



**MEDIA STATEMENT**  
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## ***MG Corporation thanks its departing CEO***

MG Corporation Chairperson Edna O'Malley has thanked outgoing Chief Executive Franklin Gaffney for his "committed service to the organisation".

Mr Gaffney will finish his employment with MG Corporation at the end of the month, following his resignation in August.

Ms O'Malley said Mr Gaffney had achieved outstanding results during his more than two-year tenure as CEO and was leaving the organisation in a much stronger position than when he arrived.

"Under Franklin's leadership, MG Corporation has rapidly grown into the largest Aboriginal corporation in the East Kimberley, and one of the largest indigenous organisations in Australia," Ms O'Malley said.

"His vision and 'can-do' approach has helped create a significant rise in Aboriginal employment in and around Kununurra – a legacy which will improve the lives of Miriuwung and Gajerrong peoples and have long-lasting social and economic benefits."

"MG Corporation is now much better positioned to respond to and capture new opportunities for the Miriuwung and Gajerrong peoples and we sincerely thank Franklin for his hard work."

Mr Gaffney said his decision to step down was made in the knowledge that the Corporation was on the right track to take further advantages of the opportunities presented by the Ord –East Kimberly Expansion.

"I am proud of the work undertaken under my leadership to rebuild MG Corporation into a wealthier and robust Aboriginal organisation, which is widely acknowledged as an influential contributor to regional development," he said.

Indicating it was time for him to seek out new challenges, Mr Gaffney thanked the board and staff for the opportunity to work together, and the traditional owners for the strong support and confidence they had expressed in him throughout his tenure.



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**About MG Corporation**

MG Corporation is 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.