



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

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SB Care receives \$20,000 to upgrade hall under Stronger Communities Programme

SB CARE'S vision means the community hall will receive much-needed renovations thanks to Federal Government funding, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

"Under the Stronger Communities Programme, SB Care will receive \$20,000 to make safety improvements and paint the hall, install air-conditioning, add a level outdoor area and purchase new equipment," Mr Littleproud said.

"SB Care is an aged and disability community care service working across the South Burnett region and organised this funding application to upgrade the hall so it meets a variety of needs and can be used by a larger array of community groups.

"Under the funding guidelines, projects had to deliver social benefits and SB Care's proposal will help more than 10 community groups to safely access this community space for free or at a concessional charge."

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 innovative 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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