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## FedUni Alumni inspire a new intake of students



*Tim Diamond, Andrew Russell, Leigh Russell and Elizabeth Lewis-Gray*

Our inspirational Alumni take centre stage for the University's new advertising campaign, *Cause the Effect*.

Tim Diamond, General Manager, Cotton on Foundation; Andrew Russell, Director of High Performance, Hawthorn Football Club; Leigh Russell CEO, Swimming Australia and Elizabeth Lewis-Gray, CEO, Gekko Systems; all share their stories of success since graduating from FedUni.

[View the Cause the Effect campaign >](#)

## Children in sports research sparks debate



A FedUni partnered research project has found children who are involved in organised sports too early, are more likely to drop out.

Rochelle Eime, Associate Professor Sport Sciences at FedUni and lead author says the research supports young children being active, but found the ideal age for children to start structured, competitive sport and ensure they continue, is the 7-9 year age bracket.

[Read more about FedUni research \(pdf, 1.40mb\) >](#)

## 25,000 reasons to celebrate



*FedUni graduates at the 2018 May graduation ceremony*

The University is celebrating a milestone with the recent conferral of its 25,000th award since Federation University Australia began operating under its new name in January 2014. The graduand, who studied at one of our overseas partner providers, will be announced as part of the December graduation celebrations.

This brings to more than 100,000 the number of awards conferred since the former University of Ballarat, School of Mines Ballarat and Wimmera Institute of TAFE were merged in 1998.

## International recognition for FedUni research



*Professor Fadi Charchar*

Professor Fadi Charchar has been praised for his contribution to international efforts in cardiovascular research after a major international study on high blood pressure was published in the Lancet Global Health journal, the number one public health journal worldwide.

The study of more than 1.2 million people involved volunteers in more than 100 countries, including Australia, and was the largest public blood pressure screening exercise the world had seen.

Professor Helen Bartlett, Vice-Chancellor described Professor Charchar's involvement and great success as another example of how FedUni research was strategically positioned to have a strong impact, regionally, nationally and globally.

## First University building with an Aboriginal name



*Gnarrwiring Karung at Mt Helen Campus*

After almost 150 years, FedUni has honoured its cultural heritage, with its first building to be officially given an Aboriginal name.

Local Elders, students, staff and University leaders witnessed the re-naming ceremony of the Student Commons Area at the Mt Helen Campus to Gnarrwiring Karung, meaning 'Learning Place' in the local Wadawurrung language. Professor Helen Bartlett, Vice-Chancellor and President described it as a defining moment in the University's history.