



## APRIL 2026 MONTHLY MEETING and AGM

**Tuesday 14th April from 7.00 p.m.**

PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

The Manawatū Branch **AGM will start at 7.15 p.m.**  
followed by the Monthly Talk

(The talk only will be streamed via **zoom starting about 7.30 p.m.**)

**Talk: Agapanthus: Friend or Foe?**

**Speaker:** Murray Dawson AHRIH, MNZM, Cultivated plants project manager  
Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture



Beaurepaires Agapanthus White cultivar  
Murray crossing agapanthus

Photo: M. Dawson  
Photo: Rachel Innes

Kiwis have a dramatic love-hate relationship with agapanthus, however, there is more to their story than these polarising perceptions. In his talk, botanist Murray Dawson will explore the good, the bad, and the ugly of agapanthus and will highlight the recent breeding of sterile 'eco-friendly' selections. These new seedless/low seed-set cultivars provide a win:win for both horticulture and the environment.

**Join Zoom Meeting from 7.30 p.m.**

<https://forestandbird-org-nz.zoom.us/j/86596818635?pwd=TetwXJaaEiRxugh87W65IsmbqtzSWC.1>

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