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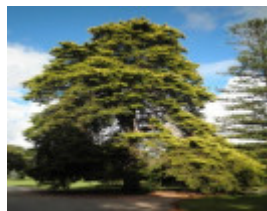
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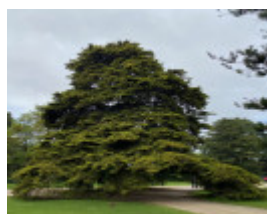
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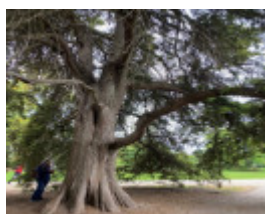
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Location

Werribee Park Mansion, 320 K Road,, WERRIBEE VIC 3030 - Property No T12169

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

This Weeping Golden Monterey Cypress (*Hesperocyparis macrocarpa* 'Saligna Aurea'), located along the Main Carriage Drive from the historic Gatehouse of Werribee Park Mansion, represents the extreme genetic and botanical variability of the Monterey Cypress species. This early twentieth century specimen was selected and planted circa 1920s by the Roman Catholic Church. The Chirnside Family's contribution to colonial Victoria's pastoral and agricultural growth as leaders and pioneers of the colony's pastoral industry. Their vast land holdings in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Queensland made them one of the wealthiest families in the colony. The grandeur of their influence and wealth is reflected in their opulent Roman Renaissance Revival style mansion at Werribee Park and its stately garden. This tree makes a significant aesthetic contribution to the immediate landscape of Werribee Park Mansion and is a prime example of this cultivar of the species. However it does not exhibit the usual weeping canopy so commonly seen in other specimens of this cultivar. This golden-green foliage and variant growth form highlights how genetically variable this New World cypress can actually be in its foliage colour and growth habit. .

Measurements: 12/02/2012

Spread (m): 15.5

Girth (m): 3.0 at 1.4 aboveground level

Height (m): 20.1

Estimated Age (yrs): 90

Condition: Excellent

Measurements: 08/12/2022

Spread (m): N-S 15.65, E-W 16.2

Girth (m): 3.07

Height (m): 21.5

Estimated Age (yrs): 100

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Access: Unrestricted

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Other Names Weeping Golden Monterey Cypress,

Hermes Number 185075

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