



## Bioactive Laboratories Company Profile

### Overview

Bioactive Laboratories is an Australian agri-biotech private company specialising in rare and endangered plant species for human health. Activities include drug & extract research, plant species cultivation and the manufacture of proprietary plant extracts.

Bioactive has brought forward its drug discovery pipeline by two years after significant infectious disease discoveries were confirmed at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Griffith University and the University of Western Australia.

**Inside 8 weeks Bioactive & the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute have forged a collaboration agreement and formed a new pharmaceutical company to develop an active compound.** Affecting over 200 million people globally!

### Speaker Profile

#### Rick Ferdinands – Founder and Managing Director



Rick brings over 25 years' experience developing and commercialising various emerging technologies. He has a commerce degree with a technology major from Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia.

In the early 90's Rick worked in the UK for the Wellcome Foundation medical research facility in Beckenham, Kent. He worked on one of the world's first anti-viral drugs, AZT, developing a bespoke clinical trials safety data system. From there, Wellcome Pharmaceuticals<sup>1</sup> production facility in Dartford, Kent seconded Rick to redevelop major production systems.

Since then he has been involved in many other diverse industries and government such as, taxation and telecommunications, contrasted with primary industries such as forestry and livestock.

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<sup>1</sup> Wellcome Pharmaceuticals has since been absorbed in to GSK



Immediately prior to Bioactive, Rick managed a silviculture based R&D program where plant based genetic selection and propagation led to an improved genetic outcome specifically with one of the key species at Bioactive.

Utilising his past biotech & business experience, Rick has created the disruptive Bioactive Business Model. Entering the market earlier and cheaper, by focussing on the TGA approval of a new Listed Medicine substance, whilst at the same time preparing the way for an early exit within their drug discovery program.

Rick has been successful in raising private funds and has received Government grants for Bioactive. In prior businesses, Rick has raised over \$5M from venture capital, grants and sophisticated investors through Information Memoranda.

One notable humanitarian project is where Rick successfully achieved a substantial AusAid grant, negotiated as a JV with the European Investment Bank in the Pacific Islands.

He is the Chairman of a private overseas charity primarily devoted to the education, health and welfare needs of under privileged women and children.

For further information visit our website at [bioactivelab.com.au](http://bioactivelab.com.au) or contact Managing Director Rick Ferdinands on 0414 84 9990.