



2013

# Annual Report



## **President's report**

The Australian Disc Golf Tour had another fantastic year with continued growth in 2013. There were a combined total of 18 A, B, and C tier events in Australia this year. Very big thanks go out to everyone who helped out with a tournament at any level. It's very encouraging to see more and more enthusiastic people around the nation volunteering their efforts to put on more competition disc golf for everyone.

In total, 172 disc golfers played in ADG events around the country. ADG Membership is now over 330, an increase of around 130 in the last 12 months.

From a governance point of view this year the ADG board has been holding regular meetings. Thanks to Em for driving the team along at various points throughout the year.

ADG has been working hard on solving Tour issues, PDGA membership requirements and building a new website. This new and improved website should be close to completion thanks to the work of Jarrath Sweetten and Paul Arden. The major achievements for the year were obtaining insurance for league events and the establishment of the Hall of Fame. Congratulations to inaugural inductees Ian Whitehead, Leigh Bird and Greg Sparksman.

This year, the active PDGA memberships within the Australian Disc golf Community have grown to over 60, up from 40 the previous year. This is largely thanks to the Tour requirements. PDGA has been instrumental in supporting this growth by waiving fees for PDGA events, and also by providing grants for grass roots activities such as the Edge program taking place at the ADGC 2013.

The increased participation saw the 2012 ADGC reach a full house and this year's ADGC has had a wait list for participation! This growth has also pushed the quality of these tournaments higher, ensuring player enjoyment and creating the feel of the bigger tournaments that are played around the world.

From a personal point of view, I feel that the governance of the ADG continues to be successful thanks to the effort put in by volunteers around the country. As the sport continues to grow, I'm sure this will only get better. The ADG can always use extra volunteers and hopefully we will see more people putting their hand up to help out with the growth and development of the sport next year.

Chris Finn

ADG President



## **Financial Report**

The ADG financial year ran from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013. As of the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 ADG held \$7966.50 in its bank accounts. This is compared to last year's financial position of \$5135.45 as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012.

Event based fees are the major source of annual income for ADG. This led to an increase in event based income when compared to last year. This year ADG event based fees amounted to \$2394.64 as compared to \$2150 last year. I note there are still some invoices to chase and some to issue for this year.

We incurred costs of approximately \$281.78 for complementary PDGA membership for the first place getters in each division of the 2012 ADG Tour.

I will perform a reconciliation of the 2010 ADG fundraiser discs this year as none were sold and we still have some in stock. Given the still strong Australian Dollar and the glut of "Tournament Discs" in Australia at this time, I suggest their price be maintained at \$10 in order to continue to move them. They can be used as competition discs, tournament trophies etc.

We were paid \$1130 for PDGA memberships but these only cost \$934.74. 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 commenced this year. ADG has negotiated a rate of \$1.10 per competitor for B and C tier tournaments, \$2.20 per competitor for A-tier events and \$3.30 per competitor for Australian Disc Golf Championships. These charges applied as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 and are per event not per day. In 2012 we incurred costs of \$624.80.

Due to the number of projects mentioned via email traffic this year I have kept funds readily accessible if ADG is called on to assist, as was the case with the establishment of the Newcastle Disc Golf Course. We have possible outgoings of approximately \$2000 for our website redesign and the telethon sponsorship of \$1055 needs to be paid as we were only a holding account. We also currently owe the AFDA \$617 in 2013 Affiliation Fees which will be paid after ADGC 2013.

<b>Major Expenditure Items</b>	<b>2011/12 Amount (\$)</b>	<b>2012/13 Amount (\$)</b>
PDGA memberships	1064.73	934.74
Tour Trophies	425	0
PDGA Membership Tour Prizes	315.51	281.78
Membership Cards	254.10	256.06
Refunds	0	40
Paypal Fees	45.96	45.47
ADG MOU Fees	0	624.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>2105.30</b>	<b>2182.85</b>

<b>Major Income Items</b>	<b>2011/12 Amount (\$)</b>	<b>2012/13 Amount (\$)</b>
Event Levies	2150	2394.64
2010 ADGC Fundraiser Disc Sales	490	0
PDGA memberships	1295	1130
ADG Membership	185	190
<b>Total</b>	<b>4120</b>	<b>3714.64</b>

Martin Ryland-Adair

ADG Treasurer



## **Victorian State Report**

After finishing 2012 on a high with the installation of the Ruffey Lake Disc Golf Course and the success of hosting a very well received Australian Disc Golf Championship at Drysdale Reserve, we were excited to see what 2013 had in store and it certainly hasn't disappointed. 2013 has been an 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**

After many years of patient, diligent work the two clubs are starting to see dividends. For the MDGC, it has been a fun year as they continue to see the course at Ruffey Lake being received very well by the local community and council. Seeing new people and families on the course has become a regular occurrence.



It is with great pleasure that the Geelong Club can announce a permanent 9-hole course to be installed in Barwon Valley Park. Club members Andrew Ferguson, Jarrath Sweetten and Patty Robinson have been working with the local council this year and the project is in the final steps and will hopefully be ready for next months league. This course will be the same classic used for the league days and other events held here in the past

Another 9-hole course on Philip Island is expected to be completed by early 2014 giving Victoria 3 free to play courses in just over a year. It is great to see the efforts of the Vic crew finally paying dividends.

### **GEELONG DISC GOLF CLUB**

2013 has been a huge year for disc golf in Geelong. A steady growth in players numbers has shown an increase in club membership and the monthly "Chainlinks" league day has insured good exposure to the sport. With the addition of the Barwon course we can expect the growth to gather further pace. With a renewed energy and additional club assistance from new members, the Geelong Disc Golf Club has never looked better.

### **MELBOURNE DISC GOLF CLUB**

The MDGC continues to see growth as our league days are getting larger and the membership continues growing. Having the new course has given the MDGC a spiritual home so to speak and the club has been active in the community from festivals to school days. Greg Bowers and David Heath recently volunteered at a school day local to the new course and taught nearly 100 kids about disc golf (12 of which had already been to the course and played it). The MDGC is looking forward to continuing to increase the community to the sport we love so much

Greg Bowers

Victorian state representative

## **Tasmanian State Report**

### **POIMENA RESERVE DISC GOLF COURSE, AUSTINS FERRY, NEAR HOBART**

Poimena Reserve remains the only public disc golf course in the state. 18 baskets, fully signed, gravel tee pads, short tees and long tees. Participation at Poimena has increased from last year. More players are seen playing and increased participation is also evidenced by increasing disc sales at the local store, increasing enquiries, increase in litter on the course, use of tee pads, increasing Facebook Page likes. We're aware of schools and colleges are using the course for PE lessons. There is also discussion of forming a Hobart disc golf club.

The relationship between the volunteers and course operator, Glenorchy City Council, remains very strong. The Council keeps the reserve well maintained, cuts grass regularly and also supplies gravel for the tee pad maintenance. Volunteers continue with course maintenance.

The course hosted one tournament in 2013, the Two Heads Open. This is an A-Tier event on the ADG Tour. 2013 was a record turnout, with over 30 players in attendance. In 2014 the Two Heads Open is scheduled for March. Local players are planning to set up some regular events over the summer 2013/14 to increase engagement. Approx 8 Hobart based players have travelled interstate in 2013 for ADG tournaments.

### **ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE**

Australian Disc Golf Hall of Famer, Leigh Bird, has obtained the unused original baskets from the Poimena Reserve course and sets up a 9 hole course every Sunday with his brothers in a park in Devonport. A group of university students is playing a natural target course at the Trevellyn Reserve in Launceston. A group of Hobart players set up a temporary course at the Ridgeway Reserve, near Hobart, using portable baskets. Tasmanian based disc golf business, Discology, has publicly reported running a series of disc golf workshops with students at a college near the Poimena course. For many years, 4 baskets existed at a park in Geeveston - the baskets were bad state of repair and apparently were removed last summer by the local council.

Richard Sampson

Tasmanian state representative





## **NSW State Report**

This year there were 4 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.

### **NEWCASTLE DISC GOLF CLUB**

The NSW Open was held in Rathmines at the site of a new Disc Golf course, Styles Point Reserve. There were 23 participants along with some great liaison with local community groups that made the weekend a success. This park will be used for Nationals in 2014.

The Newcastle club continues to operate mainly out of Jesmond Park, and the use of the Disc Golf facilities is gradually increasing. Thanks to the Newcastle City Council sports partnership program and NSW Community Building Partnership Program we were able to install a course map and tee signs for the blue and red layouts. The signs have enabled new players to navigate the course and increased the visibility and interest in the course. A number of locals have taken up the sport and bought plastic from the club. Several of them participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Jesmond Jam which this year included a fun tombstone format on the Saturday.

Along with Jesmond and Rathmines, there is also interest in the sport from Maitland council, just 20km west of Jesmond, with a League day run at the site in November.



### **SYDNEY DISC GOLF CLUB**

The Sydney crew have of course been operating out of the Newington course. One major issue occurred with the Newington course, in that due to infrastructure upgrades with children's play equipment in other areas of the Armory, there is now very limited to no parking available for the general public to come and use the Disc golf course. The Sydney Disc Golf club will try to address this issue in the new year with SOPA.

Another site was used on the ADG tour with Upjohn Park, hosting a B tier in April. Wild weather meant a big turnout didn't quite eventuate, but with nearly 20 people in attendance it was a good chance to see how the new park worked as a disc golf course. The Sydney club will be working with Parramatta council in the new year to try and get this as a permanent installation.

The Blue Mountains has been identified as a key area for development with the local council looking for uses of old disused Golf courses. A couple of disc throwing locals live in the area and are very keen to help council proposals in the new year.

With potentially 2 new courses going in the ground in 2014, a focus will be on the Newcastle and Sydney Disc Golf clubs to engage more with the local communities and broaden the player base.

Neil Roberts

NSW state representative

## **ACT State Report**

During 2013 many groups played disc golf at Eddison Park DG course:

In January the YWCA holiday activities with 20 kids & 4 young adults. Feb saw my first Hens party with 10 hens in mad hatters comp; this was followed by champagne then onto belly dancing! Later in the month a school from Kempsey, 28 kids & 5 adults arrived with 35 approach discs - Skeeters & 10 pizzas. During the round on an easy course both a teacher & I aced the shortest downhill hole much to the delight of kids in both groups. They have booked me again for next year's excursion to ACT. In March a group of 15 scouts & 6 adults. Later in the month 7 office workers from the air force during their lunch time. In August there were 16 high school students with their PE teacher - Jamie Bozza (AFDA president), the cold morning was a problem for most of the kids in lightweight clothes. December has 2 groups booked for Xmas parties, my largest in years will be for 40 people.

During May we had the ACT DG Open with 18 players, see report on ADG site for story & results. The cold foggy conditions have prompted a move to February for next year's event.

In October ACT had the it's Spin weekend, part of Canberra's centenary events; most public interest was in vintage cars, mountain bike races, BMX & skateboard comps. There were 9 people who tried disc golf for the 1st time & 4 new locals who had their own discs & played harder fairways with Dom & Andy. This weekend was advertised on TV with still photos & talk over.

If we the players don't put our money into promoting this great sport it will not grow, eg: also wear DG shirts out in public not just at tournaments, put more DG bumper stickers on your car, in your office etc.

DiscACT is changing it's name to ACT Disc Golf Club & has a page on Facebook by the same name.

Keep on disc golfing!

Greg Sparksman

ACT state representative





# AUSTRALIAN DISC GOLF 2014 A-TIER EVENTS

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**DUDE PRO**  
PERTH  
FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>-2<sup>ND</sup>

**ACT OPEN**  
CANBERRA  
FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>-23<sup>RD</sup>

**TWO HEADS OPEN**  
HOBART  
MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup>

**VICTORIAN OPEN**  
GEELONG  
APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>-27<sup>TH</sup>

**NSW OPEN**  
SYDNEY  
MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>-18<sup>TH</sup>

**PERTH OPEN**  
PERTH  
JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>-22<sup>ND</sup>

**QUEENSLAND  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
BRISBANE  
JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup>

**GOLD COAST CLASSIC**  
GOLD COAST  
SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>-21<sup>ST</sup>

**AUSTRALIAN  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
NEWCASTLE  
NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>-23<sup>RD</sup>