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# Welcome page

### **Position Vacant**

We are looking for a new C grade director, because Clayton our current C grade director is fulfilling another role on the Microgroms committee. If anyone would be willing to step up for the rest of the year, please contact a member of the committee or speak to Clayton at the next comp.

#### **National Parks**

To fulfill our obligation for National and Marine park license, we are to be mindful of the environment we're in. This includes remaining in designated walking areas, staying clear of sand dunes and picking up our rubbish. We thank you in advance for adhering to this.

#### T-SHIRT ORDERS ARE NOW DUE

Reminder all microgroms members are able to order a FREE t-shirt. Orders will close after this weekend's competition. Order forms are attached (if you misplaced the last one sent) and can be emailed through or handed to comp directors at this weekend's competition. T-shirts are also available for sale (\$25) for non-members and can also be ordered on this form. Payment for non-members will be required with order.

#### Raffle

Thanks to everyone that bought a raffle ticket at the last comp. 100% of the sales goes to Microgroms as prizes are donated. The raffle was drawn at the last meeting and the results are as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Rob G – Tailpad and block of wax 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam F – Surfboard legrope 3<sup>rd</sup> Sharon T – 2 blocks of wax

Tickets will be available at all grades at the next comp

#### **Presentation night**

End of year Presso has been booked at the Christie's Beach RSL for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, arrive at 6pm for 6.30pm AGM and presentations. Please BYO plates of food to share.

Drinks available at the bar.

#### **Next Competition**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July Check Facebook page for exact location



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# **Important Information**

### Mid season rankings are as follows -

### **A1**

1. Caspian

2. Alex P

3. Levi 4. Corey

5. Nathan

6. Bradley

7. Jack

8. Charlie

9. Declan

10. Ky

### **A2**

1. Jake

2. Ruka

3. Tyson

4. Mallee

5. Yasmine

6. Harry

7. Kyle

8. Am

9. Marcus

10. Dimity

11. Alex N

12. Josh

13. Tommy

14. Peter

15. Billy

16. Pat

17. Alex H

18. Angus

19. Zac

20. Brandon

21. Jarad

22. Matt

23. Joel

### **B** Grade Boys

1. Isaac

2. Shay

3. Tai

4. Cameron

5. Alex A

6. Noah

7. Mitch

8. Felix

9. Hammish 10. Lane

11. Peter

#### **B** Grade Girls

1. Olivia

2. Kira

3. Imi

4. Bella

5. Zoe

6. Nikki

7. Alice

#### C Grade

1. Indi

2. Sunset

3. Thalia

4. Maia

5. Lola

6. Lane

7. Angus

8. Amber

9. Marley

10. Lucas

11. Ella

12. Stella

13. Phoebe

14. Peter



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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	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	RSL Christies Beach

\* To be confirmed \*

## Other Events \* / \*\*

Event	Date	Meeting Point
Junior State titles Round 2	23 & 24 May	Middleton
Hurley Winter Classic	18 July	Middleton
Berry Bay Surf Jam	31 October & 1 November	Yorkes
Rip Curl Grom Search	14 & 15 November	Yorkes

<sup>\*</sup> Some of these dates may be Subject to Change \*

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



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# Comps# 5: A-Grade

A breathless morning with barely a hint of breeze proved to be a perfect setting for comp No.5 at Victor Harbour down the Dump, As we made our claim and hoisted the Microgrom flag and groms eager to surf had a quick warm up surf, clearing the break for us to start at 9am. With some experience missing from the line up, it opened the day up for others to stake there claim on a perfect day for competition, in excellent 3ft glassy conditions basically all to our selves

Heats rolled on and all parents and competitors who helped made the morning run smooth, With a great club attitude Levi helped with the judging after surfing his heat, also doing a wonderful job at this was young Mallie. These efforts are what make our club great, big thanks to you guy's and a great example shown for others to follow. This show's great leadership within our ranks.

With the dump being a sensitive area, I would like to thank you all for sticking to the paths/walkways and staying off the train tracks and not leaving any rubbish. The attitude shown by all was what made this day great, well done all you frothers.

A1's results: great showing of ability's in some excellent surf.

1st- Alex :Showing great water skills and heat composition, surfing smart and solid all day with few mistakes gave him the well deserved win.

2nd- Brad: Picking set waves only all day, and surfing great, pushed himself hard in the final with his eye on the win. He came unstuck on one wave, to let his elusive first A1 win slip through his fingers.

3rd- Khi: Our new comer to A1's this young gun surfed one of the smartest heats all day, in a heat that only produced one set, by hunting down three waves to get his tally up and achieve the best score in that heat. Scrapping on the inside paid dividends, allowing him his place in the final.

4th- Charlie: rounded out the final and was unlucky amongst the final four, as waves became hard to find for the young waterman, but was welcomed back into the winners circle with that smile we all like so much.



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#### A2's results:

Hotly contested all day with the waves on offer suiting some more than others, we had some very classy performances.

1st- Jake: Being able to perform driving turns, showing his ability to surf rail to rail and finish his waves made the difference in the end.

2nd- Harry: Catching the best bomb's that came through all morning and really generating a lot of speed and looking very sharp.

3rd- Dimmity: Showing she has what it takes to win, pushing the boys all the way with excellent rides and displaying very wise wave choice, crucial in any heat.

4th- Tyson: Gave a strong showing in a classy field of surfers showing glimpses of brilliance, just unable to go with the others as they stepped it up in the very tough final.

The success of the day was due to the waves and stoke of all competitors, and the willingness of the parents to volunteer in the running of your event, well done.

Thank you

(Stand in) comp Director

Reuben Zalups



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# Comps# 5: B-Grade

Glassy 2ft conditions greeted the B grade groms at Triggs on this glorious winters day. The sun was shining, snags were cooking on the new B grade BBQ, judges were ready, comp director was ready, the only thing not ready were the Microgrom competitors. As conditions were so good, it was hard to get them out of the water from their free surf before the comp, but who can blame them aye. Eventually we had the pre comp speech and groms were told to respect the free surfers out in the water, which paid off, as most of the free surfers were calling the groms onto the waves and giving them some great waves to ride.

15 groms had come down to surf and surf they did with everyone finding waves in the first heats. Great to see Nikki Gore back for a comp and with her free flowing style and made it to the final. Lane had one of his best rides ridden in a comp during the re-qualifiers with a great right hander and earning himself a 5 point ride, he came out with a big smile on his face.

With everyone improving with every comp we hold and more moves being put into rides, it is really exciting to watch and I think everyone is getting excited knowing what these kids will be doing in a couple of years. Shay, Isaac and Alex A proved they were worthy to get to the final with consistently good heats and great standout manoeuvres. A great effort from Alice, Felix and Peter. Kira, Imi, Livvy, Cam, Tai, Mitch and Noah had great heats, and with scores so close today, they were unlucky to progress. Isaac took out the final with 2 impressive waves, with each wave having at least 3 completed manoeuvres performed on them. Well done Isaac.

Thanks again to everyone for helping out with the running of these great comps.

Results-

1st - Isaac

2<sup>nd</sup> - Nikki

3<sup>rd</sup> – Shay

4th - Alex A

Andy (B Grade Comp Director)



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# Comps# 4: C-Grade

The C grade met at Southport, the conditions were looking good and with the expected waves getting bigger during the day we decided to stick with the location. A decision which paid off.

The event was an all-girl affair with the boys being away with illness, holidays and a couple going to B grade to mix it with the bigger kids. We had 9 girls eager to get out and do their thing. Mel took the kids for the warm up while Tim (acting as head judge for the day) set up the judges with our credentials of what we were looking for around scoring.

The older kids surfed Rincon and the judges were delighted to see some great attempts at green water take offs and some great trimming and turns. The comp area in Rincon was fairly free for the first couple of heats, but as the conditions improved, the free surfer count climbed. This didn't deter the groms and they showed them how we do it in C Grade. There were also kids surfing the break in front of the river mouth. With the incoming tide it allowed for some great white water surfing and the judges were stoked to see some longer rides and turns.

Overall it was a great day, the sun was out and the waves were the perfect size and conditions for the C graders. I would like to thank Tim for being head judge and Dave for doing a great job of water cover. I would also like to thank Extreme Board riders for the prizes which were not used in Yorke's because of our N/C. The smiles on the kids faces said it all, they were stoked.

The final results were really tight, 1st and second had nothing in it and there were 5 kids who were so close to each other and could have pulled off a place. The final results being:

1<sup>st</sup> – Indi

2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunset

3<sup>rd</sup> – Thalia

4<sup>th</sup> – Maia

**Encouragement Award - Marley** 

Take care and I look forward to seeing you all at the next comp.

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 <u>any</u> 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 <a href="mailto:craig@surfingsouthaustralia.com.au">craig@surfingsouthaustralia.com.au</a> to check if you are a current member of Surfing SA and for membership cards.

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



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