

CHECKMATE, GET CREATIVE, EXPLORE!

Make a move on these once humble traffic cones - now Kings, Queens and Knights of the bay. Grand masters, aspiring Kasparovs and novice chess players should head to our giant outdoor chessboard on Halfmoon Bay waterfront beside the childrens' play area. Halfmoon Bay waterfront is a great spot to watch the world go by!

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Carve your own Jade treasure. An enjoyable and exciting journey into the 3D realm of greenstone (pounamu) carving, with master carver, sculptor and art tutor, Dave Goodin. Select your piece of New Zealand greenstone and create your own pounamu treasure while enjoying stunning views of Halfmoon Bay and Foveaux Strait. No experience necessary. Workshop usually begins at 10:30am and prior booking is essential. A small collection of past and present pieces of Dave's work are for sale – come in and browse or chat with Dave about his work with Sir Peter Jackson at Weta Workshop. Rakiura Jade is located on the waterfront beside the slipway at Halfmoon Bay.

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Explore our heritage at Rakiura Museum / Te Puka O Te Waka which boasts a nationally significant collection. The museum showcases the development of industries based on Stewart Island's rich natural resources which first attracted Māori followed by a cosmopolitan mix of settlers - sealers, prospectors, timber millers, ship builders, whalers, fisherman and tourism providers.

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