

MG CORPORATION News

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MIRIWOONG SIGNS

MG Corporation supports the promotion and preservation of Miriwoong

In 2015 SWEK approached the MG PBCs with a proposal to name a creek crossing on the Victoria Highway 'Philchowski Crossing'.

Consultation with Garralyel resulted in a firm rejection of SWEK's proposal, in light of historical accounts of Philchowski's mistreatment of MG people. Instead, it was suggested that the crossing be called the Miriwoong word for its location: ***Galboorang***.

SWEK is now seeking public comment on the proposal. To show your support for more Miriwoong signage in our region, please comment here: www.swek.wa.gov.au or drop into MG Corporation.

For more info on Miriwoong signage, contact the Mirima Language Centre.



WELCOME TO MG

MG Corporation extends a warm welcome to Beth Rutter as Partnerships Coordinator

After spending 3 months in the region late last year, Beth has joined MG Corporation as our Partnerships Coordinator.

Beth is excited about working with the MG Social Task Force towards our vision of a healthy, wealthy and culturally strong MG community. Beth will be focusing on building sustainable partnerships with various local organisations and funding bodies.



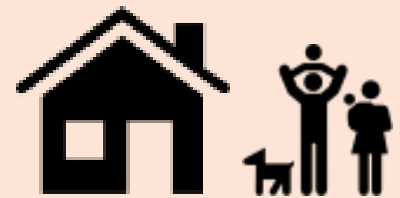
MG HOUSING

Affordable housing available for local Aboriginal families

In 2015, MG Corporation built a number of houses in Kununurra in partnership with Kimberley Development Commission (funded through Royalties for Regions).

The MG houses are available to rent for local Aboriginal families who have a good work or training history and who can meet standard tenancy requirements, including paying your rent and bills on time.

If you're interested in renting one of the MG houses, please let us know by dropping into the office or by calling us on 08 9166 4801.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Meeting 23 - 25 February 2018 (details to follow)

Apology 10 Anniversary Tuesday, 13 February 2018
at the Youth Hub on Rod Hodnett Drive from 2 - 5pm



WELCOME TO MG

MG Corporation welcomes incoming Legal Counsel, Joe Heffernan

Joe (pictured below) moved to Kununurra from Sydney with his family earlier this year and is looking forward to working closely with MG native title holders towards our vision of achieving a healthy, wealthy and culturally strong MG community.

Joe is an experienced legal practitioner, having worked in a specialist charities and not for profit practice with leading firm, Gilbert and Tobin.

Joe also has extensive and diverse experience in project development and social enterprise, both in Australia and internationally.

Joe holds a Bachelor of Science and a Juris Doctor and is admitted to practise in the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Joe is also looking forward to exploring our beautiful region and learning about the cultural and environmental diversity in this unique part of Australia.



NEW SPECIES OF SPIDER DISCOVERED



MG Rangers working in Reserve 31165 to the south west of Lake Argyle recently discovered a new species of tarantula

MG Rangers (including Ben Ward Jnr, pictured above) discovered this dramatic new species while working on country to the south of Lake Argyle last year as part of the MG Ranger program. While the species isn't poisonous, MG Rangers suggest you keep a safe distance from these guys.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AURORA PROJECT

MG Corporation continues its strong partnership with Aurora

The Aurora Project works with Indigenous organisations to strengthen organisational capacity by placing top law students from across Australia with various organisations.

Hannah Scallan (pictured right) spent four weeks with us over December and provided valuable support to the legal team with various governance and compliance matters. From all the staff at MG Corporation, thanks Hannah, we miss you!

