

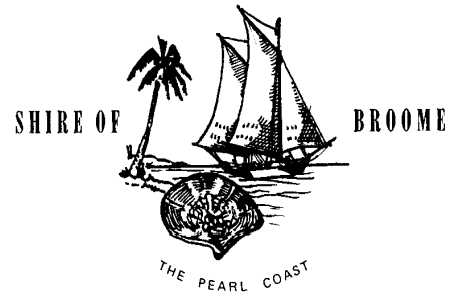
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Fallen Tree Rescued

Shire Parks and Gardens staff have resurrected a 12m tree which fell on Male Oval during a storm that delivered 80mm of rain in Broome mid-December.

The shallow root system of the Yellow Flame Tree (*Peltophorum pterocarpum*) was no match for wind gusts that reached more than 80km/h.

Staff spent three hours pruning the damaged 10m canopy and then used a backhoe to carefully move the tree into position.

Pruning was necessary to assist with manoeuvring the tree and to encourage re-growth.

While the exact age of the tree, is unknown, Shire staff believe this to be the third time the tree has fallen, the last time being during Cyclone Rosita in 2000.

While some members of the public may wonder if its worth the trouble, staff believe that good mature trees are valuable for shade and aesthetics, and that it was worth trying once again to save it.

Also known as Yellow Jacaranda, the tree should rebud within the next six weeks and is expected to provide a shady canopy again within three to six months.

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