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## UPPER NORTH ISLAND TOPSHOP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The best shops from across Auckland and the Upper North Island have been named at the Retail NZ Top Shop Awards ceremony in Auckland tonight, with Warehouse Stationery Royal Oak being named the Overall Regional Top Shop.

"The Retail NZ Top Shop awards aim to raise the standards of retailing in New Zealand and celebrate those who have achieved excellence across a broad range of categories, including National Multi/Stores, independent Single-Stores and OmniChannel retailers", Retail NZ Chief Executive Mark Johnston said tonight. "I want to congratulate all the finalists and winners, but offer a special congratulations to Warehouse Stationery Royal Oak, which took the honours against six other finalists in the National/Multi-Store category, and was also awarded the title of Overall Regional Top Shop for the Upper North Island".

The winners were selected based on three rigorous rounds of judging - two in-store assessments and a panel selection. Judges who visited Warehouse Stationery Royal Oak noted the genuine and enthusiastic customer service, well-stocked and tidy presentation of the shop, and the excellent staff knowledge about the products in store.

There was also a People's Choice award for the best Top Shop in the region which this year was awarded to House of Decor Onehunga.

Rebekah Brown from Resene Mt Roskill was named as the Service IQ Retail Professional of the Year in the Upper North Island.

220 shops across Auckland and the Upper North Island entered this year's regional Top Shop Awards.

The team from Warehouse Stationery Royal Oak will compete against other regional winners for the National Supreme Award in Christchurch on 3 September.

## **Auckland and Upper North Island category winners:**

*Fashion & Footwear - sponsored by The Register*

**Winner - Barkers The Yacht Club (Albany)**

Runner Up - Ziera Botany

*Health & Beauty - sponsored by Eftpos NZ*

**Winner - Forme Spa Albany**

Runner Up - East Day Spa Auckland

*Jewellery & Giftware - sponsored by UnionPay*

**Winner - AGATHA Paris Westfield Albany**

Runner Up - AGATHA Paris High St

*Technology & Electronics - sponsored by Rightway*

**Winner - Spark Kerikeri**

Runner Up - Spark Manukau Supa Centre

*Small/Single-Store - sponsored by Retail NZ*

**Winner - Urban Dogs (North Shore)**

Runner Up - HOUSE of DECOR Onehunga

*National/Multi-Store - sponsored by Visa*

**Winner - Warehouse Stationery Royal Oak**

Runner Up - Glengarry Victoria Park

*People's Choice - sponsored by The*

*Food & Beverage - sponsored by Meridian*

**Winner - Glengarry Jervois Road**

Runner Up - Glengarry Victoria Park

*Home & Garden - sponsored by Westpac*

**Winner - The Design Store Sylvia Park**

Runner Up - Wallace Cotton Newmarket

Runner Up - Wallace Cotton Takapuna

*Lifestyle & Sports - sponsored by Spark Business*

**Winner - Shoe Science Albany**

Runner Up - Kiwivelo

*Retail Professional - sponsored by Service IQ*

**Winner - Rebekah Brown, Resene Mt Roskill**

Runner Up - Carvin Knowles, KBB Music

*Single-Store OmniChannel - sponsored by Mastercard*

**Winner - D.VICE, The Toy Shop For Grown Ups (Ponsonby)**

Runner Up - Urban Dogs (North Shore)

*Multi-Store OmniChannel - sponsored by Z Energy*

**Winner - Kilt Ponsonby**

Runner Up - Warehouse Stationery Royal Oak

*Overall Regional Supreme Award -*

*Hits*

**Winner - House of Decor Onehunga**  
Runner Up - Specsavers Newmarket

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