



# MicroGroms Newsletter

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## Welcome page

Comp 8 was sponsored by **Billabong** (thanks to Sam Sutton) and **BigSurf Australia** (Tom and Anna).

These guys provided some great prizes and vouchers for the Comp and I've heard have also donated some pretty cool end of year prizes, in particular for the C grade groms! – Sorry, you'll have to wait till presentation night to find out!

A grade met at Parsons Beach with B grade and C grade heading to Middleton. The A grade started the day with a bit of a beach clean up as recent storms had left a lot of rubbish on the beach. The groms collected 2 bags full of rubbish. Fantastic work gang.

### Next comp

#### **Sponsored by Quiksilver / Roxy**

thanks to Scott Stevenson from **Avalanche Industries**. This will be microgroms second Yorkes comp this year and if it's anything like the first one it's going to be MASSIVE! As usual all grades will meet at the Jetty Car Park at Marion Bay at 8am. Presentations will be held at the Corny Point Caravan Park (thanks to the Tooze family) where we will enjoy a BBQ and Draw the Raffle. It will be BYO BBQ meat and drinks and please bring a salad to share. Also remember you plates and Cutlery.

### Registration on Comp day

We would like to remind all contestants of the critical nature of putting your name on the list by 8.15am. It is the groms responsibility to put their name down, not the contest director to chase them up. Most groms have been great with this the last few comps – thanks gang!



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## *Welcome page continued*

### Change of comp date

The comp in November will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November instead of 13<sup>th</sup> due to the Ripcurl Grom Search.

### End of year Presso's and AGM

This date has been set for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December from previously advised 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The Old Noarlunga hall has been booked for the event from 1 – 5pm. It will be BYO for nibbles and drinks. We will be running a raffle and there will be some silent auction items as well.

### Microgroms Major Raffle

Most families have been given one book of raffle tickets (\$50 per book) to sell them to their friends and family. If you have sold them, please bring the money to the next comp with the ticket stubs. Thankyou to those who have sold their tickets and returned the books. The raffle will be drawn Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at Yorkes Comp Presentation Night so its really important to bring them to the next comp.



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## 2016 Calendar

Event	Date	Meeting point
Come 'n' Try	7 <sup>th</sup> March (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #1	21 <sup>st</sup> February (February)	Middleton
Comp #2	17 <sup>th</sup> April (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #3	1 <sup>st</sup> May (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #4	28 <sup>th</sup> May (Saturday)	Yorkes (Jetty Car Park)
Comp #5	26 <sup>th</sup> June (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #6	24 <sup>th</sup> July (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #7	21 <sup>st</sup> August (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #8	25 <sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #9	15 <sup>th</sup> October (Saturday)	Yorkes (Jetty Car Park)
Comp #10	20 <sup>th</sup> November (Sunday)	Middleton
Presentations	11 <sup>th</sup> December (Sunday)	Old Noarlunga Hall

Event	Date	Meeting Point
Berry Bay Surf Jam	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Yorkes
Rip Curl Grom Search	12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Yorkes
Wahu	26 <sup>th</sup> November	Middleton
Junior National Titles	26 <sup>th</sup> November	Phillip Island

\* Some of these dates may be Subject to Change \*

\*\* Please go to <http://www.surfingaustralia.com/sa/events.php> for details \*\*



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## *A Grade Comp 8 report*

### **Microgroms A Grade Competition Report Sponsored by Billabong and BigSurf Australia**

Date: 25th September 2016. Surf Location: Parsons Beach.

Weather Conditions: 16 degrees, partly cloudy, W wind direction, 10kts.

Swell size: Rippy, solid 2-4ft with some bigger sets.

A big thank you to all of the groms and parents that attended the Comp today. Everyone should give themselves a pat on the back for helping out with the beach clean up, following the recent storms. We gathered two bags of plastic rubbish and warmed up at the same time! Thank you also A Graders and parents today for helping carry equipment onto and off the beach and for all of your help with judging. Special thanks to Craig from Surfing SA for donating the services Matty Anlezark, and Matty you did an amazing job as A Grade Head Judge today. Finally our thanks to Competition sponsors Sam Sutton and Billabong and Tom and Anna from BigSurf Australia at Middleton. Your support is greatly appreciated by the groms and the Club!

#### **A1 Boys**

The conditions were tough today, but really suited our A1 Boys. Some even commented it was the strongest rip they had experienced. We started off with two strong heats with 8 A1 boys competing today. 4 progressed straight through to semi finals and 4 went to requals. The boys really showed that conditions suited them today with some amazing displays of surfing in solid, bowly waves. Alex is gaining fitness and confidence after being injured this year, and it is always a pleasure to have him compete. It was great to see him surfing today and putting in a big effort. Mallee continues to improve all the time and as the youngest A1 boy today, showed confidence in the conditions. It was a tough battle in the semi finals with Caspian being the stand out surfer, scoring a 7.5 and 7 with outstanding speed, control and flow. He showed skill and confidence in tackling the conditions, also fighting his way back from injury. Many saying this was the heat of the day. Tyson and Marcus were unfortunate not to progress through to the final with scoring being very tight between all of the boys, both showing some outstanding skills. What a great final, it had been so exciting to see these boys battle it out all day. By the time it got to the final, conditions had changed slightly, due to the tide, wave height and wind. Brad stuck to his game plan and paddled out the back, and waited for the huge bombs that came in from the right, a strategy that had worked for him all day. Jake battled and caught any decent wave that was coming through, but was unfortunate with a few close outs.





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## *A Grade Comp 8 report cont*

He is certainly proving to be an exciting up and coming young surfer. Levi was the dominant surfer in the final, displaying some powerful moves on critical parts of the wave. He is proving to be a force to be reckoned with in the A1boys. Keep up the great work boys.

1st Levi. 2nd Jake. 3rd Brad. 4th Caspian.

### **A1Girls**

The conditions proved tough for the girls today and they all agreed to run a straight final later in the day, hoping for cleaner conditions. Unfortunately the surf gods did not shine for them and they experienced a giant washing machine of rips and waves. They also coped well with some extremely heavy close outs. Sometimes Microgroms isn't always about who wins, but is often about gaining confidence and pushing yourself with friends that you feel comfortable with, and that is certainly true of the girls today. Yasmin showed her experience taking out the win with a convincing 8pt ride. Imi and Madi both caught waves in extremely challenging conditions. Well done girls, your hard work will pay off.

1st Yasmin. 2nd Imi. 3rd Madi.

### **A2 Grade**

We had 6 A2 boys at the Comp today, all keen to get out there. They did 2 heats with winners going straight through to the final. The remaining 4 doing a requalifying heat with the top 2 advancing. Jack took out our A Grade Contest Directors prize today for challenging himself and going back out to surf in solid conditions. Jasper caught the wave of his life, proving that his confidence and experience is growing with every surf. We had a very tight final today with our A2 boys, with all four boys grabbing two great scoring waves. It was great to see Clayton in the final today, taking some huge drops and looking very comfortable in the conditions. Ruka continues to impress with his speed, flow and connecting manoeuvres. Again, there was less than a point between first and second today. Noah has been working hard and is proving to be an exciting talent. Harry took the win today, surfing consistently with style all day. A strong 7pt ride sealed the win for him today. Great surfing today boys, our A Grade is looking strong.

1st. Harry. 2nd Noah. 3rd Ruka. 4th Clayton.

A Grade Contest Directors Prize – Jack

A Grade Open groms and grown ups team event winners Levi and Matt. ( Thanks for taking part Caspian and Reuben, and Noah and Brad). Thanks for a great day and see you all at Yorkes!



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## *B Grade Comp 8 report*

**Comp 8=2016 B grade report**  
**Sunday 25th Sept 2016**

Todays comp was held at Day street. Winds began light south westerly and strengthened to moderate during the morning before swinging direct southerly for the semis and final. The swell was around the 2-3 foot mark which built a little by the final.

Id just like to mention that I was up at 5:30 checking the surf at day street. So please thank me for my early hard work. (The fact that I was coming home from a night out may have had something to do with it. Plz don't make any links there). Checking the surf again at 7:30 definitely showed Day Street as a good option for the day as MalAdjusted were at the point.

We had 8 contestants show up and despite cool water temps enjoyed a sunny day. I began the morning by making them all go for a run n warmup exercises. It helped wake me up too. The first heat were the Guinea pigs learning that sweep can take you right down the beach at this spot. They made concerted efforts in requalies and semi's to remain in front by paddling out well to the west. Highlights of the first round were Max falling late on a sick drop into a right hander on the inside bank straight in front. Could have been a super wave. There were a few ok average/good rides by surfers in these heats. Max and Judd unfortunately were knocked out in the requal by Jai and Ryan, but undeterred they went out and free surfed during the first semi. Great show boys. Tai, Jai, Poppy and Chaska were the 1 n 2 place getters in the semi's and were to progress through to the Final. Unfortunately, Jai was not feeling up to it as she had been sick leading up to the comp and so she withdrew from the final. On Countback Finlay moved up in to the final over Ryan. The final began and saw Strong paddling from Tai and Finlay get them out the back. Poppy Finlay and Chaska surfed the heat scoring in the 2s n 3s with a low 4 from Poppy. The heat however belonged to Tai who ripped into 6 waves scoring 6s, 7s, 8s and a couple 9s for his rides. Local hot rat and one time Micro grom Max Longhurst was out mixing it in the high quality lefts pulsing through which the straight southerly helped. He commented that the little guy in red was surfing really well...That was you Tai. PS. Groms, did you notice how Max warmed up b4 surfing. We thank **Billabong and Big Surf Australia** for their generous support of this club with awesome prizes. I wish to thank all parents again for judging and timekeeping. You complete the team effort and make the comp days so much more fun for me too. hope the club secretary doesn't faint due to this report being submitted on the same day as the comp was run. Maybe I'll follow the same pre comp preparation formula for the next comp.

Thanks

N. PS results were

Tye 1<sup>st</sup>, Finlay 2<sup>nd</sup>, Poppy 3<sup>rd</sup> Chaska 4th.



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## *C Grade Comp 8 report*

MicroGroms C-Grade: Competition 8

Sponsored by

**SAM SUTTON, BILLABONG & BIG SURF** (Middleton)

Date: 25th September 2016

Surf Location: Big bay, Middleton Point

Weather conditions: Sunny, 16 degrees, wind 10-15 knots cross shore westerly

Swell size: waist high (Grom)

Number of competitors: 10

### **Competition report**

The weather conditions were pretty good. The wind averaged 12 knots all morning but wasn't a problem for the groms due to the point providing some protection from the westerly wind. The waves were mainly white water with the occasional green water peelers.

Andy Deveron was our special guest; he came to the comp to provide some expert coaching for the groms. Andy is an accredited local surf coach and has generously given his time to assist our groms to develop their surfing skills and abilities.

We ran 2 rounds with 2 heats per round all the groms would surf 2 heats each. The surfer with the highest combined heat scores wins.

The groms hit the water keen to get some salt water running through their fingers. As per normal we saw the groms perform great turns in the first round. However, we still had groms doing the wiggle-twisting and turning their upper body without actually turning their boards in a defined and controlled turn.

To help the groms remove the wiggle Andy gave some great coaching tips. The groms were asked to start a manoeuvre then complete it before flowing into the next turn. Round 2, the groms went out and we saw some of the groms execute great controlled turns. As a result, they outscored their first round heats.

In the first part of the year judges focused on the groms turning (corrections) and length of ride. Now we are link the length of ride with controlled turns all the way down the full length of the wave. Hence, the scoring potential of the wave is maxed out by the surfer and spectators are treated to fantastic display of exhibition junior surfing.



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## *C Grade Comp 8 report cont*

Harry was our stand out surfer today. His surfing is fluid and deliberate. He is starting to develop a repertoire of maneuvers which he can instinctively draw on to extend his scoring potential. He is starting to push for speed and power to accentuate his turns and lift the turns scoring potential.

The comp directors prize went to Madison for perseverance. Maddison is such a determined surfer she likes to push herself hard. Maddison is one of the few surfers who likes to paddle out the back for the bigger waves. White water conditions make it tough for the groms to paddle out the back. However, Maddison has the will and stamina to do it. Great to see such determination to achieve personal goals.

We had a great comp today. Thanks to Andy and the parents for pitching in and helping the groms to develop to their full potential.

A huge thank you to sponsors **SAM SUTTON, BILLABONG, & BIG SURF** (Middleton) for supporting grass roots junior surfing in SA.

Results:

1st Harry	2nd Maia	3rd Sammy	4th Tommy
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Cheers,  
Tim Taite  
C Grade Competition Director

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## Competition Information

Please remember that the Club does not run Competitions based on age. They are run on individual ability and confidence. As such, Members can compete in any division they choose to and whilst members have the opportunity to participate in any Club Competition, no one is compelled to surf if they feel that the conditions are unsuitable.

Please make sure that your child is financial before they compete in their second comp.

A reminder to all parents or guardians, it is your responsibility for your child's safety and you must attend all contests that their child enters. If you cannot attend a particular event, at which you allow your child to compete, you must organise transport and supervision for your children and do so at your own risk.

If you are not going to be there on time, please let a committee member know so you can get your name put down on the Entry List. It is each member's responsibility to put their name down by 8:15am so that the Contest Director can have the heats drawn ASAP. If your name is not down, you may not be able to surf. Parents of young children, please help them with this process.

All members & parents are reminded not to surf in the contest area as points may be deducted at the next Comp. Competitors please leave the competition zone after their heat has finished.

Parents are asked to help with judging when their children are not involved. When your child is competing parents are reminded to stand 10m away from the judging area as we encourage all heats to be judged fairly & without any influence.



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## *Other Information*

### Surfing SA

We would like to highly recommend becoming a member of Surfing SA, if you aren't already, as it will give you the personal insurance you need whilst you are surfing.

This year MicroGroms can offer a discounted rate to join Surfing SA. The Membership fee will be \$30.00 representing a saving of \$25.00 against the normal fee of \$55.00

Please remember that MicroGroms does **NOT** cover you for personal injury, the Club provides Third Party Insurance only.

Please contact Craig from Surfing SA on 08 8384 1126 or [craig@surfingsouthaustralia.com.au](mailto:craig@surfingsouthaustralia.com.au) to check if you are a current member of Surfing SA and for membership cards.

Please also visit <http://www.surfingaustralia.com/sa/> for details of State Titles, forthcoming Coaching & Development Squads and details of any other planned Events.



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