



Kevin Robbie, Chief Executive Officer, United Way

Biography

Kevin commenced his role as Chief Executive Officer for United Way Australia in June 2015, with over 20 years of experience in leading innovative social change in Australia and the UK.

Prior to joining United Way Australia, Kevin was Executive Director for Social Ventures Australia (SVA), Australia's leading venture philanthropy organisation. Kevin lead the organisation's employment strategy work, focused on improving school to work transitions, developing new approaches to tackling long-term unemployment and increasing employer engagement in providing employment pathways for people excluded from the labour market. He led the design of an innovative Industry Employment Initiative, a consortium of non-profits working with large national employers to introduce a demand-led approach to employment, co-funded by progressive philanthropic foundations.

Kevin is a specialist in social enterprise development and is seen as a thought leader within this area of the Australian landscape, having lead SVA's social enterprise development strategy, including the development of new approaches to non-profit sector finance and impact measurement. Among his achievements include the \$10m WA Social Enterprise Fund, the Indigenous Social Enterprise Fund, pioneering the development of SVA's Impact Investing team and helping establish SVA Consulting's impact measurement practice.

Scottish-born Kevin has held senior management roles in the UK, including seven years as Chief Executive of Forth Sector, one of Scotland's leading social enterprises; working in an advisory capacity to the Scottish Government through the EQUAL Social Economy Scotland Development Partnership; and as a special adviser to the UK Government Cabinet Office. Kevin has served on a number of non-profit boards and Government Advisory Boards, authored a range of publications for the Scottish Government and is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences.

