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CAREERS TRAINING CENTRE ANNOUNCES TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

Leading tourism training organisation, Careers Training Centre (CTC), held the annual Trainee of Year Awards for 2014-15 at Cairns ZOOM & Wildlife Dome on Saturday night.

Rachel Gordon, employee at the Australian Butterfly Sanctuary, was announced as CaPTA Trainee of the Year, and Layla Dodd, trainee at Shangri La Hotel Cairns, was announced as the Careers Training Centre Student of the Year.

Ms Gordon said her training through CTC had given her career a sense of direction, as well as built her confidence.

"This training has set a career path for me now, and given me an opportunity to climb the ladder, as well as rebuild my self-confidence after my ongoing job search depleted it," she said.

CaPTA Staff Development Manager Penny Cleland said the awards were an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the achievements of individuals who had excelled in their traineeship.

"Both Ms Gordon and Ms Dodd have demonstrated the value of training to an individual and the opportunities that training can create for their careers," she said.

"Overall, we are proud to have had such a fantastic group of students and trainees this past year, who have raised the standard and set new benchmarks for their passion and enthusiasm to excel, be it in training or their workplace and be future leaders in Tropical North Queensland's tourism and hospitality industry."

Ms Cleland said the high calibre of trainees demonstrated the ongoing success of CTC's school-based traineeship program in establishing career pathways into Tourism and Hospitality in the region.

"Our focus at CTC is to champion excellence in customer service, and create opportunities for students and the general public to undergo professional training within the tourism industry," she said.

"We have found our programs to have been very successful, with students, businesses and the wider Cairns community reaping the benefits."

This year, over 52 students were eligible for the CTC Awards, all having completed their training in a number of Tourism & Hospitality different qualifications across 17 different employers from Cairns and Tablelands.

The Careers Training Centre operates as a subdivision of the locally owned & operated CaPTA Group, and offers nationally recognised courses in tourism including Captive Animals, Hospitality and Travel.

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