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Media Release:

Gloucester community enjoy orchestral music moment

Local budding musicians and orchestral music fans were recently spoiled with a one-off exclusive musical experience from the Sydney Youth Orchestra's 'Peter Seymour Orchestra'.

Presented by education charity, Learning For Good (LFG), nearly 150 people from the Gloucester community attended the 'meet the orchestra' live performance, sitting up close to the musicians, enjoying an intimate concert experience on 16 April at Gloucester High School.

Learning for Good is an education technology charity that sources and distributes world-leading cultural content and educational resources produced by Arts and Cultural Not-For-Profits. Through this charity, organisations like Sydney Youth Orchestras can connect with regional schools to start, support and develop music programs within the community.

Chris North, Founder of Learning For Good, was thrilled to help facilitate this concert, especially for the community of Gloucester.

"I lived and worked in the Manning Valley for several years and know firsthand the challenges faced in this area.

"LFG is thrilled to have Yancoal Australia as our Foundation Partner. This helps continue our hard work in supporting regional communities in desperate need of access to high-quality learning resources in music, drama, art and literature.

"Music brings people pleasure and helps make them feel connected, it can also positively contribute to their overall health and wellbeing, so we are thrilled we can offer a music education program, like the Sydney Youth Orchestra's Discover the Music, to students across Australia.

"The SYO is Australia's leading orchestral music pathway, so holding this event in Gloucester made perfect sense," said Chris.

As a result of the Yancoal partnership, Learning For Good has been able to offer schools in Gloucester access to some of the SYO programs. In terms of instrumental learning, the SYO offers a beginner's program that provides students and teachers with a twelve-month learning strategy for fifteen orchestral instruments.

Stratford Coal Operations Manager, John Cullen welcomed the opportunity to help bring this delightful experience to Gloucester.

“In due course, we are looking forward to making a positive impact on local communities via our partnership with Learning for Good. They do exceptional work with teachers and students across many areas including music, drama and literature,” said John.

Since 2004, Yancoal has grown to be one of Australia’s largest coal exporters: owning or operating nine producing mines across the country, employing over 4,300 Australians, contributing to the national economy, and investing in regional communities.

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