



## Comment on contemporary issues

PENNY Byrne's ceramic figurines are capturing the imagination and stirring up comment in Burwood.

Her earliest pieces, created more than five years ago, to her present works can be viewed at the Deakin University Art Gallery.

Ms Byrne was known for repairing and restoring ceramics before becoming a political cartoonist.

Her work covers a range of contemporary issues from the environment, Australian and American politics to current events.

The exhibition, called Commentariat, refers to the "chattering classes" who are the educated, middle-class urban dwellers commenting on politics and the media through blogs and Facebook.

These works will be shown at the gallery at 221 Burwood Highway until April 2.

For more details, visit [deakin.edu.au/art-collection](http://deakin.edu.au/art-collection).



Penny Byrne and some of her exhibits.