

MEDIA RELEASE



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Gumala Aboriginal Corporation
ICN 2744
1 Stadium Road, Tom Price,
Western Australia

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REAPPOINTED

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) is pleased to announce that its Chief Executive, Mr Steve Mav, was reappointed as Chief Executive at yesterday's GAC Board Meeting.

GAC wishes to thank the participation of some of Gumala's most respected Elders at yesterday's Board Meeting. The Elders were in attendance as observers.

GAC also has the pleasure to announce that our Board of Directors has expanded from 9 to 12, following yesterday's appointment of 3 Elders to the Board. GAC's Board now consists of 12, made up of 4 Board Members representing each of the 3 language groups.

GAC Chairman, Mr Keith Hall:

"On behalf of the GAC Board, I would like to congratulate Steve on his reappointment as Chief Executive. Steve has done a tremendous job over the last four years in transforming Gumala into a world-class Indigenous organisation.

"GAC is one of Australia's leading Aboriginal corporations on various levels, including major reforms, major growth, adherence to the CATSI Act, excellent corporate governance and due diligence, and progressively providing more and more funding opportunities to our Members and their children. Steve has been the driving force behind this transformation. The Board looks forward to working with Steve and the rest of GAC's dedicated Management and Staff in the future."

Mr Steve Mav:

"I am honoured to be reappointed by the GAC Board and wish to sincerely thank the Board for their decision. Together with the Management and Staff at GAC, I look forward to continuing to work with the GAC Board and the GAC Members, in order to further our ambitious plans to become the number one Aboriginal Corporation in the country.

"The Board and I wish to especially thank the Gumala Elders. We are extremely appreciative of their support, guidance and wisdom. Congratulations also need to be extended to three of our Elders who were appointed yesterday to an expanded GAC Board."

"GAC has achieved significant growth and success over the last 4 years, and we are on track to move into the corporation's next strategic growth phase. Our biggest strength is our ability to respond to the needs of our Members (the Traditional Owners), as well as to continue to develop our strong portfolio of programs and projects that satisfy those needs."

ABOUT GUMALA

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) is the seventh largest Indigenous corporation in Australia and the largest Indigenous corporation in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. GAC is headquartered in Tom Price.

Created to negotiate the Yandi Land Use Agreement, GAC is a member-based organisation (current GAC membership: approximately 1200 Traditional Owners).

In 1996, the Nyiyaparli, Banyjima and Innawonga peoples negotiated and signed the historical Yandi Land Use Agreement with Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto). Gumala Aboriginal Corporation was created to represent the collective interests of the Traditional Owners in the negotiations with Hamersley Iron and to develop and sign the Agreement.

The Agreement was the first major land use agreement to be signed in Australia. It enabled Hamersley Iron to proceed with developing the Yandicoogina (Yandi) mine, located on the Hamersley Ranges of the Pilbara region (Banyjima, Innawonga and Nyiyaparli traditional lands). Gumala Aboriginal Corporation's head office in Tom Price is located approximately 120km west of the Yandi mine.

The Agreement ensures that the economic and community benefits are delivered to the Banyjima, Nyiyaparli and Innawonga people for the life of the mine and beyond. Those benefits, which are delivered by Gumala Aboriginal Corporation, include:

- A range of Development Programs
- A range of Health Programs
- Lore and Culture Programs
- Housing Projects
- Capital works and Community Projects

- Our business arm Gumala Enterprises Pty Ltd (GEPL)

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation had approximately 60 staff employed across its Tom Price and Perth offices. Together with its associated enterprises, Gumala employs well over 100 staff. The organisation is well known in Tom Price as one of the largest employers in the local community, and is a strong advocate of employing Traditional Owners.

For more information about Gumala Aboriginal Corporation, please visit our website:
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