



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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Getting over the distance hurdle, supporting isolated communities

The Yaraka Sports and Progress Association secured \$13,000 in funding through Maranoa MP David Littleproud to buy a Troopcarrier which will help connect the community with vital services.

“Yaraka is 160 kilometres from the nearest centre and using the Troopcarrier for medical and educational trips by specialists, or specific social purposes, will really value-add to the community,” Mr Littleproud said.

“I’m very happy to secure \$13,000 through the Tackling Tough Times Together funding initiative, which focuses on making sure communities have increased their organisational and volunteer capacity.

“During drought it is very difficult to gather up volunteers and I think it is a very practical decision for the Yaraka Sports and Progress Association to buy this Troopcarrier and make sure that Flying Doctors can get from the airstrip to the clinic every fortnight.”

The funds will also be used for maintenance, registration, insurance, fuel costs and incidentals.

“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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