THE Noosa Gift has again proven to be one of the best local events for the state’s young track stars to showcase their talent.

This year’s carnival attracted more than 200 junior and senior athletes, competing in track and field events as well as professional sprint races at the Girraween Sports Complex in Sunshine Beach.

There to open the event were president of Little Athletics Queensland Tony Northey and Bruce Duncan, president of the Queensland Athletic League.

The total prize purse for the carnival this year was over $11,000 — a definite drawcard for some of our best local talent.

Noosa athlete Callum Deering (105m) won the afternoon’s first event, the Stratogen Noosaville 90km-invitation race for boys in a time of 2min 35sec, holding off fellow Noosa athlete Buddy Wode (130m) and Glasshouse athlete Luca Ferrousat (scratch).

In the girls’ 900m final, Glasshouse athlete Chelsea Negus (60m) reclaimed her 2014 title, holding off Arana athlete Tayden Tomich (50m) and Noosa’s Kaya Hices (125m), in a time of 2min 51sec.

University athlete Joel Peters defended his 3014 U12 boys’ Sportspower Noosaville 110m title in a time of 14.96 seconds, ahead of fellow University athlete Thomas Hayman (15.33) and Noosa’s Joseph Wikaira (15.55).

In the girls’ final, Arana’s Tayden Tomich claimed first place in a time of 16.04 seconds, ahead of Deception Bay athlete Ella Booker (16.24) and Noosa’s Viktoria Fardon (16.92).

The Noosa Little Athletics U17 70m sprint finals saw Noosa athlete Tom Siemon taking out the boys’ final in a time of 8.11 seconds, followed by Toby Horne (8.13) and Riley Radford (8.16).

The girls’ 70m final was all Noosa affair, with Stephanie Welsh taking out first place in a time of 9.10 seconds, followed by Courtney Steele (9.17) and Samantha Stanley (9.23).

Noosa race-walker Clancy Smith (scratch) overtook younger sister Kiandra Smith (175m) and fell fellow Noosa athlete Genevieve Crow (155m) to claim first place in the Noosa Trophy Centre and Engraving Little A’s 1100m-invitation Race Walkers final in a time of 4min 36sec.

The Little A’s Murray Surveyors 300m Gallop, looked like a stampeed to the finish line, and was all Noosa affair with Callum Deering (16.04) leading the pack in first place, followed by Jahal Adamovskis (16.24) in second and Tom Siemon (16.92) in third.

This year’s bragging rights for first place in the R&W Noosa Gift Primary Schools Relay — One Mile Challenge Girls’ race went to Genesis Christian College (Brisbane), followed by teams from Good Shepherd Lutheran in second and third place.

Good Shepherd Lutheran then went on to claim first place in the boys’ race, with Sunshine State Primary School coming in second.