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# First eConveyancing transaction for regional SA occurs in Murray Bridge

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Revolutionary: New home owners Jim and Chris Pinnington watch over Marshall Conveyancing Group's Conveyancing Clerk Erin Barnett and Conveyancing Manager Melanie Kempe as they process the settlement online.

Jim and Chris Pinnington's process of owning the land titles to their new property in Mannum was completed a lot faster than ever before thanks to eConveyancing.

Murray Bridge business Marshall Conveyancing Group processed the first eConveyancing transaction ever to occur in regional South Australia on Friday, July 29.

The settlement was processed online through Property Exchange Australia (PEXA) which is an all online registry where many legal documents are processed, rather than physically, at the Lands Titles Office in Adelaide.

This cuts the settlement time from around six weeks to almost instantaneous.

Conveyancing Manager Melanie Kempe said the team at Marshalls had been training for this change for 12 months but the legal framework to process these settlements online only passed through Parliament at the beginning of July.

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"It's fantastic for us being in the country, it closes the gap between us and Adelaide, we're all really excited," she said.

She said this was the first settlement since the legislative change that had met all the requirements to be done through PEXA..

"It's really exciting that the entire settlement has been done locally, with us here at Marshalls and with Mason Westover Homburg in Murray Bridge and, the house was bought in Mannum," Ms Kempe said.

She said not all settlements could be done through PEXA but they would be looking to complete all possible settlements online and had already identified more to help deliver the best service possible to their clients.