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On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November the Mid North Coast junior lifesaving held its second branch carnival at Hat Head.

The carnival had competitors from the age of 7 to people in there 30s. from clubs all along the mid north coast, (Macksville Scotts Head, South West Rocks, Hat Head, Kempsey Crescent Head Port Macquarie, Tacking Point, Wauchope Bonny Hills and Camden Haven.)

The carnival was a huge success with around 400 competitors on the beach for the day's events.

The day started with the traditional March past at 8.30 am and it was very difficult this year to separate the winners for this event and the results are as follows.

### **MARCH PAST EVENT**

Equal 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tacking Point & Port Macquarie  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Wauchope Bonny Hills  
Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Hat Head & Kempsey Crescent Head.

Just after the march past we were very proud to announce our junior lifesavers of the year to represent the Mid North Coast.

This award is one of the ways our Branch recognises our U14 member's achievements with in Surf lifesaving and the contributions they have made to the community.

The criteria for selection is based on the applicants achievements in the following,

- Contribution to Surf Lifesaving
- Demonstration of leadership roles in Club activities
- Contribution made to the club
- Awards received in Surf Lifesaving and the community
- Involvement in community events outside of Surf Lifesaving
- Awareness of Club events and current affairs
- Initiative applied to Club and community activities
- Promotion of Surf Lifesaving to the community
- Attendance record at club activities
- Encouragement of new members
- Demonstration of Surf Lifesaving knowledge and skills

Our contenders for this year were,

Anthony Thompson – Rachel Perkinson from Macksville – Scotts Head

Joe Compton – Caitlin Prior from Tacking Point

Sam Filetti – Amber Carew from Port Macquarie

Mitch Holterman – Laura Rixon from Wauchope - Bonny Hills

Our winners are;

**Amber Carew and Sam Filetti from Port Macquarie**

They will go to a youth leadership camp in February at Somersby where they will compete against 10 other branches for the state title of Junior Lifesaver of the year for N.S.W.

The Mid North Coast Branch wish Amber and Sam all the very best in representing our branch.

One of the highlight of the carnival was the Ski events, a lot of our juniors don't normally get to see these water craft in action and it proved to be very popular for them to watch.

A lot of the kids commented on how "they would like to be able to have a go on those when they get older".

**OUR OFFICIAL CARNIVAL RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS;**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Tacking Point
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Port Macquarie
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Wauchope Bonny Hills.

The day was run extremely well with a great influx of 33 new officials who finished there training at the Newcastle Permanent Officials course held on Saturday 22nd at Hat Head surf club.

The Mid North Coast Surf Lifesaving Branch would like to thank Newcastle Permanent for there involvement and sponsorship for this season, with out this type of support our carnivals and courses would not be possible to run for our members.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the running and organising of the carnival from water safety, officials, parent helpers, all our sponsors and the Hat Head Surf Lifesaving club for a fantastic effort and a great weekend.

Regards

Peter Lambert

Mid North Coast Junior Chairman.