



MicroGroms 2015

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Welcome page

To: All Our Members, Parents and Sponsors

Welcome back to a new Microgroms season for 2015. It was great to see so many old and new members down at the beach for the first competition at Middleton.

A big thank you to Sharon for processing all the new memberships.

Also thanks to Matt Baillie who has agreed to be A Grade Head judge for this year.

Our comp directors for all divisions did a great job and wrote fantastic reports.

The committee have lots of new ideas for this season, which we will let you know about as soon as they're finalised. The Microgroms calendar is included in the newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact a member of the committee.

Here's to a fantastic year

Next Competition

Sunday 29th March

A1 & A2 Grade – South coast – await text for exact location

B Grade & C Grade meet at Middleton point carpark 8am

Best location selected on the day

Judging course

If anyone is interested in attending a surf judging course, to further your skills in surfing and judging, please contact our secretary Matt on 0459 025200 for more details.



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Important Information

Please read the details in 'other information' about the Surfing SA membership. All paid up members of Microgroms receive a reduced price of \$30, your grom will then be fully insured anytime they are surfing, whether they are in a competition or free surfing. This includes all medical and ambulance costs if they are unfortunately injured. Contact Craig at Surfing SA on **08 8384 1126** or craig@surfingsouthaustralia.com.au or log onto www.surfingaustralia.com/sa for more details.



Please note to make it fair to all children in C Grade, parents are no longer able to caddy their own child. Designated caddies will be available on the day. Due to new rules and regulations, caddies need a full police check. Further details on this matter will be available at the next comp



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2015 Revised Calendar

Event	Date	Meeting Point
Comp #1	1 March (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #2	29 March (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #3	26 April (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #4	30 May (Saturday)	Yorkes (Jetty Car Park)
Comp #5	28 June (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #6	26 July (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #7	16 August (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #8	13 September (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #9	24 October (Saturday)	Yorkes (Jetty Car Park)
Comp #10	08 November (Sunday)	Middleton
Presentation Night	TBC	RSL Christies Beach

** To be confirmed **

Other Events * / **

Event	Date	Meeting Point
Junior State titles	18 or 19 April, 23 or 24 May & 20 or 21 June (Saturday or Sunday)	Middleton
Hurley Winter Classic	18 July	Middleton
Rip Curl Grom Search	TBC	Yorkes

** 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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Comps# 1: A-Grade

Sunday 1st March - Middleton Bay

Howdy All, A grade comp report below:

Here we go again eh - Microgroms back in the water for another year of surfing! What a great turnout to Middleton for the registration and first competition. There was no doubt the old "A2" division was back and back with force, as 16 new A2 surfers paddled out to challenge themselves and get through as far as they could in the competition. The familiar faces of last years "A" division made up the majority of the new "A1" division this year, as 10 competitors signed up to battle for the top spot of the Microgroms competitions.

Although not the best day on the coast, Middleton Bay still produced plenty of opportunities for the surfers to show their stuff. All the surfers seemed to enjoy themselves, as there was plenty of smiley faces. Both the A1 and A2 divisions had very competitive surfing, with plenty of close scores, but at the end of the day there were only 4 who could make it to each final. Well done to all though, as it was pretty tough conditions.

The A2 final was close, and it was great to see the girls shredding with the boys, with a new club member, Jake, just taking it over Ruka by less than 1 point
A2 Division Placings

1st Jake Tomlinson, 2nd Ruka Taite, 3rd Amy Gore, 4th Yasmine Hardy

A1 division saw some familiar faces in the final, with Caspian ripping all day taking out first place over Ky and new comer to the A grade, Levi, putting in a solid performance to make the final and place third

A1 Division Placings

1st Caspian Zallups, 2nd Ky Swan, 3rd Levi Baillie, 4th Nathan Dennis

Congratulations to all the finalists!

Thanks so much to everyone for helping to make the event an enjoyable day for all, especially all the parent volunteers who gave up lots of their time to help judge the heats!

Cheers,

A grade comp director
Ian "Chommo" Thompson



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Comps# 1: B-Grade

Sunday 1st March - Middleton Point

Microgroms 2015 season is finally here after a long summer break. Great to see so many groms turn up for registration.

It was a pity that the surfing conditions were pretty poor for the first comp of the year, but considering the onshore winds, there was actually some great rideable waves coming through at the point. Twelve (6 boys and 6 girls) enthusiastic groms turned up to start the season in the B grade, and couldn't wait to see the first heats drawn up and get going.

With great first heats from Nikki, Kira and Bella it was clear that these girls are going to be a force to be reckoned with this year. Alex showed us how much he has improved over the summer and with Tai and Imi 's first surf in B grade, all were straight through to the semi's. All surfers were carrying out some great bottom turns and even getting another manoeuvre in before the waves closed out. Cameron had a great re-qualifying round with 1 great wave and Shay performed some great trimming along the wave, both getting through to the next round. Although Zoe and Noah never progressed any further they both gave 100% with their paddling and they never gave up trying to battle through the white water to get out the back. Isaac and Olivia were very unlucky as the waves never seemed to find them in this comp, better luck next comp. Alex, Nicki, Shay and Tai made it through to the final and with the surf getting worse it was hard to find a high scoring wave, so with all scores pretty close and only 0.5 between first and second place, Nikki managed to take the first comp. Well done.

Thanks to Tim for taking the responsibility of head judge and thanks to all the other parents that helped with the judging, its great see all parents getting involved with the running of the competition.
See you all at the next meet. Keep on surfing.

Results –

- 1st – Nikki
- 2nd – Alex
- 3rd – Shay
- 4th – Tai

Andy (B Grade Contest Director)



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Comps# 1: C-Grade

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It was great to see new groms signing up on the day and it was fantastic to see faces from last year.

The comp was held at the lower car park at the point to keep all the grades in the same vicinity. With 11 groms on the day we were able to hold three heats with two rounds, which gave the kids a great chance to show their stuff.

Against challenging conditions they fought through for some great results. I noticed some significant development from last year's groms which is great and there was lots of smiles which I also like to see.

With less than 1 point between the top three, the results were as follows

1st Indianna
2nd Lucas
3rd Lane

The standout effort award went to Maia for her long rides, big smile and can do attitude.

Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day, the kids had so much fun with your assistance.

Your C Grade comp director

Clayton



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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 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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