



# MERGA Summer Days

7-10 December, 2020

Join MERGA colleagues and friends for this free virtual career development and networking program.

## Register and pose questions

Register here to receive Zoom details  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BMBRO>

Submit early questions for panellists to  
[carly.sawatzki@deakin.edu.au](mailto:carly.sawatzki@deakin.edu.au)

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Monday 7 December

▶ 3.30-5pm AEDT  
AAMT and MERGA Policy Conversations

Is your field of research a policy “hot topic”? AAMT and MERGA are working together to develop a series of position statements about policy issues that matter in mathematics education. We are seeking MERGA members to lead the development and/or review of selected pieces. Topics might include: grouping practices; standardised testing; the rise of commercial “solutions” for teaching mathematics; and teaching out of field. Join like-minded colleagues to learn more about this exciting project and how you can get involved.

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Tuesday 8 December

▶ 3.30-5pm AEDT  
Saying “Yes” or “No” - The answers that shaped the direction of my academic career

The purpose of this session is to demystify the academic “success story” by sharing different examples of career development. Kim Beswick, Wee Tiong Seah and Peter Sullivan will reflect on key career decisions and how these reflect their personal and professional identities and values. Hear stories about serving on the ARC College of Experts, developing international partnerships, being promoted within and out of your university, and saying no or “stepping back” from time to time.



**Professor Kim Beswick**

Head of the School of Education  
University of New South Wales

Read about Kim's career achievements [here](#).



**Associate Professor Wee Tiong Seah**

University of Melbourne

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**Emeritus Professor Peter Sullivan**

Monash University

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## Wednesday 9 December

▶ 12-1pm AEDT  
Hump Day Lunch

Grab a sandwich and join MERGA colleagues and friends for virtual lunch.

▶ 1-3pm AEDT

**Learn how to structure a review that effectively develops others' thinking and writing**

The purpose of this session is to develop your confidence to review for MERJ and MTED. Peter Grootenboer, Tracey Muir and Anne Bennison will share their experiences in working to ensure that, through community involvement, MERGA's journals and other publications achieve esteem. Find out what good reviewers do and examine a de-identified submission through the process of receiving feedback to making revisions to achieving publication.



**Professor Peter Grootenboer**

Director of the Griffith Institute for Educational Research  
Griffith University

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**Associate Professor Tracey Muir**

University of Tasmania

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**Dr Anne Bennison**

University of the Sunshine Coast

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## Thursday 10 December

▶ 1-3pm AEDT  
MERGA Mentoring Program Pitstop

The purpose of this session is to recognise and celebrate the work of MERGA Mentors and Mentees in the program so far. Jodie Hunter will join us to talk about what "impact" means to her and reflect on the early years of her academic career.



**Dr Jodie Hunter**

Massey University

Read about Jodie's career achievements [here](#).

▶ 3.30-5pm AEDT

**Looking forward: The role of research associations post-pandemic**

Catherine Attard, Tom Lowrie, Merrilyn Goos and Gilah Leder will discuss the higher education landscape, opportunities for mathematics education research, and the importance of developing and supporting the next generation of mathematics education scholars.



**Associate Professor Catherine Attard**

Deputy Director of Research  
Western Sydney University

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**Centenary Professor Tom Lowrie**

Director of the STEM Education Research Centre (SERC)  
University of Canberra

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**Professor Merrilyn Goos**

Director of EPI\*STEM  
University of Limerick, Ireland

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**Professor Emerita Gilah Leder**

Monash University

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▶ 5.15-6.15pm AEDT

**BYO Wine & Cheese Night**

Pour a wine and bring a platter-for-one for this virtual networking event. Another opportunity to catch up with MERGA colleagues and friends informally.