

Celebrity Ambassadors 2012



Lending a hand to help promote the fight against litter for this year's Keep Australia Beautiful Week campaign are two of Australia's finest comedy actors – Shane Bourne and Christie Whelan.

Set to hit the stage in the new comedy musical – *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, alongside Geoffrey Rush and an all-star cast in October, Bourne and Whelan are supporting the Keep Australia Beautiful campaign in an effort to remind people that rubbish thrown on our streets can do more harm to the environment than just look ugly.

About our Ambassadors



Shane Bourne

Shane Bourne's career spans award winning performances across stage and screen. He received critical acclaim for his role in the ABC TV Drama series *MDA* as medical lawyer Bill 'Happy' Henderson, a role for which he earned two AFI awards for Best Lead Actor in a Drama Series in 2003 and 2005.

He gained further acclaim as host of the hit comedy *Thank God You're Here* (2006-2009) and for his role as Stanley Wolfe in Channel Seven's crime drama series *City Homicide* (2007-2010). He is well known and loved for his role as Host in the 2011 TV Week Logie Awards and most recently starred in the Nine Network series *Tricky Business*. His film credits included *Kokoda*, whilst his theatre credits are numerous.



Christie Whelan

Christie Whelan is one of Australia's leading musical theatre performers. An award-winning actress who has delighted audiences in shows as varied as *The Importance Of Being Earnest* and *Britney Spears: The Cabaret*, Whelan has been described by *The Australian* as "immaculate and untouchable"; by *The Age* as "magnificent" and by the *Herald Sun* as "a musical and cabaret talent not to be missed".

Christie burst on to the stage at 22 playing Patty Simcox in *Grease: The Arena Spectacular* and producers immediately flew her to London to reprise the role on the West End. She came back to star as April in *Company* at the Theatre Royal which won her the Sydney Critic's Award for Best Newcomer in 2008. The next three years saw Whelan enjoy an unprecedented run of acclaimed roles. Over the past two years, Christie's television career has seen her play roles in shows such as Seven's *Winners and Losers* and Ten's *Offspring* and the ABC's *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*.