



## PERSONAL

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## EDUCATION

Postgraduate Certificate,  
Publishing and Editing,  
University of Melbourne (2011)  
Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology,  
University of Auckland (2010)  
Member, Australasian Evaluation Society



## RACHEL ASTON MANAGER



An expert in qualitative and mixed-methods research, and evaluation methodology, Rachel holds eight years' experience conducting research and evaluation for government, NGOs and in the higher education sector. With a background in anthropology and social research, she constructs and manages evaluations that are responsive to client needs and optimise stakeholder engagement. Rachel is skilled in translating and communicating evaluation findings to a wide audience to ensure that they are used to inform decision-making, design and implementation.



*The dynamic work that we do across so many different sectors is a continuing source of motivation. I am particularly interested in the use of participatory and empowerment evaluation approaches to increase the accuracy and utilisation of evaluation findings.*

### HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

- » **Drug and Alcohol Programs** (Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network, 2019): Managed the evaluation of eight Drug and Alcohol Programs to understand both their individual impact and their common elements collectively to inform changes to future funding structures.
- » **Evaluation of the Mental Health Stepped Care Model** (Eastern Melbourne PHN, 2018–20): Managed the two-year evaluation which was conducted in partnership with the University of Melbourne to examine the staged implementation and impact of the Mental Health Stepped Care Model across Eastern Melbourne.
- » **Enrich Program Evaluation** (North Western Melbourne PHN, 2020 in progress): Managed the implementation and outcomes evaluation of a suicide prevention service for young people experiencing severe and complex mental ill health. The evaluation was particularly focused on the consortium model used to deliver the service through community health centers in peri-urban regions of Melbourne.
- » **Optimal Care Pathways (OCP) HealthPathways Project Evaluation** (North Western Melbourne PHN, 2020): Managing the state-wide evaluation of the OCP HealthPathways across Victoria which is being conducted in partnership with the University of Melbourne to understand implementation and adoption of the OCP HealthPathways.

### EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

- » **Evaluation of State Schools Relief programs: Affordable School Uniforms and Glasses for Kids** (Department of Education and Training Victoria, 2019): Managed the lapsing program evaluation to provide high-level strategic evaluation advice to inform assessment of the implementation, impact and value for money for the two initiatives.
- » **Richmond Veterans Accommodation Project** (Department of Premier and Cabinet, 2019): Managed the evaluation to understand the impact and outcomes of the supported living accommodation for Veterans in Victoria.
- » **Evaluation of the Number Plate Theft Reduction Trial** (Department of Justice and Regulation Victoria, 2018): Managed the data collection and analysis for this project, with the aim of identifying the facilitating factors for the initiative and determining its overall effectiveness.

### STRATEGIC REVIEWS AND SYSTEMS

- » **Strategic Review of the NSW Ombudsman Office** (NSW Ombudsman, 2018): Conducted extensive consultations with stakeholders to develop recommendations around a functional organisational structure and distribution of business units.
- » **Organisational Monitoring and Evaluation Framework** (Eastern Melbourne PHN, 2019–20): Managing the development of an organisation-wide monitoring and evaluation framework integrating and embedding the framework through all levels of the organisation in partnership with the University of Melbourne.