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Rolleston Community Centre showcases My Rolleston

Images of Rolleston are now on display at the Rolleston Community Centre, thanks to the work of a local photographer.

Eight photos showing various locations around Rolleston form part of the new display of images that Rolleston photographer Bekki Bennett took as part of a Diploma in Digital Photography course through the Southern Institute of Technology.

"For my final major project of the course I designed and constructed the website 'My Rolleston' to showcase key places or events in Rolleston. But I wanted to take it a step further and have my photography displayed in a public place for everyone to enjoy," says Mrs Bennett.

Mrs Bennett was delighted that the Community Centre created enough space for her to exhibit eight photos.

Mrs Bennett says the images will be enjoyed by all residents and visitors to the library and community centre facilities as the photographs were taken in places around Rolleston that people will recognise.

"A lot of the places are easily identifiable, like the Tennyson Street signpost and the bird sculpture in Rolleston Square", she says. "It will be interesting to see how the town develops and changes from the way it is depicted in the photos."

Mrs Bennett's daughter Summer features in one of the images where she is shown riding her bike at Rolleston Reserve.

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