



May 2024 Monthly talk
Tuesday 14th May 2024 @ 7.30 p.m.

PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

(will be streaming via zoom, see below for the link)

Talk: Phragmites *karka*: what is it and why it is a major problem

Speaker: Bessie Nicholls, Trustee, Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park, Feilding



Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park, Feilding
Phragmites *karka* stand: Closeup on the plant:
Rhizome above ground (4 mth growth)

Bessie will talk about this highly invasive and ecologically destructive plant. Phragmites *karka* was first identified in New Zealand in 2006 at Tangimoana, the Rangitikei River estuary. It was well established across the estuary when first recorded. It is unknown how long it has been in New Zealand or how it came into the country. Bessie has been leading the research trials as to how this plant can be controlled/destroyed, and she will let us know about the work that has been carried out. This plant is now spreading and has been found in areas outside the Manawātū

Join Zoom Meeting

Time: May 14, 2024 07:30 PM Auckland, Wellington

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