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**PROJECT GRAMPIANS PEAKS
TRAIL STAGE 2
PRACTICE NOXON GIFFEN
ARCHITECTS WITH
MCGREGOR COXALL**

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The Grampians Peaks Trail (GPT) Stage 2 offers a world-class hiking experience comprising new hike-in camps over 160 kilometres of pristine Gariwerd/Grampians wilderness, traversing the lands of Traditional Owners. The brief demanded designs that were deeply connected to the landscape and could enhance the hiking experience as it evolved. Designed to bring campers together while offering privacy and refuge, the Communal Hiker Shelter provides a central breezeway link with an enclosed gathering space and separate food preparation area. The Gariwerd Camp Huts, which are wrapped in timber battens with a lightweight translucent skin, offer an extended accommodation experience. The timber battens provide shadow and camouflage, while opaque walls offer an abundance of natural light during the day. A soft glow mimics the canvas tents scattered across the landscape at night. The 11 minimalist campsites, featuring amenities restricted to the essentials, amplify the hiker experience with an appropriate level of comfort. The durable architecture offers protection from the elements while enhancing the experience of and connection to Gariwerd.







Roman architect Vitruvius Pollio identified three elements necessary for a well-designed building: firmness, commodity and delight. They're beautifully represented in this hiking pavilion, where design flair is balanced with rigour. The materials, in their raw state, will only get better with time as the dirt, sweat and track marks of the hikers will build its patina."

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