



Havelock North Heritage

Havelock North has been a desirable environment, attracting talented and colourful independent philosophers, artists and writers for generations.

It has a remarkable architectural heritage including many stately homesteads, with contributions by outstanding New Zealand architects like William Gummer, William Rush, James Chapman Taylor and Ian Athfield.

Havelock North village grew up around St Luke's Anglican Church, built-in 1874 from native timbers rimu and kauri. It was designed by Napier architect Thomas Cooper, in the style of English wooden churches familiar to the local settlers.

A 20th Century landmark is Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church by New Zealand architect John Scott, which opened in 1960.

Some of the heritage buildings like Duart House, Peak House and Keirunga Gardens, are community facilities and venues.

Immigrant Allan McLean built Duart House in the style of Duart Castle in his native Scottish home on the Isle of Mull. Duart House is now a venue for weddings, concerts and conferences.

Keirunga House and Gardens is a hub for local arts and crafts including spinners, weavers, painters, potters and quilters. Keirunga houses a gallery workshop and theatre space for the local arts community. A model railway group operates train rides for children once a month in the gardens.

Peak House, was built in 1967 and located halfway up Te Mata Peak and offers spectacular views over Hawke's Bay. Over the years it has been many things, but most recently was reopened as a hospitality venue and B&B.

