



MG CORPORATION NEWS

MGC EXECUTIVE CHAIR ATTENDS NAIRG MEETING IN KARRATHA WITH KEN WYATT

MG Corporation Executive Chair Lawford Benning recently attended the first meeting of the Northern Australia Indigenous Reference Group (NAIRG) since the end of an eight-month break while representative elections were held.

The meeting was attended by the newly appointed Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Ken Wyatt.

The NAIRG was given updates from the North Australia Infrastructure Facility, GeoScience Australia, the Mayor of Karratha, Regional Development Australia and local Traditional Owners, with a focus on the tourism sector.

The meeting also included discussions of IRG members' positions and recommendations and progress on an EOI for priority areas of research.



NAIRG members Joe Morrison, Vonda Malone, Nigel Browne, MG Corporation Executive Chair Lawford Benning, Dr Donna Odegaard, and Peter Yu, from left, with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Ken Wyatt, centre.



Executive Chair Lawford Benning and Minister Ken Wyatt.



MG people and colleagues celebrate NAIDOC week.

MG CORPORATION CELEBRATES NAIDOC WEEK

MG Corporation joined with the community to celebrate NAIDOC Week (July 7-14) in Kununurra.

The week's festivities kicked off with a march and flag-raising ceremony and an open community day at White Gum Park.

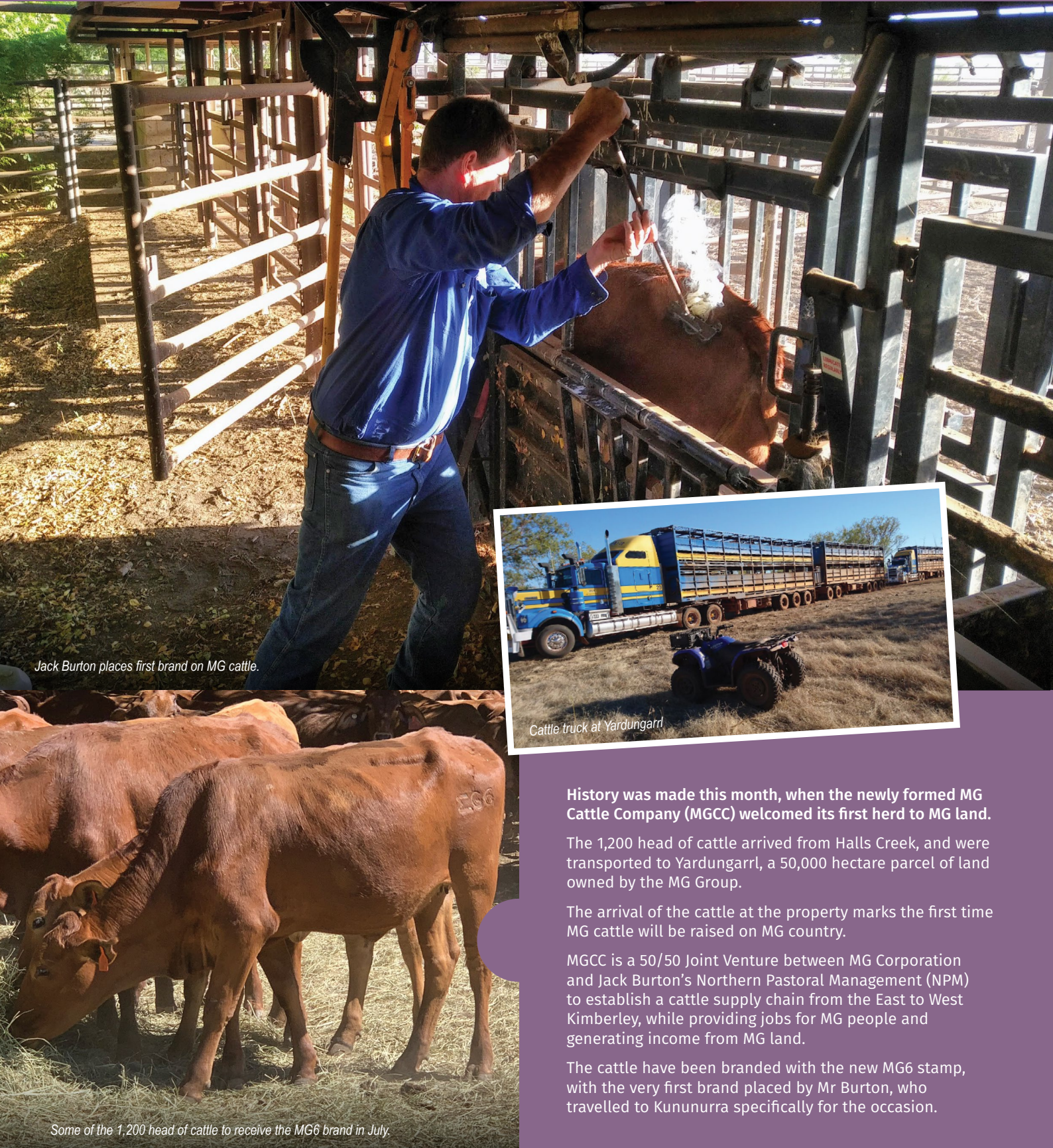
MG Corporation Director Teddy Carlton delivered the opening speech,

which included a welcome to country and addressed the 2019 theme for NAIDOC of Voice. Treaty. Truth. Teddy's comments focused on the need to work together for a shared future and painted a picture of the many natural features in the region, from chubby Boabs to cool rivers.

MGC Building and Maintenance, 100+ Jobs and Parks and Wildlife joined MG Corporation at a stall showcasing the fantastic work they are doing in the community.

Celebrations throughout the remainder of the week included sporting events, bush tucker tastings, a quiz night, a darts night, and junior and senior balls arranged by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal corporations.

HISTORIC ARRIVAL AS MG CATTLE TRANSFER TO NEW HOME



Jack Burton places first brand on MG cattle.



Cattle truck at Yardungarrl

History was made this month, when the newly formed MG Cattle Company (MGCC) welcomed its first herd to MG land.

The 1,200 head of cattle arrived from Halls Creek, and were transported to Yardungarrl, a 50,000 hectare parcel of land owned by the MG Group.

The arrival of the cattle at the property marks the first time MG cattle will be raised on MG country.

MGCC is a 50/50 Joint Venture between MG Corporation and Jack Burton's Northern Pastoral Management (NPM) to establish a cattle supply chain from the East to West Kimberley, while providing jobs for MG people and generating income from MG land.

The cattle have been branded with the new MG6 stamp, with the very first brand placed by Mr Burton, who travelled to Kununurra specifically for the occasion.

Some of the 1,200 head of cattle to receive the MG6 brand in July.

HISTORIC ARRIVAL AS MG CATTLE TRANSFER TO NEW HOME (continued)



Agriculture Minister Alannah MacTiernan, centre, with MG Cattle Company representatives.



Jack Burton joins the MG fencing crew at smoko.

Establishing Yardungarrl

The initial fencing and other infrastructure work had to be completed before the cattle could be resettled at the property, but more work is still needed.

Consultation with traditional owners will take place over the next few months as work on the remaining fencing and infrastructure continues.

MGCC is working to establish a cattle hub including feedlots and irrigation, a licensed weigh bridge, drafting facilities and quarantine yards.

The completed property will form the new Yardungarrl Station.



The first MG cattle are offloaded at their new home on MG country.



MG Cattle Company crew members Mervyn Roberts, Stewie Webster, Duck Chulung and Ricky Webster with the MG6 brand, from left.

MG CORPORATION ADDS TO 100+ JOBS TEAM

MG Corporation's 100+ Jobs team recently added two new Employment Coordinators to its staff – Garry Gerrard and Simone Trust.

100+ Jobs is a program which aims to get more than 100 of the most marginalised people in the community into sustainable employment.

Garry said the role is a great career opportunity for him and fits with his social nature.

"I like communicating with people and I am well known to this community, which I hope makes me a great value to this team," he said.

He said he wanted to help Aboriginal people find more than just steady employment.

"What I want is to see Aboriginal people being happy in what they do," he said.

Garry said he was committed to tackling the "challenges and barriers that affect Aboriginal people from getting up and getting a job."

Simone said she took up the role to see "more success stories for our people in the workforce."

"I find this role to be challenging but rewarding when seeing positive outcomes," she said.

"I hope to see more 100+ clients overcoming barriers, becoming job ready and gaining employment."

Simone said her efforts to engage with the community and build relationships with individuals and their families were already yielding results.

"I had a young lady come up to me in the street and asked if I worked with 100+ Jobs because she felt like she was ready to look for work," she said.

Simone encouraged other people to follow that example.



MG Corporation's new 100+ Jobs Employment Coordinator Garry Gerrard.



MG Corporation's new 100+ Jobs Employment Coordinator Simone Trust.



MG Corporation representatives and other guests hearing about cotton trials at Ceres Farm.

MG CORPORATION TAKES TO THE FIELD

MG Corporation showed its support for the Northern Australia Crop Research Alliance (NACRA) by attending its field walk on July 2.

NACRA is a partnership formed in 2015 by Ord River District Cooperative (ORDCO), Kimberley Agricultural Investments (KAI) and The Chia Company to combine and lead research and development efforts in the Ord Valley.

Its field walk event provided a snapshot of the 2019 grains program for the region, which includes maize, chickpea, soybean, mungbean, quinoa, sesame and chia.

It was attended by about 150 people, with the vast majority hailing from outside of Kununurra, indicating high levels of external interest in the Ord Valley.

NACRA also used the opportunity to showcase cotton trials and had local growers discuss the potential for cotton as a commodity crop in the valley.



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