

Adansonia gregorii — Boab

Scientific Name:

Adansonia gregorii

Common Name:

Boab

Register Number:

17

Location of Tree:

Lot 5803, Post Office carpark,
between 54 Woods Street and
Cavenagh Street, Darwin NT

GPS:

-12.46027, 130.84149

Categories of Significance:

Aesthetic
Cultural
Unique Location

Date Planted:

Late 1800's

Planted By:

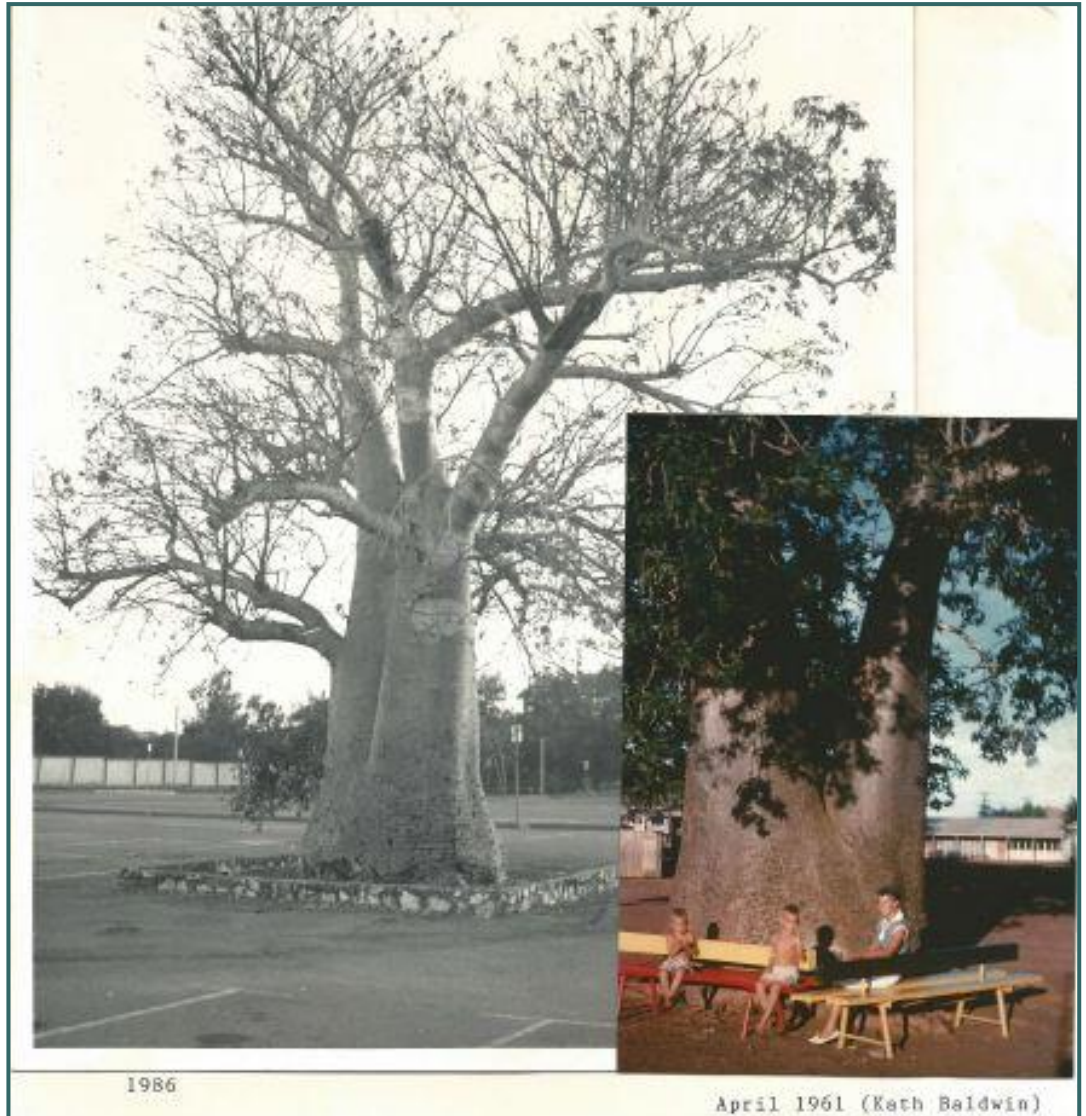
Staff and Students at Darwin
Primary School

Year Listed:

1986

Additional Listings:

Heritage Listed
National Register of Big Trees



This Boab is a native to the western Top End and the Kimberleys. It was planted in the late 1800's. It marks the site of Darwin's first Primary School. The area was later used as the Darwin High School and then Adult Education Centre.

During World War II it was nearly destroyed by a "daisy cutter" bomb. Fortunately, the bomb failed to explode and lay in the shade of the tree for many days unnoticed. The botanical name *Adansonia gregorii* is from the famous Australian explorer, A.C. Gregory.



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