



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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Netball given a new shot in Warwick thanks to \$321,793 in Federal Government funding

Players in the Southern Downs will soon be able to unleash their skills on refurbished courts and enjoy an upgrade to facilities thanks to \$321,793 in Federal Government funding secured by Maranoa MP David Littleproud for the Warwick and District Netball Association.

Today (February 23) Mr Littleproud was in Warwick to make the much-anticipated announcement because the association was forced to play away from their home-base as their courts were worn out from decades of use, weather and ground movement.

“When I heard the association couldn’t play at home because their courts were in such a poor condition, I knew I had to do something and was able to secure \$2900 in funding for the canteen equipment upgrade, under the Stronger Communities Programme, and \$318,893 to reconstruct four courts under Community Sport Infrastructure Grants program,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Our very own netball legend Laura Geitz honed her skills at home here and this upgrade means future netballers will continue to play this great sport in the Southern Downs well into the future.

“You can ask any rural community in Maranoa and they will tell you how important top-notch sports facilities are.

“The flow-on effects are numerous because new faces around town have an opportunity to get involved and make friends with locals.

“The more part of a community you feel the more likely you are to stay.

“Besides enhancing that community spirit, everyone needs to exercise and keep fit. Sport - netball in this case - acts as an enabler for these positive outcomes.”

“This funding also provides Maranoa’s youth with access to facilities that match those available in our bigger cities – just because you come from the bush doesn’t mean you can’t access top-notch facilities.”

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