



Coopworth's sustainable initiatives effectively eliminate running costs. The house is off grid, naturally ventilated and passively heated and cooled with support from a wood burner and fans. The compact footprint of the house, and its ability to be closed down further, ensures effective climate control throughout. The 'internal eave' of daybeds absorbs summer heat but allows sun to penetrate the slab beyond in cooler months. Coopworth employs humble and cost-effective materials such as corrugated metal sheeting, exposed concrete, plywood and brick linings, yet considered detailing elevates the execution to create a highly refined appearance.

Gabled, hipped and skillion rooflines coalesce as abstracted silhouettes in homage to the ramshackle sheds and rugged mountain ranges. Coopworth is meticulously sited to capture breath-taking views of the bay, artfully framed by a steel structure and eastern deck brimming with grapevines. To the west, the ubiquitous chimney stack seen in the historic shacks is reimagined as a sunken bath, connecting the bather to the surrounding paddock and sheep, with long views to the bay beyond.

