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### **Take Note Te Kuiti named best in the country**

Local books and stationery store, Take Note Te Kuiti has been voted the best in the country. The one-stop-shop has taken out the award for Take Note Store of the Year at the annual Paper Plus Group Awards, as well as being awarded the top prize for overall sales in 2011.

The announcement was made at an exclusive gala dinner held at The Langham Hotel in Auckland last night, where more than 450 store owners, suppliers and publishers celebrated the stores success.

Take Note Te Kuiti was one of three finalists and beat 47 other stores nationwide to claim the title. Names the overall winner due to their superior levels of sales, presentation and compliance, community involvement and support, the award is recognition of a job very well done.

Take Note Te Kuiti owners, Davina and Terry Davey were thrilled with their win. "Receiving this award is a tremendous achievement, and is a real credit to our staff but also to our customers who continue to support us.

"We really do try and go the extra mile for our customers on a daily basis. Our customers really appreciate the work we do and it is wonderful to be recognised for this," says Davina.

As a 100% New Zealand owned and operated books and stationery retailer, Davina and Terry take pride in being an active part of the Te Kuiti community and are proud to support local community initiatives.

"We feel privileged to be part of such a dynamic and supportive community and are pleased to be able to give back to our customers through supporting local events and initiatives throughout the year," says Davina.

Paper Plus Group Chief Executive, Rob Smith, says, “To be named the store of the year is a tremendous achievement and well deserved by Davina and Terry. This year the competition was very tough, all of the stores within the Paper Plus Group maintain an extremely high standard of service so to be recognised as exceeding this standard is a fantastic result. Their dedication and hard work has certainly not gone unnoticed.”

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### **About Paper Plus**

The Paper Plus Group began 28 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 106 stores; Take Note with 48 stores; and Office Spot with two 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 Kaitia to Invercargill. It is the only New Zealand book and stationery retailer with Fly Buys.

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