



Empowering Communities  
Reconnecting Culture  
Building Futures

# Capability Statement

**Chrissy Warren - Bama Connect Consultant**  
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We acknowledge all traditional owners Past, Present and Emerging





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# COMPANY PROFILE

*Let's connect and create change together.*

## Welcome to Bama Connect Consultant

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Founded by Christabel (Chrissy) Warren, Bama Connect Consultant is an Indigenous-led consultancy based in Cairns, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Cape York and beyond.

We deliver culturally grounded consultancy, mediation, and program facilitation to reconnect people with Country, culture, and community. Our tailored solutions help government agencies, corporations, and Indigenous organisations build respectful relationships and long-lasting impact.

### Our Key Offerings:

- Community Engagement & Mediation
- Cultural Program Design & Delivery
- Capacity & Capability Building
- Indigenous Workforce and Leadership Development

Chrissy brings more than 40 years of experience working with First Nations communities and government partners. As a proud woman of Wuthathi and PNG heritage, she combines deep cultural knowledge with formal qualifications in business, and mediation.

*“At Bama Connect, we partner with government, corporations, and Indigenous organisations to deliver services that are practical, culturally safe, and community-led.”*



**CONSULTATION**



**ADVOCACY**



**MEDIATION**



**RECONNECTION**



# OUR SERVICES

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & MEDIATION

**At Bama Connect, we work alongside communities to support strong relationships, healing, and self-determination.**

### Community Consultations

We facilitate inclusive discussions that ensure local voices are heard and respected.

### Culturally Safe Mediation

We help resolve conflicts with care, respect, and deep cultural understanding.

### Reconnection Support

We assist individuals and families to reconnect with their communities, culture, and kin.

### Advocacy for Elders and Traditional Owners

We stand beside Elders and Traditional Owner groups to support their leadership and protect their rights.

## CULTURAL PROGRAM DESIGN AND DELIVERY

**We design and deliver meaningful cultural programs that celebrate identity, build connections, and foster mutual respect.**

### Tailored Cultural Programs

Designed in partnership with communities to strengthen cultural identity and belonging.

### On-Country Events & Experiences

We coordinate effective cultural gatherings that honour Country, culture, and community.

### Cultural Education for Non-Indigenous Organisations

Supporting deeper understanding, respect, and cultural safety in workplaces.

**Vision:** *To provide appropriate and culturally grounded services that reconnect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with family, culture, Country, and community across Cape York.*

**Mission:** *To empower First Nations people by building individual and community capacity, supporting employment pathways, and advocating for self-determination in all engagements.*

## CAPABILITY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

We help build strong, skilled, and confident communities through culturally grounded development and support.

### Indigenous Employment Pathways

Creating opportunities through job-readiness programs and tailored career support.

### Mentoring & Leadership Coaching

Supporting emerging and established community leaders to grow their impact.

### Grant Writing & Governance Support

Assisting with funding applications, governance structures, and strategic planning.

### Culturally Appropriate Workshops

Delivering and respecting cultural knowledge and community needs.

## STRATEGIC ADVISORY & CONSULTANCY

We offer trusted, community-informed advice to help organisations and governments create meaningful, lasting impact.

### Policy Advice

Providing culturally grounded insights to shape government and NGO policy with real community input.

### Strategy Development

Co-designing regional economic, social, and cultural strategies that reflect local strengths and aspirations.

### Stakeholder Engagement

Facilitating respectful dialogue and collaboration between communities, government, and industry.

### Indigenous Procurement & Inclusion Support

Advising on inclusive strategies that strengthen partnerships, local procurement, and cultural capability.



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## **Chrissy Warren - Business Owner & Principal Consultant**

My name is Christabel “Chrissy” Warren. I was born in Lae, Papua New Guinea and arrived in Australia at age 11 with English as my second language. I am a proud Wuthathi woman with deep ancestral ties to Shelburne Bay on Cape York Peninsula. I’m a mother of three; my eldest son, Ryan, lived with cerebral palsy and passed away at 21. Walking beside Ryan shaped my purpose and led me to a career in Disability Services and community work.

Since 2012, I’ve worked across Far North Queensland in roles focused on supporting disadvantaged and Indigenous people—beginning with a job network provider for people with disability, then as a Local Area Coordinator in the Yarrabah, Kowanyama & Pormpuraa Aboriginal community. Earlier, I supervised CDEP staff and coordinated on-Country programs, mentored participants, and for three years owned and operated an Aboriginal cultural tourism business. I’ve taken every opportunity to study, holding qualifications in Community Coordination, Business and Frontline Management, and I’m continuing my learning with a Diploma of Community Service Coordination.

### **About Bama Connect Consultant**

Bama Connect Consultant was established in 2021 to turn lived experience and cultural authority into practical, culturally safe solutions for community. Rooted in my reconnection to Wuthathi Country, the business exists to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people reclaim identity, strengthen connection to family, culture and Country, and build capacity for the future.

We deliver consultancy and program support across Cape York and beyond—tailoring engagement, mediation and coordination to each community’s context. Our approach blends professional qualifications with deep cultural knowledge, long-standing local networks and a flexible presence across remote, regional and urban settings. Chrissy is known for calm mediation, a tailored communication style, and an unwavering commitment to genuine outcomes.

### **Why Partner with Bama Connect?**

- 100% Indigenous owned business
- Grounded in lived experience
- Professionally qualified
- Flexible delivery across remote, regional and urban areas
- Deep cultural authority and community networks
- Trusted by local, state and federal agencies
- Recognised mediator and communicator
- Unwavering commitment to community and Country



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