

## ARMCHAIR ADVENTURES, PAST & PRESENT, LET'S PLAY!

**Borrow a book** from our 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* •

**Play** in the sports hall at the Community Centre & Gym. Go for a workout or gather some friends and play a game of something in the fully equipped sports hall. Keys can be obtained for a small fee at the South Sea Hotel on Elgin Terrace.

• *Tours & Activities* • *Community Centre* •

**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.

• *Tours & Activities* • *Our Heritage* •

**Take a scenic road tour.** Book a tour, sit back and relax, and let someone else do the driving on our 28 kilometres of road while you listen to tales of island history. Take in the stunning beach views, panoramic vistas across Paterson Inlet, try making a phone call from the iconic 'telephone tree' near Horseshoe Bay, marvel at the Anchor Chain and Matariki sculptures at Lee Bay - where the road ends and the Rakiura "great walk" begins. Various modes of transport are available for road tours which cater for single travellers to large groups.

• *Tours & Activities* • *Tours* •

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 Whaitiri and is part of the Matariki wayfinding pou project connecting locations throughout the Southland region of New Zealand.