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LUCAS PATCHETT OAM **Founder, Orange Sky Laundry**

In October 2014, Lucas Patchett co-founded Orange Sky alongside his best mate Nic Marchesi. Together, they built the first van and Orange Sky was born, the foundation for which thousands more people would be helped over the coming years.

Awarded Young Australian of the Year in 2016 and a 2020 Order of Australia medal, Lucas has a passion and commitment to supporting friends doing it tough. Lucas has been instrumental in the significant growth of

Orange Sky and is passionate about leading Orange Sky to deliver on its five year strategy of supporting 40,000 friends by 2025.

Orange Sky now operates 36 services across 25 locations in Australia and three services across two locations in New Zealand, with continued expansion across both countries. The focus is on creating a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment for people who are too often ignored or feel disconnected from the community.

Since 2014, Orange Sky has provided more than 2.1 million kilograms of free laundry, over 23,000 warm, safe showers, and more than 380,000 hours of genuine and non-judgemental conversation.

Lucas has been a Board Member since Orange Sky was founded and has played a critical role in the strategic direction of Orange Sky including establishing Orange Sky New Zealand in 2018. Lucas also joined the board of the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service with Queensland Health in May 2021.

Lucas is genuine, relatable, and a true leader who sets the example of how an Orange Sky Person should act every day and tries to incorporate his two values of learning and having fun into everything he does..