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### **Local bookstore recognised for community contribution**

Paper Plus Kaikoura is celebrating after walking away with two awards at last week's national Paper Plus Group Awards, held in Christchurch.

The store was awarded the Community and Values awards for their commitment and contribution to the local community after the damaging impacts of the 2016 earthquake.

Owner Mark Fissenden played an important role building a bridge to help contractors with clearing roads, as well as fundraising in-store.

The store was announced the winner at the annual conference with 350 Paper Plus and Take Note store owners, suppliers and publishers in attendance.

Owner, Mark Fissenden was ecstatic to learn his store had won both awards.

"Our team was just one of many in Kaikoura who got stuck in and tried to help get our community get back on its feet, but it's really special to be recognised by our peers for this," says Mark.

Paper Plus Group CEO Sam Shosanya congratulated Mark and his team.

"Mark and his team personify the Paper Plus Group values and we're absolutely thrilled to present him and his team with not one but two awards this year."

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About Paper Plus:

The Paper Plus Group began 34 years ago and is one of New Zealand's largest stationery and book sellers. The Group incorporates two separate retail brands: Paper Plus, which has more than 100 stores and Take Note with 15 stores; all offering a great range of stationery, books, magazines, cards and gifts to New Zealand consumers. There is a Paper Plus store in most towns from Kaikohe to Invercargill. It is the only New Zealand book and stationery retailer with Fly Buys.