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 Western Australia 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

EXPLORE THE REGION

Local favourites close to the action at Prevelly, and a few worth the drive.

The region

This coastal corner of Australia has been shaped over millions of years by ancient geology, long isolation and a changing climate. Its remarkable landscapes support native plants and wildlife, many found nowhere else on Earth. Sitting on the southwest edge of the continent and exposed to the Roaring Forties, the coastline gets a constant run of high-energy swells from the Indian Ocean, helping create the powerful waves the region is known for.

White Elephant Beach Café, Gnarabup

Brekkie burgers and smashed pumpkin with views over Gnarabup Beach. Bring your bathers.

Hamelin Bay Beach, Hamelin Bay

A sheltered bay with white sand, turquoise waters, plenty of marine life and stunning coastal walks.

Jewel Cave, Augusta

WA's largest show cave. Stunning crystal formations offer a captivating journey into the region's geological wonders.

Drift Café, Margaret River

Seasonal, local breakfasts and a silky latte. The Egg Florentine is the crowd favourite.

Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, Augusta

This iconic lighthouse stands at Australia's most south-westerly point and is the tallest on mainland Australia.

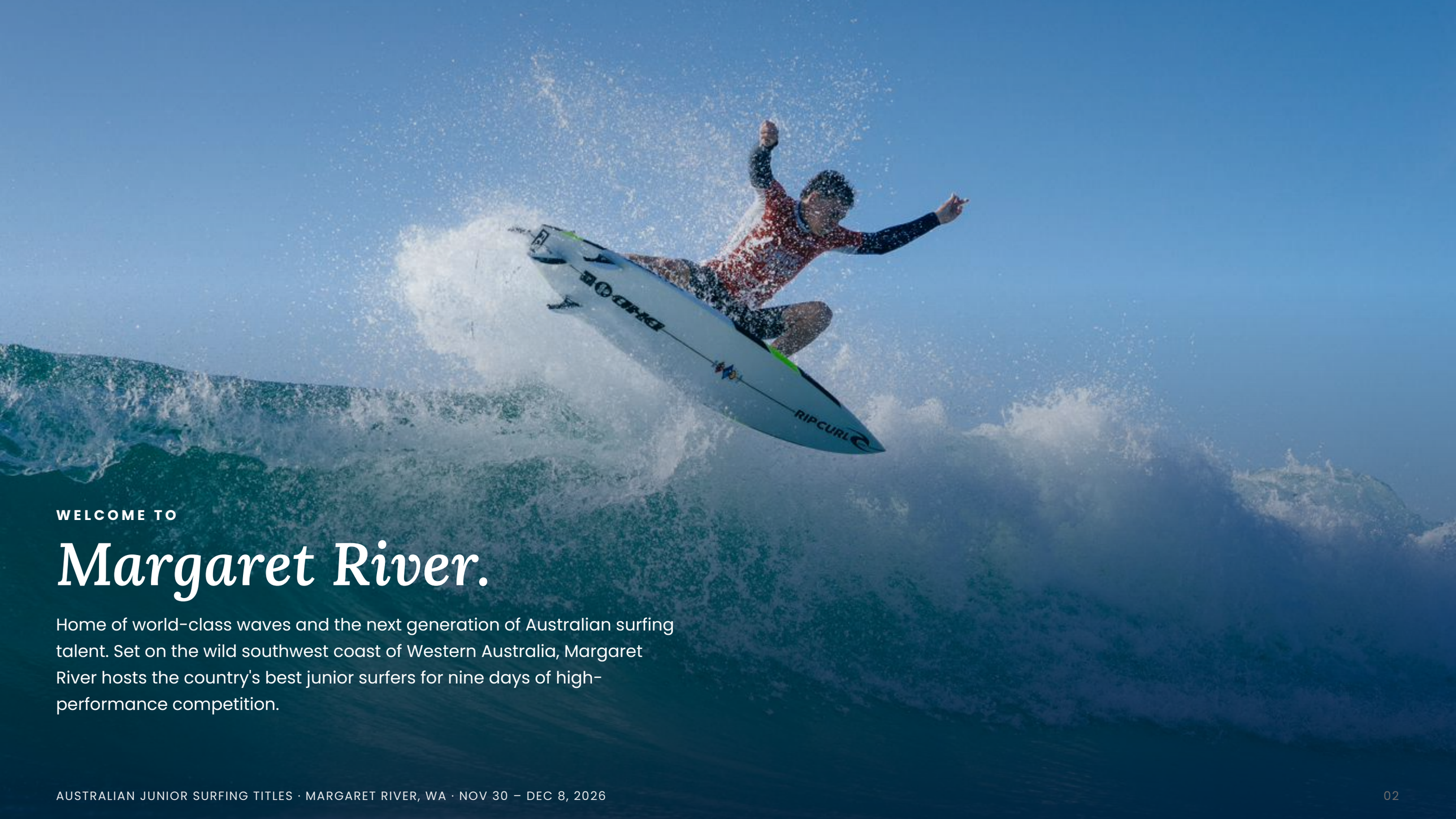
Temper Temper Fine Choclate, Margaret River

An amazing range of chocolate, plus a giant chocolate fountain, frozen yoghurt, soft serve and all the toppings.

Discover more at margaretriver.com | @margaretriver

MARGARET RIVER REGION

ON WADANDI BOODJA



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.



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MARGARET RIVER, WA

Australian Junior Surfing Titles.

9
Days on the Southwest Coast

4
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



BACK WHERE IT BELONGS

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.



Finn Cox
WA



Coral Durrant
WA



Jamie Thomson
NSW



Ellie Harrison
VIC



Xavier Huxtable
VIC



Tiaan Cronje
NSW

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.



Oscar Salt
NSW



Joel Vaughan
NSW



Sage Goldsbury
VIC



Xavier Huxtable
VIC

WHO'S COMPETING

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

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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



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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.

PATHWAY TO GREEN & GOLD

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

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U16 Boys

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U16 Girls

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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).

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

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 →

STAY CONNECTED

Event Communications.

WhatsApp Community

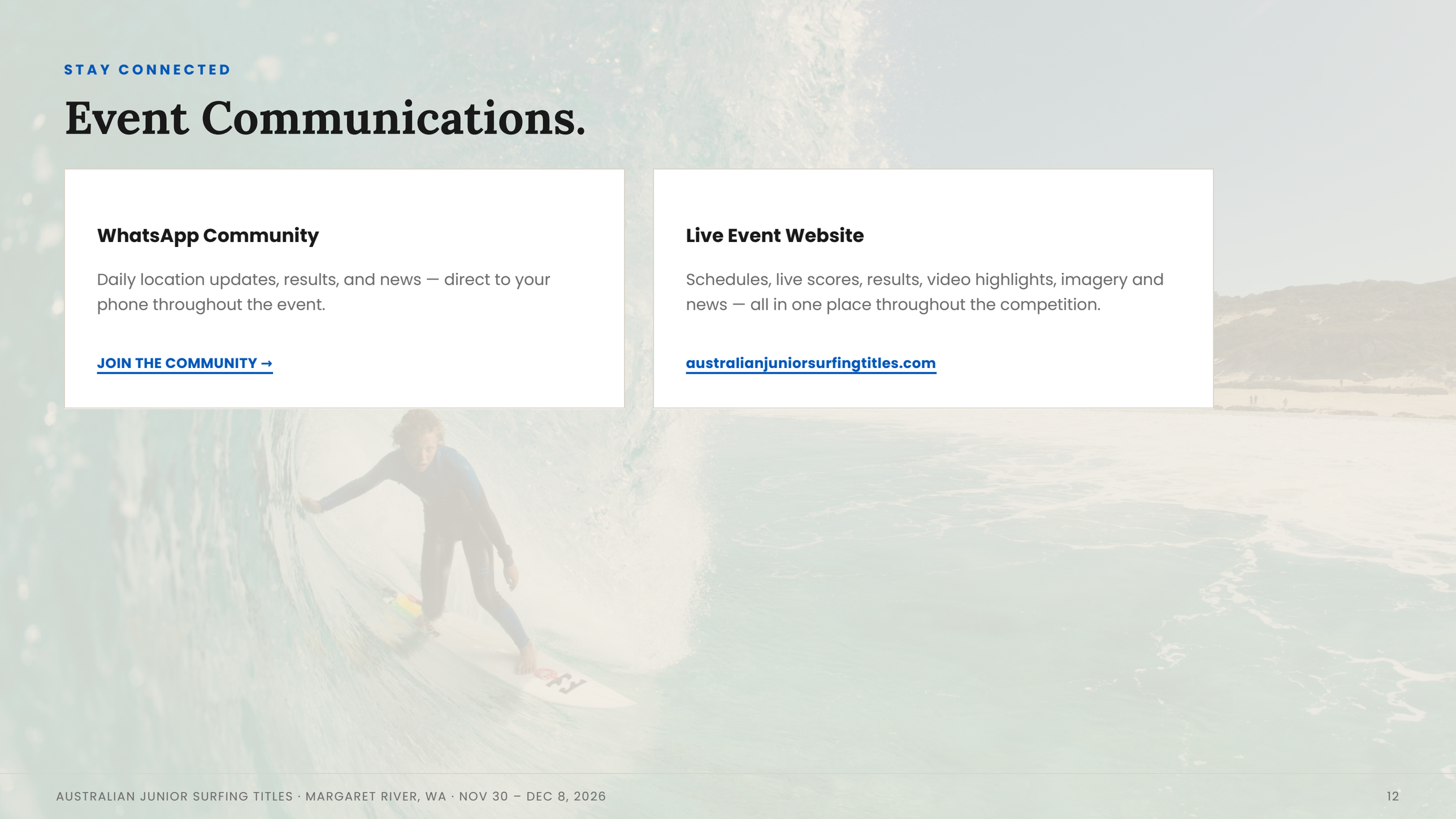
Daily location updates, results, and news — direct to your phone throughout the event.

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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ENTRY & QUALIFICATION

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	2nd Seed	3rd Seed	4th Seed	5th Seed	6th Seed
QLD	**NSW**	**VIC**	**WA**	**SA**	**TAS**

SPORT INTEGRITY

Keep Surfing Safe, Fun, Fair & Inclusive.

Surfing Australia's mission is to keep surfing safe, fun, fair, and inclusive for everyone. It's about treating each other with respect, protecting people from discrimination, harassment, bullying, and abuse. Participating in our events and other activities should leave you feeling safe and knowing you had a fun, positive experience.

What should you do if something feels a bit off?

- Chat with the event's Contest Director.
- Surfing Australia has a National Integrity Manager you can chat to at **integrity@surfingaustralia.com**.
- Sport Integrity Australia has a couple of resource sheets specifically for you:
  - **Your Rights in Sport**
  - **How Your Sport Looks After All Its Participants**
- Surfing Australia's article on what to do **if something feels a bit ick**, and our **lodge a complaint** page.

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. Athletes can be tested anytime, anywhere, so it's critical that you understand your rights and responsibilities under **Australia's National 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* **Sport Integrity Australia elearning** *— 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.

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

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.



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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.

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