



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **Maranoa MP announces \$210,000 for Clifton aged care facility**

An interactive outdoor space is just one of the projects Nirvana Hostel, Clifton, will implement thanks to \$210,000 secured through the Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR) Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

“The Coalition Government is committed to making sure our seniors get the best care available and as close to their homes as possible,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Nirvana Hostel will use this funding to upgrade floor coverings, install a new nurse call and security system, paint the premises and create a dementia-friendly outdoor space.

“The idea of the outdoor space is that it is easily accessible, has shade and good seating, may include a chook pen and raised garden beds to grow edible food.

“Our seniors across Maranoa like being outdoors and providing a relaxing and comfortable space that meets this requirement takes some vision and creativity and I am happy to see that happening at Clifton.

“This funding represents an opportunity for aged care residences to provide modern, comfortable facilities and reassures families and friends that our seniors don’t have to travel a long way for better care,” Mr Littleproud said.

“I think it’s a tragedy is when our seniors are forced to move away from family, friends and community - move away from everything they’ve ever known - to a larger town or city to receive care as their needs change.

Clifton is one of many regional, rural and remote regions across Australia that will benefit, with almost 40% of all new residential aged care places allocated to non-metropolitan areas.

About \$5.9 million has been secured by four aged care facilities in the Maranoa electorate through this round of ACAR funding.

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