



SUPPORTERS' NEWSLETTER



Become part of this journey. Help to retain and manage the Matai Bay Hut in its unique location for future generations to enjoy.

Perfect Seclusion



Sometimes, the only way to truly get away from it all is to go someplace only accessible via boat. Spend a night at Matai and listen as the world's problems fade away with the lapping ocean.

Hut Fees

Adult: \$8.00 per night per person.

Youth/child: \$4.00 per night per person.

Exclusive Occupancy: \$40.00 per night.

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Chairperson's Welcome

Kia ora, ngā hoa o te Matai Bay Hut – Greetings, friends of Matai Bay Hut.

Summer is almost here, and I am sure most of you are planning a few days away. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to visit the Marlborough Sounds for great scenery, fun and adventure. For those of you wanting an extra special experience, a night or several in Matai Bay will not disappoint. If you want to book the Hut please do not delay. We would love to have you stay.

Our key fund-raising activity is the Matai Bay Hut Calendar, and this year's edition is simply fabulous. Full of photos of the awesome Sounds (taken by locals / supporters), the Calendar is a talking point for many during the year, and a great reminder to come back again. These great pictorial representations of paradise will be hanging on the walls of homes and workplaces throughout Aotearoa. In addition, calendars have been sent around the globe to various destinations including – Scotland, Thailand, Indonesia, Iceland, Antarctica, India, several states in the USA, and of course Australia. On behalf of the Trust, thank you to all the contributors and purchasers. Additionally, a special thanks to Beryl Archer and her awesome team for their tireless work to ensure this project's success. Please note how to secure your copies (yes, I said copies) in this newsletter. Remember, the money raised goes to supporting this valuable local resource.

On behalf of the Trust members, I wish you all the best for the remainder of 2021. Please stay safe and look after each other.

Mā te wā

Greg Durkin, Chair of the Matai Bay Hut Trust

The Kraken

*Below the thunders of the upper deep,
Far, far beneath in the abysmal sea,
His ancient, dreamless, uninvaded sleep
The Kraken sleepeth: faintest sunlights flee
About his shadowy sides; above him swell
Huge sponges of millennial growth and height;
And far away into the sickly light,
From many a wondrous grot and secret cell
Unnumbered and enormous polypi
Winnow with giant arms the slumbering green.
There hath he lain for ages, and will lie
Battening upon huge sea worms in his sleep,
Until the latter fire shall heat the deep;
Then once by man and angels to be seen,
In roaring he shall rise and on the surface die.*

Alfred Lord Tennyson – 1809-1891

What is THE KRAKEN?

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **kraken** ([/ˈkrɑːkən/^{\[1\]}](#))

is a legendary sea monster of gigantic size and cephalopod-like appearance in Scandinavian folklore. According to the Norse sagas, the kraken dwells off the coasts of Norway and Greenland and terrorizes nearby sailors. Authors over the years have postulated that the legend may have originated from sightings of giant squids that may grow to 13–15 meters (40–50 feet) in length. The sheer size and fearsome appearance attributed to the kraken have made it a common ocean-dwelling monster in various fictional works. The kraken has been the focus of many sailors passing the North Atlantic and especially sailors from the Nordic countries. Throughout the centuries, the kraken has been a staple of sailors' superstitions and myths.





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Okiwi Bay store**

\$15.00 ea

FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

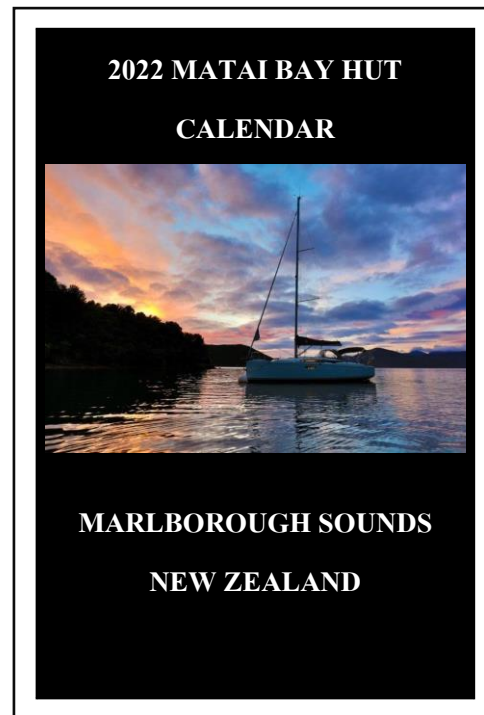
Each year the Matai Bay Hut Trust assembles a Fund Raising Calendar of exciting scenes from within the Marlborough Sounds. The calendars are available now. They make an excellent gift for friends and family or to send overseas. These are available from any Trust Member or

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FOR ASSISTING US TO
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A Lovely Stay in the Beech

A main attraction of Matai Bay, and the inlet in general, are the nearly untouched beech and podocarp forests that stretch right to the glistening water's edge.

Swaths of Beech Forests once straddle the lowlands and saddles across Aotearoa. The Māori recognized three species; later Pākehā timber millers recognized five. These were: Tawhai (Silver Beech), Tawhairaunui (Red Beech and Hard Beech), and Tawhairaunui (Black Beech and Mountain Beech).

Within the Marlborough sounds, most notable is the Black Beech:

Māori tradition holds that Māui once killed a taniwha, the blood of which slatted onto the surrounding beech trees, explaining their complexion. Interestingly, black beech only appears black as adults. While growing, their bark is pale and smooth, only becoming black and rough as they age. Often, the bark is covered with moss and black mold.

The Black Beech is an evergreen tree, whose small and thick leaves (Tawhairaunui meaning small leaved) shine all year round. They can grow up to about 25 m tall and have a trunk 3 m in circumference.

The flowers of black beech are tiny and red. The seeds come at intense irregular intervals, some years passing with very few seeds while others produce a multitude. The process is called Masting.

During non-mast years, the lack of seeds keeps local seed-eater populations low. This lack of fruit partly explains the eerie silence that sometimes smoothes pure beech forests. During Mast years, an overabundance of seeds means a high chance of seeds remaining uneaten, and thereby able to grow once the conditions are right.

Beech Forests still comprise almost a third of New Zealand's remaining native greenwood and beech trees form a major part a second third. Unfortunately, less than a quarter of New Zealand is still covered in native forest and much of this is located in mountainous environment (where black beech gives way to mountain beech), preserved for its ill-suitability as farmland.

It is more reason to appreciate the forests that surrounding Matai Bay. Not only is it a nice place to relax, but it is also an almost unique experience.

One you don't forget.

Biz Cool Matai Bay Hut Polo Shirts
Polos
\$50.00

The Matai Bay Hut Trust has stylized "Biz Cool" Polo shirts available for purchase.



These have Matai Bay Hut Trust on the front, with a graphics of the Hut on the back. The color is slate grey with a lime green trim.



**Last of these available
now.**

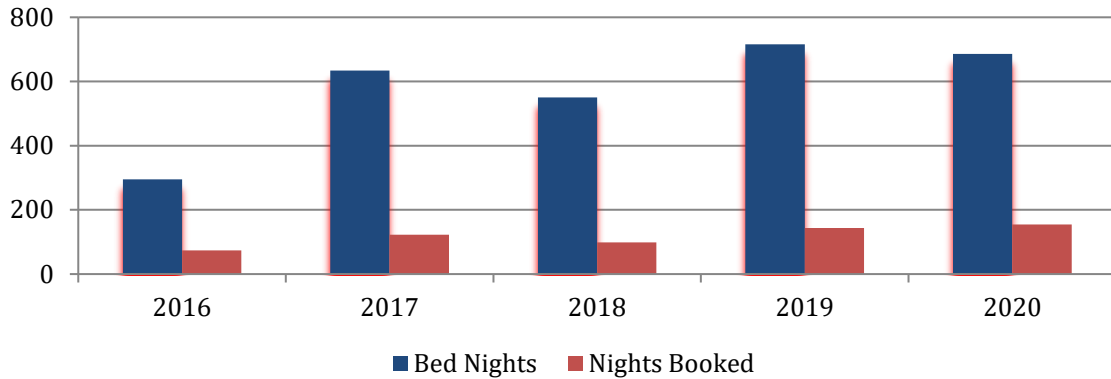
These are great wearing and very cool.

Ladies and Gents sizes available. \$50.00 each.

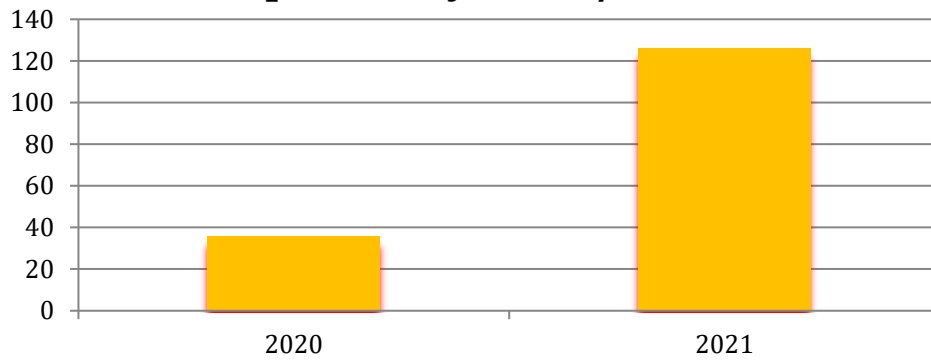
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Hutt Booking Trends

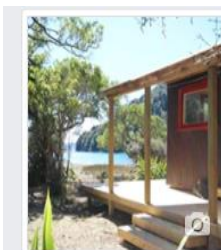


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