



Experimentation, speculation, invention: AA Prize for Unbuilt Work 2021

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Winner: A Treasure Trove of Space – Rethinking Melbourne’s Car Parks by Bates Smart.

A timely proposal that considers the imbalance between private car parks and public space has won the 2021 AA Prize for Unbuilt Work.

“The winning scheme, A Treasure Trove of Space – Rethinking Melbourne’s Car Parks by Bates Smart, tackles an issue that preceded the global pandemic, yet is even more relevant in a post-COVID world in which many city buildings have been left vacant,” said jury chair Katelin Butler.

“Many of the schemes dealt with the very real issues facing us today, offering suggestions as to how we might change our course into the future.

“We have been given a chance to dream up a new world; and I believe architects can lead the way by collectively drawing on a unique capacity for imagination and pragmatism.”

The AA Prize for Unbuilt Work was reprised after a decade-long hiatus and received more than 200 entries. Along with the winner, three honourable mentions and four special mentions were also awarded.



a past winner of the prize), Alec Tzannes (founding director, Tzannes), Carroll Go-Sam (lecturer, School of Architecture, University of Queensland), and Rory Hyde (associate professor in architecture, Melbourne School of Design, University of Melbourne).

Winner

[A Treasure Trove of Space – Rethinking Melbourne’s Car Parks](#) – *Bates Smart*

Honourable Mentions

[Burial Belt](#) – *Other Architects*

[New Ground](#) – *Other Architects, Openwork, Andy Fergus and Alicia Pozniak*

[Anthepe Community Centre](#) – *University of Newcastle and Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation*

Special Mentions

[Lingang Bird Airport](#) – *McGregor Coxall*

[Backyard](#) – *Alex Galego*

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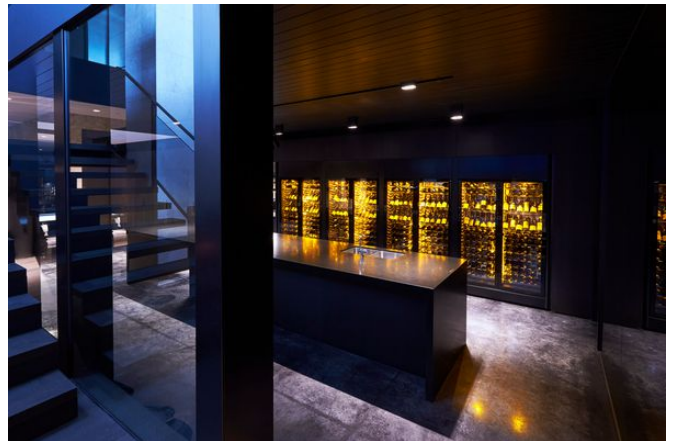
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