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New road connection opens up Chinatown

The latest stage in the revitalisation of Broome's Chinatown is in place with the opening today of the connection of Dampier Tce and Frederick St.

The \$600,000 project was jointly funded by the Shire of Broome and Tourism WA and included connecting the eastern end of Frederick St and the southern end of Dampier Tce with a raised brick-paved thoroughfare, and installing new footpaths, parking bays, 10 new street lights and improved stormwater drainage.

The connection will help activate an underutilised part of Chinatown that is home to a mix of retail, office and residential properties, and is the latest project in the Shire of Broome's ongoing work to revitalise Chinatown.

The Frederick St/Dampier Tce Connection project was approved by Council in June 2015 and received heritage approval from the WA Department of Aboriginal Affairs in February this year, with work beginning soon after.

Shire of Broome Chief Executive Officer, Kenn Donohoe, said Chinatown was Broome's historical, cultural and commercial heart and that Council was committed to its development.

"The Frederick St/Dampier Tce Connection is the latest stage in implementing the Shire's Chinatown Development Strategy that has also included the Jetty to Jetty Project, clean-up of Streeter's Jetty and installation of signage and interpretive information, undergrounding of power lines, additional shade trees and structures and expanding Christmas lighting and decorations.

"The State Government has earmarked a further \$10 million and the Shire will consider a \$2 million contribution to pave the way for more significant Chinatown revitalisation projects to be undertaken, with a business case prepared by the Shire now being considered by the State.

"To make sure community members, business representatives and other stakeholders have input to this process, Council has also appointed a Chinatown Stakeholder and Community Reference Group."

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