

**CITATION – Emeritus Professor Elizabeth Minchin, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences**

The Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Contribution to the University is awarded for distinguished service of a high degree.

Bringing the classics to life at ANU has been a lifelong passion for Emeritus Professor Elizabeth Minchin. A well-respected mentor and leading figure in outreach to the University and Canberra communities, Elizabeth has been a part of the ANU community since receiving her undergraduate degree in 1978.

She is a prominent authority in the application of cognitive theory to the Homeric studies with her first book – *Homer and the Resources of Memory: Some Applications of Cognitive Theory to the Iliad and the Odyssey* – continuing to be a respected publication in the field.

Her interest in the relationship between the literature of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds and later periods and societies, including contemporary Australia, led her research to include reception studies and, in particular, the longer history of the Gallipoli Peninsula and the Dardanelles.

She has previously received the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and a Carrick Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning. Elizabeth has played a major role in ensuring the teaching of Classics has continued and flourished at ANU and the establishment of the ANU Centre for Classical Studies.

As Curator of the ANU Classics Museum, Elizabeth actively promotes the museum as a community and teaching resource, while introducing new technologies to the museum, mentoring volunteer museum guides and advising the Friends of the Classics Museum.