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MG CORPORATION News

MG Corporation welcomes new CEO

MG Corporation is very pleased to announce the appointment of Allan Wedderburn as Chief Executive Officer following a rigorous recruitment process.

Allan has been in Kununurra for over 17 years and brings with him a wealth of experience from other Indigenous organisations such as the Gelganyem and Kilkayi Trusts, Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation (Roeburne) and Waardi Limited (Broome).

Originally from South Africa, and with a background in civil engineering, Allan moved to Kununurra in January 2000 to take responsibility for projects in the Kimberley region, including several remote Aboriginal community projects.

He has significant project management experience, being instrumental in negotiating the Argyle Diamond Mine agreement whilst working at the Kimberley Land Council, as well as significant experience of corporate governance, the not-for-profit sector and business administration.



MG Corporation CEO, Allan Wedderburn

Allan has followed the life of the MG Group from the agreement process, set up and implementation stages up until its current operations stage. Allan acknowledges the challenges ahead for the MG Group and is excited about the massive opportunities available to MG people in the region.

One of the major challenges ahead is converting the MG Groups land assets into long term benefits for the MG people. Given the land assets the MG Group already has, this is also a major opportunity that will require significant strategic direction and development with the relevant MG Group boards, as well as consultation with the MG people. The MG Group has already established a fantastic foundation of land assets and is currently working towards furthering these objectives.



**MG Corporation wishes
Waringarri Radio a
very Happy 30th Birthday!**



Jawun secondee assists MG Group agricultural planning

Jawun secondee, Jeremy Cook



Jeremy Cook, from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in Canberra, has just completed a four week secondment at MG Corporation as part of the Jawun program.

Jeremy's brief was to review the MG Group's agricultural landholdings and entitlements in order to prepare a strategic plan for land use, development and distribution in the future.

With a background in agricultural research, extension and policy spanning over 25 years, Jeremy was well placed to undertake the complex task of reviewing the OFA and other entitlements in the region and preparing recommendations for agricultural developments to enable the MG people to better participate in the Ord-East Kimberley Expansion Project.

Four main agricultural development areas were identified: Goomig, Ord East Bank, Ord West Bank and Cockatoo Sands. The MG Group will use Jeremy's brief to finalise its land strategy and guide its investments into future development in the region so as to support MG people's objectives and achieve their mission of a healthy, wealthy and culturally strong MG community.

June Quarterly Meetings

June has been a busy month for the MG Group, with quarterly meetings taking place for MG Corporation, the MG Prescribed Bodies Corporate and the MG Dawang Land Trust.

Given conflicting commitments, the MG Community Foundation was unable to meet in June but has passed an out-of-session resolution regarding its end of year distribution, details of which will be set out in the July newsletter.

The MG Developments Trust and MGC Building and Maintenance Boards will be meeting to discuss business operations as soon as all directors are available.



Our Languages Matter
2-9 JULY 2017

A reminder to all MG members that the NAIDOC Celebrations are taking place between 2—9 July 2017.

The week boasts a full program of events, including a darts competition, community day, quiz night, book launch, basketball competition and junior ball.

Special General Meeting

MG Corporation is holding a Special General Meeting pursuant to Rule 9.3.2 of the MG Corporation Rule Book. Please contact the office for further details.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Date: 12 July 2017

Time: 9.00—11.00 a.m.

Place: MG/GT conference room