



Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Minister for the Arts

David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Joint Media Statement

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Federal Government funding to create Indigenous cultural hub in Barcaldine

AN innovative Indigenous cultural hub will be established in Barcaldine thanks to \$345,720 in Federal Government funding, announced today by Arts Minister Mitch Fifield and Maranoa MP David Littleproud.

“I’m pleased to announce the Central West Aboriginal Corporation was successful in its application for \$345,720 under the Federal Government’s Indigenous Languages and Arts program,” Mr Littleproud said.

“The Central West Aboriginal Corporation has played an integral role in the community for 40 years and has strived for self-sustainability by seeking innovative solutions to empower the community through the preservation of art and culture.

“It’s envisaged the hub will support communities across the region by providing workshops, cultural camps for young people, exhibitions and language revival workshops.

“This includes an art program where the corporation hopes to investigate overseas export opportunities for art and ceramics crafted in the area.

“I congratulate the Central West Aboriginal Corporation on its commitment to not only preserving the region’s rich cultural but also its innovative approach to growing employment and business opportunities in Western Queensland.”

Minister Fifield said the Coalition Government will provide \$22.8 million to showcase Indigenous cultural and artistic expression and support the maintenance of Indigenous languages.

“The Indigenous Languages and Arts program supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to keep their cultural identity strong by funding arts and languages organisations and projects,” Minister Fifield said.

“These projects will contribute to a vibrant and diverse Indigenous cultural landscape where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are empowered to maintain, celebrate and promote their arts and languages.”

The Indigenous Languages and Arts program helps to maintain and encourage participation in Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures by providing support for projects and organisations for language and arts projects. For more information, check out:

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