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### **Coastland community home to top bookstore**

Books and stationery retailer Paper Plus Coastlands has scooped two top prizes at the 2015 Paper Plus Group Awards, including the prestigious title of Paper Plus Group Store of the Year. In addition to the Store of the Year award, the store also won the Paper Plus Large Business Award.

Paper Plus Coastlands faced tough competition, beating 130 other stores nationwide. Winners were announced during a ceremony held at the Auckland Museum last night, attended by 350 store owners, suppliers and publishers.

Paper Plus Coastlands owners Rob and Kaye Clarke were honoured to pick up the awards at the exclusive gala dinner.

“We are over the moon to win, not one, but two prestigious awards. Being recognised as the Paper Plus Store of the Year, as well as being awarded the Large Business accolade, is an incredible achievement for our passionate, hard-working team. Continued support from our loyal customers and the Paper Plus family has been an important factor in our ability to continue to provide outstanding customer service,” Kaye said.

Kaye adds, “We are incredibly proud of these awards and what they represent. We also want to say a big thank you to the Coastlands community for their continued support.”

Sam Shosanya, Paper Plus Group CEO, attributed the wins to the store’s ongoing success across all areas of the business and says they are well deserved.

“Receiving the title of Store of the Year comes as the result of a huge amount of hard work by Rob and Kaye Clarke and their team. Paper Plus Coastlands’ continued commitment to a high level of customer service and the community also makes them a deserving winner of the Paper Plus Large Business Award,” Shosanya said.

Also recognized on the night was the Great NZ Cookbook, which won the Paper Plus Group Best Product and Promotion award.

2015 Paper Plus Group Award winners:

- Paper Plus Group Store of the Year – Paper Plus Coastlands
- Paper Plus Large Business Award – Paper Plus Coastlands
- Paper Plus Small / Medium Business award – Paper Plus Glenfield
- Take Note Store of the Year – Take Note Mairangi Bay
- Paper Plus Group Community Award – Paper Plus Mount Maunganui
- Paper Plus Excellence in Customer service Award – Paper Plus Te Awamutu
- Take Note Excellence in Customer service Award – Take Note Leeston
- Paper Plus Group Best Product and Promotion award – The Great NZ Cookbook

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About Paper Plus:

The Paper Plus Group began 32 years ago and is one of New Zealand's largest stationery and book sellers. The Group incorporates three separate retail brands: Paper Plus, which has 105 stores; Take Note with 37 stores; and Office Spot with one store, 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 Kaitia to Invercargill. It is the only New Zealand book and stationery retailer with Fly Buys.