

Guidelines for the Trevor Zweck Award

Introduction

Trevor Zweck spent the year 1980 at the SA Institute of Technology studying for a Graduate Diploma in Librarianship. He graduated with distinction and took up his position as Librarian the following year. He was proactive :

'The librarian's express aim is that all students get to know, and are able to make full use of, the facilities supplied by the library.'

Trevor Zweck, a stickler for professional standards. He became one of the world 's experts on the Pettee classification system, helping to expand and refine the sections on Australia, New Guinea and New Zealand. Those who knew him say that he could have written the Pettee manual, he knew it so well. Trevor was also a scholar, contributing articles and book reviews to many journals.

Always the practical visionary, Trevor and several other theological librarians perceived the need for cooperation and the advantages of building an association of libraries in Australia and the Pacific. At an ANZATS Library Consultation held at Luther Seminary on 27 August 1985, 22 librarians and 11 others in attendance decided to establish the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association. As a result, the inaugural conference was held at St Mark's Library in Canberra in August 1986. Trevor Zweck became the founding president of ANZTLA in 1985, and remained in this position until his early death in 1996. He was a dedicated advocate for theological libraries, supporting and cajoling smaller institutions into a wider vision of what might be achieved, encouraging all members to add their holdings to the national database, and pushing for the development of standards in theological libraries.

When Trevor died, a fellow member of the library staff penned a moving tribute to him:

His sense of humour was sharp but considered.... Perhaps Trevor's greatest gift was his generosity-of his knowledge, of his time, of his sociability.

1. The award known as "The Trevor Zweck Award" may be made at each ANZTLA annual conference.
2. The recipient of the Award should be a person who, in the opinion of the Board, has made a significant contribution to the development of theological libraries and librarianship in Australia, New Zealand and/or the Pacific in any way during the previous twelve months. Recipients need not necessarily be librarians or members of ANZTLA.
3. No person may receive the Award on more than one occasion

4. The Board will decide each year whether or not the award is to be conferred. This decision will be made after consideration of nominations received from ANZTLA members and Chapters. The Board is free not to grant the Award if no nominations are received or if it cannot agree on a nomination for a particular year. If more than one nomination for the Award is received, then the Board may decide to confer more than one Zweck Award in the same year.

If the Award is to be conferred, then:

5. The Conference Committee, in consultation with the Board, will allocate a time for a ceremony at which the Award will be presented, normally at either the conference dinner or the Annual General Meeting.
6. The Board will arrange the ceremony at which the Award will be presented
7. The Award has no monetary value, but consists of a certificate stating:
“Awarded by the Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association to record the outstanding contribution made by [name] to theological libraries and librarianship in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. [date]”
Further details of the recipient’s contribution may be added to the certificate and changes may be made by the Board where appropriate. The certificate should be framed, attractive and dignified.
8. The certificate will be supplied by the Board from ANZTLA funds for presentation at the Conference
9. The recipient should be informed in advance of the Award by the Board and be invited to attend the presentation ceremony. The recipient will be asked to provide their permission for their name to be published on the ANZTLA website.

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