

Krista Vendy moves on from Hurt

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Aussie actress Krista Vendy has split from boyfriend William Hurt. Photo: AFP/Robyn Beck Source: AFP

HOLLYWOOD'S most private couple - Aussie actor Krista Vendy and US actor William Hurt - have split.

The pair's love affair of almost four years ended late last year as secretly as it began when Hurt took Vendy to the Academy Awards in 2006.

Vendy, who was in Melbourne to audition for an acting role, said of the separation: "We're fantastic friends. We're going to be friends for life. I'm in a very happy place

right now."

Vendy said she was working in Australia and the US.

"It's exciting because everything is coming into place and I'm very relaxed about it," she said. "I'm surrounded by positive, passionate people."

She hopes to spend more time in Melbourne this year as patron of Banksia Palliative Care, an organisation that cares for the terminally ill at home.

She will appear in a supporting role in the movie *Matching Jack*, to be released at Melbourne's International Film Festival.

And she is co-producing a feature film, *Road to Forgiveness*, in development with her mentors, writer-director Gil Brenton and production manager-producer Mitch Akerman.

She returned to her Los Angeles home during the week after holidaying with her family in Ballarat.