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Welcome page

With the 2015 End of Year Presentations and AGM on next month it is the time of the year where the club needs to start organising the 2016 committee.

Under our constitution, all positions are declared vacant at the AGM and nominations are sought

The following committee member roles will be available for next year and we are seeking nominations from our members.

Role

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Communications

A Grade Comp Director

A Grade Head Judge

B Grade Comp Director

C Grade Comp Director

Committee Member with specific role of Sponsorship and Partnership

Committee Member with specific role of Child Safety Officer (DCIS clearance and knowledge of child safety practices and requirements, further training may be required).

Committee Member (non-Specific)

Police clearances will be required from everyone on the committee



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Our club runs on the generosity of time of our members' parents and without that the club and more importantly junior surfing in South Australia suffers.

The role in the committee is a fruitful one for both the committee member, the club and the groms.

We urge member's parents to be involved in the club and it is asked that if you would like to nominate for a role that you email the Clubs Secretary, Clayton Freeth (clayton.j.freeth@team.telstra.com<mailto:clayton.j.freeth@team.telstra.com> with your nominations and expressions of interest by **23rd November**, then vacant positions will be readvertised ready for the AGM.

Nominations can be received by Proxy at the AGM only. The individual nominated must agree to this prior the AGM.

If you have any queries about any of the roles and you would like to know more please approach any of the committee who are happy to discuss.

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.



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Important information

Microgroms became aware of a proposed Tuna pen being constructed off the coastline of Victor Harbour.

Reuben your Microgroms president has been working tirelessly to oppose this, doing interviews with the press and attending meetings. Along with the newsletter, there is a form attached. To lodge your opposition to the tuna pen, you can print off, complete and send. If we sign a club petition, it would only count as one vote. We all need to lodge individual representations against the proposed tuna pen development.

I/We oppose the Aquarium on the basis that it will cause

1. Loss of visual amenity in beautiful Victor Harbour.
2. Increased shark activity and potential increase of accidents with people.
3. Disagree Marine park should be used as "resource" when it is actually the environment for all to use, not just a select privileged few that can afford it.
4. Predation to fairy penguin by increased shark activity.
5. Leafy Sea Dragon habitat threatened.

If the people friendly waters are no longer safe, you will be likely to visit Victor Harbour less, and hence spend less money in and around the town ship and neighbouring towns.



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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 10

What a fantastic finish to the 2015 Microgroms competition season, with beautiful warm weather, clear skies and 2 to 3 foot swell running. Our 'meet and greet' at Middleton for a club photo was so good we decided to hold the comp for all divisions together at Day street. It was a great sight to see all the divisions sharing the beach together, and consuming the benefits (thanks 'B' grade for the sausage and drinks option!)

Although it seemed there were surfers for as far as the eye could see, the crowds had very little impact on the competitors, as they all seemed to get plenty of waves. After a quick warm up surf, we called the groms in and kicked off the first of the heats for the A1 and A2 divisions.

The A1s had 7 competitors hit the water, and there was some great surfing through the heats, requalies and the final. Congratulations to all the finalists who surfed really well throughout the day. Harri Green who in the semi's made one of the best turns of the year, caught on camera in a 2 part sequence (check it out on facebook), also did a very nice closeout manoeuvre on a smaller one in the final showing off his radical style to take 4th. Khi was also hunting lots of waves, and in the middle of the final caught a great wave, but couldn't get onto another one to back it up, resulting in 3rd place. 2nd place went to Caspian, who in the final made one of best waves of the day, on one of the biggest waves ridden, with smooth linked up turns and a massive snap in a critical section. He was rewarded with the highest wave score of the day, unfortunately for Caspian he too was unable to back it up too and didn't get another high scoring wave. The win was snapped up by Levi, who picked his waves well, his selection of longer peeling waves allowed him to throw a variety of smooth linked up turns, resulting in consistent good scores, well done Levi!

Results:

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



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The A2s had 11 competitors, and as usual the quality of surfing in this division was awesome. Tyson and Yasmin both surfed really well through the heats, but didn't quite make the final, but well done to both those competitors for their efforts. The five boy/girl A2 final had some very close scores but despite surfing well earlier, Amy couldn't find a good one in the final and so took the 5th spot. Fourth place went to Mallee who has improved rapidly this year, landing a couple of very nice manoeuvres during the day, he will really be taking it to his competitors next year. Marcus, who was taking plenty of waves looking to find a good one, and his last wave was just enough to get a good score pushing him up to take 3rd place. Second place went to Ruka, who got a couple of nice waves early in the heat, then had a run of waves that didn't do too much until the end of the heat, when he scored his best wave securing the runner up. The unstoppable Jake Tomlinson, kicked off the heat with two big scoring waves to take the lead early, he then held off the challengers to claim first place, a great effort again, congratulations Jake!

Results:

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

Thanks to everyone who has helped out not only this comp, but all year, without the support and participation of the committee volunteers and parents the kids would have no club, so it is a collective pat on the back for all who helped to make the 2015 Microgroms Season such a successful year.

I hope all the kids and parents enjoyed the year overall, there can however only be one first place so its important be focused on personal progression, surfing is a passionate lifelong endeavour that brings far greater rewards than a trophy. As volunteers for the club there is a lot of pressure to make sure all members and their families are as happy as possible. Sometimes that's easy sometimes its hard, sometimes we get it right sometimes we get it wrong (ie. me forgetting to push a timer start button... sorry its true I'm a human), but you can be assured we are all doing the best we can to run the best possible club for the benefit of all the Microgroms.

Thanks to all for a very enjoyable day and year as 'A' grade Comp director.

Cheers!

Ian (Chommo) Thompson – 'A' grade comp director 2015



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B Grade Comp report 10

B Grade Comp Report #10, Day St, 8th November 2015.

THAT'S IT, all done and dusted for another year. 10 comps completed and with great conditions on Sunday, this one was certainly the best in my opinion. All of the B Grade groms turned up and with the A's and C's surfing either side of us, it felt good to be a part of a great junior boardriders club.

Peter started off the influx of great waves ridden, with probably the best competition wave he has ever had and got a big cheer from all the spectators on the beach. The heats kept coming and the surfing just got better and better. I can't think of anyone that didn't catch and have great waves. Tai, Nikki, Alex A, and Zane who came and had a surf with the Microgroms all stood out in the first heats and made it through to round two. Imi had a cracking requalifying round, finding some great sections and completing a number of manoeuvres on each wave. Mitch surfed really well again and just missed out on getting to the semi's. A big well done to the younger ones of the B Grade crew, Alice, Felix and Lane. Keep it up, you are all doing so well and you never know, there could be trophies coming your way next year. Kira and Bella, so close in their surfing abilities, were unable to get through to the semi's, but I am sure you will smash it next year when you move up to the A's. With results so close, Noah, who has had an amazing season, just got pipped in the semi final. This left Shay, Nikki, Alex A and Isaac to battle it out in the final. Alex A was very unlucky, with each wave closing out on him, you could see the frustration on his face, as the waves were just not coming to him, but surfed well all day. Isaac took out 3rd place (someone to look out for in the future). Always a pleasure to watch. When Nikki surfed, she showed us great flow with smooth manoeuvres, and just missed out on 1st place. Shay's surfing in the final was pretty impressive, he obviously thought about his wave selection and scored some big points, probably the best heat I have seen him surf in. Well done Shay, you deserved the win. Thanks to all the parents again for putting in the effort with the judging and helping out with the BBQ.

See you all at the Prezzo night.

Results:

1st - Shay 2nd - Nikki 3rd - Isaac 4th - Alex A

Andy (B Grade Comp Director)



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C Grade Comp report 10

Sunday morning greeted us with glorious sunshine and reasonable surf at Middleton.

Eight groms arrived eager to get out into the sea. Two sets of two heats were drawn and the comp began.

The first heat was dominated by Sunset and Lola taking some awesome green waves.

Maia and our newcomer Marley caught some great white water waves, showing skill and determination.

In the second heat Indi showed her skills turning and controlling the board. Tahlia, Angus and Phoebe were catching some white water waves into the beach and having lots of fun.

The conditions changed slightly for heats three and four, as the groms battled to get out. The outstanding wave of the day was from Sunset who paddled right out the back and caught a fantastic ride in. She showed skill, lack of fear and talent that everyone was amazed about and won her the competition.

A brilliant day and a perfect last comp.

Results

1st - Sunset 2nd - Indi 3rd - Lola 4th - Maia

Achievement award went to Marley for his dedication for his first comp.

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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