

# MG CORPORATION News



From left: Helen Gerrard, Duck Chulung, Button Jones, Minister MacTiernan, Ted Carlton, Carol Hapke, Agnes Armstrong and Phyllis Ningamarra

## MG Corporation welcomes State Government's focus on OFA

Garralyel, Directors and staff of MG Corporation recently met with The Honourable Alannah MacTiernan to discuss the status of outstanding obligations under the Ord Final Agreement (OFA).

The State Government and MG Corporation entered into the OFA in 2006. The agreement involved MG people surrendering native title over certain areas in return for a benefits package, which included administrative funding for MG Corporation, the right to negotiate Aboriginal Development Packages and various land interests.

A number of key OFA obligations remain outstanding, including in relation to land transfers to facilitate MG engagement with the agricultural sector. While discussions with the State in relation to outstanding OFA obligations stalled under the previous Coalition Government, MG Corporation looks forward to developing and maintaining a positive and productive working relationship with the current State Government to progress outstanding matters.



Garralyel, directors and staff

### MY PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

Following active consultation with members of MG Corporation, Chair Lawford Benning has publicly declared that he no longer supports the Cashless Debit Card (CDC). Check out the full press release on our website: [www.mgcorp.com.au/news-and-events/](http://www.mgcorp.com.au/news-and-events/)

### CFT Director Nominations

Nominations for directors on the board of MG's Community Foundation Trust (CFT) are now open. The CFT is a charitable trust established to provide charitable assistance to MG people, including for education, community development, promotion of art and culture and the relief of disadvantage.

**Nominations close on 13 October 2017**

To nominate, complete the nomination form at MG Corporation's reception. Call us for more info!



Left to right: David Newry, Edmond Calwatt and Jeremy Moore

## MG Rangers attend the 2017 Kimberley Ranger Forum

Over 50 ranger groups from across the Kimberley, NT and QLD attended the Kimberley Ranger forum in early August. Hosted by the Kimberley Land Council in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, the three day forum was held on Bardi Jawi Country at Gurrbalgun (Pender Bay) on the Dampier Peninsula.

The forum was the biggest ever ranger forum held in the Kimberley and provided an opportunity for MG rangers (pictured above) to meet rangers from across northern Australia and develop new skills. The forum focused on biosecurity in recognition of the crucial role Indigenous rangers play in maintaining Australia's biosecurity.

MG members are reminded that ***nominations for representatives on the Yoorrooyang Dawang Regional Parks Council (YDRPC) are now open!*** Members of the relevant Dawang groups who are interested are encouraged to talk to their Dawang Council Rep. For more info, drop into MG Corporation or call us on 9166 4801.

### SWEK Council Elections

Elections for the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley will be held in October 2017.

MG leaders are encouraged to nominate for council election to ensure that MG people are more effectively represented at local government level. For more info, contact SWEK on 9168 4100.

### Knox Plain Development Package

Under the OFA MG Corporation can negotiate Aboriginal Development Packages (ADPs) with land developers, including in relation to Knox Plain and Mantinea. An ADP for Knox Plain was negotiated with KAI and executed in China in 2015.

The Knox ADP includes training and employment targets, land development obligations and milestone payments. KAI hasn't yet developed Knox Plain, so the benefits negotiated have not flowed. MG Corporation has therefore transferred the benefits negotiated for Knox Plain to the Mantinea area. MG Corporation retains the right to negotiate a new ADP over Knox Plain.