

# There To Care AWARDS

*Celebrating excellence, respect,  
compassion, and community.*



## Melissa

Care Worker  
Whyalla Residential Care Home

*2025 Fourth Quarter Award Recipient*

Congratulations to compassionate Care Worker Melissa for being recognised in the *There to Care Awards*.

Melissa, who has been working in aged care for seven years, says the most rewarding aspect of her role is giving residents purpose, sprinkled with a few laughs along the way.

"I love encouraging residents to try and do something small each day and then celebrate their achievements. It could be anything from a walk in the garden or down the corridor, just seeing their accomplishments is so rewarding," she says.

"I love the banter we share too and making them feel good. Residents laugh with me because I love lightening the mood.

"I really enjoy sharing stories about myself then they'll do the same. They love having that interaction, it gives them a glow, and I learn so much about them too," she says.

Melissa says she was stunned by the news of the award win, one that has cemented her place in the field.

"People were telling me I was nominated, and I didn't believe it. When the managers called me into the staff room to announce the award I was very surprised and shocked," she says.

"Receiving this award has shown that it must be true, that I am a good carer, and I believe it."

Thanks, Melissa, for being there to care.

**There To Care Awards focus on celebrating our values of excellence, respect, compassion and community, helping us to celebrate the amazing work our people do every day.**