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On Friday, 27 May at the Loddon Powercor Excellence Awards gala event held in Wedderburn, the Alcheringa Group was awarded the prestigious Loddon Powercor Excellence Award for 2011 for its work with the former Pyramid Hill Bush Nursing Hospital. The also received the Excellence Award for Large Business. The Pyramid Hill Aged Care Services Manager, Mr Xavier Bisson, accepted the awards on behalf of the Alcheringa Group and Pyramid Hill Aged Care Services.

This is a remarkable achievement given the perilous state of Pyramid Hill Bush Nursing Hospital when the Alcheringa Group was appointed in July 2010 to administer and manage the ailing facility. The facility faced closure when the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing applied non-compliances and probable sanctions. In addition to this, the facility's residents all had to be evacuated to Swan Hill for six weeks when flooding occurred in the region.

Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Ann Rough said: "These awards recognise the efforts of our senior managers in Swan Hill and at the Coates and Pyramid Hill Aged Care facilities and the significant amount of work done by Michael Goldsworthy from Australian Strategic Services Pty Ltd and Bryan Cooper from the Stonehenge Group. I am very pleased with these awards, they are very special."

The Pyramid Hill facility is now fully compliant with Departmental Standards. The work of the Alcheringa Group in assisting the Coates Aged Care facility in St Arnaud and Pyramid Hill's Aged Care facility has brought significant recognition within the Aged Care Industry and the communities in which it operates.

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