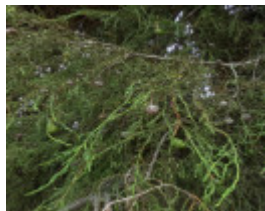


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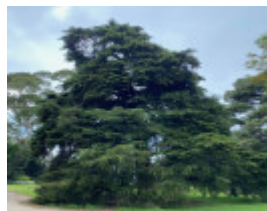
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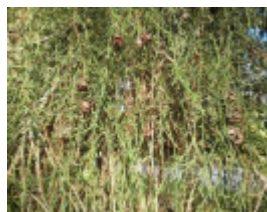
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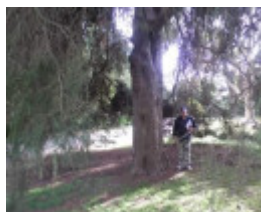
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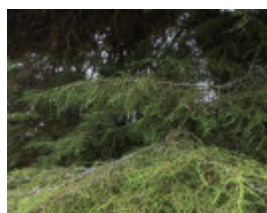
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Werribee Park trees - 10



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Location

Werribee Park Mansion, 320 K Road,, WERRIBEE VIC 3030 - Property No T12168

Municipality

WYNDHAM CITY

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 2, 2023

What is significant?

Horticultural value
Contribution to landscape of historic garden
Rare or localised
Outstanding size
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Curious growth form
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Girth (m): 2.9 at 1.4 above ground level
Height(m): 20.2
Estimated Age (yrs): 135
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Spread (m) : N-S 13.0, E-W 12.2
Girth (m): 2.95
Height(m): 21.5
Estimated Age (yrs): 145
Lat/long: -37.9292938, 144.6714476
Condition: Excellent

Access: Unrestricted
Classified: 28/05/2012
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Other Names Weeping Monterey Cypress, Cupressus,
Hermes Number 185076
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