



# MG CORPORATION NEWS



MGC executive chair Lawford Benning and Shire president David Menzel sign the MoU while Member for Durack Melissa Price witnesses.



From left, Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Stephen Dawson, MGC executive chair Lawford Benning, Member for Kimberley Divina D'Anna, Shire of Wyndham East-Kimberley president David Menzel and Member for Durack Melissa Price.

## MoU SIGNED WITH SHIRE

**MG Corporation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley to strengthen the relationship between MG people and the council.**

The MoU is designed to drive a collaborative working relationship between the two parties, and to encourage the participation of MG people in the East Kimberley economy,

while enabling the Shire to deliver amenities to the community.

MGC executive chair Lawford Benning said signing the MoU was just the start.

“MG Corporation expects the MoU will give us a pathway for our Traditional Owners to provide cultural guidance to the council through meaningful community engagement with MG people,” he said.

“We are hopeful this MoU will lead to a new understanding between the Shire and MG people, bringing a fundamental change to the way we do business.”

The MoU was officially signed at a ceremony on May 22 after the endorsement of both the Council and the MGC Board of Directors.



# MGC MAKES HISTORY MANAGING TARGET 120

MG Corporation is proud to be the first Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation in Western Australia funded to deliver the State Government's Target 120 program.

The program works to reduce juvenile reoffending rates and helps at-risk young people aged between 10 and 14 years old to get their lives back on track.

MGC executive chair Lawford Benning said it was important that programs for Aboriginal people be delivered by Aboriginal people.

"The cultural component added as an activity will not only strengthen families' connection to country but more so allow them to embrace themselves freely on country which will be fundamental to their journey of healing as a family," Mr Benning said.

The Department of Communities had previously delivered the program since its launch in 2017.



MG Corporation director Ted Carlton speaking at the Kimberley Moon Experience.

# KIMBERLEY MOON EXPERIENCE

MG Corporation was a platinum sponsor at the Kimberley Moon Experience in May, which kicked off this year's Ord Valley Muster in style.

MGC director Ted Carlton was given an opportunity to speak at the event on behalf of MG people.

MGC was pleased to host Aboriginal Affairs Minister Stephen Dawson and Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan for the duration of the event.





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*Cotton from MG Corporation's first crop at Goomig.*

# MGC EXECUTIVES REPRESENTED ON BOARDS

**MG Corporation has welcomed the presence of senior MGC staff on several external boards.**

MGC executive chair Lawford Benning was appointed to the Pastoral Lands Board as the new Aboriginal Interest Member.

Mr Benning will provide expert advice to Lands Minister Tony Buti on issues and opportunities in the growing Aboriginal pastoral industry and regional Western Australia.

Meanwhile, MGC general manager Stephen Brooks is one of seven directors on the board of the Kimberley Cotton Company, a

partnership between local farmers and key stakeholders to progress plans to establish a cotton gin in Kununurra.

Mr Brooks will have a key role representing the Corporation's agricultural interests for the benefit of MG people.

# NEW PARTNERSHIPS COORDINATOR AT MGC

MG Corporation is thrilled to welcome Kuku-Yalanji man Jeremy 'Yongurra' Donovan to the team as Partnerships Coordinator.

Jeremy has a wealth of experience and expertise in the field of Indigenous disparity and is highly motivated to help elevate the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

He has held executive positions in several organisations in the past decade, including as CEO of GenerationOne, in addition to being an accomplished didgeridoo player who has promoted Aboriginal culture at Australian embassies around the world.

MG Corporation is excited to work with Jeremy to benefit MG people.



MG Corporation partnerships coordinator Jeremy 'Yongurra' Donovan.



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