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Vandals Strike Broome's Parks & Gardens Again

Street trees, sprinklers, and a shade sail are just some of the items targeted by vandals in 35 separate incidents over the past six weeks.

The damage is estimated at \$12,000 and spread over 22 locations throughout the Broome townsite.

From sprinklers deliberately damaged at Town Beach, to a shade sail being repeatedly burnt and sprayed with graffiti at Tolentino Park, the Shire is urging the community to report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

Shire Manager of Operations Kent Williams said while vandalism regularly occurs in Broome, this recent increase of incidents has particularly frustrated shire staff.

"Our parks and gardens team work to keep Broome's public open spaces landscaped and shaded. It is disheartening for them to see their hard work destroyed," he said.

"There are two types of vandals at work here, those that senselessly destroy reticulation and smash plants and those people who steal plants for their own purposes.

"Neither has any regard for the greater community," said Mr Williams.

The Shire of Broome has a reward program in place of up to \$1000 to any person who provides any information that leads to a conviction. All information received will remain confidential. Contact Shire Customer Service on 9191 3456.

Link to Parks and Gardens Vandalism Data:
www.broome.wa.gov.au/news/pdf/p&gdata.pdf

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