



# MicroGroms Newsletter

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## Welcome page

### Comp 1

I think everyone would agree that our first Comp for the year started off with a bang! We had almost 70 kids come along on Sunday to compete. It was great to see so many new faces, especially in the B and C grades.

Our Comp was sponsored by Todd Goudie from Surf Revolution. Todd is a former Microgroms Champion (1994) himself and he has been supporting Microgroms for many years. All our comp sponsors provide gear from the brands they sell. These items go towards prizes at each round and also go towards end of year prizes and goodie bags for each surfer.

Please support the crew that support us!

### C grade Water Cover

As there are many new comers to the C grade we will just go over the rules for water cover in this grade.

If any parent would like to provide water cover for their own child this is fine. However, if you are to assist other children in the water it is important that a police check is provided to the club. You can take a photo of your certificate and send it to our child protection officer Heidi Karo, who's phone number and email is on the last page of the newsletter. If you have any questions about this please contact Heidi.

### Next Comp

Our second comp for the year is not very far away and is all set for the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. It is essential that registration fees are paid before you surf your second comp as this is required for insurance purposes. A bonus of getting your rego in by the second comp means that your child will receive a long sleeve Microgroms shirt which usually arrives between comp 3 and 4. This year our shirts are going to be a little different, with a new logo as Microgroms are celebrating their 25 year anniversary. There will be other big things happening in the year but there will be more info on that later.



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## *Welcome page continued*

### Comp 2 Sponsor

We lucky to have a sponsor for Comp two which is Scott Stevenson from Avalanche Industries. His brands include Roxy, Quiksilver, and DC

### New Committee Members

Microgroms would like to welcome two new members to the Microgroms committee. Kate Barley has taken on the C grade. At the end of last year we were not even sure if the C grade would be running as we had no comp director. Kate has put her hand up to do this and we are very grateful. C grade was buzzing on the weekend and I'm sure there are many grateful kids and parents. Welcome Kate!

We would also like to welcome Mark Longhurst (Longy). Longy's son was the 2008 Microgroms champion so he knows all about our club. He is very involved in the surf community and we welcome him as out A grade head judge.

### Microgroms Competition Rules

As much as microgroms promotes and encourages having fun please remember we are a competition club and were have competition rules. You will find these in full on the microgroms website. One important thing to remember is no free surfing in the comp zone It is not fair on other surfers and you may be disqualified from the Competition or have points deducted from your next heat score (half your highest scoring wave).



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## 2017 Calendar

Event	Date	Meeting point
Comp #1	26 <sup>th</sup> February (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #2	12 <sup>th</sup> March (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #3	23 <sup>rd</sup> April (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #4	6 <sup>th</sup> May (Saturday)	Yorkes (Jetty Car Park)
Comp #5	4 <sup>th</sup> June (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #6	2 <sup>nd</sup> July (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #7	6 <sup>th</sup> August (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #8	10 <sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #9	14 <sup>th</sup> October (Saturday)	Yorkes (Jetty Car Park)
Comp #10	29 <sup>th</sup> October (Sunday)	Middleton
Presentations	TBA	TBA

Event	Date	Meeting Point
Berry Bay Surf Jam	TBA	Yorkes
Rip Curl Grom Search	TBA	Yorkes
Junior State Titles Rd 1	25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> March	TBA
Junior State Titles Rd 2	8 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> April	TBA

\* 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 1 report*

**Microgroms A Grade Competition Report  
Sponsored by Todd Goudie from Surf Revolution**

Sunday 26th February A grade Comp Report Comp 2: Middleton Bay  
It was great to have enough swell to run the comp in the bay and allow all the grades to surf in one location. Overall 22 groms put their name down. We had 12 Groms enter in the A1 division 5 having progressed up from the A2 division last year. 5 A Grade Girls and 5 Boys in the A2 division. After discussion with the competitors, I decided surf the girls with the A2 boys. This allows us to run competitive heats with 10 surfers in the A2 division. The girls showed they were up for the competition taking out 1st and 2nd place in the A2 final. From the blast of the first hooter I was impressed by the progressive surfing display. All the surfers have developed their skills over the summer and managed to make the most from average conditions. A big thankyou to all the parents and Groms who sat in the judging seats. We couldn't have all the fun without you. Longy did a FAB job as Head Judge sharing his knowledge and ensuring everyone has a thorough understanding of the Judging criteria. The A grade final was closely contested by all 6 competitors with Jake taking first place really turning the board in the pocket out the back and all the way to the inside. Grace, one of the Yorkes Juniors who is new to our club, put in a solid performance in the final executing flowing top to bottom turns to win the A2 Division. The great community atmosphere and positive attitude of the Groms and parents made my job a joy. Thanks to all.

Results: A1 Division

1st – Jake ,2nd- Harry, 3rd- Marcus, 4th- Levi

A2 Division

1st Grace, 2nd Imi, 3rd Jarrod, 4th Tai

Comp directors award went to Ruka who surfed the wave of the day in his semi-final scoring a 9 point ride.

Looking forward to comp 2, see you there.  
Cheers, Lou.



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## *B Grade Comp 1 report*

### B Grade Comp Report

Wow what a great start to the year! We had 18 enthusiastic groms and great weather to kick the season off. The B's surfed off the point in challenging conditions. There was plenty of swell, probably 3-4 foot out the back. The sweep to the east made it hard to stay in the spot but all competitors did very well in the peaky waves.

I decided to have a requalifying round for the first comp to give everyone the opportunity to have at least two surfs, which made for a longer day than usual but was worthwhile doing for the first competition. Round 1 produced some great surfing from Indi, Seth, Marley, Chaska, Sammy, Maia, Stella, Harry and Poppy with Max and Marley maximizing their wave count at 10 waves each.

In the requalies the conditions deteriorated a little and competitors ended up further down the beach. Despite this, Judd managed to find a pretty good wave late in his heat to finish ahead of Ruben and Madison. Ryan and Ari got their wave count up to 8 and 7 respectively to just get through to the semi's ahead of Stella and Marley.

Round 2 was very competitive with some high scores from Chaska, Tommy, King, Harry, Max and Ari. Once again some of the competitors getting their full 10 waves in a heat. I was impressed to see some of the groms paddling a bit harder to get further out and some great duck diving by Chaska, Connor and Max.

Both Semi's were very close. Three groms had combination score in the double figure range. The Final saw the judges all split for first place with less than a point the difference between all four surfers. Poppy took the final out just ahead of Tommy in second place then Chaska and Indi in fourth position.

Well done to all surfers and a big thanks to all the parents who helped judge, time, cook and provide water cover. I am looking forward to seeing you all on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.45am for an 8 o'clock start

Thanks Grant Senior

B Grade Comp Director.

1<sup>st</sup> Poppy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tommy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chaska, 4<sup>th</sup> Indi

Comp director's award - Judd





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## *C Grade Comp 1 report*

Firstly thanks to all the parents for bringing along the next generation of very enthusiastic surfers and giving them the opportunity to compete in the Micro Groms Surf club.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

We kicked off the season with the largest turnout the C Grade Division has ever encountered. With a 2-3 foot swell providing plenty of white water for the groms to compete in. All 10 heats got under way with every grom catching plenty of waves and having a really enjoyable experience. As for many this was their first competition and the effort they gave was tremendous. WELL DONE!

The competition was strong with competitors displaying great skills and control in the average conditions

### Results

1<sup>st</sup> Khai , 2<sup>nd</sup> Riley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayden , 4<sup>th</sup> Tyler.

We were lucky to have 3 Contest Director Awards. The first went to Koby placing 5<sup>th</sup> overall with some of the longest rides of the competition. The second award went to Jazz , placing 6<sup>th</sup> overall with one of the highest scoring waves, and the third award went to Max J. for some amazing turns and great control.



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## *C Grade Comp 1 report cont*

A big THANKYOU to Howie for running a fun warm up while we organised 28 Groms into their heats!

A huge THANKYOU to the parents for all your help with judging, water cover and flags, without this the competition could not run.

SPECIAL THANKS to all sponsors for your generous donation and support, Todd Goudie from Surf Revolution, with Mrs Palmers, Dakine and XCEL.

THANKYOU to all the groms for your enthusiasm and great sportsmanship, see you all at the next comp!

Kate Barley

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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