
Stealing charges brought against former chief executive of Indigenous sporting organisation



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The former chief executive of a Western Australian not-for-profit sporting organisation is alleged to have stolen more than \$230,000 from the body.

Alan Bishop, formerly in charge of Kimberley sporting body Garnduwa, has been charged following an investigation by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven.

It is alleged Mr Bishop created false records to raise 38 Garnduwa cheques totalling \$237,305.48 for his own personal benefit. Mr Bishop will face 38 charges, with each carrying a maximum penalty of \$340,000 or imprisonment for five years, or both.

Garnduwa was established in 1992 by Indigenous representatives from across the Kimberley, with the intention of improving physical and mental health in Aboriginal communities and to develop future Indigenous leaders.

Mr Beven commended Garnduwa's auditor and directors for first detecting the alleged problem and reporting it to the registrar.

"They have also provided invaluable assistance to my office during our investigation," Mr Beven said.

Mr Bishop is due to appear before Perth Magistrates Court in July.