

OFFICIAL EVENT GUIDE

Australian JUNIOR SURFING Titles



SURFING
AUSTRALIA

MARGARET RIVER, WA | NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 8, 2026

Welcome

On behalf of the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, I'm delighted to welcome Australia's best junior surfers, along with their families, supporters, volunteers and officials to Wadandi Boodja for the 2026 Australian Junior Surfing Titles.

We're proud to support Surfing WA host Surfing Australia's premier junior surfing event through our Major Events Grants Program to give the country's most talented young surfers the opportunity to compete at the same break used during the prestigious Margaret River Pro.

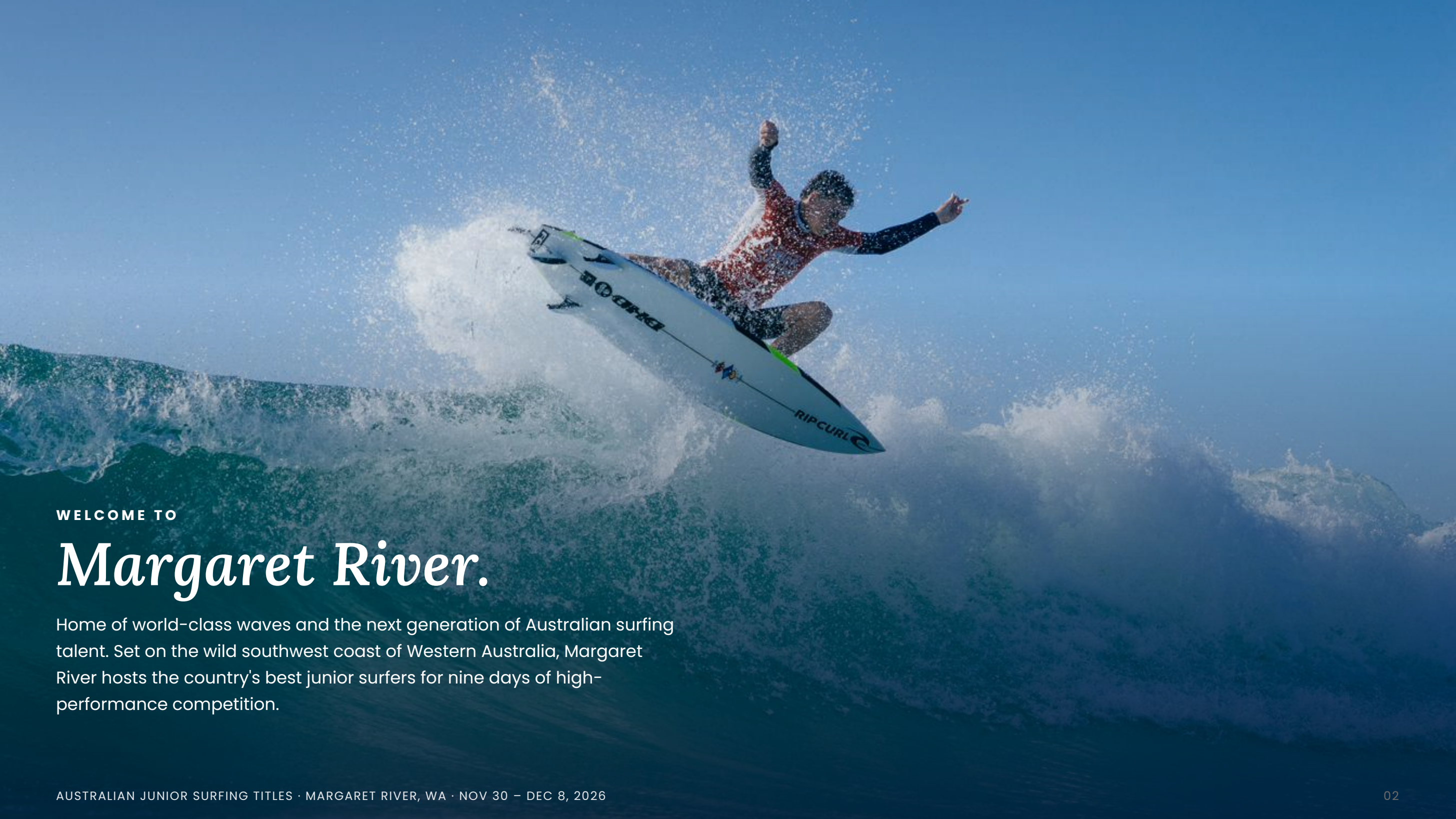
Hosting the event is also an opportunity to showcase what makes our region so unique. While Augusta-Margaret River is internationally renowned for its world-class waves, there's so much more to discover - from our spectacular coastline and beaches to ancient forests, mountain bike trails, local produce and the many towns and communities that make up our region.

As you travel through Wadandi Boodja, we ask that you respect Country, tread lightly and help us care for this special place.

Best of luck to all the competitors. I hope you enjoy the competition, embrace the experience and make some great memories along the way. And perhaps we'll see some of you back here in years to come, competing on the world stage as part of the WSL Championship Tour.

Julia Jean-Rice, Shire President | Shire of Augusta Margaret River





WELCOME TO

Margaret River.

Home of world-class waves and the next generation of Australian surfing talent. Set on the wild southwest coast of Western Australia, Margaret River hosts the country's best junior surfers for nine days of high-performance competition.



MARGARET RIVER, WA

Australian Junior Surfing Titles.

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Days on the
Southwest Coast

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Break Options
Across the Region

U14–U18

Boys & Girls
Individual Divisions

EVENT OVERVIEW

Where Australia's Next Wave Rises.

The 2026 Australian Junior Surfing Titles heads west to Margaret River, one of the country's most storied surf regions, for nine days of high-performance junior competition.

From Surfers Point at Prevelly to the region's quality back-up options, the nation's best U14–U18 surfers will battle it out for the green and gold across the Margaret River coastline.

ALSO FEATURING

MR Shield Schools Divisions — U16 & U19, Boys & Girls.

Run alongside the Individual Titles, school teams compete for state and school pride in the MR Shield.

PREVELLY & THE MARGARET RIVER REGION

The Waves.

Competition runs across a primary venue and three back-up options, giving organisers flexibility to chase the best conditions each day.

● PRIMARY LOCATION

Surfers Point (Main Break)

Prevelly, WA — the event's home base and premier competition arena.

● BACK-UP LOCATION

South Sides

Prevelly, WA

● BACK-UP LOCATION

Margaret River Rivermouth

Prevelly, WA

● BACK-UP LOCATION

Gracetown

Gracetown, WA

4–8ft

Reef–Bottom Wave Range

18–21°C

Water Temperature

2mm

Steamer Recommended



2019: The Last Time at Main Break.

The 2026 Titles mark the first return to Western Australia's Main Break since 2019 — the last time the Australian Junior Surfing Titles were held on the West Coast. A look back at some of the standout moments from that unforgettable week.



BACK WHERE IT BELONGS

2019: More From Main Break.

More standout moments from the 2019 Australian Junior Surfing Titles at Margaret River — the last time the nation's best juniors tackled the West Coast.



Individual Surfing Divisions.

U14

Boys & Girls

U16

Boys & Girls

U18

Boys & Girls

2026 SURFING AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

Event Format.

- 01

Seeded Format

State Champions earn a seeded start directly into the National Titles for heat draws larger than 12 — performance at State level is rewarded.
- 02

Second Chance

Competitors starting from Round 1 receive a second opportunity through Round 2.
- 03

Crossover Draw

Progressions use a crossover structure across all seeded format sizes, with surfer-on-surfer heats from the semi-finals onward.

Event Schedule

MARGARET RIVER, WA · NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 8, 2026

MON 30 NOV

Opening Ceremony

The River Hotel, Margaret River (Official Host Venue) · 4:00pm

TUE 1 – TUE 8 DEC

Competition Window

All Divisions on Standby · Mobile Event — Conditions Dependent

DAILY

Daily Location Call

Posted each morning via WhatsApp Community & Live Event Website

ON COMPLETION

Finals & Presentation

The River Hotel, Margaret River · Following the Final Heat



COMPETITOR FUNCTION

Australian Junior Surfing Titles Opening Ceremony

OFFICIAL HOST VENUE

Monday 30 November 2026

The River Hotel, Margaret River

40 Wallcliffe Rd, Margaret River, WA 6285

RUN OF SHOW

4:00 pm	Arrival & Welcome
4:30 pm	Opening Ceremony & Welcome to Country
5:15 pm	Drinks & Dinner
6:15 pm	Close

4:00pm start confirmed. Remaining run sheet times approximate. All competitors, team managers and judges to attend.

ISA World Juniors Qualification.

Champions crowned at the 2026 Australian Junior Surfing Titles earn automatic selection to the Australian National Junior Team — 3 surfers per division — who compete at the ISA World Junior Surfing Championships.

U18 Boys TEAM AUSTRALIA · 3 ATHLETES 1 Australian Titles Champion AUTOMATIC SELECTION 2 Surfing Australia Junior Series Winner 3 Wildcard Selection	U18 Girls TEAM AUSTRALIA · 3 ATHLETES 1 Australian Titles Champion AUTOMATIC SELECTION 2 Surfing Australia Junior Series Winner 3 Wildcard Selection	U16 Boys TEAM AUSTRALIA · 3 ATHLETES 1 Australian Titles Champion AUTOMATIC SELECTION 2 Surfing Australia Junior Series Winner 3 Wildcard Selection	U16 Girls TEAM AUSTRALIA · 3 ATHLETES 1 Australian Titles Champion AUTOMATIC SELECTION 2 Surfing Australia Junior Series Winner 3 Wildcard Selection
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Full eligibility, wildcard and appeals criteria are set out in the Surfing Australia National Junior Team Selection Policy (updated August 2025).

Getting There & Where to Stay.

Getting There

Margaret River sits approximately 3 hours' drive southwest of Perth Airport (around 270km). All major domestic airlines fly into Perth daily, with connections from most east-coast capitals in roughly 3–5 hours.

Transport during competition week is the responsibility of each State team. All major rental car companies operate from Perth Domestic Airport.

Where to Stay

Margaret River is a charming town with accommodation to suit every budget — from holiday apartments and cabins to camping and premium stays, set among forests, wineries and pristine coastline.

[MARGARETRIVER.COM/ACCOMMODATION →](https://margaretriver.com/accommodation)

STAY CONNECTED

Event Communications.

WhatsApp Community

Daily location updates, results, and news — direct to your phone throughout the event.

[JOIN THE COMMUNITY →](#)

Live Event Website

Schedules, live scores, results, video highlights, imagery and news — all in one place throughout the competition.

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State Allocations.

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Division	NSW	QLD	VIC	WA	SA	TAS	WC/SAWC	Round Size	Heats
U18 Junior Men	8	6	5	5	2	2	2	30	23
U18 Junior Women	8	6	5	6	2	2	1	30	23
U16 Cadet Boys	8	6	5	5	2	2	2	30	23
U16 Cadet Girls	8	6	5	6	2	2	1	30	23
U14 Grommet Boys	8	6	5	5	2	2	2	30	23
U14 Grommet Girls	8	6	5	6	1	2	2	30	23
Total	48	36	30	33	11	12	10	180	—
School MR Shield	4	4	4	4	4	4	—	24	16

Overall event total: 154 heats across Individual and School divisions. Unfilled State allocations are offered to reserve competitors by official State Seed Ranking, then via the Surfing Australia Wildcard Procedure. Full eligibility criteria are published in the Surfing Australia Rule Book 2026.

2026 STATE SEEDING ORDER

1st Seed QLD	2nd Seed NSW	3rd Seed VIC	4th Seed WA	5th Seed SA	6th Seed TAS
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Anti-Doping Education.

In preparation for the 2026 Australian Junior Surfing Titles, Surfing Australia strongly encourages all athletes to complete online anti-doping education before competing. It's possible that athletes may be tested during this event, so it's critical that you understand your rights and responsibilities under the Australian Anti-Doping Policy.

01

Anti-Doping Fundamentals

The core course covering athlete rights, responsibilities and the testing process.

02

Annual Update 2026

The latest policy update, required annually for all competing athletes.

| Access both courses via elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au — register or log in, then navigate to the courses via the ‘Find Courses’ tab.

Trouble logging in or finding a course? Contact education@sportintegrity.gov.au. Surfing Australia is committed to a safe, fun, fair and inclusive sport — see the Surfing Australia Integrity Hub for more information.

SCHOOLS COMPETITION

MR Shield Schools Event.

Run alongside the Australian Junior Surfing Titles, the MR Shield brings school teams from across the country together to compete for school and state pride on the same Margaret River waves.

DIVISIONS

U16 Junior Boys	U16 Junior Girls	U19 Senior Boys	U19 Senior Girls
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FORMAT

Two surfers from the **same school** compete together, representing their state and school. States may nominate three surfers as a pair.

Open to enrolled Australian school students — age as at 31 December in the year of competition. Confirmation of enrolment required; private/independent schools must be affiliated with their State sporting organisation.



Key Contacts

& Event Information



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Emergency Contacts

Ambulance / Police / Fire — **000** · Police Assistance (Non-Emergency) — **131 444**

DFES Emergency Information Line — **13 3337** · Poisons Information Centre — **13 11 26**

See You in Margaret River, WA.

