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CAPTA LEADS THE WAY WITH INNOVATIVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Leading tourism operator The CaPTA Group has been ranked amongst the leading employers providing training programmes to its employees in the Tropical North region.

The locally owned and operated CaPTA Group was a runner-up in the Minister for Vocational and Further Education's Awards for Excellence for Employers of Australian Apprentices in the North Queensland Region, behind the Cairns City Council.

More than 500 nominations were received statewide for this year's awards, showcasing innovative programmes and outstanding individual achievements in a range of industries.

CaPTA Staff Excellence Manager Susan Benham said the award recognised the innovative and successful training programmes implemented by The CaPTA Group.

"CaPTA is one of the few private companies in Queensland to have successfully implemented a STEP indigenous employment programme, as well as a school-based trainee programme," she said.

"Both of these have opened up diverse career opportunities, from guiding and wildlife keeping to coach driving and retail, so we are very pleased that the State Government has acknowledged our achievements."

The CaPTA Group is locally owned and operated by the Woodward family of Cairns, consisting of Rainforestation Nature Park, Tropic Wings Coach Tours, RnR White Water Rafting, The Rainforest Habitat Wildlife Sanctuary in Port Douglas, Cairns Wildlife Dome, Jungle Tours, and Australian Butterfly Sanctuary.

For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Susan Benham on (07) 4041 9432 or 0413 385 793.

