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## Welcome page

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the 2016 Microgroms season.

We got off to an awesome start with our Come 'n' Try day in February, which was a great success, creating awareness to what we're all about. As a result we've had new members join to further strengthen our amazing groms.

Our first comp in all grades ran smoothly and professionally, but most of all was great fun. Check out our Facebook page for pictures and updates.

The following committee member roles are available for this year. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please contact a member of the committee.

**Secretary**

**Committee Member**

A huge thank you to Clayton, Sharon and Ian for all their hard work and continued involvement in the club, outside of the committee role.

Police clearances will be required from everyone on the committee

### Microgroms subscription & SurfingSA membership

Please note all fees need to be paid before groms can surf in comp 2 on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Groms are not covered by Surfing SA insurance, if you're not fully financial.

Payment can be made on the day or online, details on our website  
[www.micrograms.com](http://www.micrograms.com)

Updates on facebook for meeting point for each grade.



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## *Welcome page cont..*

As we previously advised on email and Facebook, the end of year prize for 2016 Club champion Boy and Girl, will be an all expenses paid training, flights and accommodation at the HPC. This is an epic prize donated by Hurley HPC

Each comp is brought to you by different sponsors. We are very lucky to have such generous prizes.

Comp 2 will be sponsored by AVALANCHE INDUSTRIES, ROXY, QUICKSILVER and DC

### Microgroms T-Shirts

At our next comp, we'll be taking order sizes for T-shirts. This year will be white with a blue logo. When your grom puts their name on the rego sheet at the start of the comp, write their size at the side.

If you can't make the next comp and would like a t-shirt, please reply to this email.



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## 2016 Calendar

Event	Date	Meeting point
Come 'n' Try	7 March (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #1	21 February (February)	Middleton
Comp #2	17 April (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #3	1 May (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #4	28 May (Saturday)	Yorkes (Jetty Car Park)
Comp #5	26 June (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #6	24 July (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #7	21 August (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #8	18 September (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #9	15 October (Saturday)	Yorkes (Jetty Car Park)
Comp #10	13 November (Sunday)	Middleton
Presentation Night	3 December	RSL Christies Beach

Event	Date	Meeting Point
Junior State titles Round 3	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Middleton
Hurley Winter Classic	TBC	Middleton
Berry Bay Surf Jam	TBC	Yorkes
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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## *A Grade Comp report 1*

A-Grade Comp report #1, Middleton Bay, 21/2/2016.

If there's one day that everyone looks forward to every year, it has to be the start of the Microgroms season. Great to see so many join up again, and welcome to all the new members that will participate this year.

With conditions not that great, it was decided to hold the A grade comp in the bay, a bit messy but plenty of contestable waves to be had. There are 3 divisions in A grade this year. (A grade boys, A grade girls, and mixed A2's). With the judging tent up, BBQ going and groms chewing at the bit it was time to get this first comp started.

### A-Grade Boys -

Levi (current club champion) started his campaign of defending his title with a 6.5 point ride, showing the judges that the level of surfing this year will be higher than ever. Jake and Marcus surfed with flare and with less than half a point separating each other, Marcus made it to the final with Levi.

Caspian, Zak, Tyson and Bradley battled it out in heat 2. With not many waves coming through in this heat Caspian managed to get 2 good waves onto the score sheet. Tyson and Bradley struggled to make any sections to create good scores. Zak just got in an extra turn onto two of his waves and sometimes that's all you need to get you through to the final, which he did.

The final gave us some great surfing. Marcus had one great wave, but just couldn't find another to back it up with. Caspian tried to find some green face, but the surf wasn't on his side today. It was close between Levi and Zak, both entertaining us all with some great turns from top to bottom. Levi managed to seal victory with a heat winning last wave. Well done Levi and to all the other competitors, this division is going to be exciting to watch this season.

1<sup>st</sup> – Levi

2<sup>nd</sup> – Zak

3<sup>rd</sup> – Caspian

4<sup>th</sup> – Marcus



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## *A Grade Comp report 1 cont..*

### A-Grade Girls –

The girls are pretty excited about surfing against each other this season. Four girls started it off, all surfing against each other in two rounds then scores averaged out and added together to decide the places.

Well done to Imi for stepping up to the A's, for someone so young, your confidence is so high. With Olivia, Kira and Bella also coming up from B grade, all eyes are on these girls to see how they handle bigger waves. I know all of them have stepped up over the summer, surfing more in the bay and at Waites.

Kira started things off with a good wave and was the highest scoring wave of the heat. Imi and Bella only managed to get one score down in this heat, but Imi really got it together in her second heat, with some great surfing, producing some good take-offs and turns. Olivia had a good first heat coming second to Kira, but managed to take out the second heat with one high scoring wave. Bella can't wait for the bigger swells to show us what she can do.

It was so close between Kira and Olivia and with only 0.8 of a point separating them, Olivia managed to win this opening comp. All the girls surfed well and will certainly develop as the season progresses.

1<sup>st</sup> – Olivia

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kira

3<sup>rd</sup> – Imi

4<sup>th</sup> – Bella





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## A Grade Comp report 1 cont..

### A2 Grade –

This is going to be our biggest division this year with 13 surfers starting in the first comp. Looking at all the competitors, and all with equal ability, this division could be anyone's this year.

Mitch and Noah put on an excellent display of surfing with some great manoeuvres being carried out in both their first heats and semi's, taking them straight to the final. Jared took out his first heat, with his last two waves proving to be the heat winners. Unlucky to Felix, Lane, Tai, Shay, Cameron and Oliver who didn't progress any further, but looking at the scores it was all so close, so stick in there guys, it could be your day next time.

The first semi was probably heat of the day, producing great competition between Mitch, Jack, Clayton and Jared. Each of them racking up 7 waves each and only 2 points separating 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> it could have been anyone's. Jack joined Mitch in the final, narrowly beating Clayton and Jared. Noah won the second semi producing 1 big wave score and joining him in the final was Isaac, who just managed to beat Alex. The final line up was Mitch, Jack, Noah and Isaac. So close again, all with their two scoring waves very similar. Jack had surfed consistently well all day and was just the better surfer in the final taking out 1<sup>st</sup> place. Isaac came second, closely followed by Noah and Mitch. Well done to the finalists and to all the other competitors. Just can't wait to see how this division pans out over the season.

1<sup>st</sup> – Jack

2<sup>nd</sup> – Isaac

3<sup>rd</sup> – Noah

4<sup>th</sup> – Mitch

Thanks to Todd Goudie and Surf Revolution for sponsoring the first Microgroms Comp. The groms really appreciated the prizes. Cheers.

There was certainly a great vibe at this first comp, let's carry this on throughout the season. Thanks to all who judged and helped out with the BBQ, it was such a great day, and again, Microgroms wouldn't be such a great club without the continued effort from all the parents.

See down the beach.

Andy (A-Grade Comp Director)



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## *B Grade Comp report 1*

Hi B graders,

It was so awesome to have you out for Comp 1. There was such great involvement in the judging by parents and participants. Big Yay!

There were challenging conditions especially with the gutters, but you stepped up to paddling out from the keyhole and surfing the point.

Keep coming to the comps and keep surfing as much as possible and where not possible day dream about it and practice your jump ups on your bed room floor before bed every night!!!

Tell your friends about the comp and plz invite them along.

Results

1st\_\_Stella

2nd\_\_Max

3rd\_\_Chaska

4th\_\_Sunset

Look Fwd to seeing u at Comp 2!

Nick



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## C Grade Comp report 1

Surf Revolution C Grade Comp 1 - Day Street, toilet block

Weather conditions: sunny 30 degrees, winds 18km cross shore  
Swell size: waist high white water.

Fourteen junior surfers (groms) landed on the beach pumped and itching to hit the water.

The Comp format consisted of 2 rounds with 4 heats in each round. Each surfer would get 2 surfs for the day. The surfer with the highest combined 2 heat scores would be the winner. In this our first Comp, the judges wanted to see surfers showcase their surfing skills and knowledge. A simple judging criteria was set down with length of ride and turns attracting judges' attention.

The groms hit the water with the enthusiasm of an energiser bunny. Ella, Sammy and Scotty showed really determination to paddle through the white water and catch waves out the back. The groms showed fantastic controlled surfing for their age group.

At the day's end Harry best surfed to the judging criteria. He showed a raft of controlled skills and managed to string some nice turns together. Harry ended the day with the highest combined 2 heat scores. All surfers and parents had a great time. Thank you to the parents who helped set up and dismantle camp, judged heats, cooked the BBQ and provided water cover. I'll sum up the day with a quote from one very excited young charger after the Surf Revolution presentation "... can we do this again tomorrow?" 😊

Finally, huge thanks to former MicroGroms Club Champion-sponsor TODD GOUDIE, DAKINE, PALMERS, GOPRO AND XCEL for providing the awesome prizes up for grabs.  
Results:

<b>1st - Harry</b>	<b>2nd - Tommy</b>
<b>3rd - Ella</b>	<b>4th - Sammy</b>

Note: Competition 2 is on the 17th April. The sponsors are AVALANCHE INDUSTRIES, ROXY, QUICKSILVER and DC.

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](mailto: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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