



## MATHEMATICS EDUCATION RESEARCH GROUP OF AUSTRALASIA, INC.

### THE MERGA CAREER RESEARCH MEDAL 2016

It is with great pleasure that the Mathematics Education Research Group of Australasia hereby announces the awarding of the MERGA Career Research Medal to **Professor Peter Sullivan** of Monash University in recognition of his outstanding research in mathematics education across a career spanning almost four decades. His research focuses on inclusive teaching in mathematics and is guided by his desire to theorise practice—rather than to implement theory in practice.

Professor Sullivan exhibits sustained and distinguished achievement in mathematics education research programs. In the early 1980s in Papua New Guinea, he developed curriculum materials to enable learners to reach their full potential. In the mid-1980's he articulated the use of 'open questions' and with colleagues worked on 'extending' and 'enabling prompts', the Early Numeracy Research Project, enhancing the mathematical learning of Indigenous and disadvantaged students, and more recently, the Numeracy@Home project.

Professor Sullivan's career exhibits research that has made a broad impact from early childhood education to senior secondary mathematics through an extensive publication record, presentations at local, state, national and international conferences and his influential contribution to many significant committees and review panels. Foremost, has been Peter's prominent role in shaping the current Australian Mathematics Curriculum.

Professor Sullivan's career demonstrates an outstanding record of quality of scholarship as evidenced by an extensive list of monographs, edited books, chapters, videotapes, CDs and DVDs, curriculum materials, articles in both academic and professional journals and his numerous major competitive research grants.

Professor Sullivan's career has involved numerous research-related contributions to MERGA including positions on the executive, conference and journal papers. He is currently Chief Editor of the *Mathematics Education Research Journal*.

Professor Peter Sullivan is an eminently worthy recipient of the MERGA Career Research Medal in 2016.