2024 Insights Report

The Future of Employee Value Propositions

Essential Insights for Leaders and Organisations To Attract and Retain Top Talent









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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and celebrate the First Nations People as the Traditional Custodians of this land and appreciate their connection to and love for country.





From the CEO

Between 2020 to 2023, we saw the world of work change more significantly than in the last 30 years. We have more generations at work today than ever before, all having different needs and expectations from their organisations and leaders.

Our 2023 research indicated that people want to be:

- Paid well and recognised;
- Given flexibility; and
- Provided career development.

In 2023/2024, due to market changes, employers haven't been increasing salaries (regardless of inflation), have been asking their people to do more with less resources, and a major point of contention, impressing professionals to return to the office. This is leaving a large gap between what employees want and what organisations are willing to offer. This poses a significant and complex problem which will impact the future of work.

Concurrently, organisations have been inconsistent with how they represent themselves, compared to the reality for former, existing and future employees. With some companies quietly achieving great things, and others talking loudly about how amazing it is to work there (which is not reflected by the employees' experience) – it's difficult for job seekers to cut through the noise and work out which workplace is right for them.

Significant progress has been made in benefits globally and Australia is no different. Whether it's increased paid parental leave (not just for the primary carer), increased wellbeing focus, or compressed hours. However, with organisations fighting to keep up, how will they sustain this progression? With the economic slowdown, it's becoming increasingly difficult for organisations to differentiate themselves.

So, what does the future hold for EVP? And how can organisations, without large employer branding budgets, invest in a strong EVP that will help them attract and retain great people while building an engaged, productive workforce who feel like they belong?

We interviewed more than 70 HR and Talent Executives over 3 months, and used data from the 6,000 professionals who contributed to our <u>Salary Guide & Predictions in FY2023-24</u>. In addition, we partnered with a series of organisations who are market leaders in Employer Branding to get a diverse range of data from different industries.

This paper forms the highlights from the research, however, where requested, we are presenting the full research to various organisations.

Victoria



Victoria Butt

Founder | CEO | Executive Search vbutteparityconsulting.com.au



Executive Summary

Key Insights

Gathered from over 74 executive interviews, 6,000 job seekers and 12 research papers, spanning 16 different industries.

EVP BECOMES A PRIORITY WHEN ORGANISATIONS



Cannot attract Top Talent.



Have challenges with culture and people engagement.

3 TYPES OF COMPANIES

10%

10% Good place to work for the right people and leveraging it well.

20%

Not a good place to work but telling people it is.

70

70% Pretty good place to work and getting better at telling their story.

METRICS



Most organisations are only tracking attrition and engagement metrics to access success of EVP.

KEY MOTIVATORS

Out of 6000 professionals researched for our FY2023-24 Salary Guide, employee motivators to move organisations are:









Purposeful work/ Values aligned to the organisation



Executive Summary



A great EVP should be a **magnet**, a **compass** and a **blade**. A magnet to attract the talent you need and put off those who aren't right (or for whom you're not the right choice). A compass to guide you strategically, and a blade that you will cut yourself on if you don't deliver on the promise.

Mark Puncher | Managing Director | Employer Branding Australia

TOP 5 PRIORITY FOR HR/TALENT EXECS



Although EVP ranks consistently in the top 5 priorities, HR/Talent Executives struggle to secure management attention and allocate sufficient budget due to workload pressures.

RECOGNISING THE EVP GAP



Over 90% of HR/Talent Executives felt they could do more in the EVP space.

Only 31%* of HR leaders think their employees are satisfied with the EVP.

A staggering 65%* of candidates report they have actually discontinued a hiring process due to an unattractive EVP.

* <u>According to Gartner 2021</u>

EXTRINSIC VS INTRINSIC



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With **Extrinsic** benefits becoming unsustainable, organisations are investing in creative **Intrinsic** benefits to bolster their employee experience.

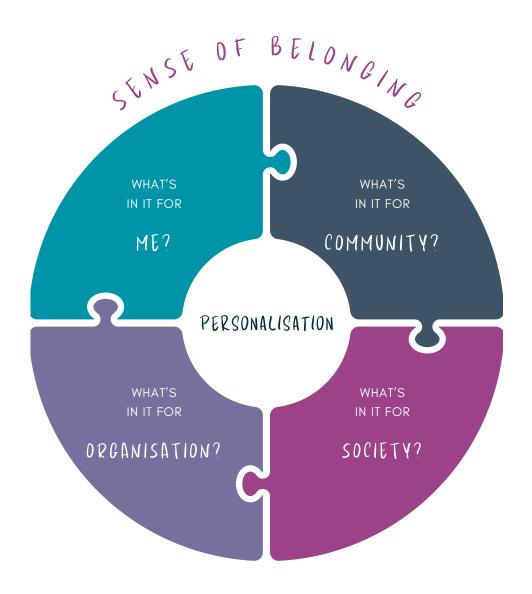




What Makes a Great EVP?

Balancing Employee Well-Being and the Organisational Priorities

Promoting a sense of belonging is at the heart of progressive EVPs. This can be most effective through personalisation.







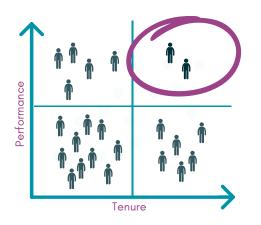
Meaningful Metrics

Organisations Are Now Tracking Extended Metrics

High Performers

> % People that become high performers in the first 24 months

Tenure of High Performers



Seek & Glassdoor Ratings

Engagement Scores

Employee Net Promotor Score (eNPS)

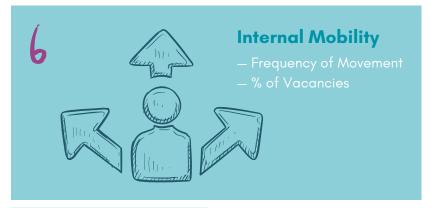








Meaningful Metrics

























Success Stories

Worthy Initiatives and Their Success

ATLASSIAN

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- Since implementing 'Team Anywhere' for 1,000 days, the candidate acceptance rate increased 20%; the number of candidates applying to roles has doubled.
- Atlassian's employees also reported a 32% increase in focus since Team Anywhere started.

AUSTRALIAN ETHICAL Australian Ethical





- In 2014, Australian Ethical was the first publicly listed Australian company to become certified as a B Corp. In 2023, they achieved a record score of 168.5 in their reassessment, making them the highest scoring of the 650+ Certified B Corps in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, as of 13 July 2023.
- B Corp strongly aligned to their purpose 'Investing for a Better World' which drives their focus and actions to deliver real-world outcomes.

MANTEL GROUP



- Have destination hubs on Magnetic Island, Hobart and Queenstown for their employees to work from.
- There are no standard benefit packages; all are tailored for the individual and are agreed with their people leader.
- They report 98% team engagement scores and 8% regrettable turnover.

PETSURE



- 18 months after PetSure developed their 'People Promise', employer initiated exiting dropped from 36% to 11%.
- In addition, prior to the investment in their EVP, 37% of employees were customers (employees received free pet insurance); 18 months later, 65% have become customers.

POWERLINK QUEENSLAND



- After completing an employer branding framework in August 2023, the direct overall application rate went up by 140%.
- Also, according to Social Media benchmarks, they have outperformed their peers.

REA GROUP



- REA's 'More Than Words' EVP video campaign has driven more than 100k views, influencing the gender balance of their LinkedIn followership from 46% to 48% women in H1.
- The 'Entry to REA' Grad Program retained top 10 status (#7) in AAGE rankings and was awarded an AHRA Excellence award for Best Graduate Program.
- Employee amplification has led to a 500% increase in organic sign-ups to REA's new talent neighbourhood.





Benefits We Love

Some 'Outside the Ordinary' Benefits

FINANCIAL

Superannuation

- Full time paid superannuation for part time employees up until school age of youngest child [Schroders]
- 2% superannuation above SGC [Wealth Manager]

Mortgage

- Mortgage forgiveness up to \$500K for employees who partner has died [Bank]
- 40 Weeks Parental Leave Paid (primary & Secondary) [Aberdeen Asset Management]

Shares

10% of fixed salary each year in shares[Australian Ethical]

Leave

- Leave gifting if balance is under 10 days at Christmas time [SaaS]
- 5 Days gift additional leave after 5 years of service [FMCG]
- 5 days additional leave once exhaustedLeave [HUB24]
- Unlimited Leave [Parity Consulting]

LIFESTYLE

- 4 day working week [Tractor Ventures]
- Fast Fridays Finish at 3pm [Accolade Wines]
- You choose your benefit [Canva]

FAMILY

- Parental Support via <u>Ezra</u> [First Sentier]
- 5 Days Grandparents Leave [Pepper Money]
- Family Friendly certification [Software provider]

INCLUSION

- Heritage Day [Angle Auto]
- Gender Affirmation Leave [Bendigo Adelaide Bank]
- <u>Jawun Talent Program</u> with First Nations [Perpetual]

HEALTH & WELLNESS

- 10 days Menopause leave [Aware Super]
- Uncapped Personal leave [Mantel Group]

EDUCATION

- Micro Credentials: 14 weeks co-creation of curriculum with UNSW [Resolution Life]
- Financial Literacy workshops [Gateway Bank]

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- B Corp Certification [Australian Ethical]
- Electric Vehicle novated lease [GatewayBank]



















Intrinsic Benefits

The Movement Towards Intrinsic Benefits has been as Meaningful as it is Fast

Amidst the competition to provide increasingly more extrinsic benefits to stay ahead of both local and international rivals, we've compiled a list of activities which promote intrinsic benefits.

Mentoring	Professional Development	3 Philanthropic Initiatives
4 Working Groups & Committees		5 Health & Wellbeing
6 ESG	Intrinsic Benefits	7 Meaningful Work
goal Setting	g Performance Recognition	10 Loyalty Recognition

Embracing the **interconnectedness** of communities both inside and outside of the workforce, fostering flexibility, and prioritising holistic advancement are no longer optional; they're **imperatives** for a thriving workforce in the years ahead.

Tanya Dawson | Chief People Officer | ClearView





Where EVP Goes Wrong

And How to Avoid Common Pitfalls

TRYING TO ATTRACT EVERYONE

Charter Hall is a property group and have an EVP tag line "This is a Place for Talent"

about what we are and what we are not.

This can mean that some people self-select out, but the ones who want an incredibly fast paced, deal oriented, growth environment, they self-select in - and want to be part of our story.

Emma Stewart Head of People, Charter Hall

THE RIGHT METRICS

Unless you have a large tech budget, there will only be an opportunity to measure a handful of metrics. Ensure that the most important and impactful metrics, which will make the most difference to your business, are captured.

One of the biggest surprises with our research was the lack of measurement we saw outside of employee attrition and engagement.

<u>Amanda Glacken</u> Division Director, Parity Consulting

INCONGRUENCE BETWEEN EVP AND WHAT THE REVIEWS SAY

Glassdoor data from 2021 reveals that 86% of job seekers research company reviews before deciding whether to apply for a job. In this conservative job market where it is hard to move high quality people who are in a role, job seekers place higher emphasis on various data points.

Companies need to be true to their EVP and when they are not, we will see increased outspokenness when people leave.

<u>Trudy Greaves</u> Head of People & Culture, Zenith Partners

SLOW EVP PROMISE

Ensuring there is timely implementation of the EVP promise for future and existing employees. If too long and drawn out, the message may be outdated or will lack impact by the time it's launched.





Where EVP Goes Wrong

WHERE EVP WORK STOPS AT RECRUITMENT MARKETING

Recruitment Marketing can be effective for attracting talent. However, the success can stop there if an employee's experience is not what they expect when they enter an organisation.

While many organisations initially seek our services to enhance employer branding through recruitment marketing, the most impactful transformations occur among those who further leverage our benchmarking data and culture solutions.

Rebecca Moulynox General Manager, Great Place To Work ANZ

GLOBAL VS SATELLITE EVP

Global EVPs may not land in local markets without tailoring due to nuanced cultures and demographic.

When working with global organisations without much of a brand here in Australia, it can be much harder to mobilise top talent.

<u>Vanessa Lalani</u> Division Director, Parity Consulting

LACK OF TRAINING FOR LEADERS

People leaders have the most impact on how their people experience the organisation. Where leaders are not well versed in people leadership, some of the best EVP work can come to a standstill.

66 Leaders really affect how EVP is actually delivered.

<u>Lindall West</u> Managing Director, Ombpoint

BAD ONBOARDING EXPERIENCE

In a 2023 survey by <u>Paychex</u>, the most significant impact of bad onboarding is that 52% of new hires feel undertrained — with small company employees (66%) and remote workers (63%) suffering the most.





Quick Wins

Low Hanging Fruit for Organisations Without Big Budgets

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A consistent EVP experience starts at the recruitment stage and filters through the lifecycle of a professional's tenure at an organisation.

Ensuring middle management are EVP champions through informal and formal training will yield great results.



Avoiding annual engagement surveys and having short, regular pulse checks are more successful for the organisation to check in and see how employees are feeling.

The impact of EVP can turn quickly, so having regular channels for feedback and taking things seriously is important.

Ruth Hope Jones
Head of People Experience, HUB24

INTRINSIC BENEFITS

Where there are not large budgets for remuneration and extrinsic benefits, organisations lean into intrinsic benefits such as psychological health, ESG and wellbeing support.

EVP is about what makes you proud to be part of an organisation. We do not have a statement but we haven't needed one, people think and feel it.

Sue Kent
Chief Human Resources Officer, Pepper Money



RECRUITMENT MARKETING

Using employee quotes, stories and experiences on job adverts can be a powerful way to increase application numbers.

VARIED WORKLOADS

Whether it's internal mobility, or secondments for projects, encouraging variety in an employee's role will increase overall engagement.

66 Boredom kills great EVP. People can thrive if they feel like they are achieving in an environment where they have autonomy, a varied workload and feel supported.

Allyson Carlile
Chief People Officer, Angle Auto Finance





Quick Wins

INTERVIEW TRAINING

A professional's most meaningful experience with an organisation starts at the interview stage and can play a significant part in whether high calibre talent join and stay in the organisation.

30% of professionals will leave an organisation in the first 90 days, citing misaligned expectations from the interview process as the main reason.

> <u>Jason Ajai</u> Founder, InterviewFit

MENTORING

Access to senior leadership in terms of mentoring is one of the most effective and cost-effective ways to attract ambitious talent.

One of the key things our middle managers do to attract incredible talent is to mention the access to senior professionals in the interview & onboarding process.

<u>Christie Welsh</u>
Ex-Vice President of Support Services, Toyota Finance



REIMAGINING OFFICE HOURS

Accolade Wines first implemented 'Summer Hours', a 3pm finish on a Friday during COVID, as a way to give its people more time off for the things they enjoy.

It was an incredibly popular initiative and in response to feedback around managing work life balance, the company evolved the concept to 'Fast Fridays' last year and made it year-round.

GLASSDOOR AND SEEK REVIEWS

Secure these reviews from employees who are in a particular lifecycle or segment.

For example, employees in their first 6 months or employees who have just received a promotion will drive higher ratings on reviews.

GET THE START AND FINISH RIGHT

Partner with a specialised Recruiter or Executive Search organisation to find the best and most appropriate talent and onboard them well.

Once their lifecycle draws to a close, exit with best practice offboarding practices to increase the chance of maintaining brand ambassadors, increase boomerang hires and great online organisation reviews.





Data and Technology Tools

Harnessing Data and Technology Can Help

The use of data and technologies was mentioned consistently throughout the research. Below are just a handful of the tools identified as positively contributing to great EVP.

GARTNER AND MERCER REPORTS

Both regularly conduct trend research and publish reports on what matters to people, and people-focused insights.

> gartner.com mercer.com

QUALTRICS

Know what people need, when they need it, and deliver it every time with their powerful experience management (XM) software.

qualtrics.com/au

GREAT PLACE TO WORK

Awards, Benchmark Data and Culture.

Certify your employee experience.
Find out how your culture stacks up and get recognised for the great workplace you've built with Great Place To Work
Certification™.

<u>greatplacetowork.com.au</u>

INSYNC

Benchmarking board performance: 500 board reviews later.

Leaders in integrated experience management, research and consulting.

insync.com.au

CULTURE AMP

Benchmark Data and Culture.

Employee Experience Platform — Engaged employees are 38% more likely to be productive. Understand what matters to your people and take action with Culture Amp, Slack Integration, Science-Backed Guidance.

cultureamp.com

REWARD GATEWAY

Tailoring benefits for employees. Connect, recognise and support your people wherever and whenever they work.

Award-wining platform to engage your people and power your business with reward, recognition, communications, surveys and more.

rewardgateway.com/au





Data and Technology Tools

ELMO

Through powerful technology, automation, data and analytics, ELMO Software empowers HR professionals to play an integral role in company decision making.

elmosoftware.com.au

SORK HC

Supports organisations to enhance or transform their culture's through developing leadership capability, effectiveness and behavioural impact across all levels of an organisation.

sorkhc.com.au

SONDER

Sonder is an EAP alternative.

Providing mental health counselling, support with alcohol and drug concerns, chronic disease management and help with finding employment.

sonder.io

EZRA

Virtual coaching platform.

Their innovative and fully integrated technology enables every essential piece of coaching (everything from sessions to worksheets) to be accessible in one place.

helloezra.com

NAWO

Leading national network for women in operations, actively led and resourced by an inclusive multi-industry community of industry professionals and an experienced executive team.

nawo.org.au

DEPUTY

Post jobs in seconds and hire that perfect candidate. Onboard new hires without the mountain of paperwork. Manage all your team's HR documents in one digital hub.

deputy.com/au

UKG

UKG is leading provider of HR, payroll and workforce management solutions for all people.

<u>ukg.com.au</u>



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We want to be transparent with you. The tools we've highlighted in our content were chosen based on consistent mentions in our research. However, it's important to note that Parity Consulting has no formal partnership or commission arrangements with any of these tools. Our goal is to provide unbiased information to assist you in making informed decisions tailored to your needs.





Future of EVP – Parity Predicts



People no longer want increased benefits; they want to work for a trusted organisation who does everything it says it will do, throughout their role and career lifecycle.

Victoria Butt | Founder, CEO, Executive Search | Parity Consulting

SHIFT TO INTRINSIC BENEFITS

Adding additional extrinsic benefits will become commercially unsustainable for most organisations. Therefore, there will be further investment into tailored intrinsic benefits which employees value and engage with.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMPONENT

EVP has moved from simply benefits promotion to playing a part in social and environmental sustainability.

The future of EVP is moving away from tangible benefits to a greater sense of belonging and feeling part of something.

> Angela Sharpe Head of People & Culture, Swaab

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Increased task automation and efficiency, Al will enable personalised learning and development opportunities.

It will improve EVP success measurements, improve decision-making, and provide opportunities for upskilling and reskilling.

EVP OWNERSHIP

Where EVP sits within the Marketing division (rather than People & Culture) there will be a disconnect between what is perceived by future team members, to what is felt by existing employees.

TRIBES OF EMPLOYEES

EVP will not just be approached on an organisation or hierarchical level, but based on segment and job family. There will be tailored benefits which will include remote working policies depending on the role types and needs of the organisation.

CONGRUENCE OF WHAT IS SAID & DONE

If there is not consistent employee experience, an organisation's application rate and overall engagement scores will suffer. This congruence must touch Recruitment Marketing, Career Communications, Interviewing Experiences, Onboarding, Learning & Development, Leadership Skills, Performance Reviews (or equivalent), and Offboarding.





Future of EVP – Parity Predicts

SEGMENT EVP EXPERIENCES

There is a movement towards functional based value propositions to help organisations attract talent in particularly 'hard to fill' job families such as Tech, Claims, and Data & Analytics.

This will require a subset of communications and initiatives targeted specifically at these professionals to drive appropriate application numbers.

POLICY CHANGES

Organisation's policies will be rewritten to allow leader discretion to promote personalised leadership relationships. This would need to be coupled with appropriate leadership training and development.

COMMERCIAL ACUMEN ON FINANCIAL LITERACY

Part of intrinsic benefits will include various seminars on financial literacy. For example, understanding super and investments, salary sacrificing and mortgage changes.

MAKING IT REAL

Use real people and stories to bring EVP alive.

between hundreds of thousands of jobs. I'd much rather read about someone's experience in the team plus a few points about what's in the job advert to get an early sense of belonging.

Talent Executive contributor who wishes to remain unnamed

ORGANISATIONAL AMBASSADORS

There will be an increased focus on Boomerang hires as brand ambassadors across a diverse range of employee subgroups.

HBR reports in an international survey of over 3 million employee records across 120 enterprise sized organisations that nearly 20% of professionals who left between 2019 and 2022 would return to their employer.

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Thank You to our Generous Contributors

Intelligence was gathered from a variety of sources both on and offline.





































































































Methodology

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EXECUTIVE INTERVIEWS

Victoria Butt and the team at Parity Consulting interviewed over 74 HR and Talent Executives across 16 industries. Organisations who were not named in the research requested to be featured anonymously.

These Market Insights on EVP is the first in a series of initiatives we will complete in 2024 to support our HR and Talent executives.

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UNIQUE CONTRIBUTIONS

With over 6,000 Unique Contributions to our Salary Surveys in Product, Marketing, Communications, Digital and Data & Analytics, Parity Consulting is proud to share the results and insights with our community.

The annual Salary Guide is one of many initiatives we complete each year to add value to our candidates and clients. 10%

WE GIVE BACK

We don't just have an outstanding reputation for matching great talent with the best companies – we also proudly invest 10% of our profits annually into industry events and philanthropy.

Our way of giving back to support our community of Product, Marketing, Communications, Digital and Data specialists.

EVP RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS & CONTRIBUTORS



Financial Services



24%SaaS



Professional Services



Research Consultants



Government Agencies



3% FMCG



13% Other

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Recruitment Services

Product | Marketing & Communications | Digital | Data



PRODUCT RECRUITMENT

- Product Manager
- Product Owner
- Product Designer
- Head of Product
- Chief Product Officer



MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS **RECRUITMENT**

- Marketing Manager
- Communications Manager
- Brand Manager
- Head of Marketing/ Comms
- Chief Marketing Officer



EXECUTIVE SEARCH

- Head of Product
- Head of Marketing
- Head of Data
- **COO**
- CPC
- CMO



DIGITAL **RECRUITMENT**

- Digital Manager
- UX/UI Manager
- Senior Digital Manager
- Head of Digital
- Chief Digital Officer



RECRUITMENT

- Data Analyst/Engineer
- Data Scientist
- Head of Data Analytics/ Engineering/Science
- Chief Data Officer



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