



Building capacity and sharing evidence and knowledge to support social change.

SVA Consulting



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SVA Consulting partners with non-profits, philanthropists, corporations and governments to strengthen their capabilities and capacity to address pressing social problems.

SVA Consulting is a specialist consulting practice that assists organisations across Australia to achieve greater social impact. Since 2007, we have supported over 170 clients through 400 projects.

Projects range from small and brief, to large and sustained. Using our skills in analytics, diagnostics, research and facilitated group work, we provide fact-based guidance to support critical decision-making and help scale impact. We accelerate learning by developing strong relationships that enable us to transfer knowledge, skills and practical tools.

With our clients, we create customised, results-driven solutions. Our services include:

Strategy & policy – Supporting organisations to make critical decisions about direction, goals and resources. Assistance with monitoring progress against goals and developing and reviewing policy aligned with stated objectives.

Planning & funding models – Helping clients to develop funding strategies to increase sustainability and impact.

Implementation & organisational change – Assisting clients to align their organisations and operations with their strategies to ensure delivery of sustainable social impact.

Measurement & evaluation – Supporting clients in forecasting and evaluating program and organisational outcomes, with a focus on tools that include program logic and Social Return on Investment (SROI).

Research – Helping organisations to capture, analyse and synthesise information on programs, models and policies to draw out the key insights of what does and doesn't work.

Boards & governance – Advising organisations as they set up or review their governance structure, including board reviews, board skills audits, governance recommendations and board development programs.

Building collaborations – Supporting clients across sectors to collaborate to achieve greater impact, improving efficiency and effectiveness.

Our team provides comprehensive consulting skills developed in international strategic consultancies, coupled with non-profit experience and deep sector knowledge in our impact areas. The result is guidance that is both expert and appropriate to the social sector.

SVA Consulting is a division of non-profit organisation Social Ventures Australia. Fees are charged on a cost-recovery basis.

Impact areas

- Education
- Employment
- Healthcare & research
- Community services
- Philanthropy
- Disability services
- Housing
- Indigenous

“The engagement of primary stakeholders through the planning process meant that CERA was able to execute the strategy with minimal road blocks.”

– Tina McMeckan, Chair, CERA Board

“SVA Consulting supplied dedicated and passionate staff who expertly planned, organised and executed the SROI study without intruding on our business operations. They also demonstrated an impressive understanding of and ability to build and maintain rapport with our disadvantaged workers - a majority impacted with severe mental illness.”

– David Christian, Strategic Projects Manager, WISE Employment

“We worked with SVA Consulting on developing case studies for our Workplace Ready program. SVA Consulting took ownership of their area of the project which was important to us as we are a small organisation. Also, they were really focused on meeting the tight deadlines. By working alongside SVA Consulting, our staff were able to increase their own skills in this area.”

– Sharona Torrens, Director of Programs & Projects, Reconciliation Australia

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