Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Location

Werribee Park Mansion, 320 K Road,, WERRIBEE VIC 3030 - Property No T12173

Municipality

WYNDHAM CITY

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 2, 2023

What is significant?

Contribution to landscape of historic garden Outstanding size Aesthetic value Historical value Outstanding example of species

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Hermes 185073 Number

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