



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media statement

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Balonne community organisations successful in Federal Government's Volunteer Grants program

VOLUNTEERING in the Balonne region has been made easier thanks to \$9000 in Federal Government funding announced today by Maranoa MP David Littleproud.

“St Vincent De Paul Society, in St George, and the Bollon Shears Association were successful in securing funding – under the Volunteer Grants program – and I congratulate these groups for their commitment to our community,” Mr Littleproud said.

“St Vinnies secured \$5000 to upgrade equipment and the Bollon Shears will use its \$4000 in funding to help keep volunteers moving by assisting with the cost of fuel and to update furniture and electronic equipment.

“In total, \$232,523 in funds was distributed to 59 community organisations across my electorate under the Federal Government's \$10 million Volunteer Grants program.”

Next week, from May 8, marks National Volunteer Week where we acknowledge the important work of our volunteers and their organisations in building stronger communities.

“In Maranoa, we're very community-minded. We've a proud history of lending a hand with many of us volunteering in services like church-based groups, local sporting and youth clubs, emergency services – and everything in-between – to overcome challenges and bring people together,” Mr Littleproud said.

“The Volunteer Grants program offers a great opportunity for community organisations to apply for funding – between \$1000 and \$5000 – to help make the work of their volunteers easier and safer.

“Community organisation can access this funding to help with costs incurred by volunteers – like the cost of fuel to take seniors to see a doctor, first aid training or background security checks. Funding can also be used to purchase much-needed equipment, such as computers or printers so they can keep pace with technology.

“Volunteers are the backbone of our community and this is a great initiative, where local organisations can apply for grants to help support their volunteers who give their time to help others and encourage the inclusion of vulnerable people in community life.”

For more information, check out: www.dss.gov.au/volunteer-grants

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Name	LGA	Funding	Items
Bollon Shears Association Inc	Balonne	\$4,000	Contribution to the reimbursement of fuel costs, Electronic / audio / video (non-computer related), Outdoor furniture and equipment
St Vincent de Paul Society - St George	Balonne	\$5,000	Electronic / audio / video (non-computer related)
		\$9,000	

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