

Susan Fetherston



After receiving an Honours degree in Social Work from Monash University in 1979, Susan worked in remote indigenous communities in health and family well-being, specialising in early childhood education and healthcare.

Under a federal grant, community elders and Susan set up an Outreach Program that catered to local mothers and their children, with the aims of assisting early childhood opportunities and development prior to starting school.

Susan worked for eight years in rural social work, principally with the Commonwealth Department of Social Security.

For three years, she taught adult education courses for the TAFE Community Welfare Certificate.

Susan worked for 10 years as a consultant social worker with the Commonwealth Department of Education in Victoria, assisting and counselling at-risk adolescents who had experienced homelessness and physical or mental health issues.

For 20 years, Susan worked as a health and fitness instructor in NSW and Victoria, most recently with the YMCA.

Since 1991, Susan has been a director of Mi-tec Media Pty Ltd, working in management, HR, staffing and marketing.

Susan, with Cal's assistance, established and manages Mi-tec's philanthropic works, which supports the following:

1. **Fight Cancer Foundation**, principally the Back On Track hospital-based education program.
2. **Cancer Council Victoria**, with sponsorships for the black-tie charity ball Tuxedo Junction and the Rosie James Medical Research Award.
3. **Remar Australia**, a residential rehabilitation program located in rural Victoria. Remar provides long-term recovery opportunities to men with drug and alcohol issues, and assistance with their family relationships.
4. **Prison Network Ministries**, which supports women who are, or have been, in the Victorian prison system, while also assisting their families and children. The children's holiday camps have been a focus of recent Mi-tec sponsorship.
5. **Mustard**, a school-based Christian program operating in secondary schools across Melbourne.
6. **International Needs**, a global program that sponsors quality primary, secondary and tertiary education and healthcare of children in developing countries.