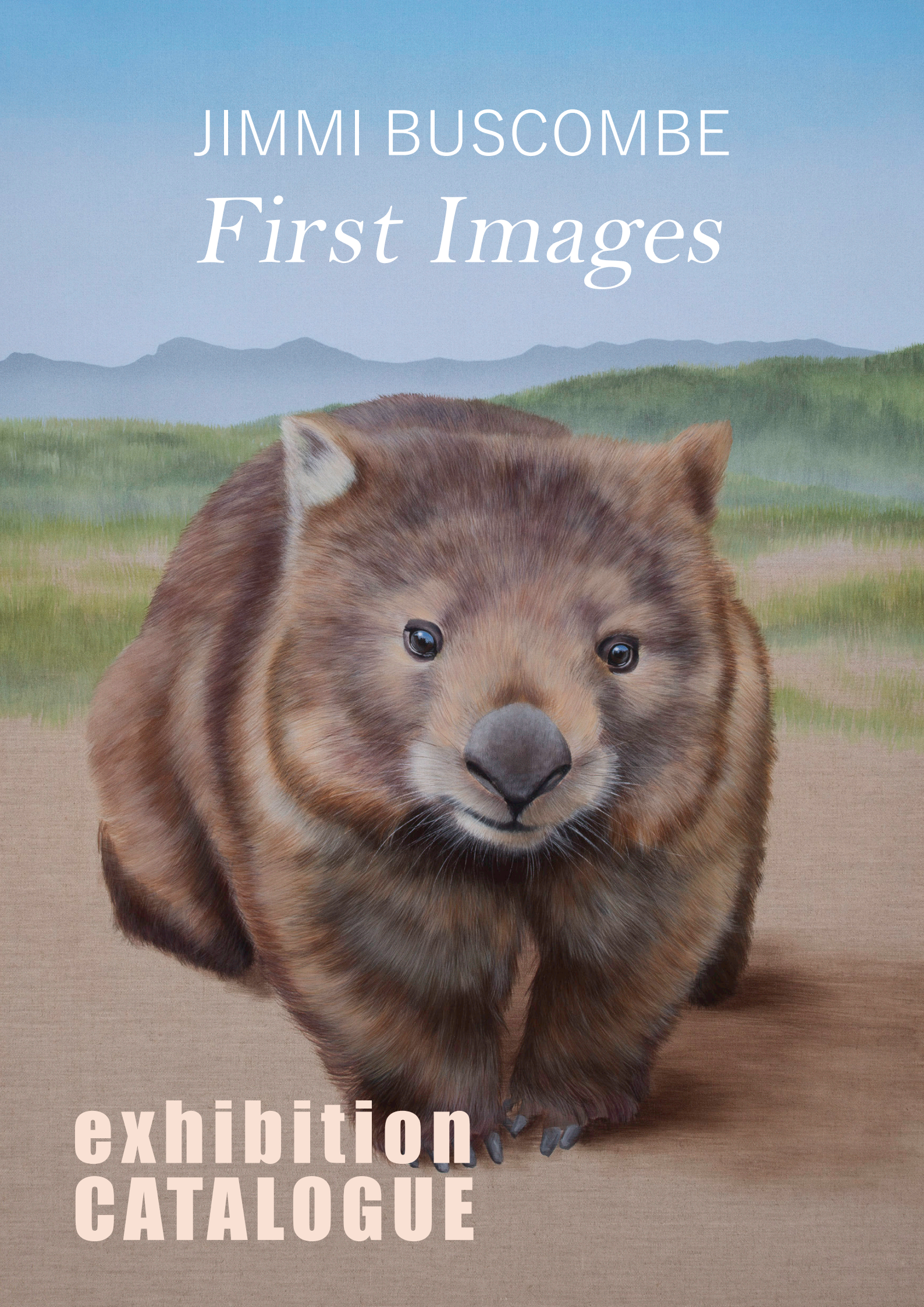


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**exhibition  
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# exhibition catalogue

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107 BROWN STREET, HAMILTON VIC

EXHIBITION ON DISPLAY FROM SAT 8TH AUG UNTIL SUN 1ST NOV 2026  
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### **From Hamilton Gallery:**

Jimmi Buscombe is a Warrnambool-based visual artist renowned for his highly detailed wildlife paintings and large-scale public artworks. He is a finalist in several national art prizes and has installed over 50 major public art commissions across Australia and the United States.

In this exhibition, Buscombe's practice reveals how early childhood encounters can echo throughout a lifetime, resurfacing later in the subjects we are drawn to, the places we feel connected to, and the ways we choose to see the natural world.

First Images speaks to the enduring power of pictures. More than a reflection on childhood, it is a delightful exploration of how visual culture is passed from one generation to the next, as well as a celebration of Australian flora and fauna.



## The Artist's Statement:

I grew up amongst the tall gum trees of the Dandenong Ranges to the sounds of Magpies, Kookaburras, Rosellas and Galahs, my family forming friendships with the many birds that frequented our garden. On my first birthday my parents gifted me May Gibbs' The Complete Adventures of Snugglepoot and Cuddlepoot and as the years of my childhood proceeded, my bookshelf expanded to contain the likes of many Australian children's books, including The Muddleheaded Wombat by Ruth Park, The Magic Pudding by Norman Lindsay and The Complete Adventures of Blinky Bill by Dorothy Wall. These books were my first sources for art and wonder, as my parents lovingly read to me the stories of these magical animals and their great adventures set in the Australian bush.

Now in the second half of my life, it is these images of Australian flora and fauna that I seek to recreate. I do this as an act of reverence, honouring their profound beauty in a detailed and realistic way, but also at times portraying them as playful characters stumbling into some form of whimsical narrative.

Albert Camus once wrote:

*"A person's work is nothing but this slow trek to rediscover, through the detours of art, those two or three great and simple images in whose presence their heart first opened".*

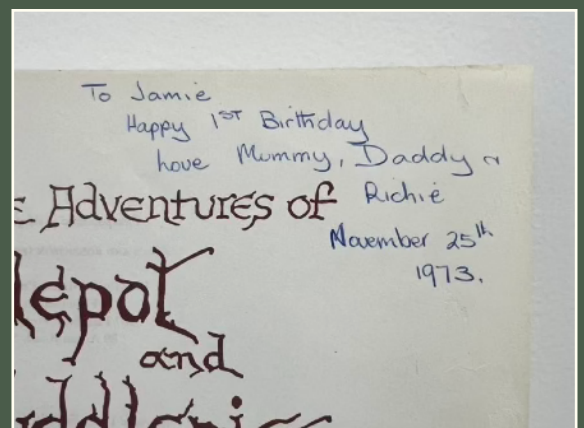
For me, each painting offers an invitation to return to the joy of those first images that shaped my artistic practice.



Jimmi with his family, reading stories - 1973



Three storybooks from Jimmi's childhood



Inscription inside Snugglepoot & Cuddlepoot



May Gibbs' illustration of a Superb Blue Fairy Wren in Snugglepoot and Cuddlepoot





“Oh, dear! It was beautiful to see all the gum-trees again.

And he felt very, very happy as he heard the different birds calling to one another just as day broke. Finding a comfortable tree, one that was very tall and straight, he climbed to the topmost branch and there, cuddled up in a corner, closed his tired little eyes and went to sleep”.

The Complete Adventures of Blinky Bill by Dorothy Wall.



“The Tree Gathering” Paintings 1-21 Hamilton Gallery (2026)  
Sales enquiries via [www.jimmibuscombe.com/exhibition](http://www.jimmibuscombe.com/exhibition)



"To a Stranger Like You, I am Mr Wombat".

90cm x 120cm

Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak

\$6520



"Her Eyes Glistened as She Looked at the Young Gum Tips".

90cm x 120cm

Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak

\$6520





"The Little Bears Were Spellbound as They Watched the Great Birds Soar Higher and Higher".

90cm x 120cm

Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak

\$6520



Gang Gang Cockatoo at the Tree Gathering.

35cm x 45cm

Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak

\$1940



Laughing Kookaburra at the Tree  
Gathering.

35cm x 45cm

Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1940



Young Koala at the Tree Gathering.

30cm x 40cm

Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1700



Sugar Glider at the Tree Gathering.  
30cm x 30cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1560



Satin Flycatchers at the Tree Gathering.  
30cm x 25cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1480





Rufous Whistler at the Tree Gathering.  
20cm x 30cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1400



Red Browed Finches at the Tree Gathering.  
20cm x 30cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1400



Rainbow Bee Eaters at the Tree Gathering.  
20cm x 30cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1400



Superb Blue Fairy Wrens at the Tree Gathering.  
25cm x 20cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1320





Silvereyes at the Tree Gathering.  
20cm x 25cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1320



Spotted Pardalotes at the Tree Gathering.  
20cm x 25cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1320



Grey Fantails at the Tree Gathering.  
20cm x 25cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1320



Scarlet Honeyeaters at the Tree Gathering.  
20cm x 25cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$1320





Flame Robin at the Tree Gathering.  
15cm x 15cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$730



Crested Shrike Tit at the Tree Gathering.  
15cm x 20cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$850



Pink Robin at the Tree Gathering.  
15cm x 15cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$730



Pygmy Possum at the Tree Gathering.  
15cm x 15cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$730





Golden Headed Cisticola at the Tree  
Gathering.

15cm x 15cm

Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$730



Emperor Moth at the Tree Gathering.

15cm x 20cm

Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$850



Eastern Yellow Robin at the Tree  
Gathering.  
15cm x 20cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$850



Southern Emu Wren at the Tree Gathering.  
15cm x 20cm  
Acrylic on linen - float framed in oak  
\$850