



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **Apprenticeship subsidies to arm Maranoa youth with skills for the future, MP Littleproud says**

Subsidies for 1600 apprenticeships in regional Australia have been secured with the Coalition Federal Government putting \$60 million into incentives for employers in rural and regional towns, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

“Communities across Maranoa are suffering from skills shortages and the Australian Apprentice Wage Subsidy Trial (AAWST) will certainly bring a lot of opportunities for younger generations to get out there, learn and gain the skills necessary for meaningful employment,” Mr Littleproud said.

“I want to get more people in our communities into the workforce and with this \$60 million boost – on top of \$60 million secured at the start of 2019 for this program – we are going to see new apprentices building up their skills base to become sparkies, plumbers, mechanics, hairdressers and painters.”

The AAWST includes 65 trades.

“Under the program, employers receive subsidies covering 75 per cent of the apprentice’s award wage in the first year, 50 per cent in the second year and 25 per cent in the third year,” Mr Littleproud said.

“These incentives support Maranoa locals to get the skills to reach their potential, helps reduce crime and gives our communities a future.”

For more information, visit:

<https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/publications/australian-apprentice-wage-subsidy>

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