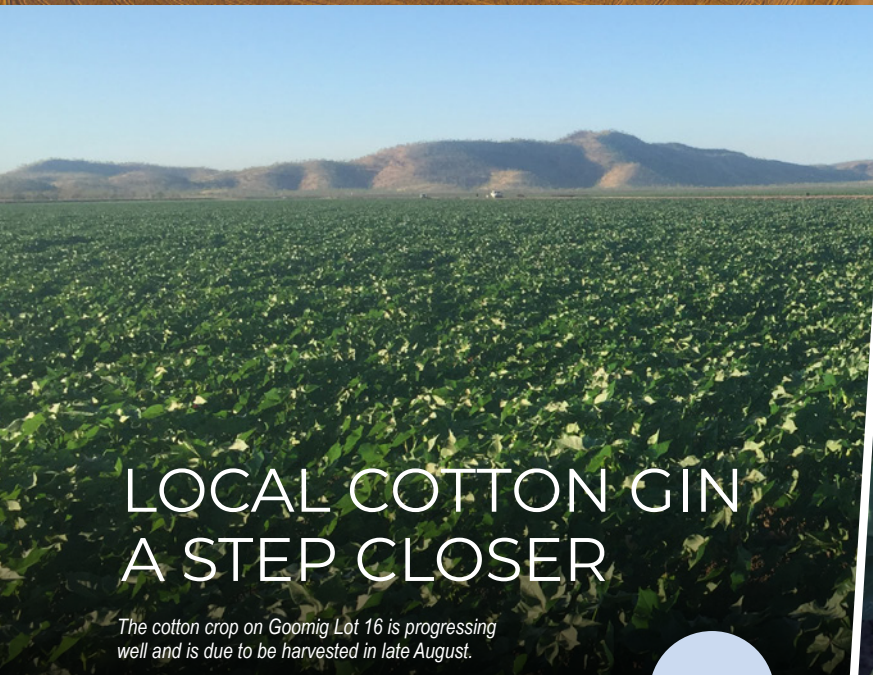




MG CORPORATION NEWS



LOCAL COTTON GIN A STEP CLOSER

The cotton crop on Goomig Lot 16 is progressing well and is due to be harvested in late August.



The cotton crop is showing favourable fruit setting and boll maturity.

The irrigation supply and recycling of water are operating as required and in accordance with best practices.

MG Corporation has reached a joint agreement with the Ord River District Co-operative (ORDCO) and Kimberley Agricultural Investment (KAI) to establish a cotton processing facility in Kununurra.

The agreement follows extensive trials of cotton production in the Ord River Irrigation Area over the past four years using new varieties and technologies, with the positive results giving local growers confidence in the sustainability and viability of a commercial cotton industry in the region.

As it stands, any cotton grown in the region has to be sent thousands of kilometres to the eastern states for processing.

The creation of a local processing facility, known as a ginnery, will allow picked cotton to be cleared and separated into lint and cotton seed without leaving the state.

Lint would then be exported directly from Western Australia and processed into textiles and fabrics, while the seed would be retained as a valuable stockfeed for the northern pastoral industry.

The State Government has supported the proposed facility by awarding ORDCO a \$100,000 Value Add Agribusiness Investment Attraction Fund grant, which ORDCO will match.

The grant money and ORDCO's investment will be used to develop a comprehensive business case and governance arrangements for the gin.

The project partners also recently made an Expression of Interest call to other local farmers and industry stakeholders, which resulted in 13 additional interested parties indicating a willingness to explore the opportunity further.

GOOMIG LOT 16 CROP UPDATE

The cotton crop on MG Corporation's Goomig Lot 16 is progressing well, with several positive steps this month.

The trial crop has been sown as a result of an MOU between MG Corporation and Queensland cotton giant Cubbie Farming.

All capital works have been completed and Lot 16 is fully operational as a standalone irrigation farm, with the irrigation supply and recycling of water operating as required and in accordance with best practices.

Pest and weeds have been controlled with minimal impact to the crop and favourable fruit setting and boll maturity has been observed, despite cool weather.

Damage from the ex-tropical cyclone in February required a replant, which has seen the crop maturity delayed by up to 30 days, but Cubbie expects a harvest to take place in late August.

NEW ADDITIONS TO 100+ JOBS INITIATIVE TEAM



*New 100+ Jobs Initiative
employment co-ordinator Iona Sollitt.*



*New 100+ Jobs Initiative employment
co-ordinator Ellen Ottenhof.*

MG Corporation recently added Iona Sollitt and Ellen Ottenhof to its 100+ Jobs Initiative staff as employment co-ordinators.

Iona Sollitt moved to Kununurra seven years ago with her family and fell in love with the beautiful country and people.

Iona's time in the region has been spent working with vulnerable and at-risk people to improve their lives and gain meaningful employment locally.

Iona hopes to be able to fully support 100+ clients in becoming confident and proud in their journey to meaningful employment.

Ellen Ottenhof originates from Hopevale in Far North Queensland but has lived in the East Kimberley for seven years.

She moved to Kununurra four years ago and it is now home for her family of four.

Ellen's primary professional background is in administration work, particularly with assisting people with paperwork upon employment.

However, she has also worked in numerous other roles, including as a station hand at a cattle station and as a singer in the community recreation space working with children.

Ellen hopes to act as a mentor to assist Indigenous people in the East Kimberley to become job-ready and achieve their employment goals.

MG Corporation's 100+ Jobs Initiative has been very successful in finding employment for over 70 of the East Kimberley's most disadvantaged people, and has recently had its funding renewed for a further 12 months so we can assist even more people.

MG Corporation is excited to have added such qualified and passionate people to its team.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY MG CORPORATION – MR B JONES

MG Corporation would like to pay our respects to Mr B Jones, who was a prominent senior MG elder and Garralyel and a key knowledge holder of Miriwoong Gajerrong Country and Ngarinyman Country in the Northern Territory.

Mr Jones' contribution to the MG community saw him serve as a respected figure on cultural advisory boards around Kununurra and other parts of the Kimberley such as the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre.

Mr Jones also acted as a member and cultural advisor of the Kimberley Land Council following his input and cultural leadership with the MG Native Title claim.

Mr Jones' recent work with MG Corporation was as a director of the PBCs, in addition to being involved with community programs around law and culture. He also played an important role in keeping our traditional languages alive, through his work with the Kimberley Language Resource Centre.

Mr Jones' dedication and passion to lead the MG community was met with respect and appreciation by many in Kununurra and among other tribal

groups from surrounding areas. His collection of knowledge relating to land and language, together with his connection to culture, has helped achieve land recognition through native title in parts of the East Kimberley and Northern Territory.

On behalf of everyone at MG Corporation and fellow members, we would like to thank Mr Jones for sharing his knowledge and wisdom, and for strengthening aspects of law and culture for the young to follow.

We also thank him for his companionship and for being a great cultural leader who guided us to where we are now.



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