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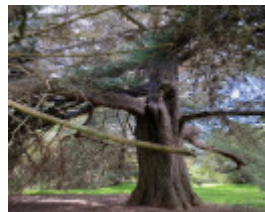
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Location

Werribee Park Mansion, 320 K Road,, WERRIBEE VIC 3030 - Property No T12179

Municipality

WYNDHAM CITY

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

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
Curious growth form
Historical value
Outstanding example of species

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This tree has developed a tall leader trunk and its foliage weepstowards the ground. Its unique growth habit distinguishes it from its species and any other species cultivars growing in the garden. It is typical of the type of foliage and architectural form that nineteenth century garden enthusiasts with large rural estates collected and introduced to make their new homeland feel more "European."

Measurements: 16/04/2012
Spread (m): E-W 22; N-S 21
Girth (m): 3.45
Height (m): 20.1
Estimated Age (yrs): 135
Condition: Good

Measurements: 08/12/2022
Spread (m): E-W 19.2, N-S 22.8
Girth (m): 3.53
Height (m): 19.7
Condition: Excellent

Access: Unrestricted
Classified: 24/09/2012

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Other Names Weeping Monterey Cypress,

Hermes Number 191408

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