



At Home Alone Together

THE SPONTANEOUS NEW COMEDY POKING FUN AT LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN

NEW TO MARKET

HD 8 x 30'

Australian Broadcasting Corporation & Screen Australia



One of the world's first Covid-19-inspired TV productions, this **eight-part comedy series parodies the surge in parenting, home improvement and wellness advice** that has emerged during the pandemic.

Hosted by beloved 'national treasure' and veteran journalist **Ray Martin**, each episode features regular performers renowned for their character work, including comedians **Anne Edmonds, Ryan Shelton, Becky Lucas, Christiaan Van Vuuren** and **Adele Vuko**, who share their knowledge, inspirations and advice on how to achieve self-improvement during the corona crisis, **covering a range of topics, including D.I.Y, wellness, parenting and personal finances**. And each week they're joined by a variety of our funniest personalities and favourite actors who assist them by providing handy hints, **clever hacks and entrepreneurial know-how** to help everyday families **optimise their time in isolation**.

From making a **DIY sauna, spicing up the bedroom with Harry Potter roleplay, knocking up a quick, nutritious and tasty meal** using just the weeds from your back yard, or **giving yourself a haircut** using fully extended garden tree pruners, to eavesdropping in on a zoom meeting from an unlikely industry group trying to keep their business afloat – **At Home Alone Together** has lockdown life hacks covered.

Produced under strict health and safety protocols, with many segments shot by the performers themselves in their own homes, **this perfectly timed satirical lifestyle series shows us that Coronavirus isn't just a pandemic – it's an opportunity**.

'Ray Martin shines in half-hour shot of anxiety-induced delirium...an incredible feat' – **The Guardian**

'It's good to see the ABC back such a worthwhile experiment and lean into full nonsense' – **The Guardian**

'Gets to wallow in some truly beautiful absurdity...exactly the nonsense we need in isolation. It all hits really well.'

– **Junkee**

'I've worked in journalism for over 50 years, but it's always been my dream to front a lifestyle show. 60 Minutes was all well and good, but it never gave me an opportunity to build a pergola. Australians are experiencing a difficult time and I believe I'm the right person to step up to hold the country's hand through it – just so long as that hand has been thoroughly sanitised.'

– **Host Ray Martin**

'We recognise that the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown the comedy industry into crisis, so as well as making a great show that will encourage Australians to do what they do best in a crisis – laugh – the ABC also wants to support the writers, performers, producers and technicians who are the life blood of our industry. We'll commission ideas from teams across the country who will write, produce, edit and deliver sketches and bring them to a mass audience. It's no mean feat to go from concept to screen so quickly – *At Home Alone Together* is an extraordinary project for this unprecedented time.'

– **Josie Mason-Campbell,**
ABC Head of Entertainment and Factual

'The entire comedy industry has been impacted by COVID-19, but it's emerging writers and performers who have been the hardest hit. This project presents an opportunity to give these creatives experience with a broadcaster and help them develop their careers during this time. *At Home Alone Together* will entertain a nation hungry for relevant content while employing a sector of the industry hungry to flex their comedy muscles. I can't wait to see what these teams bring together in these unique circumstances.'

– **Lee Naimo, Screen Australia Online Investment Manager**

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