

Kate Sunners | Manager

Kate combines her skills in critical and strategic thinking with a depth of experience from her past career in strategic communications. She is creative and collaborative in her approach to solving problems and innovating solutions with her clients. She is skilled in synthesising and concisely conveying insights from multiple sources and practiced in knowledge translation for diverse audiences.

"There is endless potential for evaluations and evaluative thinking to create better solutions that allow people, landscapes and communities to thrive, and to help us avoid unintended negative consequences even in the most complex conditions."



Education:

Bachelor of Social Science, UQ (2015)

Bachelor Creative Writing Production, QUT (2008)

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Evaluation frameworks and plans

Kate combines facilitation skills, strategic thinking and a solid grounding in evaluation theory to create feasible and credible evaluation frameworks.

- Workforce Strategy M&E Framework (Queensland Alliance for Mental Health, 2025)
- M&E Framework for the Families Capacity Building Project (eSafety Commissioner, 2023)
- M&E Framework and Reporting Plan for the Interment Industry Scheme (Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW, 2023)

Systems evaluations and improvement

Kate brings a systems thinking approach to her projects, and works to build understanding and use of evaluative thinking and tools.

- Evaluation of the [Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership](#) and evaluation capacity building (Paul Ramsay Foundation, 2023-2025)
- Model of Care and Business Case for Coordination of Care and Post-Sepsis Support (ACSQH, 2025)
- Evaluation of the Northern Australia Biosecurity Strategy (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, 2024)

Community health, resilience and wellbeing

Kate is passionate about community-led approaches to health, resilience and wellbeing. She brings her lived

experience of disasters and regional living together with a socioecological and equity lens in this work.

- Evaluation of the Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement (Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, 2024-2029)
- [Evaluation of the Mental Health Wellbeing and Resilience Grants](#) (CCQ PHN, 2023-2025)
- [Evaluation of Healthy Canberra Grants Program](#) (ACT Health Directorate, 2025)

Grant programs

With a background in grant writing for nonprofits and researchers, Kate keeps up to date with trends in funding models, grant-making and philanthropy.

- Housing Assistance Measures and Small Business Grants (NSW Reconstruction Authority, 2025-2026)
- Evaluation of Environmental Research Grants (NSW Environmental Trust, 2023)

Communication and digital initiatives

Kate draws on her background in communications to support insights about campaigns, digital platforms and user experience.

- Mid-Term Review of Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data Portal (NSW DCCEE, 2025)
- Evaluation of the Future Health Podcast (NSW Ministry of Health, 2022)
- Evaluation of the 'Autism: Change your Reaction' Campaign (Amaze, 2022)

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