

# MEDIA RELEASE

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Image: Cameron Spencer, *The Dive*, 2016. Courtesy: Getty Images

## **A photo speaks a thousand words 2016 Nikon-Walkley Press Photography Exhibition at the State Library of South Australia**

See heartbreak and triumph, jubilation and devastation on show in the **2016 Nikon-Walkley Press Photography Exhibition** at the State Library of South Australia from 16 December 2016 to 12 February 2017. Presented in partnership with The Walkley Foundation, this exhibition features the best photographic moments in sport, politics and daily life as captured by Australia's leading photojournalists in the past 12 months.

For the first time, the State Library is hosting this prestigious and compelling exhibition which recognises the invaluable contribution of press photography to the Australian news media.

**Alan Smith**, Director State Library of South Australia comments, "We are thrilled to bring this captivating photographic exhibition, together with the Walkley Foundation, to Adelaide. As the collector and preserver of the State's history, the State Library is a valuable resource and archive for the media. They tap into our extensive collections – photographic, manuscripts, oral, film, sound recordings, maps, architectural plans, posters, artworks – to bring another dimension to their stories."

"This exhibition is a reminder of the value of preserving moments in time for future generations. These captured moments document the history and rich diversity of life the world over," Smith said.

Each year more than 350 entries are considered for selection in the annual Walkley Awards – the pinnacle of achievement for Australian press photographers judged by industry experts.

The photos on display allow us to reflect on the year in news through the individual worldviews and skilled lenses of Australia's best photographers.

Walkley Foundation CEO **Jacqui Park** said "These engaging photos illustrate the power of the news media to capture Australia's stories, whether tragedy or triumph. We're delighted to be working with the State Library so that we can bring these stories to South Australians."

Some of these images are the work of a split second. Others took months of research and trust-building. Photographers interact with their subjects with perhaps more intimacy than story-tellers in any other medium, and the stories they tell can move you with a single frame.

They say a photo is worth a thousand words and the photos on display in this exhibition are sure to speak volumes. The photos capture the stories from our own backyards to the furthest corners of the globe.

The **2016 Nikon-Walkley Press Photography Exhibition** is on display in the Institute Building at the State Library of South Australia until the 12 February 2017.

### **2017 Institute Lecture Series**

The State Library is pleased to announce, in partnership with The Walkley Foundation, the 2017 Institute Lecture Series – a four part series of high profile media journalists talking about their craft and a wide range of topics.

The first event, *Framed. Reading between the lines of arts journalism*, is scheduled for 16 March 2017 with Sebastian Smee and Ashleigh Wilson.

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### **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:**

**Friday, 16 December 2016, 10.30am**

**Meet in the Institute Building Foyer, corner North Terrace and Kintore Avenue, Adelaide**

Media are invited to view the exhibition and meet with photographer **Cameron Spencer** from Getty Images. Cameron was the winner of the Nikon-Walkley Sport Photography category with his 'The Defining Moment' photos.

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### **EXHIBITION DETAILS:**

**2016 Nikon-Walkley Press Photography Exhibition**

**16 December 2016 – 12 February 2017**

Open 10am – 5pm daily (closed public holidays)

Institute Building



Corner North Terrace and Kintore Avenue  
Free entry

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