

“Biota requested Wilkore to assist in finding new premises for the consolidation of their operations. Through an existing client, we found an existing warehouse and laboratory close to Biota’s operations at Monash. We renovated the front office to accommodate temporary research operations, we then demolished the rear warehouse and built 1200m<sup>2</sup> of laboratories and offices above a ground floor car park, and built a large PC2 Biology laboratory and two PC3 facilities. Nearly 18 months after this area was made operational, the front of the building was demolished and two floors of offices were installed. In 2008, the office component of the first stage was demolished and new laboratories were installed, completing a five year project at this site.

We took an existing laboratory and office design and worked it into the footprint of an existing building. We oversaw every aspect of the project, even assisting with the relocation of equipment. We worked with the client through every step of the design, construction, commissioning and accreditation of the PC3 laboratory, handing over a fully compliant facility at completion. Each stage required significant construction activity within an active research facility. Issues such as dust, noise and vibration were constantly monitored and essential works such as power shutdowns were meticulously planned and executed. As part of an energy saving measure, fume hoods with variable speed drives linked to the sash position were installed in the chemistry lab. To support this, a room pressure sensor was installed and linked to the supply fan, so a minimum of air was conditioned and delivered to the room. We were able to deliver this project within budget and on time, despite the short timeline and the innovative nature of the design.

This project highlights Wilkore’s ability to embrace innovation in building design without losing sight of the ultimate goal, which is always to get the job done.”

## CLIENT

Biota Holdings Ltd

## PROJECT VALUE

\$10M

## COMPLETION DATE

Late 2008

## LOCATION

Notting Hill, VIC

## REFEREE

Dr Simon Tucker

