



culturev8

Professionals enhancing community led development.

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Capability Statement



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Our story

Culturev8 was founded by Dr Chris McLaughlin, whose work across the Torres Strait and regional Australia shaped his philosophy that culture is the foundation of strong, resilient communities.

His experience supporting regional, rural, remote and Indigenous communities, alongside government, industry, and the non-profit sector, continues to guide our approach.

Today, we are a trusted multidisciplinary consultancy supporting councils, NGOs, and private sector partners across Queensland, and beyond.

We strengthen communities through culturally grounded engagement, and support organisations with strategic, practical solutions that deliver real impact.

We feel so strongly about this philosophy that we named ourselves after it...

cultivating culture (culturev8).

Memberships

Local Buy Prequalified Supplier (QLD/NT/TAS)

- LB308 - IT Support
- LB309 - Business Management and Consulting Services
- LB311 - Legal Services

Registered Lobbyist (QLD/AUS)



Our services

At culturev8, we offer our clients professional integrated services in law, business strategy and research, aimed at enhancing community led development. We support community service providers, both local government and independent, to navigate the unique complexity of regional, rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and to deliver on community vision.

Strategic Planning & Business Development

Strategy, policy development, organisational planning, and capacity building, tailored to local priorities and operational realities.

ICT & Digital Strategy

Fit-for-purpose ICT planning, digital transformation support, systems optimisation, cybersecurity, cloud transitions, and workforce capability development.

Indigenous Land Management

Legal advice on land tenure, Native Title and Cultural Heritage aspects of land management.

Legal, Governance & Compliance

Advice on regulatory compliance, governance frameworks, and policy interpretation—building trust and operational integrity.

Risk Management & Change Management

Support for risk identification and mitigation alongside practical strategies for organisational change, and workforce adaptation.

Project Management

End-to-end project support from planning and stakeholder alignment, to execution, funding readiness, and evaluation.

Stakeholder Engagement & Political Advocacy

Strategic engagement, government relations, and advocacy to shape policy outcomes and build strong community and sector partnerships.

We care about community

We are different because as well as providing exceptional professional service, we care about the communities we live and work in, and we've made important business decisions to back this up.

- 1. We are paperless** – We have seen enough destruction of our forestry, so we embrace cutting-edge technology to seamlessly and securely offer our services to you, anywhere, anytime.
- 2. We communicate smarter** – We reduce our carbon footprint by investing in cutting-edge technology to communicate smarter and more often with you, utilising video conferencing and cloud-based applications. Pay for expertise, not frequent flyer points.
- 3. We work where we are** – We don't pay for boardrooms, so you don't have to! We are entirely decentralised and mobile, working wherever we are, with no commuting to and from work, significantly reducing our carbon footprint. If you need office space, just leave it to us. We have secured cracking deals on premium 3rd party office space by the hour, to ensure you only pay for what you need.
- 4. We champion local and Indigenous opportunity** – We create and promote local and Indigenous opportunity, both economic and cultural.

Our team



Dr Chris McLaughlin – Practice Director and Lawyer

Lawyer, academic and senior executive, Chris is Practice Director at Culturev8, supporting service providers to navigate complexity and achieve their vision.



Rob Dwyer – Senior Risk Management Specialist

Specialist with over 30 years ICT experience. Focused on strategy, infrastructure optimisation, cyber security and project management.



Melanie McLaughlin – Director and Practice Support

As a qualified teacher, Mel is outcome focused, supporting the administrative needs of the practice as well as quality outcomes delivered for community.



Katherine Wiggins – Senior Governance and Engagement Lead

Skilled in policy and engagement across government and social sectors, with qualifications in local government, mental health, and criminology.



Oliver Gilkerson – Special Counsel/ Lawyer

With over 30 years' experience, Oliver is a leading Queensland lawyer in land access, Indigenous, government and infrastructure law, advising community clients.



Dr Alan Clough – Lawyer

Professorial Research Fellow at JCU with senior roles in public health, law and government. Former council CEO and practising solicitor, nationally recognised for legal-policy integration and reform.



Sarah Rizvi – Engagement, Planning and Environment Specialist

Urban and regional planner with experience in Queensland. Skilled in strategy, communications and delivery, focused on engagement and outcomes.



Leigh Harris – Creative Director, Ingeous Studios

Digital innovator with 25+ years' experience creating award-winning products, specialising in inclusive design and digital technologies for regional Australia.

Our valued clients

