Transcript

Title: Jefferson Harcourt - 2021 Technology Impact Award Finalist

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Jefferson Harcourt is the Executive Chairman of the Grey Innovation Group, a business that identifies, develops and commercialises the best in technological innovation.

He founded Grey Innovation straight after graduating from Swinburne with a Bachelor of Engineering, and has used technology to make the world a better and safer place in the fields of medicine, security and the environment.

During the initial outbreak of COVID-19 last year, there was an immediate global demand for ventilators and Australia faced a significant equipment shortage.

Concerned by this, Jefferson decided Australia needed to start manufacturing its own supply. Working with a 350-strong team of Australian industry, government and medical specialists – he steered the project through licencing, regulatory approval and production to deliver the new, Australian Made ventilators in only six months.

In doing so, he helped Australia overcome a dangerous shortfall that could have left this country in a dire situation and demonstrated to government the incredible sovereign manufacturing capability that exists in Australia.

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