

MG CORP NEWS

April/May 2016

The Cashless Debit Card

Money in your account

Use it when you need cash:

- ✓ School excursions
- ✓ Tuck shop
- ✓ Garage sale

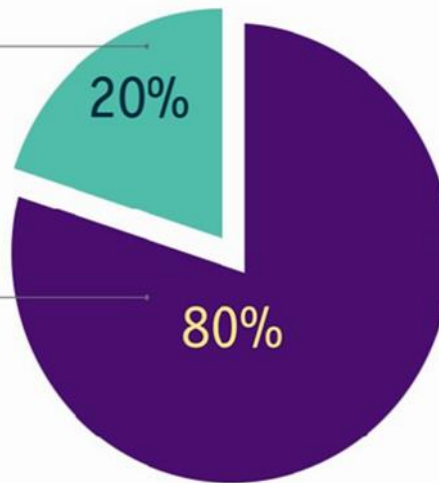
Money on the card

Use it for:

- ✓ Groceries
- ✓ Pay bills
- ✓ Buy clothes
- ✓ Travel
- ✓ Online

Anywhere with eftpos except:

- ✗ No grog
- ✗ No gambling
- ✗ No cash



The cashless credit card is a trial aimed at reducing welfare fuelled alcohol, drug and gambling abuse. Co-designed with community leaders, the trial involves the allocation of a cashless debit card to all working age income support recipients, along with additional drug and alcohol and other services.

How It works

Under the trial, 80 per cent of welfare payments are placed onto a recipient's card, with the remaining 20 per cent going into their regular bank account.

How will it affect Centrelink payments?

The trial doesn't change the amount of money a person receives from Centrelink. It only changes the way in which people receive and spend their fortnightly payments.

Monthly Quote

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humour, and some style"

— *Maya Angelou*

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Where can I find out more?

Cashless debit card hotline number **1800 252 604**

Useful numbers

CBA Indigenous Customer service **1800 700 682**
Centrelink Indigenous Customer service **1800 136 380**

Help in Kununurra

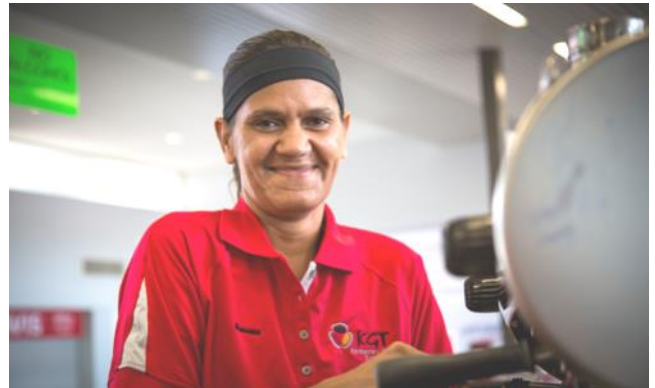
The shopfront - Shop 17 across from Centrelink Commencing Monday 2 May to the 27 May.
General enquiries about the Trial from **9am to 12pm**
Help activating cards from **8am to 4pm**

Kimberley Group Training has taken over the lease at the Kununurra Airport Café

Kimberley Group Training leases and runs the Kununurra airport café, now named **The Boab Lounge**. KGT runs the café as a training facility which can be used as a stepping stone for local people who may not have worked before, or need further training before heading out into the working world. We have trainees employed at the café as well as taking on numerous people for work experience and workplace training.

Latest Trainee

Marrella has commenced a traineeship at The Boab Lounge (Airport Café) with KGT. She is working hard every day and representing the community to all passengers coming in and out of Kununurra. Marrella is working towards her Certificate II in Hospitality and hopes to further her career.



Marrella Wilson

Customer Feedback

"I just wanted to pass on some feedback from passengers about Marrella during the delay of Airnorth flight TL333 on Saturday 30th April. We had multiple passengers comment on how friendly and apologetic she was even though she was dealing with 37 passengers on her own. The passengers were adamant she be recognised for her efforts during the delay and were very appreciative of her positive attitude during a busy and stressful time."



Ted Hall

Welcome to Miriung Country

Luridgii Eco Cultural Enterprises is owned and run by Ted Hall who is a respected Miriung man from Mandangala in North East Kimberley. Luridgii now has 3 Tours operating in the North East Kimberley region - Junama 4x4 Tag-along Tour, Jaliwang Diamond Mine Tour and the Cultural Awareness Programme. Ted talks about sacred country, Jaliwang Dreaming of how the Barramundi travelled across the land and genuinely shares with tourists an insight into Aboriginal Culture from the Miriung perspective. Anyone travelling through North East Kimberley can benefit from an introduction to Miriung Culture.



Luridgii Cultural Eco Enterprises

Ted is looking for Proud and Confident people to help him run his tours.

To find out more about positions and what Ted has to offer contact him 0447074576 or Rosie on 0438080291



Art Lovers in Perth experience Kimberley Art

Waringarri artist Ben Ward recently had his first solo exhibition at Mossenson Galleries in Perth. Ben's "Nerrany-ngeng (Mystery) Paintings" works drew curiosity from a large crowd of art lovers who gathered within the contemporary art space for opening night. Ben said "I don't get to meet people like this in Kununurra... It's great for different people to see my art from different parts of the country".

Ben discusses the layers of cultural knowledge that are passed down to the young generation over many years. Knowledge of the land and its people - their ancestors, their laws, language, dances, songs and medicines. "It's like a school and if we don't teach our young ones, [this knowledge] ... will be lost. You have to look closely at Country to see culture and that's the same with my painting."



Ben Ward

For the past five years Ben has focused on developing his arts practice and was the first Indigenous artist to be awarded the John Fries Award for emerging artists last year in Sydney.

Ben's visit to Perth co-incided with the last days of 'Sculpture by the Sea' in Cottesloe. As a sculptor himself, Ben was inspired by the many designs and has returned to Kununurra brimming with ideas. **"I don't see why our artists can't create something like what was there! It's given me plenty of ideas, there are so many things I want to do."**

Waringarri Aboriginal Arts Press Release Recap



NAIDOC WEEK

3-10 July 2016

Kununurra Events
Calendar out soon



Songlines:

The living narrative
of our nation

03-10 JULY 2016



Ella-Tia Yeeda & Marion Petherick

Hospitality Pre-employment Programme with KGT/EKJP

The girls were both stand outs in the 10 week programme and really took advantage of all of the skills and knowledge they were given the opportunity to gain. During a site visit to El Questro Ella and Marion chose to have interviews with Delaware North's HR Advisor who was very impressed with them. On Monday 2/5/16 Ella and Marion commenced traineeships with KGT at El Questro to gain their Certificate II in Hospitality. This is great news for the girls to be representing Kununurra to all of the visiting tourists.



Peter Davies

KGT Apprenticeships

Stand Out Student Peter Davies

Peter has secured a Light Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeship with KGT out at Home Valley Station. He has been in the KGT scene before, as he successfully completed a school-based traineeship at Kununurra Toyota with KGT last year.

The apprenticeship is 3.5 years with the theory to be completed in Broome at the end of each season. The MG Community wishes him the best for his ongoing study in the pursuit of his career goals.

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Meeting dates for 2016

Board Meeting

27 May 2016

21 June 2016

MG will be closed June long weekend

Monday 6 of June
2016

Opening hours

Monday to Friday

8am—4pm

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