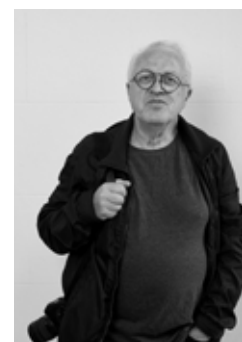




LINDEN LOCALS



For over 32 years, Linden has been engaging with the local community and inviting them in to explore contemporary art in all its guises and phases.

INTRODUCTION

Linden Locals celebrates our audience and reflects the diversity of people who engage with our organisation. From friends who come to explore the gallery and then go on to chat about the shows afterwards over coffee or a glass of wine; to locals who live down the street and love having a gallery on their door step, to artists whose work is on the wall; and to families whose children love to explore each exhibition.

Linden forms a social backdrop for the lives of many and encourages each visitor to stop, pause and consider the art in front of them. In our busy lives, space to be inspired and sometimes challenged is pivotal to each of us consider our place in the world in which we live, work and play.

Linden Locals provides us with a snapshot of the many visitors who drop in to form part of the Linden family. Through this project we share the stories of our locals and their special connection to Linden.

MELINDA MARTIN
Director
June 2019



"I've been on the board of Linden for five years. I'd never visited before joining the board, but now feel very much part of the Linden family. Linden is a part of the community; it's accessible and open to all. It creates so many opportunities to interact with amazing art and support local artists. At first, the building seems a little imposing, but all you all you have to do is walk through the door and you immediately feel welcome."

Catherine

Linden Locals, *Catherine*, 2018. Images courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.

"I first came to Linden more than thirty years ago, and have been coming back ever since. I lived near Fawknor Street, off Barkly Street. I remember seeing a play that showcased the history of St Kilda and Linden: from the Victorian era, through the world wars, to gentrification. I've watched Linden continue to evolve along with St Kilda and have seen a lot of positive changes in the area in the last thirty-seven years."

Christine



Linden Locals, *Christine*, 2018. Image courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.



"We came across the gallery strolling through the Botanical Gardens, when it was at Domain House. We signed up to the mailing list, which is how we heard about the Linden Postcard Show. We're from Camberwell but are happy to go for a drive to look at the art."

Courtney, Katie, Zach, Alice and Lily

Linden Locals, *Courtney, Katie, Zach, Alice and Lily*, 2018. Image courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.

"I've lived in St Kilda for twenty-five years and love coming to Linden. The first time was in the late nineties, when a friend brought me to the Linden Postcard Show. Since then, I've entered a couple of times. Linden's a beautiful place to visit and has remained a local sanctuary all that time. Since last winter, I've been a volunteer with the Earthcare St Kilda penguin team – there are now 1400 penguins at St Kilda. If I enter the Linden Postcard Show next year, I think I will put in photos of the penguins."

Cristina



Linden Locals, *Cristina*, 2018. Image courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.



“We’ve been in the area for a long time – I’ve lived in St Kilda for more than twenty years and Ian has lived here for ten. I was here for the opening night of the Linden Postcard Show and we came back today to see it together. We both think the renovations are beautiful and love the fact that we can wander down to Linden. It’s so important to have a significant gallery for the community.”

Tass

Linden Locals, *Ian and Tass*, 2018. Image courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.

“This is my first time visiting Linden, my cousin's son has a postcard in the show. The piece won the Local Artist Award, awarded by the Member for Albert Park. It's the first time he has won something. My son is a policeman at St Kilda, and I live in Bentleigh. I don't usually come this far, but I will definitely be back.”

Jan



Linden Locals, *Jan*, 2018. Image courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.



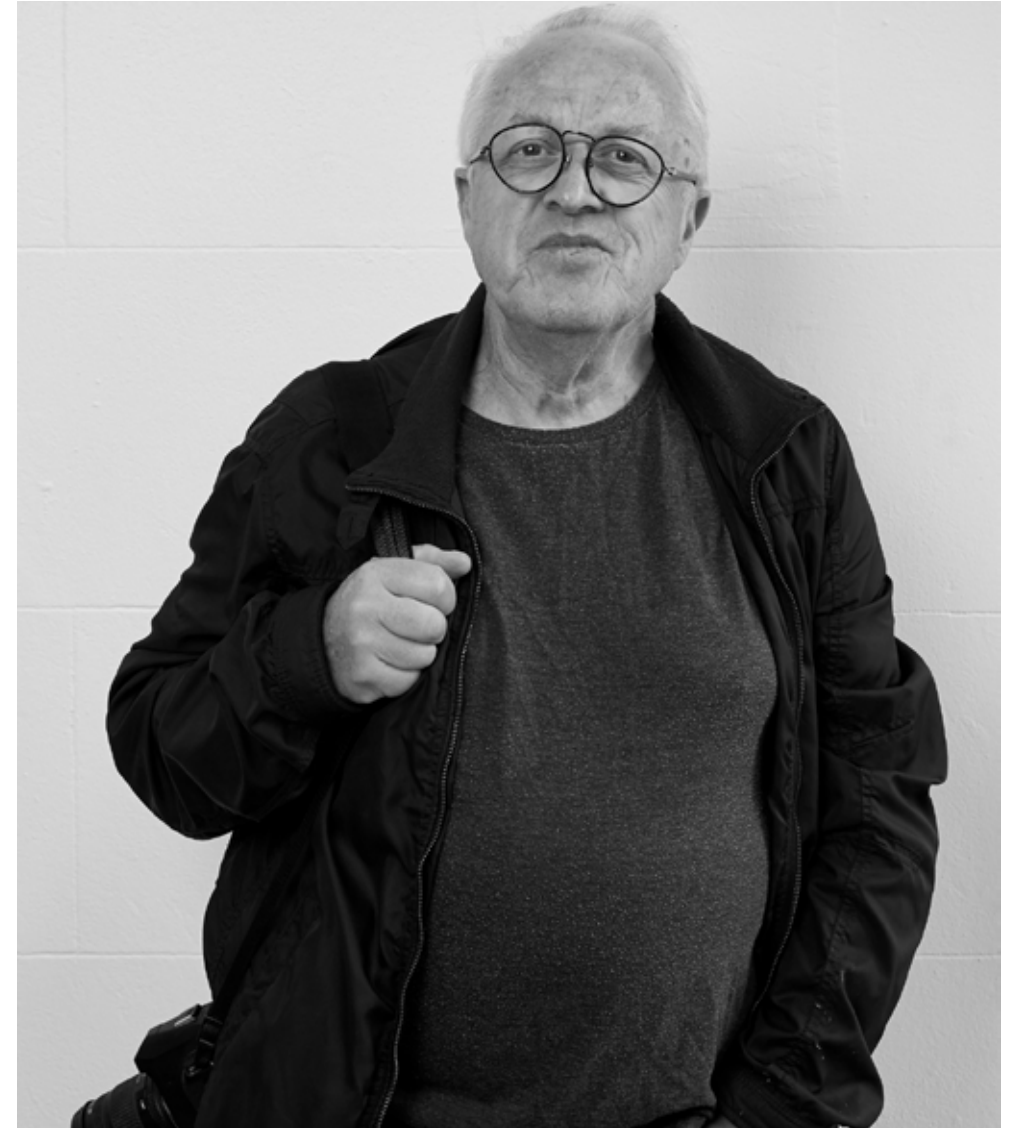
"I love this gallery. I saw an exhibition here a couple of years ago and am just visiting again, finally. I'm an immigrant from Rhodesia (modern Zimbabwe). I moved a lot as a child but have spent most of my adult life in London, where I met my husband. He's an Aussie from Frankston. I've been in Melbourne for five years now, and it's growing on me. I think it's interesting to see how people interpret their culture – everyone is like a movie producer."

Joycee

Linden Locals, *Joycee*, 2018. Image courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.

“I have lived in Elwood for about twenty years and visit Linden on a regular basis. I used to live on the edge of Fitzroy Street – it was wild at the time, but things have settled down now. Linden’s had some great shows in the last few years. I like that it is different from a commercial gallery – it can be a bit more experimental.”

Lindsay



Linden Locals, *Lindsay*, 2018. Image courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.



"I've grown up going to Linden. My older brothers played in the art garden every time we came. It was part of a secret trail run my parents used to take us on – we'd start near our house, sneak around the church and through the adventure playground. Back then, St Kilda was still cool and dangerous. It's a much safer place now, but still great. It's changed a lot while I was growing up."

Milo

Linden Locals, *Milo*, 2018. Image courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.

“This is our second date, I picked Linden through a quick Google Search. We’re from Greensborough and Ringwood, so we decided to make a day of it. Funnily enough, our first date was also at a gallery, so it’s kinda our thing. Travis has been to Linden before, but this is my first time here. It looks beautiful, so I can’t wait to check it out.”

Steph



Linden Locals, *Steph and Travis*, 2018. Image courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.



"I love Linden. It's wonderful to have close-by. I moved to St Kilda for the cultural places that are openly available to the community. I think it's great to have art that is accessible to everyone. I've been coming to the Linden Postcard Show for twenty years. It just gets better every year."

Susan

Linden Locals, *Susan*, 2018. Image courtesy of Linden New Art & i.e. community.
Photography: Jasper Chan.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

i.e. community > Todd Beavis, Stephanie Lightfoot, Jasper Chan.

Linden Locals > Amy, Georgia, Keiran, Phil, Catherine, Christine, Courtney, Katie, Zach, Alice, Lilly, Cristina, Danielle, Cleo, David, Ann, David, Ariane, Kylie, Freddy, Anna, Craig, Ian, Tass, Jan, Jennifer, Joycee, Julia, Hilly, Eve, Sadie, Michael, Lance, Una, Lilly, Linda, Lindsay, Marie, Laura, Michelle, Jan, Noel, Milo, Peter, Trish, Jutta, Ruth, Richard, Steph, Travis, Sujin, Ngawang, Susan and Wendy.

FOLLOW US

JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION & STAY UP-TO-DATE!

Follow us on social media:

 /LindenNewArt

 @linden_new_art

 @LindenNewArt

Subscribe to our e-newsletter at *lindenarts.org*

DIRECTOR: MELINDA MARTIN
CURATOR: JULIETTE HANSON
DEVELOPMENT MANAGER: LYN JOHNSON
EVENTS COORDINATOR: JASMIN MCNEILL
DESIGN & MARKETING COORDINATOR: MATHIEU VENDEVILLE
GALLERY ADMINISTRATOR: HANA VASAK & SEBASTIAN HAEUSLER
VOLUNTEER OFFICER: CHLOÉ HAZELWOOD



26 ACLAND STREET
ST KILDA 3182

www.lindenarts.org
gallery@lindenarts.org
PHONE 03 9534 0099

FREE ENTRY
GALLERY HOURS
TUESDAY - SUNDAY > 11AM-4PM

LINDEN NEW ART
IS FUNDED BY

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTER

PROJECT PARTNER

