Sue Johnston: Inaugural winner of FASLA award

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In August 2017, Sue Johnston was announced as the inaugural recipient of the Fellowship of the Australian School Library Association (FASLA) award. She received a certificate and a pin as recognition of ASLA's gratitude for her outstanding, sustained voluntary contribution to school libraries at a national level. Furthermore, Sue has been recognised for her extensive professional knowledge, skills and a substantial, sustained degree of leadership in Australia.

For those of you who know Sue, it is fitting that she be awarded this nationwide honour. In May 2017, Sue completed her six-year term-of-office on the ASLA Board and has been the Secretary of the School Library Association of South Australian

(SLASA) since 1990. Sue has been a teacher librarian and a member of ASLA for approximately 35 years and a driving force behind the association. Her contributions to professional learning at both the state and national level have been invaluable, and this is evidence of her dedication and commitment to teacher librarianship.

For those of us who work alongside Sue, we are continually grateful and often overwhelmed, by Sue's organisational skills and dedication to our profession.

Sue was presented with the flowers, a certificate and a FASLA pin at the beginning of our SLASA meeting on Tuesday 31 September 2017.



Sue Johnston receiving her FASLA award and flowers