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Noorama Picnic Race Club receives \$20,000 for new kitchen under Stronger Communities Programme

THE Noorama Picnic Race Club's vision means the remote town's only social hub will receive a new kitchen thanks to Federal Government funding, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

"Under the Stronger Communities Programme, the Noorama Picnic Race Club will receive \$20,000 to build a new kitchen to help cater for the annual race meet and other sporting events and charity rallies," Mr Littleproud said.

"Noorama is a drought-affected community about 100km from Cunnamulla so this funding will go a long way towards making this function space more accessible and practical for community gatherings.

"Under the funding guidelines, projects had to deliver social benefits and the Race Club's proposal will not only make catering easier but also this building is the town's only social hub, used for monthly social gatherings, children's playgroup and industry meetings."

In July, Mr Littleproud put out a call to community groups asking, "What would you do with \$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 innovate ideas on how to support their region so when it comes to advocating for funding, Maranoa is ahead of the game," he said.

"Whether it was community hall upgrades, armature shooting to polocrosse and rodeo associations – and everything in-between – project nominations were of a high standard and I received more than 50 applications seeking more than \$500,000 in funding.

"I represent 42% of rural and remote Queensland and I wanted our bush communities to get the most out of this great funding initiative so I'd like to thank all the groups that put forward such wonderful projects."

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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