



# MG CORPORATION NEWS



*MG Corporation General Manager Stephen Brooks with Cubbie Farming CEO Paul Brimblecombe on Goomig Lot 16.*



*The newly planted cotton crop on Goomig Lot 16 is the first agriculture undertaken on MG land.*

## COTTON GOES TO GROUND ON GOOMIG

**MG Corporation celebrated a historic milestone this month, with the planting of cotton on MG land, and the consolidation of a joint venture with Cubbie Farming.**

The commencement of farming operations on Goomig Lot 16 also signals the beginning of MGC's active participation in the Ord East Kimberley Expansion Project, and delivers a much-anticipated milestone under the Ord Final Agreement.

Goomig Lot 16 comprises 240 hectares of arable land. MGC and Cubbie signed an MOU late last year after the cotton giant responded to an Expression of Interest in 2018 about potential uses of MG land.

The planting of the first cotton crop is the first step in delivering on MGC's commitment to exploring agriculture as an employment and training pathway for the future.

Much work remains to be done by MG, Cubbie and Kimberley Agricultural Investment to navigate the complex regulatory framework surrounding Goomig.

However, it is anticipated that clearing and development work will be undertaken this year to ready neighbouring Goomig Lot 15 for a cotton crop around this time in 2021.





# MG RANGERS ASSIST WITH FIRE RESPONSE EFFORTS



*MG Rangers carrying out prescribed burning.*

*MG and R31165 Rangers Wayne Winton, Jeremy Moore, Winston Gerrard, David Newry Jr, William Simon and Edmund Calwatt, from left.*

## **MG Rangers had a busy month assisting with bushfire response and mitigation efforts.**

All MG and Reserve 31165 Rangers are trained in bushfire response and act as first responders in the Kununurra work zone, which includes the Yoorrooyang Dawang Regional Parks.

In addition, MG and R31165 Rangers are sometimes called on to help with other regions.

MG Rangers were recently deployed to the South West Region to assist with a Level 3 bushfire.

Rangers were also sent to Stirling Range National Park to assist with the reopening of the park after bushfire destroyed most of its infrastructure.

The MG and R31165 Rangers form a significant part of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions fire mitigation team, regularly participating in prescribed

burning practices across the East Kimberley District.

MG people have used prescribed burning practices for thousands of years based on their traditional knowledge and customs.

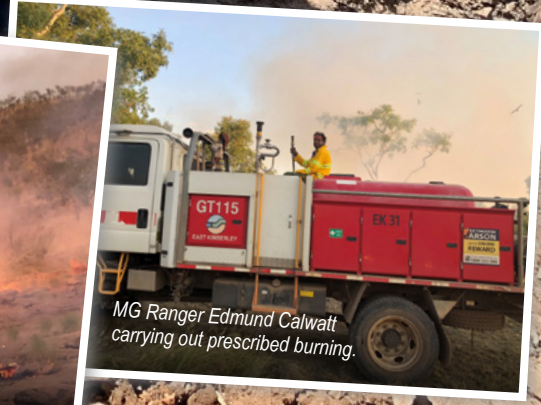




MG Rangers received a Welcome to Country from South Coast Traditional Owners while assisting with Stirling Range National Park re-opening.



Fighting bushfires next to Mirima National Park.



MG Ranger Edmund Calwatt carrying out prescribed burning.

MG and R31165 Rangers reconstructing walking trails on Mount Trio after a bushfire.





# COLLABORATION YIELDS SUCCESS FOR 100+ JOBS INITIATIVE

**MG Corporation has continued its successful delivery of the 100+ Jobs Initiative.**

The initiative aims to assist the East Kimberley's most marginalised people to become job-ready, and to find long term employment for them.

100+ Jobs employment coordinators George Hamilton and Keith Pitt have worked diligently to place participants into meaningful employment.

Their efforts have seen three program participants placed into permanent jobs in Kununurra last week.

With more than 100 participants registered in the program, managing each employee is a difficult challenge but George and Keith have shown a high success rate.

Both George and Keith have extensive experience working with MG and other Aboriginal people in a training and employment capacity, having previously held positions with MG's employment division and Kimberley Group Training.



*MG Corporation 100+ Jobs Initiative employment coordinators George Hamilton and Keith Pitt.*



*Goomig IRG members and local stakeholders tour Goomig farms.*

## MG CORPORATION ATTENDS FARM MEETINGS

**MG Corporation representatives were invited to join local stakeholders at this month's meeting with members of the Independent Review Group (IRG) for the Goomig Development Project, in recognition of MGC's new status as a cotton farmer.**

The Goomig IRG comprises David Menzel, the Chair, Ray Evans, Dr Mark Silburn and Dr David Morgan.

It was established in accordance with the Australian Government approval for the Goomig Development Project to review hydrological aspects of the project and associated impacts on listed threatened species.

MG Corporation's Dominique Reeves and Cubbie's Trevor Bass discussed environmental management considerations and answered questions about chemical use and

hydrological issues affecting Goomig Lot 16 with IRG members while on the Goomig farm tour.

The IRG met formally later in the day to consider Goomig farmland development and discuss environmental impacts.

MG and Cubbie look forward to work on all aspects of compliance at Goomig with Kimberley Agricultural Investment and the Goomig IRG.



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