

**Information regarding the engagement of Mr Alan Eldridge and/or Australian Indigenous Business Services (AIBS)
by the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC)**

<i>Type of engagement</i>	<i>Corporation</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Payment</i>
Examiner	Wahgunyah (Housing) Aboriginal Corporation	20/10/2009 – 01/02/2010	\$19,368.76 (incl GST)
Examiner	Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency Aboriginal Corporation	25/08/2010 – 11/11/2010	\$22,130.00 (incl GST)
Examiner	Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Women's Resource Centre (Aboriginal Corporation)	25/08/2010 – 12/11/2010	Examiner asked to quote for two examinations and cost is included in the \$22,130 payment above.
Trainer - Introduction to Corporate Governance (ICG) workshop	Location of workshop: Canberra, ACT	27/4/2011 – 29/4/2011	\$5,940 (incl GST)
Examiner	North Coast Indigenous Services (Aboriginal Corporation)	03/05/2011 – 03/06/2011	\$19,711.00 (incl GST)
Examiner	Yarrowarra Aboriginal Corporation	03/05/2011 – 12/07/2011	Examiner asked to quote for two examinations and cost is included in the \$19,711 payment above.
Examiner	Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation	14/07/2011 – 26/09/2011	\$19,387.00 (incl GST)
Examiner	Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation	05/09/2011 – 22/09/2011	Examiner asked to quote for two examinations and cost is included in the \$19,387 payment above.
Trainer - Introduction to Corporate Governance (ICG) workshop	Location of workshop: Dubbo, NSW	13/09/2011 – 15/09/2011	\$7,570 (incl GST)
Examiner	Biggah Enterprises Aboriginal	20/10/2011 – 01/11/2011	\$9,931.00 (incl GST)

	Corporation		
Special administrator	Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services	12/12/2011 – 28/09/2012	<u>\$194,887.10 (including GST)</u>
Special administrator	Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation for CDEP	19/10/2012 – 30/06/2013	<u>\$218,290.64 (including GST)</u>
Examination	Barambah Regional Medical Service (Aboriginal Corporation)	26/07/2013 – 10/09/2013	\$14,945.56 (incl GST)
Special administrator	Bunurong Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation)	28/01/2014 – 18/07/2014	<u>\$60,454.63 (including GST)</u>
Examiner	Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC	12/09/2014 – 12/11/2014	\$26,207.09 (incl GST)
Examiner	The Arrernte Council of Central Australia Aboriginal Corporation	06/05/2015 – 30/06/2015	\$16,744 (incl GST)
Examiner (including governance review)	Ananguku Arts and Cultural Aboriginal Corporation	14/04/2015-30/06/2015	\$37,295.00 (incl GST)
Examiner	National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (Indigenous Corporation)	09/05/2015 – 30/06/2015	\$10,223.00 (incl GST)
Examiner	Illaroo Co-operative Aboriginal Corporation	30/9/2015 – 21/11/2015	\$9,714.00

Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services

(special administrator appointed)



NEWSLETTER

May 2012, issue 3

Dear members and other interested people

This is my third newsletter to you since my appointment as the special administrator of Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services.

I am very pleased to say that things are progressing well and there are more matters to tell you about since my last newsletter.

Information meeting

I held a meeting with all Katungul staff on 29 March 2012 in Merimbula. Its purpose was to give everyone an update about the corporation's current position and talk about working together. It's important that we build team relationships and improve internal communication which I believe will lead to better patient care. We also talked about how Katungul can improve its service delivery. I wish to thank all staff who attended this meeting and shared their views.

Important dates

DATE	EVENT
22 June 2012	Appoint a new CEO
16–20 July 2012	Corporate governance training
Week beginning 25 June 2012	Information meeting for members and interested parties

Every week I or a member of my team will be in Narooma and Bega to work on corporation business. If you want to meet with one of us please call me and book a time.

Corporation services

The clinics in Narooma and Bega continue to operate and open their doors every business day. While this is good we still have some work to do in regaining the trust of people in the surrounding communities. We want to attract community members back to Katungul and encourage them to start using Katungul's services again. In the next month I will provide guidance to staff so that they can make some improvements to the way services are delivered. These improvements will be aimed at restoring trust and value in Katungul.

Staffing

Until 30 June 2012 Jon Rogers will be acting in the position of chief executive officer at the corporation. Jon is on secondment from the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) and ORIC is continuing to pay his salary. He will act in the position until a new chief executive officer is appointed. Please join me in welcoming Jon to Katungul.



I am currently in the process of recruiting a new CEO for Katungul and I hope to make an appointment by late June before the end of the special administration. I am looking for a highly motivated person with the skills and ability to lead Katungul into the future once the special administration ends.

The job is being advertised on the ORIC website (www.oric.gov.au) under Corporation jobs and in the following newspapers:

Sydney Morning Herald—Saturday, 26 May 2012

Koori Mail—Wednesday, 30 May 2012

Narooma News—Wednesday, 30 May 2012

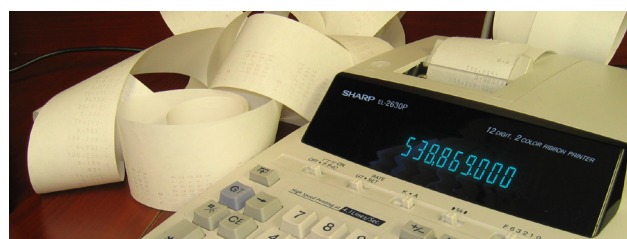
Bay Post—Wednesday, 30 May 2012

Bega District News—Friday, 1 June 2012

The money story

I'm pleased to report that with continued careful management of the money, together with a release of funding from OATSIH, the financial position at the corporation is starting to show promising signs of improvement. This will enable me to start acting on a number of initiatives to re-engage with patients and members.

I am still thinking about what to do about the money Katungul owes the bank. If the financial position continues to improve it is possible I may be able to repay the bank before the special administration ends. This is an optimistic outlook however, and the more likely outcome is that I will negotiate a repayment plan with the bank.



Advisory group meeting —11 May 2012



On 11 May 2012 the members of the advisory group and I held an important meeting to discuss Katungul's future. We looked at a number of options which ranged from giving Katungul's funding and services to another organisation (and for that organisation to provide services on Katungul's behalf) to, at the other end, Katungul retaining control over its own service delivery.

As we needed to hear from Katungul's key stakeholders on this vital matter, I invited senior representatives from OATSIH, NSW Health, the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of New South Wales (AH&MRC), and the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations to the meeting.

There was a great deal of goodwill at the table. The advisory group was firmly against Katungul giving away its role as a direct healthcare service provider. The advisory group members were strongly in favour of Katungul retaining its own identity because it has always been a community-controlled organisation. They also indicated that Katungul should take steps to rebuild the relationships with the other healthcare providers in the region. It was agreed by all stakeholders that Katungul would look at more efficient ways to manage its finances, IT needs and human resources while at the same time maintaining control over providing services.

Once the structural option was settled, OATSIH said it was prepared to provide Katungul with the same level of funding as it had for the 2011–12 financial year subject to a couple of important conditions (i.e. the development of an action plan and a budget). OATSIH also advised that it was likely to conduct a clinical review of Katungul's services during the special administration.

We also spoke about extending the special administration for a short period of time to enable some outstanding issues to be dealt with. The Registrar is currently considering whether this is possible.

Review of operational structure

I am considering various ways to strengthen the organisational structure and the human resources management within the corporation. This means I am thinking about the key objectives of the corporation, its strategic outlook and aims, its funding position and how this links to service delivery priorities.

More information

ORIC produces a series of fact sheets including some that explain what members and directors should know about special administrations. You can order copies by emailing info@oric.gov.au or, if you prefer, you can download them from the ORIC website at www.oric.gov.au.

Budget and reporting

My staff are currently working on an action plan and a budget for the corporation. Once these two items are finalised we will put them into a report which we will send to the various funding agencies. This will give them a clearer picture of the way we think the corporation should spend its money in the future.

It is apparent that the current procedures in place in relation to reporting to funding agencies and reconciling Medicare statements need to meet higher standards. As a result I am up skilling particular staff who will take responsibility for ensuring proper procedures. This will help to make sure appropriate levels of reporting are maintained.

OATSIH and NSW Health

Throughout the term of my appointment I have met regularly with staff from OATSIH and NSW Health. As the corporation's main funding bodies it is really important that they are satisfied with what Katungul is doing. They want to be assured that the funds they provide are used responsibly and on agreed services. I have made some proposals to OATSIH to obtain greater support for the corporation and they are considering these requests. I will keep you informed of any decisions.

Review of the corporation rule book

Shortly I will be working with ORIC and the advisory group on developing a new rule book for the corporation. We will address matters such as membership eligibility, the objectives of the corporation and composition of the board of directors.

My overall aim is to develop a rule book that is fair to all members and which gives a clear direction for the corporation into the future.

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