



David Littleproud MP

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Federal grant of \$29,990 helps Charleville airport museum and Show soar

Charleville's old airport terminal is set to undergo interior refurbishments as it transforms into a Museum, thanks to \$20,000 in funds secured by Maranoa MP David Littleproud.

"I'm excited to have secured funding for the renovation of Charleville's old airport terminal because this is where it all started for QANTAS back in 1922," Mr Littleproud said.

"The Charleville Airfield and WWII Museum is going to highlight the importance of aviation in Charleville's history, when Qantas operated as an airmail service between Charleville and Cloncurry as well as that of Trans Australian Airlines, the Flying Doctors, famous aviators and the severe 1990 Charleville flood.

"The \$20,000 will be used to install new floorcovering, lighting, purchase new computers and software, a shade sail and kitchen.

An additional \$9,990 has been secured for The Rooftop Express extravaganza who will perform at the Charleville Show.

"The Rooftop Express will certainly build a positive and exciting atmosphere come show time in Charleville, which I anticipate will lift the spirits of townspeople and farmers alike," Mr Littleproud said.

Funding has been allocated through the Tackling Tough Times Together grants program which goes to community associations, show societies, progress committees and environmental groups to support projects that reduce social isolation.

"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.

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