



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MG Corporation appoints Neil Fong as CEO

MG Corporation Chairperson Mr Des Hill welcomed the arrival of Mr Neil Fong as the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer.

Neil's appointment follows a rigorous nationwide recruitment process to find the right person to lead the Corporation forward with an ambitious business and economic development strategy. This strategy will include joint ventures and partnerships to develop MG land and business opportunities to enable social and financial independence from government.

Neil is no stranger to Kununurra having spent three years here as a Land Officer with the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority. Born and raised in Broome, Neil is a member of the Yawuru group, who hold native title over the area.

'The broad range of experience Neil brings will be extremely valuable in securing the future of MG Corporation' Des Hill said. 'Neil's experience in land acquisition and development both here in Kununurra and in Derby together with his experience as the CEO of the South West Aboriginal Medical Service will provide the Corporation with leadership and a stronger capability to move forward.'

Following the completion of a law degree in Perth, Neil undertook the role of Executive Officer for the 'Inquiry into Government Response to Child Abuse in Aboriginal Communities'. The findings of this Inquiry led Neil to take on the role of the Director of Aboriginal Health within the State Health Department. Neil considers that the impact of legislation and its long term effects on Aboriginal people has negatively influenced lifestyles, creating a dependence on welfare.

Neil has indicated his excitement at the challenges ahead and looks forward to a strong and productive relationship with the MG Board.

Des Hill thanked Ms Dominique Reeves acknowledging her contribution to the Corporation over the previous nine months whilst the CEO recruitment process was underway.



Des noted that Dominique's professional corporate approach and experience with MG Corporation had provided certainty and surety to all Corporation members, staff and stakeholders. 'On behalf of the Corporation I would like to thank Dominique for her enormous contribution and wish her and her family a wonderful well deserved break' Des said.

Dominique Reeves will resume her role as Senior Legal Counsel when she returns from holidays in July.

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About MG Corporation

MG Corporation is one of the leading Indigenous organisation that receives and manages the entitlements and benefits transferred under the Ord Final Agreement (OFA) to the Miriwung and Gajerrong peoples, the native title holders over their country in the East Kimberley.