



# **ALL OUR ANIMALS**

An exhibition by Zoe Freney

Women's & Children's  
Hospital Foundation



This series of paintings explores the intimate bonds between people and their small pets, companions that offer comfort and joy, and can accompany our healing. By painting portraits of each animal, even the smallest pets like guinea pigs, Zoe Freeney brings to attention the importance of our emotional connections and the profound role animals play in our lives.

Some of the animals featured in this exhibition are the companions of the artist and her family, while others belong to hospital staff.

*Zoe Frenay is an artist, writer and academic living on the traditional lands of the Kurna and Peramangk peoples in the Adelaide Hills, South Australia. Zoe's practice has explored experiences of mothering and its labours as well as other relational encounters. Zoe works across mediums including painting, drawing, sculpture and textile.*

Zoe is Coordinator BVA and BVA (Honours) at the Adelaide Central School of Art, where she teaches Art History & Theory. She holds a PhD and a Master of Art History from the University of Adelaide and a PhD from Australian National University, where her project employed visual arts methods as well as a hybrid methodology of practice-led research, mess and interruption to investigate representations of mothers and mothering. Her work has been shortlisted for prizes in Australia and exhibited nationally and internationally.

Learn more about Zoe's practice on [www.zoefreney.com](http://www.zoefreney.com) and [@zoefreney](https://www.instagram.com/zoefreney)



Image top left: *Dog*, oil on copper, 2025

Image top right: *Rabbit*, oil on copper, 2025

Image bottom left: *Sleeping dog woman*, pastel and acrylic on paper

Image bottom right: Zoe in her studio

The Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation (WCH Foundation) improves the health and wellbeing outcomes for children and families under the care of the Women's and Children's Hospital and the broader Health Network.

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.

Cover image: detail of *Guinea Pig #1*, Oil on copper, 2025



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