



David Littleproud MP

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Warwick Polocrosse Club receives \$20,000 to expand Morgan Park facilities under Stronger Communities Programme

THE Warwick Polocrosse Club's community vision means the Morgan Park sport and tourism hub will get a new multi-purpose centre thanks to Federal Government funding, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

"Under the Stronger Communities Programme, the Warwick Polocrosse Club will receive \$20,000 to build a new multi-purpose centre in time for the 2019 Polocrosse World Cup, where more than 60,000 people are expected to attend the Morgan Park event," Mr Littleproud said.

"Morgan Park is the best polocrosse facility in the world and this project will add to its value and ensure that it remains important infrastructure for events by upgrading toilet facilities to include disability access, increase catering capacity and grandstand seating.

"Under the funding guidelines, projects had to deliver social benefits and the club's proposal means this well-utilised sporting and community space will be upgraded in preparation for large tourism events into the future."

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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