Renmark Paringa Council

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Renmark Paringa Council Wins the Local Government Professionals SA Excellence in Emergency Management Award

Renmark Paringa Council is proud to announce that they have won the Local Government Professionals SA Excellence in Emergency Management Award for its response to the 2022 River Murray Flood.

The 2022 River Murray Flood 2022 was the second biggest in 152 years, which caused widespread disruption and damage across the region. Not only did Council protect its townships from the flood, but it also proactively shared every step of the response with stakeholders whilst always staying true to the mantra of being calm, confident, and factual.

Council's Emergency Incident Management Team attended the Local Government Professionals SA awards ceremony in Adelaide on Friday 19 May where they were presented with the award, winning against fellow Councils; District Council or Kimba and Adelaide Hills Council.

Renmark Paringa Acting Chief Executive Officer Tim Pfeiffer said 'we are honoured to receive this award and to be recognised for our efforts in managing the impacts of the River Murray Flood 2022. Our Emergency Incident Management Team demonstrated exceptional leadership, communication skills and resilience in responding to the flood.'

'The communications strategy that we developed and implemented during the flood enabled us to connect with the community quickly and effectively to provide them with important information to keep them safe and informed.'

This award highlights the critical role Council's play in emergency management and the importance of investing in effective communication strategies to keep the community informed during an emergency.

For further information on the Local Government Professionals SA Annual Leadership Excellence Awards you can visit their website <u>https://www.lgprofessionalssa.org.au/Excellence-Awards</u>

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