## Charity begins with a camera

Mosmanites inspire photographic fundraiser launch

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PORTRAIT photographer Robyn Hills will launch her new charity fundraiser project in Mosman next week.

The Queensland-based Hills has worked as a photographer for more than 30 years. She holds many accolades, including a Grand Master of Photography with the Australian Institute of Professional Photography.

Hills has used her creative talents behind the lens to photograph women in order to raise money for ovarian cancer and Cancer Council Queensland.

Now, Hills' "50 Fabulous Women Over 50" project has arrived in Sydney and a couple of Mosman locals were My mother and cousin were diagnosed with breast cancer, so I wanted to do something

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the inspiration.

"From doing the project on the Sunshine Coast, some of my friends from Mosman, Lyn and Susie, saw the project and thought it would be a great idea to hold a similar fundraiser here," Hills said.

"They have both volun-

teered their time to get the project up and running.

"Susie and Lyn have both been friends for years and Susie has generously offered her home for the launch."

Hills aims to raise \$10,000 for the Sydney Breast Cancer Foundation through her photographic project.

"Last year, my mother and cousin were both diagnosed with breast cancer, so I wanted to do something really positive about raising funds," she said.

"I'm donating my time and the ladies are paying \$100 each to participate in the project. The aim is to photograph the ladies, tell their stories and publish an inspirational book about them. The books will be for



Photographer Robyn Hills in her studio at Caloundra.

sale and also form part of the fundraiser.

"It's about showing these women's strengths, giving them a voice to be heard, seen and to be an inspiration to others."

Hills encourages "fabulous females over 50" to register to participate. "My mantra is to make the world a better and more beautiful place," she said.

"By donating my time, it allows me to give in a way that gives to the charity and the recipient of the photography session.

"Photography has been good to me over the years. and I like to give back to the community through it."

Hills will launch the project in Mosman on Wednesday, February 28. RSVPs to susie@susiebarnes.com.au

Visit robyngraphs.com.au to register to participate in the photography fundraiser.