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## Welcome page

### Yorkes Comp

I think everyone would agree that our Yorkes Comp was a success. There was a big turn out and with the involvement of the local surfers it made for some great competitive surfing. We would like to thank again our event sponsor Extreme Boardriders who are located on Jetty Rd Glenelg. We would also like to thank Charlie and the Tooze family for allowing us to hold the presentations at the caravan park. It was fantastic so many people attended, mingled and had a great time.

### 25 Year Anniversary Event

It has been decided that the 25 Year Anniversary event will not be held at the Beach Hotel next month. The committee have decided to organise a Beach Birthday Party later in the year where we will be inviting current and past members down to the beach for a surf. We are going to organise some fun events and we will have a birthday cake to celebrate the clubs success over the last 25 years. Full details for the event will be provided later in the year once the details have been sorted.

### Presentation Night

The committee are pleased to announce that the presentations will be held at the Beach Hotel on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.(2pm start) We will be using a private room on the second level where there will be bar facilities to buy a refreshment. We encourage people to stay after the presentations and have a party down stairs to celebrate the year.

### NEXT COMP

Our fifth comp for the year is not very far away and is all set for the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. We don't have a sponsor for the round so the club itself will be providing prizes for our place getters. Closer to the date we will be advertising on Facebook the location points for the 3 divisions. If you know anyone who would like to be a sponsor of a round, please assist us where possible. Without valuable sponsorship it makes it just that little harder to run the club.



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## *Welcome page continued*

### New Committee Members

The MicroGroms committee is requiring a couple of new members. We have 2 roles available:

**Communications-** Are you savvy with social media and Microsoft Word? We need someone to assist the club in running our Facebook/ Instagram/ newsletter.

**Sponsorship/Fundraising-** This role would be working with Lou Sturt to work with our sponsors. This includes interacting with current sponsors, discussing sponsorship benefits to new companies and looking to investigate and implement fundraising opportunities. Both roles are pivotal in ensuring our club is successful. Being a committee member is very rewarding, it allows you to assist your child's sporting club, getting involved in the surfing community and working with the club to mould it's future.

If you are interested in being involved please private message us for further information or to discuss either position

### BBQ

The last Bunnings BBQ fundraising event raised almost \$1,700. We are pleased to announce that the Bunnings at Noarlunga are allowing us to run the bbq on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. If you are free it would great to have some volunteers. We will be posting more details on Facebook soon where we will ask for volunteers. Otherwise please see Lou Sturt.

### Wildcard Entries

The question has been asked of the committee around Wildcard entries. The club do offer a come and try session for anyone new to the club. We also offer wildcard spots for local Yorke Groms for the two Yorkes comps. Outside of this people will be required to pay the full year membership. This is in line with our constitution/legal/insurance policies.



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## 2016 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
25 Yr Celebration	TBA	TBA
Presentations	19 <sup>th</sup> of November	Beach Hotel

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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## *Presidents Report*

As we reach the half way point of the season I thought I would take the opportunity to reflect on the last 6 months as a club.

The Committee and I have been on a steep learning curve and have enjoyed working with you all to be a better club. The club itself I feel has grown in all the areas we were focusing on. The biggest point and the one I am most proud of is the number of members we have, in particular the C Grade. Kate and the crew have done a wonderful job of driving member numbers and holding fantastic surf comps for all of our little groms.

The other areas the committee wanted to focus on this year was on the budget and process.

I am pleased to say both areas are looking strong.

The finances are on track to double year on year in 2017. This is due to strong investment in 2015/16 and some great fundraising events such as the Bunnings day which raised \$1,700. From a process perspective we have made inroads and I forecast that by the end of the year we will have policies and procedure documents in place which will assist future committee members when coming into the role. I would like to thank everyone involved in getting this over the line.

As a club we hit a significant mile stone with our 25 year anniversary. From what I understand this makes us the oldest Junior Surf Club in South Australia. In my current role the upside is the benefit of being introduced to more people within the surfing community. In the last 6 months it has been great hearing about the old times and learning more about our heritage. What I can say is that the club has gone leaps and bounds over the years and that is why we are in the position we are today.

To celebrate the 25 years, the Committee were going to hold a function at night. Reflecting on the response from current and past members we have decided to take a change of direction. Instead we are going to hold a Birthday Party at the beach where current and past members can come down for a surf, chat to new and old friends and enjoy some birthday cake to celebrate the mile stone. The full details of this event will be provided when the weather warms up and we can cement a date.



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## *Presidents Report*

The one thing I would like our community to focus on over the later part of the season is the value of respect.

By no way is this a negative part of my report but one topic I would like to focus on. Respect in the club, respect at any sporting event, respect in life. It is so important.

I ask that when we communicate with each other (from conversations on the beach, views on decision making by individuals, to re-enforcements of behaviours) we lead by example. On the whole we are great at this, I try and meet with as many members and family members at each round and I see some fantastic examples of respectfulness. I see kids high fiving after rounds, cheering from the beach when people see a great manoeuvre. All I ask is that we are acute in our decision making and actions to ensure our club goes from strength to strength.

I want to finalise my report with a big thank you.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have assisted at the comps. From cooking the BBQ, dragging equipment down to the beach and assisting with judging.

I would like to thank all our sponsors who support our club. Our sponsors are much appreciated and we recognise that their significant commitment is a big deal and all of us can't thank you all enough. I ask that you all support the companies who support our club.

And lastly I would like to thank the committee members who have spent hours of their own time to ensure we have great comps in an organised environment.

Thank you and I wish you all the very best for the remaining of the year.

Kind Regards  
Clayton.



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## *A Grade Comp 1 report*

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

A grade Comp Report

Comp 4: Yorkes, Pondie.

I love surf trips. Yorkes is always an adventure and a great time for connecting and enjoying nature's beauty. We had a look at Westcape first but it was a bit of a washing machine in the SW winds. Next stop was Pondie where thankfully the bay held out much of the wind chop. The reef at Pondie is always good and we had fun, very contestable lefts and rights all day. Groms in the A1 division are all performing radical manoeuvres, it's inspiring to watch. I saw great innovative surfing on display by the A1 surfers throughout all the heats. The A2 groms surprised me with how much they have improved in just a few weeks. They were all popping up much quicker, turning more vertical, and completing their finishes despite the bumpy conditions. Great to get all the Groms together Saturday night for BBQ and Presso's. Fun times, Good Friends, Good Waves. Hope you all scored some good rides Sunday morning.

Personally I love seeing the kids have an awesome time in nature, forming friendships and growing towards their highest potential. Thank you to all the Groms for their positive energy and enthusiasm and a big thanks to Extreme Boardriders for donating some awesome product to keep the Groms ripping.

Results:

A1 Division

1 <sup>st</sup> – Jake	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Levi	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Digby	4 <sup>th</sup> - Harry
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A2 Division

1 <sup>st</sup> – Corey	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Zane	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Jarrod	4 <sup>th</sup> – Grace
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Jarrod received the comp director's award for landing a committed vertical finish showing stand out improvement in his surfing this season. The mornings are getting crisp, but those glassy swells are definitely worth getting up for so grab your hood and enjoy those uncrowded dawn surfs

Cheers, Lou.



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## *B Grade Comp 1 report*

B Grade comp report 06/05/17 Comp 4

I still love the adventure of heading over to Yorkes I don't think you ever lose that feeling. All grades met at the Marion bay car park on a day I wouldn't have gone surfing, it was a gardening or skateboarding day. Having said that we still had 13 pretty keen kids, eleven Microgroms and two kids from Yorkes, Amos and Kobe. There were moments of indecision as to where to hold the comp and at one stage I was pretty keen to hold the comp at Lizards, we finally ended up at North Berry with a rising swell and strong South Westerlies.

It looked like it was going to be pretty hard work and we started off by recognising the strong rip and discussing the pro's and con's of rips. There was a pretty consistent right and left breaking into the rip and the kids took advantage of this. In the heats I saw some pretty solid surfing from Harry, Maia, Tommy, Indi, Sammy, Stella, Kobe and King. Poppy ventured right out the back as did King and they both caught a pretty big wave each.

The Semi's saw King and Sammy advance just ahead of Chaska, the second semi, Kobe was just knocked out by Amos and Harry. King surfed very well in the final and was a clear winner ahead of Harry in second place and Amos from Yorkes in third, Sammy came fourth.



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## *B Grade Comp 1 report*

The conditions were tough and I was really impressed with the kids pushing themselves and venturing out the back, well done everyone. Thanks to all parents for helping lugging gear down to the beach and judging.

### Results

1. King
2. Harry
3. Amos
4. Sammy

Comp directors award

Stella



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## *C Grade Comp 1 report*

Yorkes Comp 4, we had 15 groms excited to surf a new break! We held the C grade comp at Berry Bay south. The conditions were not favorable with a messy 1 to 2 foot inconsistent swell, cross shore winds and the occasional big bommie coming through. This did not deter the C graders, their enthusiasm was bursting as they all headed straight out for a warm up surf together! For many of them, this was also their first time surfing at a Yorkes comp. The Groms really enjoyed hanging out with each other at the caravan park and on the beach, they are building some great friendships!

**Heat 1** started with a bang with some bommie sets coming through, pushing our C graders to a new level. Ashtyn, Gemtree and Riley M took on some huge close outs making the drop and getting some incredible rides. Local Boy Jonny and Khai paddled out the back and battled wave for wave, showing great control in their turns and scoring high with the judges. Some clever wave selection saw Jonny taking out the heat ahead of Khai. Round 2 saw some solid closing out sets come through, and a lot of wipe outs! Ashtyn, Gemtree and Riley put in a huge effort, feeling pretty tired from all the paddling. Jonny and Khai battled for waves and Khai took out the heat just ahead of Jonny.

**Heat 2** was exciting to watch with Xavier, Hayden, Ashton, Ollie and Tyler battling hard against the strong waves with the occasional bommie wiping them all out. The boys put in a tremendous effort paddling hard in the tough conditions looking for peaks and getting some nice rides. Xavier took out both the heats followed closely by Ashton and Hayden. Special mention to Ollie and Tyler who really pushed



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## C Grade Comp 1 report cont

themselves in the second round bettering their first score. They were the only competitors to do this in the comp. Awesome work!

**Heat 3** we saw some exciting surfing from Anamika, Maddy, Ella, Riley & Jude. They put in an outstanding effort finding some amazing little rides and rode the waves all the way into the beach. Jude and Riley both caught some great waves showing their traversing skills. Riley took out heat 1 and Jude heat 2. The girls put in an awesome effort riding some solid waves, their improvement again was amazing. It has been lovely to see them form a great friendship and they are really enjoying surfing together. A special mention to Ella who surfed with a broken arm. She showed incredible determination and surfed at a high level. Well Done!

**Please check out the Microgroms Face Book Page for comp 4 Photos.**

### Results

1<sup>st</sup> Jonny  
3<sup>rd</sup> Xavier  
4<sup>th</sup> Riley.M

2<sup>nd</sup> Khai

**Contest Director Awards** – went to, Ollie, Ella, Anamika & Tyler for showing great determination and giving a tremendous effort in tough conditions. WELL DONE!

A massive **THANKYOU** to the **DADS**, who helped with water cover **Brad, Darren, Ben, Brian, Mark and Daniel**. A big **THANKYOU** to all the parents for your help with judging and the set up and pack up! **THANKS** to Synthia for cooking the BBQ! **THANKS** to Ilana for taking photos of the comp. **SPECIAL THANKS** to the sponsors for your generous donation and support, **Greg** with **Extreme Boardriders**.

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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