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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### CaPTA Excellence Awards Winner Announced



Local tourism operator The CaPTA Group has recognised the outstanding efforts of its employees with the announcement of the winners at their annual CaPTA Excellence Awards Night.

Sharni Thomas from Wildlife Habitat Port Douglas was chosen as the overall winner out of six grand finalists from over 300 employees across 9 companies.

Having worked as a Wildlife Carer for 9 years and at Wildlife Habitat for 5 years, Sharni has a passion for all wildlife, but in particular crocodiles, after completing a crocodile catching course.

Sharni won a substantial cash prize at the special dinner at the Pullman Cairns International on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, attended by over 160 people.

All six grand finalists received a night's accommodation at the Pullman Cairns International after the event, as well as various other prizes.



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CaPTA Group Managing Director Peter Woodward said Sharni was a very deserving winner, and had been a finalist in the past.

“Sharni is a much valued team member at Wildlife Habitat - she is passionate about animals, and caring towards all her fellow team members,” he said.

“All 6 finalists were well-deserving and it was a difficult process choosing a winner. We’re so proud of the entire team at The CaPTA Group, but Sharni really embodies the CaPTA culture, so everyone was happy with the result.”

The much-anticipated evening celebrates the incredible culture that earned The CaPTA Group a spot as a finalist in the “Large Employer of the Year” category at the Queensland Training Awards.

CaPTA Group Director of Sales & Marketing Ben Woodward said it’s an opportunity for the whole team to get together and celebrate all the hard work they have put in during the year.

“One of the best parts of the night is a competition where each company puts together a parody video – this year the theme was music videos, and Rainforestation was voted the best entry with “Shake Your Tailfeather”. It’s become quite a production and it is always a bit of fun!” he said.

For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Amanda Perry on (07) 4041 9417 or 0437 724 529.

