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Chris is a leading Australian evaluator who designs and directs evaluation projects, and works with organisations on their strategies for evaluation and measurement.

Chris specialises in high-level evaluations and reviews, meta-evaluation and providing advice around evaluation.

Since founding ARTD in 1989, Chris has directed over 150 consultancies for government and community agencies in social policy, children's services, health, crime prevention, road safety, education, youth affairs and the environment. He draws on qualifications in economics, education and psychology.

Chris has been involved in evaluation since 1991 and is an active member of the Australasian Evaluation Society. He chaired the Ethics Committee for four years, was recognised as an inaugural Fellow in 2003, and currently chairs the Fellows Committee.

Fellow, Australasian Evaluation Society

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Masters of Cognitive Science, University of NSW (1989)
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Advice about evaluation

With wide-ranging experience across the public and community sector, Chris understands the evaluation needs of organisations. He provides advice on strategies for evaluation, design of studies, building capacity, and meta-evaluation

- evaluation of the *Performance Based Research Fund* (New Zealand Tertiary Education Commission, 2006–2008)
- meta-evaluation of eleven Aboriginal-specific programs for a senior NSW Government cross-agency committee (NSW Treasury, 2008)
- organisation-wide evaluation strategy and workshops (NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, 2007)
- workshops on evaluation for program managers and researchers (NSW Department of Community Services, 2004, 2006).

Evaluation projects

Chris oversees ARTD evaluation projects to ensure that they meet client requirements, have a sound evidence base and present strategic conclusions. Projects he has directed include

- *Self managed model*, evaluation of a pilot of a new approach to supporting people with disabilities Ageing (Disability and Home Care NSW Department of Human Services, 2009)
- *Homelessness Intervention Project*, evaluation of two pilot initiatives for chronic homeless and youth at risk/ homeless youth, using partnership models (NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, 2009–10)
- *Case studies of procurement for major assets*, covering ten projects using alliance or conventional contracts (Sydney Water, 2008)
- *Youth Partnership with Pacific Communities*, a complex whole-of-government initiative with 8 lead agencies and 15 separate projects (NSW Department of Community Services, 2005–2007)
- *Reconnect* early intervention into youth homelessness, assessments of over 120 community-based services around Australia (Department of Family and Community Services, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005)
- *Green Corps*, iconic environment and youth program with 500 projects around Australia (Department of Family and Community Services, 2004)
- *Mentoring for young offenders*, won the Australasian Evaluation Society Award for Best Evaluation Study in 2002 (NSW Attorney General's Department and Department of Juvenile Justice, 1999–2002).

Strategic reviews

Complex policies and inter-sectoral partnerships require the strategic perspectives that Chris brings to projects such as

- National Performance Indicators for road authorities in Australia and New Zealand, using a Delphi method (Austroads, 2004)
- *Healthy People 2005*, the NSW government's strategic framework for public health, mid-term review leading into a future strategy (NSW Health, 2003).

Evaluation and performance frameworks

Chris uses program logic, results based accountability and stakeholder analysis for consultatively designing frameworks, for example

- *Helping Children with Autism Package*, comprehensive strategy for evaluation (FAHCSIA, 2009)
- Evaluation strategy for Lifeline Australia's national telephone crisis support and suicide prevention service – 13 11 14 (2009).
- *Clean Air and Health Communities Program*, evaluation framework (NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change, 2008, in progress)
- *Social Equity and Tobacco Control Strategy* evaluation framework (NSW Cancer Council, 2007–2008).