

MG CORPORATION News

Chairman's Report: 2017 sees renewed focus on economic development



Lawford Benning, Chairman MG Corporation

Since the Ord Final Agreement was formally executed in October 2006, MG Corporation has worked tirelessly to promote the interests of MG people. While the process has not always been easy, MG Corporation is well placed to take advantage of regional opportunities to advance the economic position of the MG people and to promote social and cultural well-being.

I believe that as Chair of MG Corporation I can provide the leadership that is necessary for continued economic and social development. This will require the board to work collaboratively with the members.

Under my direction, there will be three main priority areas for MG Corporation's attention:

1. Economic development
2. Land and business dealings
3. Establishment of a social taskforce

Given the cessation of administrative funding under the Ord Final Agreement, it is imperative that MG Corporation becomes economically self-sufficient in the short term so that it may meet the social demands of its people in the long term.

The three areas I have identified represent potential opportunities for MG Corporation to gain additional sources of revenue which could be reinvested back into the community. Additional revenue is vital to ensuring that MG Corporation can continue to further economic development, while also continuing to promote MG culture, community development and education.

2015/16 AGM

DATE: 15 February 2017

TIME: 9.00am—12.30pm

PLACE: Ibis Kununurra

All MG Corporation, PBC#1 and PBC#4 members are encouraged to attend

As Chair, I know that:

- The future of MG Corporation and MG people depends on the board effectively working with the private sector and government to take advantage of opportunities in the region.
- There are currently many MG people facing a range of social problems, including unemployment and poor living conditions.

This year, I believe the board will make strategic decisions to ensure that MG Corporation takes full advantage of all opportunities, with the aim of increasing the quality of life of our members and preserving our precious MG culture.

I look forward to working with you all.

- Lawford Benning

MG Corporation's Strategic Partnership with Aurora

MG Corporation has a strong strategic partnership with The Aurora Project. The Aurora Project aims to strengthen Indigenous organisations by supporting staff and facilitating opportunities for law students to work in Indigenous organisations.



MG Corporation has hosted a number of Aurora interns through The Aurora Project over the years. This month, Nanak Narulla and George Brett have joined MG Corporation and will be providing valuable assistance across a number of legal areas over the coming weeks.



George Brett, Aurora Intern

George Brett from the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle will spend 6 weeks at MG Corporation during his summer holidays. George is currently in his final year of a combined Law and Arts degree.

George is no stranger to the Kimberley, having previously completed an internship with Aboriginal Family Law Services in Broome.

While at MG Corporation he has conducted research into recent developments in native title law and assisted with preparation for the AGM, including drafting constitutional changes. George hopes that his time at MG will provide him with an insight into the unique challenges faced by aboriginal corporations.

Nanak Narulla is a proud Tasmanian who currently studies at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. Nanak is in the fourth year of his combined Law and Arts degree and will spend five weeks with the MG Corporation legal team.

In his time at MG Corporation so far, Nanak has worked on Native Title Decision Reports, has delivered advice on a range of corporate governance matters for the MG Corporation entities, and has investigated development proposals and government tenders.

He has been spending his weekends off exploring the East Kimberley countryside and has been consistently amazed by the watering holes and local wildlife. During his time in the East Kimberley, Nanak hopes to hone his fishing skills, and dreams of catching a one-meter barramundi.



Nanak Narulla, Aurora Intern