

Soul Walkabout

Soul Walkabout shares my sole-journeys from community for contemplation. Finding "heart-sight" alongside the Desert Fathers and mystics seeing the interconnectedness of all life.

Set in Australia pre-invasion, based on Bruce Pascoe's book *Dark Emu*, this artwork shows characters with gold leaf on heart and feet expressing the need to not just feel but do something about it.

It shows one being guided by the animals that share connection with him (gold leaf). Travelling from morning fire tea to barramundi & yam eve, we follow them through discovery, storm, refreshment and decision-making. Ending with them between the Tasmanian Devil to the left and Willy Wagtail on a scribbly gum to the right. Evoking our choice to inspire climbing insight or grumble with tribal bitterness towards others.

- Joshua Bollback Butler