

QUT graduate honoured

QUT graduate Wayne Denning has been honoured at the university's 2017 Outstanding Alumni Awards for his work as founder of Carbon Creative, a creative agency designed to give a positive voice to Indigenous Australians.

Mr Denning received his Special Excellence Award at the recent annual event.

He and his company have received acclaim for their documentaries and children's television programs – including a high-profile *Sesame Street* segment, *5 Kangaroos*, created in 2013. It featured Jessica Mauboy, a team of Indigenous children and animated kangaroos and went on to be seen by an estimated 780 million viewers in 140 countries.

A Birri Gubba man from Blackwater, Mr Denning left a career in Federal Government to complete his MBA with QUT in 2006.

Incubator

Carbon Creative was founded that same year, and was established over four years in QUT's Creative Enterprise Australia incubator in Brisbane.

It expanded to have a staff of 30, producing documentaries, Indigenous-themed commercial work and children's shows for NITV, ABC, SBS, corporations and governments.

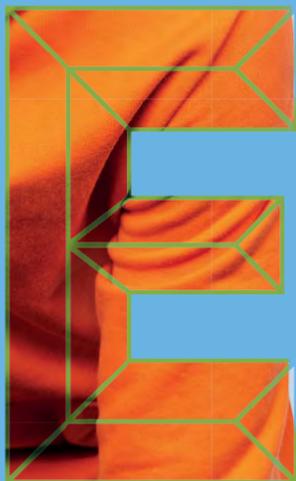
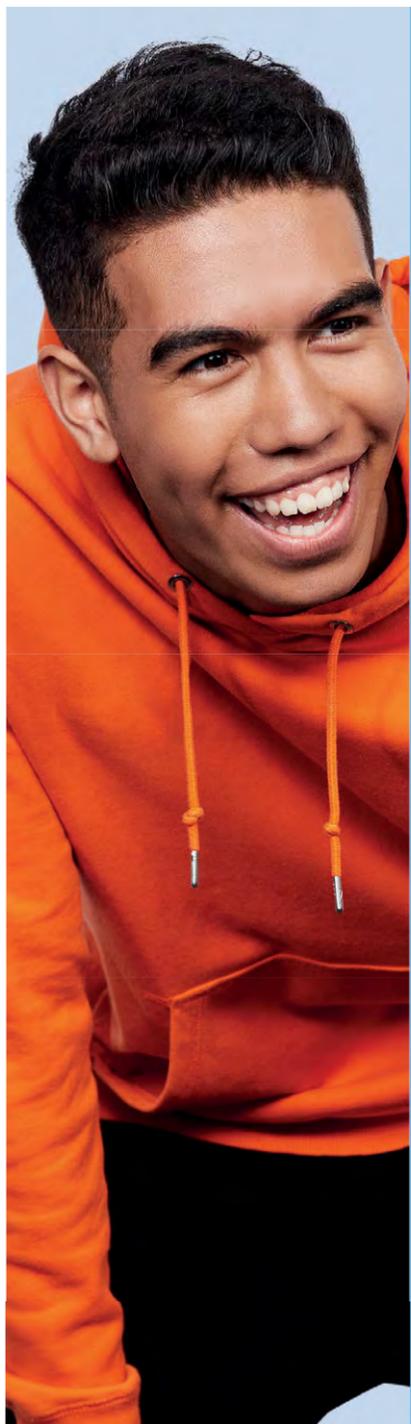
Mr Denning has overseen the production, as executive producer, of many television programs and series, including *5 Kangaroos* and the new *S is for Sibling* (featuring The Veronicas) for *Sesame Workshop*, *Handball Heroes* for ABC3, and children's game shows *Go Lingo!* and *Letterbox* for NITV.

He has also overseen ABC3 documentaries *Intune*, *Blacktracks*, *From the Ashes* and *ProppaNOW*, as well as the documentary series *First Footprints* for the ABC.

Mr Denning has a host of television projects under way, is developing apps for television shows and websites, and is working on corporate initiatives.



QUT graduate Wayne Denning, who is now a successful business operator, with Jessica Mauboy and Cookie Monster from the children's TV show *Sesame Street*.



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