

# Whare Lake Rotoiti



client  
Lindsay Park

## project background

For us this project began with the story of the extended family and friends camping on the neighbour's verandah. One year the neighbour's turned up early for their summer holiday and found members of the Park family and their friends sleeping on their verandah – the camp site had found it's limit.

The old bach was built on the north-west corner of the site, in the shadow of a hillside and trees and set back from the lake in a sheltered bay which had historically been a kumara garden. The new whare is built to the east of the existing house and deck to recapture some of the views built out over time. The deck, which has always been the centre of activity, extends around the new building with a verandah on all four sides (to provide sleeping space for generations to come!). External access to downstairs sleeping allows a variety of modes of inhabitation, from the communal to private.

The two buildings are externally unified by wrapping them both in black board and batten – a cladding borrowed from the old boat shed beside the lake, and a nod to the simple shed buildings that inform our notions of bach building.

