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MID-NORTH COAST CLUBS TAKE OUT TOP PRIZE AT AWARDS NIGHT

Macksville Ex-Services Club has won the Disability, Welfare & Social Inclusion Award at the prestigious 2016 Clubs & Community Awards.

Macksville Ex-Services Club was recognised for their efforts to promote disability and social inclusion in the community.

With the assistance of local disability service provider CHESS Employment, the Club has been instrumental in changing the life of Johnathon Wynter.

Jonathon's evolution from a shy young man to a crucial team player has been well-received by members and the local community who have seen his confidence grow.

There was fierce competition in the Disability, Welfare & Social Inclusion category this year, with the judges awarding a tie in the category for the first time.

Macksville Ex-Services Club has shared the Disability, Welfare & Social Inclusion Award with The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club in Sydney's Northern Beaches, who were awarded for their work to inspire people living with a disability through a sailing program.

In a coup for the Mid-North Coast region, a Highly Commended Award was also awarded to **C.ex Group** in the Emergency Services Category for their crucial partnership with the Northern Region Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service.

The service provides emergency medical and rescue services to the Northern NSW community, 24 hours a day and free of charge.

ClubsNSW CEO Anthony Ball congratulated both Macksville Ex-Services Club and C.ex Group for their wins at the Clubs & Community Awards.

"Congratulations to Macksville Ex-Services Club and C.ex Group for their commitment to making a difference in the lives of people in NSW's Mid-North Coast," he said.

"The encouragement and support that Macksville Ex-Services Club has given to promoting disability inclusion in the community is inspiring, and we are proud of the way in which they have dedicated both their time and resources to the cause.

"C.ex Group is another local example of how rewarding it is when clubs work together with their members and local community groups to achieve better outcomes for the next generation."

Interviews with clubs representatives and/or photos from the Awards Night are available on request.

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