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– incs pics: Otago Daily Times, 17 February 2025; Allied Press print manager Steve Taylor –

Unbeatable broadsheet brings home Newspapers Category for Allied Press

Allied Press has claimed the Pride In Print Awards' Publications Newspapers Category for the Otago Daily Times, 17 February 2025.

Describing the level of complexity in the paper as “unmatched”, Allied Press quality control manager Robert Baxter notes the Otago Daily Times is one of the few remaining newspapers that continues to be printed in the broadsheet format throughout each week.

“As the judges mention, it contains multiple sections and is a production-run paper randomly picked from 25,000 printed copies – with the press running at 35,000 copies an hour with deadline pressures of waiting trucks,” he says.

“The product consists of multiple webs (sheets) and sections which mean multiple units must be engaged simultaneously to print. The printer is required to control parameters across these units which are running at high speed and need to be synchronised with perfection in a single product to achieve this quality.

“The judges' comments are correct and reflect the high level of complexity required to achieve this immaculate quality.”

Furthermore, Mr Baxter notes that by its very nature, the newsprint product is 100% recyclable.

Judges' comments:

This traditional broadsheet, containing multiple sections with high colour, is a production-run paper so there isn't the time allocation to stop the presses and fix things – delivery trucks and delivery people are waiting.

And with these presses running at about 35,000 copies per hour, they have expertly managed a high level of difficulty to achieve vibrant colours in great registration. This is a great paper.

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