



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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Dress for success endorsed with Federal funding

To support Dress the Central West Collaborative – an arts and cultural event in the Central West that will have participants exploring the limitless bounds of their creativity - \$60,000 has been secured.

The funds will be provided to the hosting organisation, Red Ridge, who will manage 48 workshops and four regional showcase events, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

“I’m pleased that this funding will give locals an opportunity to put on their creative hat, provide some time out from the drought and really think outside the box,” Mr Littleproud said.

“I’m a big believer in building resilience by getting together at events like Dress the Central West, where there’s an open space to talk and share a laugh.”

There will be 48 workshops held in Winton, Longreach, Blackall and Barcaldine, which will focus on:

- Wearable art projects that connect local talent with skills in working with textiles
- Ringers leather craft workshops for rural men, youth and Indigenous locals
- Indigenous cultural workshops that focus on gratitude, respect and connection with family.

“Communities in Maranoa who have received these grants did so through an allocation of \$15 million provided by the Coalition Federal Government to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal,” Mr Littleproud said.

Tackling Tough Times Together has been designed to provide support for projects identified as important to the survival and future prosperity of small, drought-affected communities around Australia.

The aim of this funding support is to enhance community health, wellbeing, and make way for locals across Maranoa to get involved as volunteers and support organisations that give back to the community.

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