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Notable Tree N° ET 109+

"Holm Oak" p118

EXOTIC TREE: 109 +

SPECIES: *Quercus ilex*.

COMMON NAME(S): Holm Oak.

B.B CATEGORY: Exotic Notable Tree - Local Interest.

+One of the better examples of a single trunk holm oak can be located in a row of the same species planted by J. W. Goodwin in 1950, near the old tennis courts, off Victoria Rd, Pukekura Park. The row runs along the brink of the Western Hillside, where it meets the level ground of the old tennis and croquet courts and is parallel with Victoria Rd. The tree recorded is positioned next to a step in levels between the two opposite ends of the frontage.

A healthy tree with a good structure. Branching starts from around 4 m. Large limbs have been removed from the lower canopy, probably in the 1970's. Several over-sized epicormic shoots (from dormant buds) arise from the base. It would compliment this specimen if these shoots were removed.

12.7.02: Height = 22.8 m; spread = 15.8 m; dbh = 91.7 cm.