



City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder councillor Terrence Winner, Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group chief executive Kim Eckert, Member for Kalgoorlie Ali Kent, and councillor Carla Viskovich inspecting the new nature playground. Image: Carwyn Monck

KARLKURLA BUSHLAND PARK UPGRADES AND NEW ALL-INCLUSIVE NATURE PLAYGROUND

Together with the State Government and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder we have continued to work on the Karlkurla Bushland Park Development project, with the overall aim to enhance the park's amenities and to create a more enjoyable and user-friendly experience for those visiting.

Key features of the project include the addition of an all-inclusive nature playground (thanks to additional support from Northern Star Resources and Western Power), the installation of upgraded toilets, an extension of the car park

area, and the resurfacing of footpaths for improved accessibility and safety.

Carpark works and footpath improvements were finished earlier in the year and we are just about to complete the playground and adjacent toilets. While the very welcome rain over recent months has caused some delays to the construction of the much anticipated new nature playground, everyone has been working very hard and has done their best to catch up on the installation works. The \$1.2 million project, facilitated through the State Government and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, and also supported by Northern Star Resources and Western Power, is now nearing completion, with the official opening yet to be scheduled. The innovative, all-inclusive



nature playground, one of WA's biggest regional playgrounds, was conceptualised and designed by Nature Playgrounds with the input of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, carefully considering the playground's bushland setting and the needs of families and children.

Features of the playground include an accessible flying fox, a play fort, an archaeology sandpit and balance boardwalks. With a river feature and bridge, lawn, gas barbecues, wheel-chair friendly footpaths and a toilet block, the playground will be a great spot to play and meet, relax in a beautiful bushland setting, and a perfect addition to a walking or biking adventure within Karlkurla Bushland Park. The Bushland Park has long been a very popular destination

for visitors to Kalgoorlie-Boulder, and the new playground is anticipated to be a highlight for travelling families. With one of KBULG's core objectives being to connect people - and especially the younger generation - with nature and the local environment, our organisation is incredibly excited about the completion of this playground that has been a long-term dream of KBULG's CEO Kim Eckert. Coinciding with the cooler months of the year, arguably the best time of the year to be out and about in the Goldfields, we hope that the playground will present the perfect setting for countless hours of fun and enjoyment for residents and visitors alike. Stay updated on the nature playground's opening date by following us on Facebook, or contact us directly for more information.



Create a Winter Wildlife Friendly Garden

Providing Habitat and Shelter for wildlife during the colder months benefits the continued maintenance of biodiversity and natural ecosystem processes in your garden.

If you are looking for an excuse not to sweep up leaves and fallen branches during the winter months you got one! Keeping fallen leaves and branches where they are offers valuable refuge for various creatures. Raking up twigs, prunings, leaves and bark into piles makes for an insect-friendly hideaway. Other animals can also use these piles for shelter or nesting material. If you don't want these piles right in the centre of your garden, you can hide them behind shrubs or a shed.

In winter it can be trickier for wildlife to find enough

food sources. At the same time feeding wild birds may lead to them becoming dependent on your food provisions, making them less likely to go out and forage for food themselves.

If you want to offer a helping hand, provide just enough pre-prepared wild bird seed or nectar for it to be a treat and not their total food source, and allow the food to run out every few days forcing them to find more natural sources.

Refill feeding stations at differing day times and ensure that the food is placed out of reach of cats or other predators. To avoid the spread of disease clean your feeders about once a week. With the cooler weather, it is easy to forget about providing water for wildlife.

Placing a water station close to your shelter



and food sources within your garden will complement your efforts to establish a winter refuge for wildlife. Ensure that water containers are shallow enough for small birds to use them. Place a rock or some pebbles in the middle of your water source for birds to be able to stand on and lean a stick against the edge to create a safety ramp.



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CEO UPDATE

Kim Eckert



Another autumn has come around, always a busy and exciting time for us at KBULG! We are grateful for the fabulous and productive warmer months gone by - and particularly thankful for the substantial amount of rain we were lucky to receive here in the Goldfields while many Western Australian communities experienced a prolonged period of extreme drought.

Over the last months we have enjoyed the whole-hearted support of the community at our annual events such as last month's Clean-Up Kalgoorlie-Boulder Day that saw us cleaning up the 'Old Kalgoorlie Golf Course' area in Hannans. We were blessed with a beautiful autumn morning and many enthusiastic volunteers from all walks of life, who committed their Sunday morning to picking up trash, contributing to the restoration of healthy vegetation communities and safe habitats for wildlife. We are eagerly preparing for our next big environmental community event: Our Annual Tree Planting Day - the Goldfields' largest conservation-themed event of the year. Thousands of locally propagated seedlings from our nursery are just about to be ready to be planted by the amazing Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community on Sunday, the 28th of July.

We are looking forward to a fun, rewarding and inspiring community event with everyone coming together to do their bit for 'Greening the Goldfields'.

Follow our Facebook page for further details closer to the date, or sign

up for free on our website to become a social member and receive regular updates on KBULG's events and activities throughout the year.

Apart from successfully holding our annual community events we have been busy engaging with the many wonderful community groups and education providers of the Goldfields.

We are thrilled about our continued engagement with Curtin University's Western Australian School of Mines and were absolutely blown away by their passionate participation in our recent Clean-Up Day with nearly 30 student volunteers! The commencement of a new 'Year 9 Career Taster' program in our nursery with Central Regional TAFE is also a great addition to our existing collaborations with education providers.

We are also very grateful about the continued support and interest of primary and secondary teachers to include our environmental education activities into their busy curriculums. The participation of school classes in our annual Sustainable Garden and rECONstructed Recycled Art Competitions shines a light on the passionate dedication of our Goldfields teachers.

Community members are always welcome to visit us in our nursery within Karlkurla Bushland Park and at the same time can inspect the park's recent trail and car park upgrades, and witness our brand-new, almost completed, magnificent all-inclusive nature playground. None of our work would be possible without the continued support of ALL our wonderful sponsors and I would also like to sincerely thank our devoted staff, committee and our incredible volunteers.

I hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter and I'm looking forward to seeing you at our events soon.

SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

Sunday July 28th
9:00am - 11:00am

PLANET ARK



JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF TREE PLANTING FOLLOWED BY A SAUSAGE SIZZLE (VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE). LOCATION TO BE RELEASED CLOSER TO EVENT DATE.





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SPONSOR SHOWCASE: The Rotary Club of Boulder

To achieve all of our organisation's goals and objectives, KBULG is strongly reliant on the support of long-term sponsors. The Rotary Club of Boulder is one of our long-term, valued sponsors and has supported us in many ways over the last 8 years.

KBULG is grateful for the continued support from the Boulder Rotary Club that commenced in 2016 when the Club enabled us to acquire Aboriginal artefacts in support of our educational cultural trails held within Karlkurla Bushland Park.

In 2017 and 2018 the Boulder Rotary Club provided us with important funding support towards seedling propagation for our annual Tree Planting Day, KBULG's largest community event of the year.

In 2019 and over 2020/2021 we received funds to cover shed electricity and security expenses from the Club, along with funding for the acquisition of shed shelving and storage facilities. From 2021 onwards support



from the Boulder Rotary Club has enabled us to purchase mesh top benches for our nursery that ensure a safe and ergonomically handling of pots and plant trays.

This has now allowed us to transfer all the plants in our community nursery to benches, significantly improving the working conditions for all KBULG staff and volunteers by minimising the risk of injury when lifting plant trays. We are extremely grateful for the consistent support from the Rotary Club of Boulder and hope to continue this much appreciated partnership!



TAFE 'Career Tasting' at KBULG

KBULG is proud to be involved in the Year 9 Career Taster Program (CTP), coordinated by Central Regional TAFE, an exciting and innovative program designed to challenge students' thinking and make connections between education and post-school opportunities.

The program supports Year 9 students to become 'career curious' and extend their thinking through practical activities and meaningful experiences with the world of work. KBULG will be providing 'Career Tasting' experiences throughout the year and the first excursion of Year 9 students to KBULG's nursery in April was a full success, with students demonstrating an exceptional level of interest and engagement in KBULG's nursery work and Karlkurla Bushland Park Maintenance activities.



REVIVE YOUR GARDEN IN WINTER

Winter is not necessarily the time to hibernate in regards to your garden activities. Now can be the perfect time to stroll through your garden and look for things you want to change or fix. Use our tips below to transform your garden ready for spring while helping it to get through the winter months.

Review the State of your Garden
What aspects of your garden do you like, which plants were struggling and which plants did well? Does your soil look healthy or bare and dry? What areas of your garden could do with more plants and/or more colour? Once you've got an idea on what you like and what has proven to work in your garden make a step-by-step plan.

Update or Remove Unwanted Plants
Part of winter garden maintenance is taking the opportunity to remove unwanted plants and to think about changing the garden bed completely. Some plants might have come to the end of their natural life or they could just be looking worse for wear, being the wrong plants for the wrong spot. Now is a good time to start fresh and replace them with something new and exciting.

Time to Transplant!
If you have ever hastily planted something because you couldn't think of anywhere else to put it, and it turned out as the completely wrong spot, now is the time to transplant it! During winter plants usually have slowed growth and disturbing their roots while transplanting will do minimal damage. However, not all plants can be transplanted, so if unsure seek advice before moving your plant.

Tackle Pests, Diseases and Nutrient Deficiencies

Happy & healthy soil and plants are in the best position to fight off pests and diseases. Refresh your mulch as old mulch might harbour overwintering diseases. To maintain good airflow amongst branches and within garden beds prune off dead and diseased wood and foliage. Fertilise your plants to keep them healthy and in the best condition to thrive with the arrival of spring.

Prune, Chop and Divide
Pruning is an essential element of winter gardening. All deciduous trees will benefit from a pruning, and it is important to prune fruit trees to avoid overcrowding with non-productive branches and production of small fruit that is difficult to reach. Prune all the spent flowers of flowering plants and prune your roses once they go dormant.

Add Some Colour
Could your garden do with some more colour? You don't have to wait for spring to come along as there are native plants that flower in winter while others add vibrancy to your garden with their colourful foliage. Visit KBULG's nursery for inspiration and advice! Spread and expand colour in your garden through the propagation of robust plants during winter.



Propagate hardwood cuttings in sheltered, humid spots. Divide and replant perennials to spread colour across your garden.

Prepare Your Garden Beds
If you want to add a new garden bed or want to plant something new in an existing garden bed, now is the time to prepare the soil by adding compost, turning the soil over, eradicating weeds, fertilising and applying mulch.

Get rid of Weeds
Weeds tend to proliferate in winter. Before they flower, set seed, and take over your garden, stop them in their tracks. If you get onto them early it will be less work-intensive, as weeds are easier to be pulled out when they are young with shallow roots.

Use a spade to remove the entire weed as it can regrow even if just a small part of the root remains.

Fertilise
Avoid heavy fertilising during winter as new growth will be vulnerable to damage during very cold winter days. Use a gentle approach that supplies essential nutrients, improving your plants' resilience, without encouraging excessive growth. Diluted seaweed solution is a good option and will support your garden's robust spring bloom.

Mulch and Toppings
The use of mulch will keep your soil warm and moist, while limiting weed growth. It also provides a nice background for your plants in your revived garden. If you got any energy left, now could also be the time to re-gravel your driveway or garden paths, resulting in a grand-scale transformation of your garden!



Collect your firewood sustainably

Now is the time of year when many of us are in the need of firewood. Remember to respect the 20-kilometre radius from the centre of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, and the 7.5-kilometre radius from the Kambalda and Coolgardie town centres, where no gathering of firewood is permitted.

Firewood can be collected from 'Public Firewood Areas', areas outside of conservation reserves and private properties, or areas subjected to other restrictions. Only already fallen dead logs can be taken from these areas. To minimise the impact on the environment avoid off-road driving whenever possible. You can also actively contribute to the creation of wildlife habitats by repositioning unused branches and tree debris into brush piles. Brush piles provide refuge and shelter, offer nesting places for birds, and attract invertebrates that are a valuable food source for other animals. By taking a little additional time to construct simple brush piles during your firewood harvesting activities, you can have a real positive impact on our wildlife, biodiversity and ecological balance.

FLORA CORNER



Common name: Lemon-flowered Gum
Scientific name: Eucalyptus woodwardia
Family: Myrtaceae

Aboriginal Name: Gungurra (Noongar)

Size and Form: Medium-sized eucalypt (10-12 metres high with a smooth bark that is grey to white, pink, greenish or light copper in colour).

Flowers: Frosty grey flower buds occur in groups of seven and open to vibrant yellow flowers in late winter and spring. The large, lemon-yellow flowers hang in cascades with the weeping foliage.

Leaves: Leaves are stalked and dull, grey-green to glaucous and concolorous.

Habitat: Flats and rises with sand or deep sandy loam, endemic to the east of Kalgoorlie. Drought tolerant tree that can survive in arid conditions.

Gardening Tips: Popular and attractive planting for gardens and street verges. Prefers light to heavy soil in an open sunny position, drought and frost resistant.



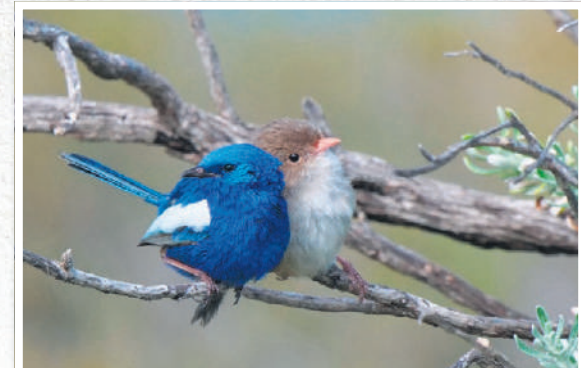
Come and see the range of native plants at the KBULG Community Nursery in Karlkurla Bushland Park open Monday to Friday 8.00am to 12.00 noon Email admin@kbulg.org.au for directions

FAUNA CORNER

White-winged fairy wren
Malurus leucopterus

Description: Small insect-eating bird. The adult male is distinguished by a striking, dark blue plumage with white shoulder patches and a dark blue tail. Adult females have a drab grey-brown crown, back and wings, are whitish below, and have a grey, faintly washed blue tail. Immature birds resemble adult females and males only obtain their full plumage in their fourth year.

Distribution: The White-winged Fairy-wren is found from Dirk Hartog Island and coast of Western Australia east across mainland (not north) to central and southern Queensland, central New South Wales and NW Victoria. The birds are mainly found in the northern area of the Great Western Woodlands, such as Credo Station and Karlkurla Bushland Park.



Habitat: The White-winged Fairy-wren is found in low shrubland throughout arid and semi-arid areas. Across Australia populations of white-winged fairy-wrens have decreased due to various types of habitat destruction.

Diet: The White-winged Fairy-wren feeds on insects, especially beetles and spiders, in addition to plant seeds.

Breeding: The birds are cooperative breeders and appear to live in groups. Nests are domed structures made from fine grasses and are built by the female. The female incubates the eggs and all members of the group feed the chicks for about four weeks. The young remain in the family group.



WINTER COMPOSTING TIP

Composting your kitchen and yard waste is an excellent way to do your bit for the environment while at the same time enhancing your garden's health in winter.

During the colder months, add brown waste (such as dried leaves and twigs) to your green waste. This will help to

keep your compost pile warm enough.

If possible, add a layer of animal manure to your pile to

speed up the decomposition process with beneficial microbes.

A BIG day for KBULG

KBULG's core sponsor Northern Star Resources honoured our group's dedication and passion over the past 50 years by showcasing vibrant, celebrative artwork on its CAT 793F Truck during last year's St Barbara's Parade.

While we have indeed just celebrated our 51st birthday, we at KBULG are still buzzing from our organisation's sizeable appearance at the parade. What a way to conclude our 50-year celebrations!



REPORT ON CLEAN UP DAY



This year's Clean Up Kalgoorlie-Boulder Day 2024 was held on Sunday, April 28th, and was postponed from its regular March date due to a very welcome reason - plentiful rain.

The location for this year's Clean Up event was the 'old Kalgoorlie Golf Course', an area of bushland behind Pringle Village.

Unfortunately the site is distinguished by a high volume of rubbish scattered throughout the area, suspectedly due to both intentional dumping of rubbish at the site and rubbish being blown onto the site from nearby residential areas. KBULG was blessed with an approximate 65 volunteers, assisting the clean-up on the day and importantly contributing to improved visual amenity of the area, while also helping to remedy negative outcomes from littering for the vegetation and wildlife within the area.

It was great to have so many families partake in the clean-up effort, providing evidence of the younger generation learning about the detrimental effects of littering at a young age.

KBULG was also thrilled to have the support of a big group of student volunteers from the Curtin University

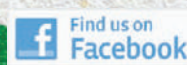
School of Mines, and to also be joined by local parliamentarians, Hon. Kyle Owen McGinn MLC and Ali Kent MLA. It was a beautiful autumn morning, and hard-working volunteers filled a large skip bin with a staggering 900 kg of rubbish. The City of Kalgoorlie removed another 13 tonnes of rubbish from the site on the following day, including tyres, mattresses and other large items. The wonderful community spirit towards ameliorating the health and vitality of our local environment was rewarded with a free BBQ and a lucky prize draw.

KBULG would like to thank the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's green team for their unwavering support on the day and leading up to the event, and Cleanaway for skip bin provision. We would also like to thank our core sponsors: The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Northern Star Resources and Lynas Rare Earths.



Student Volunteers from Curtin University's Western Australian School of Mines.

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GET CREATIVE AND RECYCLE!

With Winter fast approaching, we are bound to spend more time indoors, providing us with plenty of opportunities to clear out our households and think about ways to repurpose unwanted items.

Why not use this time to get creative and start conceptualising an entry for KBULG's rECONstructed Art Exhibition and Competition in November?

As in previous years, no rules will be imposed on the types of materials or the size and dimensions of your competition entry. Let your creativity flow freely and be inspired by the

Killeen family who created 'The Prickle Patch' and was selected as the winner of the family category in last year's competition.

Up-Cycle your Garden
Turn your old household items into treasures by transforming them into decorations to add a unique, personal touch to your garden. Why not get started with a very

easy project such as re-purposing old boots that aren't suitable for donation and you are tempted to throw out. Use any odd boot, paint them if you like, and provide them with good drainage by drilling several holes into the boots' soles before filling them up with soil. Just place them on benches or nail them up on your fences.



Let your garden showcase your creativity and don't forget to enter KBULG's Sustainable Garden Quest 2024, held in September.

EASY HOUSEHOLD HABITS FOR LITTLE WATER SAVERS

Turn your kids or grandkids into super water savers by sneaking these 5 habits into their chores:



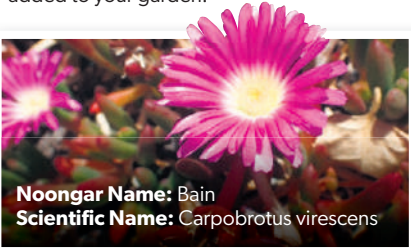
1. When it's shower time, get them to choose a waterwise shower song from the Water Corporation's Shower Songs playlist (<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/36kfQBEQ74EZdAz0FYOlx8>) and hop out when the song is done. Each song is less than 4 minutes long.
2. Clear the table every night but wait until the dishwasher is full before turning it on to save water and electricity.
3. Always turn the tap off while brushing teeth to save up to 10 litres per minute.
4. Fill up a water bottle every night and pop it into the fridge. This will help avoid running the tap until the water is cool enough to drink.
5. After cleaning out the fish tank, give the nutrient-rich water to non-edible plants around the house and garden.

Find more valuable help and waterwise advice from the Water Corporation at: <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/Help-and-advice/Waterwise>

NATIVE PIGFACE - Versatile Bush Tucker

It might not have the most attractive name, but native Pigface is a true succulent superstar. The extensive root system of this plant - commonly found along coastal dunes - importantly stabilises the soil around our beaches.

Every part of this remarkable plant is edible. Fruits appear throughout the year and are both salty and sweet. Flowers are full of taste and juicy leaves work well in salads. Juices extracted from the leaves help to soothe burns, bites and stings, similar to aloe vera. The versatile plant also attracts bees, butterflies and other insects. Hardy, durable and easy to grow, this attractive spreading ground cover can be easily added to your garden.



Noongar Name: Bain
Scientific Name: Carpobrotus virescens

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR



It's easy to conduct a simple waste audit, and tracking your weekly household rubbish can help reduce your amount of landfill and non-organic recycling.

A waste audit simply entails the recording of your outgoing waste. This includes three main categories of waste you are likely to be dealing with: Recyclable (organic), Recyclable (non-organic) and Non-recyclable (Landfill). For a successful waste audit we recommend to use the checklist below for at least a week and to record your items as you throw them away to avoid a smelly bin dive later.

Type of waste

Recyclable (organic)		
Whole Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
Food Scraps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
Paper and Cardboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
Recyclable (non-organic)		
Plastic (bottles / containers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
Aluminium (cans, trays and foil)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
Milk cartons (LPB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
Non-Recyclable		
Snack wrappers (chips, lollies and ice-cream)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
Juice cartons (UHT/Tetra-Paks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
Plastic bags, Zip-lock bags & Cling wrap	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
Whole Packaged Unopened Food	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count
General Rubbish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Count

After the audit try to implement realistic changes, such as setting up a composting system and/or reducing the amount of purchased plastic packaging by buying in bulk or choosing more waste-conscious products. Any small change you make is an important contribution to a more sustainable future.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

WA DAY AT THE MUSEUM OF THE GOLDFIELDS
Monday, June, 3

TREE PLANTING DAY
Sunday, July, 28

SUSTAINABLE GARDEN COMPETITION

Entries due September 4

RECONSTRUCTED ART COMPETITION

Entries due November 4-9



KBULG SCHEME ID
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HELP KBULG BY DONATING YOUR CONTAINERS OR THE FUNDS RAISED BY RETURNING YOUR CONTAINERS.

WHICH CONTAINERS CAN YOU CASH-IN?

✓ Eligible Containers



Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper based cartons between 150ml and 3L.

WHICH CONTAINERS YOU CAN NOT CASH-IN?

✗ Ineligible Containers



Containers not commonly found in litter, including all plain milk, flavoured milks, 1L and above, pure juice drinks, wine and spirit bottles, cordials.

Thank you to our valued sponsors



Government of Western Australia
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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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