

# History of St Leonard's Lodge



Saint Leonard's Lodge was originally built in 1907 as the private residence of John Cook, the joint owner of Stevenson and Cook, shipping engineers of Port Chalmers. Their production facility was known as the 'Maori Iron Works' and became the world centre for the design and construction of dredges. Cook's business partner, Isaac Stevenson, built the grand residence neighbouring Saint Leonard's Lodge, which is now the University Lodge, and is the private residence of the incumbent Vice Chancellor of the University of Otago, New Zealand's first university.

Saint Leonard's Lodge was sold by the Cook family in 1939 and had eight different owners before being purchased by the current owners in 2000, to be lovingly restored and transformed into its current design.