



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

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Yuleba Development Group receives \$20,000 to save the Yuleba Creek Forestry Fire Tower and Park Project under Stronger Communities Programme

THE Yuleba community has rallied support and thanks to Federal Government funding announced today by Maranoa MP David Littleproud, the region's iconic fire tower will be saved.

"Under the Stronger Communities Programme, the Yuleba Development Group will receive \$20,000 to beautify and develop the small township to attract tourism with the fire tower to be the project's centrepiece," Mr Littleproud said.

"The Group's community visions means the Yuleba Creek Forestry Tower will be reconstructed and refurbished as many locals worked in the Yuleba State Forestry and it was an important part of the community's history.

"Under the funding guidelines, projects had to deliver social benefits and Yuleba's proposal will not only reinstate a proud community icon but also add a tourist attraction for the greater region."

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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