Pagemasters, Australia and New Zealand’s leading provider of newspaper production and subediting services, has claimed a rare hat-trick in New Zealand’s most respected media awards.

At the Canon Media Awards on Friday night, Pagemasters subeditor Nick Sorensen won the Best Headline Award – the third consecutive year a Pagemasters staff member has won the nation’s top headline writing accolade.

Sorensen’s colleague Karen Eyres started the Pagemasters winning streak with the Qantas-sponsored Headline of the Year award in 2010. Jim Curran followed up by winning the Canon award in 2011.

The hat-trick, completed by Sorensen on Friday night, was a fait accompli. The other two finalists in the category, Marion Hazen and Michelle Vollemaere, are also from Pagemasters.

Pagemasters managing director Peter Atkinson said the latest award was further evidence of the high standards being set by the AAP-owned company, which provides subediting services to leading publishers in Australia, New Zealand and Britain.

“Pagemasters, as exemplified by the efforts of our New Zealand team, is increasingly being recognised for setting industry-best standards in both quality and productivity,” Atkinson said.

Sorensen is part of a team of more than 60 subeditors working in Pagemasters’ Auckland production facility, which edits up to 1300 pages a week for APN newspapers across New Zealand, including the New Zealand Herald, Weekend Herald and Herald on Sunday.

The Weekend Herald was named Newspaper of the Year in Friday night’s awards.

Regional newspapers produced by the Pagemasters Auckland operation include the Northern Advocate, Bay of Plenty Times, Rotorua Daily Post, Hawke’s Bay Today, Wanganui Chronicle, Wairarapa Times-Age, Oamaru Mail, Christchurch Star and the Aucklander.

The Bay of Plenty Times and Christchurch Star were named Newspaper of the Year in their respective circulation categories at the Canon awards.

In Australia, Pagemasters subedits the Fairfax-owned Sydney Morning Herald and The Age, and in the UK provides editorial services for the Daily Telegraph and Sunday Telegraph.

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by Jarrod Mokar
South Island correspondent

It is almost two months since the Christchurch earthquake rocked the world, but a Marston father and son have come to terms with it.

After Sheringham Boardman family moved into a temporary house when the February 22 quake hit and risk began to emerge from the Port Hills, the family began to return to their home. The new house was located on the floor next to her favourite chair.

It's waiting there for the massive people to come down. Mrs. McMullan, but this meant. "I haven't slept well, I'm not sure of things not getting done. They're busy fixing the house — there's plenty of work going on there — but there's not much going on in the house."

For the resident friend and the hole in the wall, most of her house content was removed. However the future of her house is uncertain. The damage to the house is evident. The hole in the wall is still there and the roof is still missing. Mrs. McMullan is now trying to make some repairs.

I think they are frightened more about the house and the people that it's pretty subtle, I think."

Although one of the residents of the event, Mrs. McMullan, said, "If I get a new house, I really think it's a nice rock."

She doesn't want to follow in the footsteps of Christchurch man Phil Johnson, who managed to sell a house that crumbled into his home when the quake hit on February 22. There might be a place for the family to remember the stories of a new property. Mrs. McMullan said, "I think the hole in the floor is still there, it's been a lot for us, but it's not filling off the roof — but none of the plans could be put into action yet."

About that upgrade to cattle class . . .

A black rhino is transported by helicopter in South Africa. The rhino, one of a population of 19 established by the WWF Black Rhino Range Expansion project, was released in Limpopo province after an epic trip across the country from the Eastern Cape.