

Vale Kevin Ronan

It is with sadness that many in the sector learnt of the passing of Professor Kevin Ronan in late March.

Kevin was one of the leading researchers globally in child-centred disaster risk reduction and was well known to many authors in this edition of the *Australian Journal of Emergency Management*. As a former member of the journal's Editorial Advisory Board and a regular author of articles over many years, his contribution was immense.

Kevin was an inspiring mentor, leader and colleague to many from his base at Central Queensland University that reached out across Australia and beyond. His work as a key researcher in the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC adds to his lasting legacy. His dedication to the cause of the role that children can play in the reduction of disaster risk played out on the world stage where he was one of the lead authors on the science of child-centred disaster risk reduction input to the 2015 Global Assessment Review. This review fed into the UNISDR Sendai meeting and went on to form an integral part of the Sendai agreement.

Kevin's insight, knowledge and mentorship will be greatly missed. The team at the *Australian Journal of Emergency Management* sends their deepest condolences to Kevin's family as well as friends and his wide group of colleagues in academia and the emergency management sector.

