



David Littleproud MP

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\$38,800 secured for South Burnett to enhance creativity and leadership

The South Burnett region continues to flex its creative and leadership muscles thanks to \$38,800 in Federal Government funds secured through the Tackling Tough Times Together initiative Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

“Musicians of all standards are welcome to attend free workshops hosted by the South Burnett Community Orchestra (SBCO) and play in two concerts,” Mr Littleproud said.

SBCO has been allocated \$19,000 to cover expenses for musical workshops (Kingaroy and Chinchilla), support curriculum and promotional activities - all with the aim of targeting drought affected families to participate.

“I’m happy that musicians of all levels will have this opportunity to learn and gain valuable experience with tutors and specialists from Brisbane,” Mr Littleproud said.

“I’m pleased that any funds raised at the concerts will be donated to a non-profit that supports farmers through the hardship of drought.”

The South Burnett Leadership Program has been allocated \$19,800 to cover accommodation, catering, equipment hire, and administration support and facilitators fees.

“A resilient community is one that can turn the tables on a disaster efficiently and strong leadership is a pre-requisite for any town to overcome a hurdle,” Mr Littleproud said.

“The numbers speak for themselves: the program is now in its sixth year and includes over 100 alumni.”

Tackling Tough Times Together has been designed to provide support for projects identified as important to the survival and future prosperity of small, drought-affected communities around Australia.

The aim of this funding support is to enhance community health, wellbeing, and make way for locals across Maranoa to get involved as volunteers and support organisations that give back to the community.

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