



## **Professor Chris Browne**

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Professor Chris Browne is the Head of the Gippsland Medical School

Professor Browne was educated in the United Kingdom and graduated with a BA from the University of York in 1970 and a DPhil from Oxford in 1974, where he worked in the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, in the laboratory made famous by Sir Howard Florey.

He came out to Australia "for two or three years" in 1974 to take up an appointment as a Teaching Fellow in the then Department of Biochemistry in the Faculty of Medicine at Monash. During that time, he worked on human growth hormone in the research team of the Foundation Professor of Biochemistry, the late Professor Joe Bornstein.

Professor Browne then spent five years as a medical researcher at McGill University in Montreal, where he developed a range of novel techniques for the isolation, purification and detection of hormones. He also taught in the pre-medical course at McGill.

He returned to Monash in 1981 to the Department of Physiology, where he published many papers on hormones in fetal development. He has also taught in many units and both convened and developed several degree courses in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

Professor Chris Browne set up the Centre for Medical and Health Sciences Education in the Faculty in 2000 and was its acting director. He was responsible, as co-chair and convenor of the Medical Course Curriculum Committee, for the planning, development and accreditation of the new Monash 5 year medical course from 1999 to 2003. In addition, from 2002-2006, Professor Browne was Associate Dean (Educational Development) in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, where he worked on a range of projects that focus on improving the educational environment of the Faculty.

He was elected by the Academic Board members in February 2004 for a two year term as the first elected Academic Board President at Monash University. Previously, Professor Browne had been appointed as Associate Chair of the Academic Board in 2002.

Professor Browne spent much of 2004/2005 in Sharjah in the UAE, where he set up the College of Medicine at the University of Sharjah. In 2005- 2006, he led, in collaboration with colleagues in Malaysia, the establishment and the AMC accreditation of the Monash University Malaysia Medical School. He became Head of the Gippsland Medical School in July 2006.