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## **RON RADFORD HONOURED**

The Art Gallery of South Australia's outgoing Director, Ron Radford AM was honoured last night at an official farewell dinner at the Gallery celebrating his outstanding contribution to the Gallery and to the state after 13 years as Director.

Art Gallery Chairman, Michael Abbott QC joined Members of the Art Gallery Board in welcoming 80 distinguished guests to the exclusive event, among them past and present: Art Gallery Board members, Premiers of South Australia, Arts Ministers, Art Gallery Benefactors and other major supporters.

The Premier of South Australia and Minister for the Arts, Mike Rann led the tributes to Mr Radford and revealed the Gallery's memorial to his directorship in re-naming the Art Gallery Auditorium the 'Radford Auditorium'.

Among the Board's other presentations to Mr Radford during the evening were gifts reflecting his dual passion for sport and art: a football signed by the Port Adelaide Football Club coach and players, and an elegant side-table made by renowned Adelaide furniture designer, Khai Liew.

Mr Radford's last official day as Director of the Art Gallery of South Australia will be Monday 13 December. He will take up his new role as Director of the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra early in 2005.

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