



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** **00291**
2. **NAME** *Chinatown Conservation Area (1880s-1920s)*
3. **LOCATION** Chinatown, Broome

The 'Chinatown' area of Broome and adjacent closely related portions of land; bounded by the southern and western registered curtilage of *Old Broome Lockup and Boab Tree*, due north to Short Street, the adjacent section of Short Street to the western boundaries of the Paspaley Plaza car parks, *Morgan's Camp* and west along a boundary 400 metres north of Gray Street, east to a point sixty metres offshore, and along the shore of Roebuck Bay sixty metres from the high tide line (and taking in the interim listed curtilage on the water sides of *Streeter's Jetty*) to a point west of the eastern end of Frederick Street, west along the line of Frederick Street eastwards to the registered curtilage of *Old Broome Lockup and Boab Tree*.

4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**

Those portions of:

1. Lot 2074 on Deposited Plan 216741, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2016 Folio 656;
Lot 2075 on Deposited Plan 216741, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2016 Folio 655;
Lot 2076 on Deposited Plan 216741, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2016 Folio 654;
Lot 2077 on Deposited Plan 216741, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2016 Folio 653;
Lot 2078 on Deposited Plan 216741, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2016 Folio 659;
Lot 2079 on Deposited Plan 216741, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2016 Folio 658; and,
Lot 2080 on Deposited Plan 216741, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2016 Folio 657.

2. Lot 3 on Diagram 56582, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2148 Folio 369;
Lot 4 on Diagram 56582, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2148 Folio 370;
Lot 5 on Diagram 56582, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2148 Folio 371;
Lot 6 on Diagram 56582, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2148 Folio 372;
Lot 8 on Diagram 56582, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2148 Folio 373;
Lot 9 on Diagram 56582, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2148 Folio 374;
Lot 10 on Diagram 56582, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2148 Folio 375;
Lot 11 on Diagram 56582, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2148 Folio 376;
Lot 12 on Diagram 56582, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2148 Folio 377;
Lot 21 on Diagram 84481, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1971 Folio 999;
Lot 61 on Diagram 79029, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1903 Folio 218;
Lot 60 on Diagram 79029, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1903 Folio 217;
Lot 43 on Deposited Plan 222186, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1525 Folio 105;
Portion of Broome Town Lot 42, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1203 Folio 88;
Portion of Broome Town Lot 42, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1775 Folio 341;
Lot 50 on Deposited Plan 222186 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1182 Folio 142; and,
Lot 623 on Deposited Plan 214862, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1903 Folio 298.
3. Lot 45 on Diagram 85819, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2010 Folio 940;
Lot 12 on Diagram 48097, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1400 Folio 692;
Portion of Broome Town Lot 8, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1497 Folio 982;

Lot 7 on Deposited Plan 222186, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1625 Folio 537;

Lot 10 on Deposited Plan 222186, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1658 Folio 190;

Portion of each of Broome Town Lots 8 and 9, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1658 Folio 191;

Lot 15 on Diagram 48097, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1717 Folio 268;

Lot 21 on Diagram 35917, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1776 Folio 862; and,

4. Broome Lot 478, being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3002 Folio 890;

Broome Lot 491, being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3090 Folio 868;

Broome Lot 447, being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3002 Folio 878;

Broome Lot 448, being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3002 Folio 879;

Broome Town Lot 622, being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3002 Folio 323;

Broome Lot 470, being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3002 Folio 887;

Lot 2645 on Deposited Plan 189212, being the whole of land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3004 Folio 482;

Lot 2644 on Deposited Plan 189212, being the whole of land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3004 Folio 480;

Lot 2643 on Deposited Plan 189212, being the whole of land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3004 Folio 478; and,

Portions of Unallocated Crown Land in the townsite of Broome.

5. Lot 201 on Diagram 97706, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2190 Folio 861;

Lot 435 on Deposited Plan 116024, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1859 Folio 473; and,

Lot 3067 on Deposited Plan 191719, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2036 Folio 315.

6. Lot 71 on Diagram 80008, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1911 Folio 980; and,

Lot 72 on Diagram 80008, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1911 Folio 981.

7. Lot 427 on Deposited Plan 214862, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1996 Folio 86; and,

- Lot 443 on Deposited Plan 214862 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1996 Folio 87.
8. Lot 100 on Diagram 77893, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1878 Folio 55.
 9. Portion of Broome Town Lot 4, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1884 Folio 173; and,
Portion of Broome Town Lot 3, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1881 Folio 430.
 10. Lot 1 on Deposited Plan 222186, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1719 Folio 033; and,
Lot 20 on Diagram 84481, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1971 Folio 1000.
 11. Portion of Broome Lot 1317, being part of Crown Reserve 8176 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3002 Folio 447.
Broome Lot 1857 being Crown Reserve 40119 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3002 Folio 586
Portion of Broome Lot 1220 being portion of Reserve 39556 and being part of the land contained in Crown land Title Volume 3000 Folio 948
Lot 3111 on Deposited Plan 192411 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3117 Folio 594
Lot 3116 on Deposited Plan 194937 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3115 Folio 64
Lot 3117 on Deposited Plan 195120 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3120 Folio 554
Portions of dedicated roads within townsite of Broome
The fabric of Streeter's Jetty.
 12. Lot 1 on Diagram 37628, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1760 Folio 445; and,
 13. Lot 375 on Deposited Plan 116017, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1952 Folio 932.
 14. Lot 74 on Diagram 93089, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2106 Folio 297.
 15. Lot 1 on Diagram 90609, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2069 Folio 768.
 16. Lot 2 on Diagram 90609, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2069 Folio 769.
 17. Lot 17 on Deposited Plan 222186, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2062 Folio 410.
 18. Lot 46 on Diagram 85819, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2010 Folio 941.

19. Lot 437 on Deposited Plan 214862, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1971 Folio 54.
20. Portion of Broome Town Lot 2, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1934 Folio 718.
21. Portion of Broome Town Lot 2, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1934 Folio 496.
22. Lot 70 on Diagram 80008, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1911 Folio 979.
23. Lot 102 on Diagram 78009, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1878 Folio 588.
24. Lot 101 on Diagram 78009, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1878 Folio 587.
25. Lot 101 on Diagram 77893, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1878 Folio 56.
26. Lot 392 on Deposited Plan 104386, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1806 Folio 880.
27. Portion of Broome Lot 12, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1653 Folio 870.
28. Lot 389 on Deposited Plan 104386, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1526 Folio 985.
29. Lot 18 on Deposited Plan 222186, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1504 Folio 723.
30. Lot 4 on Diagram 44754, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1364 Folio 606.
31. Portion of Broome Lot 12, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1301 Folio 951.
32. Lot 14 on Deposited Plan 222186, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1203 Folio 179.
33. Lot 387 on Deposited Plan 104386, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1111 Folio 671.
34. Lot 390 on Deposited Plan 104386, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1094 Folio 634.
35. Portion of Broome Town Lot 3, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 820 Folio 172.
36. Portion of Broome Town Lot 4, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 720 Folio 111.
37. Lot 391 on Deposited Plan 104386, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 238 Folio 33A.
38. Lot 20 on Diagram 35917, being the whole of land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 282 Folio 42A.

- Portion of Broome Town Lot 9, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1819 Folio 900.
39. Lot 1772 on Deposited Plan 184713, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1686 Folio 008.
 40. Lot 1771 on Deposited Plan 184713, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1654 Folio 250.
 41. Lot 484 on Deposited Plan 89292, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1346 Folio 828.
 42. Lot 388 on Deposited Plan 104386, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1112 Folio 855.
 43. Lot 2213 on Deposited Plan 188386, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1952 Folio 943.
 44. Lot 1 on Strata Plan 40948 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2219 Folio 514
 45. Lot 2 on Strata Plan 40948 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2219 Folio 515
 46. Lot 3 on Strata Plan 40948 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2219 Folio 516
 47. Lot 4 on Strata Plan 40948 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2219 Folio 517
 48. Lot 5 on Strata Plan 40948 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2219 Folio 518
 49. Lot 6 on Strata Plan 40948 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2219 Folio 519
 50. Lot 7 on Strata Plan 40948 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2219 Folio 520
 51. Lot 8 on Strata Plan 40948 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2219 Folio 521
 52. Common Property on Strata Plan 40948
 53. Lot 1 on Strata Plan 42970 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2534 Folio 819
Lot 2 on Strata Plan 42970 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2534 Folio 820
Lot 3 on Strata Plan 42970 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2534 Folio 821
 54. The Common Property of Strata Plan 42970
 55. Lot 1 on Strata Plan 42969 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2534 Folio 290
 56. Lot 2 on Strata Plan 42969 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2534 Folio 291

Lot 3 on Strata Plan 42969 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2534 Folio 292

57. The Common Property of Strata Plan 42969
58. Lot 1 on Strata Plan 43176 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of title Volume 2535 Folio 413
Lot 2 on Strata Plan 43176 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of title Volume 2535 Folio 414
Lot 3 on Strata Plan 43176 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of title Volume 2535 Folio 415
59. The Common Property of Strata Plan 43176
60. Lot 3092 on Deposited Plan 193873, being Crown Reserve 45619 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3111 Folio 766.
61. That portion of the Port of Broome extending 60 meters from the high water mark but including the curtilage of Streeter's Jetty as depicted in the Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing number 4553.

as together are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing number 0291 by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Broome

6. OWNERS

1. Aboriginal Lands Trust.
2. Streeter & Male Pty. Ltd.
3. Hermal Pty. Ltd.
4. State of Western Australia.
5. Pearls Pty. Ltd.
6. Louis Richard Sauzier, Karl Edward Plunkett & Ronald James Johnston
7. M. G. Kailis Gulf Fisheries Pty. Ltd.
8. Portwood Holdings Pty Ltd
9. Norcrest Holdings Pty. Ltd.
10. Toomebridge Pty. Ltd.
11. State of Western Australia
(Lots 1317, 1857 & 1220: Management Order to Shire of Broome)
(Lots 3111, 3116, 3117 & other dedicated roads: Shire of Broome control)
(Jetty: Responsibility to Shire of Broome)
12. Paspaley Pearls Properties Pty. Ltd.
13. Austbay Developments Pty. Ltd.

14. Lee Francis Du Bray.
15. The Shire of Broome
16. Kenneth James Cassey & Jennifer Alice Cassey.
17. Kennedy House Pty. Ltd.
18. Chinatown Properties Pty. Ltd.
19. Stephen John Arrow & John David Arrow.
20. Phillip Ambrose Tierney.
21. Ngan Sou Yuen, Mark Yuen & Kahoko Yuen.
22. Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange Incorporated.
23. John Anthony Howard.
24. Scotwood Pty Ltd
25. Lyle Pty Ltd & Hazcom Pty. Ltd.
26. Tang Wei & Lexie Teresa Wei.
27. Gordon Hector Byers & Breda Ryan.
28. Broome Chinese Community (Inc).
29. Kwan Hung Yuen & Sze Mui Chan Yuen.
30. Marie Ann Gamble
31. Abdul Latif Casley & Alison Marguerite Hayes.
32. Corralyn May Davison.
33. Dorothea Hutchinson, David John Hutchinson & Anthony John Hutchinson.
34. Pearl Chong Fong-Louey.
35. Ironswan Pty. Ltd.
36. Beverley Ann Kinney.
37. Kwok Cheung Yee.
38. Broome Property Investors Pty. Ltd.
39. Hazcom Pty. Ltd & Barbara Ruth Haynes.
40. Patricia Wendy Grey & Edward Bruce Farley.
41. Port Hedland Administration Services Pty. Ltd.
42. Marisa Anne Ferraz.
43. Rosemaire Marley.
44. Kevin Rex Cato and Jennifer Ann Cato
45. Meir Cain
46. Cameron Jon Mathers
47. Ovcacic & Associates Pty Ltd

48. Gordon Rutherford Sutherland
49. Stephen Marshal Lourie & Susan Margaret Lourie
50. Osmond George Hylton
51. Elizabeth Janney
52. The Strata Company of Strata Plan 40948
53. William James Sutton & Ruth Anna Sutton
54. The Strata Company of Strata Plan 42970
55. R S Marine Pty Ltd
56. William James Sutton & Ruth Anna Sutton
57. The Strata Company of Strata Plan 42969
58. Blair Peter Catanach & Jacqueline Lula Catanach
59. The Strata Company of Strata Plan 43176
60. State of Western Australia
(Vested in the Rubibi Aboriginal Land, Heritage and Development Company Pty. Ltd.)
61. Broome Port Authority

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	22/04/2003
	Permanent Entry	20/04/2004
• National Trust Classification:		07/06/1983
• Town Planning Scheme:	No.2, Schedule C	20/09/1985
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	/06/1996
• Register of the National Estate:		18/04/1989
• Indigenous Sites Register:	Included	

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chinatown Conservation Area, encompassing the peninsula northwards of Gray Street and extending southward to Frederick Street, and from Roebuck Bay to the western side of Carnarvon Street and including the adjacent *Streeter's Jetty* and *Boat Yard and Slipway* at the northern extremity of Dampier Terrace (see detailed description in 4. above), incorporates a number of sites of archaeological significance plus buildings and structures

in proximity or visual relation to one another thus constituting a precinct which has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place has aesthetic value for the distinctive features that originally defined the mixed, and sometimes contiguous, architectural style of Chinatown, and continue to characterise the area. The contiguous component of this style is typified by small single and two-storey structures, symmetrical facades with small windows, vertically and horizontally lined corrugated galvanised iron wall and roof coverings, storm shutters, lattice screens, verandahs across the facade, balcony additions, and criss-cross timber balustrade infill;

the remaining fabric of the place is historically significant for its association with Roebuck Bay's pearling operations, which commenced about 1880 and were unequalled in Australia, and for the associated architectural improvisation of structures built to accommodate and service pearlers, divers, lugger crews and commercial operators, with the cultural diversity of Broome being Western Australia's first multicultural town being reflected in the nature of the buildings. Pearling operations continue to take place, on a much smaller scale, in connection with the post-war cultured pearl industry;

the place is representative of the types of construction designed to suit the climatic conditions of the tropics as evidenced by the high-pitched roofs, raised timber floors, wind scoops, verandahs, storm shutters and lattice screens;

the place contributes to the community's sense of place for its continued role as the town's business and retail centre especially for pearl dealers, restaurateurs and general traders;

the place contains *Sun Picture Gardens*, a rare example of a purpose built picture garden still in commercial operation. It is one of the oldest operating picture gardens in Australia. It is an integral and distinctive part of Broome's social life, contributing greatly to the community's sense of place and identity; and,

the place contains *Streeter and Male Stores*, a rare example of commercial premises in which the early use of concrete was a response to the tropical climate.

The street furnishings and signs, and decorative treatments are considered to be of little significance.

See site plan for identification of structures included in this assessment. There is also extensive late twentieth century infill building of little significance.