



# MATHEMATICS EDUCATION RESEARCH GROUP OF AUSTRALASIA, INC.

## THE MERGA LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD 2018

It is with great pleasure that the Mathematics Education Research Group of Australasia hereby announces the awarding of the MERGA Life Membership award to Emeritus Professor **Philip Clarkson**, Australian Catholic University, in recognition of his long association with and support for the activities of MERGA as demonstrated by his exemplary service, leadership and instigation of innovative practices within the organization that have significantly enhanced the standing of MERGA in the mathematics education community.

Philip Clarkson has had a sustained and substantive association with MERGA since its inception; being a founding member of MERGA. His commitment to MERGA is evident by his leadership and innovation within MERGA and his untiring involvement in its activities. He has served in various roles on MERGA's Executive, including Secretary from 1986-1988, Vice-President (Publications) from 1988-1990, member of the Publications Committee from 1991-2004 and President from 2003-2005.

Philip Clarkson was also the Foundation Editor of the *Mathematics Education Research Journal [MERJ]* from 1988-1992. The success of MERJ has been critical in helping to establish MERGA's national and international reputation.

Professor Clarkson is a recognised world leader in the research area of Language and Mathematics Learning, particularly in the area of multilingual students. He also has an international reputation in the area of Affect in Mathematics, and Globalisation and Mathematics Education.

He has an outstanding publication record; averaging five research publications per year over the last 5 years, and 4.5 over the last 25 years. His publications spread across both theoretical papers and submissions to professional teacher journals.

In short, through his exemplary and sustained engagement with MERGA, Emeritus Professor Philip Clarkson has profoundly enhanced its standing in the mathematics education community and is an eminently worthy recipient of the MERGA Life Membership award in 2018.