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An historic garden on the outskirts of New Plymouth is renowned for its landscaping, stunning plantings, majestic old trees and for one of architect James Chapman-Taylor’s best known works. This view is looking through the brick archway towards the gardener’s cottage. Full story and more photos on page 36. Photograph © Ross Nolly

