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## Welcome page

### Comp 2

Despite some crazy weather including pelting rain and thunderstorms all our Divisions had a great turn out. There were even a few new faces that were unable to make Comp 1. We'd really like to Welcome all our new kids and families. It's great to see so many smiling faces and there is definitely some excellent surfing talent amongst you.

Our Comp was sponsored by **Scott Stevenson** from **Avalanche Agencies**. Scott sponsored Microgroms last year as well. He also helped us out with some amazing wetsuit prizes that were awarded as end of year contest directors prizes. These went to Maddison and Ashton. They got them last week just in time for the winter. Two very stoked groms!

Scott has not just sponsored Comp 2 this year, he will also be sponsoring Comp 9 over on the Yorke Peninsula later this year. What a legend. Make sure you tag [@scott.stevo](#) [@quiksilver](#) [@roxy](#) and [@dcshoes](#) in your instagram posts form Comp 2.



Ranger Seiji came along to say Hi to our A graders surfing at Waites



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## Welcome page continued

### Next Comp

Comp 3 will be sponsored by Preece's Surf Shop at Port Noarlunga South with terrific Volcom products supported by Instant Agencies. We have a bit of a break before our next round but remember to put the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April in your diaries.

Not long after that will be Comp 4 which we will be holding on the Yorke Peninsula. This is a fantastic opportunity to invite the kids from the local Yorkes Junior Surf Club to join us. This is set for Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to book your accommodation early. We can recommend the Corny Point Caravan Park as we will be holding our presentation night there following Comp day. For all our new families this is a great time to mingle and get to know each other while the kids have a play and hang out together.



Ashton with his new Quiksilver Wetsuit from Scott Stevenson at  
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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 2 report*

**Microgroms A Grade Competition Report**  
**Sponsored by Scott Stevenson from Avalanche Agencies**  
**Sunday 12th March, Waitpinga**

A very small swell and forecasted strong westerlies didn't offer many choices in waves to run the comp. We went to Waitpinga and found a small left out the front of the boardwalk. Small as it was the left worked all day, waves were contestable and the Groms made it look way better than it was. It wasn't long till the first squall of the day came through with heavy rain and strong winds. Mallee, Ruka and Jack in the water found it hard to see in the lashing rain. Luckily the squalls passed quickly and we saw the A1 boys show us their power and flow despite the small swell. Clayton was rewarded for his snappy re-entries with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place but it was Levi who dominated today in the A1 division. He scored a solid 9 backed up with a 6 in the semi. He continued to impress in the final with all 3 judges awarding him a perfect 10 for a 4 manoeuvre ride on which he smoothly landed a seemingly effortless frontside air. The sun emerged for the A2 final. Tai and Imi surfed well but today it was Grace and Zane taking out 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> finding some good sections to show us their power and flow. Thankyou to all the parents who helped out, thanks to all the groms for their positive attitude, thanks to Roxy, Quicksilver and DC for sponsoring the comp, you all make it run easily. Cheers, Lou.

Results: A1 Division

1st – Levi ,2nd- Clayton, 3rd- Marcus, 4th- Noah

A2 Division

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

Comp directors award went to Madi Hurley who helped the comp run smoothly by judging many heats, continually seeking feedback to improve her skills. Top Effort Madi.





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## *B Grade Comp 2 report*

The modelling wasn't looking too good for our second comp so when I got out of the car to check out Middleton Point I was pleasantly surprised with small and clean conditions. Fourteen keen kids were pretty stoked especially Sammy and Ari to get in the water as quickly as possible as the clouds were building up to the west and it looked like conditions may worsen at any time.

Heat 1 saw the kids trying to find the right place to catch the best waves from and I was happy to see the heat 2 and 3 kids watching and talking about where they might sit when it was their turn to surf. The opening heats saw some great surfing from Sammy, Indi, Harry, Tommy, Chaska and Ari. Maddison, Ruben and Maia all surfed well to only just miss out on progressing to round two. We had a 6 kid requalifying round in probably the best conditions of the day and all surfers got 6 waves or over, the results were all very close. The great thing about the small clean conditions was that all surfers were taking off on the peak and surfing green waves, with not much white water surfing today. The surfing in round two was fantastic. We are seeing rail-to-rail cut backs; top to bottom turns to get the speed and some great re-entries. It was great to watch. We had a pretty heavy down pour during this round, the tent saved us. I think at one stage we must have had 30 people in a tent cram.

I would like to make a special mention to Judd for his honesty while he was checking his round two scores he noticed a high score had not been circled which was the difference between him and Stella advancing. We all really do appreciate your honesty mate; it just proves how close the 2nd round was. We had two semi's with only three kids in each and the wave count was high in both. Once again nothing separated the kids but only two could progress through to the final.

For the final we had hot sunny conditions and the parents in the gallery witnessed some pretty good entertaining surfing. There was lots of hooting and clapping after every wave and I was happy to see the surfers connecting 3 and 4 manoeuvres on a wave to push their Combo scores up into the 14-15 range. Well done everyone and thanks to all the parents for helping score. The day seemed to go very smoothly.

Thanks, Grant Senior

1st Harry 2nd Ari, 3rd Sammy, 4th Poppy  
Comp Directors award Judd



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## *C Grade Comp 2 report*

We had 21 very enthusiastic groms ready to hit the surf. We surfed down Day Street to escape the mountains of seaweed! The swell was small, which allowed a few of the more confident groms to get out the back. WELL DONE! The weather started off pleasant for the first round, that didn't last too long. By round 2 we were hit by a squall which sent everyone running for cover, huddling in the judge's tent or running for the car! The sweep to the east made it very hard to stay in the comp zone but competitors did an amazing job in the tough conditions running back up the beach when they drifted too far.

The first heat kicked off with some very competitive surfing and great scores from Ashtyn. C, Khai, Anamika, Jazz, Maddysen and Xavier. Well done to Xavier and Ashtyn.C, getting their maximum wave count. Xavier and Khai paddled hard to get out the back and Khai caught a few high scoring waves which pushed him into the lead in both rounds. Anamika, Jazz and Maddysen put in a huge effort, especially when the Squall hit in their second heat! Great persistence from all surfers!

Heat 2 was super close with Oliver, Riley M, Ella, Poppy, Ashton B and Hayden battling the strong currents and seaweed sweeping down the beach. It was great to see some of the groms paddling hard in the tough conditions to go a little further out and find a peak, picking up some nice rides. Riley. M, Poppy and Hayden got off to a great start with some good scores in their first couple of waves, with Riley M taking out the heat in round 1, and Hayden in round 2, just ahead of Poppy. Oliver, Ella and Ashton B put in a massive effort as the wind and rain made the conditions tough! Great Job!

Riley. L, Jude, Mitchell, Hudson, Henry and Max were next to surf and gave a tremendous effort, again a few of the groms paddled hard to get that bit further out and found some great waves, which saw the judges all split for first, second and third place between Hudson, Mitchell and Henry with less than a point the difference between the surfers. Hudson took out both heats followed closely by Henry and Mitchell in a count back. Max showed great control on his take offs and Jude and Riley. L showed great determination throughout the comp. Excellent Work!



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## *C Grade Comp 2 report cont*

In heat 4 we saw some exciting surfing from Gemtree, Molly and Frankie, with Gemtree maxing out his waves to take out the heats. Molly and Frankie putting in a solid effort surfing finding a few little waves as the conditions deteriorated. Well done!

### Results

**1<sup>st</sup> Khai, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hayden, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hudson, 4<sup>th</sup> Gemtree**

**Contest Director Award** -This went to **Riley.L.** for his tremendous effort and great determination, always trying his best and enjoying surfing in all conditions! WELL DONE!

A big **THANKYOU** to the parents for all your help with judging and water cover, especially Illana who helped with water cover for most of the comp! **THANKS** to Ali for cooking the BBQ! **THANKS** to Brad for running a warm up!

**SPECIAL THANKS** to all sponsors for your generous donation and support, **AVALANCHE INDUSTRIES** with **ROXY, QUICKSILVER, DC**

Well done to all surfers! See you at the next comp.

Thanks, Kate Barley  
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](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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