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THE MERGA CAREER RESEARCH MEDAL 2015

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 Bob Perry** of Charles Sturt University in recognition of his outstanding research in mathematics education spanning a career of over 40 years. His research has focused on early childhood mathematics education, but also includes educational transitions and Indigenous education.

Professor Perry's career exhibits sustained and distinguished achievement in mathematics education research programs including the *Early Mathematics Experiences Project* in the 1970s to current day programs such as the *Let's Count* project. These programs of research have made a significant contribution to research, policy and practice in early childhood mathematics education.

Professor Perry's career exhibits research that has made a broad impact and demonstrates an outstanding record of quality scholarship through an extensive publication record, editorial roles, and presentations at local, state, national and international conferences. His impact spans both practical and theoretical levels, with extensive publication in high quality journals as well as publications for practitioners, administrators and policy makers.

Professor Perry's career has involved substantive research-related contributions to MERGA. He is a founding member of MERGA, held the position of Vice-President 2004-2008, edited conference proceedings, coordinated the publication of two MERGA research reviews and contributed to numerous chapters in each volume. Importantly, he brought to MERGA a focus on early childhood mathematics education, with the presentation of a paper on preschool mathematics at the very first MERGA conference in 1977. Since then, Prof. Perry has contributed to more than 20 research papers in MERGA publications.

Professor Bob Perry is an eminently worthy recipient of the MERGA Career Research Medal.