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Chefs involved in the Devil of a Dinner: Fiona Hoskin, formerly of Fee and Me, Matthew Adams, of Pierre's, Rod Clark, of the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Terry Fidler, of Brisbane Street Bistro, and Paul Herbig, of Tant Pour Tant.
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Chefs get together to cook a devil of a dinner

By ANGUS LONERGAN

A GROUP of Tasmania's best chefs will be joining culinary forces at an evening to raise money for Tasmanian devils.

A Devil of a Dinner is a six-course degustation led by former Fee and Me head chef Fiona Hoskin.

Ms Hoskin said she had been approached by Jan Cameron, owner of Chickenfeed, who suggested that if a fund-raising evening was organised, she would match any money raised dollar for dollar.

"My first reaction was, 'I can't do a dinner with 200 or 300 people because it would be very difficult to organise', and then I got thinking, 'Well, I don't need to do this by myself'," Ms Hoskin said.

The team she assembled includes Paul Foreman, of Peppermint Bay, Andre Kropp, of Henry Jones Art Hotel, Rod Clark, of Hotel Grand Chancellor, Matt Adams, of Pierre's Cafe Bistro, Paul Herbig, of Tant Pour Tant, and Terry Fidler, of Brisbane Street Bistro.

FACT FILE

WHAT: A Devil of a Dinner.
WHERE: Launceston's Hotel Grand Chancellor conference centre.
WHEN: Friday, October 30.
TIME: 7pm for 7.30pm.
COST: \$250 a person.

"Never again, I think, will the customers be able to get these chefs together in a room to cook a dinner," Ms Hoskin said.

The black tie function will be hosted by television chef personality Ed Halmagyi.

Ms Hoskin said she was surprised at the support she had received. "I think it is great for the community to get involved with this sort of thing. Too often do we sit back and leave it to the experts and leave it to the scientist or the government ... to fix problems," she said.

There will also be an auction on the night, with items including a chef jacket signed by Gordon Ramsay, travel and holiday packages and an evening with each of the chefs to cook for eight people.

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