



Children's Book Council of Australia WA branch

The inaugural Muriel Barwell Award is presented to Peter Williams.

Peter Williams has made a significant contribution towards the promotion of quality children's books through his collections of first edition Australian children's books and original illustrations, and his work with the Children's Book Council and the Fremantle Children's Literature Centre.

His collection of children's books and original illustrations are acknowledged as having national significance. Peter recently made a generous donation of the bulk of his collection of artworks to the State Library of Western Australia. The size, diversity and quality of this collection is a lasting testament to the assistance and encouragement Peter has provided for many Australian illustrators in the advancement of their careers.

Peter has given long and valuable service to the Children's Book Council of Australia, most recently with the Western Australian Branch. He has held a number of Executive positions including National Treasurer and Awards Coordinator. He has been a ready source of wise counsel and practical advice on a range of legal and financial matters.

Peter has made a further significant contribution to the promotion of quality children's literature through his work as a Board member of the Fremantle Children's Literature Centre, where his advocacy of the Centre and its work is widely acknowledged.

Peter's professional life has been far removed from the world of children's literature yet his love of quality writing and illustration for children has left our State with a unique resource now available to all those interested in children's literature and the wider public.