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# affinity with Dicky Beach

The one problem he found was that the only place he could eat out nearby was at the local fish and chip shop.

"I tried to talk to the owners about offering salads and maybe sushi rolls as a healthier alternative," he said.

They wouldn't listen so he found a business partner and opened a restaurant.

"But we found it just wasn't working as it was too big and too expensive to run," he said.

After the sudden death of his business partner, he closed the restaurant and was emotionally lost for a little while.

"Around this time, I also discovered a great chef, Shiro, who shared my passion, and a lady, Maiko, who wanted to spend the rest of her life with me," he said.

In 2009, Genta opened a Dicky Beach restaurant with them and named it Yume, which means "dream" in Japanese. Since then, he has gone through another transformation of sorts as he began to appreciate the surrounding environment and realise its potential.

"I made a hydro-garden in my front yard which I keep hy-



Shiro Kitamura, Maiko Tsukimori, Tomo Akutsu and Genta Tsukimori publicise the first Japan Festival in 2016. Photo: Patrick Woods

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SALE AND BOUGHT IT.**

drated and fertilised by circulating the water through fish tanks filled with native fish," he said.

Genta also collects seawater every full moon, then allows the water to evaporate under the sun to make natural salt.

"I once heard that water molecules become more active during the full moon and the salt they make is much tastier," he said.

On August 11 this year, Genta and the Happy Community Network will again organise the Japan Festival Sunshine Coast.

"The festival is a free event which will include Japanese food stalls, music, traditional arts and crafts and other Japanese entertainment," Genta said.

"We are expecting more than 5000 people this year."

Anyone wanting information on Genta's lifestyle or the Japan Festival Sunshine Coast can email [genta@dickybeach.info](mailto:genta@dickybeach.info) or visit Happy Community Network's website at [hcn.org.au/](http://hcn.org.au/).



NEW LIFE: Susumu Tsukimori, known as "Genta", found a new life at Dicky Beach. INSET: "Genta" at age five.

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