



Hein Wagner, blind adventurer and motivational speaker. PHOTO: RICHARD ROBERTS

Dinner in the Dark aims to raise funds for the blind

Blind adventurer and motivational speaker Hein Wagner is to host a Dinner in the Dark for charity.

The exclusive event, which will see all proceeds go to the Institute for the Blind in Worcester, is set to take place at the Townhouse Hotel in Cape Town on Wednesday 10 June.

The Institute for the Blind was established in 1881 to cater for the needs of visually impaired persons and visually impaired persons with additional disabilities, through the provision of accommodation, support services, skills training, employment, education and career development.

Wagner, a Kuils River resident well known for the endurance races he has taken part in since his teenage years, says the dinner is a fun event and he would like all guests to walk away inspired and invigorated.

“However, the experience should also encourage them to appreciate what they have. People should be aware of how important it is to use all five senses – so much more can be achieved if we don’t take these things for granted,” he says.

Wagner participates in extreme adventures to market the abilities of those living with disabilities and to raise funds for the institute.

To date he has broken the World Blind Land speed record, competed in the 2011 Absa Cape Epic, conquered the Antarctica Marathon last year and completed the 2015 Discovery World Triathlon held in Cape Town.

One of Wagner’s biggest challenges on his journey thus far has been to accept his blindness for what it is.

“It helped me to open my mind to amazing opportunities. I hope the Dinner in the Dark experience provides a little insight into the magical world of the blind.”

Later this year Wagner will be at it again when he takes on the challenge of the UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup in Pietermaritzburg. The event is set to take place from 11 to 13 September.

► For more information about the Dinner in the Dark or to book a table, contact 023 347 2745 or visit events@blind-institute.org.za