



Heavy seas ripped this navigation beacon from its anchor at Rottneest and delivered it to Cottesloe Beach.

All the way from Rotto to Cotto

A navigation beacon, torn from its Rottneest Island mooring, was washed up on Cottesloe Beach last Friday.

The three tonne beacon from Kingston Reef broke from its anchor in 6m swells, finally running aground last Friday near Cottesloe's

southern Dutch Inn groyne.

On the mainland, Vulcan Engineering, which made the beacon, used a crane to take it back to its Henderson workshops for repairs.

The beacon had only been in place two weeks when the rough

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seas took their toll.

Throughout the metropolitan area winds up to 100kmh and driving rain caused widespread minor damage.

Last Friday was Perth's fifth wettest October day on record, with more than 54mm of rain falling in 36 hours.

In Karrakatta, deep water covered Railway Road, forcing motorists to form a single lane

and slow down.

In Fremantle, SES volunteers worked frantically to secure historic

Victoria Hall, which had most of its roof ripped off in a wind gust.

