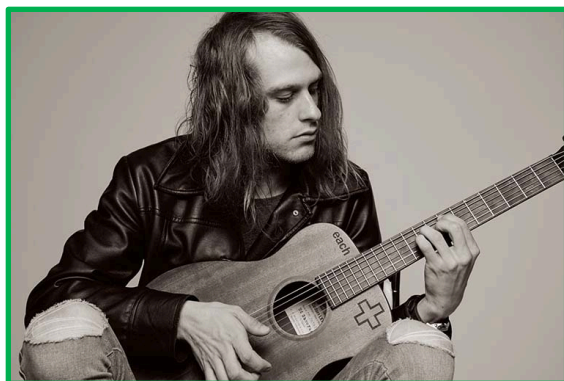




## COSY KOALA FUNDRAISER

You can do anything you set your mind to! In just over a month an idea was made reality, as this small team of young people discovered. YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday) and Young Vinnies pulled together to help those effected by the Australian bushfires. Inspired by some home spring cleaning, YESS Coordinator Felicity Liston thought it would be a worthy project to hold a BBQ and fete sale at the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall on Sunday, February 2, in order to raise funds for the cause.

A call for donations of clothing, books, toys and other sellable goods was put forward to the community which gained a fantastic response and made the day a great success. Geelong musician and solo artist, 'Gemini The Josh' (pictured right) came down to support the event and graced us with his guitar and vocals. While talented local artist Rochelle Liston kept children entertained and offered face painting. A grand total of \$1200.15 was raised and all proceeds from the event has been donated to the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal and Wildlife Fund. Any toys and books that remained after the event have been donated to local Ballarat St Vincent de Paul stores.



We would like to thank all those who took part and made our event possible and send our blessings to members of the community for their generous donations and support.



Josh Dower, Rochelle, Felicity, Matthias and Rebecca Liston donated their time at St Patrick's Hall.

*Felicity Liston – YESS Coordinator*

*Top photo of guitarist 'Gemini The Josh': Patrick Callow Photography and bottom photo: Edwina Williams*