

Start at Home #61 Capture and Create



About the Artist

Naomi Hobson

Naomi Hobson is a Southern Kaantju/Umpila woman who lives in Coen, a small town of 360 people in the centre of Cape York Peninsula in far north Queensland. A multidisciplinary artist, she regularly works across the mediums of painting, ceramics and photography. Inspired by her direct environment, Hobson's works express her ongoing connection to Country and her ancestors' ties and relationships with their traditional lands.

About the work

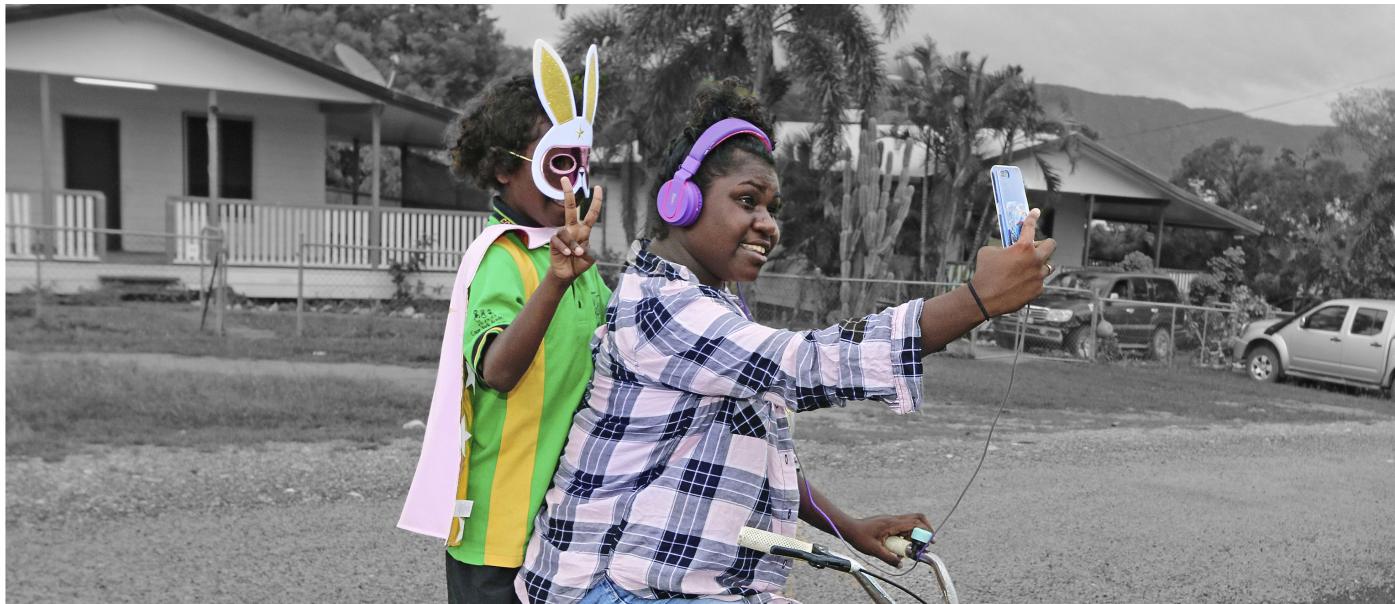
Adolescent Wonderland

Adolescent Wonderland is a series of photographs that tell the real-life story of young Aboriginal people in remote Australia. The title of this series was inspired by the classic children's novel *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. Themes of youth, playfulness and childhood memories are evident in Hobson's photographs. The brightly coloured figures and their props lure the viewer into a dream-like reality, much like how Alice follows the white rabbit.

Image Naomi Hobson, Southern Kaantju/Umpila people, Queensland, born Coen, Queensland 1978, *The Good Sister* "Laine always wants to go for a ride on her bike, it's her bike but she can't ride it yet it's too big for her she keeps falling off it so I take her for rides down the road." *Katarna*, from the series *Adolescent Wonderland*, 2019, Coen, Queensland, digital print on paper, 81.0 x 110.0 cm; © Naomi Hobson/Redot Fine Art Gallery

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Materials

- scissors
- paper and pen
- a sheet of heavy paper or card
- coloured pens/textas (at least 3 colours)
- A variety of 10–15 images in colour and black and white that you are happy to cut and draw on. Include photos of yourself, family, friends, objects such as an old toy or items of clothing that are important to you, places that have special memories, perhaps that is where you live now, places you visit often or places you dream of visiting.

Take it further

Take a series of photographs of members of your family or friends being themselves. How will you capture the essence of who they are with a single still image?

What song would you choose to accompany your image?

The Activity

Capture and create collage

Hobson has said ‘Adolescent Wonderland’ is getting people to appreciate just being themselves’.

How would you capture your best friends or family in a collage?

- 1 Cut and arrange the images of places, people, and objects, making sure that your friends/family and special objects are the focus of your background.
- 2 Once you are happy with the arrangement of your images, glue it onto the heavy paper or card.
- 3 Now think about how you want to use colour. The bright neon highlighters will make your photo collage look unreal, so you can get creative! You could divide the picture into warm and cool colours, or use one colour for people and another for the background – the possibilities are endless.
- 4 Start colouring your picture. Highlighters create a transparent layer of colour so the image below can still be seen. This means you can layer them to create new, mixed colours.
- 5 Naomi Hobson uses the words of the people pictured as captions for her photographs, giving them a voice. Create a caption that captures the scene in your collage. If the people in your picture could talk, what would they be saying?

Naomi Hobson: Adolescent Wonderland is currently touring regional South Australia, until 8 October 2023. <https://bit.ly/3xPkBP1>

image detail Naomi Hobson, Southern Kaantju/Umpila people, Queensland, born Coen, Queensland 1978, *The Good Sister* “Laine always wants to go for a ride on her bike, it’s her bike but she can’t ride it yet it’s too big for her she keeps falling off it so I take her for rides down the road.” Katarna, from the series *Adolescent Wonderland*, 2019, Coen, Queensland, digital print on paper, 81.0 x 110.0 cm; © Naomi Hobson/ Redot Fine Art Gallery

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