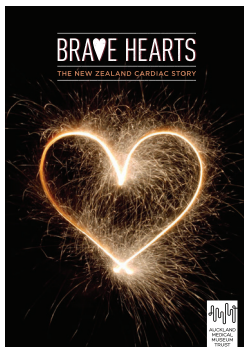

BRAVE HEARTS

THE NEW ZEALAND CARDIAC STORY

Brave Hearts exhibition to open 18 August 2017 at MOTAT

We are delighted to report that ***Brave Hearts – the New Zealand Cardiac Story*** will open to the public on Friday 18th August 2017 at Auckland Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT). We thank all our donors, our sponsors, our business partners and many others for their generosity, goodwill and support. Without these collaborations we would not have achieved our goal.



Brave Hearts will celebrate the innovation, creativity, and success of New Zealand medical pioneers who repaired the hearts of newborns, children, and adults. The exhibition aims to interest and inspire people in the science of heart disease and to show the contribution of New Zealanders past, present and the future.

The exhibition is mobile and modular, housed in two 40 ft, specially modified shipping containers. Displays include the normal heart structure and function and the abnormal heart both from congenital (blue babies) and acquired heart disease (valve, coronary disease).

Historical objects and remarkable stories associated with them (e.g. the first heart lung bypass machine at Green Lane Hospital, various pacemakers), will be accessible, many for the first time. Novel comparative objects include the hearts of reptiles, birds and animals including the heart of an elephant.

Designed to excite the imagination of young people, the exhibition is supported by a strong educational programme with participating schools. It portrays the quantum leap from early tentative and modest interventions to present sophisticated imaging and technically ingenious solutions.

Varied and unexpected layers of content will appeal to a wide range of visitors. The exhibition will be a place of interest and pride for New Zealanders.

Brave Hearts will be at MOTAT until early 2018, then on to Waikato University and the Auckland University of Technology north and south campuses. Other confirmed sites for the exhibition include the Auckland waterfront, Wynyard Quarter. Planning is in hand for ***Brave Hearts*** to travel further afield.

About the Auckland Medical Museum Trust (AMMT)

AMMT is a registered Charitable Trust (CC50444), established in 2014 to create a tangible presence from the historical past, inspiring communities to explore medical advancements through interactive displays and activities. We aim to inspire young people by celebrating medicine's achievements initially through this dedicated exhibition – ***Brave Hearts, the New Zealand Cardiac Story***.