

Who is Julian Dennison?

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Julian Bailey Dennison (born 26 October 2002) is a New Zealand actor. He debuted in the 2013 film *Shopping*, for which he won the New Zealand Film Award for Best Supporting Actor.

He is best known for his role as Ricky Baker in *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* (2016), the highest-grossing New Zealand film in history. He is also well known as Russell "Firefist" Collins in *Deadpool 2* (2018).



Julian has also appeared in multiple commercials for companies including Lynx and Air New Zealand.

Julian was born and raised in Lower Hutt, New Zealand. He is the third child of a family of four children. He has a twin brother named Christian.

He attended Naenae Primary School, where he first auditioned, and got his first part in the film *Shopping* (2013). He was then cast in the Australian film *Paper Planes* (2015). He later attended Hutt International Boys' School in Upper Hutt.

Julian continued with acting and was given a role in an advertisement for the NZ Transport Agency to discourage driving under the influence of drugs. The public service announcement, which became an internet sensation in New Zealand and Australia, was directed by Taika Waititi, who later asked Julian to star in his film *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* (2016) without the need to audition. The film went on to become New Zealand's highest-grossing film to date, and was critically acclaimed.

Dennison played Russell Collins / Firefist in the 2018 film *Deadpool 2*. He was cast because of his *Wilderpeople* performance, and the friendship of Waititi with *Deadpool*'s filmmakers. In June 2018, Dennison was the first to be cast for *Godzilla vs. Kong* in a supporting role. Dennison currently lives in Foxton, New Zealand.