

Champ has ride stuff

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ELIZA Greene has used her hometown advantage to take out a State title when Yallingup hosted the second event of the WA Junior Surfing Series at the weekend.

Strong northerly winds and a westerly ground swell greeted competitors on day one of competition at Shallows, with the highlight being the performances of Margaret River surfers Jack Robinson, Jacob Willcox, Josh Burke, and Shaun Green in the under-18 junior boys division.

In the under-16 cadet boys, Margaret River's Shaun Manners and the Yallingup trio of Sasha Hopkins, Jack Teague, and Duke Nagtzaam all set the pace in their heats.

Greene took first place in the under-16 cadet girls ahead of Dunsborough's Marie Bradley, securing herself the title.

Meanwhile her sister Mikaela was scintillating in her round-one under-18 heat, scoring the weekend's highest score of 8.83.

In the Under-14 grommets division, Shaun Manners was one of the weekend's best performers, and sliced his way to victory and his first under-14 State title.

Manners went on to feature in the hotly contested under-16 cadet boys final. However, it was Margaret River's Jacob Willcox who stamped his authority on the division, claiming his first under-16 State title with back-to-back wins.

Willcox was a clear winner ahead of James Fleming, Shaun Manners and Yallingup's Sasha Hopkins who was competing in his first WA Junior Title final.

The under-18 junior women was a closely contested final between rivals Bronte Macaulay (Gracetown) and Mikaela Greene.

Macaulay's 6.50 ride was the difference in the end, edging out Greene, Hannah Massie and Dunsborough's Carly Lynch.

Greene was awarded the Firewire freakish talent award for posting three of the weekend's highest scores an 8.83, 8.73 and 6.83.

In the blue ribbon U18 junior boys division, Shaun Green surfed with power and maturity beyond his years to a dominant win.

Geraldton will play host to the third and final event of the WA Junior Surfing Titles on July 23 to 24 with State titles and places in the WA team still up for grabs.



The 2011 under-16 cadet State champion Jacob Willcox has had two wins from as many starts. PICTURES: WOOLACOTT



State Champion Eliza Greene.



Yallingup's Eliza Greene took out the under-16 girls title.