

# Neale Whitaker

## **Television Personality, Publisher, Stylist & Keynote Speaker**

Neale Whitaker is the much loved and highly respected stylish English judge on the massively popular renovation series *The Block* and Foxtel's *Love It or List It*.

The former head of Australia's go-to style references: *Belle* and *Vogue Living*, he has launched and written columns for numerous international magazines.

Neale is a keynote speaker who exudes style, grace and authority.



### **More about Neale Whitaker:**

Since arriving in Australia from the UK in 1999, Neale has enjoyed an impressive career as one of Australia's foremost style gurus and has become a respected media personality along the way.

London-born Neale started his career in the office of legendary British PR guru Lynne Franks (on whom the character of Eddi in *Absolutely Fabulous* was based). After working as a fashion publicist and stylist, Neale took on publishing roles for high-profile retailers including Marks & Spencer, Debenhams and IKEA. He also launched *Food Illustrated* for upmarket British supermarket Waitrose, a magazine that was praised internationally and set new standards for food publishing in the UK.

In 1999, Neale moved to Sydney and edited directional home and interior magazine, *Marie Claire Lifestyle*. His impeccable taste and professionalism won him many fans and he was kept busy with regular columns in *The Sydney Morning Herald's Good Living* supplement, and articles for *American Gourmet* magazine. During his five years at FPC Magazines (now NewsLifeMedia) he edited *Vogue Entertaining + Travel* and launched best-selling food magazine *Delicious* - the most successful magazine launch in the history of Australian publishing.

After successfully editing *Belle* for eight years, Neale joined Conde Nast International's *Vogue Living* as Editor-in-chief in 2014. In mid-2017 he transitioned into the role of Editor-at-large to allow time for his increasing television and wider media commitments. Neale continues as a





columnist for Stellar, the weekly colour magazine for News Corp mastheads Sunday Telegraph (NSW), Sunday Herald Sun (VIC) and Sunday Mail (QLD).

In 2009, the producers of Nine's TV show *homeMADE* asked Neale to head their judging panel and provide feedback to the young interior designers being put through their paces. Neale's frank honesty, warm humour and British eccentricities charmed audiences, and the following year he was invited to be a permanent judge on the multi-Logie winning renovation reality series, *The Block*. For the past 12 series, millions of Australians have listened to Neale share his advice and insights with the show's contestants.

In 2017 and 2018 Neale co-hosted new Foxtel series, *Love It or List It Australia*, with *Selling Houses Australia* property guru, Andrew Winter. *Love it or List It* is such a success, the third series is currently in production and will air later in 2019.

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