

MG CORPORATION News



Attendees during the 2015-2016 AGM, held on Wednesday 15 February 2017

2015/2016 Annual General Meeting: MG Corporation and MG PBCs

On 15 February 2017, the Annual General Meeting for MG Corporation and the MG PBCs was held in Kununurra. Chair of MG Corporation, Lawford Benning, and directors Helen Gerrard, Ahmuth Bin Omar, Zainel Bin Busu and Skye Peart used the opportunity to outline the three priority areas for MG Corporation, namely: **economic development; land and business dealings; and the establishment of a social taskforce.**

Members passed resolutions in relation to the appointment of new auditors (LBW Chartered Accountants), the frequency of directors' meetings (see below) and the remuneration of directors (see below). Members also engaged in a productive discussion in relation to the future of MG Corporation.

MG Corporation would like to thank its staff for assisting on the day and ensuring a smooth and productive AGM.

RESOLUTION 1

Rule 17.1: directors' meetings

Rule Book amended:

FROM

The directors will meet as often as the directors consider necessary for the good functioning of the corporation, but must meet at least once every month.

TO

The directors will meet as often as the directors consider necessary for the good functioning of the corporation, but must meet at least quarterly.

RESOLUTION 2

Rule 16.5: directors' remuneration

Members resolved to increase the sitting fees for directors of MG Corporation to \$30,000 per annum, noting:

1. directors must attend quarterly meetings;
2. directors will only be paid (quarterly in arrears) on signature of meeting attendance;
3. additional meetings do not attract additional sitting fees;
4. KPIs must be set for each director and the Dawang Council will regularly review directors' performance against the agreed KPIs.



AGM: Pamela Simon and Joan Simon

MG Corporation successfully completes RSRU contract

MG Corporation was engaged by the Regional Services Reform Unit (RSRU) to facilitate its community engagement activities. The RSRU was created by the WA government in 2015 to 'improve the lives of Aboriginal people in regional and remote Western Australia' by implementing the government's regional reform program.

MG Corporation is in no way aligned with the RSRU or its regional reform agenda. MG Corporation merely provided logistical support (e.g. arranging venue hire, inviting attendees, catering etc) for the RSRU's consultation activities in the northern area of the East Kimberley region.

MG's Community Liaison Team facilitated RSRU consultations with around 30 communities in the East Kimberley, reaching as far north as Kalumburu and Kandiwell and south to RB Junction and Darlu Darlu.



RSRU team discussing regional reform at RB Junction

The MG Community Liaison Team has been praised by the RSRU for its seamless facilitation and insight into local communities. The RSRU has described the services provided by MG Corporation as "absolutely invaluable".

If you are interested in discussing regional reform with the RSRU, Dan Walkerden is based in Kununurra and can be contacted on (08) 9148 2105 or at dan.walkerden@drd.wa.gov.au.

Spotlight on MG PBCs, native title and heritage protection



Garralyel and PBC directors during a heritage clearance

The MG PBCs hold native title on behalf of the MG native title holders. Their boards are made up of 5 MG directors approved by the Dawang Council and appointed by the PBC boards. The PBC boards receive guidance of matters of law and culture from the Garralyel.

Under the *Native Title Act*, the PBCs are entitled to receive notifications from third parties who wish to conduct any activity on MG land which may impact native title rights (this can include public works, exploration agricultural development, clearance of native vegetation or tourism). Depending on the interest being applied for, MG traditional owners have a further right to comment, consult or negotiate in relation to the activity.

The *Aboriginal Heritage Act* affords additional rights in relation to the protection and preservation of Aboriginal heritage and culture. The MG PBCs are also responsible for managing heritage issues on behalf of MG traditional owners.

MG Corporation has a new website!

Check it out here: www.mgcorp.com.au