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Welcome page

Presso night

****END OF YEAR PRESENTATION UPDATE****

Surfing SA recently announced their awards night was to be held Saturday 12th December, which is the night we had booked earlier in the year for ours. As we have several Microgroms surfers and families attending the SSA awards night, the committee has decided to change our presentation to the afternoon. Presentations will now start at **2.30pm at the Christies Beach/Port Noarlunga RSL.**

The bar will be open and families can bring their own food/nibbles. We hope everyone can still join us for a great afternoon celebrating some fantastic surfing this year.

Next Competition

All grades meet at Middleton point 8am

Bring your Microgroms T-shirt for the end of season group photograph

Check Microgroms Facebook page for any change in location.

Yorke's comp

It was a great turn out for the last comp over in Yorke's. Fantastic surfing by all the groms. Microgroms and Yorke board riders kids ripping up the waves in perfect conditions. Hopefully this will be a regular event when we visit again next year. Thanks to all the parents that helped out at the comp and the BBQ presentation afterwards.



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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 Park)
Comp #10	08 November (Sunday)	Middleton
Presentation Night	Saturday 12 th December	RSL Christies Beach

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

* 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 8

An awesome morning at Waits saw an eager group of young Groms Chomping at the bit to get wet, some already in the water before 8am. There was consistent swell with one right hand bank looking promising and already had a lot of punters on it. Not fully working yet as the tide was low.

We trekked a short way down the beach set up camp with the sun shade care of Ian and Sharon and got things going.

Once under way the crowd thinned out some what and after a couple of heats. The light off shore, turned on shore and cleared the line up, leaving it pretty much all to our selves. After one more heat, the wind swung back around and we were looking good, as the conditions seemed to be improving heat by heat and the tide came in, the inside bank started to pump producing some very makeable fast hollow sections on the wave.

This was a day where our A2's shone brightly and produced some of the best surfing on the day for both A1's and A2 divisions. Excellent to see.

Tyson looking very comfortable and making use of the inside sections at times, when others could not, racking up the extra points. Jake surfing very strong all day and stamping his authority on the number one spot closely followed by silky Mr smooth Marcus. Dimity surfed very well in the swirling conditions, as there was a big rip and a lot of water moving around with surfers were being pulled off the peak constantly, Dimity was able to hold position and catch some waves a job well done.

There was a mistake made on the day with regard to placing in the final and there was human error. Actual placings were.

1st - Jake 2nd - Marcus 3rd - Tyson 4th - Dimity

My sincere apologies for that mix up people.



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A Grade Comp report 8 cont...

A1's Levi cracked a back hand rio timed to perfection throwing huge buckets leading up to the final and Caspian on his foreand snap'd and smashed a couple of bewdy's too . Again we saw the consistent performance of Alex surfing smart and selecting only the best waves to progress through to another final.

Corey and Caspian in the final failed to get more than one wave each, while this left it up to the other two to battle it out for top spot on the day. The early surf for Alex, helped him stay in tune with the water right up and into the final, as he managed to once again catch the best waves on offer being in the right spot at the right time, Leaving Levi to catch and dissect with a knifeing backhand attack two waves, that saw him rack up the big points and taking the win in the best conditions of the day, although there was fewer sets in that final the waves on offer were magnificent.

Placings.

1st – Levi 2nd - Alex P 3rd – Caspian 4th - Corey

Reuben
Stand in A Grade Director



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A Grade Comp report 9

A beautiful day greeted us for the October 2015 Microgroms Yorke Peninsula surf comp. We had perfect offshore and plenty of swell to make the location choice very easy. The day got off to a great start at the 'meet & greet' at Marion Bay Jetty and after the formalities were over, and with some of our friends from the Yorkes junior boardriders joining us, we headed round to Pondalowie Bay to get the comp underway.

The conditions were stunning, offshore winds and perfect 2-3 foot lefts and occasional right handers. It was a great turn out for A1s and A2s, everyone was frothing and couldn't wait to hit the water. The heats got underway with very few free surfers in the water, allowing the groms to really make the most of the waves on offer. The quality of surfing throughout the day was of a great standard and with equalities in both divisions, all the groms got to take advantage of lots of waves.

The A1s had 7 competitors take to the water, including young Harri Green stepping up from the A2 division. There was some great surfing through the 3 man heats and the final, there was a real buzz on the boardwalk, as everyone seemed to really enjoy their surfing. Alex surfed extremely well through his earlier heats, after a damaged board required a board change heading in to the final, he settled with 4th place. 3rd place went to Khi, who had a great backhand attack on some of the quicker lefts. 2nd place went to Harri who got plenty of high scoring waves with some fast surfing, confirming he will certainly be one to watch in the coming years of the A1 division. The 'A1' 1st place though was taken out by Levi, who continues looking better and better, his smooth surfing with a great range of snaps and cutbacks shows he is developing a great surfing style.

The A2s had 9 competitors, including 2 Yorkes Surf Club competitors, Connor & Digby who got a chance to show their local knowledge, both making it to the semis. Yasmine was flying the flag solo for the girls this trip and smashing some huge turns in her first heat but not able to find her best waves in the semi. All A2's were impressive, the quality of surfing in this division is consistently very high, the future years as they progress through will be exciting to watch, yeeew!.



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A Grade Comp report 9 cont..

Ruka had some great waves earlier in the day but wasn't able to turn it on for the final, taking out 4th place. 3rd place went to local boy Digby, which was a great result for his first time at a Microgroms comp with such a high level of competition. 2nd place went to Marcus who surfed extremely well throughout the day with some smooth turns on the great waves he selected. The A2's 1st place winner went to Jake, who also showed he is ready to take it to the A1s, his confidence in the water and consistent surfing through the heats and final could have challenged the A1 division already, so well done Jake.

The day was a great success overall, with the forecast bad wind changes not arriving, the waves cranked all day giving the groms opportunity to surf a full day, in near perfect conditions with the spot virtually to themselves, and what a great sight to see all of the groms (and some dads) converge in the water at the conclusion of the finals.

As always, such a successful day could not happen without the helpers who continually put their hand up at every comp. Thank you to everyone involved, it was a very enjoyable day. Although not all could show up for the presso's the in the evening, my thanks go to those who made the effort & it was great to see the younger kids hanging out with our senior club members in such a positive club environment. Thanks also to Janelle & Charlie at the Corny Caravan Park for their hospitality and use of their beautiful facilities!

Results

A1

1st - Levi 2nd - Harri 3rd - Khi 4th - Alex

A2

1st - Jake 2nd - Marcus 3rd - Digby 4th - Ruka

Cheers,

A grade comp director
Ian "Chommo" Thompson



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B Grade Comp report 8

B-Grade Comp Report #8, Day St, 13 September 2015.

Thank the stars, Spring is finally here and what a gorgeous day it was down at Middleton. Swell was a little small with a fair few close outs, but there were some peelers coming through if you were in the right place.

Cameron had a fantastic first heat and won with a cracking final wave, showing a great take off, good flow and finished well, with a snap off the lip, staying controlled into the white water. Imi stepped up big time in this comp with some great surfing, cruising all the way through to the final. With Lane, Kirra, Tai, Noah, also getting through to the semi's. No one could have predicted a re-qual with Isaac, Alex, Bella, Olivia and Mitch in it, this was more like a final. It certainly shows that anything can happen in surfing with changing conditions from one comp to another. Isaac and Mitch made it through, just beating Olivia, who had done well to even get in the water considering she was suffering with flu (that's either commitment or she's in need of some points!). Little Tai always seems to sneak under the radar and into the final, but he's just great to watch. Noah, Imi and Isaac followed him into the final and what a final it was. It was neck and neck all the way, until Isaac managed to pull off a great last wave putting him 1st again. A great surf from Noah put him in 2nd place and well done to Imi and Tai, you certainly deserved to be in the final today and surfed well. Well done to everyone today. We are now coming to the pointy end of the season and with not many points separating the top places it could still be anyone's. Thanks to Jai and Nat for taking care of the BBQ and drinks and thanks again to all the parents that helped out with the judging. Wayne will be taking over as comp director for the next Yorke's comp as I will be away, so have a great comp and hope you all get some awesome waves.

Results –

1st – Isaac 2nd – Noah 3rd – Imi 4th – Tai

Cheers,

Andy (B-Grade Contest director)



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B Grade Comp report 9

After a 1.7km walk to Richards (measured by Jai), conditions for the B Graders looked promising with relatively clean 2.5 - 3 ft waves. 10 groms arrived for comp 9, including Aurora, Grace and Corey from Yorke's Junior Surf Club.

In the first three heats, conditions became more challenging for the groms with the odd 4 ft wave coming through, creating some testing conditions. Stand outs in the heats were Aurora, Tai and Grace all taking out wins. Mitch, Noah, Imi and Lane all battled with the conditions and showed determination and courage.

The conditions continued to grow with the sizeable sets rolling through for the semis, with Alex, Tai, Bella and Grace making it through to the final with some standout performances. After an exciting final a standout winner was Alex, who had handled the conditions well all day and achieving a 9 point ride for one of his waves.

A big thank you to the parents and groms who made the trip to Yorke and for trekking down to Richards. A big thank you to everyone for helping out carrying the gear, some great judging and for making it an awesome comp. Special thanks also to the Yorke families for joining in and we look forward to you joining us for more comps in the future.

1st – Alex 2nd – Grace 3rd – Tai 4th - Bella

Wayne
Stand in B Grade contest director.



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C Grade Comp report 8

Beautiful start to the day with the sun shining. Some lovely sets coming through for the C Grade Groms.

Seven Groms rocked up to hit the surf. All Groms showed amazing improvement in surfing skills since the last comp.

Most Groms ventured further out testing their abilities in the green water . A special mention to Tahlia who sat well out the back waiting for sets . She showed no fear !

Sunset scored the wave of the day, taking off on a green wave. She showed good control as she traversed the wave.

Mia and Marley showed what its all about in C grade by laughing and smiling the whole time in white water...keep it up girls we love it !

After a close run comp the results were :

1st - Sunset

2nd - Lola

3rd - Amber

4th - Angus

Bravery award-Tahlia

See you all at Yorkes

Dave

C grade comp director



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C Grade Comp report 9

Good turn out for c grade over at Yorkes with 9 groms making the trip.

Conditions were a bit testing and after much deliberation Berry Bay North was chosen.

A stiff breeze and strong drag meant the groms were well and truly tested. Runs back up the shore to stay in the comp zone kept them on their toes.

It was a competitive morning with the top five scores being incredibly close . All groms showed strength of character and commitment, which showcased their huge improvement in ability since the start of the year.

- 1st - Indi
- 2nd - Tahlia
- 3rd - Stella
- 4th - Lola

Achievement Award - Amber

The best part of the day was watching all groms having fun together in the sea after the comp had finished. It is good to see friendships being forged and happy smiling faces. This is what it is all about.

Dave Jordan
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 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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