



Yawuru Native Title Holders Aboriginal Corporation



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Jetty to Jetty Project to highlight heritage

Broome's Jetty to Jetty Project linking historic Chinatown and Town Beach is set to progress with the signing of an accord between the Shire of Broome and the Yawuru Native Title Holders.

A heritage walk trail linking Streeter's Jetty in Chinatown and the site of Broome's old jetty at Town Beach will be created as the first stage of the partnership between the Shire and Yawuru.

The walk trail will use existing footpaths and highlight 13 historic locations along the route with interpretive signage and bench seating installed at each, with more locations identified for possible inclusion at a later stage.

The signage and seating will be installed by the Shire of Broome, with the content of the signs developed by Yawuru and featuring historical photographs and quotes from senior Broome figures.

Funding has been allocated to begin the project, with grant funding being sought to cover the remainder of the cost.

Broome Shire President, Graeme Campbell, said that Council at its April meeting had unanimously endorsed the project and the signing of an accord with Yawuru.

"The Shire is pleased to partner with Yawuru in this fantastic project that will provide a window into the town's past for both residents and visitors," Cr Campbell said.

Yawuru PBC Chairperson, Lulga Djiagween, said Yawuru had undertaken considerable research and interviewed many old Yawuru people and other Broome people to get information for the interpretive signs and a smart phone app that will be available to download free so that people can hear about Broome's rich cultural and social history as they walk along the foreshore.

"The Jetty to Jetty Project is an example of modern Broome and its future potential – the Shire and the Yawuru Native Title Holders working together to promote Broome as a place to visit and its importance to the Australian nation," Mr Djiagween said.

The project has been timed so that the interpretive signs will be installed for Kullari NAIDOC Week in July, with the benches added later and the project completed by August 2015.

The second phase of the Jetty to Jetty Project will be revetment work along the pindan cliffs at Town Beach incorporating terracing and Staircase to the Moon viewing areas.

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