

## **Bushfire & Emergency Evacuation Plan and Policy**

Microgroms Surf Club SA Inc holds monthly surfing competitions in National Parks locations that may be adversely affected by extreme weather conditions, including bush fires.

Competition locations include the Adelaide metropolitan area, Mt Lofty Ranges district and Yorke Peninsula district.

It will be the responsibility of our Club Chairperson and the Competition directors to check conditions the day prior to and the morning of our competition.

Competitions will not be held in National Parks where Catastrophic (Code Red) fire conditions are forecast and declared by the Bureau of Meteorology. The club will also utilise the Alert SA website and the CFS facebook page, to be alerted to any potential risk in our location.

In the event we are required to evacuate a location, we will follow our usual protocol of alerting surfers in the water to come in immediately (using a siren). All competitors and participants will be advised of the need to immediately evacuate the Park and head to a designated meeting location (advised on the day) and will be directed to do so in a calm and orderly manner, via the main road in the Park. Whilst our club rules state it is the primary responsibility of a parent/guardian to ensure each competitor is under the care of an adult at competitions, in the event of an emergency, the competition director will also ensure that all competitors/participants have access to transport to leave the location.

The safety of our members, competitors and their families is paramount and as a Club, we will endeavour to be vigilant and prepare our members for the possibility of fire/emergency evacuation.

Approved by Microgroms Surf Club SA Inc Management Committee 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015