

MEDIA ALERT

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CaPTA ANNOUNCES WINNER OF TRAINEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Local tourism operator The CaPTA Group has announced the winner of its annual Trainee of Year Award.

17 year old Victoria Hales, a student at St Monica's College, worked across the CaPTA Booking Centre, the Tropic Wings Depot, and Cairns Wildlife Dome, as part of her Certificate III in Tourism traineeship.

Victoria won the award at a ceremony at Blue Sky Brewery last evening to celebrate the first 12 months of operation of the CaPTA Training Centre, attended by current and completed trainees, Tourism and Hospitality Operators, Job Network Agencies, and Local Schools.

CaPTA Chairman Charles Woodward said Victoria had stood out as a reliable and hardworking popular trainee across the CaPTA workplace and the training environment.

"Being a very quick learner and fitting in well with the staff teams, Victoria has worked to a high level with a great positive attitude, and we have seen her grow into an incredibly good sales person and valued team member," he said.

"Congratulations to Victoria and all of our trainees - this award really is testament to how hard she has worked for us, and how much we value and appreciate this."

A partnership with Career Training Institute of Australia (CTIA), The CaPTA Training Centre has raised the standard and set new benchmarks for the Tourism and Hospitality Industry in Cairns and Tropical North Queensland since opening in August 2008.

CTC is now taking applications from senior students interested in a career pathway in Tourism and Hospitality as a school based trainee. Students gain a formal qualification, work in the industry and complete their senior study while in a school based traineeship. Information is available on our website: www.capta.com.au.

The CaPTA Group is locally owned and operated by the Woodward family, consisting of Rainforestation Nature Park, Tropic Wings Coach Tours, RnR White Water Rafting, The Rainforest Habitat, Cairns Wildlife Dome, Jungle Tours, Australian Butterfly Sanctuary and Blue Sky Brewery. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Penny Cleland on (07) 4041 9437.