

# MG CORPORATION NEWS

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## CREATING LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES MG LAUNCHES 100+ JOBS EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE



MG Corporation is to deliver the newly established 100+ Jobs Employment Initiative, supported by BBY.

Over the next two years, the program will aim to support and place at least 100 vulnerable Aboriginal people into employment in Kununurra, Wyndham and Halls Creek.



### CROSSING RENAMED AFTER MG CAMPAIGN

Galboorang Crossing has been formally recognised, replacing the name 'Philchowski.'

On 27 February, SWEK Councillors decided to support use of the traditional Miriuwung name for the area. Next MG priority, Weaber Plains Road!



### FIRST UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY THE MG SOCIAL TASKFORCE

MG's commitment to supporting our community's young leaders has taken an important step this month. The first six scholarships approved by the MG Social Taskforce go to:



**Clarissa Bin Omar** Bridging course for Bachelor of Science. UWA, WA.

**Kanetia Griffiths** Bachelor of Social Work. Deakin University, VIC.

**Kirsty Mclean** Medical Doctorate. UWA, WA.

**Mary Baird** Cert. Early Childhood Ed. TAFE Broome, WA.

**Selina Davey-Newry** Bridging course, Charles Darwin University, NT.

**Darnell Thaiday** Indigenous Tertiary Enabling Course, Curtin University, WA.

## DEVELOPING MG BUSINESSES

**MG, through its development arm, continue to develop business opportunities throughout the East Kimberley.**

MG's developments board met in late February, including with its new corporate specialist and recent board addition, David Mack.

David proposed consideration of a range of new opportunities, including assisting in analysing a recent sweeping review of MG's agricultural potential by consulting group, ATEA.

The board continues to develop a range of exciting new projects, considering investments in agriculture, natural resource harvesting, and aquaculture across MG lands.

Watch this space for exciting developments in coming months.



## MG PBCs CHALLENGE PROPOSED NATIVE TITLE REFORMS

**MG PBCs #1 and #4 submitted a robust and detailed response to the recent Government Options Paper on reforms to the Federal *Native Title Act*.**

The Options Paper identifies a number of issues that are of concern, particularly in relation to alternative agreement-making processes and indigenous decision-making. Many of the proposed reforms would adversely affect the Miriwung and Gajerrong people in the management of their native title rights.

The MG PBCs agree with the recommendations in relation to transparent agreement-making and post-determination dispute management.

MG's response is online at:

<https://www.ag.gov.au/Consultations/Documents/Reformstothenativetitleact1993/MG-corporation-submission.pdf>.



## MG LAND MATTERS

**Goomig agricultural estate**—advanced discussions with State and stakeholders.

**Mantina**—in final stages of signing ADP with KAI.

**New Conservation Areas**—awaiting response from State Government.

**Ord West Bank**— commercial evaluation.

**R31165**—sole vesting under discussion.



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN KUNUNURRA

**04 April** - Special General Meeting of MG Corporation

**11 & 12 April** - Indigenous Employment Forum

**17 & 18 April**- Ministerial Forum on Northern Development