



David Littleproud MP

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Regional boost of \$33,000 for Kingaroy through Building Better Regions Fund – Community Stream

Kingaroy’s Bacon Fest – a unique three-day festival celebrating pork producers in the South Burnett – will receive a Federal Government funding boost of \$33,000, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

“Bacon Fest – an original tourism opportunity which allows visitors to sample products exclusive to the South Burnett region – will receive an injection of \$33,000 through the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF),” Mr Littleproud said.

“Bacon Fest has been created by a committee of enthusiastic, community-minded volunteers who share a passion for strengthening the local economy through the use of bacon and pork-related products.

“The region’s largest employer, the Sunpork ‘Swickers’ abattoir, is the only export pig abattoir in Queensland and processes 95% of Queensland pigs.

“It’s really important that we feature Aussie pork producers from across the South Burnett and showcase the fantastic products they have on offer.

“The community has put together a range of unique experiences for visitors to enjoy. The chocolate bacon cupcakes are definitely an exclusive offering from the region.”

Mr Littleproud said he hoped the new round of funding would stimulate more tourism in Maranoa both domestically and internationally.

“Attracting tourists is a great way to keep our bush communities ticking through economic diversification as we’ve been hit hard by drought.

“A recent Tourism Research Australia survey found domestic and international tourism spending has hit a record of \$121 billion dollars.

“Kingaroy has put forward a fantastic tourism event and this funding will help the South Burnett region to grab a larger piece of the tourism action.”

Under round two of the Community Projects stream – through the Building Better Regions Fund –the Coalition Government will invest more than \$107,000 into the Maranoa.

The Coalition Government will invest more than \$4 million in BBRF projects worth over \$7 million nationwide.

“Unique projects such as Bacon Fest inject some much-needed spirit and unity into the community and encourage people to come and see what the region has on offer.”

Bacon Fest will run from August 24-16, 2018. To find out more, visit <http://www.kingaroybaconfest.com.au/>

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