



LEILA ST JOHN AWARD 2014

JO GOODMAN

Jo Goodman's contribution to children's literature has been a pivotal role on many levels.

As a teacher she introduced the RIBIT (Read In Bed It's Terrific) scheme, which demonstrably increased student's engagement with reading. Her enthusiasm for books was shared with many and in numerous ways; always willing to share, challenge and celebrate with all those involved including authors, illustrators, editors and publishers.

Jo's contribution to the Children's Book Council of Australia both at a state and national level has been outstanding. She was instrumental in establishing both Victorian judges' talks and the Clayton's Night.

Jo changed the landscape of Australian children's literature and we are all her beneficiaries.