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## FILMS

ABOUT

## Dementia, Dad and Me

*a feature-length documentary film; 77 minutes*

When memories fade, what remains?

### Synopsis

The onset of his Lewy Body Dementia has brought a dramatic change to the relationship Hannah has with Rainer, her father. *Dementia, Dad and Me* follows the two of them as they navigate the delicate transition from father and daughter to caregiver and cared-for.

### Detailed description

A child of the second world war, Rainer saved everything, 'just in case'. He has no desire to let any of his possessions go, apparently unaware of the burden on Hannah, his daughter. While an introvert, Rainer has always been a storyteller. Now, deprived of recall, photographs and other possessions are at times, the hook which captures Rainer's slippery, elusive memories. So Hannah hangs onto Rainer's stuff, hoping it will pull out more of his stories.

Complicating this journey, Hannah's mum is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Now, a family, including Hannah's daughter, learn the tender balance of care for each other and themselves. Against a lifetime of memories, and a life slipping away, *Dementia, Dad and Me* is a love letter to parents who always got on with life, and a child's diary of the care, the beauty and the pain attendant with lives coming to rest.

*"Dementia, Dad and Me will hopefully inspire others to lean into this part of life with curiosity and an open heart even though at times it seems unbearable."*

*- Lori Parker, Psychologist*

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