



## Nic Marchesi OAM

### COFOUNDER

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#### SHORT BIO

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2016 Young Australian of the Year and 2020 Order of Australia Medalist, Nic Marchesi is an entrepreneur, innovator and storyteller. Nic is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Orange Sky - the world's first free mobile laundry service for people experiencing homelessness. Nic is committed to solving problems and making a difference, recognised by being selected as one of 200 Leaders to attend the 2019 Obama Foundation Leaders Program. Meeting with Former President & First Lady Barack & Michelle Obama, together they discussed education, environment and entrepreneurship. Nic is also a recent scholarship recipient to study at Stanford Graduate School of Business in the USA.

#### LONG BIO

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Awarded Young Australian of the Year in 2016, Nic is an avid problem solver who drives continuous improvement across all areas of Orange Sky, adopting the mentality that everything has the capacity to be improved. Nic pioneered the integration of technology into Orange Sky's operations and helped lead the development of the Orange Sky Portal and App. This in-house built technology provides Orange Sky with meaningful insights on how the organisation is performing and allows staff to make more informed decisions. Nic was instrumental in ensuring the success of this application by pitching for the Google Impact Challenge Grant which awarded Orange Sky \$1 million to further build out our Campfire technology to support other not-for-profits track their operations, engage volunteers and amplify their impact.

Nic continues to be commended for his dedication to our friends on the street, demonstrated by recently being awarded The Medal of the Order of Australia in 2020.

Additionally, Nic was recently selected as one of 200 Leaders from 33 countries and territories to attend the 2019 Obama Foundation Leaders Program in Kuala Lumpur. Meeting with Former President & First Lady Barack & Michelle Obama as well as actress Julia Roberts to discuss a variety of issues, ranging from education to environment to entrepreneurship. Nic was also the lucky recipient of the 2020 Stanford Australia Foundation Scholarship taking him to Stanford Graduate School of Business in the United States.

Nic previously worked as a camera operator and editor for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and for the Seven Network. In these roles, Nic developed a passion for sharing people's stories as a way of getting people to better relate to and connect with one another. As a result of Nic's influence, storytelling is central to Orange Sky's culture and is the keystone of the organisation's brand and creative content. Nic has been a Board Member since the organisation was founded and has played a critical role in the strategic direction of Orange Sky. He fosters a culture of affirmation and hard work. The framework underpinning the internal culture at Orange Sky mirrors many of the attributes and characteristics he lives by.



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