**Interview – Luke Owens**

My name is Luke Owens,

I am the manger and founding director of Bendigo for Homelessness Youth

It was a charity that was established in 2012 for the purpose of fundraising through music as universal language.

We ran fundraiser in the form of concerts, tin rattles, gala dinners, and a like. We raised $100,000 in the space of 9 months. With the support of major philanthropic funders we ultimately raise $6,000,000 for a large scale housing project.

So our work is important I believe because if we’re not there to help these people who fall through the cracks, then we believe they will be left behind, there are government organisations and homelessness organisations that do fantastic work in our community, however there isn’t quite enough supply for the people who desperately need crisis accommodation , and that sort of thing, so were very privileged as musicians to unconventional be able to help these people that are at risk if being left behind.

If I could tell the world one thing without stealing the quote from a famous person it would most likely be “if your dreams don’t scare you they aren’t bigger enough”.

I would say that we are all capable of making a profound and lasting difference, and our worst enemy is the one that’s between our own two eyes.