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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Media request for interview -- Koori Mail [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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[REDACTED] phoned again at 5.15. I explained you had been in meetings all day and hadn't had a chance to get to your emails or phone calls.

She said the number below is her home number and she's happy for you to ring her tonight - even up to 9pm. Will only take a few minutes as she'd like to get her story finished and in to the paper as soon as she can. Just needed to know the outcome of the Bega meeting and the advisory committee (if one was set-up).

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**To:** Publications  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 November 2015 9:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Attachments:** ORICMR1112-39\_Freezing orders extended against former Katungul CEO.pdf

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**From:** Publications  
**Sent:** Friday, 8 June 2012 3:58 PM  
**To:** Publications  
**Subject:** Media release from the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations -- Freezing orders extended against former Katungul CEO [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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**From:** Publications  
**Sent:** Friday, 3 February 2012 2:13 PM  
**To:** Publications  
**Subject:** Media release from the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations -- Freezing orders continued against CEO of NSW Aboriginal Medical Service [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 January 2012 5:01 PM  
**To:** Publications  
**Subject:** Media release from the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations—Registrar obtains freezing orders against CEO of Aboriginal medical service [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Media alert -- Federal Court to hand down penalties against former CEO of Aboriginal medical service [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 February 2014 4:34 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Media alert -- Federal Court to hand down penalties against former CEO of Aboriginal medical service [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [REDACTED]

No problem at all. Consider it done.

Thanks,  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 February 2014 4:33 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Media alert -- Federal Court to hand down penalties against former CEO of Aboriginal medical service [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for sending this through. Would it be possible to add our centralised email, [REDACTED] to your distribution list? That one's monitored by our chief of staff, whereas I very nearly missed this one since I'm out on the road.

Thanks in advance,  
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[REDACTED] | Journalist



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**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 November 2015 9:17 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Attachments:** ORIC media alert - Fed Court to hand down penalties\_v1-0.pdf

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 November 2015 6:30 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Google Alert - Matcham -- Katungul Aboriginal corporation [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 September 2013 5:08 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Google Alert - Matcham -- Katungul Aboriginal corporation [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Good story.

Hopefully it is reported in tomorrow's hard copy version of the Herald also.

PS – the Bega Daily newspaper also received a special email as they have previously reported on the story?

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**Subject:** Google Alert - Matcham -- Katungul Aboriginal corporation [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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**From:** Google Alerts [<mailto:googlealerts-noreply@google.com>]  
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**Subject:** Google Alert - Aboriginal corporation

News

2 new results for **Aboriginal corporation**

[Head of indigenous service embezzled \\$700k](#)  
Herald Sun

The not-for-profit **corporation** provides health services to **Aboriginal** and Torres Strait Islander people on the NSW far south coast and receives state and federal funding. The service was placed in special administration in late 2011 after an ...

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: DRAFT ARTICLE FOR KOORI MAIL  
**Attachments:** Katungul update July 2012 - 2.doc; Katungul Update July 2012 - 1 .doc

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FOR KOORI MAIL

16-Jul-12

Katungul update - 2

*To be put in a box within main article Katungul update - 1*

Former CEO faces civil proceedings

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven has begun further proceedings in the Federal Court against Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services' former CEO Damien Matcham.

They are listed for 3 August.

They relate to his alleged contraventions of civil penalty provisions in the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act). They follow investigations into several 'bonus' and other payments made to Mr Matcham totaling more than \$500,000 and into a mortgage on behalf of the corporation to secure a \$200 000 bank overdraft.

Katungul was placed under special administration on 12 December 2011 after a review revealed poor corporate governance and weak financial management.

The Registrar is seeking declarations from the Federal Court that Mr Matcham contravened his duties as an officer of Katungul.

Mr Beven is seeking a pecuniary penalty of up to \$200,000, compensation orders and an order disqualifying Mr Matcham from managing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations in the future.

"Katungul is a not-for-profit community-controlled health service," Mr Beven said.

"The moneys Mr Matcham received should have been used to provide health services to Aboriginal people.

"The priority for officers of corporations must always be the interests of their members and clients. I will take action, such as the current proceedings, where this does not occur."

Meanwhile the Federal Court has extended the freezing orders against Mr Matcham's assets until 3 August.

FOR KOORI MAIL

13-Jul-12

Katungul's rebuild underway

By LAURELLE PACEY

NSW's far south coast community celebrated the rebuilding of Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services at a family fun day and barbecue at Narooma recently.

Katungul's services had been reduced in recent years due to financial difficulties.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Bevan placed Katungul in special administration last December after finding the extent of these difficulties that were due to poor corporate governance and weak financial management.

Since then Katungul has been operated by Special Administrator Alan Eldridge **with the assistance in recent months of an advisory committee**. His term has been extended until 28 September.

Mr Eldridge said that after an extensive review of its operations, governance and finances, Katungul is now in "the rebuild stage".

A new CEO will be appointed **by the end of August (?)** from 18 applications from across Australia.

In the meantime, David Kennedy is acting CEO. He was formerly CEO at Galambila Aboriginal Health Service at Coffs Harbour.

Mr Eldridge will appoint a new Katungul Board **when?** on the basis of their skills and experience as well as community involvement and local input.

"Board members will represent what we are calling the northern group of communities, from Batemans Bay to Narooma, or the southern group from Narooma to Eden," Mr Eldridge said.

Katungul will establish a "medical outpost" at Batemans Bay for the first time following "the valid concerns" of the Batemans Bay community. "We're still negotiating a permanent venue but we're looking to probably have a relationship with ANU," he said. This reflects Mr Eldridge's conclusion during his time as special administrator that Katungul did not have the resources to meet the Aboriginal community's expectations by itself and would have to work with other health providers to provide some services.

**[Are there plans to work with other service providers, such as the Southern General Practice Network?]**

He said there are no plans at this stage to reinstate Katungul's clinic at Moruya which was closed last year. "Population data does not support a Moruya clinic and we think Batemans Bay has probably more of a need given the medical facilities already in Moruya," he said.

Katungul will also begin operating the new mobile dental clinic which has been parked behind the Narooma clinic for over **18 months (?)** but which apparently had never operated. **WHY? Lack of operating funds?**

“We have re-engaged with the NSW Oral Health program **which originally financed the van (?)**, and completely reviewed the van’s facilities and installed new equipment,” he said.

“We’ve run two dental clinics at Wallaga Lake with the van now, and are putting together a six-month calendar to run regular clinics each week between Batemans Bay and Eden.”

Katungul already employs a dental assistant, but Mr Eldridge has approved the appointment of two Aboriginal trainee dental assistants.

“I have also approved up to seven trainee driver positions to drive the van because it requires a heavy vehicle licence,” Mr Eldridge said. “**We’re getting this funding through NSW’s Filling the Gap program which means other services will also use the van when it’s not being used by Katungul.**”

Katungul has been employing locum doctors over the past? **months** which has been expensive with the down side also being their inability to provide continuity of care.

“We will soon be advertising for a full time doctor and have already received expressions of interest from two people,” he said.

“The long term goal is to get a senior medical officer who will oversee the northern and southern operations of Katungul **[is that as well as a full time doctor?]**.”

**Alan – what about the \$300,000 debt? Has it been wiped?  
Has other State and Federal funding being reinstated?**

## CAPTIONS

### Katungul 1

Enjoying the Katungul Day were the ‘Katungul mob’ as they wanted to be called - Brad Cavanagh (Kempsey), back left, Jason Thomas (Wallaga Lake), **John Rogers of the Eldridge Group**, Eric Seymour (Bomaderry), Shane Moreton (Bodalla), Josh Stewart (Bodalla), Anthony Trerare (Bodalla), Anthony Duncan (Batemans Bay) and Katungul Acting CEO David Kennedy; Ethan Parsons (Wallaga Lake), front left kneeling, Mitchell Parsons (Wallaga Lake), and Brett Stewart of Batemans Bay. Photo by LAURELLE PACEY.

### Katungul 2

Aunty Shirley Forster of Wallaga Lake, left, and Aunty Dorothy Kirby of Eden enjoy the recent Katungul family day at Narooma. Photo by LAURELLE PACEY.

### Katungul 3

Heading for the slippery slide at the recent Katungul family day at Narooma. Photo by LAURELLE PACEY.

### Katungul 4

Young artists at the recent Katungul family day at Narooma. Photo by LAURELLE PACEY.

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No comments other than my surname is spelt incorrectly in one of the articles and [REDACTED] should be [REDACTED].

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Thanks

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**Importance:** High

First draft



## **FEDERAL COURT TO HAND DOWN PENALTIES AGAINST FORMER CEO OF ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE**

The Federal Court in Sydney will tomorrow hand down a significant judgment in civil penalty proceedings taken by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven.

Mr Beven took action against the former CEO of Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services, Mr Damien Matcham, after he mis-used his position to make a large number of unauthorised payments to himself in excess of \$700,000.

The decision will be handed down tomorrow, Wednesday 5 February, at 9.15 am by Justice Jacobson in the Federal Court in Sydney (Court Room 21B, Level 21, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Macquarie Street, Sydney).

The Registrar will issue a media release tomorrow.

**For more information please contact:**

Lisa Hugg  
Section manager, Communications and Research  
(02) 6146 4738 or 0477 762 290  
4 February 2014

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Email and phone contacts for her.

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# Landmark compensation ordered after embezzling CEO brought Aboriginal health service to its knees

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Sarah Dingle reported this story on [Wednesday, February 5, 2014](#) 18:22:00

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MARK COLVIN: In a landmark decision, the Federal Court has ordered the former CEO of an Aboriginal corporation to pay more than \$1 million for embezzling from a charity.

For four years Damien Matcham was head of the Katungul Aboriginal Community Corporation. It provides health care to Indigenous people on the New South Wales far south coast.

During that time, Mr Matcham brought Katungul to the brink of financial collapse, awarded himself excessive bonuses, and at one point claimed pay for working more than 24 hours a day. In the financial year 2010-2011 he was paid more than the prime minister.

Katungul was forced to close one of its clinics, and the new CEO says locals - including those with chronic disease - would have missed out on healthcare altogether.

Sarah Dingle reports.

SARAH DINGLE: The registrar of Indigenous corporations says it's the worst case of individual embezzlement from an Aboriginal corporation he's seen.

In June 2007, Damien Matcham became CEO of Katungul Aboriginal Community Corporation, a registered charity providing health care to Indigenous people on New South Wales' far south coast.

By the time he left, the non-profit organisation financial statement showed the non profit organisation was on the brink of collapse.

Registrar Anthony Bevan.

ANTHONY BEVAN: Katungul was in a situation where it has \$2,400 to its name, and it had gone from a multimillion dollars organisation to having \$2,400 to its name, and it was on the verge of insolvency. And in our submissions to the court that was largely due to the actions of Mr Matcham.

SARAH DINGLE: Today the Federal Court ordered Mr Matcham to pay more than \$1.2 million: half a million in fines and the rest in compensation to the Aboriginal medical service. He was found to have paid himself unauthorised bonuses for four years, and also rang up personal expenses on Katungul's credit card.

Towards the end of his time as head of the Katungul Aboriginal Health Service, Mr Matcham was being paid more than the prime minister.

Anthony Bevan says Damien Matcham also received unauthorised payment for excess

superannuation, leave - and an incredible roster.

ANTHONY BEVAN: Mr Matcham had authorised those payments to be made to himself, and he'd instructed junior staff in the organisation to process those payments to him.

SARAH DINGLE: Some... or many of the payments were logged as 'overtime'. I think the court found that at one point, Mr Matcham was logging more than 24 hours of work in a day - is that right?

ANTHONY BEVAN: Yes, that's right. The claims that Mr Matcham were making were just not reasonable; that some of them were just far-fetched, and the court found that they were just the mechanism by which Mr Matcham was transferring funds of the corporation to himself to benefit himself personally.

SARAH DINGLE: Katungal Aboriginal Health service is funded by the state government and the Commonwealth.

Damien Matcham also took out an unauthorised mortgage against a Commonwealth funded clinic, funnelling the money into Katungal, and ultimately into his own pocket, according to Mr Bevan.

ANTHONY BEVAN: It was for the operations of Katungal, but our submission was a part of it, or if not all of it, was to pay the remuneration of Mr Matcham, and shortly thereafter there was significant payments to Matcham for overtime and time in lieu, and bonus payments.

SARAH DINGLE: By 2011 the Aboriginal health service had to close one of its three clinics as a direct result of its dire financial situation, and its other operations were squeezed.

New CEO Jonathon Rogers says some Indigenous patients went to other doctors, but others would have missed out on healthcare altogether.

JONATHAN ROGERS: Many, many clients here would just prefer not to go if they can't get an appropriate service, or if they think that they're sort of not welcome in a service they don't go. And indeed, you know, patients who suffer from chronic disease, who are not getting a proper referral process and a maintenance regime in place, they definitely miss out.

SARAH DINGLE: Kantungal has been kept afloat. It currently has two clinics and a healthy balance sheet, and Jonathon Rogers says the community's trust is being rebuilt.

MARK COLVIN: Sarah Dingle reporting.

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# Narooma News

## Katungul future resolved

By Vesna Andric Sept. 18, 2013, midnight

FORMER chief executive officer of the Katungul Aboriginal Health Service, Damien Matcham, has admitted misappropriating more than \$700,000 from the service between June 2007 and February 2012.

On Wednesday, September 11 at the Sydney Federal Court Justice Jacobson made 25 declarations of contraventions against Mr Matcham, which included unauthorised payments for bonuses, time in lieu, superannuation, recreation leave and life insurance, in excess of \$700,000.

See your ad here Justice Jacobson declared that Mr Matcham had not acted in good faith and in the best interests of the corporation and had improperly used his position as CEO to gain a personal advantage and cause detriment to Katungul.

Mr Matcham admitted his guilt last week after initially defending his position.

The penalties for Mr Matcham's actions will be considered during court proceedings in November.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Mr Anthony Beven, is seeking orders to see Mr Matcham fined and forced to pay compensation to Katungul, as well as being banned from managing companies and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporations.

"He agreed to a statement of facts in which he admitted that his conduct breached the CATSI Act," Mr Beven said.

"He should repay all of the money back to Katungul with interest. Even if he repays one dollar, that's one dollar that will go back to those who need it for medical treatment," Mr Beven said.

Maximum fines for each contravention are \$200,000, with 25 declarations made Mr Matcham stands to face a considerable fine.

Whether the funds will be recouped is yet to be seen.

"He's defended the proceedings all the way up until last week, so it has been a very expensive process for him and for us," Mr Beven said.

Mr Matcham did not respond to requests for comment from the Narooma News.

Mr Beven said the court action sent a clear message. "There are serious consequences if CEOs misuse their position," he said.

Staff that discovered the financial losses, including former and current directors of Katungul, were praised and thanked for their work in restoring Katungul's integrity.

"When they became aware that money that was to be used to improve the health of their community was being diverted to one person they notified

my office. They also provided invaluable support during the Federal Court proceedings," Mr Beven said.

"This is a good outcome and it is pleasing to see that truth and justice have prevailed for Katungul and its members and clients," he said.

Katungul is a multimillion dollar not-for-profit corporation that provides essential primary and secondary health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living on the far south coast of NSW from Batemans Bay to the Victorian border.

Since the losses were exposed Katungul has restored its services and is now in a strong financial position. It has expanded its range and types of health services.

Now operating with new CEO Jon Rogers, who was appointed in August 2012, Katungul is restoring trust and rebuilding itself as a holistic service providing numerous support services.

"It's about trust and the real story here is about the healing that's happening," Mr Rogers said.

Among some of the changes is a significant increase in services.

"We have doubled the number of GP clinics," Mr Rogers said.

### TIME LINE OF EVENTS

**Sep 2011**—Katungul CEO Damien Matcham takes leave.

**Sep 2011**—Government agencies instigate audit after receiving complaints from employees, elders and board members.

**Oct 2011**—The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Mr Anthony Beven starts examination of the corporation.

**Dec 2011**—Katungul placed under special administration following discovery of misappropriation of funds.

**Jan 2012**—Mr Beven starts Federal Court proceedings against Mr Matcham obtaining orders freezing bank accounts and property.

**Feb 2012**—Mr Matcham's contract as CEO of Katungul is terminated.

**Aug 2012**—New CEO Jon Rogers appointed

**Oct 2012**—Community control is returned to Katungul.

**Sep 2013**—Mr Matcham faces Sydney Federal Court and admits misappropriation of funds totalling \$700,000.

## THE AUSTRALIAN

### Indigenous health CEO funded himself

SUSANNAH MORAN

THE chief executive of an indigenous health organisation helped himself to more than \$700,000 of the body's funds, the Federal Court found yesterday.

Damien Matcham paid himself unauthorised bonuses, topped up his super and used money for indigenous health services to pay life insurance instalments.

He even secured a bank overdraft of \$200,000 against the assets of his employer, the Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services.

Matcham began working at the not-for-profit Katungul - based in Narooma, southern NSW - in June 2007, and had a salary of \$194,700.

The organisation runs medical centres for indigenous people. Matcham was sacked in February last year after complaints about his behaviour led to an investigation.

His assets were frozen when a number of suspect financial transactions were uncovered.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven, took action against Matcham in the Federal Court, and yesterday judge Peter Jacobson said he had

"improperly used his position as the CEO of Katungul to gain an advantage for himself and cause a detriment to Katungul".

Orders of the court reveal he paid himself bonuses of about \$205,000 between October 2007 and July 2011.

They led to the organisation incurring liabilities to the tax office. Staff and directors at Katungul helped uncover Matcham's transactions, which included excess superannuation contributions and using a company credit card to pay for his life insurance.

He had also secured a mortgage with the Commonwealth Bank, which the court found was unauthorised.

"When (staff) became aware that money that was to be used to improve the health of their community was being diverted to one

person they notified my office," Mr Beven said.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations wants Matcham to repay the money and to be fined for his conduct and disqualified from managing companies.

A hearing on penalties will take place in November.

The Australian

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DELIVERING JUSTICE: Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven is committed to seeing justice done for the Katungul Aboriginal Health Service.



BETTER DAYS: On Friday, September 28 2012, local Indigenous community members gathered for a smoking ceremony to celebrate Katungul's return to community management.



GROWING SERVICE: Katungul Aboriginal Health Service CEO Jon Rogers and new nurse Francesca Rochford who came from Canberra to join the team at Katungul four weeks ago



REBUILDING KATUNGUL: Some of the dynamic staff at Katungul Aboriginal Health Service who are working to support the health and welfare of indigenous communities from the South Coast, from left CEO Jon Rogers, Jade Hansen, Julieanne Lyons, (back) Stephen Kelly and Michelle Davison.

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## Koori health in Koori hands

By [Bill Brown](#)

**Katungal CEO Jon Rogers says that a newly announced funding grant of \$1.1 million is the climax of a story of rebirth for the Aboriginal medical service.**

The services provided by Katungal are seen as a vital foundation for the south east NSW Aboriginal community but one clinic at Moruya was closed and those at Narooma and Bega under threat of closure following a financial crisis which resulted in its former CEO being found guilty of embezzlement.

The Federal Court found that between 2007 and 2011 Damian Matcham brought the organisation to its knees in what the registrar of Indigenous corporations described as the worst case of individual embezzlement of an Aboriginal organisation he'd seen.

An administrator was put in with the task of saving the organisation financially and to restore trust by the community and by government.

Jon Rogers was appointed as a new CEO to steer what was always going to be a very challenging course, while at stake was the survival of primary care health service for an entire Aboriginal community.

In being successful for this funding under the Commonwealth's Indigenous Advancement Strategy the Member for Eden-Monaro, Dr Peter Hendy said that Katungal has successfully survived 'that bad patch'.

"And that's acknowledged at the highest levels of government," said Dr Hendy.

"The application they put in to get this ... proved to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet that they had the probity and the governance arrangements in place; that they'd dealt with their problems in the past.

"They've done a remarkable job."

Mr Rogers says that Katungal can now consolidate its service delivery.

"We've got a capacity now to look after the real needs of community which aren't all solved by just getting a script from the doctor. There's so much more social need."

The organisation has re-structured to spread its services across the social support spectrum, often partnering with other organisations.

"We've more recently become an holistic service", said Mr Rogers.

The clinics provide far more support than an average GP clinic through direct patient support by Aboriginal health workers.



Clinical Practise Nurse Brooke Hutchins at the Katunga medical clinic in Bega. The organisation operates another medical clinic for Aboriginal people in Narooma, as well as a range of outreach programs, including a weekly clinic at the Wallaga Lake Koori Village. (Bill Brown - ABC South East NSW)

As well as the medical clinics there are targeted programs addressing the chronic diseases experienced in Indigenous communities, as well as dental and eye clinics; maternity services; social and emotional wellbeing services; mental health; and drug and alcohol services.

Mr Rogers says the organisation has a priority to develop skills within the Aboriginal community and to employ Aboriginal staff.

"Our board's got a very defined strategy to put Aboriginal people in control of these services.

"We've trained 14 people in the last three years, some into nursing, five or so Aboriginal health workers, and others who have commenced degree studies.

"We're the largest employer of Aboriginal people in this area. In the last couple of years we've grown to having fifteen people to over 40."



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** RE: ORIC response to queries re Matcham Katungul -- Federal Court makes orders against former CEO of Katungul medical service [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Many thanks [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** ORIC response to queries re Matcham Katungul -- Federal Court makes orders against former CEO of Katungul medical service [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Sorry for the delay getting back to you re your queries 'Where did the money go?' and 'Mr Matcham's salary'. The Registrar has provided an attachment and the following response:

The evidence suggests that the money was spent by Mr Matcham on property and financial investments and his general personal living expenses.

During his employment as the CEO of Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services from June 2007 until February 2012 Mr Matcham's contracted salary was \$194,700 plus a potential bonus of up to \$35,000. In 2010/2011 Mr Matcham received remuneration in the amount of \$526,296.31 in cash payments plus free private accommodation, the private use of a corporation vehicle and a home office. During the 2010/11 financial year the corporation's total income to deliver primary and health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was only \$3,265,993.00.

In the 2011/12 financial year Mr Matcham was only employed for a part of the year (he went on long term leave from the position of CEO in September 2012 and was dismissed in February 2012). For the period from 1 July 2011 to September 2011 the annualised cash component of Mr Matcham's remuneration had increased to \$585,834.72 (\$147,662.45 in payments for the three months).

The above figures are extracted from affidavit evidence from an expert witness filed in the Federal Court by the Registrar.

All of the unauthorised payments to Mr Matcham are set out in the orders of Justice Jacobson of 11 September 2013, which is attached and available on the Federal Court website: [www.fedcourt.gov.au](http://www.fedcourt.gov.au).

As at 30 June 2011 the 2010/11 audited financial statements for the corporation (available on the Registrar's website: [www.oric.gov.au](http://www.oric.gov.au)) indicate that the corporation had no cash in the bank, an outstanding bank overdraft of (\$56,821) and only \$2,539 in trade receivables. As shown above, in this financial year alone \$526,296.31 was paid to Mr Matcham for remuneration, including purported bonuses payments of \$108,173.08 and purported time in lieu payments for additional hours of work of \$134,639.34.

In addition to civil penalties (fines) and a banning order the Registrar is also seeking an order for the payment by Mr Matcham of compensation to Katungul for the unauthorised payments of in excess of \$700,000.

Kind regards

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Media release from the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations -- Federal Court makes orders against former CEO of Katungul medical service [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thank you very much for sending this through Patricia.

Regards  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 September 2013 11:24 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Media release from the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations -- Federal Court makes orders against former CEO of Katungul medical service [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [REDACTED]

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations has issued the attached media release which may be of particular interest to you as it concerns a matter you have been following.

Kind regards

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[REDACTED]  
Governance Branch  
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I've confirmed the Thursday 8.45 am time for a live interview [REDACTED] will ring you directly on [REDACTED]

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Can you set up ... [REDACTED]

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Can you contact [REDACTED] and set up a live to air at 8.45am tomorrow.

Thanks

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**Subject:** Media inquiry -- [REDACTED] from ABC South East re Matcham Katungul [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Please see request from [REDACTED] ABC South East re a phone interview tomorrow or a pre-record later today.

Phone: [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 September 2013 1:11 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** ABC South East interview request re Katungal order

Dear [REDACTED]

As discussed, we're hoping to speak with Anthony Beven re the judgment in Matcham's case. We'd recap on the situation, cover the judgement and emphasise the rebuilding of Katungal. Our preference is for a live to air phoner @ 8.45am tomorrow (thurs 12/9) or a pre-record before 3.30pm today?

Look forward to hearing back, [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Producer, ABC South East NSW  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]



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Cowra Community News

Justice Peter Jacobson found 25 breaches by Damien Matcham, who he said had improperly used his position as CEO of Katungul **Aboriginal Corporation** for personal advantage. Court papers show Matcham made unauthorised payments for bonuses, time ...

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Can you please send some photos to [REDACTED] of me for the article and also some of Katungul from our newsletters.

Thank you

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 September 2013 1:01 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mr Matchem Pic

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks again for speaking with me today.

If we could have some photos that would be great.

Cheers

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Journalist  
for the on holidays [REDACTED]



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**Subject:** Re: Photos for -- Narooma news -- Matcham Katungul [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks [REDACTED]

We really appreciate everyone's prompt responses!

Thanks again

Cheers [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Journalist  
for the on holidays [REDACTED]



[REDACTED] [\[Narooma News editor\]](#) [\[Fairfax Regional Media\]](#)  
[REDACTED]

On 12 September 2013 15:29, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED] (?) -- Glad you had a chance to speak to the Registrar, Anthony Beven, earlier today. I understand you'd like a photograph of him to accompany your article and some of Katungul.

I attach a few:

[01] The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven

[9647] Smoking ceremony at the 'hand back' of the corporation to the members, 28 September 2012 [*you can perhaps crop out the lady in blue?*]

[9413] [*Clockwise from far left*] Special administrator Alan Eldridge with Graham Moore (director), Anthony Beven (Registrar), Bunja Smith (director) and Melissa Ellis (director)

[9394] Katungul's mobile dental bus

and Katungul's new logo/ branding

The photos belong to ORIC but best to check with Katungul's CEO [REDACTED] that they're okay to use – and [REDACTED] may have a couple of better ones for you?!

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Phone: [Redacted]

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Good story.

Hopefully it is reported in tomorrow's hard copy version of the Herald also.

PS – the Bega Daily newspaper also received a special email as they have previously reported on the story?

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Media inquiry -- [REDACTED] from ABC Bega about Matcham [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Note -- inquiry about Matcham

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Media inquiry -- [REDACTED] from ABC Bega about [REDACTED] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Done.

It was about Matcham and not [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is ABC mid north coast in Port Macquarie.

Cheers

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Media inquiry -- [REDACTED] from ABC Bega about [REDACTED] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

[REDACTED]

Journalist called [REDACTED] (spell?) from ABC Bega would like to follow up on the [REDACTED] appearance in court today ... what it means for the freezing orders.

Ideally she would like to talk to you but would be happy if ORIC can pass on any information about the matter...

If you would like to ring her the number is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Thursday, 27 September 2012 12:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: [REDACTED] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

[REDACTED] some news on Mr [REDACTED].

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 27 September 2012 12:11 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thanks