

FRIENDS OF MATAI BAY HUT



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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Matai Bay Hut Trust Chair's Report

April 2024

Matai Bay Hut Trust
Chair's Report – Greg Durkin
Financial year of Nov 2022 – Oct 2023

Kia ora koutou

Ehara! Ko koe te ringa e huti punga!
(Yes, yours is the arm best suited to pull up the anchor).

This whakatauki carries a couple of important messages. Both of which are relevant to the Matai Bay Hut Trust. Pulling up the anchor stone of a waka takes dedication and teamwork. Also, it takes strength of character to see the job through. In many ways, the continuing success of the Matai Bay Hut Trust is a great example of these messages. Both past and present trustees have done a sterling job of ensuring the partnership between our community and DOC has been a tremendous success.

Yes, some of the faces of the Trust have changed and will continue to do so, but the purpose (pulling up the anchor stone) endures. That is the kaupapa (purpose) that guides the Trust.

The Matai Bay Hut is a unique feature of Marlborough Sounds that the Department of Conservation (DOC) values highly. The common goal of preserving and operating the Hut, has resulted in our local communities forging a solid working relationship with the local DOC team that delivers value for visitors and locals alike.

On behalf of the Trust, I extend my thanks to the team at DOC for supporting this example of an effective public-private partnership.

The 2022 – 2023 year saw a steady flow of Hut use by an increasing range of individuals and families. The booking process for the Hut has continued to respond quickly and effectively to requests. My thanks to the team for keeping this process simple and easy to follow. Having a friendly and informative person at the end of every phone call or email makes a real difference to the quality of experience of Hut users. We are very mindful that for some people, Matai Bay Hut is the first experience either adults or children have had of 'staying in the bush'.

During the year, our trustees did a great job of maintaining this valuable resource on behalf of DOC. As a Trust, our goal is simple: preserve and manage the Matai Bay Hut for people to access this slice of paradise and enjoy. Without a doubt, this goal was achieved to a very high standard in 2022 - 2023.

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The trustees continue to appreciate feedback from Hut users about the building itself and the local area. This information helps the Trust plan and respond to requests as appropriate. If you have questions, concerns, or comments about the Hut please reach out to the Trust.

The unsung heroes of the Trust's mahi (work) are those people who volunteer their time to undertake the many functions needed for its smooth operation. Whether that be keeping bookings up to date, managing finances, organising cleaning, answering enquiries, health & safety management, maintaining our digital presence or newsletter, undertaking Hut checks, etc – my heartfelt thanks on behalf of all Hut users goes to all involved in this important work.

Apart from the building itself, the Matai Bay Hut Calendar fund-raiser remains a tangible example of community support and dedication. Managing this annual task takes a lot of time and effort. Thank you, Beryl and team, for sorting through the many photos proposed and producing an awesome calendar for 2023. In addition, thanks to all the contributors, sellers, and purchasers – we could not do this without you.

As we look forward to another year, I am pleased to advise the Matai Bay Hut Trust is in a strong position to manage the resource going forward. The Trust remains focused on providing a resource that is valued by users and the community.

In closing, I commend the Trustees and supporters for their sustained efforts and dedication to Matai Bay Hut.

Naku noa
Greg Durkin
Chair

NEW TRUSTEES WANTED

Please Apply

The Matai Bay Hut Trust has vacant positions for trustees, which you are welcome to apply for.

By way of guidance about being a trustee, applicants ought to:

- be of good character, honest, and trustworthy;
- have an association with Tennyson Inlet;
- support the aims of the Trust (management of the Hut on behalf of DoC for public good);
- be willing and able to undertake duties associated with Trust operations from time to time; and
- attend and participate in Trust meetings as required (approximately four per annum).

Please note the Matai Bay Hut Trust is a charitable body. Trustee roles are voluntary.

If you are interested in being considered for a trustee position, please email the Secretary at MBHTSecretary@gmail.com providing information about yourself and suitability to be a trustee.

Your application should be received by the Trust by the Friday the 14th of June.

2025 CALENDAR

WANTED YOUR IMAGES

PHOTOS MUST BE:

- submitted Electronically with a file size of 2-5 MB as a jpg file (OR LARGER)
 - Please note: Photos from some phones do not print as clearly as shown on the LCD screen
- They can be resized but unaltered photos are preferred and bear in mind the
 - MONTHS photos are landscape
 - COVER SHOT is portrait
- Only cropping, sharpening and tonal or exposure adjustments are allowed
- Available for the calendar and other hut promotions/advertising
- PHOTOS MUST BE OF SIGHTS, SCENES AND ACTIONS TAKEN WITHIN THE MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS

EMAIL, WE TRANSFER OR ONE DRIVE to:

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Call 0274321 165

MATAI HUT - HEALTH AND SAFETY AGM REPORT

Matai Bay Hut Trust
Health and Safety Report 2023-2024

On my hut checks during this period I have noted that everything seems to be operating normally.

It was decided at last meeting that I should investigate the possibility of installing a solar lighting system to reduce the risk of fires from the use of candles. I have spoken by phone with Nelson Electronics firm Jaycar and also visited the Store to discuss options.

It seems it is quite feasible to operate a system of lighting, either with an LED bulb or strip lighting powered by a solar panel, regulator and 12 volt battery. They can supply all the necessary items -cables, connections etc. for around \$500. Although the installation is supposedly not too complicated it would require someone with some technical ability. There are probably people within the bay with the skills who would volunteer a bit of time, possibly on a working bee day. A battery could be expected to last around 8-10 years.

I consulted with Paul O’Fagan of DOC and he was supportive of the idea. There were online reports of DOC instigating the installation of smoke alarms in October last year. However in December this was halted and many took the view that these would be falsely set off by wood burners and result in tampering by Frustrated hut users. Paul O’Fagan has assured me that there is no requirement for a smoke alarm at Matai Bay.

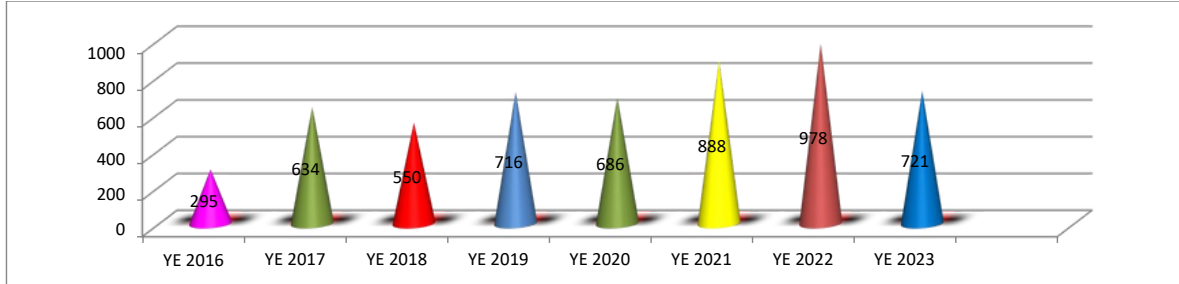
He also requested that his many thanks be passed on for our time and “professional” effort by the team.

Mark Secker 18 April 2024



BOOKING TRENDS

MATAI BAY HUT BOOKING TRENDS 2016 - 2023

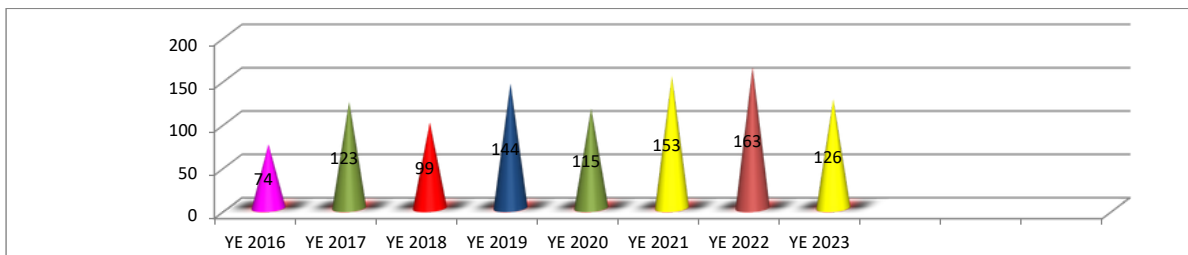


Number of Bed Nights

| 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 295 | 634 | 550 | 716 | 686 | 888 | 978 | 721 |

Comments:

During the YE October 2023 we had a total of 721 bed nights over 126 nights booked.
 We had 2 nights in November where there was no payment received, however it is unknown if these folk stayed at the hut or not.
 There was also 3 nights used by Hut Checkers in May 2023, December 2023 and February 2024



Number of Nights booked

| 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 74 | 123 | 99 | 144 | 115 | 153 | 163 | 126 |

Comments:

A drop in the number of nights booked on the past is due mainly to more requests for Shared Use bookings.
 $721 \text{ bed nights} / 126 = 5.72 \text{ beds per night}$.

reminder

Pack it in Pack it out

- When you plan to head out into nature, be ready to carry your litter with you.
- There are no rubbish bins in the Bay or at the Hut. If you see litter, PLEASE pick it up, even if it's not yours and take it out with you.
- Food scraps are litter. Tossing orange peels and apple cores into the bush might seem harmless, but it isn't.
- Food scraps can take years to break down and they feed predators like rats, stoats and mice.
- Protect New Zealand's wildlife by packing away all litter, including food scraps.

TAKE IT in, PLEASE take it out

MAITAI HUT - HOW TO BOOK

For fees and bookings please contact us by email at

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\$10.00 per adult per night \$5.00 per child per night
Sole Occupancy \$60.00 per night

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