



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media statement

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Balonne receives Reconciliation Week funding: Maranoa MP

SUPPORTED by an unprecedented 90% of voters 50 years ago, a referendum to recognise Indigenous people in the Census and give the Federal Government powers to create equitable laws will be remembered this week along with 25th anniversary of the Mabo High Court decision.

To support our community to remember and celebrate these events, Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said he was pleased to announce a \$5000 grant to help the Balonne Council with National Reconciliation Week events.

“Reconciliation Week runs from May 27 to June 3 and I’m delighted the Balonne Council is able to mark the significance of these two occasions, recognising the importance of these events our shared story,” Mr Littleproud said.

“The council will partner with St George Aboriginal Housing to remember and celebrate these two significant events in our nation’s history.

“This week we not only remember and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum but also the 25th anniversary of the Mabo High Court decision as part of National Reconciliation Week activities.

“In Australia, a referendum is a vote used to approve a change to the Australian Constitution and, in 1967, this referendum achieved a 90.77% ‘yes’ vote to recognise Indigenous people.

“The Mabo High Court case was a landmark moment in the history of Indigenous land rights, overturning the doctrine of ‘terra nullius’ that led to the passing of the *Native Title Act 1993*.”

For more information about National Reconciliation events, visit:

www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/

FACT BOX:

- 26 May – National Sorry Day to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report on the Stolen Generations.
- 27 May – 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and the launch of Reconciliation Week, which runs from May 27 to June 3.
- 3 June – 25th Anniversary of the Mabo High Court decision.

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Organisation name	Indigenous Organisation Partner	Total Funding to be received (GST Excl.)
BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL	St George Aboriginal Housing Pty Ltd	\$5,000
Barcaldine Regional Council BARCADDINE	Central West Aboriginal Corporation	\$5,000
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL	Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation	\$5,000
Blackall - Tambo Regional Council TAMBO	Central West Aboriginal Corporation	\$5,000
Goondiwindi Regional Council GOONDIWINDI	Bigambul people	\$5,000
Longreach Regional Council LONGREACH	Longreach Regional Council Reconciliation Action Plan - Working Group	\$5,000
MARANOVA REGIONAL COUNCIL	Mandandanji people and Surat Aboriginal Corporation	\$5,000
South Burnett Regional Council KINGAROY	Cherbourg Historical Precinct Group	\$5,000
Southern Downs Regional Council Warwick	Warwick Indigenous Workers Network Group	\$5,000
Western Downs Regional Council DALBY	Beyond Broncos program, Tara Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and Qld Health Aboriginal Health workers.	\$5,000

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