



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.

Ocean on your doorstep



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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Calendars 2019

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

Subject this year is:

Sights within the Marlborough Sounds area.

Now is the time to get your cameras out.

Photos must be:

- Submitted electronically with a file size between 1 MB and 5MB as jpg.
- Digitally altered by 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 submitters name (for credit). There is a submission limit of six photos per submitter.



Have a winning entry?

Forward it to Beryl Archer at berylarchernz@gmail.com

Matai Hut

When I got there, the water was still, calm and green
Full of fish - but I only caught darn spotties.
But still I had a great time.



When I got back from putt, putt, putting around on the ocean - I was really tired.
But it was only lunch time.
We had a quick sarnie, then back to the Sounds.
We found some beaches, one was full of wasps.
The jellyfish were see through like under water ghosts.
Poke them with a stick and it would probably go straight through.
Stingrays surrounded our boat, flap, flap, flapping around.



On land we were walking on a rocky beach.
In the middle of two trees we found a pigs jaw
Clean white bone with gaping teeth.
That was an awesome trip

By Tasman Hicks (aged 8 $\frac{3}{4}$)

Thank you, Tasman for sharing your great story on Matai Bay hut with us all.

Karaka is the new brown

For many years now, our dear hut has stood out on the shore line like a sore sailor's thumb. One could see those old rusty brown walls, breaking through the surrounding bush like a beacon from across the bay. While those brownish walls have help guide many a wayward visitor, they also broke apart that sense of nature those visitors sort.

Not anymore.

During a working bee on Easter Friday, our Matai Bay hut has received a fresh coat of paint. A lovely coat of Karaka to be specific. A special thank to the to numerous members of our community, friends of the hut, and members of the trust who helped and made the day possible. A special thanks goes to Maria Durkin for her valuable assistance.

Thanks also to Doc for the use of their water blaster, without which we'd have been unable to clean down the hut prior to painting. Doc also provided the paint (courtesy of Dulux) without which we'd have been unable to...(that should be obvious).

Our wonderful hut now blends beautifully in with the surrounding nature, giving a sense that you're truly at one with it all. Fear not, future visitors, the hut hasn't moved... It's just become at one with the trees.



Website Launch

Behind the scenes we have been busy.

Late January saw the launching of the new website for Mata Bay Hut Trust.

Our domain name is www.mataibayhut.org.nz

Here you will find all the information required for the hut including

- Ask a question ·
- Bookings ·
 - Who to contact ·
 - Information & Fees ·
 - Personal Safety ·
- Documents ·
 - Supporters Registration Form ·
 - History ·
 - Trust Vision & Structure ·
- Newsletters ·
- Invitations ·
 - Calendar competition and information ·
- Photos ·
 - The Hut ·
 - Things to do and see ·
 - Activities ·
 - History of the hut ·

Visit the site today and remember to share our Facebook page with your friends and family. Your contributions to the page are always welcome.



Vespex to Wasps

Wasps.

If there is one thing that can ruin a lovely peaceful summers day at Matai hut, it is the painful sting of a dreaded wasp. Ice cubs can help, but the day is never quiet the same and your perfect trip is all but ruined. Such blatant attacks could hardly go unanswered, something the wasps learnt very quickly.

After peaceful negotiations failed due to cultural difference, full out war erupted. Unfortunately for the wasps, it was largely one sided. For the trust had a secret weapon up their sleeve, a weapon known only as Vespex.

A very, very effective bait/pesticide, Vespex quickly ended the war before it even began. Early in the morning, while the wasps were out getting their daily carbohydrates, the brave warriors of the trust set up a line of enticing bait stations. Each station, located 50 m apart, was lined with 20 grams of bait.

As the bait is meat based, it posed no threat to the surrounding communities of peaceful bees. However, the protein loving wasps could not help themselves, carrying it back to their nests without a second thought. Within a day, 50% of the bait was gone and, a few days after, it had all vanished.

For the wasps, the results were catastrophic. One bait bundle, carried by one wasps, was enough to kill off an entire nest. In an instant, their numbers plummeted and have never recovered. Second attempts at negotiation have been meet with silence, and a blast of wasp powder based product. Thank you to Ollie and Jane.

The Trust has kept up its attack for the past three years, and each year their numbers have reduced even further. Now there is but a fraction left.

With the war behind us, Matai Bay can become the peaceful place it was destined for. Free of noise, free of distractions, and (most importantly) free of wasps.



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.

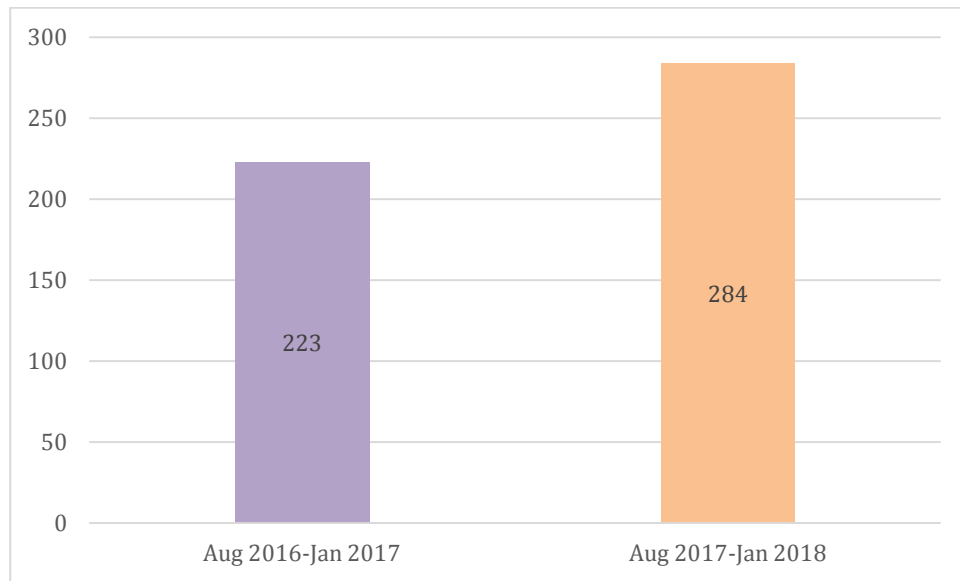
Ladies and Gents sizes available.

\$50.00 each.

To purchase contact Linda,

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Hut Booking Trends



Bed Nights during the period: November 2016 – October 2017

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