



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

# Media Statement

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### **Stonehenge Campdraft and Rodeo Association receives \$15,215 to build new canteen under Stronger Communities Programme**

THE Stonehenge Campdraft and Rodeo Association's vision means the remote town's tourism hub will get a new canteen thanks to Federal Government funding, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

"Under the Stronger Communities Programme, the Stonehenge Campdraft and Rodeo Association will receive \$15,215 to build a new kitchen to help cater for its famous rodeo weekend," Mr Littleproud said.

"Stonehenge is a drought-affected community about 140km from Longreach so this funding not only goes a long way towards making this space more functional but also instils a sense of pride and brings business to the community for the tourism event. The social-connectedness aspect is also strong as many families use the grounds.

"Under the funding guidelines, projects had to deliver social benefits and the association'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 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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