

BOOKS, BEACHES, BIG SCREEN

Borrow a book from the Library. Logophiles, bibliophiles and worshippers of words unite at our warm welcoming library on Ayr Street. Books, magazines, DVDs, puzzles and board games can be borrowed. Or stay awhile and play with the Lego! Visitors welcome. Open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 12 noon and Wednesdays 2:00pm-4:00pm.

• *General Services / Other Information* • *Maps* •

Hop in a rental vehicle. The freedom of the open road awaits with a range of vehicles available to hire. Venture from Leask Bay to Lee Bay, Golden Bay to Horseshoe Bay - our 28 kilometres of road will lead you to all kinds of sights and sites. Enjoy a picnic at Moturau Moana Native Gardens or family friendly Butterfield Beach has a shelter, childrens' play area and pay-as-you-cook-BBQ. Try calling home from the iconic "telephone tree" near Horseshoe Bay, and visit the anchor chain and Matariki sculptures at Lee Bay, where the road ends and the walking track begins. Half or full day vehicle hires available, driver licence required, map provided. New Zealand road code applies to Stewart Island.

• *Tours & Activities* • *Cab service, rental bikes & cars* • *Maps* •

The anchor chain symbolises the connection between Rakiura (Stewart Island) and Te Wai Pounamu (the South Island). It is said that demigod Māui, fished up Te Ika-a-Māui (the North Island) from his canoe (the South Island) which was anchored to Stewart Island. The late Russell Beck created the Lee Bay anchor chain sculpture in 2002 and its twin at Stirling Point was installed in 2009 at Bluff on the South Island.

The Tupuārangi pou (post/column) at Rakiura (Stewart Island) represents one of nine stars in the Matariki cluster. Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster also known as Pleiades and marks the start of the Māori New Year, heralding a time of remembrance, joy and peace. The Tupuārangi pou was created by James York and Keri Whitiri and is part of the Matariki wayfinding pou project connecting locations throughout the Southland region of New Zealand.

Head to the beach! With beautiful beaches around almost every corner, it won't take long to find a secluded spot for you and the family. Bathing Beach is sheltered for swimming, catch a wave at Horseshoe Beach, or search for kai at Ringaringa. Family friendly Butterfield Beach has a shelter, childrens' play area and pay-as-you-cook-BBQ. Kick off your shoes, take a stroll, look for unusual shells, watch the birds follow the fishing boats, sit and read a book, play games and help the kids build a sandcastle. Don't forget to take plenty of drinking water, sunscreen and insect repellent.

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Watch a movie on the big screen at the Bunkhouse Theatre. "A Local's Tail" is a quirky 40 minute film about Stewart Island as seen through the eyes of Lola the dog and tales overheard at the pub! Have your questions answered and learn about the highs and lows of island pioneers past and present. The Bunkhouse Theatre is one of Stewart Island's historic buildings, arriving prefabricated from Norway in 1928, it was used for accommodation at the Whaling Base in Paterson Inlet until being relocated in 1932. A number of original features remain and it is now the home of "A Local's Tail". Booking are essential as this is a private home. Allow 1½ hours to enjoy the film, check out the house and have a coffee with Penny (home owner & film producer). Closes for winter.

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