

*Please*  
**Marry**  
*my* **Boy**



Coming soon

# SYNOPSIS

*In matters of the heart, Mother knows best ... or does she?*

According to researchers, falling in love only takes about a fifth of a second. Finding true love however, can take considerably longer; just ask Carlo, Nathan and Brad.

Unable to secure the perfect partner, the men team up with their matchmaking Mums in Seven's hilarious and heart-warming reality series, *Please Marry My Boy*.

Hosted by self-confessed romantic and *Home and Away* favourite Ada Nicodemou, the ratings-winning dating show returns for a second season in 2013 with three love-seeking lads in need of a helping hand.

Enter Maria, Doreen and Margaret: Fed-up with witnessing their son's relationships run aground, they're taking charge of the courtship process with our cameras in tow.

Beginning with the all-important speed date selection process, our Mums will narrow the field of prospective paramours from 10 to three, with the successful girls then welcomed into their partner's family home.

What happens after each team of bridal hopefuls walks through the front door makes for must-see TV. Competition is fierce, hormones run rampant, and mind games and manipulation are a daily occurrence.

Each week the girls must successfully master a challenge designed by their suitor's Mum in order to secure a date with their man. But as Shakespeare once wrote: "The course of true love never did run smooth."

Tears and tantrums are guaranteed, and just when relationships begin to blossom a new twist unfolds. Who will Mum eventually ask to *Please Marry My Boy* ... and will it be the girl of their son's dream?

Take part in the thrill of the chase! *Please Marry My Boy* is coming soon to Seven.

*Please Marry My Boy* is an original ITV Studios format produced locally by ITV Studios Australia. Executive Producer for Channel Seven is Paul Melville. Executive producer for ITVS Australia is Lauren Rudd.



# TEAM BRAD

*Brad King, 27, Retail manager*

*Margaret King, 59, Mother and full-time carer*

Shy guy Brad has always struggled approaching women of interest without the aid of a few drinks. Even then, he admits he's never had any luck with the ladies and lasting relationships have eluded him.

An assistant buyer for a Melbourne camping store, Brad has opportunities to meet women through work and his sporting interests like golf and AFL, but unfortunately he is often left tongue-tied.

"If I was to sell a girl a tent I could do that no worries. If I was to go and try and get her number, I couldn't do it," he says. "I've been pretty much useless with women, so I may as well get Mum's help."

Married to husband Roger for 40 years, Margaret knows a thing or two about managing relationships, although even she's at a loss to understand why more women aren't attracted to Brad.

The youngest of three sons, Brad has only had *one* serious girlfriend but his matter-of-fact Mum is set to change all that.

"I am the only female in a family of four men. I love my boys but I would really love some girl company around the house," she says.

Exactly what *type* of girl Margaret wants could shake Brad out of his comfort zone.

"Brad's dream lady would be blonde, shorter than him, someone that likes to play sport," she says.

Brad agrees his Mum has ticked all the right boxes but he's not so sure she'll deliver on his dream girl.

"Sometimes who *she* thinks is attractive is completely different to who *I'd* say is attractive," he says.

But the thought of having three women vying for his affection week-in, week-out is hugely appealing to Brad. He just hopes he can improve on his past dating form.

"When I was younger I took a girl to a horror film thinking she would get scared and cuddle up to me. Let's just say it didn't go well. I jumped out of my seat more than she did and there was no second date."



# TEAM CARLO

*Carlo Cimino, 41, Small business owner*

*Maria Cimino, 65, Mother, grandmother and retiree.*

Loud and outgoing, Carlo's life revolves around family and friends. Raised in a loving and large Australian-Italian family on Sydney's northern beaches, he was nominated for the show by his sister-in-law.

The second eldest of four siblings, Carlo has been unlucky in love with a series of failed relationships including a broken marriage. He hopes to find a partner who will give him the one thing missing in his life.

"I've always wanted children. I think I'm great with them," he says.

Carlo has seven nieces and nephews who are the greatest joy in his life, together with the young kids that he coaches.

"I love coaching the kids in rugby league. We seem to have this little bond. There's a lot of respect, same as I do for my family, I've actually got that with the kids that I coach."

There is nothing Mama Maria wants more in life than to find Carlo a bride. Maria's been happily married to husband Angelo for 45 years and this warm and generous woman knows what will make her son happy.

"A girl that has the same drive as Carlo," she says. "She should love the family as much as he does. A girl who will eat, a girl who is not shy, and can easily fit in with all of us."

Maria can often be found in the kitchen hollering "mangia, mangia, mangia" (eat, eat, eat). While Carlo worries she may "force feed" his female guests, he has no worries about her ability to find him love.

"I know Mum will pick whoever makes me the happiest and who cares about me," he says.

"Mum would do anything for me. Anyone who has ever been a part of my life, she has welcomed them into our home. For this I love her and I am so proud of her."

Carlo says despite his mother's limited education she is a great sage with a simple and successful philosophy on life and love.

"The secret to keeping everyone happy is to be happy and have fun - cooking, drinking, eating - that's the secret," says Maria.



# TEAM NATHAN

*Nathan Secomb, 30, Tradesperson and model*

*Doreen Secomb, 62, Retirement village caretaker*

A broken heart at the age of 17 has prompted tradie Nathan to keep himself at arm's length from love. He vowed the next girl he fell for would be the one he married, and he's so far kept to his word.

Nathan has no problem attracting the ladies but Mum Doreen says it's the *type* of women he attracts that worries her. A Christian woman with a strong moral compass, Doreen thinks her son can be superficial at times.

"Nathan does a tiny bit of modeling so he mixes with people who are like that. Sometimes I just have this feeling that they may be a little bit caught up on looks and presentation," she says.

"I'd like his partner to be of genuine character and have good moral values. Add to these qualities, an enjoyment of hard work, being organised, to be clean and tidy in appearance and within her home."

A part-time model, Nathan says his celebrity bride would be a mix of Jennifer Hawkins, DJ Havana Brown and US reality star Kim Kardashian because "they are all stunning and have great personalities".

Doreen suggests Mother Teresa might be a better 'celebrity' bride to teach Nathan all about "unconditional love".

The youngest of four siblings, Nathan grew up in a close and loving family. Dad Max and Doreen have been married for 43 years but Nathan worries his low-key love life might hamper his Mum's choice.

"I have never brought a girl home to meet my parents so they don't know my *type* of girl," he says. "Although I have to say, Mum is a good judge of character and can pick out the fake ones quickly."

Doreen believes she has a pretty good idea of what Nathan wants ... but it may not be what he gets.

"I think Nathan is scared of commitment, too choosy and has been looking for love in the wrong places," she says.

But Nathan says he won't compromise on the dream girl he wants to share a life with which could make for some fireworks.

"I see so many people settle down out of convenience and not out of true love and it's very important to me that I don't become one of those people," he says.



# ADA NICODEMOU

*Host*

Self-confessed romantic Ada Nicodemou is a modern day Emma Woodhouse - a relentless and often misguided matchmaker, eager to see friends happy in life and in love.

"I have great ideas about matchmaking but no success whatsoever," laughs Ada.

"When I meet someone for the first time I find myself making mental notes about who they would be suited to. I just don't understand why there are so many wonderful people out there who are single."

Ada is delighted to be returning to primetime television to host the second series of *Please Marry My Boy*. The multiple Gold and Silver Logie nominee says the reality rom-com is a perfect match for her.

"This is such a lovely show with a great heart and soul," says Ada. "It's warm and funny feel-good TV, and in a time when we are so often bombarded with bad news, it's a series everyone can cheer for."

Averaging one million viewers in 2012, *Please Marry My Boy* consistently won its timeslot, proving the opportunity to rubberneck at other people's love lives is hugely appealing.

Ada has spied-on many a first date from the wings of her and her husband's southern Sydney restaurant. Chris Xipolitas and Ada were first introduced by her Aunt at a social gathering in 2005 and married two years later.

The addition of son Johnas last year completed their family, and the Home and Away star who plays single Mum Leah Patterson says she's never been happier or busier balancing motherhood onscreen and off.

Ada has been on Seven's long-running drama since 1999. Her other TV credits include *Heartbreak High*, *Police Rescue*, *Beast Masters* and a cameo in the film, *The Matrix*.

In 2005, Ada took out the crown on Seven's *Dancing with the Stars* with dance partner Aric Yegudkin. She hopes contestants on *Please Marry My Boy* will find their rhythm in life and love with the aid of their Mums.

"I just think everyone deserves to be in love and happy, and I truly believe there is someone out there for everyone," says Ada. "Relationships can fail for so many reasons but I hope people never become jaded."





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