

# ALIVE

## NOTICE BOARD

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A LINE-UP OF THE BEST EVENTS IN TOWN

### HEAVEN SENT?

Controversy seems to be comedian Fiona O'Loughlin's middle name – but the question of whether there's an angel or devil in there somewhere is the basis of her confessional new show.

No stranger to a scandalous headline, it was just this month that O'Loughlin came under fire in the Australian and UK media for calling Bindi Irwin a "break show" and "a bit creepy" on *Spicks and Specks*. She met a chorus of outrage for her statements.

Her new show *On a Wing and a Prayer* draws on O'Loughlin's experiences in 2009 when she took a monumental fall from grace.

She readily admits to being a recovering alcoholic, but with her popularity at an all-time high, really tumbled off the wagon and onto the pages of the national media when she collapsed on stage in Brisbane.

For the mother of five the new show is very

much a case of getting the devil off her back.

Between all the media furor and appearing on *Dancing with the Stars*, O'Loughlin managed to "beat her devil" and write the new show last year.

As is always she's looking back at all the drama in a very funny way that allows audiences to share the journey with this witty and angel-hair-raising wit down from comedy heaven.

*Fiona O'Loughlin will perform one show each at the Parade Theatre, NIDA Kensington on April 30, \$48. tickets.com.au*



### GIVEAWAY

#### SPECSAVERS

Take a walk on the wild side and get noticed this season with the bold Red or Dead designer eyewear range, exclusive to Specsavers. Inspired by animal prints and tattoo designs, the Red or Dead frames are a great way to add a burst of colour to your wardrobe and personality to your individual style.

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### MY TOWN

#### LEITH TESTONI

Managing Director – ZANEROBE STREETWEAR

**Favourite Sydney restaurant:** Sushi e – Level 4 of the Establishment Hotel. I absolutely love this place. I think they've got everything right. We travel to Japan a lot and I can tell you that Sushi e is on par with Japan.

**Cafe:** The Penny Royal, Mosman. The space is tiny but the coffee is sensational.

**Bar:** I still like the back room at Lotus. It's small and chilled out and the drinks are great, they make a great pre-dinner negroni.

**Special Sydney place:** Aston Martin on Yarrong St, Darlinghurst. I also have a thing for the zoo, so I have a membership.

**Best Sydney deal:** Level 6 at IVY has a table for 10-12 that deals a mean poker tournament.



### "I'M A DUD IN BED"

— IS GOD BE MORE TRYING TO ENFORCE A MAN DROUGHT?

#### SHERATON LUNCH DEAL CREAMFIELDS

Looking for a quick lunch in one of the most gorgeous spots in the city? Sheraton on the Park has just launched its new lunch happy hour in the Gallery Tea Lounge! You can choose from delicious meals including a smoked Tasmanian salmon and asparagus baguette with a tea, coffee or juice for \$19.50, Monday to Friday from noon-5pm.

Fancy a festival line-up that includes The Bloody Beetroots, Death Crew 77, Steve Angelo, MSTRKRFT, Ferry Corsten, LMFAO, Dawt Clarke, Marco V and Dirty South? Then Creamfields is the new name on the festival circuit that you're after. It's on May 1 at the Entertainment Quarter. \$101 + bf. [creamfields.com.au](http://creamfields.com.au).

#### WE LOVE SOUNDS

Sydney's winter festival favourite We Love Sounds returns this year at the Entertainment Quarter on Saturday, June 12. Once again, the organisers haven't disappointed with the line-up. You'll be dancing to tunes of Underworld, Crookers, Laidback Luke, Markus Schulz, Tiga, Felix Da Housecat and Steve Aoki. Tickets \$120 + bf. [welovesounds.com.au](http://welovesounds.com.au).



### HOT TICKETS

**CRUISE:** Put down the BlackBerry and gather your girlfriends for a sophisticated and fun ladies' night out with just the right amount of naughtiness. Stealth Cruises is launching its new dining experience with an amazing all-music revue show on a maiden voyage on April 10. There's dancing, a three-course dinner, drinks plus much more for \$99 a person. [stealthcruises.com.au](http://stealthcruises.com.au).

**MUSICAL:** West Side Story is coming to Sydney with a limited season at the Lyric Theatre from July 2. One of the most acclaimed musicals of all time, *West Side Story* is packed with unforgettable songs and with Joey McKneely at the helm, is debuting this new production in Australia. [westsidestorythemusical.com.au](http://westsidestorythemusical.com.au).