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Welcome page

Recent Appointment

We are very pleased to welcome the new C grade director, Dave Jordan. He's thrown himself into the role, attending his first meeting and running a mini comp last weekend. Well done Dave.

Thank you to Clayton our previous C grade director, who will now take on role of Secretary on the Microgroms committee.

That will enable Matt to fully take on the role as A grade Head Judge. He works really hard at each A grade comp to ensure the judging is even and fair.

Raffle

Thanks again to everyone that bought a raffle ticket at the last comp. 100% of the sales will be donated to Tayla Hanak to assist with her international surfing career. The proceeds of the raffle was \$111 and as a committee we voted to increase the donation to Tayla to \$150.

The raffle was drawn at the last meeting and the results are as follows

1st Sharon T 2nd Zac D

3rd Annette F

Tickets will be available at all grades at the next comp

C Grade tent

Microgroms have purchased a gazebo for the C graders to shelter from the sun, but more recently the rain! This will keep the judges free from the weather elements and be a place for groms to keep their stuff dry and rest between heats.



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Important Information

Yorke's Comp 10/11th October

The upcoming Yorke's comp is only a few months away, and it will be here before we know it. Please ensure you have your accommodation booked. Travel arrangements could be shared if it's an issue. But a designated adult needs to be nominated and present for each grom at the comp, especially when families have groms in different locations.

We have opened up the entries and invited the Yorke's surfing club to participate in this comp. The groms have formed some great friendships and it'll be a fantastic opportunities for them to compete against each other.

The BBQ in the evening will be held at the Corny Point club house, details to follow.

T-shirt order

The final orders are in for the free Microgrom T-shirts. There were a few orders bringing up the rear, but all have been counted and verified now. It'll be great for the groms to wear their t-shirts with pride on comp and free surfing days

Next Competition

Sunday 16th August
A's meet at Waites 8am
B's & C's meet at Middleton point 8am
Check Microgroms Facebook page for any change in location.



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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 | 10 October (Saturday) Yorkes (Jetty Car Par | | | |
| Comp #10 | 08 November (Sunday) | Middleton | | |
| Presentation Night | Saturday 12 th 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 | |
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^{*} 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# 6: A-Grade

A Grade Comp Report – Comp 6 Dump Beach

With wet and windy weather forecast, the pickings for the competition 6 location was never going to be great. However despite the ugly conditions, we still soldiered on to get the comp underway at Dump Beach. There were plenty of good waves were ridden. Although we had a few people turned off by the weather, the hard core groms could not be stopped and shivered their way through the heats. We had nine A1 competitors and ten A2's paddle out to onshore 2 to 3 foot waves.

The A1's ramped the competition up a notch by knocking Mr Consistent, Caspian, out in the first round. The four man final did have some great surfing, despite the conditions and local South coaster Levi surfed confident, making the most of some long waves to claim first place. Second went to Khi, who is proving to be a great competitor in the A1 division, third place went to Charlie and fourth to Alex, a great effort by all.

1st – Levi

2nd - Khi

3rd - Charlie

4th - Alex

The A2's showed they are able to compete at a high level in all conditions too, with some great waves being ridden. We had a five person final to decide the placings and once again Jake's consistent surfing won him first place. Second place went to Yasmine, who was carving very nicely on her new board. Third went to Marcus, Harry took fourth and Kyle got fifth, well done for making the final, in very challenging conditions.

1st – Jake

2nd – Yasmine

3rd – Marcus

4th - Harry

5th – Kyle

Thanks to all who helped with judging, assisting and packing up!

Cheers,

A grade comp director Ian "Chommo" Thompson



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Comps# 6: B-Grade

King Street, Victor Harbour

Before I begin the comp report, I would firstly like to send out a huge thank you to all of the parents for getting involved on Sunday and helping out with the running of the B Grade Comp. In particular Matt Bailie, Jai Hera Singh and Steve Francis for their assistance in finding a comp location.

Well after much scouting around, we decided to run comp 6 at King Street in Victor, and, on an awful morning 10 brave groms were keen to get the comp underway. With a big, messy swell we were lucky to find some great sets coming through King Street and the groms were ripping at this new location.

With the heats getting under way, we saw some great surfing from Kirra, Alex A and Mitch with some great heat wins. It was obvious in the heats that all the groms really stepped up to surf in the sometimes challenging conditions. Isaac, Shay and Noah were all jumping on some bombs and taking some great drops. Bella grabbed a nice couple of green face waves and Imi was getting in some nice turns.

It was great to see Peter and Lane stepping up to the B Grade competition and showing confidence jumping on the waves. Lane had an amazing comp and should be proud of making it through to the semis.

We had 2 very close semi finals, that proved a little tricky as conditions continued to change, however Mitch, Imi, Shay and Alex shivered their way through to the final. Again we had a close final. Alex was trying to get on some bombs out the back, Shay was jumping on every possible wave and Imi and Mitch were throwing in some great turns and cut backs.

Mitch took out the win, surfing strongly all day and not loosing focus.

A big well done also to Kirra and Bella for stepping up to try out some judging. Great effort from all the kids today in freezing conditions.

Results Comp. 6

1st - Mitch

2nd - Imi

3rd - Shay

4th - Alex

Wayne (B-Grade Stand-in Comp Director)



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Mini Comps# 5: C-Grade

The conditions weren't suitable on the last comp date on 26th July in Middleton for the C Graders, with only a few groms attending. So no comp was run.

It was decided to run a mini comp on Sunday 9th, to give our new comp director Dave a chance to take over the reins from Clayton.

Three Groms participated in Round 6 at Middleton. Angus, Indi and Stella. All three Groms braved the cold and competed to determine the placings. All of them did a great job, attempting green wave take offs. Exactly what we like to see in C Grade.

I would like to thank Grant for providing water cover and Steve assisting with the judging.

The final placings were close with Indi coming first, Stella second and Angus third.

1st - Indi

2nd - Stella

3rd - Angus

With warmer weather this weekend, kids back from holidays and illness, we should have the usual numbers for the next comp. Additionally we have to test out the new tent and BBQ, so bring your change to purchase a hot sausage in bread and sit in the shelter of the tent........

Dave Jordan (New C Grade Comp 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 <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 <u>NOT</u> 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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