The ASLA-Tasmania Library Technician of the Year award has been up-and-running since the inaugural award back in 2007. Even though 2016 marked the 10th anniversary of this award, there was no recipient for the award in 2012. As a result, our winner for 2017 is the 10th Library Technician of the Year award recipient in Tasmania.

The deserving winner in 2017 is Vivienne Sweetman from Hellyer College, Burnie, who was nominated by Hellyer’s teacher librarian, Griff Martin. The accolades for Vivienne within her nomination came not only from her colleagues and co-workers, who recognised her invaluable knowledge, skills and expertise across a range of areas, but also from the students she assists on a day-to-day basis, who marvelled at her friendly, caring approach and the lengths she would often go to when supporting them with their school work and recreational interests.

Vivienne was not able to celebrate her award at the North West end-of-year dinner, due to a previous engagement, but an official presentation of her award was organised at her workplace.

Congratulations, Vivienne, on being such a well-respected and worthy recipient of this award.

Finally, I would also like to thank Griff Martin for his support throughout the award process and for providing the photo of Vivienne with her other library co-workers in the Hellyer College Library.

L–R: Griff Martin, Vivienne Sweetman, Gaynor Thompson and Cassie Willcox