



Mitch has a long-standing interest in mental health which has been reinforced by his study and volunteer work. He is experienced in conducting sensitive conversations around difficult topics, having provided peer-support in a volunteer role to cancer patients and their families for many years. His experience in qualitative and quantitative research stems from his studies in Psychology and his time as an academic research assistant. These skills allow Mitch to work with diverse stakeholders to deeply engage and listen to co-design evaluations and evaluate outcomes.



*By engaging in genuine two-way dialogue, which can help bridge the gap between stakeholders and operating bodies, I believe evaluation provides a unique opportunity to empower communities to be directly involved in informing decision-making processes. This has mutually beneficial outcomes for both the community, and sustainable, equitable policy development.*

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## MITCHELL RICE-BRADING

### CONSULTANT



#### DATA COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND REPORTING

Mitch is experienced in qualitative and quantitative methods, and is relied on by his team to design and conduct surveys, interviews and focus groups with a diverse range of stakeholders. His approach combines methodological rigour with his experience managing sensitive topics with vulnerable groups. Mitch has strengths in data analysis, and report writing, synthesising insights from large quantitative and qualitative datasets to produce a narrative that represents the voices of stakeholders and produces meaningful findings.

- » **Joint Regional Health Needs Assessment** (Darling Downs West Moreton PHN, 2023 – in-progress): Supported interviews and analysed these and national health datasets. Led report writing for the health needs assessment of people in the region who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness.
- » **Implementation and Outcomes Evaluation of the Child and Youth HOPE Program** (Victorian Department of Health, 2022 – in progress): Led the ethics application process to engage 4 sites funded to co-design and implement an aftercare and follow up service for children and young people after a suicide attempt. He is now involved in conducting trauma-informed interviews with staff, program participants, parents, carers, and supporters of program participants.
- » **Family Life Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Framework** (Family Life, 2024): Developed an outcomes matrix to inform the organisational monitoring and evaluation strategy for Family Life. Supported with the development of the Framework, including synthesising interviews and supporting workshops with Family Life staff to ensure the Framework was understood, useable and fit-for-purpose.
- » **Year 1 Evaluation of the NSW Suicide Prevention Framework** (NSW Mental Health Commission, 2023): Coordinated stakeholder engagement with high-level government officials to inform the report. He then conducted qualitative data collection and analysis and contributed to the final report for the Year 1 Evaluation. The insights from the report served as a foundation for the ongoing implementation of the Framework and future evaluations.
- » **Reflection of Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Programs for Aboriginal People and Communities** (NSW Health, 2022): Led stakeholder engagement and coordination, qualitative analysis and reporting.
- » **Outcome and Economic Evaluation of the Mouse Control Program** (Department of Regional NSW, 2023): Developed and analysed a survey completed by over 5000 Mouse Control Program rebate recipients across 3 separate stakeholder groups. Analysis contributed to the outcomes evaluation and informed the economic component.

#### LITERATURE REVIEWS

Mitch's experience in academic research means he brings a meticulous and critical approach to conducting literature reviews in evaluations.

- » **Evaluation of the National Youth Employment Body** (Paul Ramsay Foundation, 2022): Conducted a thorough review which provided in-depth analysis of systems evaluation. This provided a balanced assessment of the different theories which currently exist in the literature, and how these relate to the National Youth Employment Body, to help the Paul Ramsay Foundation evaluate their partnership with the system.
- » **ADF Longitudinal Health Study Evaluation** (Australian Defence Force, 2023 – in progress): Mitch completed a literature review which synthesised existing research governance frameworks and rubrics. This informed the development of a 'best practice' approach to evaluating longitudinal research.