

**Grampians Peaks Trail Stage 2**  
**Noxon Giffen Architects with McGregor Coxall**  
**Regional Prize**

In a shortlist of outstanding contributions to regional Victoria, the Grampians Peaks Trail Stage 2 by Noxon Giffen Architects with McGregor Coxall demonstrates a resolution that is inextricably drawn from its context and the rich possibilities of contributing to a greater understanding of what our regions are.

Following from an 18-year period of consultation and site selection with Traditional Owner groups, the 11 campsites are deeply rooted in the spirit of their place. First Nations' interpretation of Country suggested the buildings take a step back so not to overshadow the beauty and narrative of the landscape they sit in.

The structures are a collection of modest, yet especially well-crafted pavilions, camping platforms and self-contained amenity structures. The different settings use a common design language and extraordinarily well-crafted detailing, with differentiation arising from an individual material and formal response to the geology, vegetation and outlook of each site.

The construction of the remote sites required a modular design response which enhances the articulation of these careful structures. The shelters afford comfort, shelter, congregation, and a monastic appreciation of the breath-taking wilderness of Gariwerd.

The Grampians Peaks Trail Stage 2 is a future catalyst to the sensitive exploration of the region, enhancing the experience of hikers, campers and the community in general, and creating ongoing development of our collective understanding of Country.

Jury

Roger Nelson, FRAIA | Jury Chair

Anja de Spa, RAIA | Juror

Brett Nixon, RAIA | Juror