



Ella Farmoodle

Paintings from the children's picture book

by Jill Noble



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After studying at the South Australian School of Art in the early 1980s, Jill Noble moved to Melbourne and became a founding member of Roar Studios, an artist cooperative that ran as an alternative studio and art gallery space. Since then, Jill has traveled extensively and now lives and works in country Victoria. Jill has a rigorous art practice spanning 40 years, exhibits widely and is notably collected around Australia. Jill is best known for creating large compositions that are stylistically simplified.

Ella Farmoodle is Jill's first children's book, published last year and is inspired by her friendship with a black standard poodle, Ella. It includes a cast of many animals who occupy the fence lines of Jill's 10-acre home in the Macedon Ranges. Jill says, "Ella is very much the author, told via her big personality to me, her humble scribe."

"During a usual day together, Ella and I would share a breakfast of pancakes before stepping out to begin the activities around the farm: checking the fence lines, running up and down the property. Ella is always aware of her surroundings and anything that moves, always alert and ready, letting me know if an animal or person is within a kilometre or two. Finally at sunset every day the unmistakable barking begins to keep the local fox from crossing the paddock into the farm.

Ella's is a big personality with a gentle heart. Apart from the obvious love and fun times had with Ella, other feelings enter the story, via the gratitude and respect I have towards all animals. I'm constantly impressed by their strength and resilience. Their lives serve us in so many ways, of which I am grateful."

The WCH Foundation Arts in Health program is delighted to be able to display Jill's artworks to celebrate Book Week and beyond in the hospital.

Jill has kindly donated some of her Ella Farmoodle books for patients to read and is generously donating the funds from the artwork sales to further support the work of our Arts in Health program.

Jill is excited for her artworks about Ella Farmoodle to visit the children and families at the hospital and Ella Farmoodle wants everyone to have a good day at her farm!

To see more of Jill's work: Instagram [@jillnobleartist](https://www.instagram.com/jillnobleartist)

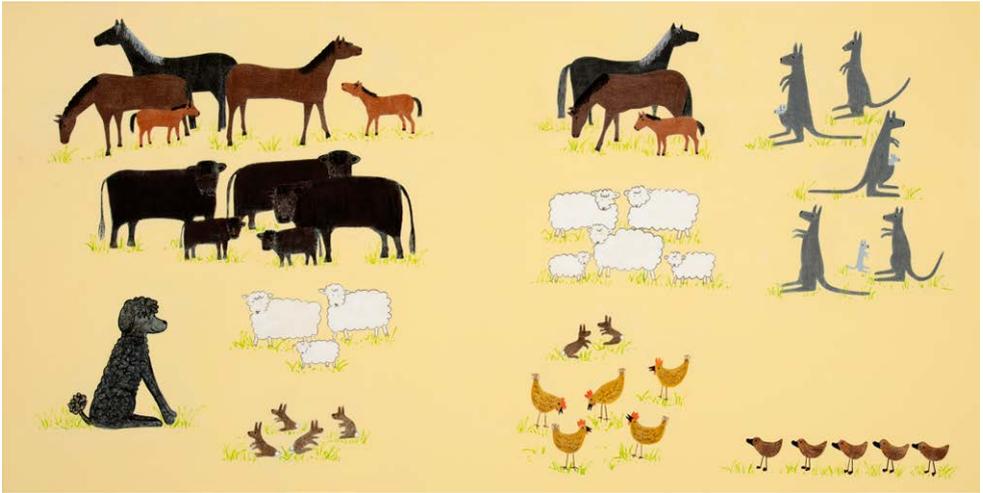


Image top: *Ella and her animals*
Image bottom left: *Ella's breakfast*
Image bottom right: portrait of Jill Noble

Each year since 1945, the Children's Book Council of Australia has brought children and books together across Australia, spending the week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators.

This exhibition celebrates Book Week 2022 – *Dreaming with your eyes open.*

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 Kaurna People, we pay our respects to the Kaurna Elders past and present and to the Elders of the lands this brochure reaches.

To see our other exciting exhibitions within the Women's and Children's Hospital visit: wchfoundation.org.au/arts-in-health/gallery-exhibition-program/

Cover Image: detail of *Ella Farmoodle finds her sheep*



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