

## **Media Statement**

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## **Grants for volunteer organisations in Maranoa**

Community groups can apply for Federal funding through the Volunteer Grants program, set to open next month, Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said today.

Mr Littleproud said the Coalition Government was providing \$20 million worth of grants valued between \$1000 and \$5000 to not-for-profit organisations.

"Volunteers are the fabric of our bush community," Minister Littleproud said.

"Anyone who has popped into their local library or charity store will recognise the smiling face of their local volunteer worker. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community.

"These grants can be put towards essential items that help make the work of our volunteers easier, safer, and more enjoyable, such as equipment, training, transport and background screening.

"Volunteers tirelessly work long hours. We need to make sure not-for-profit organisations have some financial backing so they can keep giving back to our communities.

"I encourage all not-for-profit organisations in Maranoa to apply for the Volunteer Grants round to assist our volunteers and encourage volunteering."

The Volunteer Grants round is expected to open in August.

For more information, visit the Department of Social Services' <u>Community Grants Hub</u> website to subscribe to updates on the application process: <a href="https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/">https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/</a>

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