

Life Membership Lorraine Day November 2024

It is with great pleasure that the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers awards Life Membership to Lorraine Day, in recognition of her steadfast dedication, commitment, and exceptional service to Mathematics Education on a national scale.

Lorraine's journey with AAMT and mathematics education began with her early career as a teacher and school leader in Western Australia and Tasmania, where she quickly established herself as a dedicated advocate for quality mathematics education for all. Building on her frontline experience in schools, Lorraine became a strong advocate for quality mathematics education, a passion that led her to serve as National Councillor for AAMT representing Western Australia from 1994 to 1997. During this time, she championed the advancement of mathematics teaching across Australia, advocating for resources and support that directly impacted classroom learning. Her dedication extended to her leadership within her home state, where she served as President of the Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA) from 1996 to 1997. Her time as President was marked by her leadership and dedication to supporting educators and elevating the profile of mathematics education in Western Australia.

In the years that followed, Lorraine became deeply involved in projects of national significance, including *Reframing Mathematical Futures II (RMFII)* and, more recently, the *Growing Mathematically* project. Her work on these initiatives demonstrated her commitment to promoting equity, access, and innovation in mathematics education. These projects have left a lasting impact on educators and students alike, aligning with AAMT's mission to enrich and support mathematics education nationwide.

Lorraine served as editor of *The Australian Primary Mathematics Classroom (APMC)* journal in 2016 and 2017. In 2018, she co-edited the first edition to support the incoming editor, exemplifying her dedication to continuity and quality in the journal's leadership. Lorraine's continued involvement as



a reviewer, advisor, and guest editor has been instrumental in establishing APMC as a trusted resource for mathematics educators across Australia and, indeed, globally.

Lorraine's influence reaches across the country, particularly in pre-service teacher education and professional learning. As a Senior Lecturer at the University of Notre Dame, she has been instrumental in shaping the pedagogical approaches of future mathematics educators. Her dedication to improving student learning is exemplified by her use of the Concrete-Representational-Abstract (CRA) learning framework, which has significantly advanced algebraic thinking among students. In recognition of her outstanding contributions, Lorraine was awarded Life Membership of the Australian College of Educators in 2016.

Lorraine's impact has been further recognised through multiple prestigious awards. In 2018, she received both an Australian Award for University Teaching Citation and a Vice Chancellor's Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning. Most recently, in 2023, she was honoured with the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Through countless workshops, seminars, and professional learning initiatives, often at AAMT or affiliate events, Lorraine has empowered teachers at every career stage, fostering a shared passion for mathematics education and nurturing a deep understanding of pedagogical practices. Her work continues to provide valuable insights into effective teaching strategies, leaving a lasting legacy on mathematics education.

As a respected and invaluable member of the AAMT community, Lorraine is known for her loyalty, warmth, and enduring support for mathematics education at all levels. Her commitment to fostering excellence within the field has enriched not only AAMT but also the broader mathematics education community.

In recognition of her exemplary contributions and unwavering commitment to supporting mathematics education in Australia, Lorraine Day is an eminently worthy recipient of Life Membership of The Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers.

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