

Art show's in another league

David Gallop confirms his attendance at Taralga



SPECIAL GUEST: Former rugby league chief David Gallop will be in Taralga this weekend for the village's annual art show. Photo: Matt King

Left: **PEOPLE'S CHOICE:** 'Morning Near Young' by Marion Schumacher, which won the People's Choice Award in 2011.



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ORGANISERS of this long weekend's Taralga Art Show say they are over the moon former rugby league chief David Gallop will still be able to officially open the annual event after enduring one of the most tumultuous weeks in his career.

Mr Gallop controversially resigned as CEO of the National Rugby League on Tuesday.

Rosey Stronach, from the Taralga Progress Association,

said she and the organising team would have fully supported Mr Gallop if he was an apology.

"Opening an art show might have been the last thing on his mind after a week like the one he's just experienced," she said.

"But we are absolutely delighted that he's still able to attend."

Opening night is an annual social event for the town, with 170 people attending, she said.

The art show has been opened by State Parliamentary represen-

tative Katrina Hodgkinson, artists Margaret Shepherd, Margie Fitzpatrick, Peter Hey, Bill Dorman; photographer Jon Lewis; journalist Richard Glover; and Goulburn Regional Gallery director Jennifer Lamb.

"The Taralga Progress Association aims to continue this annual event and the support from our local community will ensure that the show continues to grow and showcase the works of our talented artists,"

Ms Stronach said.

The beginnings of the Taralga Art Show trace back to 2001 when the Goulburn Regional Art Gallery contacted the Taralga Progress Association to see if there was interest in hosting a small towns touring exhibition "Country with a Capital C".

"The Progress Association saw it as a wonderful opportunity to host the exhibition and start what they hoped would become an annual art show," Ms

Stronach said.

"They felt this would provide an excellent vehicle to showcase works by local and regional artists so the first 'Focus on Taralga' was held."

It was decided that the long weekend in June would be the best timing for the event.

'Focus on Taralga 1' was a great success, with around 20 artists exhibiting a total of 80 works.

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