



## Have Your Say

## Emily Jade ..... Emily Everywhere Blog

104.5 MMM's token brekky chick, marriage celebrant and newlywed - Emily Jade dips her manicured toe into just about any issue relating to Life, Love and Hollywood.

I was very honoured to be able to share in a more intimate ceremony held a week earlier at the Wesley Hospital for Aidan and Aleisha.

As a fellow cancer patient it meant so much to see Aidan having another rainbow to shine over him even though the storm would soon come one final time.

I also attended his funeral last week and was so touched to be a part of a celebration that honoured a beautiful soul, a beautiful love story, and a beautiful life.

I will never forget Aidan and Aleisha's story. I have a bond with him mother Alison and know that this family's story is now a part of my own cancer story.

My thoughts are with the Pirate Chef and his tiny dancer xo

### **Reyelle (Reply)**

Mon 01 Nov 10 (04:23pm)

Wow! So brave and courageous.

So sad. I have no more words...for once.

Very well written Em. Very touching.

### **Jack McClane of Murrumba Downs (Reply)**

Thu 28 Oct 10 (07:25pm)

wow, reading this has given me tears as do some of ur other postings.

absolutly beautiful i hope one day that i feel that love for someone and they feel that way about me

### **Button of Craigieburn, VIC (Reply)**

Thu 28 Oct 10 (09:00am)

I don't even really know what to say here, except what a sad and beautiful story both at once. I think that you were blessed to have them enter your lives, and they were blessed to have you enter their lives.

### **Heather (Reply)**

Wed 27 Oct 10 (03:06pm)

Touched my heart !

Remember to say 'I Love You' to your partner, for one day he or she will be there no longer

Appreciate your loved ones. Not only tell them you love them, But most of all, mean it.

### **Activerog (Reply)**

Wed 27 Oct 10 (02:07pm)

I was listening in the car the day you told this and i was so touched by this story the tears were flowing freely both in the wonder in and the beauty of the story but also the bittersweetness of it all. It's so personal yet touches all our hearts. Now reading again the tears are welling, thank you for sharing it makes you look at your love ones and hold them that bit tighter and tell them just how much you love them even if you have already told them today.

**Vezza of brisbane (Reply)**

Wed 27 Oct 10 (01:09pm)

EJ, Aidan's funeral was heart wrenching yesterday. Your service was sad, touching but yet encouraging. Aidan we will never forget your free spirit, courage and determination and the adoration you had for your Mom. Alison you are a tower of strength, I have the utmost of respect for you, my dearest friend! I am here whenever you need me.

**A friend of Pacific Pines QLD (Reply)**

Wed 27 Oct 10 (11:24am)

Oh, EJ! Thank you so much for sharing this beautiful story. Like so many others, this story made me well up with tears while I listened to you last week.

I send so much love to both families, and everyone else who has been lucky enough to know the "Pirate Chef".

**MagLib2010 of Holland Park (Reply)**

Wed 27 Oct 10 (07:32am)

I was lucky enough to of been part of Aidans life back in Cape town....now back with his sister who he adored, but thats another story. Good bye my friend.C.

**christian of U.K (Reply)**

Wed 27 Oct 10 (06:14am)

Dear Emily,

Thank you for writing these words. Last night, very late, I came home from a trip to Tunisia, to find a little candle light burning in front of Aidan's picture which was sent to us by Aleisha.

It told me that life is precious, joy and sadness close together.

My thoughts are with Aidan, Aleisha, Aidan's mother Alyson and all family and friends that were there when he needed them. Such also is life.

Thank you again for sharing with us.

Maarten from the Netherlands

**Maarten of the Netherlands (Reply)**

Wed 27 Oct 10 (12:05am)

I knew Aidan and his family and think it is great that this was read on the radio. I took his story, as many of you I hope do to, as a reminder of how precious life really is.

I send my love to his mother who is obviously still trying to see the sunshine in each day and also to Aleisha. May you two strong women receive all the love and support you need and deserve.

**friend of london (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (10:01pm)

I just got back from Aidan's funeral - EJ's first as a celebrant. EJ, you did a great job today, you will always remember this afternoon. Treat everyone you meet with the same kindness and compassion you have shown today and you will truly make a difference in people's lives.

I am in awe of this beautiful family. Alison, Aidan's mum, is my friend. She is the most kind, caring, compassionate and positive human being you could ever meet.

Sometimes life isn't fair.

But, Aleisha and Alison and the rest of Aidan's family are not curled up in the corner crying. They are celebrating. They know how precious love is. They have taught me to NEVER, EVER take the love I have in my life for granted. Let those you love know how special they are ..... now.

**Neil Bell of Eagle Heights (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (09:16pm)

Aidan and Aleisha's courage and strength are testament to the power of true love. My love and thoughts are with you Aleisha.

Thanks for sharing Em x

**Anna of Netherlands (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (06:31pm)

A friend just sent me this story, i cried and cried. Thank you for sharing this amazing story about this special couple, i will hold my husband tight tonight also.

**Carlz of Canberra (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (03:12pm)

Thanks Em for sharing their story.

**jenn (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (02:35pm)

Privileged to have known "the Pirate" and his Mum Allison. Rest in peace mate, you "Vasbyt-ed" long and hard. To Aleisha, you will forever hold him in your heart. Love to all, from another Ex South African family.

**Dave & Janet of Brisbane (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (02:12pm)

Tears were rolling down my face as I read this beautiful love story. I hope everyone who reads it is inspired to seize life with both hands, and not take their loved ones for granted. My heart goes out to Aleisha.

**Josie (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (01:54pm)

RIP poor Aiden.

All my love to Aleisha as well.

EJ, people are so right, you were truly blessed having been asked to participate in something that meant more to Aiden than life itself, making his girl happy, if only briefly.

@HughDon't often agree with your comments but this one is a cert. Took so much more from this than even EJ would hope.

Thanks EJ, xx

Chris

**houseDad of brisbane (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (01:28pm)

Beautifully written EJ! Now I have to wipe away the tears and be thankful for all I and my family have in life.

**Lorraine (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (12:32pm)

Ooooh... bittersweet... :(

Thanks for sharing EJ.

**KO of Canada (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (12:23pm)

I hope some people will take away from this that life can be short and to treasure things that you take for granted every day. Don't save all your life for something you deserve now. Your regrets won't be what you did in life but what you wished you had done. A girl once said to me, Life is short, eat your dessert first. I think about it often.

**Hugh (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (11:59am)

What a beautiful couple. They are lucky to have found each other. Many people live until 100 and never experience such true and enduring love as these two. One day they'll be back together and in the meantime I bet the Pirate Chef will be keeping watch over his beautiful First Mate.

**. (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (10:29am)

EJ I heard you tell this story last week while I was driving the kids to school. They didn't understand why mummy was crying.

Thank you for sharing their beautiful love story.

**Kay of Brisbane (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (09:50am)

Wow what a blog to start the day... I feel like going home and just lying with my partner all day not doing anything. Thanks for a great blog EJ I had to keep stoping trying to hold back tears!

**Blondie of Greenbank (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (09:39am)

Aidan and Aleishas story is tragic yet so beautiful. It's very sad they had such a short time together but so lucky they got to experience that kind of love. Time or distance can never dim the kind of love they have.

I had tears rolling down my cheeks this morning reading this. My little niece was diagnosed with leukaemia last week and it really hit home to appreciate what we have right now and enjoy being in the moment.

It's our 9 year anniversary today so I am definitely going home to let my hubby know how much I love him.

**Kat (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (09:29am)

Thankyou for sharing this true love story. A timely reminder of how blessed I really am to have my wonderful husband.

**Mrs O'M of Murarrie (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (09:13am)

WOW! What an amazing story of courage, hope and undying love. Brought me to tears. My thoughts are with you Aleisha, you were a beautiful bride  
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**Emaxo of Tenterfield (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (09:05am)

I am sure EJ,,you left them with beautiful memories and what a priviledge to be part of something so personal..

**Jan (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (08:58am)

my little boy just asked me why I was sad.... thank you for sharing this story EJ.

**Lizzie (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (08:57am)

I just heard the story on the way to take the kids to school..thank you so much for sharing Emily. Such a truly touching story and you told it in such a sincere and beautiful way...R.I.P Aidan

**Cathy of Brisbane (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (08:56am)

WOW!!! I don't know what else to say. This really touched my heart and I wish my man were home so that I could hold him too

**Sue of petrie (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (08:56am)

Oh EJ, how wonderful and how sad at the same time. Love your work and my heart goes out for Aiden, his new wife and their loved ones.

**Bron (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (08:55am)

My best friend did the exact same thing!  
Sending huge hugs to Aleisha & to all the family & friends. My thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

**Anita of Brisbane (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (08:54am)

So sad and touching  
I can only guess this was something they thought might happen sooner rather than later & they wanted to have their dream

**Marcus of Brisbane (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (08:54am)

EJ your compassion touched my heart as I listened to you tell the tale of the lovely couple that you helped marry just days before he passed away..... I was in the lift at work with tears spilling down my cheeks.... lovely sentiment xxxxx

**Lynette Grice (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (08:53am)

EJ,  
I was driving to uni the day you told this story on the radio. I got out of the car wiping away tears. It really touched me.  
You gave that couple a wonderful wedding, and I'm sure Aidan's memory will live on forever.  
Your love of love, is inspiring xxoo

**B2 of Kedron (Reply)**

Tue 26 Oct 10 (08:35am)