

# John Grace AO

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## Chairman UniSA Ventures Pty Ltd



John Grace has over 48 years' industry experience, primarily in biotechnology where he spent 20 years as CEO.

John is highly skilled in dealing with the complexities related to commercialisation of research, particularly within the public sector. He has applied this experience in organisations including Burns Philip, CSIRO and AMRAD, where he served as Managing Director for 11 years. John is also an experienced director of listed and private companies.

He operates a consulting business TechAdvisory Pty Ltd that offers services in research planning and commercialisation and his clients have included a number of Australian universities and medical research institutes. In addition to being Chair of UniSA Ventures Pty Ltd he is a director of the CRC for Polymers Pty Ltd.

As well as being a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering, he was awarded an AO in the Queen's Birthday 2018 Honours List.

John has been a director of a number of private companies, and served on a number of Federal and State government boards and committees including; the

- Australian Institute of Marine Science
- Trans Tasman Commercialisation Fund Pty Ltd
- The Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering
- Melbourne Ventures Pty Ltd
- AMRAD Corporation Ltd
- Cerylid Pty Ltd
- CRC for Cellular Growth Factors
- Chair Victorian Science Agenda investment fund
- Australian Research Council
- Victorian Premier's Knowledge Innovation Science and Engineering Task Force
- Industry Research and Development Board
- President/Director of the Australian Biotechnology Association.