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Plant thefts are costing the community

A recent spate of plant thefts from public landscaping around Broome is costing the community.

In the past week about 20 plants have been stolen from traffic islands and roundabouts at several locations around the town at a replacement cost of more than \$800.

Broome Shire President, Harold Tracey, said the thefts were very disappointing and ended up costing the community and ratepayers.

“The cost of this crime is not just in the replacement plants, but also the wasted labour by workers to put the plants in and then replace them,” Cr Tracey said.

“The Shire’s Parks and Gardens staff do a fantastic job of beautifying Broome’s public spaces, but it’s disheartening for them and costly for the community when this occurs.

“We would urge any community members with information about the theft of plants to report it to the Shire or Broome Police.”

Recently stolen plants include Sturt’s Desert Peas, Crotons, Cycads, Sunees, Cupheas and Agaves, with the most colourful and costly plants the ones most commonly stolen which greatly detracts from the landscaping provided for the community.

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