





### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Arts Honours I, English, University of Newcastle (1994) Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, Computer Science, Murdoch University (1986) Graduate Diploma of Education, Murdoch University(1986)



Marita is an experienced evaluator and social researcher who manages evaluation and research projects across a range of policy sectors, including education, health, housing, environment and Aboriginal affairs. She has expertise in both quantitative and qualitative data and approaches data collection and analysis respectfully, sensitively and ethically. Marita strives to provide nuanced and balanced reporting that answers clients' questions of interest based on sound evidence.

# MARITA MERLENE

**MANAGER** 



#### **REVIEWS**

Marita manages program reviews, both large and small, with stakeholder consultation at every level using different methods to suit the circumstances and timeframes including workshops, individual interviews, focus groups and surveys.

- » Review of Sydney Inner-city Assertive Outreach Model (Communities and Justice, 2019).
- » Review of District HETI Relationship Model (Health Education and Training Institute, 2017).
- » Living Murray Indigenous Partnership Program Review (Murray Darling Basin Authority, 2017).
- » Review of NSW Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics (NSW Department of Education, 2015–16).

## **EVALUATIONS, FRAMEWORKS AND PLANS**

Marita manages and helps design evaluations including ethics approval process for the collection and analysis of sensitive individual data. She designs robust evaluation frameworks to enable systematic gathering of evidence to inform program improvement and accountability.

- » Evaluation of Eating Disorders Service Plan (University of Sydney, 2017–18).
- » Evaluation of Humanitarian Services Program (Settlement Services International, 2018–2020).
- » Framework for ACI Evaluation of Intensive Care Services (Agency for Clinical Innovation, 2017).
- » Legal Aid Refugee Service evaluation framework (Legal Aid NSW, 2017).
- » Early Guilty Pleas: Formative Evaluation Plan (Communities and Justice, 2019).

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT, RESEARCH AND FACILITATION

Marita is an experienced project manager and facilitator with the skills to help with procurement processes. Marita works with clients to understand their questions and then gather the information and evidence from stakeholder consultations.

- » Opportunity Pathways Procurement (NSW Department of Family and Community Services [FACS], 2018).
- » Maranguka Project stakeholder consultation (NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet, 2018).
- » Employment program client consultations (FACS, 2018).
- » Finish With the Right Stuff stakeholder consultation (Ministry of Health, 2019).



I love working with smart, dedicated people who care about the public good.