

LOUNGE ROOM LOCKDOWN NEWS

By

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CAST LIST:

*Please note: if you have only 2 actors, HOST 1 and HOST 2 can be played by **one** actor and all the other characters can be played by the **other** actor. If an actor is playing multiple characters then a good idea is to make every character have different costumes (or hats). This way the audience can tell they are different people.*

HOST 1: A host, formally dressed from the waist up, but maybe wearing board shorts or pyjamas from the waist down.

HOST 2: Same.

A PET OR SOFT TOY

A PARENT: Can be played by a kid.

LUKE PLANKWALKER: A pirate. Doesn't have to be an actual real life pirate. Somebody dressed as one will do.

ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER: Can be a parent or kid.

*Please note anything in the script [**written like this**] is explained on the CHEAT SHEET.*

SCRIPT:

SFX News Music (You can find this if you google: 'free news music'). A formally dressed news HOST sits at a table. They have a pile of papers that they shuffle as the music fades down. They speak directly to the camera in typical news fashion.

HOST 1

Hello and welcome to Lounge Room Lockdown News, giving you new news you didn't know you didn't knew. I'm your host **[Host Name 1]**.

HOST 2

And I'm **[Host Name 2]**.

Host 2 shuffles paper, Host 1 shuffles paper. They both shuffle paper.

HOST 1

Our top stories today: **[News story 1]**

HOST 2

[News story 2].

HOST 1

And in Parliament today Prime Minister Plant Morrison had an important Cabinet meeting.

Show a plant on top of a cabinet.

HOST 2

Quite an important meeting by the looks of it. Now to education news. The question everyone is asking: what is remote learning?

Host 1 holds up a remote control.

HOST 1

Well it has nothing to do with this...

They throw it out of shot. It looks like it hits someone we don't see (don't really hit someone!).

VOICE OFF SCREEN

Ow!

HOST 1

In fact, 'remote learning' means parents across the nation have to pretend to know more than their kids about maths, science and other 'schooly type things'.

HOST 2

Here to speak to us is a real life parent/guardian.

(Don't say 'parent slash guardian', pick which one is appropriate.)

HOST 1

The parent/guardian wanted to remain un-named, so we shall call them Mum/Dad/their nick-name.

(Again, pick 'Mum', 'Dad' or a funny name.) Adult enters looking stressed.

HOST 2

Mum/Dad/nick-name, how are you going with remote learning?

ADULT

I think I'm finally getting the hang of it.

SFX 'DING'. Host 1 looks at a phone like they just got a text. (You can always just have someone say 'ding', that could be funny).

HOST 1

Ummm, my Teacher, [**Teacher's name**] said you forgot to send the attachment.

ADULT

(has had enough!)

Well tell [**Teacher's name**] I know where they can send their attachment. And by that I mean up their...

HOST 2

(cuts them off)

...O.K! That's all we have time for.

ADULT

Can I have my biscuit now?

HOST 2

(whispers)

You can have **one** ok?

ADULT

Yesssss.

Adult happily skips off.

HOST 1

And now with financial news, our Pirate reporter Luke Plankwalker.

A PIRATE enters or the camera moves to a 'pirate area'.

LUKE PLANKWALKER

Thank ye [**Host Name 1**]. A-ha me hearties, I be Luke Plankwalker. The financial news I have for ye is: I found this treasure buried down the back of the couch. I believe it to be a gold doubloon!

They hold up a \$1 coin. They GENTLY bite it to test if it's gold (don't break your teeth!). They gesture happily with the coin- it is gold!

LUKE PLANKWALKER (CONT'D)

A-haa!

HOST 2

Thanks Luke Plankwalker, but before you go have you found the rest of your 'pirate booty' yet?

LUKE PLANKWALKER

I have **[Host Name 2]**, it's at the top of me Pirate leg. A-ha me hearties!

HOST 1

Now let's cross to **[Weather person]** for a look at the weather.

We see a pet/toy looking out the window. Nothing happens.

HOST 1 (CONT'D)

They sure do like looking at the weather...

HOST 2

Next up we head to the world of entertainment news with our red carpet reporter **[Entertainment Reporter]**.

HOST 1

What's been happening in the world of celebrities?

ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Well unfortunately due to the lockdown I wasn't able to contact any celebs. So I've done something even better... here's the Hollywood Bowl!

*They reveal a fruit bowl filled with **[Fruit and vegetables]**.*

SFX Upbeat pop music in the background.

HOST 1

Er. OK?

*Entertainment Reporter introduces the **[Fruits and Vegetables]***

ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Look everyone, here's **[Fruit or veg 1]**. And look, we expected to see **[Fruit or veg 2]**, but **[Fruit or veg 3]** is a surprise! Love your work! Oh wow, what a treat, it's **[Fruit or veg 4]** who would've believed it?!

This should go for as long as it's funny :)

HOST 2

(whispering to host 1)

I think they've gone crazy.

*The **[Entertainment reporter]** holds up 2 more pieces of food with eyes stuck onto them.*

ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Woo hoo! It's a party!

Suddenly, HOST 1 puts a hand to their ear and listens to an ear piece. HOST 2 does the same. They interrupt the Entertainment Reporter.

SFX Upbeat pop music off.

HOST 1

We have some breaking news now...

HOST 2

Reports are coming in that another new virus is spreading across the nation...

SFX [Your Favourite Song]

The rest of the actors from the play enter in the background. They are all dancing but the HOSTS are unaware. (If there are only two actors in the piece you can bring the celebrity fruits on, or a bunch of toys, or cardboard cutout people- what other ways can you think of to make it look like there is a crowd?)

SFX [Your Favourite Song] gets a bit louder.

HOST 1

The symptoms are daggy dancing, excessive smiling and bouts of loud singing.

The rest of the actors from the play start singing and turning up the music. The hosts hear the song and become infected by the dancing. They start to join in.

HOST 2

It appears to be very contagious. Oh no! I think I've caught it.

HOST 1

Me too! And I love it.

SFX: [Your Favourite Song] louder. The hosts have to raise their voices a bit.

HOST 2

Thanks for joining us. Tune in tomorrow where we'll be giving you an update on the toilet paper shortage!

They're both dancing now and speaking loudly over the music.

HOST 1

You've been watching Lounge Room Lockdown News!

BOTH

Presenting you new news you didn't know you didn't knew. Woo hoo!

They crank the music. Everyone sings and dances together.

THE END

A note: If you have ideas for more jokes, funny sound effects or costumes feel free to put them in! We always get our best ideas as we are rehearsing. Our number one joke tip, try and keep them as short as they can be.

Have fun!

From The Listies.