

MG CORPORATION News

No more pain: Declaration on family and domestic violence



Attendees at the men's Community Forum on Family and Domestic Violence

In late July, men from across the East Kimberley attended a Community Forum on Family and Domestic Violence held at Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation.

Prominent leaders from Binarri-binyja Yarrowoo Aboriginal Corporation, Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation and MG Corporation were among the attendees who met to discuss matters relating to family and domestic violence. The forum resulted in a strong declaration: *"As men, we understand that our families and our communities are under enormous pressure and are hurting. We need to stand up and declare that we will not tolerate this any longer. Violence and suicide is not part of our culture."*

The group agreed that the time has come for action and acknowledged that violence is a symptom of deeper issues including intergenerational trauma, the loss of language and culture, lack of strong leadership, poverty and racism. Agreement was reached on the following guiding principles:

1. Men need to take action on men's issues and provide leadership to younger men.
2. Aboriginal organisations in Kununurra must stand up and support strong culture.
3. Strong men help create strong families.

The group are calling on all men in Kununurra to come together for a bush meeting to talk about what's happening, why it's happening and what men can do to play a part in the solution.

MG Corporation encourages all of its male members to attend the bush meeting at Button Crossing from 2 - 4 August 2017



NAIDOC 2017 focused on the importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal languages



NAIDOC 2017 celebrated the unique and essential role languages play in cultural identity and linking people to their land and water.

MG Corporation celebrated NAIDOC week by attending and volunteering at various events. Staff highlights included the book launch at Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring, where attendees heard from the authors of 3 new Miriwoong books. Staff also attended Waringarri’s NAIDOC Trivia night, Waringarri Radio’s 30th birthday and the NAIDOC darts comp (pictured right). Congrats to MG Corporation’s NAIDOC Trivia team who took out second place (with special guests from Waringarri and BBY).

MG Corporation will have greater involvement in NAIDOC week 2018 and members are encouraged to submit suggestions about the type of involvement they’d like to see. If you have any ideas for next year, please contact Carol Hapke on 08 9166 4828.



Women on Country Forum

In late June MG Corporation participated in the East Kimberley Women on Country forum held over 2 nights at Home Valley. The aim of the forum is to empower women across the region to improve health outcomes for their families and communities with support from key health agencies. The forum provided an excellent opportunity for MG Corporation to strengthen its relationships with key stakeholders, including local service providers, government and health agencies.

Special General Meeting 2017: On 12 July MG Corporation held a SGM to discuss two proposed resolutions. Members did not pass either of the two proposed resolutions. The Board thanks all members who attended and participated in the SGM and is looking forward to getting on with business.

OFA update Pursuant to the OFA, the State Government has transferred freehold title over two areas (Packsaddle and East Kununurra Freehold Areas) to MG Dawang Land Trust to be held for current and future MG generations.