

# MG CORPORATION News

## BUMPER EDITION

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### HISTORIC CATTLE DEAL SIGNED



*L-R: Louise Mengil, Duck Chulung, Ted Carlton, Richard Paterson, Lawford Benning, Jack Burton*

Following the completion of its EOI process in late 2018, MG Corporation announces the first of its joint venture partnerships for the economic development of MG land: an agreement with Northern Pastoral Management (NPM) to establish an East Kimberley Cattle Hub.

Industry leaders, Jack Burton and Richard Paterson from NPM, travelled to Kununurra on 29 March 2019 to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the MG Corporation Board on MG country. The two parties are exploring the development of a cattle supply chain from the East Kimberley to Mr Burton's abattoir in Broome.

MG Corporation Executive Chair Lawford Benning said the organisation is working hard to develop ways of earning sustainable revenue from MG land. "MG Corporation has native title over almost 14,000 square kilometres of land in the East Kimberley, and we want to find ways to generate an income from some of that land," he said. "Aboriginal people have a proud history of involvement in the cattle industry in the Kimberley and now is the time to take a more active role. We are excited about having the opportunity to work with such a well-established name in the cattle industry and the opportunities this project could provide for MG people".

MG and NPM are exploring the possibility of establishing a cattle hub on MG land, including centre-pivot irrigation, a licensed weighbridge, a feedlot, drafting facilities and quarantine yards. The parties will now work together to assess the suitability of land for the proposed hub in consultation with relevant MG people.



*Signing the MOU*



*Lawford and Jack*



*MG's Dominique Reeves, speaking to the press*



## MG RANGER TEAMS RECOVER SALTWATER CROCODILE FROM ORD



Tristan Jessell measures the croc

**Working together, MG Corporation and the Department of Parks and Wildlife manage two MG ranger teams operating over MG country.**

The rangers maintain a trapping program in the Lake Kununurra Crocodile Risk Mitigation Area, every week releasing any freshies and rebaiting the traps for the following week. On 12 March, the rangers received a photo of what appeared to be a saltwater crocodile in Lake Kununurra between Swim Beach and the Diversion Dam. A warning was issued to the public the following day and an additional trap was deployed to the area.

On 14 March, the rangers conducted a patrol on the lake to look for any saltwater crocodiles in the area. During this patrol, a saltwater crocodile was found and quickly removed from one of the three traps in this general area of the lake. The croc measured 1.85 metres.

Members of the public are reminded that estuarine (saltwater) crocodiles are mobile animals that have the capability to travel large distances over land and water and are encouraged to report sightings of saltwater crocodiles within Lake Kununurra to the department on (08) 9168 4200.



L-R: Tristan Jessell, Eugene Park, Benji Curtain



The saltie found

## MG CONTINUES ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH JAWUN



**Jawun places skilled people from Australia's leading companies and government agencies into Aboriginal Corporations such as MG Corporation. These secondees share their expertise and support Aboriginal leaders and their organisations to achieve their development goals.**

**Andrew Wegman** joined MG from Melbourne, where he works for Macquarie Capital in its Infrastructure and Energy advisory team. He is currently 6 weeks into a 12-week secondment, focussing on a review of the housing programs in Kununurra and the Kimberley. Following that review, MG will be making a submission to the North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund to help find new and effective ways to support the community move towards home ownership. Andrew has cherished the opportunity to learn from locals about Aboriginal culture, the land, and their connection to the land.

**Justin Hall** is also from Melbourne where he works as a solutions manager at NAB, overseeing the implementation of technology solutions into the wholesale banking division. During his secondment, Justin created electronic systems to assist the MG PBCs to process and manage native title applications and the future act legal process. The highlight of his time here was his fishing trip with Edmond where they managed to reel in a jaliwang – and successfully keep the car out of the Ord. He said he is thankful for the warmth and wisdom he received from the MG people and is definitely rethinking city life after such an amazing experience.



Andrew Wegman



Justin Hall and Andrew Wegman



Justin Hall



## MG BOARD VACANCIES

There are a number of director vacancies for MG Group entities, in particular the MG Corporation and MG Community Foundation Boards.


All members are encouraged to apply—training on corporate governance, financial management and other reporting requirements is provided to candidates interested in applying.

For all enquiries and further details as to how to apply, please contact MG Corporation reception on (08) 9166 4801 or e-mail [reception@mgcorp.com.au](mailto:reception@mgcorp.com.au).

## LAND DISTRIBUTION POLICY

At the Dawang Council meeting held on 27 March 2019, representatives from each MG Dawang group considered and approved the terms of the MG Land Distribution Policy. The policy sets out a process for MG and other people seeking tenure over undeveloped land within the MG Group's control.

The decision means that the policy will be implemented within the coming months. Anyone interested in applying for an interest in MG land should contact MG Corporation reception for further details. Applications will take some time to process.



**EAST KIMBERLEY INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

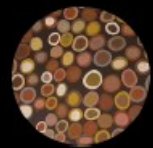
**7<sup>th</sup> AND 8<sup>th</sup> OF MAY 2019**

**KIMBERLEY GRANDE, KUNUNURRA**

MG Corporation invites all Aboriginal women of the East Kimberley, and those women working in service provision alongside Aboriginal women, to a free 2 day conference to identify and discuss barriers that Aboriginal women face and how we as a community can work together.

*RSVPs are appreciated for catering purposes. If you have any queries or would like to attend please contact Carol or Beth at MG Corporation.*

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## MGC BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE CONTINUES NWAHF WORK



L-R: Rachel Green, Franklin Greddon, Michelle Andrews, Darren Purcell



L-R: Lachlan French, Michelle Andrews, Chris Griffiths



L-R: Franklin Greddon, Michelle Andrews, Darren Purcell, Rachel Green

### MGCBM continues to deliver on the North West Aboriginal Housing Fund project, increasing apprentice opportunities along the way.

A delegation from the Department of Communities dropped into a house under construction in Bluegrass Avenue taking the MG crew by surprise. The delegation included the Acting Director General Michelle Andrews and Assistant Director General Rachel Green. Michelle was particularly interested in the employment and training opportunities the North West Aboriginal Housing Fund project has provided and what inspires apprentices to enter the building trade and turn up every day. The role of having an experienced tradie working side by side with an apprentice has resulted in great skills transfer, mentoring and increased capacity building of the apprentices.

Chris Griffiths, who just recently joined the building team was quizzed by Michelle. As an older entry level apprentice, Chris brings other skills to the team including cultural authority and mentoring capabilities. He is looking forward to learning the building trade and, in particular, using those skills to help build three houses on his family's community across the border in the Northern Territory.

After visiting the building site and avoiding any safety incidents, the delegation visited the completed house next door, where the conversation focused on the co-design principles and what those differences were.



# MG AND NPM CELEBRATE HISTORIC CATTLE DEAL

