

Thursday 16 April 2020

Dear Members and Beneficiaries

Last month the Boards of Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) and Gumala Investments Pty Ltd (GIPL) took action to help ease some of the stress that our Members and Beneficiaries were experiencing to source supplies and prepare for self-isolation due to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). An emergency cash payment of \$500 was made on 20 March. This was made possible under Section 11.3 of the General Gumala Foundation Consolidated Trust Deed, where the Trustee (GIPL) may in its discretion at any time, after consultation with the Manager (GAC), make cash payments to Beneficiaries in cases of emergency.

As the state and the regional borders remain closed, and travel in and out of Aboriginal communities is restricted, the Boards have agreed to make an extra cash payment of \$1,000 in two \$500 instalments over a two-week period.

If your bank details have NOT changed since the March payment was made, you do NOT need to contact Gumala and the same bank details that we have on file will be used for Payment 2 and Payment 3.

If your bank details have changed since March or you have not yet received any payments from Gumala, you will need to complete a personal information form (PIF) which can be found on GAC's website: <http://gumala.com.au/wp-content/uploads/1.-Personal-Information-Form-1.pdf> or contact our office to verify the details we have on file for you. All forms should be sent to info@gumala.com.au by no later than **5pm on Monday 20 April** to avoid delays.

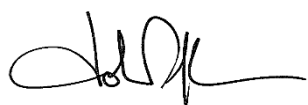
All payments are allocated within this financial year budget 2019/2020 so if you have not updated your details and contacted our office by Tuesday 23 June 2020, you will no longer be eligible.

Payments will be made in the following stages:

	Payment beginning on:
Payment 1 - \$500	Friday 20 March
Payment 2 - \$500	Friday 24 April OR within 3 business days of receiving bank account updates.
Payment 3 - \$500	Friday 8 May OR within 3 business days of receiving bank account updates.

For Members experiencing financial difficulties, more information regarding free financial counselling can be found over the page.

Kind regards



John Raftis
Executive Officer (GIPL)



Justin Dhu
Executive Officer (GAC)

Free Financial Counselling Services

National Debt Helpline

Professional financial counsellors can offer a free, independent and confidential service to help individuals tackle their debt problems. They are not a lender and don't sell a product or make money from clients.

Phone: 1800 007 007 (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm)

<https://ndh.org.au/>

Pilbara Community Legal Service

These services include financial counselling, tenancy and homelessness support, domestic violence advocacy, outreach and victim support, community migrant settlement, Redress support, family law advice, wills and deceased estates, and criminal injuries compensation.

Phone: (08) 9185 5899 (Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm)

<https://www.pcls.net.au/index.php/services/financial-counselling>

Financial Counsellors' Association of Western Australia

Search for a free local financial counsellor on this website.

Phone National Debt Helpline: 1800 007 007

<https://financialcounsellors.org/>

MoneySmart

Financial counselling is a free and confidential service offered by community organisations, community legal centres and some government agencies.

<https://moneysmart.gov.au/managing-debt/financial-counselling>