

# BROOME CHINATOWN REVITALISATION

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## NEWSLETTER March 2019

### Carnarvon/Dampier Update

Construction works in Chinatown are now back in full swing following the wet season shut-down in January and February. Major works are scheduled for completion by late April and will be followed by soft landscaping, public art and street furniture installations.

Road closures and changes on Dampier Terrace and Carnarvon Street will be in place during the construction period, we thank you in advance for your patience while the revitalisation works take place. Please refer to the website or social media pages for the most up to date information.

Pedestrian access in all areas will be maintained throughout and businesses and shops in Chinatown are open as normal.

CARNARVON STREET MAJOR WORKS	MAR 2019	APR 2019	MAY 2019
NEW TELSTRA PITS			
STREET LIGHT FOOTINGS (VERGE)			
IRRIGATION MAINLINE			
SHADE STRUCTURE FOOTINGS			
STREET LIGHTS			
KIMBERLEY SANDSTONE FEATURE WALLS			
EXPOSED AGGREGATE FOOTPATHS AND COBBLESTONE PAVING			
ASPHALT ROAD SURFACING			

DAMPIER TERRACE MAJOR WORKS	MAR 2019	APR 2019	MAY 2019
SHADE SHELTER FOOTINGS			
IRRIGATION MAINLINE			
KERBING			
POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS CONDUITS (WEST VERGE)			
STREET LIGHTS (EAST VERGE)			
TIMBER DECKING			
EXPOSED AGGREGATE FOOTPATHS AND COBBLESTONE PAVING			
STREET LIGHTS (WEST VERGE)			

SOFT LANDSCAPING, PUBLIC ART AND STREET FURNITURE	MAR 2019	APR 2019	MAY 2019
GARDEN BEDS, RETICULATION AND LANDSCAPING			
STREET FURNITURE AND SEATING (CARNARVON ST)			
PUBLIC ART AND INTERPRETATION			
SHADE SHELTERS			

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### Dragonfly gets new wings

Dragonfly Café on the corner of Short and Carnarvon Streets has recently changed hands, with new owners Greg and Lindsey Dixon along with chef Bikram Pradham taking the helm of the popular Chinatown café.

After a move to Broome a few years ago, the Dixons, who are already shareholders in a number of Perth cafés, saw the potential of Dragonfly when it was recently offered for sale and decided to make the investment. With the new team on board, customers are already welcoming some changes including the popular lunch specials.

"Our new menu for the upcoming dry season will soon be launched and introduces some delicious healthy changes and a big range of gluten free options whilst keeping many of the old favourites including the famous mango smoothie," Greg said.

To help reduce the number of disposable cups going into landfill, the cafe is incentivising customers to bring in their own cup to receive 50c off a coffee. Even better, you can buy one of Dragonfly's own hand blown, 100% chemical free glass keep cups and support the business and the environment!



Clancy, Bikram, Greg and Lindsey at the Dragonfly Café.





Mural artists and representatives from INPEX, Shire of Broome and Paspaley Plaza.

#### Public Art Installations

Tanaka Lane Murals	MARCH/APRIL
Multilingual Signs	APRIL
The Shopkeepers Sculpture	MAY
Interpretation Trail	MAY
The Pearling Story Timeline	MAY

## Pearlers' Games return at the Chinatown Discovery Festival 2019

The Pearlers' Games is set to be one of the standout events and a community favourite at the inaugural Chinatown Discovery Festival happening from 24-26 May 2019.

The three-day arts and heritage festival will celebrate the completion of major construction works on Carnarvon Street and Dampier Terrace, as the Chinatown Revitalisation Project and Shire of Broome join with Chinatown's traders to officially re-open the precinct.

The Pearlers' Games will happen on Saturday 25 May from 2.30pm to 5.30pm on Dampier Terrace and are based on the 'Chinatown Games' that ran for four years from 1999 as part of Shinju Matsuri.

Featuring six events, the Pearlers' Games offer challenges that are a throwback to many of the skills used in the old pearling days.

In the main event, The Cygnet Bay Master's Cup, teams of four will attempt pearling industry skill and strength challenges including rope coiling, knot tying, shell packing and rickshaw racing.

For full event details and to register your entry into the Pearlers' Games contests, visit the Chinatown Broome website or Facebook event page. Limited entries available so please register early!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**FRI 29 MARCH – FRI 5 APRIL** – June and Herbie painting Tanaka Laneway mural

**MON 1 APRIL** – Chinatown Discovery Festival full program of events released

**SAT 20 APRIL** – Easter Eggstravaganza at Sun Pictures

**LATE APRIL** – Major construction complete

**APRIL/MAY** – Installation of soft landscaping, street furniture and public art

**FRI 24 MAY - SUN 26 MAY** – Chinatown Discovery Festival

## Inpex Mural

A new public laneway – Tanaka Lane – is set to open near the intersection of Carnarvon Street and Short Street in Broome and will feature murals created by two local artists thanks to a partnership between INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG, Paspaley Plaza and the Chinatown Revitalisation Project.

The existing laneway was originally private entry only, however will soon be opened daily as a community walk way and feature a large-scale mural by Kimberley artist Herbie Marshall – and a smaller mural by fellow award-winning artist and Chinatown gallery owner, June Djiagween.

The mural project has been made possible thanks to a grant from INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG, and laneway owner Paspaley Plaza will carry out works including upgrading the pavement, constructing a new gateway, adding plants and soft landscaping, and opening Tanaka Lane for public access during the day. A fantastic collaborative effort by all involved in the project.

The murals are planned to take shape between now and Saturday 30 March and the community is invited to come and watch the artists as they work. Visit the Facebook page for more information and viewing times.

Individuals can tackle the Anastasia's Shell Pack, Bill Reed Flipper Race and Knotsman Challenge; two-person teams can take on the Willie Creek Dive Collector; while teams of six to eight will vie for the crown in the Hutchinson Real Estate Tug-O-War.

Some of the other special events planned as part of this years Chinatown Discovery Festival include an incredible Broome Diver String Symphony experience by Spare Parts Puppet Theatre and the return of the popular Sand Sculpture WA team. You can also submit your personal Chinatown Memories at the Goolarri Sound Booth, and enjoy the Look Back with Sun Studios and Chukagi with Broome Performing Arts Co-Operative laneway performance trails, along with historical and walking tours, local entertainment and more!



Racing in flippers, chased by giant papier-mâché fish during the 1999 Pearlers' Games.

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