

# SOUTHPORT SHARKS

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### Sharks Employee of the Year Award

The Southport Sharks Staff Christmas party was held on Monday 20th December. The fun filled "F" themed party was a great night for staff to get together and celebrate a successful year in 2010. Numerous staff received individual accolades for their dedication and stand out performances.

Staff members who shone in their specific departments were recognised for their outstanding work and presented with Silver Shark Awards. From this group of valued employees, an overall winner was named the 2010 Southport Sharks Employee of the Year, and presented with the Golden Shark Award.

Deserving employee Shane Pankhurst from Catering-Kitchens was named the overall winner. Other departmental awards went to Brett Westbury for Gaming/Keno/Coffee Service, Ashley Colton won the Cellar/Stores/Maintenance/Grounds department award, Alan Pritchard took out the award for Front Desk/Valet/Fins/Wobbygongs, Trent Maloney was a deserving winner from the Beverage department, Erin Flessati from the Function Centre, Valda Saul from Catering-Restaurants, Reg Elkerton was the Finance/Marketing/Promos/Administration winner and Angie Steele took out the Fitness Centre award.

All finalists met with a panel of judges including Sharks CEO Dean Bowtell and Executive Manager Chris Jones before the winner was named. Shane Pankhurst has worked tirelessly as the Steward Supervisor in the kitchen at the Southport Sharks for almost 4 years. Shane's wonderful prize includes a \$2000 travel voucher which can be put towards a holiday anywhere in the world. Shane said he would love to give his family a great holiday right here on the Gold Coast and do all the tourist things.

This is the second travel package Southport Sharks staff members have had the chance to win this year. Functions Centre supervisor Susan Parnaby recently visited the USA after winning the 2010 Bursary Award, travelling to the New York and Las Vegas for 10 days.

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