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City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

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Mayor of Kalgoorlie-Boulder  
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Dear Mr. Bowler.

Ladies in our small village recently received 'care packages' sent from people in Kalgoorlie as an expression of support for us during the terrible drought we are experiencing.

It was lovely to receive a box of items that have long been off our regular shopping lists.

I realise the enormous time, effort and co-ordination that went into this truly generous gesture and would like to thank all who were involved. It was much appreciated – as much for the kind thoughts, as for the gifts.

Cumnoock is a tiny village of 250 people in wheat, sheep and cattle country. There has been no wheat (or other crops) this year. Graziers have been hand-feeding for 12 months or more. Our rainfall has been about 30% of average over the last 18 months. At least we have not had the shocking fires on the coast – there is nothing to burn!

We had a huge storm two nights ago – welcome rain . . . . . but one of our young farmers lost the 200 ewe-lambs he had been hand-feeding so that he could restock when things improved. As Kalgoorlie people know – life on the land can be tough. Our General Store, Bowling Club and Pub are struggling to survive.

On the upside, people have become more aware of the strength we have in community. There has been a real effort to organise more activities, and get more people involved in those activities. We all know which of our neighbours are in difficulties, and who needs some extra help. This coming together has been great for everyone.

I would be most grateful if you would pass on our thanks to those responsible for the packages we received.

With best wishes,



Pat Gilmour

(a grateful recipient)