A Picture of Determination against the Odds...

Entranced by their expressions of determination to achieve against all odds, Brisbane artist Heather Woodall was lured to read an article in the Weekend Australian about four brothers who decided to build an airport near Toowoomba.

“I am always interested in getting down on paper the feeling that people give about themselves and their personality,” says Woodall. “It’s like capturing essences.”

“I was captivated by the looks in their eyes and set about researching so as to paint their portraits and attempt to capture the essence of their look of can-do attitude.”

Normally focussed on portraiture, Woodall then decided to step outside her style and paint the airport that the Wagner brothers were building, seeing it as important to capture a monumental moment in the history of South-East Queensland.

“People who have flown into the Wellcamp Airport at Toowoomba have told me the architectural design of the terminal looks like a work of art, particularly at night with the lights on,” said Woodall. “Maybe that is my next topic for painting.”

Woodall’s two paintings will be exhibited at the Toowoomba Grammar School Art Show on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March, from 10am to 4pm.