

Life Membership Romolo Cirillo November 2022

It is with great pleasure that the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers hereby announce the awarding of Life Membership to Romolo Cirillo, in recognition of his dedication, commitment and unwavering advocacy on behalf of Mathematics Education at a National Level.

Rom's official contribution to AAMT as a Councillor and later Treasurer began in 2015. However, his engagement, support and loyalty goes back much further. Romolo has been an asset to Mathematics Education in WA as an ardent advocate for students of all ability. His contribution to the WA Maths Problem Solving Program, 'Womps' has impacted and challenged many, many students across the state to be lovers of mathematics and problem solving. What may be less well-known is that those visits to schools, under the guise of 'Womps' not only impacted students, but left staff challenged and energised discussing Rom's contributions for days, sometimes weeks after he left.

As a gentle, humble and loyal contributor to Mathematics Education, Rom has a reputation for welcoming new graduates into the profession, taking them under his wing guiding, advising and prompting. In the words of one new teacher, "Rom was always supportive and kind".

Rom is a welcome speaker at conferences such as this where he attracts a diverse group of educators to his session. These sessions, often booked out, provide a unique experience for the teacher who always leaves full of ideas to take back to their classroom.

At a national level Rom has always worked to ensure that the 'M' in STEM or STEAM is obvious, present and highlighted underscoring how fundamental it is in the other areas. He has paid special attention to the decline of students selecting the highest level of maths in senior years. As a result he became a strong advocate for the move to get Bonus ATAR points allocated to senior courses for Year 12 students.

Rom served faithfully as a AAMT Councillor from 2015 through to 2022. From 2017 he served as AAMT's Treasurer. He invested a significant amount of time, energy and financial acumen on behalf of AAMT. His time as treasurer saw the organisation have to navigate some challenging fiscal and operational environments. Without any doubt, our organisation would not be as healthy, vibrant or impactful an organisation as it is if it were not for his diligence, wise counsel and sage advice.



As someone who embraced volunteering his time to AAMT and did so with such a generous and kind heart, Romolo is an eminently worthy candidate to be bestowed the honour of Life Membership of The Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers.

Allan Dougan
Chief Executive Officer
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