



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **Barcaldine Golf Club receives \$9000 to purchase a new tractor under Stronger Communities Programme**

THE Barcaldine Golf Club's vision means this remote town's community hub will be safely maintained thanks to Federal Government funding, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

"Under the Stronger Communities Programme, the Barcaldine Golf Club will receive \$9000 to buy a new tractor which will help this drought-affected community to maintain grounds frequently used by local clubs," Mr Littleproud said.

"Under the funding guidelines, projects had to deliver social benefits and the Gold Club's proposal will not only better the grounds for members but also will help to maintain other sporting and recreational grounds in town – like the pony, racing and gun clubs."

In July, Mr Littleproud put out a call to community groups asking, "What would you do with \$20,000?" and was overwhelmed by the calibre and array of projects nominated for Stronger Communities Programme funding.

"Locals know their community best and have innovative ideas on how to support their region so when it comes to advocating for funding, Maranoa is ahead of the game," he said.

"Whether it was community hall upgrades, armature shooting to polocrosse and rodeo associations – and everything in-between – project nominations were of a high standard and I received more than 50 applications seeking more than \$500,000 in funding.

"I represent 42% of rural and remote Queensland and I wanted our bush communities to get the most out of this great funding initiative so I'd like to thank all the groups that put forward such wonderful projects."

All federal electorates, including Maranoa, were allocated \$150,000 under the Stronger Communities Programme, with up to 20 projects being able to be funded.

An Independent Assessment Panel reviewed all funding applications and successful projects were then invited to progress to the next phase, where projects were then reviewed by the Industry Department for final approval.

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