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On exhibition from Saturday, **10 December** to Saturday, **4 February**
and on our website from **14 December**.

All items have been illustrated in this catalogue. Prices are in
Australian dollars and include GST. Exch. rates as at time of printing:
AUD \$1.00 = USD \$1.02¢; UK £0.62p

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All the items in this catalogue are vintage and original from their time of first issue and in good condition unless otherwise described. No reprints are included.

Items 1-41 are from the estate of May Gibbs, and were acquired in the 1980s when we acted for the beneficiaries of her estate, the Northcott Society, and the Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

Duplicates are available for a number of items.



1. **His First Pair**, c1914-1918. Colour process print, postcard format, 8.8 x 13.8cm.

Unframed \$280

The Gumnut Series, no. 1.



2. **Off To The War / Goodbye My Little Gum Blossom / And Don't You Fret For Me / We'll Soon Be Back Together / In The Old Gum Tree**, c1914-1918. Colour process print, postcard format, 13.8 x 8.8cm.

Unframed \$380

The Gumnut Series, no. 2.



3. **We Like Australia**, c1914-1918. Colour process print, postcard format, 13.9 x 8.7cm.

Unframed \$440

The Gumnut Series, no. 3.



4. **Washing Day**, c1914-1918. Colour process print, postcard format, 8.7 x 13.9cm.

Unframed \$380

The Gumnut Series, no. 4.



5. **We Are The Gumnut Corps / We're Going To The War / (We'll Make Things Hum, By Gum!),** c1914-1918. Colour process print, postcard format, 8.8 x 13.8cm.

Unframed **\$190**
Framed **\$240**

The Gumnut Series, no. 5.



6. **The Girls I Left Behind Me,** c1914-1918. Colour process print, postcard format, 13.9 x 8.8cm.

Unframed **\$240**
Framed **\$290**

The Gumnut Series, no. 6.



9. **"Every Little While - I Feel So Lonely",** c1914-1918. Colour process print, postcard format, 13.6 x 8.8cm.

Unframed **\$440**

The Gumnut Series, no. 10.



10. **We'll All Be There To Meet You,** c1914-1918. Colour process print, postcard format, 8.8 x 13.6cm.

Unframed **\$440**

The Gumnut Series, no. 12.



7. **Good Luck And A Fair Wind,** c1914-1918. Colour process print, postcard format, 8.8 x 13.5cm.

Unframed **\$440**

The Gumnut Series, no. 7.



8. **Dear Old Sport, How Are You?,** c1914-1918. Colour process print, postcard format, 13.4 x 8.5cm. *Minor damage to edges.*

Framed **\$220**

The Gumnut Series, no. 9.



11. **We'll Keep The Billy Boiling, Dear, Till You Come Marching Home,** c1914-1918. Line-block print, postcard format, 8.7 x 13.8cm.

Unframed **\$390**



12. **Your Old Aunts Are Very Anxious About You,** c1914-1918. Line-block print, postcard format, 8.7 x 13.9cm.

Unframed **\$390**



13. **We're Still Alive And Kicking!**, c1920s. Colour process print, postcard format, 8.8 x 13.7cm.

Unframed \$280
Framed \$330



14. **We're Still Above Water!**, c1920s. Colour process print, postcard format, 13.9 x 8.8cm.

Unframed \$280
Framed \$330



15. **Hope You're Still Going Strong.**, c1920s. Colour process print, postcard format, 8.8 x 13.7cm.

Unframed \$280
Framed \$330



16. **I'm Still At The Same Old Game!**, c1920s. Colour process print, postcard format, 8.9 x 13.8cm.

Unframed \$330



17. **I Hope You're Still Bowling Along**, c1920s. Colour process print, postcard format, 8.7 x 13.8cm.

Unframed \$330



18. **Christmas Bell Babies Grow In Australia (They Ring You Joy)**, c1920s. Colour process print, postcard format, 15 x 9.5cm.

Unframed \$280
Framed \$330



19. **Flannel Flower Babies Grow In Australia (They Bring Love)**, c1920s. Colour process print, postcard format, 15.1 x 9.7cm.

Unframed \$280
Framed \$330



20. **Hullo! Sporty Boy!**, c1920s-1930s. Decorative letterpress calendar card with colour process scrap and holes to upper edge for hanging, 27.8 x 20.3cm.

Unframed \$330



21. ***There's Nothing On These Days—(Nothing To Speak Of)***, c1920s-1930s. Decorative letterpress calendar card with holes for hanging, 20.8 x 9.8cm.

Unframed \$440



23. ***A Bush Greeting To You [Gumnut Babies]***, c1920s-1930s. Pre-printed embossed greeting card with colour process scrap, 10.8 x 7.8cm (folded).

Unframed \$220

Variants scraps available upon request.



25. ***Here's Luck To You***, c1920s-1930s. Original line-block print, 11.1 x 8.4cm (paper).

Unframed \$280

Framed \$330



26. ***[Seated Baby With Puppy]***, c1920s-1930s. Original line-block print, 13.9 x 9.5cm (paper).

Unframed \$280

Framed \$330



22. ***[Gumnut Baby In Bird's Nest]***, c1920s-1930s. Decorative pre-printed card with colour process scrap, 9.2 x 7.8cm.

Unframed \$220



24. ***A Bush Greeting To You [Forget-Me-Not Baby]***, c1920s-1930s.

Pre-printed embossed greeting card with colour process scrap, 10.8 x 7.8cm (folded).

Unframed \$220

Variants scraps available upon request.



28. ***[Three Gumnut Babies Riding On A Kangaroo]***, c1920s-1930s. Original line-block print, 13.8 x 15.1cm (paper).

Unframed \$280

Framed \$330

27. ***[Christmas Bell Babies]***, c1920s-1930s. Original line-block print with later hand-colouring, 20.1 x 14.7cm (paper).

Unframed \$770



29. *[Silhouettes Of Dog And Cat With Boy And Girl Eating Ice Cream]*, c1920s-1930s. Line-block print, proof sheet, 10.5 x 17.7cm (paper).
Unframed \$110
Framed \$160



30. *[Gumnut Baby Knitting A Sock]*, c1920s-1930s. Line-block print, proof sheet, 19.9 x 14.4cm (paper size).
Unframed \$440



31. *[Gumnut Baby Sitting On A Horse]*, c1920s-1930s. Process print, proof sheet, 18.9 x 14.5cm (paper).
Unframed \$280
Framed \$330

32. *[Gumnut Baby Sitting On A Kookaburra's Beak]*, c1920s-1930s. Process print, proof sheet, 18.3 x 11.2cm (paper).

Unframed \$280
Framed \$330



35. *[Gumnut Baby Riding Seahorse]*, c1920s-1930s. Process print, proof sheet, 27.4 x 20.5cm (paper).
Unframed \$280
Framed \$330
Flyleaf from *Little Ragged Blossom*.



33. *A Summer Shower*, c1920s-1930s. Process print, proof sheet, 27.9 x 22.1cm (paper).
Unframed \$440
From *Snugglepot and Cuddlepie*.



34. *How To Dance The Tickletoe*, c1920s-1930s. Process print, proof sheet, 27.9 x 22.1cm (paper).
Unframed \$440
From *Snugglepot and Cuddlepie*.



36. *[Gumnut Baby Riding Kookaburra]*, c1920s-1930s. Process print, proof sheet, 27.4 x 20.5cm (paper).
Unframed \$280
Framed \$330
Flyleaf from *Little Ragged Blossom*.



37. **[Gumnut Scrap Sheet]**, c1920s-1930s. Colour process print, 23.4 x 16.5cm.

Framed \$490



41. **[Blue Orchid Baby]**, c1920s-1930s. Colour process print, 21 x 16cm (paper).

Framed \$490



38. **[Australiana Scrap Sheet]**, c1920s-1930s. Colour process print, 19 x 24cm.

Unframed \$330

Framed \$390



42. **Baby Week. "I Hardly Like Delivering The Goods Mrs Kookaburra, Them Humans Is So Gum Careless Of 'Em"**, c1920s-1930s. Colour lithograph, small poster format, 30.1 x 25.3cm.

Unframed \$1,650

Paper loss, glue stains and paper remnants to borders, laid down on original backing.



39. **[Australiana Scrap Sheet With Text Advertising Exhibition At Josef Lebovic Gallery]**, c1920s-1930s. Colour process print with process printed text, 19 x 24cm (image).

Unframed \$330



43. **Division Of Maternal And Baby Welfare. "I Hardly Like Delivering The Goods Mrs Kookaburra, Them Humans Is So Gum Careless Of 'Em." Department Of Public Health, New South Wales**, c1920s-1930s. Colour lithograph, large poster format, 76 x 51.4cm.

Unframed \$5,500

Repaired surface loss and tears. Linen-backed.



40. **[Sweet Pea Baby]**, c1920s-1930s. Colour process print, 21 x 16cm (paper).

Framed \$490



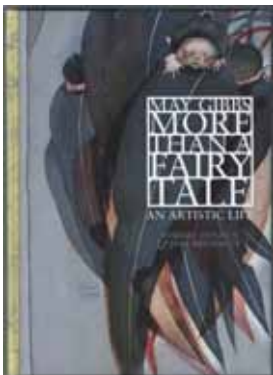
44. **[Handkerchief With Christmas Bell Babies And Frogs]**, c1930s-1940s. Printed fabric, 23.5 x 23.5cm.

Unframed \$220

45. **May Gibbs: More Than A Fairytale. An Artistic Life**
by Robert Holden & Jane Brummitt

For the first time the early life and artistic career of May Gibbs are explored in detail in this hardcover book published by Hardie Grant Books in 2011. The Josef Lebovic Gallery has issued a special limited edition of 50 copies signed by distinguished writer and curator Robert Holden. This special edition contains an original vintage May Gibbs postcard and is housed in a slipcase.

\$330



46. **May Gibbs Collection, 1913-1990s**

Collection of 128 items accumulated over 30 years, containing many unique items rarely seen for sale, including complete sets of postcards for the *Gumnut Series* (consisting of 12 cards), and a series on sports (consisting of 6 cards); very rare Kookaburra postcards from WWI; classic books such as very scarce *Bib and Bub* books; softcover booklets with original envelopes; rare illustrated sheet music; and a large, comprehensive collection of ephemera printed during her lifetime.

The collection consists of: 34 books with her illustrations; 28 postcards in varying issues and presentations including printer's proofs; 66 illustrated ephemeral items consisting of a title page autographed in ink, calendars, fabric, greeting cards, handkerchiefs, scrap sheets, posters, wrappers and scrap books with May Gibbs newspaper comic strips. *The collection varies from fair to mint condition.*

\$44,500

An illustrated, detailed list is available on request.



Celluloid Object



Snugglepot and Cuddlepie Book,
First edition with original dust jacket



Sheet Music



Fabric



Comic Strip Series Book