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EXECUTIVE CHAIR REPRESENTS MG IN CANBERRA



L-R: Colin Saltmere, Managing Director of Myuma Limited; Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia; and Lawford Benning, Executive Chair of MG Corporation

MG Executive Chair, Lawford Benning, travelled this month to Canberra to meet Senators Matt Canavan and Nigel Scullion to discuss the development of Northern Australia and to promote the East Kimberley region. He also attended the Minerals Council of Australia Parliamentary Dinner 2019, together with the Managing Director of the Myuma Group, Colin Saltmere, and Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

Lawford travelled to Canberra in the first instance to meet with Senator Scullion to advise him of the progress of negotiations between MG Corporation and the Myuma Group around the agricultural use of spinifex. Senator Scullion continues to be very supportive of the MG/Myuma partnership and was keen to hear further details from the team regarding the proposed franchise model to be utilised. Senator Scullion made it clear that MG's role in the project is critical—with feasibility studies needed in Western Australia to test the growth and scale of spinifex potential in the region and to compare data with the existing Queensland programs.

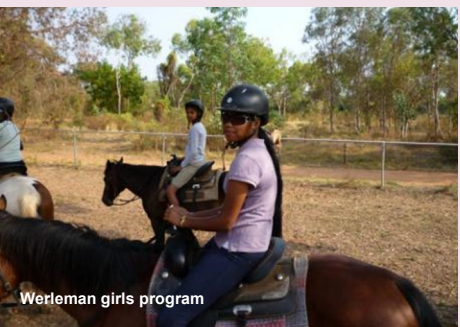
Whilst in Canberra, Lawford also met with Senator Canavan's Principal Policy Officer, Anne Stunzner, to discuss the northern development agenda and the economic opportunities currently being pursued by MG. Many of MG's existing negotiations have the potential to satisfy NAIF objectives and Federal funding may be sought by MG for its economic development projects in the near future.

Lawford and Colin were invited by Senator Canavan's office to attend the annual Minerals Council of Australia Parliamentary dinner, sponsored by BHP Billiton. Scott Morrison's dinner speech analysed the continuing importance of the mining industry as part of Australia's participation in the international economy and recognised the continuing global need for the country's mineral resources.

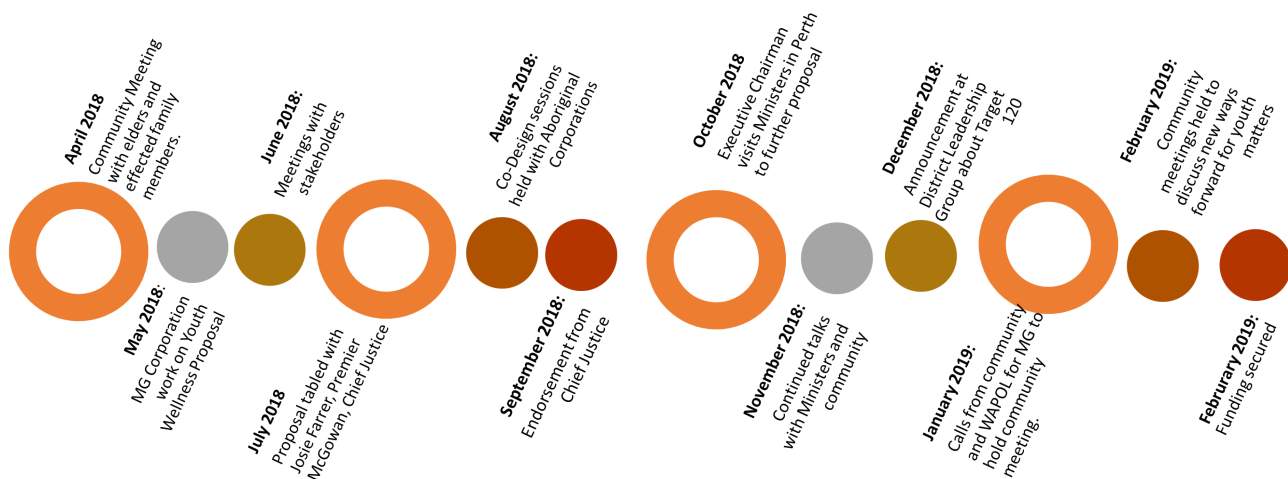
MG CONTINUES TO LEAD THE WAY ON YOUTH WELLNESS ISSUES

For over a decade since its establishment in 2006, MG has been working with local children and their families through a number of different means. Direct services provided by MG include: donating its Pindan Centre for use by partner organisations for childhood learning programs; providing education assistance grants to MG families; managing numerous scholarship and sponsorship programs, including tertiary scholarships and ongoing support for local sports organisations; and creating the One Family at a Time schools program. MG has also provided financial support to youth initiatives such as Clontarf, the Joodoogeb-be-gerring Werleman girls program, parental engagement programs, early childhood education work, Stepping Stones, literacy programs at St Joseph's, and Save the Children youth worker programs.

MG Corporation has also continued to financially support the continued practice of MG culture and the promotion of traditional values, with a view to maintaining a strong MG identity and a proud MG group and to teaching children about respect, responsibility and family values. MG is an intrinsic part of the Kununurra community and a leader in representing local Aboriginal people.



TIMELINE: MG'S RECENT WORK IN THE YOUTH WELLNESS SPACE



SERIES OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS HOSTED BY MG CORPORATION



Following calls to act, MG Corporation organised two community safety meetings on 8 and 15 February to consider a new way forward for addressing the town’s youth matters. The meetings come on the back of MG’s existing work in the youth wellness space and its push to find cultural solutions to existing problems.

MG’s key message is that people want action: not rhetoric. At each meeting, the focus was on achieving outcomes and setting a strategic direction for the next step in the process, whilst staying positive and avoiding shame or blame. Both meetings were well attended by a broad cross-section of the community, including: local Aboriginal organisations; Federal and State Government Departments; local business owners; charitable and religious organisations; community members; and service providers.

The first meeting focused on ascertaining what services are available in Kununurra to support children and their families. The second looked at each of those services and scrutinised whether they are truly making a difference to vulnerable families. The next meeting will focus on speaking to the affected families themselves to seek answers as to why the existing services are not working and what can be done to change the behaviours of disaffected youth.



DRIVING A UNITED LOCAL SOLUTION: THE MG EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

MG’s proposal for a Cultural Youth Diversion Program outlines a culturally sensitive alternative to existing transitional facilities. MG Executive Chair, Lawford Benning, explained that *“MG has identified existing facilities in Kununurra that can be transformed into a safe space for families and young people to stay, similar to the Bail House, but based on cultural values”*.

MG’s proposal to the State Government details the facility’s functions as a respite centre for children without a stable home environment to go to, an alternative to remand for young people that would otherwise be sent to Banksia Hill and a place for families to stay to work on their capacity and heal together.

MG is currently awaiting a response from the State to its MG Empowerment Centre proposal.

CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR MGCBM AND ITS APPRENTICES



L-R: Malik Kennedy; Brenden Nelson; Corbin Dryden; Alex Ripps; Franklin Greddon; and Tyson Wilson

Congratulations to MGCBM and its apprentices, who continue to outperform all other local building companies in terms of quality, price and Indigenous engagement. MGCBM apprentice, Corbin Dryden, completes his trade certificate in carpentry and joinery this month, with two more MGCBM apprenticeships completing later this year.

In addition to its larger scale construction projects, MGCBM is completing an increased volume of work for Lake Maintenance. With several large projects commencing, MGCBM has increased its MG employment and has recruited Malik Kenney as a certificate 2 civil construction trainee, with his father Vincent Kenney also working as a labourer with the company. MGCBM is also in the process of recruiting two new MG school-based construction trainees through KGT Employment.

Building Manager Brad Durack said: *“We are thrilled to receive news that a year 11 and a year 12 student, both MG, are due to commence with us. Training the next generation of builders is our number one priority and it’s great to see MG people taking up all the vacancies in this area.*

Also very exciting is that Corbin Dryden is about to complete his apprenticeship, it’s fantastic to see him become a tradesman and witness end-to-end results with our direct apprenticeship program”.



Corbin Dryden

Introduction to MGCBM apprentices:

Malik Kennedy, Cert 2 Civil Construction Trainee
Brenden Nelson, Y3 Apprentice Carpenter/Joiner
Corbin Dryden, Completed Carpenter/Joiner
Alex Ripps, Y3 Apprentice Carpenter/Joiner
Franklin Greddon, Y1 Apprentice Plasterer
Tyson Wilson, Y1 Painter



MG apprentices