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Location

Melbourne Zoological Gardens, Elliott Street,, PARKVILLE VIC 3052 - Property No T12185

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Regional

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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Horticultural value
Rare or localised
Aesthetic significance
Curious growth form

This Silk Floss Tree (*Ceiba speciosa*) is located in the snow leopard enclosure at the Melbourne Zoological Gardens which were established in 1862 are one of State's most treasured gardens. The gardens are not only home to thousands of animals but also approximately 70,000 plant specimens. Silk Floss Trees are rarely grown in Melbourne and could be an important source of propagating stock. The tree makes an important contribution to the snow leopard enclosure, providing an interesting aesthetic of a tropical plant and an arctic animal. The tree exhibits a curious natural growth with spiny trunk. The tree is indicative of design

characteristics which clearly differentiate the different periods of development such as the influences of Albert Le Souef and the late Victorian era with its penchant for specimen trees.

Measurement: 2012
Spread (m): 6.36
Girth (m):16.6
Height (m): 8
Estimated Age (yrs): 60 - 70
Condition: Good

Access: Restricted
Classified: 24/09/2012

Other Names Silk Floss Tree,

Hermes Number 191402

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This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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