

Gusto, everyone's favourite celebration's big event for the Council unveils its program this month

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CIRA chefs prepare
for Gusto.



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VIEW TO A GILL

Known troublemaker AA Gill is one of the headliners of this month's Sydney Writers' Festival as he tours *Here & There*, a collection of the best of his *GT* columns (see page 83). Catch him going head-to-head with fellow firebrand Anthony Bourdain at Sydney Town Hall (19 May, \$30), talking politics with Mike Carlton and Meredith Burgmann (22 May, \$15) and food and travel with Caroline Baum (19 May, \$20) at the Sydney Theatre, discussing the death of print with Bruce Guthrie at the Sydney Dance Company (20 May, free), going the knuckle on matters digital with Bob Carr (21 May, \$15) at the Pier 2/3 Club Stage, and taking the fight to the Blue Mountains for a session at the Carrington Hotel in Katoomba (16 May, \$50). See the festival program for bookings and more details. swf.org.au

USING YOUR NOGGIN

From 8 to 14 May is Brain Cancer Action Week, and one of its key fundraising events is a dinner at Sydney's Sky Phoenix in the shiny new Westfield centre. It's a big night, and the \$135 fee buys you the banquet and drinks, plus prizes and a shot at the night's trivia contest. Bookings

and donations may be made at braincanceraction.com.au.

MASTER'S PRENTICES

Eccentric? Neil Prentice? Judge for yourself as the Prentice/Moondarra/Holly's Garden winemaker and wagyu producer talks you through his latest releases over a spirited dinner at Melbourne's Libertine restaurant. Its \$115 on 19 May; bookings info@libertinedining.com.au.

STARLIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

They don't call it the Starlight Five Chefs Dinner for nothing: this year's Sydney fundraising extravaganza's stars are Peter Doyle (Est.), Warren Turnbull (Assiette), Giovanni Pilu (Pilu at Freshwater), Shaun Presland (Saké) and Adriano Zumbo (Zumbo Café and Pâtisserie). Catch them all under one roof at the Four Seasons on 26 May. Tickets are \$495. fivechefs.org.au

MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE

Three chamber concerts with meals and wine at vineyards in McLaren Vale? That's the 2011 Coriole Music Festival in a nutshell, folks, so if you like your Chopin with a dash of sangiovese or your Dvorak with a splash of nebbiolo, the weekend of 14-15 May is for you. coriolemusicfestival.com

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Buon appetito!
It's the Italian issue