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Project Name: Picture My Life
Year: 2015
Lead Agency: Dunmunkle Health Services
Partners: Minyip Primary School, Minyip Seniors, Emma's Café & Minyip Historical Society

Project Description:

Dunmunkle Health Services collaborated with Minyip Primary School, Minyip Seniors, Emmas Café and Minyip Historical Society to organise a fun day for *Seniors Week 2015* called "Picture My Life".

Six senior residents told a part of their life story and reminisced about their years in Minyip. Stories included

- *My school days*
- *My first job*
- *Minyip in 1952*
- *My wedding*
- *My tree change move to Minyip*

Dunmunkle U3A I.T. leader and member of Minyip Historical Society, Charlie Fallon, created a power point display of photos appropriate to each story.

Minyip Primary School students were invited to hear the stories and learn about Minyip in earlier days. Over lunch seniors and primary students shared

further stories. Then a guest singer entertained the crowd of 65, singing songs and leading a fun hokey pokey dance. This was followed by more stories and afternoon tea where the young and elderly mingled.

The event succeeded in bringing the generations together in a relaxed social setting. Speakers received a great response to their stories and this has inspired others to think about future stories.

As a lasting legacy of the event, the U3A IT leader has decided the stories should be preserved. He has volunteered to make up three books, one for the school, one for the historical society and one for Dunmunkle Health Services.

Picture My Life also featured in the Minyip School newsletter the following day.

