



Local artist Kerrie Warren is pictured with La Trobe Shire councillor Tony Zimora with the painting of 'Hope'.

Painting a message of hope

LOCAL artist Kerrie Warren has thrown her support behind the Moe Day initiative by donating a painting entitled 'Hope' to the community.

She presented the painting to La Trobe Shire councillor Tony Zimora in a lead up to Moe's big event.

Ms Warren said of her painting, "Hope, represents each of us".

"Her feelings, thoughts and dreams are all too often kept in the dark - hidden from the outside world that can be harsh, critical and damaging," she said.

"Hope is being brave and putting up her hand. She

is revealing a small part of herself to us all. She has something wonderful to give.

"We who surround her have choices. We have the power to embrace this gift of herself, to nourish it and help it grow - or we could all too easily trample upon it, cut it off and even steal it from her."

Ms Warren said the painting also reminded people that if we don't find this strength, the world would be "barren of beauty and hope".

"Let us all be reminded to nurture and love those around us; let us not trample upon each others feelings but instead take the time to look deeper in to each others eyes and find understanding."