

# PAUL JOHNSTON ARCHITECTS

Paul Johnston Architects is a small Tasmanian based architectural practice with a broad range of experience and interest, centred on an ethical approach to design and sustainable development, to provide user friendly environments, supportive of community relationships, minimizing environmental footprints and sensitive to historic and urban context.



**HOUSING + COMMUNITY**



**CULTURAL + COMMERCIAL**



**HERITAGE + PLANNING**

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## EDUCATION

- 1991** Bachelor of Architecture with honours, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.
- 1983** Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design Tasmanian College of Advanced Education
- 1979** Higher School Certificate, Rosny College
- 1977** School Certificate, St. Virgil's College Hobart

## PROFESSIONAL

- 2000** Commencement of practice
  - ABN 86 885 465 935
  - OAMPS broadform liability insurance including public liability to \$5,000,000
  - Vero professional liability insurance to 20 million

## REGISTRATION

- Board of Architects Tasmania (no.562)
- Building Practitioner Accreditation CC.1008 P
- Prequalified Consultant Architectural Projects – State Government of Tasmania

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Associate corporate membership Australian Institute of Architects.
- Advisory architect Works Assessment Committee, Tasmanian Heritage Council.
- Tasmanian Chapter Councilor Australian Institute of Architects
- Tasmanian representative AIA National Heritage Taskforce Committee.
- Chair AIA (Tas Chapter) Twentieth Century Buildings committee.
- Member DOCOMOMO
- Member Shelter Inc.
- Member Architects for Peace

## EMPLOYMENT

- 1994–2000** architect, Jacob, Allom, Wade Pty. Ltd . Architects
- 1992–1994** architectural graduate, Eastman, Heffernan, Walch and Button Architects.
- 1983–1986** architectural undergraduate L.W. Johnston Architect FRAIA, ARIBA.

## ACADEMIC

- Design tutor Fifth Year Professional Project and fourth year design assessor Department of Architecture, University of Tasmania

## FELLOWSHIP

- 2008 Churchill Fellowship to study social housing design in the U.K. and northern Europe

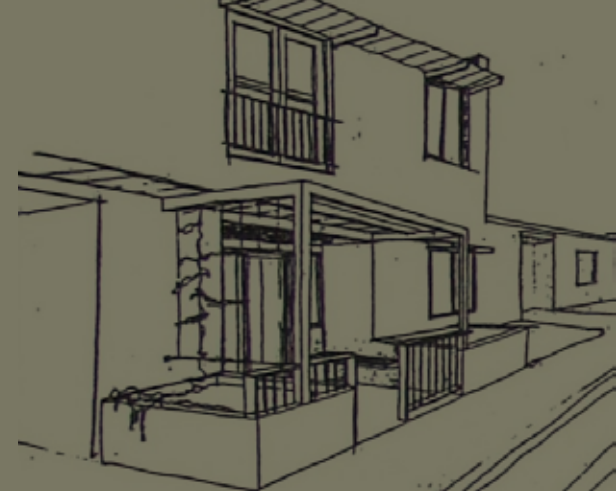
## PUBLICATIONS

- Its not easy being a brute, Architectural Design Review, November/December 2009
- Christ College Lifecycle, Architectural Design Review, June/July 2011
- Garagistes, Artichoke, 35, author Jude Abell

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### HOMES FOR ALL

Our extensive experience and ongoing research has enabled an appreciation of the changing trends in Tasmanian housing needs towards smaller households, in close proximity to transport, workplaces and community services. Successful housing needs to consider the broader issues of sustainable living that supports the development of community cohesion in mixed use neighbourhoods with a mix of tenure. The key to achieving affordability is realising a site's potential as higher densities allow greater economic potential however greater emphasis needs to be placed on individual privacy and social interaction to ensure housing enhances community into the future.



#### **BROOKER HOUSING**

Two storey detached housing and single story wheelchair accessible homes are clustered around a landscaped central courtyard with carparking restricted to allow a shared garden. Constructed over obsolete tennis courts, the seventeen units achieve medium density while allowing for traditional front and rear gardens.



#### **GARDEN ROAD HOUSING**

Supportive housing in Garden Road Moonah where the central building provides the shared house with communal laundry and three upper level units share a common terrace with recessed entries.

Designed on principles of Co Housing, with single storey wheelchair access units, the small individual dwellings are positioned amongst existing homes to create a sequence of garden areas.



#### **BENJAMIN COURT HOUSING**

A converted block of bedsit flats for transitional housing is given a new life with an forecourt providing a new entry while addressing the street and allowing differing degrees of public interaction. Single bed units are connected into shared units with communal laundries and a shared 'learning' kitchen with dining room extending into the garden.

## EXPERIENCE

The practice has a broad experience in social housing in urban, suburban and rural contexts and at varying levels of detail design for specific needs to regeneration planning of broad acre estates.

All projects emphasise a positive integration with the neighbourhood while promoting a sense of place and community identity.

Paul Johnston architects have been involved in social housing for the past two decades.

Paul Johnston was responsible for the 'Standing Commission' for Housing Tasmania over several years in the office of Jacob Allom Wade Architects and built an intimate understanding of the housing stock and client needs of the broad acre estates, and was project architect for the Brooker Avenue Housing development in Hobart.

With the formation of Paul Johnston Architects in 2000, the practice has continued to work with Housing Tasmania as well as specific work with Disability Services, incorporating the seven principles of universal design.

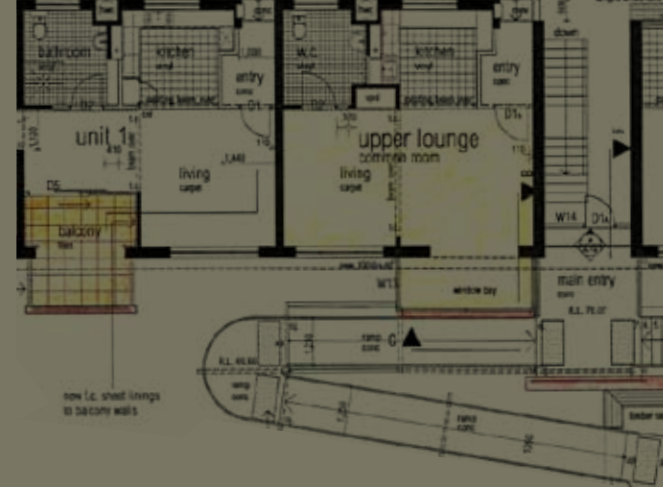
This work has generally involved developing user friendly housing appropriate for disadvantaged communities through responsive consultation design processes, and specifically the design of supportive housing models for people with intellectual disabilities - enhancing independence for residents and promoting community integration.

Projects for Optia Inc. at Garden Road Moonah and Hopes Housing, have included models of cooperative housing developed on cohousing principles and recently the practice has developed 'co location' designs to include independent living as an adjunct to supportive housing.

The practice has designed crisis accommodation housing for Jireh Housing Association and St. Vincent de Paul, where secure environments are carefully inserted into existing neighbourhoods that provide intimate and private spaces for individuals and families to rebuild lives.

Paul Johnston architects were the Tasmanian team member with Aurecon Planners and MGS architects in the development of the Regeneration Plan for Bridgewater and Gagebrook for the Department of Health and Human Services. While the urban designs were a collaboration, the practice also provided vital local knowledge as the basis for key site identification and stakeholder engagement as well as an appreciation of local market conditions, history and familiar housing typologies that were appropriate to the Tasmanian context.

The practice consults to Common Ground Tasmania in the design and development of the common 'shared' areas of their Hobart projects



as well developing natural surveillance security through the application of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles in conjunction with Tasmania Police.

The practice is currently supporting the Northern Suburbs Light Rail Project as an affordable housing initiative that addresses locational disadvantage by assessing potential brownfield and infill development opportunities for Transit Orientated Development and has developed cluster housing subdivision layouts for affordable retirement living for Affordable Housing UK (Tasmania).

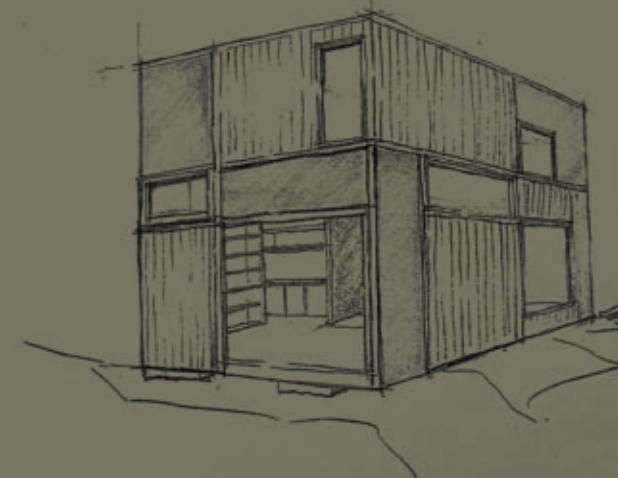
The practice is actively involved with researching developments in social housing in Australia and maintains a close working relationship with HACRU, the Housing and Community Research Unit affiliated with AHURI at the University of Tasmania.

In 2009, Paul Johnston was awarded the A.V. Jennings Churchill Fellowship to study social housing design throughout the U.K, The Netherlands and Scandinavia. The study report is available at this web address.

[www.churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/3246](http://www.churchilltrust.com.au/fellows/detail/3246)

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

A strategic approach to housing determines the capacity of a site to provide for a future community and considers the implications of initial decision making to affordable and community housing outcomes. An understanding of opportunities and constraints in the initial planning of new communities will allow potentials to be realized and risks to be minimized. This is the basis for determining feasibility. Strategic planning begins with an understanding of place through a process of the analysis of context, site, and planning constraints and continues to consider appropriate housing type, dwelling mix and landscape and progresses to determine an optimum layout between private dwelling and shared open space.



**HOPES COOPERATIVE LIVING CONCEPT PLAN**

Concept development of shared accommodation for people with acquired disabilities for a typical double suburban block. Developed along co housing models, the concept allowed for shared facilities in a common house and courtyard garden. Two bed housing providing varying degrees of independence from transitional housing to nursing care accommodation with onsite caretaker support.



**BRIDGEWATER, GAGEBROOK REGENERATION PLAN**

Broad scale planning strategies to reverse the stigma of locational disadvantage and dysfunctional 'radburn' lot layout, produced in collaboration with MGS architects and Aurecon planners. The urban design created centres for increased housing density and services at nodes of activity while diversifying housing type and tenure.



**PENGUIN COMMUNITY HOUSING**

Proposed development of obsolete parkland adjacent highway for affordable retirement living with clustered housing for higher densities of low rise detached housing. Connected along a shared road/path connecting open spaces with communal facilities, the development required noise attenuation and stormwater containment on site and lot orientation for passive solar and natural surveillance.

## MINIMAL DWELLINGS

Small housing is a key to affordability. Good design is the key to providing good amenity with minimal means. Minimal house design needs to consider the optimal building orientation, the flexibility of a floor plan and the quality of day lighting in order to offset the sense of enclosure in small spaces.

Small house design should also allow for future expansion and adaption of spaces into differing needs for differing households.



### BASE CAMP TASMANIA

Prefabricated Bushwalker accommodation designed, arranged around a level plateau in the hills of Glenfern valley. Four units of minimum width provide for family and communal cabin accommodation, with a shared shower and laundry cabin and a kitchen cabin linked by pathways and elevated timber terraces. Constructed in lightweight framing clad in plywood and steel sheet, the structures are demountable and relocate able



### BLIGH STREET HOUSING

Single person accommodation for people with disabilities. Designed to allow independent wheelchair access, the small floor plan combines kitchen and dining with living functions with an entry foyer as the circulation hub. Variations in ceiling height, furniture layouts, glazing to opposing walls, and wide access to level outdoor spaces allow variable layouts and a sense of openness.

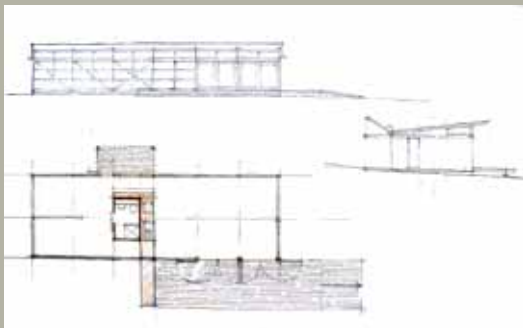


### GARDEN STUDIO

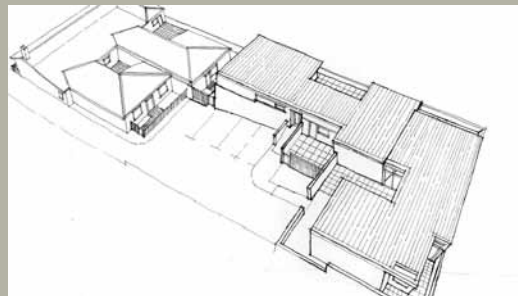
Timber framed and clad single room studio is carefully located within a rear garden overlooking Hobart city under a pear tree. The room provides a n inspirational workplace for a writer, detached from the main house, and also adapts as an occasional visitor room and garden day space.

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CURRENT PROJECTS



**BOAT SHED HOUSE**



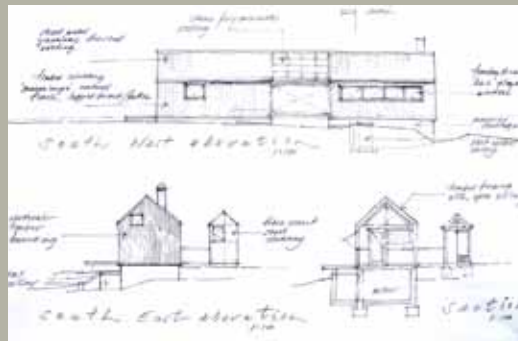
**COURTYARD HOUSING**



**STUDIO PAVILION**



**OPPOSUM BAY HOUSE**



**PRESERVING KITCHEN AND STORE**



**WOODEN BOAT VISITOR CENTRE**



Traditional Danish housing where vehicles restrictions allow the street to be semi public space occupied by gardens and children.



High density housing in Stockholm with buildings of varying height form clustered courtyards for use by immediate neighbours.



Finnish housing that has built upon traditions in timber construction to provide new low rise high density Wooden Villages characterised by two storey housing connected by pedestrian streets and shared landscaped courtyards