



Name of Community Group	Name of Business
Duffy Primary School	UnitingCare Mirinjani Village

Partnership Description
The partnership involves interchanging various skills and knowledge between school and aged residents. For example, residents teach children to knit and school Children come and sing various songs at the village. This helps to bridge the generation gap.

Tell us about Your Community Group	Tell us about Your Business
<b>Duffy Primary School:</b> Children aged 7 – 11 years old usually participate in the program.	<b>UnitingCare Mirinjani Village:</b> Mirinjani consists of three residential aged care facilities – one high care, two assisted care.

Why did you want to become involved in a Partnership?	
<b>Duffy Primary School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community involvement.</li> <li>• To learn new skills.</li> <li>• To bridge the generation gap.</li> </ul>	<b>UnitingCare Mirinjani Village:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To bridge generation gap.</li> <li>• Community Involvement.</li> <li>• To pass on experience and wisdom.</li> </ul>

What were you attracted to when choosing your partner?	
<b>Duffy Primary School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location.</li> <li>• Population / Aged residents.</li> <li>• Good reputation at Mirinjani.</li> </ul>	<b>UnitingCare Mirinjani Village:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location.</li> <li>• Good partnership already established through other programs.</li> </ul>

Detail the first steps of the process of developing your partnership. Where did you start?	
<b>Duffy Primary School:</b> Talked to coordinator at Mirinjani after creation of concept/idea.	<b>UnitingCare Mirinjani Village:</b> Spoke to Duffy primary teacher.

What have been the benefits – both short-term and long-term?	
<b>Duffy Primary School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendships built.</li> <li>• Learning new skills.</li> <li>• Become familiar with older people.</li> </ul>	<b>UnitingCare Mirinjani Village:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendships built.</li> <li>• Sharing knowledge.</li> <li>• Reminiscing.</li> </ul>

What contributions does your organization make to the partnership? (e.g. in-kind support, volunteers, membership on Boards etc)	
<b>Duffy Primary School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared resources.</li> <li>• Volunteers.</li> </ul>	<b>UnitingCare Mirinjani Village:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport.</li> <li>• Shared resources.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers.</li> </ul>
<b>What have been the challenges?</b>	
<b>Duffy Primary School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time restraints.</li> </ul>	<b>UnitingCare Mirinjani Village:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time restraints.</li> <li>• Aged residents' illnesses.</li> </ul>

<b>What have been the lessons?</b>	
<b>Duffy Primary School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is important to find suitable times to run a program.</li> </ul>	

<b>What advice could you offer to others thinking of forming a partnership?</b>	
<b>Duffy Primary School:</b> It is very worthwhile.	<b>UnitingCare Mirinjani Village:</b> It is very beneficial. We would recommend it.

<b>What plans do you have for future partnerships – with either your current partner or with other organisations?</b>	
<b>Duffy Primary School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand partnership to include more children from school.</li> <li>• Acquire more varied skills.</li> </ul>	<b>UnitingCare Mirinjani Village:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand partnership to other schools in area.</li> </ul>

<b>If you are willing to assist other businesses or community groups in advice on partnerships would you provide your <u>contact details</u> for others to talk through any questions they may have?</b>	
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