 28th of July to make our National Tree Planting Day event another great success.

Over the course of the morning approximately 5000 seedlings were planted by over 200 volunteers, the most we have ever had at our annual event. Restoring biodiversity and balance to Gribble Creek near Centennial Park.



Photos: Madison Studio Photography.



## TIDY TOWNS AWARDS

KBULG on behalf of Kalgoorlie-Boulder entered into the 2019 Tidy Towns Awards and once again all the hard work that goes into our wonderful town has not gone unnoticed.



Kalgoorlie-Boulder has been named as a finalist for both the Tidy Towns Overall State Title and the Heritage and Culture categories.

Fingers crossed for the announcement of the winners on the 25th of October.



## LIVE LOCAL, PLANT LOCAL

What are indigenous Plants? Indigenous plants are local native plants that grow naturally in your area. Many have colourful and attractive flowers and striking foliage that look great in gardens. There are many benefits to planting indigenous plants into your garden.

### LOW MAINTENANCE

The benefit of local plants is they are already adapted to the abiotic factors of their environments, including soil nutrients, climate, as well as being suited for the biotic factors like the local animals. They will thrive in the local area with no need for constant watering, fertilising or pesticides once they have established themselves.

### PROVIDE FOOD AND SHELTER FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE

By planting even a few indigenous plants you're helping to support the natural ecosystem, providing food and shelter for birds and insects local to your area.

### ENHANCE THE LANDSCAPE

Indigenous plants reflect the character and charm of your local area and their unique style contributes to a sense of local identity as well as adding depth to your garden.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Planting indigenous plants doesn't mean you have to turn your garden into bushland, you can start just by incorporating a few plants into your garden and mixing and matching your natives and your exotics. Help put a bit of biodiversity in your garden and help the local ecosystem out.



## 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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