



MG CORPORATION NEWS



TAFE students enrolled in a Certificate III in Agriculture learning practical skills on MG land.



100+ Jobs participant Ethan Cox – now a broadcaster with Waringarri Radio.



Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia legal secretary Rebecca Bray.

100+ JOBS SUSTAINS SUCCESS IN 2021

The 100+ Jobs initiative has had another highly successful quarter; supporting more marginalised or disadvantaged MG people through training and employment opportunities.

Since its launch in 2018, the initiative has surpassed its original target of 100 jobs; finding employment for 107 people so far. Currently, there are 304 participants registered with the program, which assists people overcome a range of barriers to employment, from obtaining birth certificates, to getting drivers' licences to filling out applications for jobs.

The program also mentors people once they are in a job, to assist them to stay in their position for the longer term.

The program has many success stories, including Ethan (pictured), who has been employed at Waringarri Media for two years, after working his way up through work experience and a traineeship. The 100+ Jobs team helped Ethan with getting his birth certificate, drivers' licence, police check and working with children check.

Rebecca Bray is another one of the program's successes, recently celebrating her 12-month milestone at the Aboriginal Legal Service, where she works as a Legal Secretary. Rebecca had been a stay at home mum for seven years before deciding to re-enter the workforce. The 100+ Jobs team supported Rebecca through the pre-employment phase by contacting potential employers and organising interviews.

"I am an MG person and I think the 100+ Jobs initiative is a great way of getting our people into mainstream employment," she said. "I would definitely recommend 100+ Jobs to someone who's been out of work and struggling to find a job."

The 100+ Jobs team also recently organised for a group of participants enrolled in a Certificate III in Agriculture at TAFE to use the land next to the MG office for agricultural skills training.



Wayne Winton, Edmund Calwatt, William Simon, Clay Peart, David Newry (Jnr), Peter Curtain



MG RANGERS HELP FIGHT FIRES NEAR PERTH

The firefighting skills and knowledge of the MG rangers were put to the test in February, when a crew were dispatched to Perth with only two hours' notice to fight the out of control bushfires at Woorloo. The deployment included 18 DBCA Kununurra staff, five MG Rangers and one R31165 Ranger.

The crew worked through the night, doing a range of tasks, from patrolling the edges of the fire to make sure there were no new breaks, to mopping up hot and very active edges. The crew were praised for their efforts.

MG HOSTS THE HONOURABLE STEPHEN DAWSON



Aboriginal Affairs Minister Stephen Dawson, MGC director Ted Carlton, MGC executive chair Lawford Benning, Kimberley MP Divina D'Anna, artist Agnes Armstrong and MGC director Carol Hapke, from left.

This quarter, MG Corporation welcomed the Honourable Stephen Dawson to its office in Kununurra.

MGC's Executive Chair Lawford Benning and several Directors met with the Minister to speak about a range of topics affecting MG people.

The Minister was also briefed on MGC's ranger programs and some of the corporation's recent achievements.

Minister Dawson was allocated the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio in the recent Cabinet reshuffle, and MG Corporation looks forward to building on its relationship with him in the future.



MGC executive chair Lawford Benning presents the 2019-20 annual report to the AGM.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ACHIEVES QUORUM

MG Corporation held its 2020 annual general meeting on February 17, which was well attended. All business was completed during the meeting, which achieved a quorum. The annual report is available for all members, either from the MGC office, or on the website.

MGC HELPS YOUNG MG PEOPLE SECURE HOUSING

MG Corporation has leased several houses for MG people through the State Government's Employment and Education Housing Program.

This quarter, MGC assisted MGCBM painting and decorating tradesman Harrison Ward move into his new house in Kununurra, which he said would provide stability for his young family.

Painting and decorating apprentice Joseph Gerrard was also given the keys to his new home, which will assist him to concentrate on finishing his trade qualifications.

The Employment and Education Housing Program provides culturally appropriate accommodation and support services for Aboriginal people who are actively engaged in education, training, apprenticeships and employment in regional and remote areas.



MGCBM painting and decorating apprentice Joseph Gerrard.



MGCBM painting and decorating tradesman Harrison Ward.



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