The Gija Jumulu is located in the Botanic Garden, off Fraser Avenue, at the end of the John Forrest carpark – along the northern section of the Lotterywest Federation Walkway.

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Boab (Adansonia gregorii)

The Gija Jumulu Story

In July 2008 the Jumulu (Boab tree in Gija language) began its seven day journey from Warmun in the east Kimberley, travelling 3200 km south to its new home in Kings Park and Botanic Garden. The tree had to be removed to make way for roadworks. The complex removal of the 750 year old Jumulu took four days to complete, followed by the epic overland trip on board a 75 tonne truck through the Australian outback - the longest known land journey of a living tree of this size.

Gija People

The Jumulu was gifted to the people of Western Australia by the Gija people of the east Kimberley region. The Gija elders performed a traditional farewell smoking ceremony to allow the tree to leave its home before it commenced its long journey south. The local Nyoongar people welcomed the Jumulu in Kings Park with a reciprocal smoking ceremony, as the giant boab was planted in front of a crowd of over 3,000 people.

For the traditional people of the east Kimberley the Jumulu is a major food resource, has medicinal properties, and is also a source of water in desperate times.

The trip from northeast to the south of the state captured the public imagination with townspeople coming out to see the unusual sight of a Jumulu laying on the back of a long haul truck. When it entered the suburban area, trees had to be pruned, power lines raised, signs extracted and vehicles redirected, in order for the truck to pass through the narrow streets of Perth inner city.