



MG CORPORATION NEWS



Jayla Shae Davey, left, in an International Screen Academy production

MG SPONSORSHIP PAYS DIVIDENDS FOR KUNUNURRA-BORN ACTOR

MG woman Jayla Shae Davey continues to build on a promising acting career after wrapping filming of the first season of a new children's science show, which is set to air on a national network.

Jayla's role on the new show, titled 'Wow, That's Amazing', comes after her big break in a TV ad in the US and several stage roles.

In a recent interview with the Kimberley Echo, Jayla thanked MG Corporation for supporting her study at the International Screen Academy in Sydney, which opened doors for her in the industry.

"I received a scholarship and also sponsorship from MG Corporation so I was able to afford to do it," she told the Kimberley Echo.

"I learnt writing, producing and camera operating so I can go out into the industry and do anything."

Having grown up in Kununurra, the 22-year-old connected with Indigenous playwrights who stoked her love for acting, which led to her completing a Bachelor of Performing Arts at WAAPA before moving east.

SENATOR PAT DODSON MEETS WITH MG CORPORATION

MG Corporation board members recently met with Senator Pat Dodson, who was in Kununurra on 29 April. Senator Dodson was accompanied by the federal Labor Candidate for Durack, Sharyn Morrow.

MG Executive Chair Lawford Benning and directors Donald Chulung and Ted Carlton met with Senator Dodson and Ms Morrow to discuss several topics of importance to the Kununurra community.

Social matters addressed included securing funding for the MG Youth Wellness plan and the impacts of the cashless debit card and alcohol restrictions.

Other talking points included economic matters such as the impact of the CDP job initiative on the employment sector, independent business development opportunities for land and native title issues.

The Executive Chair and directors later attended an East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry luncheon event to meet the other federal election candidates.



From left: MG Corporation Executive Chair Lawford Benning, Senator Patrick Dodson, MG Corporation directors Ted Carlton and Duck Chulung and Federal Labor candidate Sharyn Morrow

MGCBM HAS NORTH WEST ABORIGINAL HOUSING FUND CONTRACT ON FIRM GROUND

MGC Building and Maintenance (MGCBM) has been hard at work delivering on its contract with the North West Aboriginal Housing Fund to build 26 houses in the local community.

Six dwellings have been finished, with two more at the fit-out stage ready for handover in June and another two-dwelling unit at the roof structure stage.

Work on the Jiylinum Project is also underway with MGCBM's fourth-year apprentice Brendan Nelson and new MGCBM employee Chris Griffiths.

They are currently attending to the slab, with their day-to-day tasks including marking, trenching, form work and helping the concrete finishers.

Chris started at MGCBM roughly three months ago as its health and wellbeing officer and cultural mentor to all staff.

In addition, he is learning more about what MGCBM does through a Certificate II in construction.



Health and wellbeing officer and cultural mentor Chris Griffiths and fourth-year MGCBM apprentice Brendan Nelson



New 100+ Jobs Initiative manager Callan Hatchman

INTRODUCING NEW 100+ JOBS MANAGER

Callan Hatchman

MG Corporation appointed Callan Hatchman to be the new manager for its 100+ Jobs Initiative in April as part of the continued deployment of the program.

Callan said he was excited to accept the position with MG Corporation and assist in improving the prospects of job seekers.

“Having spent the last six years working in the Pilbara and Fitzroy Valley I have developed a passion and commitment for community development in Indigenous communities,” he said.

“I hope to lead and guide the 100+ Jobs team towards successfully helping those hard-to-reach clients onto a path of successful long term and sustainable employment.”

Callan already has family members living in Kununurra but said he could not wait to get to know the community and the land better.

“I’m looking forward to living in the amazing environment that is Kununurra, exploring the countryside, fishing the Kimberley, spending time with my nieces and nephews and forming relationships with the wider community,” he said.

A keen sportsman with a passion for rugby, Callan expressed interest in getting involved with the local sports scene and helping out any sports teams around Kununurra.

INTRODUCING NEW ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Myra Chulung

MG Corporation welcomed a new administration officer to its team this April – MG woman Myra Chulung.

Myra said she was excited to have the opportunity to work for MG Corporation.

“I took on the position of administration officer as I believe it was a great opportunity for me to improve my skills, learn more about the corporation and work in a role that would challenge me,” she said.



MG Corporation administration officer Myra Chulung

Myra said she was enjoying her present role but still had bigger goals in the future.

“Every day I’m at MG Corporation I look forward to it, as each day is different and I love being able to be in a position where I can help my people,” she said.

“I hope in the long run I can obtain my diploma in business and move up the ladder where I can make a real difference in making changes that will benefit our MG people even more.”

Myra wants community members to know if they need assistance to come into the office and MG Corporation will help directly if it can, or find the right person to refer them to.



MGCBM workers and community stakeholders turn the sod on Kununurra Neighbourhood House



Kununurra Neighbourhood House frame construction



Kununurra Neighbourhood House roof work

PROGRESS BEING MADE ON NEW MGCBM PROJECT

MGC Building and Maintenance (MGCBM) and community stakeholders broke ground at the Chestnut Drive site of the new Kununurra Neighbourhood House (KNH) in April.

The long-awaited new community centre will provide KNH with a much-needed new home, so it can continue to provide essential family support services, education courses and

emergency relief, as well as recreation activities and events for the local community.

The first stage of construction will include a community activity area, children's area and creche as well as administration and meeting rooms.

KNH Chairperson Maria Chan said she was thrilled to see MGCBM turn the sod at the site, with the project employing Indigenous apprentices and local tradesmen.

"It is incredibly exciting to finally be at the construction stage and we are proud to be building the new Neighbourhood House alongside the organisation that represents the Traditional Owners of the land on which it will be built," she said.

"This has been a community project from the start, and it means a great deal to us to see our new community centre built, run and used by people of our community, as a place for all of us to belong together."

Project manager Dean Baker said the project was on track, with 10 per cent of works being completed each month.

All slabs have been laid and frames, trusses and all structural construction are set to be completed by the first week of June.

The construction of the first stage of the community centre has been made possible by generous local community and business sponsorships, fundraising efforts of community volunteers and a Lotterywest community grant.



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