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# Fagus sylvatica 'Zlatia'

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## Location

816 Mt Macedon Road, Mount Macedon VIC 3144

## Municipality

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE

## Level of significance

State

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

This Zlatia Golden Beech is located in Forest Glade Gardens, Mount Macedon.

How is it significant?

This Zlatia Golden Beech is significant for scientific reasons at the State level.

Why is it significant?

This Zlatia Golden Beech is outstanding for its size, with a height of 16m and a canopy spread of 10m. It is a significant example of rare Beech cultivar. There are no other Zlatia Golden Beech currently in or nominated to the Significant Tree Register.

The tree grows in Forest Glade Gardens, a 14 acre garden in Mount Macedon. The Newton family purchased the land in 1941, then comprised of orchards and paddocks, and set about creating the gardens. In 1971 Forest Glade was acquired by Cyril Stokes. The gardens were developed significantly in the 1970s, but the Ash Wednesday bushfires of 1983 decimated much of the original gardens. However, many of the larger trees survived, including this Zlatia Golden Beech. Post-fire, the owners embarked on a large planting program across the property, developing the gardens into a noteworthy collection of cool climate plants.

Condition: Good

Tree Type: Individual

Circumference: 1.5m

Height: 16m

Canopy spread: 10m

Height method: Instrument

Circumference method: Tape Measure

Date of measurement: 31/05/2019

Age of tree: approximately 56 years

Other Names      Zlatia Golden Beech,

Hermes Number   207057

Property Number

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