

Celebrate Ageing Ltd School Online Learning – Film & Discussion Activity

Mr Velvet Ears

Mr Velvet Ears is a film following the experiences of Anne and Edie as they make the difficult decision to access a residential aged care home for Edie, who lives with younger onset dementia. Anne and Edie have been together for 35 years. The film is shot through the eyes of Mr Velvet Ears, their dementia assist dog; adding warmth to the difficult topics addressed in the film.

Duration: one hour (can be extended to two)

Aims:

- To promote a better understanding of the experiences of people living with dementia and their care partners
- To assist care partners and families of people living with dementia make decisions about support services
- To assist in the development of more dementia friendly services
- To assist in the development of more LGBTI inclusive dementia services

Resource includes:

- 40 min film
- Discussion points
- Links to further resources

Suitable for:

- Dementia services, carers services, aged care service providers
- Carers groups, community groups, individuals and families

Preview: <https://youtu.be/u7w2pevi6eA>

Cost: \$8 (24 hours), \$50 (week), \$150 (month), \$450 (year)

Access: starts immediately after your purchase is made

Resource link: [here](#)

Reviews: see next page

About Celebrate Ageing School

Celebrate Ageing Ltd is a charity established in 2013 to combat ageism and build respect for older people. Our School offers online activities, campaigns and courses that are evidence based, innovative, multimodal, practical, and coproduced with older people. Education is available to support individual learners, groups and learning facilitators. A small fee to access the education enables us to continue our important work.

Reviews

Anne and Edie. I want to tell you how inspired I was by Mr Velvet Ears. Anne I'm inspired by the way you have navigated this journey together. Edie I've been inspired by your strength and resilience in making this difficult life choice. Anne the amazing support, continuity and empowerment you have given to Edie; and love and support through this journey. to me it's such a great example to viewers of how we can take life with dementia and bring it to a new level of love of relationship and of meaning throughout our lives. Thank you so much for what you have shared with the world. Dr Al Power, MD

An important, moving and beautiful message. Thankyou to all involved in the movie for opening up this necessary conversation. A must watch for people living with dementia, their carers and the broader community. Dr Kerrie Shiell

Insightful. Raw. Compassionate. Five Stars XXXXX Juliana Addison MP

A story of love and caring. Of the seasons and emotions within a relationship. A story of letting go and holding on. A story for all carers who are strong one day...so vulnerable the next. Carers whose tears are often hidden, emotions suppressed. The story of all carers...for all carers, families and friends. Well done Mr. Velvet Ears. Colleen Stewart.

In the media

Thankyou so the journalists who covered the release of Mr Velvet Ears and to the service providers who helped spread the word. We greatly appreciate your support

- Natasha Egan, Australian Ageing Agenda [here](#)
- Journal of Dementia Care
- Out in Perth [here](#)
- The Ballarat Courier [here](#)