



# MG CORPORATION NEWS



MG Corporation directors Lawford Benning and Duck Chulung, from left, sign documents to acquire Goomig land.

## MG CORPORATION TAKES NEXT STEP TOWARDS GOOMIG LAND ACQUISITION

**MG Corporation directors have taken the next step towards the acquisition of Goomig Lots 15 and 16 with the signing of an historic suite of documents this month granting freehold interest.**

MG people are entitled to an interest in land at Goomig under the Ord Final Agreement signed in 2006.

MG Corporation has been negotiating the terms of the land interest with the State and key stakeholders for more than five years.

The signing represents a huge achievement by the MG Board of Directors and staff to resolve complex issues ranging from water supply

and environmental management to infrastructure maintenance and access rights.

MG Corporation has been working on a joint venture agreement to share-farm the lots with a third-party company in preparation for the acquisition of the land.

The joint venture would support MG Corporation's goal of converting its native title and land assets into sustainable revenue and providing long-term economic and social benefits for MG people in the East Kimberley.

It is expected that the land will be used to farm cotton, which has been discussed

as a potential commodity crop in the Ord Valley by the Northern Australia Crop Research Alliance and other stakeholders.

MG Corporation has been in talks with local growers to determine the best use of its land, which crops to grow as part of the local cooperative group, and to identify the best joint venture partners to help MG achieve its economic aspirations.

Discussions have also been had regarding an effective engagement strategy to see MG people trained and employed as part of the Goomig agricultural venture.

It is hoped that MG Corporation will be able to make an official joint venture announcement shortly.





MG joint-venture partner Jack Burton gives his keynote address.

# MG CORPORATION TAKES KIMBERLEY ECONOMIC FORUM BY STORM

MG Corporation directors and staff visited Derby to discuss economic development in the region and engage with key stakeholders at the Kimberley Economic Forum (KEF) from September 25 to 27.

The forum was addressed by MG Corporation's joint venture partner Jack Burton, who was the keynote speaker.

In his speech, Mr Burton addressed the importance of empowering Aboriginal people as landowners, cutting red tape to encourage commercial opportunities in the Kimberley and the negative effect procrastination can have on economic development.

Mr Burton also highlighted the need to make prompt and sensible decisions and praised MG Corporation Executive Chair Lawford Benning and the MG Board of Directors for being proactive about making the best use of land to create wealth, business, economic development and jobs without sacrificing its cultural integrity or historic significance.

In his address, WA Treasurer Ben Wyatt also acknowledged MG Corporation's impressive development agenda.

The event was also attended by numerous Federal MPs, including Melissa Price, Member for Durack and Defence Industry Minister; WA Senator Dean Smith, the Chief Government Whip in the Senate; and Madeleine King, Member for Brand and shadow trade minister.

The KEF featured five panel sessions spread over the two days, which discussed 'Agriculture in the Kimberley', 'Infrastructure and Logistics in the Kimberley', 'Indigenous Business', 'Mining in the Kimberley' and a 'Kimberley Zone Shire Panel'.

The forum's gala dinner featured live entertainment from the Kimberley Casual Band and a surprise cameo performance by MG Corporation's own Lawford Benning. Lawford joined his father Eric, and brother Richard on the stage to celebrate the event.

The performance from the Band, including the legendary trio, was a memorable treat for delighted dinner guests.



Melissa Price MP addresses KEF attendees at the gala dinner.



# MG CORPORATION TAKES KIMBERLEY ECONOMIC FORUM BY STORM (Continued)



*MG Corporation Executive Chair Lawford Benning addresses the Forum.*



*MG Corporation Executive Chair Lawford Benning joined his father Eric Benning on stage at the KEF gala dinner.*



*Treasurer Ben Wyatt addresses the Kimberley Economic Forum.*



*Kununurra representatives attend first day of the KEF.*





The MG Corporation staff responsible for the Dawang distributions with MG Corporation director Ted Carlton.

# MG COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CONTINUES DAWANG DISTRIBUTIONS

**The MG Community Foundation has had a busy month of making distributions to MG community members.**

Each year, a percentage of the MG Community Foundation's profits are distributed to the MG community for charitable purposes.

MG Corporation arranges and holds meetings with each of the 16 MG Dawang (family or estate) groups to determine how best to distribute the money and to whom.

Only one Dawang meeting remains, with most payments having been completed.

The MG Corporation staff involved in this process deserve credit for managing the meetings and necessary financial paperwork to allow these distributions to be carried out so smoothly.

Each Dawang group receives only a modest financial benefit, but the broad distribution of this funding throughout the Kununurra community supports

local businesses, the local economy and sustains local jobs.

MG Corporation would like to thank all of the local businesses who supported it and worked with MG people during the process to ensure swift and efficient payments to benefit the entire community.

## DOUBLE-DIGIT MILESTONE FOR MGC BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

**MGC Building and Maintenance has reached double digits on its North West Aboriginal Housing Fund contract to build 26 transitional houses.**

Two houses at 27 Leichhardt Street were recently handed over, bringing the total completed to 10.

MGCBM received praise from the client for its professionalism, excellent training results and leadership approach in a recent report on its performance at the property.

Construction is underway on houses 11 through 14, with MGCBM workers completing the basic structure at 16 Argentea Avenue.

MGCBM has also begun construction on Stage Two of Kununurra Neighbourhood House, with its work on Stage One almost complete and the project moving into the fit-out stage.



MGCBM workers completed the rudimentary structure at 16 Argentea Avenue.



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