

Shane Jacobson

Award-winning Actor, Entertainer, Keynote Speaker & MC

Shane Jacobson is the multi-talented, multi-award winning performer who first found his fame as the character of Kenny Smyth in the Australian film *Kenny*, released in 2006.

Since then he has starred with all the big names of Australian stage and screen as well as leading international stars, in films as diverse as *Santa's Apprentice* and *The Dressmaker*, in television series including *Beaconsfield* and *Jack Irish*, and in musical productions that include *Guys & Dolls* and *Shane Warne - the Musical*.

Shane Jacobson has produced television programs and events and he has graced our screens as the host of high rating live events including the Australian Film Institute Awards, Top Gear Australia and The Logies. On top of that, he has sung live, written articles and an autobiography... indeed, there is nothing he can't do.

With a larger than life personality, huge wit, an amazing career and wide recognition both in Australia and internationally, Shane is an impressive keynote speaker and a versatile MC an for your next corporate event.

More about Shane Jacobson:

Shane first began in amateur theatre at the age of 10 and he hasn't stopped since. His quick wit and gift for characterisation cemented his early success, with gigs in stand-up comedy, as a TV audience "warm-up guy" and as radio character "Sergio" leading on to an impressive list of appearances in music videos, TV commercials and short films.

But it was his role as the character Kenny Smyth in 2006 that brought him wide recognition both at home and internationally. Shane won a string of awards for *Kenny*, including the prestigious AFI Award for Best Actor and, together with his brother and director Clayton Jacobson, the 2006 IF Awards for Best Feature Film and Best Script and the Film Critics Circle of Australia Award for Best Original Screenplay. *Kenny* wasn't just a critical success - it grossed almost \$8 million at the Australian box office, making it the highest grossing Australian film in three years, and also became the highest selling Australian DVD release ever.



Kenny opened the door on Shane's feature film career and his subsequent credits include *Newcastle* (2008), *Cactus* (2008) with Bryan Brown, *Charlie & Boots* (2009) with Paul Hogan, the animated *Santa's Apprentice* (2010) as the voice of Santa, *Surviving Georgia* (2011) with Pia Miranda and Holly Valance; the Hollywood blockbuster *The Bourne Legacy* (2012) with Jeremy Renner, Rachel Weisz and Edward Norton; the hugely popular *Oddball* (2015) with Sarah Snook, Alan Tudyk and Deborah Mailman; and the highly acclaimed *The Dressmaker* (2015) with Kate Winslet, Judy David, Liam Hemsworth and Hugo Weaving. He starred in *A Few Less Men* (sequel to the smash hit *A Few Best Men*) and the action thriller *Nest* with Kellan Lutz, Kelsey Grammer and Li Bingbing.

Shane's stage career has been just as successful. The role of 'Nicely Nicely' in the 2008 revival of the musical *Guys and Dolls* with Lisa McCune, Ian Stenlake, Marina Pryor, Garry McDonald and Magda Szubanski earned Shane a Helpmann Award for Best Male in a Supporting Role. Since then, he has entertained thousands of theatre goers with roles in *The Drowsy Chaperone* (2010) with Geoffrey Rush, Robyn Nevin and Rhonda Burchmore; *QI Live* (2011) with Stephen Fry; *8 The Play* (2012) with Rachel Griffiths; *Shane Warne - The Musical* (2013) with Eddie Perfect and Lisa McCune; and *Mother & Son* (2014) with Noelene Brown and Darren Gilshenan.

Shane Jacobson's television appearances have been numerous and varied. From host and presenter of the Australian Film Institute Awards (2010); *Top Gear Australia* (2010, 2011); *The Great Australian Bake Off* (2013); and *The Logies* (2015), to starring turns in telemovies *Beaconsfield* (2012) with Lachy Hulme; *The Mystery of the Hansom Cab* (2012) with John Waters; and *Jack Irish* (2012, 2013) with Guy Pearce and Barry Humphries; to roles in television series like *Kenny's World* (2007); *The Time of Our Lives* (2012, 2014); *Fat Tony & Co* (2014); *Open Slather* (2015); and *Jack Irish* (2016).

Shane can, and does, turn his hand to just about anything. As an author he has penned automotive pieces for Drive and his 2014 autobiography *The Long Road to Overnight Success* became an instant hit and number one bestseller.

As a producer he's brought shows like *Rock Soldiers* (2011) and *Hangin' with Hoges* (2014) to the screen. He's been seen hosting events and programs like the Australian Motoring Festival, Top Gear Live, Friday Night Crack Up, The Living Room and Manspace, for which he is also the Executive Producer.

As a singer he's a regular guest at the annual *Carols by Candlelight* and fronted 2015's sellout show *A Night Out with Shane Jacobson* and *The Melbourne Ska Orchestra*.

Amongst this incredible body of work Shane has always found time for people and causes close to his heart. He is, or has been, the patron or ambassador for HeartKids Australia, Scouts Victoria, Indian Motorcycles, Docklands Film Studios, Polaris Offroad Vehicles, Australian Side by Side Racing Championships, HMAS Canberra, Get Reading, Entertainment Assist, The Mirabel Foundation, Variety and Parkinson's Victoria.



Client testimonials

“ Shane Jacobson was absolutely outstanding. He was genuine, warm, very funny and made the day flow extremely well. People were thrilled to have him there. I haven't used a speaker that I would recommend more highly than Shane. I'd jump at the chance to have him at another of our events.

- Multiplex Limited

“ Shane communicated and engaged the crowd like I've never seen before. A wonderful MC with all the skills to ensure the night is a success.

- Hamilton Football and Netball Club

“ Shane's presentation was a highlight of our conference, being a thoroughly entertaining and engaging speaker for our Gala dinner. Shane's talk was a great balance of story-telling, motivation and comedy all rolled into one. It was even more pleasing to have Shane attend our dinner and stay and talk with all the guests throughout the evening and well into the night, which was 'above and beyond' what would be expected of many speakers. I would highly recommend Shane to other corporate looking for an interesting and entertaining speaking for their event.

- Victorian Farmers Federation

“ Shane was highly professional and did a fantastic job of keeping the night rolling smoothly and quickly. Most importantly he was hilarious too - he had the audience members doubling over with laughter and we have had nothing but positive feedback from everyone who attended our event. Most impressive was his improvising and thinking on his feet. Ten out of ten to Shane Jacobson.

- City of Port Phillip

“ Shane Jacobson was a huge, huge hit with our staff and our clients. We all loved his warm nature, funny stories and his 'give anything a go' attitude was very inspiring to all of us. As clients were leaving the function at the end of then night we were asked by client after client to please invite him back so they could here more about his life. He was very polite and very happy to spend time chatting with everyone after his presentation, which made our clients feel very special.

- Financial Lifestyle Group Pty Ltd

“ Shane is absolutely professional, amusing, honest, caring, it's obvious he enjoys what he does and his life. He is brilliant. We would use him again in a flash - what a presenter and what a



great human being. Shane rated well above any of our other speakers and deservedly so. I can't speak highly enough of what a true professional he is and his honesty is so apparent.

- LJ Hooker

“ Thank you once again for presenting at our Making Connections Lunch. Your drive, enthusiasm and success is an inspiration to us all. Our objective for this series of lunches is to provide a relaxed environment for staff and clients to interact, while drawing inspiration from an interesting and thought-provoking presenter. Shane, you have helped us achieve this aim and for that we are very grateful.

- PricewaterhouseCoopers

“ The audience just loved Shane - we received very positive feedback and praise for his skills as an MC. We particularly appreciated Shane's ability to have some fun on the night, but also respect the purpose of the evening which was to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements by individuals and companies in the rail industry. He was an absolute pleasure to work with, and do hope we have the opportunity to do so again.

- Australasian Railway Association

“ Shane was fantastic! Great sense of humor, humorous and yet professional. We experienced slight AV technical difficulties and he held it together very well. With his background in event management, he was able to engaged with the guests and keep everything rolling and on track. Everyone said they loved him and if we could bring him back the following year.

- Real Estate Institute of Queensland

“ Trying to find the words to describe Shane is difficult as I don't think amazing, professional, outstanding or funny even scratch the surface. He kept the crowd entertained, was open to all guests meeting with him and was a key factor in raising much needed funds for a grass roots charity that has only been around for 5 years.

- WestWaters Hotel

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