

MG CORPORATION News

MG program helping one family at a time

MG Corporation is set to play a major role in improving school attendance among Miriuwung and Gajerrong children through the One Family At A Time program.

The program, which was officially launched in Kununurra recently, provides targeted support for MG families to foster improved school attendance and education outcomes.

Garry Gerrard and Roseanne Chulung have been employed as outreach workers with the program and liaise with other service providers to implement family plans which can improve school attendance.

"Families are often faced with issues that can prevent their kids from getting to school and our job is to work out ways these issues can be overcome," Ms Chulung said.



*One Family At A Time MG outreach workers Roseanne Chulung and Garry Gerrard.
(Picture: Guy McLean)*

"It might be as simple as just getting transport to school or access to uniforms and books and they're all problems that can be easily resolved."

Ms Chulung said she had already been impressed to see MG families keen to get involved in the program and improve their children's school attendance.

"We're already working with nine families so that means we're working with 28 MG kids to help get them to school more often," she said.

The One Family At A Time team is based at the old MG Land and Water Ranger team offices at the rear of the Kimberley Land Council building on Speargrass Drive and can be contacted on 9166 4801.

MG Corporation appoints interim chief executive officer

MG Corporation has appointed its Senior Legal Counsel, Dominique Reeves, to the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Ms Reeves, who has worked at MG Corporation for the past three years, inherits the role from John

Hughes, who spent 18 months as CEO.

In her role as Senior Legal Counsel, Ms Reeves is responsible for running the two MG prescribed bodies corporate, providing native title

advice and protecting Aboriginal heritage in the area as well as advising MG Corporation generally on governance, employment, property, commercial and other matters.

"I am looking forward to working closely with the MG Corporation Board,

various trusts and the Garralyel to ensure we continue to achieve our goals of building and maintaining a healthy, wealthy and culturally strong Miriuwung and Gajerrong community,” she said.

Ms Reeves said her number one priority as Acting CEO is to secure an Aboriginal Development Package with Kimberley Agricultural Investments (KAI), the

Chinese-owned company which has won the right to farm thousands of hectares of irrigated land opened up during stage 2 of the Ord-East Kimberley Expansion Project.

“It’s important that MG Corporation works closely with KAI to negotiate employment and business outcomes which will provide long-term social and economic benefits to local traditional owners,” she said.



Directors and staff of MG Corporation recently welcomed a special visitor to its corporate offices in Kununurra with His Excellency the Governor General, former Major General Peter Cosgrove visiting as part of his tour of the East Kimberley.

The Governor General chatted with traditional owners over morning tea and was accompanied by guests from the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley and other local dignitaries.

During the visit the Governor General and his wife, Lady Cosgrove, toured the recently developed Stage 2 Ord-East Kimberley Expansion lands.

MG Corporation Chairperson Mr Desmond Hill said he was thrilled to welcome such important visitors to MG Corporation.

“As a Board, we were thrilled to get the chance to greet and enjoy time with The Governor General and Lady Cosgrove and hope they come back again to see us next time they visit the East Kimberley,” Mr Hill



Demons footballers, Norman (Bumbles) Bradshaw, Warrick Carlton and Austin Barney. (Picture: Guy McLean)

Sponsorship support for local footy

Local football clubs Waringarri Crows and Kununurra Demons have both received a financial boost thanks to sponsorship funds provided by MG Corporation. The Crows and Demons, who each boast a strong representation of Miriuwung and Gajerrong footballers on their playing lists, both received \$2000 sponsorship packages to help cover rising equipment and operating costs. Demons president Roanna Edwards said the funds were a welcome boost.

“The costs associated with running

a football club continue to rise,” Ms Edwards said. “League fees, training facilities, equipment and day to day costs total around \$10,000 each season and contributions like this make the world of difference.”

MG Corporation Chairman Des Hill said it was important to support local sporting groups which provide a social and sporting outlet to young Aboriginal people.

“Football is more than just a game – it teaches discipline and respect and helps our young people live more active and healthier lives.”