

# McKenzie Award 2019



*Carol Mutch*

*University of Auckland*

This citation for the McKenzie Award recognises the outstanding contribution that Associate Professor Carol Mutch has made to educational research in New Zealand throughout her career, including her longstanding involvement in the New Zealand Association for Research in Education (NZARE) and the *New Zealand Journal of Educational Research (NZJES)*.

Associate Professor Mutch received her Diploma of Teaching from the Christchurch College of Education, a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Canterbury, a Masters of Educational Studies from the University of North London and a Doctor of Philosophy from Griffith University, where she was placed on the university's Academic Excellence list. Her higher degrees investigated the contested nature of educational policy, in particular, the development of the social studies curriculum. Over her career, Associate Professor Mutch has been a classroom teacher, a teacher educator, a policy advisor, and is currently an academic in the School of Critical Studies in Education, in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland.

The McKenzie Award honours a current NZARE member's significant contribution to educational research and to the NZARE over an extended period of time. A significant contribution is interpreted as contributing to new knowledge and being an exemplary researcher in the education community in a chosen discipline. This award recognises Associate Professor Mutch's scholarship across diverse fields from social studies and citizenship education, through educational policy and curriculum development, to research and evaluation methodology and, most recently, her highly acclaimed research on the role of schools in disaster response and recovery across six Asia-Pacific countries.

Associate Professor Mutch is the author of six books, including the best-selling text, *Doing Educational Research: A practitioner's guide to get started and the award winning, Optimising your Academic Career: Advice for early career scholars, as well as over a hundred peer reviewed chapters and articles. She is a regular keynote speaker around the world and is the recipient of national and international awards. In 2005, she received the Critical Issues in Curriculum Early Career Award from American Educational Research Association; in 2011, the Peter Brice Award for Intercultural Understanding; and, in 2019, the Arthur R. King Jr. Award for Curriculum Innovation. She has been made life member of the Pacific Circle Consortium and the New Zealand Association for Research in Education and, in 2018, was appointed as UNESCO's Education Commissioner for New Zealand. She has been a Royal Society of New Zealand Visiting Fellow to Japan and an Invited Fellow to the London School of Economics and Political Science.*

Despite her stellar career, Associate Professor Mutch has never forgotten her roots. She has remained a humble and hardworking leader, colleague and mentor, especially to new and emerging researchers. She has been a strong advocate for the dissemination of New Zealand and Pacific-based research and is a regular contributor to regional and national conferences and seminars, journals, publishing houses and news media.

For her sustained commitment and exemplary contribution educational research across diverse fields of expertise, the 2019 NZARE McKenzie Award is presented to Associate Professor Carol Mutch.