Awards & Recognition

Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life Membership is awarded to an individual who has made a contribution of outstanding and lasting importance to theological libraries and has a record of active involvement in the Association. The individual has made an impact to theological libraries in Australia and/or New Zealand.

Kerrie Burn



"In the various roles you have undertaken, such as Hub Manger, Mannix Library Manager and University Librarian, we have been privileged to have someone of your experience and professional profile leading the library, through your affiliation with ALIA, ANZTLA and Atla. This has underpinned your work in rationalising separate library digital resources contracts for numerous digital assets, into one university contract; for example, one iteration of Atla rather than several institutional contracts. This has provided member libraries and their host institutions with an exponential increase in resources, without the financial overheads, which has

been strategically significant. A "Win-Win" for everybody. Also, of strategic significance has been your work in developing one catalogue for some members of the collegiate network, which has promoted synergies and improved ways of interacting for those members of the collegiate library. Finally, your work at a governance level, working with the Vice Chancellor and UD academics, has ensured that professional standards of resource management and service delivery are maintained across the collegiate network."

Mark Hangartner

Mark helped guide the Association through the Covid period and was instrumental in keeping conferences going remotely during that time. He has also held a number of positions over many years:

- Member 1999-
- Member of ARI Committee indexing 1 journal selectively: New Zealand Journal of History
- Helped with organising of ANZTLA Conferences in 2001 Auckland, 2008 Wellington, 2015 Auckland, Virtual Conference 2020, and 2023 Christchurch.
- Board member
- ANZTLA president 2020-2023
- Forum moderator 2005-
- Presenter at numerous conferences



Trevor Zweck Award

The recipient of the Trevor Zweck Award is a person who, in the opinion of the Board, has made a significant contribution to the development of theological libraries and librarianship in Australia or New Zealand in any way during the previous twelve months.

Melanie Hechenberger

Melanie is recognised for leadership in establishing, maintaining, publicising and coordinating the very valuable Pettee Collective.



Congratulations to all the recipients.