



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### Winner of David Littleproud Bursary

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud has announced Miles local Marnie Leahy as winner of the \$1000 David Littleproud Bursary to support her studies in education.

Miss Leahy was selected as winner after applying for the bursary in May. The bursary is funded by Mr Littleproud from his personal funds.

“Each year, I offer a bursary for a young woman living in Maranoa who wishes to pursue full-time study in a tertiary course. I understand the importance of ensuring our next generation of women have access to financial support while studying,” Mr Littleproud said.

The application process was managed by the National Council of Women Queensland (NCWQ), who give out more than 30 bursaries a year.

“For many years, the NCWQ has been tirelessly promoting equality and equal opportunities for women in all aspects of life,” he said.

“It’s a great initiative and I’m proud to be involved.”

The number of bursaries provided by the NCWQ has grown from two in 2009, the year the program started, to more than 30 in 2018.

“I work four days a week at Murilla Long Day Care and study one day a week because I’m paying off my university fees up-front. Balancing work and university can be really challenging so I appreciate the extra financial support this bursary offers,” Miss Leahy said.

“It may not seem like a lot of money but it makes a big difference when you come from a community struggling from drought.”

Mr Littleproud said he hoped the bursary would help Miss Leahy fulfil her career goals and apply her skills back in the bush communities.

“It’s my aim to see young people like Marnie return home and apply their skills to grow our region. It’s important that we support the aspirations of ambitious young students,” he said.

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