

# NZ's Waistline – what will it take to fix it?

WELLINGTON, 7 JUNE, 2013

---

Three years ago in Wellington we considered who was responsible for taking action to curb NZ's expanding waistline. On June 7 we will be reviewing national and global developments since then, how these should inform public policy and the immediate action required. Lessons we can learn from successful public policy initiatives for other non-communicable diseases will also be discussed.

## OPENING AND CLOSING COMMENTS:

**Sir Eion Edgar, Professor Richard Blaikie, Professor Robert Beaglehole, Professor Jim Mann**

## SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

<b>Professor Tony Blakely:</b>	What interventions might reduce population obesity rates? And even be cost effective and pro-equity?
<b>Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman:</b>	Building a case for an urban solution.
<b>Professor Janet Hoek:</b>	What can obesity researchers learn from tobacco control?
<b>Professor Barry Taylor:</b>	Is obesity a problem in preschool children?
<b>Associate Professor Rachael Taylor:</b>	How early in life should obesity prevention begin?
<b>Dr Kirsten Coppel:</b>	How big is the diabetes challenge?
<b>Dr Jeremy Krebs:</b>	The challenges of managing weight and diabetes in the family context

## INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER:

**Professor Trisha Greenhalgh** OBE MD FRCP FRCGP

PROFESSOR OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, BARTS AND THE LONDON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY. CO-DIRECTOR, GLOBAL HEALTH, POLICY AND INNOVATION UNIT. FORMER DEPUTY EDITOR OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

“Why policymakers ignore history – an example from the UK”

---

**Venue:** Nordmeyer Lecture Theatre, Wellington School of Medicine

**Date:** Friday 7th June, 9.45am-4.30pm

**RSVP:** [diabetes.research@otago.ac.nz](mailto:diabetes.research@otago.ac.nz)

Our last symposium was over-subscribed. Please register early to reserve your place.