

***Surviving and Thriving in Postgraduate Research* – Professor Ray Cooksey and Professor Gael McDonald**

The second edition of the book I have written with Professor Gael McDonald (President and General Director, RMIT Vietnam), entitled *Surviving and Thriving in Postgraduate Research*, has just been published and released by Springer Nature. The book is available in hard copy as well as eBook format, the website for the book is <https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9789811377464>. The book retains our original 26 chapter organisation, but has been significantly updated in the following ways:

"As with the first edition, we balance our coverage of the technical aspects of research (how to carry out a research investigation from start to finish) with the experiential aspects (how to successfully navigate the journey). While the content in this edition has been significantly updated, we have retained the logical ordering of the first edition chapters, which corresponded to different parts of the postgraduate research journey. More specifically, in this new edition, we:

- incorporate a new Prelude which sets the context for the book and introduces the metaphor of a research journey, providing the anchoring focus for the chapter structure and content;
- implement a unified complex systems approach to undertaking research in the social and behavioural sciences;
- go beyond the constraints imposed by mixed methods thinking by adopting a complex pluralist perspective;
- offer more extensive coverage of indigenous research considerations;
- incorporate considerations and implications associated with professional doctorates as a distinctive point of focus; and
- adopt a more international perspective, instead of being focused primarily on the Australian/New Zealand contexts." (Cooksey & McDonald, 2019, p. vi)

As with the first edition, postgraduates as well as supervisors should find the book to be a useful resource. As we note in the Preface to the second edition, our book owes its genesis to the ANZAM Doctoral Workshops that Gael and I participated in over the years:

"As mentioned in the foreword of the first edition, the genesis of this text goes back to when Gael and I contributed to doctoral workshops for the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Management (ANZAM). These experiences, along with our own experiences in supervising postgraduate research students, led us to assemble a list of the common sorts of questions postgraduate students tended to ask of us. These questions subsequently formed the basis for the chapters and subheadings in this book and with the resulting proposition that we write a book around these questions. We both thought the book was sorely needed and would provide value to postgraduate students. Given the encouraging feedback we have received on the first edition we were not wrong." (Cooksey & McDonald, 2019, p. v)