

THE MERGA CAREER RESEARCH MEDAL

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 Jane Watson, University of Tasmania, Hobart, in recognition of her outstanding and long-running program of research in mathematics education in general and chance and data education in particular.

Prof. Watson exhibits sustained and distinguished achievement in mathematics education research programs from 1990 when she began her groundbreaking research into the teaching and learning of Chance and Data. This research continues today with the most recent Australian Research Council Linkage grant with colleagues from the University of Melbourne.

Prof. Watson's career exhibits research that has made a broad impact through her extensive publication record, her presentations at local, state, national and international conferences as well as consultancies with several educational jurisdictions in Australia. Her research has influenced new curriculum developments and in addition, she has mentored and supervised many academics. She regularly publishes with developing researchers.

Prof. Watson's career demonstrates an outstanding record of quality of scholarship - evidenced by many publications in high status international journals. She has published her research in several monographs and has been recognised with awards for her research from the Royal Statistical Society in the UK, the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, the Ian Clunies Ross Memorial Foundation as well as MERGA. Her Australian Research Council competitive awards record is outstanding. These awards reflect the high regard with which her research is held.

Prof. Watson's career has involved research-related contributions to MERGA since 1988 when she was Vice-President (Research) followed by an ongoing commitment to the organisation, particularly through her editorship of conference proceedings, as guest editor of *MERJ* and as a member of the editorial board of *MERJ*.

Professor Jane Watson is an eminently worthy recipient of the MERGA Career Research Medal.