



David Littleproud MP

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Coalition Government secures funds to support leadership programs and tourism in the Western Downs region

Maranoa MP David Littleproud today announced that the Western Downs region has secured funds that enhance Indigenous youth leadership skills, tourism and events.

Funded through Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF), \$20,000 has been secured for 30 female indigenous high school students from around Miles to take part in a four-day leadership camp with NRL stars.

“The Brisbane Broncos Girls Leadership Summit, to be held near Miles, features a star-studded line up with NRL stars Justin Hodges, Scott Prince and Ali Briginshaw helping lead the course,” Mr Littleproud said.

Funding has also been allocated to Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races and Tara Lagoon Parklands.

“Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races secured \$40,000 which will be used to host a star - a high profile performing artist - in Tara and I have no doubt that will be a head turner, a real crowd pleaser at the festival and races,” Mr Littleproud said.

The Tara Futures Project group has also secured \$249,710 through BBRF to construct infrastructure at the Tara Lagoon Parklands.

“Tara Futures Project group will use this funding stream to build a visitor information centre, toilet block, a picnic area and extensions to a footpath, which are really going to encourage tourism,” Mr Littleproud said.

The Dalby Welcoming Community secured \$18,000 to include a live country concert at the Dalby Delicious and Delightful Festival in August and the Bunya Peoples' Aboriginal Corporation received \$19,450 to conduct workshops to develop a cultural governance model, tourism business plan and hold a cultural event for Indigenous people and the wider community.

“Enhancing tourism events with cultural activities and country music will attract a wide audience and that really goes a long way to showing the diversity of the Western Downs,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Without the Building Better Regions Fund, investment projects – such as these four in the Western Downs region – often struggle for funding but this Coalition Federal Government has invested more than \$4.85 million for 14 projects in my electorate in this current round of funding.”

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