

Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service

(under special administration)



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Dear corporation members and interested people

My name is Peter McQuoid and I am from PDM Consultancy. On 28 November 2011 the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations appointed me as the special administrator for your corporation.

This is my first of several newsletters to you. I intend to issue one each month so I can tell you how the special administration is going.

As a rule special administrations have three main stages:

Stage one: Take control of the assets, including bank accounts and establish if the corporation can continue operating

Stage two: Restore good operational order

Stage three: Prepare the corporation for return to members' control.

Stage one

I am pleased to report that stage one is virtually complete. Some of the things I have been working on are as follows:

- taking control of all bank accounts
- managing to agree ongoing funding with the funding bodies
- seeking agreement with OATSIH for the funding of an independent review of operations of the corporation
- starting the process of updating the MYOB accounting package so that it will produce better financial information for management
- conducting a disciplinary process with regard to the former CEO
- beginning recruitment for a new CEO.

Throughout stage one the corporation has continued to operate and provide high quality health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

I am now ready to start stage two.

CEO—position vacant

Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service is looking for a CEO. The position will be advertised in a range of newspapers, on SEEK which is a web-based recruitment site, and on the ORIC website.

Anyone interested in the position should contact Kelli Barham at the corporation on **(02) 6560 2300**.

Community information meeting

A community information meeting advertised in local papers was held on Thursday, 8 December 2011 in Kempsey. Meeting notices were also sent to over 400 community residents.

Approximately 90 people came. Many people took the opportunity to complete membership application forms and the Registrar, Anthony Beven, answered questions. The meeting was very positive. It was encouraging to see so many of you with a keen interest in the future of your corporation.

Annual general meeting (AGM)

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday, 31 January 2012** at the Anglican Youth Hall, Kempsey. It will start at 5.30 pm.

All interested people are invited to attend although only members will be able to vote. Because Durri is under special administration, new directors **will not** be elected at this meeting. However, there will be discussions about a proposed new rule book.

The future

The way I see it the following must be achieved for Durri to have a clear way forward:

- agree a new rule book with you (the members) which is easier to read and will provide the new board with additional tools to help manage the corporation
- recruit a new CEO
- complete a review of the corporation's operations and implement recommendations
- appoint an advisory committee
- modify the accounting systems
- prepare the corporation for return to members' control.

If you want to become a member of the corporation please contact Isobel Bradshaw at the corporation on (02) 6560 2300.

More information

ORIC produces fact sheets that explain what members and directors should know about special administrations. You can order copies by emailing info@oric.gov.au or download them from the ORIC website at www.oric.gov.au.

If you would like to speak to someone at the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) please contact Jon Rogers on freecall 1800 622 431 (not free from mobiles).

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