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Artist becomes the subject in photo exhibition

Toowoomba artist, Dan Wilson, has switched roles to star in a photographic exhibition that reveals the aspirations of local residents who live with a disability.

Mr Wilson, 42, is more accustomed to creating art rather than being the subject but he is very pleased with the finished portrait.

The exhibition, My Bright Way, is a special initiative of not-for-profit organisation YellowBridge QLD to celebrate the upcoming rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme across the Toowoomba region.

It features 20 large black-and-white portraits and is currently on display at Wendland Fine Foods in Bridge Street.

Mr Wilson has been producing his own art for seven years and likes creating landscapes, portraits and collage.

“Animal portraits are really fun, especially lions and tigers,” he said.

“I mostly use acrylics but I also like using black charcoal and watercolour pencils. My favourite technique is paint flicking which creates lovely splatter patterns.”

“Out of all the paintings I have created my favourite is Blue Buildings. I framed it and gave it to my sister for her birthday.”

Each portrait is accompanied by a candid profile that shares an insight into the hopes, dreams and interests of each person.

YellowBridge QLD hopes the exhibition will help the wider community to recognise that people with a disability have goals and aspirations just like them.

The exhibition will be on display at Wendland Fine Foods until 30 September.

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YellowBridge QLD is a local, independent, not-for-profit organisation that provides housing, disability support and home services across the Darling Downs.