

MG CORPORATION News

MG Services delivering employment outcomes

MG Corporation's MG Services division, with strong support from LandCorp, continues to deliver outstanding Aboriginal employment outcomes with more than 35 local Aboriginal people recently placed in local jobs.

With the construction phase of stage 2 of the Ord East-Kimberley Expansion Project approaching completion, MG Services has altered its focus to placing Aboriginal workers in ongoing local jobs.

Initially faced with a target of placing 35 Aboriginal people in local work over a six-month period – MG Services achieved its goal in less than half that time.

MG Corporation Chairperson Edna O'Malley said the employment outcomes achieved by MG Services were "simply outstanding".

"With Ord Stage 2 wrapping up it was always going to be a challenge to make sure our people don't fall off the employment bandwagon," Ms O'Malley.

"But thanks to the hard work of the team at MG Services, 35 local Aboriginal people now have ongoing work and a chance to improve their lives and the lives of their families."

Ms O'Malley encouraged other MG people who were looking for work in and around Kununurra to contact MG Services.

"What we've found is that there's a lot of businesses and organisations around Kununurra who want to see Aboriginal people thrive in their workplaces."



Landi Bradshaw, George Hamilton and Clay Peart are members of the MG Services team that has helped deliver outstanding employment outcomes. (Photography: Guy McLean)

New website on the way

MG Corporation will soon have another vital tool for communicating key messages with members, stakeholders and the wider community.

A new website being developed by a Darwin-based web design company will give MG Corporation a vibrant new on-line address, making it easier to look up information and to keep in touch with upcoming events and meetings.

MG Corporation CEO John Hughes said the new website would be user friendly and easier for delegated staff to update than the previous version.

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“What it will allow us to do is better communicate our work and our achievements to anyone – anywhere,” Mr Hughes said.

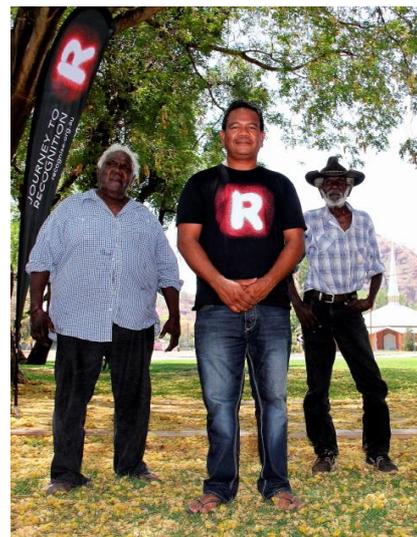
“MG Corporation is a vibrant and evolving entity and the new website will reflect this.”

Mr Hughes said the website was also being configured for ease of use on smartphone and tablet

appliances and to cater for social media.

“The new MG Corporation website (www.mgcorp.com.au) will allow key messages to be communicated via Facebook and Twitter and I expect it to attract a strong online following, particularly among the younger generations of Miriuwung and Gajerrong people.”

Long journey to recognition worthwhile



Local traditional owners Button Jones and Murphy Simon with Journey to Recognition's Kim Hill.

Meeting on country proves popular



Miriuwung dancers 'pounded the ground' to celebrate the recent MG Corporation joint-directors' meeting at Yirralallem.

The recent 'on country' meeting held by MG Corporation at Yirralallem has been described as a “raging success”.

At the request of MG Corporation directors and members, the quarterly joint directors meeting was staged at the community last month with well over 100 visitors attending throughout the day and evening. Community resident and MG Corporation deputy Chairperson Helen Gerrard said she hoped the

success of the meeting would lead to more official gatherings on country.

“It was great for MG people to be able to sit down together on traditional country to talk about the issues that affect them and their families.

“Just being in the bush helped people to communicate in a way they felt very comfortable.”

Ms Gerrard said it was the communities' pleasure to welcome in the rest of the mob for this meeting.

“Hopefully more meetings can be held on MG communities and other Dawang get to showcase their country and hospitality to MG Corporation and its key stakeholders.”

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MG community members recently took part in an information session about the push for Aboriginal and Torres Strait and Islander peoples to be formally recognised in Australia's constitution.

The Journey to Recognition tour stopped off at White Gum Park in Kununurra as part of the Kimberley leg of a national tour raising awareness among indigenous peoples of the need for constitutional reform.

Journey to Recognition spokesman Kim Hill said he wanted to see fairness and respect at the heart of the Constitution and to remove discrimination from it. “This is a chance for Australia to acknowledge the first chapter of our national story, and to forge our future together - after so many chapters apart.”