



MG CORPORATION NEWS



MG Corporation directors and Myuma Group representatives



MG Corporation is presented with artwork by the Myuma Group

MG CORPORATION AND MYUMA GROUP ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

Directors from the Myuma Group and MG Corporation came together this month to celebrate the announcement of their partnership.

The partnership represents the first time that two Aboriginal groups from different states have reached agreement on a partnership deal of this nature.

MG visited the Myuma Group in Queensland in December last year

to witness the amazing work being done on their country, and took the opportunity to host Myuma representatives in Kununurra for a week this month in return.

MG used the week to illustrate the progress it has made with its own employment initiatives and agricultural development in the East Kimberley and to discuss with Myuma how they can work together on similar projects in the future.

Among the deals being considered by the parties is the growth, harvesting and processing of spinifex.

During the visit, Myuma Group Managing Director Colin Saltmere presented MG Executive Chairman Lawford Benning with a painting by local Queensland artists depicting spinifex country.



MG Corporation directors and joint venture partners with Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan

MG CORPORATION HOSTS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER ALANNAH MACTIERNAN

MG Corporation directors and staff met the Minister for Regional Development, Alannah MacTiernan, at the Frank Wise Institute in Kununurra this month.

MG Corporation took the opportunity to introduce Minister MacTiernan to its joint venture partners in the pastoral and agricultural industries, including representatives from Northern Pastoral Management and the visiting Myuma Group.

The meeting followed the announcement that MG Corporation would receive \$47,000 in funding to develop a five-year commercial plan for the production of industrial hemp products.

The funding was awarded through the State Government's Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants program.

Kununurra Neighbourhood House also received \$180,000 towards the construction of its new facility through the RED grants, which is being built by MGC Building and Maintenance.



WA Treasurer Ben Wyatt and MG Corporation Executive Chairman Lawford Benning

TREASURER BEN WYATT MAKES KUNUNURRA VISIT TO TALK BUDGET

MG Corporation hosted WA Treasurer Ben Wyatt for a 2019-20 Budget briefing at Ski Beach in Kununurra this month.

Open to Aboriginal community members, Aboriginal directors and representatives from Aboriginal organisations, the Treasurer used the briefing to discuss what the budget will mean for the East Kimberley region.

The briefing focused on agriculture and juvenile justice, as well as schools and apprenticeships.

The Treasurer also took the opportunity to discuss his proposed reforms for the Aboriginal Heritage Act, which have the strong support of MG Corporation.

Member for the Kimberley, Josie Farrer, also attended and later joined the Treasurer for a private meeting at MG Corporation with key representatives from the organisation.

The meeting addressed issues in the Lands portfolio, which the Treasurer is also responsible for, and MG Corporation's agricultural and pastoral land aspirations.

INTRODUCING NEW RECEPTIONIST

Cassie Chulung

MG Corporation recently brought on a new receptionist to its team – MG woman Cassie Chulung.

Cassie said she was grateful to MG Corporation for giving her a “great opportunity to get back into the workforce” while also supporting her to continue her studies.

“My goal is to complete my Certificate III in Business Administration within the next 12 months, then continue to further my studies,” Cassie said.

Cassie said she was looking forward to developing new skills and working with the community in the role.



MG Corporation receptionist Cassie Chulung

INTRODUCING NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Wendy Casey

MG Corporation has welcomed new Executive Officer Wendy Casey to its team.

Wendy said she took up the role to better help the community.

“MG Corporation is seen to be an influencer of change in our local community,” she said.

“It excites me to be part of an organisation that has the capacity to make a difference.

“I’m looking forward to meaningfully contributing to a brighter future for the East Kimberley region.”

Wendy said she hoped to raise capacity within the organisation through her new role.

“A part of my role is to assist in the skills development of the staff and offer career progression into higher level roles,” she said.

Having spent the past seven years working in the local community, Wendy said she had developed a true passion for the Kimberley.



MG Corporation Executive Officer Wendy Casey



General Manager Brad Durack, apprentices Corbin Dryden and Alex Ripps, and Project Manager Dean Baker, who accepted Brendan Nelson's award at the Awards night

MGC BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE SCORES FOUR AT BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The hard work of MGC Building and Maintenance (MGCBM) and its apprentices was recognised at the 2019 Master Builders-Bankwest Building Excellence Awards at Cable Beach in Broome this month.

The awards are hosted annually by Master Builders to provide an opportunity for builders in the Kimberley-Pilbara region to showcase their best homes and commercial projects.

The Kimberley-Pilbara region is by far the largest of the five regional awards areas, with submissions from Kununurra, Exmouth, Derby, Karratha, Onslow and Broome this year.

MGCBM won the award for "Best Multi Unit Development" in the Under \$1 Million category for its two-dwelling development on Calytrix Avenue, which was completed in December last year.

The organisation cleaned up in the Best Carpentry Apprentice award, with MGCBM apprentice Alex Ripps winning

and two other MGCBM apprentices finishing as finalists.

Alex was joined as a winner by MGCBM apprentice Brendan Nelson, who won Best Direct Indentured Apprentice, with both named finalists for the Best Indigenous Building & Construction Apprentice alongside fellow MGCBM apprentice Corbin Dryden.

The results are a testament to MGCBM's work with apprentices, which was formally recognised by the Employer Trainer of the Year award.



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