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Welcome page

Comp 9

Comp 9 was sponsored by **Scott Stevenson** from **Avalanche Industries**. This is the second time Scott has sponsored microgroms this year, he also sponsored Comp 2 Held at Middleton earlier this year. Thanks so much to Scott for supporting our groms with great prizes and donating gear to the club that will be used at the end of year presentations.

Next comp

All grades to meet at **Middleton point at 8am on Sunday 20th November** unless otherwise stated by your comp director. Check Facebook and Microgroms website for any changes.

This is your last opportunity to get some points before end of year presentations. The BBQ will be running and microgroms hope to have everyone there to finish up a fantastic year!

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. Getting your name on the list ensures you will surf in the comp and helps out the Comp director to get the heats underway quickly.

Change of comp date

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

End of year Presso's and AGM

This date has been set for Sunday 11th December from previously advised 3rd 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.



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Microgroms Major Raffle

We drew our major raffle at the presentations after Comp 9 at the Corny Point Caravan Park. We were able to run the raffle due to the fantastic sponsorship the club has received this year. Most of the donated items go towards the groms competition prizes and the end of year presentations, however we had a few larger items donated to us suitable for a raffle. We raised approximately \$800 for the club.

1st prize – Andrew White, (Bella pictured)

2nd prize – Ruka

3rd prize – Zena Tomlinson

4th prize Sue Taite.

Congratulations Guys!



Club Trailer

Our Microgroms trailer has gone through a complete makeover and you will start seeing it around more often. We will be able to store heaps of the microgroms gear in it instead of having to rely on the comp directors to load / unload their own vehicles each comp. Beau repairs, AAA powder coating and Christies Beach Auto electrician have been very accommodating with prices. This is to ensure our trailer has many years left to serve the club and sponsors can proudly display their logos.



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2016 Calendar

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

Event	Date	Meeting Point
Berry Bay Surf Jam	5 th & 6 th November	Yorkes
Rip Curl Grom Search	12 th & 13 th November	Yorkes
Wahu	26 th November	Middleton
Junior National Titles	26 th 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 9 report

Competition 9 sponsored by Avalanche Industries.
Quiksilver/Roxy/DC.

Date: 15th October 2016.

Surf Location: West Cape, Innes National Park, Yorke Peninsula.

Weather Conditions: 25 degrees, partly cloudy, NNW wind direction,
25-30 km gusts.

Swell size: Rippy 3 ft with 4ft sets.

Thanks to all the families that travelled to Yorkes for the weekend to attend the Comp. To all the parents that helped to judge and carry equipment to and from the Comp location, a huge thank you. Special thanks to Craig from Surfing SA for donating the services of our Head Judge, Brian 'Squizzy' Taylor. Squizzy did an amazing job as our A Grade Head Judge and we were privileged to have him help out the groms with some coaching tips through out the day.

Our thanks also to Janelle and Charlie Tooze for their hospitality in allowing us to host our presentation at the new BBQ area at the Corny Point Caravan Park. Finally, our thanks to Scott Stevenson from Avalanche Industries for sponsoring your second event of the year. The groms were stoked with the Quiksilver/Roxy prizes. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Most of the groms that surfed in the A GRADE today were fortunate to get out in some beautiful conditions at West Cape on the Friday before the Comp. For those groms that arrived early enough, they were able to participate in a tag team event run by Squizzy. The opportunity to surf the break on Friday definitely gave the groms confidence for the Comp on Saturday.

Likewise, we were blessed with some amazing waves on Saturday. After a 'healthy' walk down the beach, we were able to surf a break that offered a left and a right. The right offered better opportunities for scoring waves with longer rides. The left was not working quite as well, and only offered a short ride, surfing into the strong wind. Most surfers opting to surf the right.



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A1 Boys

With the conditions today, we knew that we were going to see some amazing surfing from the boys today, and they did not disappoint! With the 8 boys, we progressed the top 2 surfers from the Round 1 heats straight through to The semi finals, with a re qualifying heat for the remaining surfers. With confident surfing, Levi, Tyson, Jake and Brad relished in the conditions and progressed straight to the semi finals. We had a very strong requal heat, with all of the surfers very evenly matched. Scoring was very close with Connor and Alex progressing. Mallee and Zak were unlucky as they both put in a huge effort. We had 2 close semi finals with Levi, Brad, Jake and Tyson again progressing to the final. Conditions changed slightly for the final, with fewer sets coming through, the boys really had to fight for the waves. Levi took out a close win from Jake with a confident performance. Well done Levi, you continue to impress!

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

A1 Girls

Four girls attended the Comp today, so again it was decided to run two heats with the highest average wave score across the two heats deciding the winner. It was great to see the two Yorkes girls Grace and Aurora having a blast in the conditions and amazing to see how they have both progressed in the past few months. Yasmin showed her maturity pulling off some confident moves in the surf. Imi did well to handle the conditions, and should be proud of herself for going back out in heat 2 and catching 2 scoring waves after having her board hit her in the mouth in heat 1 and having to paddle in with blood pouring from her mouth. In heat 1, the girls had a very close heat with only 1 point separating the girls. In heat 2, Grace surfed with consistency to take out the win.

1st Grace. 2nd Yasmin. 3rd Aurora. 4th Imi.



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A2 Division

We ran the same format for the A2 division as the A1 Boys. Today we had 7, A 2 boys showing their class in the water with power moves and aerals. At first, the backwash from the wave seemed to catch a few of them out, however by the final the boys were all successfully completing clean manoeuvres. Harry, Jasper, Noah and Digby all had strong surfs in their Round 1 heats taking them straight through to the semi finals. Ruka had a stand out surf in the requal to put him in the semi's along with Clayton. Jack was unlucky not to progress, but I am sure he had a great time challenging himself on this wave.

Two competitive semi finals saw Harry, Digby, Noah and Ruka progress to the final. Again in the final, conditions had changed slightly with less sets coming through. Harry and Ruka were confident to jump on waves from the back, but also maximize their scoring potential by catching the inside waves. We saw some terrific waves from all of the boys. Harry proved that he was all class today taking out the win. We are going to see an exciting finish to this division this season and I can confidently say our A1 Boys division is looking very healthy next year with the pool of talent we have in this division.

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

Head Judges Prize.

Today our Head Judge, Squizzy, made the decision on the Contest Directors prize. It went to Imi for surfing West Cape having just turned 12! After an injury she didn't give up and went back out to surf her second heat. Well done for not letting the break get the better of you.

Special mention- Team Work Award.

We didn't run a tag team or open event today at the end of the Comp. So my Team award this Comp goes to Matt Baillie and David Green for carrying the full esky back along the beach and up the steps at West Cape! Neither could speak by the time they made it to the top of the steps, but what a huge effort. Well done boys!

See you down the beach for our final Comp of the season next month.



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B Grade Comp 9 report

B Grade comp at West Cape, Yorke Peninsula on Sarurday 15th October.

Hi Groovers, What a day, Sunny, moderate northerly winds with 2-3ft waves in the north corner of the beach at West Cape.

We had 4 regular B grade contenders make the trip across from the Fleurieu to Yorkes for the comp; Chaska, Indi, Stella and Tai. They were joined by two local fellas; Corey and Ed. Also a C grader named Marley came out for a wave.

So how did it go i hear you asking...sorry, not you, other person over there!

In the first two heats every contender rode a wave or two. Now these waves tested the metal of our b graders. Some of our surfers had not been to West Cape before and had not surfed green waves this size. This was their first taste of what it can be like to drop down a big wall (remember they are 1/2 to 2/3rds adult size) High lights for these groms would be felt differently inside of each of their memory banks. For some of them they got scared and for some of them they managed top to bottom green wall attack. However they all pushed their own boundaries as best they could manage. No one backed out without having a go.

There were some 3ft wash throughs nothing too heavy, (They have probably had bigger jetty jumping drops than that before).

Wave of the day was surfed in the first heat by Corey Taylor. A set wave breaking left that he managed two cutting edge flawlessly controlled back hand top to bottom turns without falling. This was definitely a b grade 10 point ride. Whether he knew it or not, he executed a classic heat winning strategy of getting one (but preferably two) quick smaller rides to ensure a 2 wave score. Then waiting patiently for the set wave in the perfect spot. Best surfing I've seen all year in B grade. The bar has been raised again.

Stella, Indi and Chaska developed a sense of the break in their heat, navigating the channel and inside reforms. Well done to them having a go!

Semi 1 was the most exciting heat surfed from a competitive point for the day.

There were mostly scores of 4 and 5 up to 8 recorded. 14 waves were surfed between the three surfers Ed, Tai and Corey in this heat. Corey best wave selection on the day and took out this heat. At this point I'd make mention that Corey did surf this left the day before which may have given him an edge.

In the 2nd semi Chaska took off on a set wave in his semi, which was the largest green wave I've seen him tackle this year so well done there. Indi paddled out again and managed to get a reform, but both couldn't find a 2nd wave. Tai took this out with two average sized waves, but these tended to peter out into the inside gutter. Set waves were the only ones that achieved scores of 7 to 10 through the day.



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B Grade Comp report continued

Hint Hint, What's a good heat strategy, keep surfing the middle sized waves on the inside all heat???? Or maybe paddle out for the chance of a bomb after you rack up a couple ok ones? I still saw some slow climbing to feet by surfers during the comp. I also saw lack of paddle speed and commitment hunting down that green wave bomb on occasions. So, tips for all you groms who want to rip that lip. Practice your prone to feet's at home. Draw a chalk surfboard on your carpet in your room and do 20 a night. Make sure your thumbs are almost under your ribs for your push up spot. Your front foot should land between your hand marks, much further back and it will be a climb up. Practice pointing with your leading arm and visualise the wave. Practice digging your trailing arm into the wall for your next barrel. It will happen one day so you might as well try. When your in the water next, spot your take off. Spot your runway! Always paddle up near the best surfer you can see in the line-up and watch what they look at, what they do as they take off. I guarantee they will still make a couple extra speed and directional strokes as the wave is jacking up. This is critical so they actually ELEVATE! Its not a half pipe, you need to match the wave speed to make the wave.

Enough from me. I cant wait to see you all push those boundaries in the next and final comp #10 on the 20th November.

I hope the waves will be bigger and harder than you have surfed all year! Surfcerely . N

1st Corey, 2nd Ed, 3rd Tai



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C Grade Comp 9 report

MicroGroms C-Grade: Competition 9

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Date: 8th October 2016

Surf Location: Dustbowl, Yorke Peninsular

Weather conditions: Sunny, 22 degrees, wind 30-35 knots Northerly

Swell size: waist to head high (Grom)

Number of competitors: 10

Competition report

The weather conditions were pretty deceptive. The strong Northerly wind eliminated most of the surf breaks on the Peninsular except for West Cape in Innes National Park and Dustbowl along the coast, south of Corny Point. C-Grade gathered at Dustbowl's. Bo and Scotty went down the beach fishing, chasing two giant schools of salmon. The rest of us set up camp at on the beach at the bottom of the steps (260 steps ☺). The boys managed to land 4 big salmon, and sight 4-5 bronze whaler sharks!!!

Scott's dad Jamie said he had sighted two sharks. We called a quick meeting with the parents to decide if it was safe enough to hold a comp. The parents and groms decided by majority vote not to have a comp. The groms spent the morning fishing, free surfing, playing in the waves, exploring the beach and rocks, and sand boarding.

Bo and Scotty picked up prizes for catching and sharing their fish with the grom community at the prize giving at Corny Point Caravan Park that night.

A huge thank you to sponsors AVALANCHE INDUSTRIES for supporting grass roots junior surfing in SA.

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 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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