



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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The South Burnett Pantry receives \$20,000 grant through Stronger Communities Programme

The South Burnett Pantry will continue to provide hot meals and low-cost food to hundreds of recipients across the community thanks to a Federal Government grant of \$20,000, Member for Maranoa David Littleproud announced today.

“This \$20,000 grant – received through the Stronger Communities Programme – will be used by the South Burnett Pantry to purchase a second-hand truck and also expand their catering region,” Mr Littleproud said.

“The South Burnett Pantry has helped hundreds of people across our community for more than six years by providing free food, affordable clothing and connecting people with welfare services.

“Under the funding guidelines, projects had to deliver community benefits and the South Burnett Pantry’s vision will provide the community with food aid and other support services.

“The South Burnett Pantry also offers free breakfast at almost every school in South Burnett – providing sustenance and nutrition to maximise learning.”

In August, Mr Littleproud put out a call to community groups asking, “What would you do with up to \$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 great ideas on how to support their region when it comes to advocating for funding,” he said.

“Whether it was installing disability access to improve access for a community building, a food project to support our most vulnerable or sport complex upgrades – and everything in-between – project nominations were of a high standard and I received more than 90 applications seeking more than \$1 million in funding.

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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