

BROOME CHINATOWN REVITALISATION

THE HEART AND SOUL OF BROOME

CHINATOWN SMART CITIES PROGRAM

The \$50 million competitive Smart Cities and Suburbs Program was announced as part of the 2016 State Election campaign. The program supports projects that apply innovative technology-based solutions to urban challenges, and encourages the delivery of collaborative smart city projects that improve the livability, productivity and sustainability of Australian cities, suburbs and towns.

The Smart Cities plan prioritises government and private sector collaboration to deliver better infrastructure sooner. A key aim is to make centres more prosperous and sustainable through investment attraction.

Technology adoption is a key part of this plan and upgrading Chinatown's Wi-Fi capability is an important early milestone in this process.

STAGE TWO WILL INCLUDE SMART CITIES ITEMS SUCH AS:

- Implementation of public realm smart technologies including upgrading Chinatown's Wi-Fi capability to make it reliable and efficient, and will help attract and retain visitors.
- Use of smart technologies in key pilot projects that assist in improving efficiencies, minimising overheads and enhancing municipal services – including in irrigation, parking, waste and lighting.

	March to June 2020	July to Sept 2020	Oct 2020 to June 2021
Stakeholder Engagement (ongoing)			
Detailed Design			
Tender Process			
Construction			

The \$29.3 million Chinatown Revitalisation Project is being delivered jointly by the State Government and the Shire of Broome, with \$22.6 million in funding from the State Government and \$6.7 million from the Shire.

The project is being delivered in two stages, with 10 sub-projects comprising the \$13.8 million Stage One works completed in 2019. Stage Two is currently progressing and includes another nine sub-projects, with construction expected to commence in the last 2020 quarter through to mid 2021.

The aim of the sub-projects is to make the Chinatown precinct more attractive to locals, visitors and businesses, and encourage activity and long-term investment into the heart and soul of Broome.