

Acton House

Acton Park, Tasmania, Australia

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Acton House is located at the rear of a broad acre rural property in the heart of Acton Park. Access to the site is via a long internal driveway from the east, which makes its way along the northern boundary before coming across the face of existing horse stables near the entry of the house. From here the level splits to establish separation between the main house and work areas of the property. The plan is configured as four wings—one for living, one for master sleeping, one for guest sleeping, with the final wing having close access to the stables. All are connected by a central entry space.

Masonry walls line the rear edges of each wing, reinforcing the directional nature of the building and providing privacy from the adjacent parts. The 'living' wing is located on the most eastern edge of the house, opening onto a courtyard area along its northern edge, providing maximum solar gain and shelter from the prevailing winds. An additional deck is accessed from the study space overlooking the courtyard and provides a shaded area for relaxing and surveying the site.







