

MG CORPORATION News

MG Corporation meets with incoming Labor Government



Lawford Benning and Hon. Ben Wyatt MLA in Perth, March 2017

The WA State election that was held on Saturday 11 March this year resulted in a change of government to Labor.

MG Corporation's Chair, Lawford Benning, and Acting CEO, Philip Vincent, took up an invitation the week after the election to meet with Hon. Ben Wyatt MLA who has been appointed as the Treasurer, Minister for Finance and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in the new WA government. Ben Wyatt is the first Indigenous person to hold the portfolio of Treasurer in WA.

At the meeting the group discussed how the new government could best help the Miriuwung and Gajerrong people with financial and land matters, including speeding up the benefits flowing from the Ord Final Agreement.

MG Corporation looks forward to a strong and productive working relationship with the incoming Labor government.

MG Corporation welcomes Philip Vincent as Acting CEO

The board of MG Corporation has appointed Philip Vincent as Acting CEO for a period of three months commencing 7 March, pending the recruitment and appointment of a permanent CEO.

Philip is a former barrister, who has had extensive experience working in the Kimberley region. In his early days he was the first ALS lawyer stationed full-time in the Kimberley. Later he became the Chief of Staff for Hon. Ernie Bridge MLA, a Kimberley man, who was the first Indigenous person to be appointed as a WA government minister.

In more recent times Philip has worked with various Kimberley and other Indigenous communities and organisations assisting with their governance and land issues.

Philip is pleased to be back in Kununurra working with the Miriuwung and Gajerrong people to help them make the most of their native title.



Philip Vincent, Acting CEO of MG Corporation



MG rangers for Reserve 31165 working on country

Working on Country funding extended to June 2020

MG Corporation has been advised that the Commonwealth Government has committed to extending funding for Indigenous ranger groups to 30 June 2020.

The extension of funding for ranger groups directly impacts the Reserve 31165 ranger program, which is funded through the Commonwealth Government’s “Working on Country” program. Reserve 31165 covers 125,000 hectares and is bordered on two sides by Lake Argyle. The Reserve 31165 ranger program is jointly facilitated by MG Corporation and the Department of Parks and Wildlife and employs four full-time rangers and a ranger supervisor to work within the reserve.

MG Corporation supports the government’s decision to extend funding in recognition of the vital role played by Indigenous rangers in managing land and sea. The Reserve 31165 rangers have been instrumental in protecting and conserving the environment and heritage assets within the reserve. MG Corporation also recognises the strong social and economic opportunities generated through Indigenous ranger programmes. All Reserve 31165 rangers pursue qualifications in conservation and land management and undertake regular firefighting crew training with the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Notice of MG Group Quarterly Meetings

The MG Group will hold quarterly meetings during the week beginning 2 April 2017. Formal meeting notices are being distributed to the directors and representatives of each MG entity.

MG Corporation

4 April 2017
08.30am—4.00pm
KDC conference room

MG Dawang Land Trust

5 April 2017
08.30am—09.30am

MG PBCs

5 April 2017
09.30am—11.00am

KWAC conference room

Dawang Council

6 April 2017
08.30am—11.00am
MG/GT conference room