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The Honourable Linda Dessau AM, Governor of Victoria to deliver lecture on sport and the arts at State Library Victoria

The Honourable Linda Dessau AM, Governor of Victoria will deliver this year's first Big Ideas under the dome lecture – “Sport and the arts: From Ablett (Jnr) to Caravaggio” - at State Library Victoria on Wednesday 17 February.

“It's a paradox that when we live in a State that loves both sport and the arts, so many people seem to show discomfort in saying that they love them both. There is frequently an abyss of misunderstanding between two distinct camps: those who are devoted to sport, and those who love the arts. The real argument should be about why sport really matters and why the arts really matter and why both really matter”

**The Hon. Linda Dessau AM
Governor of Victoria**

Governor Dessau is Victoria's 29th Governor and the first female in the role. Her Excellency was previously a Judge of the Family Court of Australia and immediately before her appointment as Governor, she was President of the Melbourne Festival, Chair of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Victorian Regional Committee and a national Board member of the Trust, a Commissioner of the Australian Football League, a Trustee of the National Gallery of Victoria, a Board member and former Chair of AFL Sportsready and Artsready, a Board member of the Unicorn Foundation, and a Patron of Sports Connect.

Big Ideas under the dome is a thought-provoking lecture series that features great minds in the arts, culture, social justice, science and leadership as they discuss, debate and reflect on the big ideas and issues of our time. The series was established in 2013 to celebrate the centenary of the Library's domed reading room that has been a symbol of inspiration, creativity and ideas since 1913.

Big Ideas under the dome

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“Sport and the arts: From Ablett (Jnr) to Caravaggio”
Wednesday 17 February, 6:30pm - 7:30pm
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