



LaLaLand

By Violet Cooper



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Violet Cooper is a visual artist, public art creator, illustrator, writer and social commentator. Her work is designed to encourage viewers to see the world differently, using humour, playfulness and the unexpected.

Violet is interested in creating entertaining interactive artworks that serve the community. When the opportunity to exhibit in the Women's and Children's Hospital came up, Violet saw it as chance to provide entertainment and distraction for people who might need it.

"I spent quite a bit of time in hospitals last year and got myself a firsthand taste of the benefits of displaying works in this sort of venue".

The title 'LaLaLand' encapsulates the whimsical nature of the work exhibited, with a nod to Violet's nickname 'LaLa'.

"A lot of the works are illustrations from various picture book ideas under development. Some are works from the past, revived and refreshed. The abstract paintings are a whole new thing, a joyous celebration of colour, pattern and form that came after a massive creative lull, being playful and painting without an agenda, as a way to get making again."

With over 20 years' experience as a multi-disciplinary artist and educator, Violet's goal is to introduce new ways of looking at things, to amuse, increase awareness and to bring joy.

We thank Violet, for this wonderful collection of curious and quirky paintings for our Hospital community to ponder over (and giggle at) during the summer season.

To see more of Violet's artwork visit:
Instagram [@superdoopervioletcooper](https://www.instagram.com/superdoopervioletcooper)
website: www.violetcooper.com



Image top: *Terrifying Monster*
Image bottom left: *The Green Team*
Image bottom right: portrait of Violet Cooper

The Women’s & Children’s Hospital Foundation (WCH Foundation) raises funds to support the health of women and children under the care of the Women’s and Children’s Hospital in Adelaide, South Australia. The WCH Foundation is committed to ensuring that mums, children, and their families have access to the very best in medical care, hospital facilities and support services at a time when they need it the most.

The WCH Foundation Arts in Health program creates an interactive and vibrant hospital environment that improves the health and wellbeing of the hospital patients, their families and staff. Through art, play and music, we encourage curiosity and creativity and reduce the stress of being in hospital.

The Arts in Health Exhibition Program provides a space away from the stresses of treatment to distract, entertain and inspire by improving the hospital environment. The artworks displayed in the exhibition spaces come from a range of sources – internally from hospital staff, patients (women & children) and their families, through specific Arts in Health activities and externally from local artists and art collectives.

This exhibition was planned and exhibited on the lands of the Kurna People, we pay our respects to the Kurna Elders past and present and to the Elders of the lands this brochure reaches.

Cover Image: detail of *Cats in Cars*



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