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Bird Tales is a compilation of acrylic paintings on birds by outstanding Australian athlete & artist, Patrick Francis, who won the Art & Australia / Credit Suisse Bank Contemporary Art Award 2012-13 besides exhibiting at the National Gallery of Victoria's 150th Anniversary in 2011, Polyphonics Exhibition in Bangkok - Nov 2011, several exhibitions in India, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur & Bangkok. He has also exhibited numerous paintings in Australia at Arts Project Australia (APA), Northcote; Access Arts, Queensland & renowned curator - Peter Fay Exhibitions at Sheffer Gallery, Sydney. "Two stunning artworks by Patrick Francis which are part of the Art & Australia Collection 2003-2013, will be exhibited in partnership with Newcastle Art Gallery Dec 2012-Feb 2013 & then tour nationally in 2013-14" - APA The Special Champion Moonee Valley Leader 18 Feb 11 @ 10:02am

http://moonee-valley-leader.whereilive.com.au/your-news/story/the-special-champion/ Essendon's Patrick Francis is a high achiever who never rests on his laurels. Determined to push the boundaries everyday, he enthusiastically trains at Swimming, Tenpin Bowling & Golf besides revelling in Visual Arts. Over the last few months, his accomplishments have been nothing short of amazing : •Nominated for "Young Australian of the Year" for Contribution to Sport in Jan 2011. •An outstanding member of the Maribyrnong City Council's "Emerging Community Group of the Year" : Special Olympics-Melbourne West Tenpin Bowling Team. •Received the Reward and Recognition Award from Moonee Valley City Council. •Followed by the Dick Reynolds Youth Sports Award from Mayor, Cr John Sipek, in Dec 2010. •Besides the Maribyrnong Inclusive Recognition Award - Individual Sporting Champion on International Day of People with Disabilities - Dec 3, 2010, from Mayor Sel Sanli. •Finalist in the Spirit of Moonee Valley Awards -Contribution to Neighbourhood in Nov 2010. •Won a Gold Medal at the Special Olympics Tenpin Bowling State Games for the Team Tournament & a Silver Medal at the Individual Championship in Oct 2010. And the list goes on..... This dynamic teenager is also an emerging Visual Artist with Arts Project Australia, Northcote, who exhibits his paintings all over Victoria. Some of them will be on display at the Moonee Valley Festival on Sunday - Feb 27, 2011, at Queen's Park, Moonee Ponds, at the Special Olympics-Melbourne West Community stall where he is assisting his group raise funds for their team and at the Brimbank Festival on March 19, 2011. The family are resolute about spreading positive global awareness on autism & intellectual disability & Patrick is their ambassador who blazes a trail with his incredible talent & unwavering commitment to sport & art. More details can be found on their facebook pages – Absolutely Awetistic & Tenpin Bowling. Essendon teen bowls 'em over 24 Nov 10 @ 08:00am Moonee Valley Leader -Mark Smith ESSENDON teenager, Patrick Francis, has bowled over his rivals to win two medals in the State Winter Games. Patrick, 18, won gold in the team tenpin bowling & silver in the individual tenpin bowling event in the Special Olympics Games in Echuca last month. The wins added to the three medals he won in swimming events at the Summer Games in Nunawading in March. Patrick, who is autistic with intellectual & developmental delay, has been a favourite son of the Moonee Valley community with a report on his swimming achievements attracting dozens of letters of congratulations. He was a finalist in the Spirit of Moonee Valley Awards in the Contribution to Neighbourhood category. Patrick is this week's Moonee Valley Rebel Sport Senior Sports Star nominee. Other Publications available from authors - Lesley & Patrick Francis in the form of full-colour artist, poetry, colouring & puzzle books (large print, for all ages), calendars, blank greeting cards & gift tags : Athlete & Artist, Australian ABCs, Absolutely Awetistic Arts, Animated Animals, Bird Tales, Brilliant Bangkok

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