

## Kate Sunners | Manager

Kate combines her passion for evaluation and evaluative thinking with a depth of experience in strategic communications, non-profit capacity building and facilitation from past roles.

Professionally curious, she enjoys collaborating with clients and her team to deliver program and strategy evaluations that help make sense of what has happened, what works for whom, and how resources can be best used for more impactful work. Kate is skilled in synthesising insights from multiple sources and in knowledge translation for diverse audiences. She is also an experienced facilitator and enjoys drawing out and synthesising group knowledge.



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

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### Education:

- Bachelor of Social Science, University of Queensland, 2015
  - Bachelor Creative Writing Production, Queensland University of Technology, 2008
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### Sector experience: Disaster management

Kate has a keen interest in improving disaster preparedness, management, recovery and resilience through evaluation, and stays abreast of new developments and literature in the sector. She brings her lived experience of disasters and regional living together with a socioecological and equity lens in this work.

- Evaluation of the Disaster Response Legal Service Central West NSW (Legal Aid NSW, 2025–2026)
  - Evaluation of the Housing Assistance Measures and Small to Medium Business and Not for Profit Grants (NSW Reconstruction Authority, 2025–2026)
  - [Evaluation of the Mental Health Wellbeing and Resilience Grants](#) (Country to Coast Primary Health Network, 2023–2025)
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### Sector experience: Environmental management

Kate brings a systems thinking approach to her projects in the environmental management sector.

- Governance Review and production of interactive online stakeholder map for the Northern Australia Biosecurity Strategy (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), 2025)
  - Evaluation of NSW Sharing and Enabling Environmental Data Program (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, 2025)
  - Evaluation of the Northern Australia Biosecurity Strategy (DAFF, 2024)
  - Evaluation of the Environmental Research Grants (NSW Environmental Trust, 2023)
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## Sector experience: 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 (Office of the eSafety Commissioner, 2023)
- M&E Framework and Reporting Plan for the Interment Industry Scheme (Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW, 2023)

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## Sector experience: Community health and wellbeing

Kate is passionate about community-led approaches to health and wellbeing.

- Evaluation of 6 Community Pharmacy Programs under the 8th Community Pharmacy Agreement (Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, 2024–2029)
- Model of Care and Business Case for Coordination of Care and Post-Sepsis Support (Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care ACSQH, 2025)
- [Evaluation of Healthy Canberra Grants Program](#) (ACT Health Directorate, 2025)
- Joint Regional Health Needs Assessment focussed on needs of specific populations of multicultural people, and people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, and after-hours care (Darling Downs West Moreton Primary Health Network, 2024)
- Health Justice Partnerships Evaluation (ACT Office of the Coordinator-General for Family Safety, 2023)
- Co-design of school and health place-based solutions with Beaudesert Education and Community Integration Collective (Brisbane South Primary Health Network, 2023)

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## Sector experience: Media and communication campaigns

Kate has a background in marketing and strategic communications, and knowledge of behavioural change and persuasive communication theories

- Evaluation of the NSW Future Health Podcast (NSW Ministry of Health, 2022)
- Evaluation of the Autism: Change Your Reaction Campaign (AMAZE, 2020–2021)

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