



MicroGroms Newsletter

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Welcome page

Comp 7 was sponsored by **Will Mills from Mills Agencies** and **Nick Weir from Beaches Apparel**.

Mills Agencies and Beaches apparel were so stoked to sponsor Microgroms earlier this year, that they decided to do it again..... only bigger! Bringing along Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew 3 time surfing world champion.

All grades met together at Middleton to enjoy the day and hang out with Rabbit. Rabbit got around to all 3 divisions, chatting to surfers and parents, had his photo taken and gave plenty of surfing tips. Will and Rabbit also spent time judging a few heats in the A grade division.

The groms also enjoyed some fantastic prizes and microgroms put on a fantastic BBQ for the day.

Next comp

Sponsored by Billabong and Big Surf Australia!

All grades to meet at **Middleton point at 8am on Sunday 25th September** unless otherwise stated by your comp director. Check Facebook and Microgroms website for any changes.

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. It is the groms responsibility to put their name down, not the contest director to chase them up.

Change of comp date

Just a reminder to calendar dates. There is a change of date in September, the comp has been changed to September the 25th as to not clash with the board battle being held the previous weekend. Also the comp in November will be held on 20th November instead of 13th due to the Ripcurl Grom Search.



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End of year Presso's

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.

Microgroms Major Raffle

Most families have been given one book of raffle tickets (\$50 per book) to sell them to their friends and family. If you have sold them, please bring the money to the next comp with the ticket stubs. If you still haven't received any, please speak to a committee member at the next meet. The raffle will be drawn Saturday 15th October at Yorkes Comp Presentation Night.

Thankyou and Goodbye

Microgroms is saying Goodbye to Karen Aiten from the microgroms committee. Karen has been the communications officer for the last few years. Not only that she has been an important part of the team helping out week after week at comps on the BBQ, judging, setting up and packing up just to name a few. We wish you and your family all the best.

Committee Changes

The committee members have had a reshuffle. Adele will now be the communications officer and Lou will take over her role of treasurer. Matt has decided to resign as head judge and will become a committee member. As a result of this Reuben will be the head judge until a replacement can be found.

As a result of losing Matt and the need to pay a new *Independent* Head Judge the registration cost for A grade will increase significantly next year. Matt had donated his time for the past 2 years and we thank him for all his hard work, and for saving the club thousands in judging fees.



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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
Board Battle	17 th & 18 th September	TBA
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

** 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 7 report

Microgroms A Grade Competition 7

Sponsored by Hurley, Modom, Electric from Mills Agencies and Nick Weir at beaches apparel.

Date: 21st August 2016.

Surf Location: The Bay, Middleton.

Weather Conditions: 16 degrees, partly sunny, NW wind direction, 15kts
Swell size: Solid 4ft increasing throughout the day.

A huge thank you to the groms and parents that attended Comp 7 today, we had beautiful conditions and we were lucky with the weather. Special thanks to Will Mills for supporting the comp and for bringing along our special guest, Wayne Rabbit Bartholomew. Thanks to Will and Rabbit for assisting with the A Grade judging today. Thanks also to Mark Longy for assisting with the judging. Thanks also to Davo for stoking the bbq and Michael Hardy for assisting with Comp Director duties today.

We had 6 A2 groms in the Comp today, who were all keen to get out and surf. We ran 2 heats with Ruka and Noah making it straight through to the final after the first heat. Ruka had a great heat with a 9 and a 7pt ride. Noah also had a great heat scoring a 7 and 6pt ride. We then ran 1 requal with Harry and Jaspar progressing to the final. Great surfing from Isaac and Jack today, unlucky not to make it through, but great to see you out there improving all the time. We had a really exciting final from the A2s, with Harry taking out the final with a 9 and 6.5pt ride. Great to see you surf today Harry! Jaspar had his best result for the season to date, gaining second place. Great work Jaspar, awesome to see you in a final. Ruka and Noah had less than a point separating them, and also put in some solid scores.

A2 Placings 1st Harry. 2nd Jaspar. 3rd Ruka. 4th Noah.

The girls did an awesome job today in the sizeable conditions at the Bay and the Point. It has been really exciting to see this group improving throughout the season. As with the A2's we ran 2, 1st round heats and a requal for the girls today. Yazzi and Imi took out the wins in the first round and progressed through to the final. Madi and Kira progressed through to the final from the requal, with Alex and Bella being the unlucky to miss out. There wasn't much between the scores in the requal, so well done girls.



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A Grade Comp 7 report cont

The girls decided they wanted to surf at the Point for the final. Yazzi had a solid surf and took out the win. Madi had her highest finish to date, placing second. Imi ran a very close third, and Kira fourth.

A Girls Placings 1st Yasmin. 2nd Madi. 3rd Imi. 4th Kira.

Well we knew that we would see some exciting surfing today from the A Grade boys with the conditions in the Bay, and they didn't disappoint! In Round 1, Jake, Khi, Levi and Alex progressed straight to the semi's. Levi had a stand out round scoring a 8.5 and 7pt ride. We had 5 groms in the requal with Marcus, Mallee and Tyson progressing. Bad luck Brad and Zak, competition was tough today and I am sure you will both come back fighting in the next round. With such a high level of surfing, competition was tough in the semi finals. We saw lots of power turns with speed and flow. Jake, Mallee, Khi and Levi progressed to our final today. We had an outstanding quality of surfing in our A Grade final today. It certainly was exciting to watch! There was lots of critical moves, connecting waves to build up some impressive scores. Jake continued to impress all day and landed 8 and 8.5pt scores in the final to take out the win. Awesome to see you enjoying your surfing Jake. Khi came in second, it was great to see you at the Comp today, and I can see all of that hard work that you are putting in, starting to pay off. Levi came in a close third with some impressive speed and flow through his turns. Mallee came in at fourth and it was great to see you in your second final.

A Boys Placings. 1st Jake. 2nd Khi. 3rd Levi. 4th Mallee.

Contest Directors Prize. Tyson for showing true Club spirit and looking out for his fellow competitors. It's also exciting to see you improve at each Comp.

Well done Tyson.



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B Grade Comp 7 report

B Grade report

Comp 7, Middleton Point 21st August 2016

Today's comp was held in conditions that allowed the strongest surfers to show their talents out the back. Surf was around 2-4ft with mild wind.

Surfers in this grade are gaining confidence paddling out from the keyhole.

Typically surfers are small in this grade and not confident in paddling out the back. They tend to drift in toward the beach. There are only a couple of the surfers in this grade who have made it out the back this contest season. Tai and Finlay paddled their way through the line up again in their heats. Resulting in the highest quality of surfing the B Grade has seen all year. Tai took off on a 3 foot peeling right hander and performed three controlled turns that showed flair and talent. He scored a 10 for this wave.

Competitors, please take note. This wave is the standard you all can aspire to reach.

So the bar has been raised. Well done Tai. Catch a second scoring ride next time Tai and you would have Taken out the comp.

The results of the day were

- 1st Indi Freeth
- 2nd Stella Senior
- 3rd Poppy Sweetman
- 4th Ryan Smart

Directors Award Tai Taite for 10 point ride.



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C Grade Comp 7 report

MicroGroms C-Grade: Competition 7

Sponsored by

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Date: 21st August 2016

Surf Location: Big Bay Middleton

Weather conditions: sunny, 15 degrees, wind 0-5 knots offshore

Swell size: waist to shoulder height (Grom)

Number of competitors: 13

Competition report

The weather conditions were surprisingly good for this time of the year. The surf was looking nice; the lip was a bit crumbly, but there was some nice face on quite a few waves.

We had 13 surfers all up. Henry and Xavier joined the crew for the first time. We ran two rounds, with three 20 minute heats. The groms would surf two heats each for the day.

Three times world surf champion Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew came and gave the groms a huge boost of confidence with his presence and surfing advice. I think some of the parents were pretty stoked to have a casual chat with him and a photo. Rabbit was pretty awesome giving his time freely and really impressed with the excitement and competitive festival vibe that was running through the C Grade camp.

All the groms surfed like champions today. All year we have been drumming into the groms, turns and length of ride score points-in C Grade. Harry, Maia, King and Sammy scored high with multiple turns along the entire length of the wave. Maddie and Max found confidence and surfed some of their best heats this year. Judges were very impressed with the quality and quantity of turns put on display today. It is a real credit to see the groms maxing out the full scoring potential of each wave.

Rabbit said watching the groms surf and seeing all the parents working or socializing gave him a really sense of community focused on grass root surfing. His simple advice to the groms and parents is to have FUN! And enjoy each other's company.



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C Grade Comp 7 report cont

A huge thank you to WIL MILLS for bringing Rabbit down to meet the MicroGroms family, also for providing gift bags for every grom that surfed today. Outstanding effort from Wil and Rabbit!

Note: Photos on Face Book.

Big thank you to WIL MILLS INDUSTRIES AND HURLEY for supporting grass roots surfing in SA.

Results:

1st Harry

2nd Maia

3rd King

4th Sammy

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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