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"In October 2014, I met a guy by the name of Jordan who changed my perspective forever. Jordan went to school up the road from me, studied engineering at UQ just like me and had worked as an engineer in the industry for 5 years. The only difference between Jordan and myself was that he was living on the streets and we were washing his clothes in our van. This was one of the most enlightening experiences I have ever had and opened my eyes up to a huge issue in our community but even more so opened my eyes up to the power of a conversation.

I am passionate about learning, problem solving and finding ways to help people. My passion to contribute back to the community has been evident throughout his formative years. At age 12, I represented my school to win state, national and international Community Problem Solving Championships with a team project aimed at combatting childhood obesity. In high school I was a regular volunteer feeding the Brisbane homeless community and participating in various charity fundraising events.

My contributions to Orange Sky comes with my contagious passion and sincerity towards our 'friends on the street'. Along with my best mate and fellow Co-founder Nic we have a positivity and determination which can overcome any obstacles that confront us.

I am partway through studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) and Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Queensland. I am trying to balance this with the growth and development of Orange Sky. My passion for learning will not cease and at every step of the journey, I will be constantly evolving and learning."

