



Elizabeth College student George Garnett presents a detailed map of the trees in Government House gardens to Lt-Governor Vice-Admiral Ian Corder. It will help with long-term planning for managing the grounds. (Picture by Steve Sarre, 14741525)

# Tree map will help to manage grounds

A MAP of trees at Government House has been devised by an Elizabeth College student to help long-term plans for managing the grounds.

George Garnett presented the map to Lt-Governor Vice-Admiral Ian Corder at Government House yesterday. It came about from a Government House desire for a long-term plan for managing the grounds.

Landscape architect Kirsty Davis, of Aslett Architects, undertook the survey of the grounds, to give a firm starting point, and recruited the 17-year-old Year 12 student who has a keen interest in botany

to complete the detailed work.

Each Friday afternoon George worked on the project for his school community service activity. He began the task in September. 'It was done in sections,' he said. 'I started off down Queen's Road and worked from there, then Mount Durand.

'I marked where I was using the map,' added George, who wrote what and where the trees were but did not focus on ages.

After writing and drawing his information on paper, he then gave it to Mrs Davis who transferred the work onto computer and to a large-scale plan. George hopes to

work in plant science in the future.

They both said they had lost count after attempting to count all the trees. Mrs Davis said that mushroom and fungi were also in the grounds.

Vice-Admiral Corder said a similar map was done about 50 years ago. 'Speaking as a newcomer, the house and grounds are lovely,' he said.

He added the map was a starting point for them, when looking at the sustainability for the next 40-50 years. He hoped they could maintain the grounds and that it could be something 'everyone can enjoy'.