



## **Professor Anthony Blinkhorn**

Professor Anthony Blinkhorn was appointed to the NSW Chair of Population Oral Health in May 2007. He was previously Dean and Clinical Director at the University of Manchester, and also held senior academic positions at the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

His contribution to Dental Research was recognised by the International Association of Dental Research when he was presented with a Distinguished Scientist Award in 2006 (H Trendly Dean Memorial Award). He is currently editor of the Health Education Journal and General Secretary of the Institute of Health Promotion and Education.

Professor Blinkhorn's contribution to research, and the care of special needs children was recognised by the award of an OBE in 2005.

He has extensive experience in randomised controlled clinical trials as he was Academic Research Director for Colgate Palmolive European R & D Division (Dental Health Unit) from 1991-2001. He was one of the early pioneers of taking RCT methodology into the field of Health Promotion and Health Services Research. In addition, he has encouraged the research interface between clinicians and basic scientists.

He is currently undertaking large scale studies into the prevention of early childhood caries, improving the oral health of rural communities and monitoring fluoridation in NSW.

He has a great interest in the rural dental workforce and is in charge of Sydney's dental undergraduate rural clinical placement program which includes clinics in NSW and Tasmania.