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A canvas of life and love

THE many themes of artist Carlos Barrios' work were on display at Goulburn Regional Art Gallery on Friday night.

Originally from El Salvador, he now lives and works in Robertson. His paintings are usually about his personal life, with issues including family, love, conflict, spirituality and death.

During the exhibition, he will create a completely new and original art work 'in house' at the gallery, as he paints to the sounds of guitarist, Terry Kaczerepa this Thursday, July 12, from 12:30pm.

Barrios showed his children Manu (left) and Luna one of the finished products on Friday.

More details of this and other exhibitions that opened at the GRAG in Wednesday's *Post*.

Bounce for our buck

By LOUISE THROWER

GOLBURN'S basketballers are looking for a bounce in their sport with a planned new multiuse centre.

The city should not be turning its back on the chance to snare state and country tournaments and an economic boost, local Association president Steve Ruddell says.

He's weighed into debate about the \$5.7

million centre, saying there's too much focus on its so called inadequacy for performing arts and not enough recognition of its benefits.

He and many of the sport's 500 local members have been frequently embarrassed by the state of the Recreation Area courts.

"I remember when the new court was added in 1984, but really we've had nothing

since," Mr Ruddell told the *Post*.

"You walk into other complexes in places smaller than Goulburn and this looks like a chook shed compared to them."

The council has engaged Bathurst based Hines Constructions to build the multiuse complex at the Recreation Area. The first stage, to be constructed on the northern side of the current courts, includes an indoor sports facility and a limited per-

formance space.

It will accommodate two basketball courts, room for netball, indoor soccer, gymnastics, karate and more. All up, the Association will have five courts.

Mr Ruddell acknowledges it won't be ideal for all musical events but indoor sports will take off.

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