

# GRIMSHAW

## PRESS RELEASE

### Photography competition and exhibition celebrates 10 years of a Melbourne architectural icon.

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Southern Cross Station is now 10 years old, and Grimshaw, in collaboration with Open House Melbourne and Southern Cross Station Pty Ltd, is hosting an Instagram photo competition to mark the occasion.

During the month of July, photography enthusiasts and city-proud Melburnians are invited to share their photos of Southern Cross Station to celebrate the role the building plays in the city, and what it means to the people of Melbourne and Victoria.

Shortlisted entries will be featured as part of a week-long exhibition to be held during August at Grimshaw's Melbourne studio. The top three entries will be announced on the opening day of the exhibition.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle AC, Open House Melbourne executive director Emma Telfer, and celebrated architectural photographer, John Gollings will judge the shortlisted entries, with the winning images selected for their artistic merit, originality, and how they celebrate Southern Cross Station as a key part of Melbourne's built environment and identity.

Cr Doyle said, "I have very vivid memories of Spencer Street Station being a country boy at boarding school, and of course was in Parliament during the reconstruction of Southern Cross.

"The Station has been an iconic part of our city for as long as I can remember. Interestingly where once it was perhaps on the edge of the city it is now firmly in the middle of the city as we have grown."

Neil Stonell, Partner of Grimshaw, who was a key member of the team which delivered Southern Cross Station, will also judge the shortlisted entries.

Neil Stonell said, "Southern Cross Station has been part of the fabric of Melbourne for more than 10 years now. When Grimshaw designed Southern Cross Station, one of the great ambitions we had was to make the new railway station an integrated and loved part of the city – a civic arrival space for the people of and visitors to Melbourne, which reinvigorates Spencer Street and intrinsically links the CBD and Docklands. I'm looking forward to seeing how people relate to and celebrate these aspects of the station.

Furthermore, we are honoured to have Lord Mayor Robert Doyle, Emma Telfer and John Gollings judge the photography competition."

John Gollings, one of the photographers Grimshaw commissioned to capture the station upon its completion, will not only bring to the judging process his eye for photography, but also his own experience as an architect and resident of Melbourne.

John Gollings said, "Southern Cross Station is an iconic Melbourne building and fundamental to our civic infrastructure. It is a major responsibility to document it for posterity, to describe its function and find art in its structure and use. Southern Cross Station is a joy to shoot but not without the challenge of its location."

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The public will also be able to vote for their favourite image at the #scssnap2017 exhibition, to be held at Grimshaw's Melbourne studio from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017.

Emma Telfer said, "The Southern Cross Photography Competition perfectly aligns to Open House Melbourne's mission to advocate for better-designed cities through civic participation.

"The Competition is an invitation to celebrate Melbourne and consider how Southern Cross Station influences our city culture."

The first-prize winner will receive a framed drawing of Southern Cross Station, signed by Sir Nicholas Grimshaw, founder of Grimshaw Architects. A framed and signed photographic print of Southern Cross Station by John Gollings will be awarded to the second-prize winner, while the third-prize winner will receive a framed print of their own successful entry into the competition. The winner of the People's Choice Award will receive a \$200 Michaels Camera Video & Digital Voucher.

To be eligible for entry into the competition, images must be uploaded to Instagram between Monday 3 July and Monday, 31 July 2017, and tagged @grimshawarch and #scssnap2017.

The competition will run in conjunction with the Open House Melbourne programme, which is also celebrating its 10-year anniversary.

Follow @grimshawarch on Instagram for further details about the #scssnap2017 competition and exhibition

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### About Grimshaw

Grimshaw was founded by Sir Nicholas Grimshaw in 1980. The practice became a Partnership in 2007 and operates worldwide with offices in London, New York, Melbourne, Sydney and Doha. Grimshaw's international portfolio covers all major sectors and has been honoured with over 150 international design awards including the prestigious Lubetkin Prize.

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### Southern Cross Station

Grimshaw was appointed to work in collaboration with Jackson Architecture on the reorganisation and expansion of Southern Cross Station. As well as the transport interchange and associated track and signalling works, the redevelopment includes a major office building on Collins Street and a retail plaza serving the CBD's west end.

The key generators for the station's design were practical performance, ease of passenger circulation and an improved working environment for staff with sheltered, high-quality ticketing, baggage-handling, and waiting services. The design focus of Southern Cross Station is the dune-like roof that covers an entire city block. The roof's form plays a crucial role as part of the environmental envelope.

Southern Cross Station is the recipient of the 2007 RIAA National Urban Design Award and RIBA Lubetkin Prize.

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