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EXHIBITION*Media Release***World Press Photo returns to NSW State Library**

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The prestigious World Press Photo exhibition returns to the State Library of NSW on 24 May 2014 for the 14th year with a showcase of over 200 moving and evocative images from photographers around the globe, including three Australians.

The winners of the 57th World Press Photo Contest were selected from over 100,000 entries, with Australian photographers Chris McGrath, Ezra Shaw and Quinn Rooney from Getty Images taking out the honours in the sports photography categories.

The coveted World Press Photo of the Year 2014 was awarded to American photographer John Stanmeyer for his striking picture showing African migrants on the shore of Djibouti city at night, raising their phones in an attempt to capture an inexpensive signal from neighboring Somalia—a tenuous link to relatives abroad. The picture also won 1st Prize in the Contemporary category.

“Providing access to stories and information, whether in the written or visual form, is at the heart of what we do and without World Press Photo, documentary photography from around the world may otherwise remain unseen by the general public,” says Alex Byrne, NSW State Librarian & Chief Executive.

“Our key mission is to collect, preserve and provide ongoing access to our unrivalled Australian collections, including our archive of over 1.4 million photographic images. We’re gradually digitising and making our growing collections available online through our website and social media platforms like Flickr and Pinterest,” says Dr Byrne.

Visitors to the State Library’s Galleries from 24 May to 22 June will also once again experience extraordinary Australian stories captured in everyday moments by talented local photographers in *Sydney Morning Herald Photos1440* – some of whom have won World Press Photo awards in previous years.

Featuring the best published and unpublished work by *Herald* photographers from the past year, Photos1440 captures Sydneysiders and rural residents at work and at play, as well as our distinct Australian landscape.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Exhibition tour: Enjoy a private tour of World Press Photo 14 and *Sydney Morning Herald Photos1440* with award-winning *Herald* photographers and discover the amazing stories behind the photos. Hosted by the *Sydney Morning Herald* and Canon.

Thursday 12 June, 6pm – 7pm, Galleries, State Library of NSW Free, bookings essential: (02) 9273 1770, bookings@sl.nsw.gov.au

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Having the eye: Bangladeshi photographer and curator Hasib Zakaria will discuss how photographers from developing countries are making their mark in an industry mainly dominated by photographers from developing countries.

Thursday 19 June, 6pm – 7pm, Metcalfe Auditorium, State Library of NSW Cost: \$15, bookings essential: (02) 9273 1770, bookings@sl.nsw.gov.au

World Press Photo 2014 and Photos1440 are free exhibitions at the State Library from 24 May to 22 June 2014. Galleries open until 5 pm everyday – 8 pm on Thursdays. **Special extended hours:** 16, 17 and 18 June – open until 8pm.

Upcoming free photography exhibitions at the State Library of NSW:

Portraits of War: The Crown Studios Project: 28 June – 21 September 2014

Don McCullin: The Impossible Peace

From War Photographs to Landscapes, 1958–2011: 27 September – 26 October 2014

A Contact Press touring exhibition. Presented by the State Library of NSW in association with Reportage Photography Festival.

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