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Is Bold The New Beautiful?
**ABC Radio and iView Present an All Star Hard Hitting Humorous Debate for
 International Women's Day**

ABC News Breakfast's **Virginia Trioli** and Real Housewives of Melbourne and Barrister **Gina Liano** face off in a fierce and hilarious All Star Comedy Debate, '*IS BOLD THE NEW BEAUTIFUL*' broadcasting this Thursday.

Recorded live from Studio 31 at ABC Radio Melbourne, ABC's second annual International Women's Day All Star Comedy Debate, six very different Australian women boldly go where others fear to tread and promises to be a hilariously candid and sometimes completely off topic debate.

Hosted by broadcaster and creative producer **Libbi Gorr**, and starring a galaxy of Australia's finest womanly talent in a heady collision of heart and humour. With the Affirmative Team, featuring Barrister, Real Life Housewife of Melbourne **Gina Liano**, Iconic Cook & broadcaster **Elizabeth Chong**, and comedian and winner of the MICF Director's prize **Demi Lardner**.

On the Negative Team arguing that No, Bold is Not The New Beautiful, Debater extraordinaire **Jean Kittson**, Anchor ABC News Breakfast, Walkley Award Winner **Virginia Trioli** and Stand Up Comic, fashion designer and self declared bogan Muslim **Frida Deguise**. Plus special guest to announce our winning Team, **Patricia Karvelas**, journalist and broadcaster, RN Drive.

This IWD Debate explores, If Bold Is the New Beautiful, what was the old one? And does it include intelligence courage and copious amounts of hairspray? Puncturing the strength and beauty as it is for women in an age of hashtag movements, botox and the courage to speak up and out.

There are consequences and repercussions. There is progress and pain. But most of all, in this International Women's Day All Star Debate there's a gang of strong, bold, sassy women working together to make things better for all, with heart, wit and laughter.

Is Bold the New Beautiful? ABC's IWD All Star Debate is a collaboration between ABCRadio and ABCiView and can be heard on Thursday 8 March on ABC Local Radio (VIC, TAS, SA, NT at 7.05pm + NSW, QLD, WA at 10.05pm) and RN (8.05pm). The show will publish exclusively to ABCiView at 8pm and the ABC Listen app.

The ABC recognises International Women's Day 2018 through specialist programming empowering women through shared experience and storytelling.

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