



## **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:** \$6.00 per night per person.

**Youth/child:** \$3.00 per night per person.

**Exclusive Occupancy:** \$36.00 per night.

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## Chairperson's Welcome

My thoughts for this newsletter are captured two days after the tragic events that occurred in Christchurch. Set against the beauty and tranquillity of Matai Bay, it is hard to understand such brutality. The phrase 'this is not who we are' has helped me to focus on what we stand for as a nation, people and communities. Your support and the work of the Matai Bay Trust are clear examples of this. A key objective of our partnership with DOC is to encourage/enable use of the Hut by the broadest range of people possible. The rewards for this work are clear. Regardless of whether a person is a New Zealander (new or existing), long-term visitor or tourist – the beauty, tranquillity and peace of Matai Bay is there for all peoples to experience.

While the first quarter of the year has passed so quickly, the Matai Bay Calendar has already treated us to awesome images of Orca (Ian Jack), Nikau Grove (Olly Davies) and Duncan Bay Boats (Penny Scott). Thanks again to Beryl Archer and her team for this fabulous publication. With Easter fast approaching (and Anzac Day in the week following), many of you may be heading to Sounds. At the time of writing this piece, there were still nights available at the Hut – so why not build this opportunity into your plans, you won't be disappointed.

A special shout-out to Doug Booth and John Wilkes for the awesome table and seats they built for the Hut (picture below) – well done guys. This is an awesome place to sit and watch to ocean. Located under the kitchen window, the table also acts as platform for emergency egress from the building.

The Matai Bay Hut Trust will be holding a meeting of the Trustees after Easter. Please contact the Secretary if you have any comments, suggestion or questions for the Trust to consider. Your feedback is important to us.

Mā te wā Greg Durkin



## Matai Bay through the Season

*The best weather ever had here.*

*Wonderful place – perfect peace and beauty.*

*The most magic spot in the world.*

Comments from the Matai Bay Hut Visitors book: Summer 2018/2019

Anyone fortunate enough to stay in Matai bay this will have had their many great experiences enhanced by the endless calm, sunny days. The unforgettable experiences of paddling on moonless nights. Stirring the sea water to see the magic of the illumination of plankton while watching small fish dart away, leaving trails of sparkling light,

This is often called bioluminescence: the production and emission of light by a living organism. Bioluminescence occurs widely in marine life, some fungi, microorganisms, and terrestrial invertebrates (such as fireflies).

Take a night walk up the creek behind the hut and you may see another example of bioluminescence, tiny glow-worms which look like fairy lights peeping from beneath the ferns over hanging the bank.

This magnificent dry weather's only downside was the toll taken on the area flora. Lack of rain caused the aphids to attack the Ngaio trees. Climbing ferns, adorning the trees by the river, shrivelled and looked as though they wouldn't survive. Even the flax looked tired and thirsty. Hopefully, the drought's recent break will restore their former beauty.

Fortunately, the lack of rain didn't affect the fishing as the remains of someone's dinner, a large gurnard and two snappers, were seen on the beach. There were surely many other fishy tales to tell, one being that the "cheeky cormorants were nabbing the fish off the line before one could pull them into the boat".

The Akeake gave a wonderful display of yellow petalless flowers in the early summer, following on from Lemonwood tree's spring performance (its flowers having become cute green capsules). The Lemonwood is easily distinguished from other plants by its glossy yellow-green leaves that when crushed emit a strong lemon scent. The Kawakawa's bright yellow spikes and the Pigeon wood's red berries have also been seen, much to the delight of the Kereru.

A handful of whitebait are still swimming in the stream, they are no doubt, grateful the stream never dried before the rain arrived.

Beryl Archer 9/3/19

# Calendar 2020

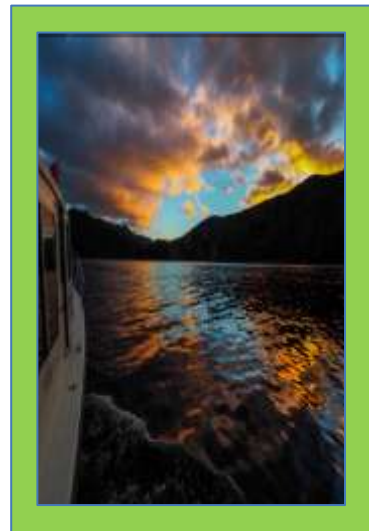
Each year we have a fundraising venture by way of a calendar, and we rely on contributions of photographs from you to support this venture.

For 2020 we will focus on  
*Sights and scenes within the  
Marlborough Sounds area.*

Now is the time to get your cameras clicking.

We need photos to be:

- ❖ Submitted electronically with a file size between 1 MB and 5MB as jpg.
- ❖ Please note: Photos from phones do not print as clearly as shown on LCD screens. Please check before sending.
- ❖ Digitally altered only cropping, sharpening and tonal or exposure adjustments.
- ❖ Available for the calendar and other Hut promotions/advertisement.
- ❖ Landscape orientation (except for cover photo)
- ❖ Each submission must include the submitter's name (for credit). There is a submission limit of six photos per submitter.



We look forward to receiving your contributions now.

Please forward to

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Entries close 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**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 colour is slate grey with a lime green trim.



These are great wearing and very cool.  
Ladies and Gents sizes available.  
\$50.00 each.

To purchase contact Linda,

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In Oct 2014 a group named the Tennyson Inlet Islands Trust (TIIT) was formed who, with DOCs go-ahead, started installing rat & stoat traps on the 3 islands within Tennyson Inlet.

In August 2017 we received a formal DOC Management Agreement to carry out our eradication / enhancement programme. During this time we had had a professional Pest Management Plan prepared, base line Bird count surveys completed, trap lines created and 40 X DOC 200 traps installed. These traps are still operating and doing a splendid job but unfortunately they are totally reliant on someone clearing and resetting them.

In early 2018 we set about raising funds to allow the purchase of the Good Nature A24 traps. These traps self-reset and the bait replenishment module has a life of 6 months resulting in us having a highly effective trapping regime that only requires servicing twice a year. Since the A24s have been in place they have logged 186 strikes/kills while the DOC 200s have killed another 21 rats. Over the last few months the strikes from the A24s have reduced which is indicating we are getting on top of the rat problem.

We have also installed penguin nesting boxes & weta motels, removed pine trees, laid Vespex to reduce wasp numbers and made "drinking holes" in the creek on Tawhitinu Island.

These islands are unique in that rats are continually swimming across so our next target is to place traps on the mainland headlands closest to the islands. Having these islands become a sanctuary for birds and other native wild life is TIITs object.

We are well on the way and if you are keen to be involved or wish to make a donation toward more traps please visit our web site [www.tiit.co.nz](http://www.tiit.co.nz).

Contacts:  
Jeremy Cooper. Chairperson.

## Who's been visiting us at Matai

Lou Sanson is the Director General of Department of Conservation. In late February Jeremy had the pleasure of visiting various areas of Tennyson Inlet with Lou.

Jeremy reported that Lou enjoyed his time in Tennyson and is very supportive of all the volunteer work being done by many in our area. He would also like to thank the Trust for the great work in managing and maintain the hut for us all to enjoy well into the future.

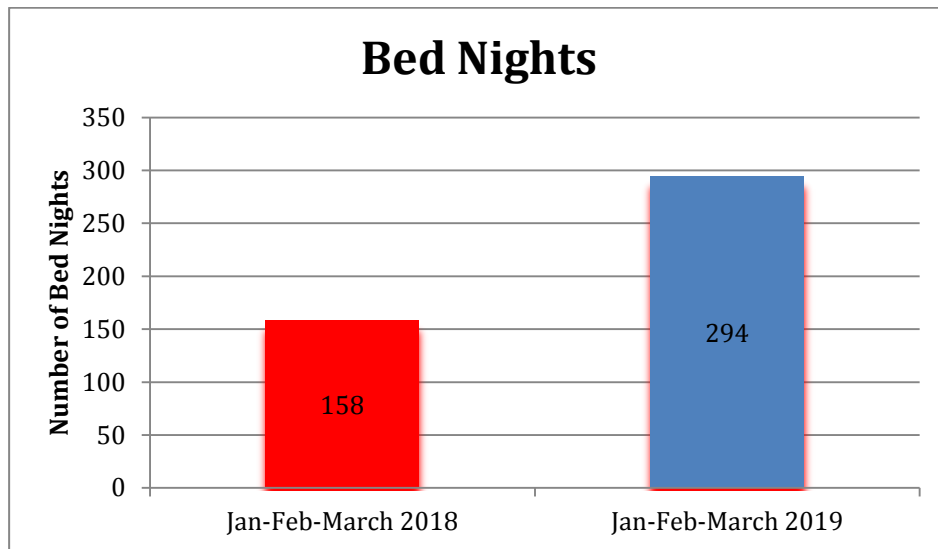
Pictured below is Lou and friends investigating the Matai Bay hut area at an extremely high tide.



Lou Sanson "investigating" Matai Bay hut during a king tide.



## Hut Booking Trends



Bed Nights during the period

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