

The Build Assistant

DESIGN SERVICE

Perfect for new builds or renovations where you are in the early stages of thinking about a project or you have engaged an architect, designer or builder but need further support/assistance with getting the result you want!

This is a once off intensive consult that runs for 4 hours.



The Service

Our service is designed to support you in your building & renovating journey!

If you're building a new house or renovating an existing house and you...

- Have an idea and want to know how to make it happen?
- Need help checking your plans before signing off to build?
- Wanting to make sure your home suits your family/lifestyle?
- Are overwhelmed by selections/pre-start planning?
- Want to make sure your house is going to suit long term?
- Want your house to be more sustainable for your future?
- Want to know what upgrades you should prioritise specific to your project and budget?
- Want to feel in control and organised?





Process

Our Build Assistant sessions are a one-off 4 hour consult.

At least one week prior to your session we need a copy of any existing or proposed plans you already have available. As well already agreed to upgrades, changes or inclusions provided by your builder or architect if you are already in this process. The more information you have the easier it will be for us to provide project specific information. HOWEVER, do not stress if you feel overwhelmed and under prepared - we are here to help you!

The team at Gecsek: A+I will review your plans prior to our meeting so we can come prepared.

Inclusions

During the consult we can cover anything related to your build! Here is some of the things we can cover in your Build Assistant consult:

- Site assessment including functionality analysis
- Sketching of ideas and layouts for new builds or renovations
- Floor plan review and recommendations
- Electrical and lighting plan review and recommendations
- Checking off spatial layouts, circulation and size of rooms
- Assistance preparing for your selections meeting by pre-choosing external facade colours & materials based on your builders inclusions and upgrade options
- Assistance preparing for your selections meeting by pre-choosing internal colours, materials and finishes based on your builders inclusions and upgrade options
- Assistance with custom cabinetry design ideas
- Quote and inclusions review with a list of clarifying questions to ask your builder

Depending on the size of your home, how much information your builder has provided and what you need help with will determine how much scope we can cover in one consultation. In 4 hours we are not going to cover every part of your project so it helps to come into your session with a clear idea of what's most important to you! If you find that you need more time, why not book in a second consult to really cement those design decisions!



When to Book?

We think it's best to book your Build Assistant session when you have

- Purchased land
- Some idea of your style
- Some idea of your budget
- Can still make changes to the design if you've already had design work completed (some builders will let you change more than others)
- Don't yet have a building permit





Tricky Projects

We have experience working on projects with site overlays including flood prone areas, bushfire prone areas and heritage & marine/coastal overlays. Our service extends to older houses with period details, difficult layouts, and unique heritage facades. We understand the beauty in character and age while seeing the need to update and personalise.

Sustainable Design

If you want to create a better future for your children and their children, you've come to the right place.

We have spent a lot of time researching and designing using things like biophilic design principles, low embodied energy materials and off-grid project additions. We have created functional, liveable spaces that are beautiful to look at, live in and of course - a place that you want to come home to, all while keeping the longevity of our planet in mind.

Sustainable design is at the forefront of our projects, and it isn't just a case of adding a few solar panels at the end of the build to offset emissions. While solar is a great addition, there's so much more we can do - and a lot of it comes at little to no extra cost. It's all about smart design, working with the land and building for what you need.

We believe good design shouldn't cost the planet!

About us

Backed by 8+ years of industry experience, we create beautiful concepts that are also incredibly functional. Our priority is to ensure your home suits your lifestyle and improves your liveability!

Our multi-disciplinary experience in both design and construction provides Gecsek with an industry edge. We know what good design looks like – but we also know how to build it too... Our advice and ideas come from our experience working on a range of projects with incredibly tight budgets to those in the multi-millions. No matter your budget, we can help you achieve the best possible project outcome for your family!





MADDY GECSEK

Design Director
Project Manager

Bachelor of Design (Architecture)
Bachelor of CM (Honours)
Master of Architecture



SARAH ARNOTT

Interior Designer

Bachelor of Interior Design (Honours)



Pricing

- ✓ Our team review your plans prior to your consult
- ✓ 4hr intensive consult to discuss anything related to your project
- ✓ Verbal advice and written notes/sketches on the day
- ✓ Collated PDF document of mark up's, changes, and recommendations provided a week after the consult
- ✓ PDF project mood board to take to your builder or selections meeting

\$1,100.00 INCL. GST



DIANE, HIGHTON

Renovation (Build Assistant)

Our first meeting with Maddy was amazing.

She spent the afternoon discussing our plans for our kitchen extension/reno project to gain an understanding of what we envisaged the end result would look like.

By that evening we had received a very comprehensive rundown on design notes, questions for the builder and suggested retail outlets.

We look forward to having Maddy consulting us through all aspects of the design and preparation, and to project manage the build. She gives us confidence to proceed knowing that we have her expertise from start to finish.

SHEAMUS, ROMSEY

New Build (Build Assistant for Builders)

The process of choosing the layout and materials for the Gable One was made really easy by an organised, systematic approach and clear, concise advice. The order in which we made decisions was important and worked well. It allowed the conversation to move from one area to the next pretty seamlessly without the need to go back over things or switch topics too much.

While there is obvious scope for "outside" selections, keeping the choices at hand fairly limited meant the colour palate didn't get too confused and was easy to imagine. I felt there was a quick understanding of the mood we were looking for and so suggestions were often close to the mark - allowing decisions to be made fairly quickly. Overall, I thought the process worked extremely well.

This session was organised on behalf of Builder, FormFlow for their client. It was based specifically on the scope and inclusions within their range and available upgrades

PARIS, ARMSTRONG CREEK

New Build (Build Assistant)

My partner and I met with Maddy in regards to building our first home and the consultation definitely exceeded our expectations!

She was thorough, knowledgeable & honest. We discussed the ins and outs of the house itself and what we hoped to achieve long term.

Maddy's knowledge addressed areas that we didn't even think about!

What Maddy offers to her clients, in particular to young couples like us, building our first ever home, it truly eases our mind heading into our further appointments with our builder.

Amongst all the nerves & excitement that comes with building our first home, we can comfortably say that we are looking forward to seeing our dream home come to life. Highly recommend Maddy from her own business, GECSEK!

Reviews

Contact us

Send an email or give us a call to discuss your project!
We are always keen to chat all things design and construction

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