



culturev8

Professional enhancing community led development

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Capability Statement

Our Unique 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)



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Our Services

At culturev8, we offer our clients professional integrated services in law, business strategy, and engagement, aimed at enhancing community led development.

We support community service providers to navigate the unique complexity of regional, rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and deliver on community vision. Our key specialties include:

Strategic Planning & Business Development

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

Indigenous Land Management

Advice on Indigenous Land Management (including Deed of Grant in Trust, Native Title and Cultural Heritage).

Legal, Governance & Compliance

Advice on legislation, regulatory compliance, governance frameworks, and policy.

Change and Risk Management

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

Stakeholder Engagement & Political Advocacy

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

Project Management and Grants

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

ICT & Digital Strategy

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

Our Team



Dr Chris McLaughlin

Practice
Director and Lawyer

Lawyer, academic and senior executive, Chris leads culturev8, guiding service providers through complexity and change, with a focus on strategy, governance, and impactful leadership.



Melanie McLaughlin

Director and
Practice Support

Qualified educator and practice director, Mel ensures seamless administration and quality outcomes, supporting operations and delivering lasting value for clients and communities.



Katherine Wiggins

Senior Governance and
Engagement Lead

Experienced in policy, governance, and engagement across government and social sectors, with expertise in deep listening and First Nations engagement, delivering tailored solutions that strengthen organisations.



Rob Dwyer

Senior Risk Management
Specialist

ICT specialist with over 30 years' experience, Rob focuses on strategy, infrastructure optimisation, and cyber security, delivering robust project management solutions for clients.



Julia Mauro

Senior Lawyer

Experienced government lawyer with expertise in local government, compliance and community legal issues. Delivers practical legal solutions for complex statutory and governance challenges.



Sarah Rizvi

Engagement, Planning
and Environment Specialist

Urban and regional planner with Queensland experience, Sarah specialises in strategy, communications, and project delivery, focusing on meaningful engagement and practical community outcomes.



Oliver Gilkerson

Special Counsel

With over 30 years' experience, Oliver is a leading Queensland lawyer in Indigenous land tenure and infrastructure law, providing strategic advice to advance community interests.



Dr Alan Clough

Lawyer

Professorial Research Fellow at James Cook University and practising solicitor, Alan is nationally recognised for legal policy integration, public health, and reform, supporting community advancement through research and leadership.

Our Commitment to Social Responsibility

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 valued clients

