



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **Regional boost of \$53,588 for Blackall, Charleville, Cunnamulla, Longreach, St George, Roma and Winton**

Residents of Blackall, Charleville, Cunnamulla, Longreach, St George, Roma and Winton will be able to take a virtual tour of a University Campus and explore career and education opportunities, thanks to \$53,588 from the Coalition Government.

Federal MP for Maranoa David Littleproud said a mobile van would bring the virtual reality experience to the seven Maranoa communities.

“The virtual tour helps people with a disability take a virtual tour of a University Campus and learn about career, job and training opportunities,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Virtual reality is not just for playing online games.

“This is a great tool for people who may not have the ability to travel to real life campus.”

The project works with disability organisations to remove barriers that people with disability face in getting to higher education and then a career.

“The NDCO has been actively involved within the Maranoa community for 10 years. I am glad that we are able to continue funding the wide range of services and activities that STEPS Group has on offer, such as education roadshows, assistive technology workshops and school career days,” he said.

“In regional and remote communities, disability support services can be limited and difficult to access. It is important that we continue to support the contributions of the STEPS Group in our local communities.”

The funding will go to the National Disability Coordinator program which will be run by STEPS Groups Australia.

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

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

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