

# MG CORPORATION News



Members of the Special Task Force (left to right): Gailene Chulung, Margaret Moore and Helen Gerrard

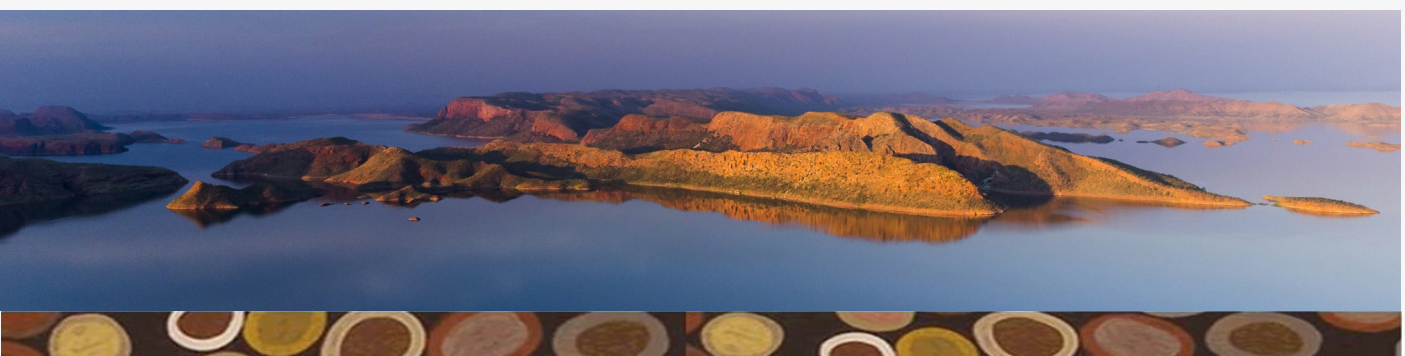
## MG Social Task Force to tackle social issues

A special task force has been established to identify initiatives that will lead to long-term, beneficial change for the MG community. The MG Social Task Force comprises the following community members: Gailene Chulung, Selina Davey-Newry, Margaret Moore, Ted Carlton and Helen Gerrard. The group is essentially a sub-committee of the MG Corporation Board and will make recommendations to the Board for implementation. It is anticipated that the MG Social Task Force will initially focus on working with the Board to attract leverage funding for evidenced-based initiatives aimed at delivering positive social outcomes for MG people. The MG Community Foundation Trust (CFT) will also play a key role in relation to the allocation of remaining Ord Enhancement Scheme (OES) funds.

Established in 2006 under the Ord Final Agreement, the OES was a program administered by the State Government in partnership with MG traditional owners. The OES aimed to address the recommendations of the Aboriginal Social and Economic Impact Assessment Report prepared by the KLC in 2004 in order to assess the impact of the Ord Stage 1 agricultural development on local Aboriginal people.

Approximately \$11 million in funding was allocated to various organisations to deliver programs for the social and economic development of MG people. A high number of local organisations received funding through the OES, including: Wunan Foundation, GY Aboriginal Corporation, Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation, Save The Children, Waringarri Arts, Mirima Language Centre, Gelganyem Trust, OVAHS, MG Corporation and the Clontarf Foundation.

OES funding ceased to be administered by the State Government in 2015 and the residual funds were transferred to the CFT. The MG Social Task Force welcomes submissions from MG people regarding proposed initiatives and sources of leverage funding.



## MG Corporation warmly welcomes new directors

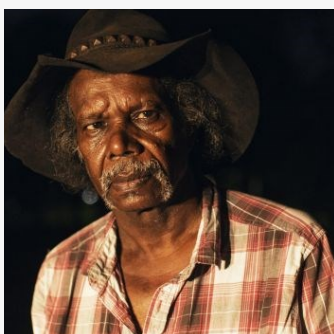


*Pursuing agricultural opportunities is a central aspect of MG Corporation's focus on economic development*

Following a rigorous interview process and extensive deliberation, the Dawang Council recently appointed Ted Carlton and Duck Chulung as directors of MG Corporation. The Dawang Council also appointed Margaret Moore and Zainel Bin Busu as alternate directors of MG Corporation.

Chairman Lawford Benning has extended a warm welcome to Ted and Duck, who have both previously served terms as directors of MG Corporation and are excited to be part of MG Corporation's renewed focus on economic development. Margaret and Zainel are also looking forward to contributing to the success of the organisation through their roles as alternate directors.

MG Corporation is committed to building a strong economic and social base for MG people beyond the life of the OFA by pursuing an inclusive economic development agenda. The directors of MG Corporation recognise that the future of MG Corporation and the MG people depends on the board effectively working in conjunction with the private sector and government to take advantage of opportunities in the region.



**Ted Carlton**

Ted (pictured left) has extensive experience at board level, having held senior roles with a number of Indigenous organisations based in the East Kimberley. Ted is passionate about working towards MG Corporation's vision of achieving a healthy, wealthy and culturally strong MG community. Ted is currently the Chairperson of the MG PBCs (the entities that hold native title on behalf of the native title holders) and has an in-depth understanding of native title and heritage issues. Ted is focused on generating economic and social benefits for MG people through the effective management of MG land.



**Duck Chulung**

Duck (pictured left) is a well-known Kununurra businessman and a Gajerrong man. He owns Wannawork Contracting Services, which provides Aboriginal labour hire, and Jangala Civil, which provides plant hire. Both organisations played a critical role in the Ord East-Kimberley Expansion Project. Born in Wyndham and raised in and around Kununurra, Duck is focused on promoting sustainable training and employment outcomes for MG people through economic development. Duck was awarded Person of the Year in 2011 as part of the East Kimberley Aboriginal Achievement Awards.