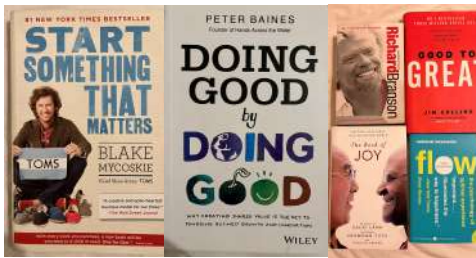


## The incredibly inspiring story of Kenshi Life Changing Candles



It all began when Liam Foldi was 12 years old and he started reading ..... and reading.



When Liam was 14 years old, after a school trip to FareShare (a charity kitchen in Melbourne) he decided that something needed to be done about the growing problem of hunger and food insecurity in Australia. And Kenshi Candles was born.

As the demand grew Liam struggled to keep up with production.

Kenshi grew steadily as the inspiring story of such a young boy starting a social enterprise began to spread.



From there the operation quickly moved out to production lines in the family garage.



Candle production moved from Liam's bedroom to the very first hand pour at the kitchen bench.



Throughout school holidays and weekends, Liam's mates would come over to make candles to keep up with demand.

But before long they outgrew the garage and that's when

**Kenshi Candles became even more life changing!**

February 2019



Liam training the Chin Community in his garage

March 2019



The famous "handover day"

In 2019, Liam began a partnership with the Chin refugee community from Myanmar who live in Melbourne's west to make the candles.

After fleeing from civil war, the Chin people spent several years on the run before being granted refugee status in Australia. Some of the older members do not speak English and struggled to find jobs until Kenshi provided them a reliable source of income.



April 2019



**Jacob Thang**

Director of Chin Myanmar Community Care

*From April 2019, the Chin refugee community made the candles in Jacob's garage until September 2021.*

*After 2.5 years and around 20,000 candles Kenshi finally grew large enough to have a proper home!*

October 2021



*Liam decided he will solely focus on eradicating hunger in Australia and use Kenshi Life Changing Candles and Diffusers to feed thousands of people every year.*

*Together with other members of Make A Difference Community, we have now funded over 170 tonnes of pasta and rice for homeless people and families in need.*

June 2022



*Liam was offered a full scholarship to Princeton University in USA.*

*Michael, (more famously known as the candle boy's father!) stepped in to fulfil Liam's vision of funding massive volumes of food for Australians doing it tough and ultimately working towards eradicating hunger in Australia.*

September 2021



*Kenshi moved to a new candle-making facility in Sunshine that has the capacity to make over 500 candles and diffusers a day!*

*This professional space allows us to host corporate days for groups of people wanting to show their support for these amazing people and the challenges their friends and family still face back in Myanmar.*

Jan 2023

*With so much production capacity Kenshi began to grow quickly and gained support from hundreds of new partners keen to help feed more people.*

*In 2023, Kenshi purchased and distributed more than 12 tonnes of pasta and rice in Australia and Myanmar.*



June 2023

*Kenshi Life Changing Diffusers are officially launched and the Kenshi "Life Changing" range is expanded beyond candles.*



October 2023



*Jacob and Michael visit Myanmar to see the terrible consequences of the civil war. As there are no NGO's on the ground this led to Kenshi donating over 6 tonnes of rice directly to families who have fled their homes to survive.*

*Please share our story and together we can feed hundreds of thousands of people every year.*