

Award

For Regional Achievement

Albury Skate and Active Recreation Precinct *Playce*

Aboriginal Nation
Wiradjuri

Location
Albury,
New South Wales

Client
Albury City

Jury comment

Speaking directly to the needs and desires of the local community, Albury Skate and Recreation Precinct has provided a widely popular active hub. With a focus on inclusive and flexible spaces for activation predominately by young people, the bold and exuberant design maximizes the opportunity for risky play in a safe environment. Strategic lighting, generous shade and the considered arrangement of passive and active zones and path networks provide optimal comfort throughout the day and evening as well as across seasons. These features also provide abundant intergenerational opportunities for recreation, promoting healthy lifestyles and community connection, and enticing visitors from the wider region.

Design practice [Playce](#) **Structural engineer** [KBI](#) **Contractor** [Precision Skate Parks](#) **Photographer** [Simon Dallinger](#)



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Grampians Peaks Trail (Gariwerd) *McGregor Coxall with Noxon Giffen*

Aboriginal Nation
Djab Wurrung and the
Jardwadjali peoples

Location
Grampians
National Park,
Victoria

Client
Parks Victoria

Jury comment

The sensitive and sublime ecologies of Gariwerd have been reverentially complemented by the landscape-led design of the Grampians Peaks Trail. Traversing the lands of three Traditional Custodians, the landscape architecture expertly considers the environmental and cultural uniqueness of each of the 11 hiker campsites. The deft placement, restrained and rhythmic detailing and subtle materiality of the camp amenities, structures and furniture carefully curate the visitors' experience for optimal balance of immersion in the wilderness and appropriate comfort. Extending the influence of the eco-tourism industry of the region, the project provides beautiful infrastructure for a world-class hiking experience while encouraging respectful and meaningful interaction with this iconic environment.

Land consultant and landscape architect [McGregor Coxall](#)
Architect [Noxon Griffin](#) **Structural engineer** [OPS Engineers](#)
Photography [Shannon McGrath](#)



Grampians Peaks Trail (Gariwerd) McGregor Coxall with Noxon Giffen



Aboriginal Nations
Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa,
Jadawadjali,
Wergaia, Jupagulk,
Eastern Maar,
Gunditjmara

Location
Grampians National
Park, Victoria

Client
Parks Victoria

Jury comment

The Grampians Peaks Trail in Gariwerd is an exemplar of design constraint that carefully contributes to, rather than dominates, its context. How designers navigate sensitive landscape ecologies and our desire to access the Australian bush is answered by the considered work and leadership of McGregor Coxall (with Noxon Giffen and OPS Engineers). With a deft hand, the team has created a world-class hiking experience along an iconic trail across a vast landscape.

A rich contextual palette of timber and metal enhances the work's various settings – a series of subtle platforms, pause points, seating elements and shelters that carefully groom the landscape for the needs of people, while preserving all that is truly valued. The design moves are nuanced, accessible and beautifully detailed, making use of repetition, recognizing the site's cultural value and amplifying key views. The jury unanimously agreed that the work demonstrated exceptional design quality alongside a humility worthy of the highest praise.

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