

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 Kaye Stacey of The University of Melbourne in recognition of her outstanding research in mathematics education across a career of over 30 years. Her research has focused on student learning, technology use, mathematics curriculum such as the teaching of decimals and problem solving.

Prof. Stacey's career exhibits sustained and distinguished achievement in mathematics education research from the 1980s when she began researching the teaching of problem solving and modelling with teacher education and school students. Her outstanding record of high quality publications, competitive research grants, and supervision of research students represents a significant contribution. Her research has brought international esteem to Australia and was recognised by the Australian Government in awarding her a Centenary Medal in 2003 for outstanding service to mathematics education. Prof. Stacey's research has made a broad impact through the research areas she has investigated, the range of her publications (in research and teacher professional journals), and the extent of her invited presentations both nationally and internationally. Her widely acknowledged expertise has led to appointment to prestigious positions, both nationally and internationally, such as: Chair of the Mathematics Expert Group for PISA and to the Australian Research Council College of Experts. She is one of the pioneering female mathematics teacher educators in Australia to establish a sustained research career. The impact of this research on the broader community was recognised in her appointment as the Foundation Professor of Mathematics Education at The University of Melbourne from 1992-2012, the first named Chair in Mathematics Education in Australia. Prof. Stacey has an impressive list of publications in high impact journals, books and book chapters. Her invited presentations and coordination of research themes at national and international conferences are testament to her reputation as a leader in mathematics education internationally. Prof. Stacey attended the first MERGA conference and has been a regular attendee since that time presenting two keynotes and numerous research reports. She has served on the organising committee of two MERGA conferences and the *MTED* editorial board, authored chapters of MERGA books and MERGA journal articles, and been a wonderful colleague and mentor to many MERGA members.

Professor Kaye Stacey is an eminently worthy recipient of the MERGA Career Research Medal in 2013.