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Subject: **Murray Bridge Records Team wins state recognition for records excellence**

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The Rural City of Murray Bridge Records Management Team has been recognised for its outstanding work in processing more than 480,000 pages of sensitive documents, during the transition of Lerwin Residential Care to Roshana Care Group, taking out the **2026 Bernadette Bean SA Records Management Service Excellence Award**.

This award celebrates individuals and teams demonstrating excellence, innovation and leadership in records and information management.

It is awarded in honour of the late Bernadette Bean's outstanding leadership and other significant contributions to the records, information and archives management industries for over 30 years and is endorsed and supported by the RIMPA Global.

The award provides a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and showcase the best and brightest professionals in the industry and helps shine a light on records and information, archives, knowledge, history, cultural heritage, museum and library collections, management practices and solutions which contribute to local, regional or State memory or culture.

The team was recognised for its work managing the complex transfer of Lerwin's records while protecting sensitive information, meeting legislative requirements and ensuring essential information remained available to support the continued delivery of aged care services.

As part of the project, the team reviewed and prepared hundreds of resident files containing more than **480,000 pages** of sensitive care, clinical and operational information. They also managed hundreds of employee records and more than **430 archive boxes** of historical records spanning more than 40 years.

Despite the significant volume of records involved, the transition was successfully completed alongside the team's usual records management responsibilities across Council's day-to-day operations.

Chief Executive Officer Heather Barclay said the award was a fantastic recognition of the team's professionalism and dedication to ensuring a smooth transition for the Lerwin residents and shone a light on the hard work of an often forgotten (but critically important) function of Council.

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“I’m incredibly proud of our Records Management Team and the work they delivered through what was a highly complex transition,” Ms Barclay says.

“Their work demonstrates the important role records management plays in protecting sensitive community information, preserving our organisational history and supporting the continuity of essential services.

“This award is a well-deserved recognition of the expertise, commitment and professionalism of a team that continues to go above and beyond for our Council.”

The judging panel commended the team for its strong governance, innovation, collaboration and practical problem-solving during a challenging transition involving privacy, legislative compliance and business continuity.

The project also resulted in a comprehensive organisational report capturing the team’s approach, lessons learned and recommendations, creating a valuable resource for future organisational change projects.

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