SVA Service Award

Celebrating impact and growth

2024-2026

Empowering young people. Supporting schools and organisations.
Strengthening communities through meaningful volunteering.

OUR IMPACT

2,192
Registered students

40,000+
Hours logged

929
Active youth volunteers

1,206
Badges distributed

13,400
Hours align with SDG #3

WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE GAIN

Skills Development

80%
Improved practical and interpersonal skills

Skills gained include leadership, customer service, emergency response, equine care, barista, teamwork, project management

Mental & Physical Health

93%
Improved mental health

71%
Reduced anxiety/emotional distress

Physical benefits through cadets, equine work, café volunteering

Confidence & Identity

100%
increased confidence

79%
improved self-esteem

43%
stepped into leadership roles

Community Connection

70%
developed stronger social connections

Youth contributed to school culture, crisis support, community events

Employability & Pathways

60%
gained employment-relevant skills

Pathways identified: defence, emergency services, equine therapy, hospitality, medicine, politics, digital design

OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

1600+
Youth engaged in sessions

35
School info sessions

200+
Organisations

31
Networking events

600+
Connections made

34
Students earned Sace Credits

"Volunteering helped me overcome my anxiety and gave me a sense of belonging." Ashden

"Volunteering connected me with people from different backgrounds and made me feel part of a community." Noah

KEY LEARNINGS

1. Volunteering acts as a wellbeing intervention
2. Trusted adults are critical for youth engagement
3. VIOs need practical tools and youth-friendly processes
4. Digital platforms increase accessibility and recognition
5. Co-design with youth improves relevance and impact