



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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Maranoa MP secures \$281,180 funding boost for the Balonne region

FUNDING to improve sporting infrastructure and help cement the Balonne region as a go-to tourism destination has been secured under the Coalition Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF), announced today by Maranoa MP David Littleproud.

"Under the BBRF, the St George Golf Club will receive \$226,180 to improve the club's sporting infrastructure and upgrade all 18 fairways to irrigated grass to ensure sport enjoyment during drought," Mr Littleproud said.

"This club is a community hub where locals and visitors enjoy health, fitness and friendship, which is particularly important in bush communities hit-hard by ongoing drought.

"Also under the BBRF, the Balonne Shire Council will receive \$55,000 to help create a strategic tourism plan and vision to increase the number of visitors to the region.

"A recent Tourism Research Australia survey found domestic and international tourism spending has hit a record of \$121 billion dollars. This is great news for the Australian economy, workers and small business so I anticipate this funding will help our region to grab a larger piece of this tourism action.

"Without the Building Better Regions Fund, investment projects – such as these two in the Balonne 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.

"This government is supporting our regions through investing in important local infrastructure, as well as great community-building and planning initiatives under the BBRF and our other priorities such as the Regional Growth Fund and our decentralisation agenda."

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