

Richard Turner
Author & Founder, The Essential Entrepreneur

Richard is a renowned Australian Entrepreneur, Leader and Innovator. He has founded four successful companies/organisations across four different industry sectors, was Australian Entrepreneur of the Year for the Cleantech sector in 2010, South Australian Entrepreneur of the Year for two of those companies 14 years apart (1996 & 2010) and his most recent venture, ZEN Energy was recognised as the fastest growing company in South Australia for 2010 & 2011 and the 4th fastest growing company in Australia in 2012 (BRW magazine). ZEN is now the largest Clean Energy Generator and Retailer in Australia supplying electricity to large segments of the Commercial and Industrial market. Richard is a specialist in re-invention and industry disruption, he is passionate about sustainability and wants to ideally assist companies that are driving change for the better, believe in their purpose and add value to future generations.

Richard founded the Entrepreneurs' Organisation in South Australia (1998) and was Entrepreneur in Residence for the University of South Australia (2019-2021) mentoring hundreds of early stage and scaling businesses.

Richard has now put a lifetime of learnings in starting and scaling successful businesses into his book "The Essential Entrepreneur" released by Wiley Publishing globally in November 2022.