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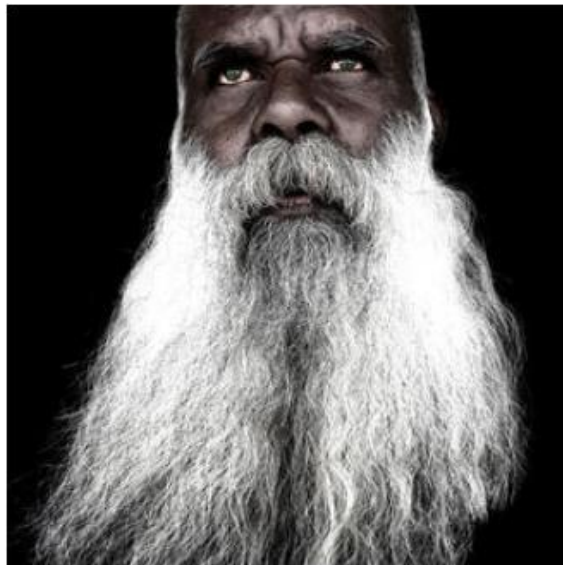
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2019 Sony World Photography Awards celebrates Australian photographic talent

- *Photographer Marc Stapelberg revealed as winner of Australia National Award*
- *All winners of Awards' Open competition and National Awards announced today*
- *Images available at www.worldphoto.org/press*



Australia National Award winning photo taken by Marc Stapelberg

SYDNEY, 26 February 2019 – Supporting the local photographic communities in 62 countries across the globe, the World Photography Organisation and Sony announced today the winners of the 2019 National Awards. Included in the list is Lismore's **Marc Stapelberg**, the recipient of the 2019 Australia National Award.

Part of the prestigious and internationally renowned Sony World Photography Awards, the National Awards program demonstrates Sony's commitment to supporting local photographic talent by recognising the work of local photographers and promoting it on a global scale.

Marc Stapelberg's image *Untitled* was selected as the single best image taken by any photographer of Australian nationality and living in Australia, entered the Open competition of the Sony World Photography Awards.

Stapelberg is a photojournalist based in Lismore. He has worked in the industry for 14 years, and has been honoured multiple times in international competitions. The striking winning portrait captures a local indigenous man called Steven Walker who has worked in landcare for the past 15 years.

Speaking of his achievement, Stapelberg said:

"I am absolutely and completely humbled to be selected to be among such talented and profoundly beautiful image makers from across the world. There is not a person on the planet who has not been profoundly moved by a photograph they have seen. As children it expands our imagination and opens our eyes to the incredible planet we live on. This is the beauty of photography. To be able to contribute to this global archive of such significance is a real honour. Thank you to Sony World Photography Awards, the judges and fellow photographers."

As National Award winner, Stapelberg receives the latest digital imaging equipment from Sony. The winning work will be shown at the Sony World Photography Awards Exhibition in London from April 18 – May 6 and will be published in the 2019 Awards' book.

Produced by the World Photography Organisation, the internationally acclaimed Sony World Photography Awards are one of the most important fixtures on the global photographic calendar. The Awards are now in their 12th year of partnership, with Sony as the headline sponsor, and consist of four competitions in total: **Professional** (for a body of works), **Open** (for a single image), **Student** (for academic institutions) and **Youth** (for 12-19 year olds).

The success is announced today alongside the winners all 62 National Awards, and the 10 categories of the Awards' Open competition. The shortlist for the Awards' Professional and Student competitions will be revealed March 26. The overall and Professional category winners of the Awards will be announced April 17. For more details visit www.worldphoto.org

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All shortlisted and commended images are available to download for publication at www.worldphoto.org/press

About World Photography Organisation

The World Photography Organisation is a global platform for photography initiatives. Working across up to 180 countries, our aim is to raise the level of conversation around photography by celebrating the best imagery and photographers on the planet. We pride ourselves on building lasting relationships with both individual photographers as well as our industry-leading partners around the world. The World Photography Organisation hosts a year-round portfolio of events including the **Sony World Photography Awards**, one of the world's leading photography competitions, and **PHOTOFAIRS**, leading international art fairs dedicated to photography. For more details see www.worldphoto.org

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