

**Australian Disc Golf
Annual Report
2014**

President's report

Consolidating on the growth seen in Australian Disc Golf in recent years, 2014 saw new clubs formed, new courses established, good tournament attendance and memberships increase.

The ADG tour included 15 events with 177 people playing in at least one. This included 11 juniors and 15 women. The women were helped by the women's global event which saw over 1000 women competing around the world on the same day. Australia held two events in Perth and Rathmines with some strong finishes. Thanks to the AFDA for their support for these events.

In 2014 Disc Golf also reached new areas. Courses were installed in Geelong, Vic; Rathmines, NSW; Jindabyne, NSW; Philip Island, Vic; and Mundaring, WA. In Queensland the course at Roma, was redesigned and a tour event was held on the Gold Coast for the first time. It was exciting to witness the re-emergence of the SA Disc Golf club, which will hold its first A-tier tournament since 2007 in the state next year.



The tour year began with the launch of a new website. The new site was designed by Jarrath Sweetten and includes a calendar of events and easy access to the tour leaderboard. It now needs people to add content: stories from tournaments, news on course development or technique tips are all welcome!

The final event of the tour, the Australian Disc Golf championships will be held at the newly installed course in Rathmines, NSW. This year will see the trial of a three day format with set tee times. This change will allow more players to compete and foster a social atmosphere.

From a financial perspective, Australian Disc Golf finished the year in a solid position, with income mainly from event-based fees covering the modest rise in expenditure, mostly on the new website. Spending priorities for next year will be open for member input, with a new grant process which will be explained at this year's AGM.

From an administrative point of view there were some big decisions to be made by the board regarding the way the tour is run. I would like to thank the board for their input on this and other discussions. In particular I would like to acknowledge the work that retiring board member Greg Sparksman has done for Disc Golf in the ACT.

Neil Roberts

ADG president

2013/2014 Australian Disc Golf Financial Report

The ADG financial year ran from the 1st September 2013 to 31st August 2014. As of the 31st August 2014 ADG held \$7321.10 in its bank accounts. This is compared to last year's financial position of \$7966.10 as of 31st August 2013.

Event based fees are the major source of annual income for ADG. There was a significant increase in event based income when compared to last year. This year ADG event based fees amounted to \$5796.66 as compared to \$2394.64 last year. I note there are still some invoices awaiting payment and some to issue for this year.

We incurred costs of approximately \$221.08 for complementary PDGA membership for the first place getters in each division of the 2013 ADG Tour. We were paid \$620 for PDGA memberships but these only cost \$516.26. Of course if the Aussie dollar went back down to 0.65 US this would be a very different story.

The MOU between the AFDA and ADG continues. ADG has negotiated a rate of \$1.10 per competitor for B and C tier tournaments, \$2.20 per competitor for A-tier events, \$3.30 per competitor for Australian Disc Golf Championships and 50c per competitor at league days. These charges applied as of 1st January 2012 and are per event not per day. In 2013 we incurred costs of \$959.20. We currently owe the AFDA \$617 in 2014 Affiliation Fees which will be paid after ADGC 2014, where upon I would expect the amount owed to be closer to \$1000.

This year \$3000 was transferred to a term deposit account earning us \$37.73 in interest. We paid \$2072 for our website redesign and the telethon sponsorship of \$1055 has been paid to the charity as we were only a holding account.



2013/14 Major Expenditure Items

Item	2012/13 Amount (\$)	2013/14 Amount (\$)
PDGA memberships	934.74	516.26
Tour Trophies	0	554.4
PDGA Membership Tour Prizes	281.78	221.08
Membership Cards	256.06	256.06
ADGC 2013 Edge Grants	0	800
ADGC 2013 Fee Transfer	0	1027.75
Paypal Fees	45.47	27.07
Website Development	0	2072
2014 PDGA Sanctioning Fees	0	488.71
ADG MOU Fees	624.80	959.20
Telethon Donation Transfer	0	1055
Total	2182.85	7977.53

2013/14 Major Income Items

Item	2012/13 Amount (\$)	2013/14 Amount (\$)
Event Levies	2394.64	5796.6
PDGA memberships	1130	620
ADG Membership	190	115
Sponsorship / Telethon	1055	0
ADGC 2013 Fees	0	1051
Total	4769.64	7582.6

Martin Ryland-Adair

ADG Treasurer

Victorian State Report 2014

Disc Golf is alive and well in Victoria. 2014 has been a very exciting year for Disc Golf in Victoria. The Geelong and Melbourne clubs continue to grow as does the awareness of the sport in Victoria.

VICTORIAN COURSE DEVELOPMENT

The two Victorian clubs have had a very successful year and are setting the foundations for years to come. For the MDGC this has meant seeing the course at Ruffey Lake continuing to be used by the club and general public. There is currently a proposal with the Manningham council to add 3 permanent baskets to the existing 6 baskets along with 9 Tee pads to complete the 9 hole course. The MDCG has also been instrumental in the installation of a 9 hole course with tee pads for the Bass Coast Council. The course is located in Cowes on Philip Island. MDGC would like to thank Jarrath Sweetten of GDCG for his work on brochures and signage. The BCC also engaged MDGC to assist with the Grand Opening and have asked them to be involved with some events around the Bass Coast during the summer of 2015. In addition to this there is a potential for a new course at Maroondah.

It is with great pleasure that the Geelong Club can announce that a permanent 9-hole course has been installed in Barwon Valley Park. The Grand opening on the 25th of January was very well attended. Since then the course has gotten a lot of use and many new players are taking advantage of the permanent course. The league days are generally well attended. The club has split their league days into two with morning and afternoon sessions in order to offer more flexibility. This obviously requires more resources but the club is very passionate about growing the sport. The club is in the early stages of a long term plan to get another permanent course in the area.

GEELONG DISC GOLF CLUB

2014 has been a huge year for Disc Golf in Geelong. They hosted the Vic open at the Drysdale course with assistance from the Melbourne crew. They also ran an Ace Race event at Barwon Valley which was well attended and a lot of fun for all.

MELBOURNE DISC GOLF CLUB

The MDGC had a great year even though the attendance for the league days have not necessarily increased. They have successfully worked very hard to grow interest and awareness of the sport throughout the region. One of the highlights for the year was hosting the Fright Flight Night which may have been the first of its kind and will not be possible again until 2049. It was a night event held on Friday the 13th under a full moon. It was a fantastically eerie night.

It has been a great year for the state of Victoria but will finish on a bit of a low knowing that we will be losing one of the biggest influences on the sport in our region in recent times. I am of course talking about the loss of Dr Greg Bowers who will be returning to the States in the next few months. Both Victorian clubs would like to thank Greg for all he has done for the sport and wish him all the best for the future. You will certainly be missed but will be leaving the clubs in great hands.

Jeff Brunsting

Victorian State Representative



Queensland State Report

Queensland Disc Golf hosted 5 ADG Tour events throughout the year. 2 of the events were ADG A tiers and one of those was a PDGA B tier.

January saw QLD's first event run by Rick Kapalko at a new park in Wooloowin on the North side of Brisbane, which was well received by the locals and players. In May Roma hosted its first ADG event at the newly designed course. A number of Brisbane Golfers made their way west to Roma, and experienced a course which was great fun and well thought out. In July the QLD Disc Golf Championships went extremely well. Last year's Australian Championship course, Pine Rivers, was modified to be slightly shorter yet still providing a high level of difficulty. TD Rhys Kruger wanted to keep the challenge associated with the park even if it was a shorter course. A number of interstate and local players attended to make a great event and hopefully the QLD champs will continue to grow every year. Congratulations to Kingsley Flett for taking out Men's Open and Sally Hill for winning Women's Open. The 4th event was the Gold coast classic, which was also a very successful event. This was the 2nd A tier in QLD for 2014, also a PDGA B Tier event with extra money available for the Pro payouts. With windy conditions and lots of OB, the scores came out much higher than first expected. Continued support from the local council was very helpful and discussions will occur in the New Year to help promote Disc Golf in the Gold Coast region.

Brisbane Disc Golf ran a weekly league at Fehlberg Park, organised by Jason Vidot. This was done on an 18 basket layout of the typical Yeronga course and ran for 10 weeks. An average 12 people attended each week and congratulations to Tim Marchbank taking the overall win. Due to the spread of people around Brisbane and the different areas being developed, Fehlberg park participation has been slightly lower this year. However locals playing tour events is at an all-time high.

The growth in areas outside Brisbane has been a standout this year. Firstly in the central Queensland town of Roma, on the back of the work provided by Jay and Des last year, the sporting is growing. On the sunshine coast, Ross Davis is starting to pull together the Sunshine Coast Disc Golf club, and participation looks very promising. Ross is working with local council to try and get a permanent installation in the area. Gold Coast has also had a number of individuals keen to develop the area. James Moolenschot and Rhys Kruger are putting together a proposal to the council for a 9-18 hole course. They will also be setting up a 9 hole temporary course on Sunday mornings in Southport for people to play. Resident Disc Golf enthusiast Nate lee has bought property in Applethorpe and is looking to install a course there. The future of Disc Golf in 2015 looks promising with many councils to be approached about Disc Golf proposals and installations.

A big shout out to all the Queensland Disc Golfers who made the trek to interstate events, your continued support to the other ADG tour events sets a great example to not just the locals here, but also other states to ensure attendance across the country.

Rhys Kruger

QLD State Representative



NSW State Report

This year there were four tour events run in NSW, and a number of league days between the Sydney and Newcastle clubs. Whilst overall numbers haven't increased dramatically, participation has been steady and a number of new individuals have taken up the sport to supplement a couple of others who have taken some leave. A special mention to Kurt Karlsson, a driving force for disc golf in NSW for many years, who moved to Sweden this year.



Tournaments

Two-Up On Juan, 20 April - The annual "Up On Juan" tournament is a one day ADG B-tier tournament played at Up John Park in Rydalmere as a competitive warm-up in the lead-up to the big competition south of the border known as the Vic Open. It is quickly being recognised as a worthwhile experience, this year being participated in by a number of northern inter-state players making their way south.

NSW Open and Women's Global Event, 10-11 May - This year's annual ADG A-tier state championships was played on the site for this year's ADGC, Styles Point in Rathmines and also played host the Women's Global Event with Sally Hill taking out the local competition and placing 34th out of 180 globally in her division. Globally, a record of over 1000 women competed in PDGA sanctioned events and we hope to see that number increase as we strive to grow our local level of female participation. The women's event was supported by a grant from AFDA.

Jesmond Jam, 19-20 July - The Jesmond Jam is another popular annual tournament. Each year this ADG B-tier event is a great balance between a social, fun format and then a challenging, competitive layout. This year the Saturday event was a "One & Done" round in the afternoon and the Sunday saw players compete on 36 different tees to 9 basket locations.

Australian Disc Golf Championships, 21-23 November - At the time of writing this event is yet to occur. However, it is worth mentioning that it looks to be the largest Australian Disc Golf event since the ADG's inception. Due to the growing popularity of Disc Golf nationally it was decided to change the regular "shotgun" format of our National Championships to a "rolling start" format. This will allow for more than the previous restriction of 72 players to compete with a target capacity of 100 this year. This however means that only one competitive round can be played each day and therefore the tournament will run over three days not two, which is another first for Disc Golf in this country. The upside of this is there will be more time for the cherished social side of our Disc Golf scene with registered players from NZ, Pakistan and USA. It is a tremendous task being taken on by the T.D. and local organising committee but I believe this is the way of the future for ADGC and possibly other popular ADG A-tiers in the near future.

Course Development

2014 has seen 2 new permanent courses installed in NSW:

The Jindabyne course is located at the Lake Jindabyne Claypits. Jindabyne is a major hub for Snowy Mountains tourism and therefore is poised to contribute greatly towards the growth of Disc Golf in NSW and across Australia. There are 9 baskets installed August and the course looks to host its first tournament in January 2015. The course is an initiative of the Rob Kneller Youth Foundation and the foundation is looking to expand the course to 18 holes in 2015.

The Rathmines course is located on Styles Point on Lake Macquarie, Australia's largest coastal salt water lake. There are 9 baskets installed in August with great potential for many more. Many locals have been intrigued by the new additions to their local park and have purchased discs for regular casual play. As previously mentioned, this is the site for 2014 ADGC.



Other course development:

The permanent course at Jesmond Park in Newcastle has permanent tee markers put in the ground for the Gold and Black layouts making four defined layout for the set of 9 baskets.

The Newington Armory in Sydney was expanded to an 18 basket layout at times this year utilising temporary baskets with a look to making it permanent.

Up John Park was again used as a temporary course a number of times early in the year culminating in the Two Up On Juan tournament. With conditional approval from council for a more permanent situation, funding options are being explored.

The Dubbo Ultimate Frisbee Federation (DUFF) have been involved in developing a site for a Disc Golf course. Dubbo is the most populated, non-coastal city in NSW and is also a popular tourist destination due to its history and the Western Plains Zoo. A permanent course on the Sandy Beach site would make great strides in growing the sport in NSW. Council has approved the use of the site and DUFF is exploring options to finance it.

I would like to take this opportunity to make special mention of Neil Roberts, who despite his family and ADG President commitments remains the driving force of Disc Golf in NSW.

Gavin Palmer

NSW state representative

SA State Report

2014 saw the return of Disc Golf to South Australia for the first time since the SA Open in 2007.

A two day event comprising of Come & Try activities and an ADG B-Tier event took place in Clonlea Park, Gawler, in October. On the Saturday, over 60 people participated in Learn to Throw activities run by SA State Rep Luke Turnbull and assisted by local players Ryan Rosner and Andy Cameron. The day culminated in a CTP event split across a number of age groups with participants taking home over \$300 in prizes.



The Sunday had a much smaller turn out with 10 people competing in the 36 hole B-Tier event. There were some regular players out but the highlights were the return of an old name and the arrival of a new one. Mark Powers, co-director of the Australian Frisbee Association back in the late 70's/early 80's made his return to Disc Golf ahead of his planned trip west to the Aussie Open in 2015 and did so with a win in the Grand Masters division. Aidan Jones, a local junior who had never played the game before got hooked on the sport and will look to compete in whatever events we hold in SA next year also won the junior division. Other division winners included Ryan Rosner (MA), Andy Cameron (MR) with Andrew Simpson a narrow second in a hotly contested Mens Rec.

The future for SA includes forming and incorporating a club for South Australian Disc Golf and continuing to work with local councils to hold regular local events. 2015 should be an exciting time in SA Disc Golf with the ADG tour returning for an A-Tier event in May.



Luke Turnbull

SA state representative

ACT Report

There were some changes to the board for the ACT Disc Golf club in 2014. President & public officer is Todd Nowack and Kim Picard is the Treasurer. Kim has done most of the secretary work this year. The power duo of Kim & Todd have improved Eddison holes with new paint and the club's facebook page and have successfully run a winter league in which there were about 20 local players in total. They represent the 2nd generation of Eddison Disc Golfers.

We had many groups come to Eddison for Come & Try DG. The groups start with stretches followed by backhand and forehand grips and actions/follow thru. Most groups are keen to hold plastic & play so we start with putts, do Ring of Fire from close range and go further back for approaches before moving on to drives with a longest drive comp. Finally we have a round. The groups taking part included a 16th birthday party for 8 girls, a school group of 36 year 5/6 kids, a mixed high school group, a boys 12th birthday (which expanded to include a doubles round as they were all keen for some more play) and a hen's party. We also set up a course for the Crace Spring Sports Expo using 6 assorted mini holes and a portable skill-shot. It was a great afternoon with putting comps, some MTA (good winds for it!), throw and catch and a throw of some squigys and minis.



The ACT DG Open returned to summer time with 26 players & Eddison's first 2 juniors. While some mistakes were made and it was the hottest ACT summer on record, all players had a good time and we have learnt some lessons to build a stronger tournament in the future.

So long Eddison, Oz's 3rd course & top heavy metal chains, thanks muchly for all the Disc Golf

Sparky

Greg Sparksman

Retiring ACT representative



Tasmania State Report

Courses

To my best knowledge, there is currently one Disc Golf course in Tasmania with baskets, this is Poimena Reserve in Austins Ferry, near Hobart. (www.poimenadiscgolf.org). At a Devonport park, the Bird brothers regularly set out a 9 basket course (with portables). I am aware of a group of players in Launceston who have created a course using natural targets. The 4 basket Geeveston course has been pulled out as baskets fell into disrepair. Richard Sampson, representing his business Discology, has been lobbying Tasmanian councils for new courses.

Tournaments

This was the 7th year of the Two Heads Open at Poimena Reserve, March 15/16, an ADG A-Tier event. We had a record turnout with 35 players, over 50% players from outside Tasmania. There was media coverage on local television news and local radio.

Monthly League Days at Poimena Reserve

League days started in April on the 1st Sunday of the month. There is one round of 18 holes with a handicap format. Average attendance was 10 players. Total player attendance was approx 30.

Increasing participation at Poimena Reserve

More players can be seen playing compared to previous years. I am aware of a number of local schools and colleges taking classes to the course.

Course infrastructure improvements at Poimena Reserve

Local players continue to maintain and develop the course infrastructure, with support from Glenorchy City Council's parks maintenance team.

Hobart Disc Golf Club

Local Hobart players are in the process of setting up Hobart Disc Golf Club.

Disc Golf coaching in schools

Richard Sampson, representing his business Discology, has been running a number of Disc Golf coaching clinics with local schools and colleges.



Drone video of Poimena Reserve Disc Golf Course

This video was created in March and published on YouTube.
<http://youtu.be/JrOS3uJLSNM>

Richard Sampson

Tasmania State representative

WA State Report 2014

2014 has been a year of growth and change in the WA Disc Golf community. Most notably, it has seen the construction of a new course and the formation of a new Disc Golf club.

Baskets were put in the ground at the start of the year at Mundaring Disc Golf Park, a pay-to-play course built on the Mundaring Golf Course in the Perth Hills. The Mundaring Disc Golf Club forms a part of the overarching Mundaring Sports Club, which also has a bowls and golf section. Work continues on the course in preparation for the Aussie Open, the first PDGA Major in the Southern Hemisphere, to be held in early 2015.

Perth Disc Golf Club continues to experience growth, particularly in regard to League Day tournaments, which have increased in patronage compared to previous years. In addition to this, PDGC hosted the biggest Perth Open ever, with a number of competitors making the trip over from the Eastern States, no doubt lured by the opportunity to be a part of the unique camping experience offered at Pine Lines – the course built on Keenan Vellios’s private block in Gidgegannup. Much work has continued to be done at Pine Lines by Keenan, his family and club volunteers, with the course looking far different and much improved to the one which hosted the Perth Open in 2013.

Thankyou to Kingsley Flett (PDGC President) and Rob Kyle (MDGC Vice-President) for providing a report from their respective clubs.

Jason Browne

WA State Representative

Perth Disc Golf Club 2014 Report – Kingsley Flett



It's been a year of consolidation for the PDGC. We've worked to get our administrative house in order and build our flagship event, the PDGO, into something special. While numbers nearly doubled for this and have increased in our league days, they've been down slightly in other tournaments.

In February we elected a new committee: Kingsley Flett – President, Dave Bandy – Vice President, Kris Kohout – Treasurer & membership Coordinator, Tegan Collins – Secretary, Keenan Vellios – Committee member and James Moolenschot – Committee member.

Paid-up club members have grown to 38 from 22 at the same time last year. This is partially due to growth in participation but also a result of Kris Kohout putting more effort into getting people signed up.

Community Outreach

There was a little less activity this year compared to the past 2-3. However we have a couple of schools that have expressed interest in programs for 2015 and we'll be hoping to deliver those with the assistance of some club members. Kris Kohout ran a brief coaching clinic for 26 participants followed by an 18-hole competition for the combined Churches Masters Games in October. A few of these participants bought discs from the club shop subsequent to the event and have played some rounds since. A new medium density housing development is planned for the vacant land next to the Rob Hancock Memorial course and the PDGC were asked to participate in the community consultation part of this process. Kris Kohout attended and it involved a couple of 2-3 three hour workshops.

Tournaments

We've settled on a stable calendar of events now and we plan to replicate this in the coming years. Attendance in all of our tournaments outside the PDGO was down slightly. This is partly because of the extra competition for players in the crowded Perth scene; but more probably due to the work that went into promoting and organising the PDGO, draining some of the time that our volunteers spent promoting other tournaments. Our remedy for this in 2015 will be to spread the load a little more, with different people being assigned a particular event; and also having a co-TD for every event so that newer members can begin to serve a 'TD apprenticeship' to increase the pool of willing and capable members.

November 30 2013 – WA Mini Championships. This is a fun even that doubles as our wind up for the year. We had 20 players.

January 18 – **Double Trouble**. A random draw best shot doubles event held at Rob Hancock. 15 players.

April 5 – **Lord of the Disc**. Discmania CEO and world top 10 player Jussi Muresma was a guest this year in another event that in a short time has become an institution; the day/night tournament attracting 28 players.

May 10 – **Womens Global Event**. The debut of Arana Kenyon as a TD saw 24 players, including 14 women, play a tournament that will become a regular feature on our calendar. Highlights were Sandy Castleden winning the women's advanced masters event worldwide and Jennie Rintala placing in the top 10 pro women worldwide.

June 20-22 – **Perth Open**. Our best attended Perth Open so far with 54 players. Planning is already underway for an even better PDGO in 2015.



August 24 – Rob Hancock Memorial. After shuffling this tournament around the calendar, it seems to have found its home in late August, just prior to the football finals getting going. It's the tournament where we try to connect with the people who have made a big contribution to flying disc sports in the past but who don't necessarily play year-round now. It's also a masters focussed event with a masters only final. We had 22 players.

October 12 – Ace race. Often the best attended tournament outside the PDGO. This year's ace race attracted 32 players.

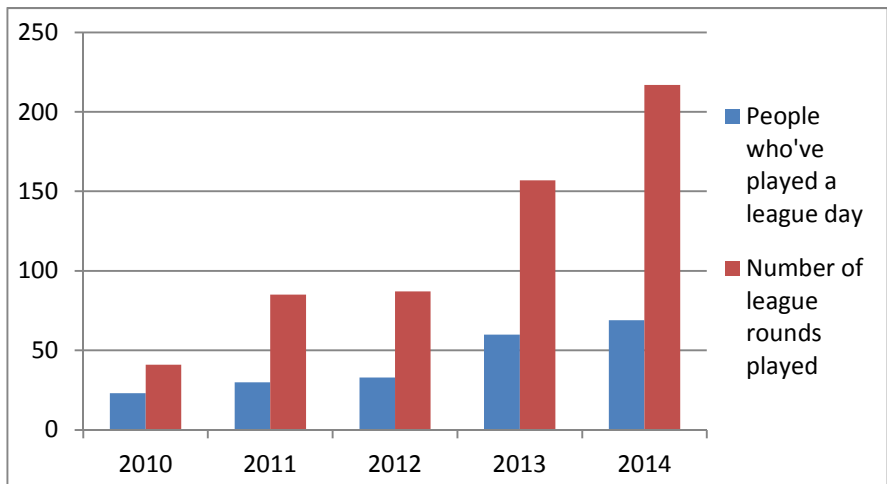
League Days

Participation in league days increased this year by 15% in the number of people played and 27% in number of rounds played. Apart from the increased participation, it's also pleasing to see increase in 'repeat-business' with a strong increase in rounds per player from 2.62 to 3.14. In fact, despite more people playing league in 2014, there are less people who only played 1 league day (16) compared to 2013 (22).

If you look at chart and graph below, you can also see that most years there is steady growth of between 10% and 30% each year- but then a jump of over 80% between 2012 and 2013. This corresponds with when we changed our league from a Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon. It's a good reminder to tweak the formula; interacting with the playing group and use their feedback to change the day/time/format –when you hit the sweet spot with your market the numbers will follow.

Perth League Days

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
People who've played a league day	23	30	33	60	69
Number of league rounds played	41	85	87	157	217
Rounds per player	1.78	2.83	2.64	2.62	3.14
% change People		30.43%	10.00%	81.82%	15.00%
%Change Rounds		51.76%	2.30%	44.59%	27.65%



Mundaring Disc Golf Club Report – Rob Kyle

The Mundaring Disc Golf Club, founded early in 2014, has quickly grown to 22 members in its first year. The club hosts league days on the third Sunday of each month, and recently hosted the ADG B-tier Okthrowberfest tournament played by 24 competitors.

The club is part of the Mundaring Sporting Club which also has a Bowls section and a Golf section, and its club facilities include a full bar, bathrooms with showers, industrial sized kitchen, and large function rooms. The Disc Golf Club also has its own club room complete with a kitchenette, pool table, comfy couches and plenty of storage.



The club's home course is the 18-hole Mundaring DiscGolfPark, which was designed by Chris Finn and Jussi Meresmaa and features a Par 65, 3000m Gold layout and a Par 58, 1569m White layout. The baskets for the course were donated in a joint effort by DiscGolfPark and DiscGolfPark Australia. The course teepads and sign upgrades continue to develop and are supported entirely through volunteer work from the club's dedicated members.

The club hosted the Grand Opening of the course in April featuring a speech from the Mundaring Shire President as well as a traditional Welcome to Country presentation. Since the Grand Opening, the club has continued to be supported by the Shire of Mundaring and Mundaring Tourism, as well as some local sponsors, which has led to heaps of new players on the course already.

The club will assist in hosting the 2015 Aussie Open, the first PDGA Major in the Southern Hemisphere. Registration for the Aussie Open is now open to all players, and several of the world's top touring pros have already booked their spot to compete for the \$30,000 prize purse. The tournament will be played on the permanent Gold layout with a number of OBs added to showcase the skills of these talented players.

