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# 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.

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# Need a break from the world?



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 Exclusive Occupancy: \$36.00 per night.

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## Chairperson's Welcome

A very warm welcome to our first newsletter for 2017.

Great news - the Hut has been very well used over the summer, with Hut bookings up 170%. It appears more people have either discovered what an awesome place it is or come back for another dose of sheer beauty and relaxation. The Trust is very pleased that more people are coming to Matai Bay from across New Zealand and from overseas - Malawi and Denmark are two examples.

This year's stock of Matai Bay Hut Calenders are selling like hot-cakes with some being sent as far as U.K, Scotland, India, Thailand and Antarctica (imagine looking at the Sounds when it's minus 40 centigrade outside). They are a major fundraiser to support the work of the Trust and profit of just over \$4,000.00 has goes directly to maintaining and improving the Hut – well done to all that supported this. A special thanks goes to the Trustees and supporters that compiled, organised and sold the Calendars. Please note, we are currently seeking images for next year's edition – here's your chance to be famous

I am sure you will join me in thanking Beryl Archer, Jane Nichols, Jamie Archer and Linda Booth for undertaking annual spring-clean before Christmas. This is when the Hut walls and floors gets a complete wash/scrub with all the mattresses, etc. given a good airing and clean with disinfectant to keep everything smelling fresh as a daisy. Outside maintenance was completed with grass cut and toilet given a once-over.

Our new supply of polo-shirts has arrived and they look AWESOME. Please see details of how to purchase these on the following pages – another great way of supporting the Hut and raising the profile.

I would like to finish by stating the Trust's thanks to the Tennyson Inlet Boat Club's management of the Hut up until transfer to the Trust last year. The Boat Club did a great job of revitalising community support for the Hut – a responsibility the Trust is committed to continue.

If you have any comments or question about the Hut or Trust please contact us. We would love to hear from you.

Ka kite Greg Durkin.

### **Hut News**

The Newsletter is designed to keep you, as a supporter of the Trust, informed about the events happening or upcoming at Matai Bay Hut.

The Matai Bay Hut Trust Management Agreement with DOC was signed in Picton by Greg Durkin (Chairperson), Beryl Archer (Trustee), and David Hayes (DOC) on the 9th September 2016.

The Agreement is for a term of 10 years with the Right of Renewal for a further 2 x 10 year terms. The Trust has agreed to take on the management of the Hut to ensure the facility remains available to the public into the future.



The Trust is made up of 11 Trustees. The other Office Bearers are:

- Jeremy Cooper (Vice Chairman)
- Linda Booth (Secretary)
- Sharon Rose (Treasurer)

You may be aware the original Matai Bay Management Agreement was setup under the Tennyson Inlet Boat Club but after 4 years, at their December 2015 A.G.M a remit was made to conclude their management. This was voted on and accepted thus being the reason for a new group now known as the Matai Bay Hut Trust being established and registered.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Trust is committed, in attaining its purposes, to:

- i. Liaise and work with the Department of Conservation and other interested parties who are supportive of the charitable purposes of this Trust.
- ii. Ensure the operational activities of the trust will remain open and transparent by ensuring all supporters are keep well informed of progress via a communications strategy that will include regular newsletters and a web site.

#### **PURPOSES**

- i. The purpose of The Matai Bay Hut Trust is: To manage and maintain the DOC owned hut in Matai (Godsiff) Bay, known as "the Matai Bay Hut" under a DOC management agreement.
- ii. To provide, through management of and accessibility to the hut, a positive natural back country life experience for visitors and all New Zealanders in order to gain wider community participation. This in turn leads to the preservation of this hut for future generations in perpetuity.
- iii. The Trustees will administer the Trust for the benefits of its supporters, and the general public and in accordance of its charitable purpose.



## Have you been to Matai and Stayed?

Would you like to share the story or photos of your adventure to Matai? We would love to hear from you.

Contact our Editor Tim on timdurkinwright@live.com

## Calendars 2018

Each year we have a fundraising venture by way of a calendar. We rely on contributions of photographs from you all as supporters for this venture. We focus on the sights within the Marlborough Sounds area.

Now is the time to get your cameras out.

We require your photos to be...

- Submitted electronically with a file size between 1 MB and 5MB as jpg files.
- ❖ The only digital manipulation permitted is cropping, sharpening and tonal or exposure adjustments.
- ❖ Photos must be available for the calendar.
- ❖ Photo entries must be in landscape orientation.
- Cover photo is usually a portrait orientation
- Submitters name will be credited to the photo.
- ❖ Photos must be available to use for other advertising purposes.
- ❖ This year's calendar will be chosen from any photographs taken in the Marlborough Sounds Area.

PLEASE forward your entries to Beryl Archer at pelorus@clear.net.nz

We are looking forward to receiving your contributions. Send these in today or by the 30<sup>th</sup> of May

### Your privacy:

Please note: your privacy is important to us. We may use your personal information to contact you with newsletters, marketing or promotional materials, and other information for the Matai Bay Hut.

If you know longer wish to receive information from us, please advise us by contacting us on mataibayhut@gmail.com

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Biz Cool Polos \$50.00

# Matai Bay Hut Polo Shirts

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.

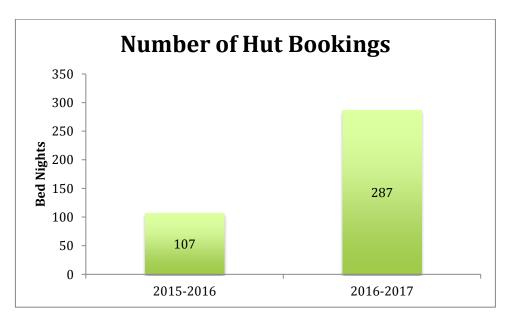


These are great wearing and very cool.
Ladies and Gents sizes available.
\$50.00 each.

To purchase contact Linda,

Email: mataibayhut@gmail.com

## **Hut Booking Trends**



Bed Nights during the summer period: September-February.

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