

Welcome to our home.

When we first saw this wonderful place in 2010 we knew this was where we could build a house for our family, a home to share with friends and relatives, and a setting to refresh our joy of rural living. As we designed our home, we worked to fit it into the land, to emphasise the lake, and to warmly welcome in our family, friends, and community. Please enjoy the sensation of living by the lake while in a forest - the feeling of forest calm with a sheltered view of the lake openness was our intent.

We love the natural beauty of the islands and to maintain the rural feel we have retained as many trees as possible, kept fencing to a minimum and left the majority of the land untouched. The garden is ready for its next planting supported by appropriately 3000 gallons of rain catchment water stored in tanks under the patio. The lake is warm all summer and peaceful all winter.

These choices we have made to live in the environment, not on it, also make the house low maintenance and help conserve scarce summer water. As you enter the main room, the simple design and use of ecological inspired materials, allows nature to dominate the space - you feel drawn into the forest and lake, the outdoors are welcomed into your everyday life. Passive heating for the upstairs through careful design of air flow through the house, site positioning of the house, and added floor heating where needed make the house comfortable in all weather.

Large common living areas are designed to provide space for community gathering to enhance the fabric of rural life. Smaller private spaces have flexed in use from kids rooms, to guest and work space. The upper suite is a sanctuary that is heavily insulated to maintain the quiet environment and provide a quiet zone when needed in a busy household. Lighting throughout the house is designed to provide smaller warm pools of space to snuggle in during dark winter evenings, making the larger space fade away and offering instead cosy intimate areas of activity in the kitchen, dining room, and living room.

We have taken many walks to nearby beaches, viewpoints or just around the lake. It is with some sadness that we leave this place but we hope that it will find new stewards to revel in the quiet living it affords.

Sincerely,
The Owners