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## 2018 Sony World Photography Awards chooses Australia's best photograph



*Chris Round: Intake Tower, Blowering Reservoir, NSW, Australia*

- *Photographer Chris Round 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](http://www.worldphoto.org/press)*

**SYDNEY, 20 March 2018** – The Sony World Photography Awards today announce **Chris Round** as the winner of the 2018 Australia National Award.

Round, a fine art photographer based in Sydney, won for a photograph titled *Intake Tower, Blowering Reservoir, NSW, Australia*. The work was selected by an expert panel of judges as the best single image taken by an Australian photographer submitted to the 2018 Awards.

Produced by the World Photography Organisation, the Sony World Photography Awards is the world's most diverse photography competition. The 11th edition saw a record breaking 320,000 submissions by photographers from more than 200 countries and territories, presenting some of the world's finest contemporary photography captured over the past year.

As National Award winner, Chris Round 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 20 – May 6 and published in the 2018 Awards' book.

Describing the winning work, Round says: *"This image is part of an ongoing project concerning the Snowy Hydro Scheme and the Snowy Mountains region in New South Wales. It's an exploration of the balance between nature and man's intervention upon it - vast structures amongst epic landscapes, re-shaped waterways and newly created ones. This is the Blowering Reservoir intake tower taken in the early morning light. The brutalist structure creates an interesting juxtaposition with the surrounding environment and the soft-looking water – a result of the need for a long exposure."*

The photographer continues: *"I'm excited about this win as it validates the hard work and thinking that goes into making an image. The recognition given by the judges and the Awards is highly pleasing and adds extra energy to my practice."*

As a fine art photographer, Round is particularly interested in capturing landscapes that feature human interventions. His work has previously been shortlisted at the Sony World Photography Awards and is commended in the 2018 Awards' Open Architecture category.

The success is announced today alongside the winners all 63 National Awards. The overall and Professional category winners of the Awards will be announced April 19. For more details visit [www.worldphoto.org](http://www.worldphoto.org)

### **Notes to Editors**

**All shortlisted and commended images are available to download for publication at**

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The World Photography Organisation is a global platform for photography initiatives. Working across more than 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, international art fairs dedicated to photography with destinations in Shanghai and San Francisco. For more details see [www.worldphoto.org](http://www.worldphoto.org).

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