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# Pinus radiata



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## Location

Creswick Regional Park, Le Gerche Walking Track,, CRESWICK VIC 3363 - Property No T12110

## Municipality

HEPBURN SHIRE

## Level of significance

State

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 2007

Contribution to landscape  
Historical value

This *Pinus radiata* tree is associated with the work of pioneer "Forester and Warden", John LaGerche. Of the many species planted by John LaGerche, the Radiata Pine has become one of the most important commercial softwood trees in southern Australia. Therefore, this tree is a significant living monument to the work of John LaGerche. The tree is growing on the site originally used by LaGerche as a nursery for raising seedlings to revegetate the Creswick area following gold mining. John LaGerche did a lot to establish responsible forest management and the principles of landcare through his work in the Ballarat-Creswick Forest.

The tree is located in the middle of Sawpit Gully plantation - an experimental planting area established in the late 1880s with a view of more extensive planting in mined over areas. LaGerche sourced his seed from various

locations including the Macedon Nursery, Ballarat Water Board Nursery and the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne.

Measurements: 16/04/2006

Girth (m): 4.15

Spread (m): E-W 27.8; N-S 28.5

Height (m): 40

Estimated Age (yrs): 118

Condition: Good

Access: Unrestricted

Classified: 3/12/2007

Other Names Radiata Pine, Monterey Pine, "The Mother Tree",

Hermes Number 71848

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