



REMOVAL OF PITTISPORUM TREES FROM WAR MEMORIAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER GROUNDS

The Pittisporum trees, known as Victorian Box Trees, which have framed the Opera House and Veterans Buildings since their opening, are being removed the week of April 20, 2020.

An arborist report in May 2017 revealed that the trees were dying as a result of a fungus present in the soil which had weakened them. Their health has continued to deteriorate since the time of the report and in February 2020, the War Memorial Board of Trustees approved their removal and subsequent replacement. The fungus that damaged the trees lives in the soil.

Following a period to allow the soil to recover, new trees of a type known to be resistant to the fungus will be selected as replacements. These trees have served us well as they were only shrubs when they were planted.