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## **Adelaide Festival Centre's Australian Stories Program presents *Codgers* by Don Reid**

Old bloke, old joker, curmudgeon, codger - whatever you like to call them they are increasing in visible numbers. Join some of Australia's finest senior actors for a heart-warming comedy about this expanding species, titled ***Codgers***, about ageing, friendship and being a codger, presented in the **Dunstan Playhouse** from **13 – 17 April**.

The six characters (some of them mates since war service) sweat it out together each week in the gym. Jimmy, the jokester, worries about having something to leave his grand-daughter; old Les has to cope with losing his marbles; Patrick suspects his mate Keith of having an affair; and old political sores re-open when a newcomer wants to join the group and exposes long-held prejudices. Rod, the youngest of the troupe, struggles to manage the discord. Secrets, differences and loss of trust begin to threaten their comfortable relationships to each other and to the world around them.

Winner of the Rodney Seaborn Playwright's Award 2006, ***Codgers*** was first aired at a one-off public reading for an invited audience in August 2006. Since then ***Codgers*** has gone on tour to sell out performances around the country.

Playwright Don Reid was a permanent member of the Ensemble Company for 25 years and has performed in and directed well over 30 productions. Don has performed for all the major theatre companies across Australia and enjoyed extensive work in television, film and radio. ***Codgers*** was inspired by his real life get-togethers at the gym with his card-carrying codger mates.

Everyone either knows a Codger, is related to one, lives with one—or is one!

Starring: **Ronald Falk** (*Carson's Law*), **Ron Haddrick** (think of an Australian-made television series and Ron's been in it, *from Certain Women to Farscape*), **Edwin Hodgeman** (State Theatre Company of South Australia regular), **Jon Lam** (*Singapore Sling*), **Russell Newman** (*Underbelly II*) and **Shane Porteous** (*A Country Practise*), Director: **Wayne Harrison** (former director of Sydney Theatre Company), Set & Costume Designer **Nicholas Dare** and Lighting Designer **Nicolas Higgins**.

**What:** ***Codgers*** a Steady Lads and Christine Dunstan production presented by Adelaide Festival Centre's Australian Stories program

**When:** **13 – 16 April 7pm**  
**15 April 1pm**  
**17 April 3:30pm and 8pm**

**Venue:** Dunstan Playhouse

**Cost:** Premium \$55, Adults \$45, Concession \$30, Groups (6 or more) \$30,  
Season Pass Adult \$35, Season Pass Concession \$30

**Bookings:** BASS 131 246 or [www.bass.net.au](http://www.bass.net.au)

For further information check out: [www.codgers.com.au](http://www.codgers.com.au) or [www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au](http://www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au)

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