



F&B Manawatū Branch Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 13th April, 2021@ 7.15 p.m. (Please note earlier time)

following immediately after with

April 2021 Monthly talk

Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: "New Zealand's native freshwater flora: Living the life aquatic"

Speaker: Paul Champion, NIWA, Principal Scientist - Freshwater Ecology



Native Potamogeton plants growing in Lake Ototoa. Credit: Rohan Wells ©

Compared with our forests and alpine areas, our native freshwater flora is little known. The aquatic environment is fundamentally very different to growing on land and poses major challenges to the plants that grow in this habitat. Paul will discuss the different strategies that plants have evolved to survive in water. He will give an overview of the range of native freshwater plants of New Zealand, highlighting some nationally threatened species. Globally freshwaters are the most threatened ecosystems, with approximately 30% of our aquatic plants being nationally threatened or at risk of extinction. He will look at the threats affecting these uniquely adapted plants and some potential ways to conserve them.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

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