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## Location

Royal Botanic Gardens, Birdwood Avenue, MELBOURNE VIC 3004 - Property No T11918

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 28, 2005

Contribution to the historic gardens  
Rare or localised

This Graceful Pine on the Huntingfield Lawn is believed to be the only mature specimen of this rare species in Australia. The species is endemic to New Caledonia. It was discovered by Mr W Duncan, botanical collector to Mr J Rule, a Melbourne nurseryman. The species was described by Dr Mueller in 1860. It is presumed that this particular specimen was given to Dr Mueller for the Gardens in the early 1860s. It is in an area with other Araucarias which are referred to by Mueller as the 'Araucaria pinetum' in his Annual Report of 1861-62. The same report lists Mr W Duncan as a contributor of plants to the Gardens during 1861.

Measurements: c. 2002  
Girth (m): 1.03

Height (m): 15.5  
Estimated Age (yrs): 141  
Condition: Good

Access: Unrestricted  
Classified: 14/01/1982

Other Names      Graceful Pine, Araucaria rulei,

Hermes Number    71424

Property Number

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