



Speaker Profile



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Mike is a leader in the Australian life sciences industry. He was a founding executive of Cochlear Limited and served as CEO. In 1988 he won BRW Businessman of the Year (Technology) for establishing Cochlear in the USA and Europe. He subsequently established Cochlear in Japan. Mike was also Director of Resmed, now listed on the NYSE and ASX. These two companies have a combined market capitalisation of more than A\$4 billion.

In 2000, Mike moved into private equity, joining Kestrel Capital as a manager of one of its funds. As a private equity investor, Mike has been a director or observer on the board of 10 portfolio companies. His current Kestrel directorships include Dynamic Hearing and TGR BioSciences.

Mike has significant international management expertise in all operational areas from manufacturing to research and development, intellectual property, worldwide marketing and sales, regulatory affairs, government relations, business development and developing strategic alliances with major multinationals.

In 2004 Mike was awarded an Order of Australia for his work in commercialising medical technology.