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The Annual History Citation, awarded by the History Council of New South Wales, recognises and honours an individual who has made a significant and lifelong contribution to the profession and practice of history. This contribution may take many and varied forms, including teaching, research and community engagement. For 2011 the History Council of New South Wales is pleased to award the Annual History Citation to Dr Beverley Kingston in recognition of her outstanding contributions as an historian to teaching, scholarship and the community.

Educated at the University of Queensland (Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours) and Monash University (Doctor of Philosophy), between 1969 and 1999 she was a staff member in the School of History at the University of New South Wales, from which she retired as an Associate Professor. During this period she was a highly regarded teacher of Australian history. She became and remains a valued mentor for many. She continued as an active historian after her retirement. She is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia.

Dr Kingston is the author of numerous books. *My Wife, My Daughter and Poor Mary Ann: Women and Work in Australia*, which appeared in 1975, was a pioneering and much acclaimed study of women's work. In 1977, she published *The World Moves Slowly: A Documentary History of Australian Women*. Her *Oxford History of Australia (Vol. III) Glad Confident Morning 1860-1900* came out in 1988 and is widely regarded as one of the best in a bicentenary series of volumes edited by Geoffrey Bolton. *Basket Bag and Trolley: The History of Shopping in Australia*, published in 1994, is the first scholarly study on its subject. Her 2006 *A History of New South Wales* is the only recent comprehensive history of the state and a remarkable historiographical achievement. *Pearl Beach and Progress: The Story of a Community and an Ideal 1929-2009*, published in 2009, is an innovative local history. She is currently working on a history of 'the Australian girl'.

While Dr Kingston has concentrated on books rather than chapters and articles, she is the author of 21 *Australian Dictionary of Biography* entries. She has also written many book reviews.

She energetically promotes history in the wider community. Perhaps Dr Kingston's greatest contribution here is as a member of the New South Wales Working Party of the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* since 1972 and its Chair since 1994. She is a member of the Jessie Street National Women's Library Board and has advised the Archives Authority of New South Wales, the University of New South Wales Archives and the Heritage Council of New South Wales. She serves her local community of Pearl Beach on the New South Wales Central Coast as editor the Pearl Beach Progress Association newsletter.

The History Council of New South Wales is honoured to celebrate Dr Kingston's achievements.

