

Group has heart for ill adults

Bid to support those with cardiac disease

Health | Sophie Aubrey

HEARTS4HEART is reaching out to adults nationwide affected by heart disease.

After four months of planning, the non-profit organisation next week has its official launch party.

Hearts4Heart founder Tanya Hall, of Abbotsford, said she expected 400 people to attend and hoped the party and sponsorship would raise about \$100,000 to help develop the group's support network and services.

"It lets cardiac patients know we're there to help," she said.

Ms Hall, hoping to bridge the gap between HeartKids and Heart Support Australia for the elderly, said Hearts4Heart aimed to help adults with heart disease.

Having dealt with the illness all her life, Ms Hall said she found a lack of support for affected adults.

"There is literally nothing in terms of support available for that age group," Ms Hall said.

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"We want to support, educate and empower those affected."

The Hearts4Heart launch starts at 7.30pm next Friday, May 27, at Waterfront Venues in Docklands.

There will be performances by dancers Alex and Ebony from TV's *Dancing With The Stars*, Kiss FM DJ Ben Coppin, Melbourne cabaret-burlesque act Qetesh and Le Soul Band.

Tickets \$120/\$60 for cardiac patients, including canapes and champagne on arrival. Bookings: hearts4heart.net.au



Abbotsford's Tanya Hall suffers from heart disease. Picture: MATT MURPHY N46ME307

Paintings set sails for sea

AUSTRALIA'S maritime history is being celebrated at Melbourne's Royal Historical Society.

Thirteen Victorian museums have banded together to put on All at Sea, an exhibition which sails back as far as the 1800s.

It includes 27 paintings by the late Jack Koskie and about 50 artefacts such as early books, navigation instruments and naval relics.

Maritime Trust of Australia president Peter Williams said the colourful display would entrance people of all ages.

"It's a great opportunity for people to learn about the history of ships and the sea," he said.

A maritime enthusiast since childhood, Mr Williams, now 73, said he had a strong ancestral connection to the sea and had been involved with maritime societies for 50 years.

He said he hoped the exhibition would build public appreciation of Australia's maritime history.

The free exhibition is open from 11am-3pm weekdays until June 17 at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, 239 A'Beckett St, Melbourne. Details: 9326 9388.



Maritime Trust of Australia's Peter Williams at the paintings show. N46ME305

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