

GOING FERAL

MODERN OZ ON SHOW

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LOOK closely — the artwork may resemble May Gibbs' endearing books but spot the cigarette dangling from the mouth of that cute moth (pictured).

Artist Gabrielle Bates admits her latest art show has Snugglepoot and Cuddlepief going feral.

She has reset the charming gumnuts and blossoms of Gibbs' illustrations with images of "bogans, emo teens, rednecks, Bra Boys and ferals".

"I mean no disrespect to Gibbs, I love her work," Bates said. "I am just making a statement about contemporary Australia."

As a former resident of Northbridge, Bates has on more than one occasion

EXHIBITION

WHAT: Antipodisease: A New Folkloric For Oz

WHERE: Sheffer Gallery, 38 Lander St, Darlington near central Sydney

WHEN: March 7 to March 22

DETAILS: sheffergallery.com

visited Gibbs' historic home Nutcote at Neutral Bay. Gibbs, who died in 1969, was famous for her cartoons, illustrations and books including the *Adventures of Snugglepoot and Cuddlepief*.

Nutcote manager Courtney Eckler said she wouldn't comment on the artwork until she'd seen it but said a group of Nutcote guides was organising an outing to the exhibition.

