

Annual Report



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2024

ADG Board

Chairperson	Luke Turnbull
Deputy Chairperson	Simon Tanner
Treasurer	Martin Ryland-Adair
Secretary	Emilie Cameron
Director of Competitions	Paul Arden
State Representative Liaison	Will Brennan
Director of Communications	Emilie Cameron
General member	Nicole McPherson
General member	Benn Kennedy

State Representative body

ACT	Sam Ockerby
NSW	Mat Wallis
NSW	Kevin Costa
QLD	Brian Clevenger
SA	Christie Hales-Thornton
SA	William Brennan
TAS	Matt Green
VIC	Matt Hill
WA	David Kynaston

Tournament Committee

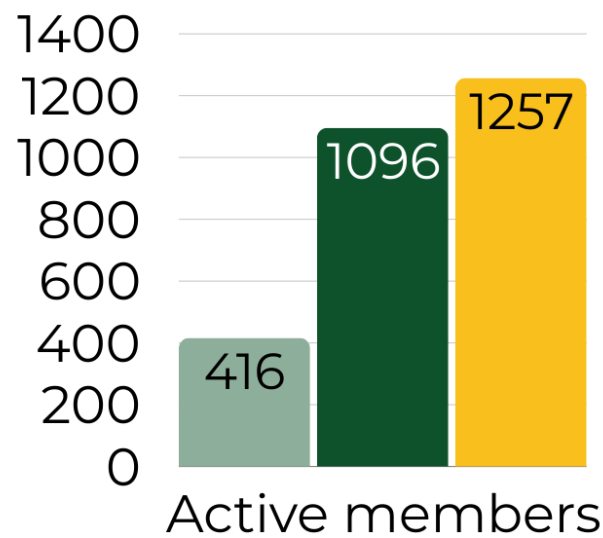
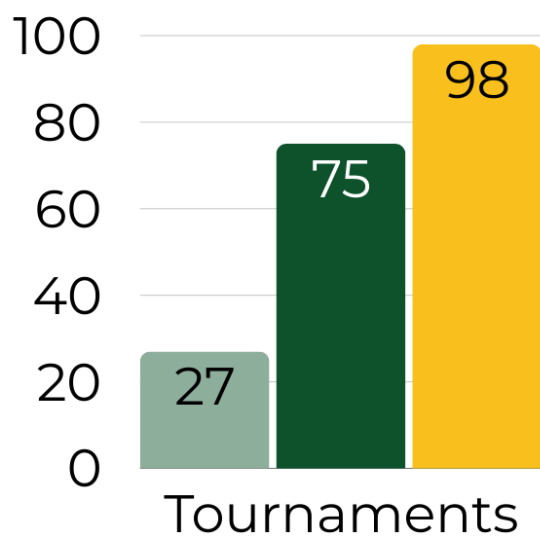
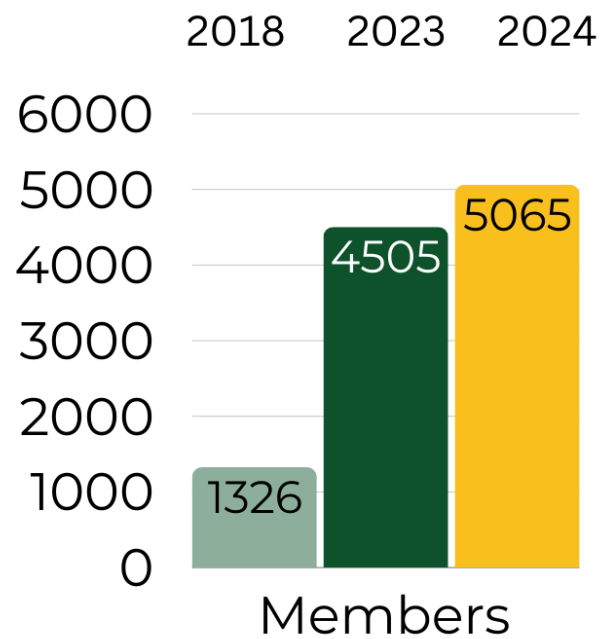
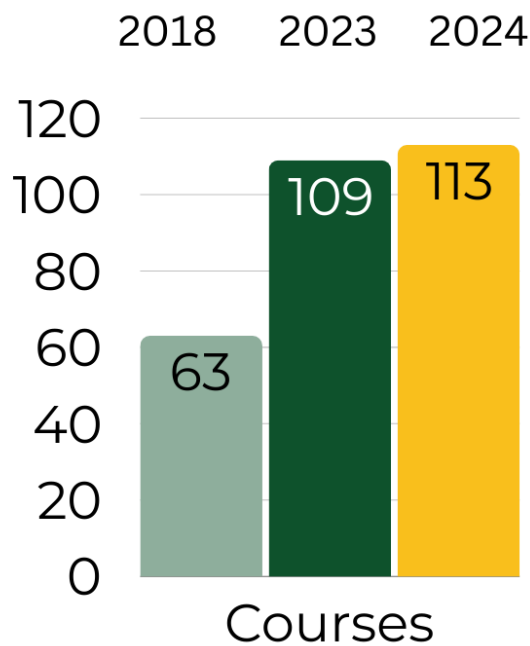
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Ryan Nicholson
Nathan Thomas

High Performance

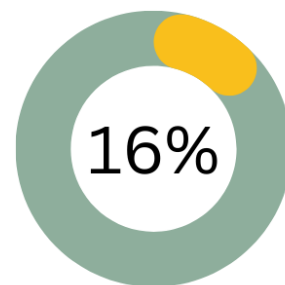
Committee	Selectors
Kingsley Flett	Kevin Costa
Jonathan Jonas	Jason McCormick
Sally Hill	Chris Ronalds
Darren Stace-Smith	Sue Summers



Annual stats



% of tournament players
playing their first event



% of tournament players
playing in a female division

From the board



2024 has been a huge year for disc golf in Australia. We had record numbers of players, hosted massive events and recorded more new members than ever before. More than just players and events this year also saw the ADG Board embark on some large projects which will set us up for the future.

This year we launched new branding, reignited our grants program and continued our media strategy with live coverage of ADGC as well as on the ground photos and stories.



Working through the projects set out in our new strategic plan we underwent a review of our human resources structure to identify strengths and gaps. This review identified that a lot of the work is being done by just a small number of people. A plan is being formulated to spread the load to include more people especially where the different subcommittees have identified strengths. This will involve better communication pathways and more collaboration between the groups. Continuing this work we have implemented a skills matrix for board and committee members and will continue to work towards our goal of hiring an executive officer.

We also conducted a review of how each state is set up in terms of governance and club structure. This survey will inform the next steps in developing an optimal governance and administration model. We continue to work with AFDA to further additional projects set out in the strategic plan.

With WFDF World team disc golf championships being held in Australia this year we needed to get our National team program in order. This saw the establishment of a High Performance Committee who developed a selection process and set out the requirements and timelines for the team event. Their work behind the scenes to make this all happen was invaluable and contributed greatly to the success of the team (See below in Annual highlights).

As we move towards 2025 we say good bye to Dave Kynaston, Sam Ockerby, Brian Clevenger and Nicole McPherson who are leaving the board and subcommittees. We thank them for all their work. Continuing this period of change we are also saying goodbye to long running chairperson Luke Turnbull, Luke has seen ADG through some difficult times as we navigated lockdowns and then a sudden period of growth. He launched and ran Aussie Disc Golf Day, pushed us through the strategic planning process and was instrumental in raising the profile of ADGC through media coverage. Luke has been a steady presence on the board for the last 10 years and we thank him for all that he has done.



Finally, the board sends a large thank you to all the volunteers who run clubs, TD events or offer support. In a time when volunteer numbers are down our sport continues to have dedicated people with passion and a vision to create events that bring a lot of people joy. The tournament committee has been working on a new guide to help tournament directors with running events and ensuring players know what to expect.

We look forward to the opportunities that 2025 brings.

Annual Highlights



WFDF World Team Disc Golf Championships 2024

It was a moment that will forever be etched in the history of Australian Disc Golf- The semi final of the 2024 WFDF WTDGC. Australia and Canada are tied at the conclusion of play forcing a playoff hole. Luke Bayne carrying the hopes of the home team lines up a putt. As soon as it hits the chain the Aussie erupt erupt racing to surround him to cheers of Aussie Aussie Aussie. The emotions were evident as photographers Kingsley Flett, Peter Adams-Shawn and Chris Himing captured the scene.

Australia went on to win silver going down to a dominant Estonia defending their championship title. The tournament showed the grit and determination of the Aussie team as they took down opponents seeded much higher than them in an event that favours teamwork and tactics.

It wasn't just our players who were on show for the event. Sue and Ken Summers had a vision of bringing the event down under and they delivered a tournament that announced Australia as a disc golfing nation. This team event is held every 2 years with this the first time it had been held in the Southern Hemisphere and outside Europe or North America. This was also the first time the event was livestreamed adding to the excitement.

The WFDF 2024 World Team Disc Golf Championships took place from November 6 to 9, 2024, in Mundaring, Western Australia.

Australian team

Patrick Robinson (Captain)
Cassie Sweetten (Captain)
Luke Bayne
Rueben Berg
Chris Finn
Chris Hill
Gina Hill
Blake Houston
Alex Kynaston
Kirsty Murray
Sarah Lee
David Perry
Aaron Moreton (manager)
Kris Kohout (manager)



WFDF Asia-Oceania Team Disc Golf Championships 2023

The inaugural WFDF Asia-Oceania Team Disc Golf Championships took place from December 30, 2023, to January 2, 2024, at Huazhong Bridge Riverside Park in Taipei City, Taiwan. Competing teams included Australia, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Hong Kong, and Thailand in this unique team match-play event. Representing Australia were Aaron Moreton (Captain), Samantha Ockerby (Vice Captain), Jason Browne (Vice Captain), Niccole George, Sharon Costa, Kevin Costa, Tim Flanders, Jason McCormick, and Liam Brunelli-Brondex. The Australian Disc Golf team finished third after a narrow loss to Japan in the semifinals. Congratulations to Chinese Taipei for winning the tournament and hosting a fantastic event.

After the event Jason Browne shared his reflections on playing for Australia.

Competing with a small, quickly assembled team of near-strangers from across the country was a unique challenge, but under the leadership of our captain, Aaron Moreton, we developed a strong sense of pride and purpose. Aaron's message was simple: the shirt we were wearing gave us the permission to play at the highest level possible. It was not a burden to carry, but instead it was an access key to unlocking each player's potential. As the tournament progressed, we matched and even defeated higher-ranked opponents through determination, skill, and teamwork. Although we narrowly missed the gold medal playoff, earning bronze felt like a monumental achievement for a team that had only just come together. The experience of competing at this level is addictive, leaving us eager for the next opportunity to represent our country. For anyone considering joining the Australian Disc Golf Team, I can only say: don't hesitate. It's an opportunity of a lifetime.



Play It Forward

We've all been on our local course and been approached by someone who is curious about the game. They'll usually ask where they can get their hands on a disc; and this is where our Play It Forward program comes in. Launched on Aussie Disc Golf Day 2024, this program is all about getting discs to new players. With the help of RPM Discs, ADG purchased 700 "Play It Forward" discs and sent them all around the country to interested clubs who got them at low cost. These discs were given to established players who can pass them on to people they think would like to play. That person can then use the disc for as long as they like then pass it on. Let's call it a gateway disc to a healthy lifelong addiction.



The discs are RPM Tui's with an Alex Brindle designed Play it forward logo. On the back is a QR code that links to our "[Play It forward](#)" page filled with good info on disc golf, how to contact their local club and how to find their local courses.

The program has been modelled on the successful initiative started by Jeff Brunsting of the Melbourne Disc Golf Club. Visit www.australiandiscgolf.com/playitforward for more information.

Aussie Disc Golf Day

2024 was the fifth year of the Aussie Disc Golf Day. The nationwide event was born in a crisis that turned into an opportunity which introduced hundreds of new players to our game and brought the Aussie Disc Golf community closer together.

This year's event saw 455 players compete across 13 events all around the country from Townsville, Qld to Burnie, Tas and Newcastle, NSW to Perth, WA.

Thanks to all the TDs, clubs and volunteers helping to make these events happen.

www.pdga.com/aussiediscgolfdays/results/2024

A poster for Aussie Disc Golf Day 2024, featuring a yellow background and the text "AUSSIE DISC GOLF DAY SEPT 21ST AND 22ND". The poster lists 13 events across Australia, each with a state/territory logo and the event dates. The events are: South Australia (SAT: MILLICENT ADELAIDE, SUN: ADELAIDE MT GAMBIER), Queensland (SAT: ROCKLEA, SUN: STRATHPINE ANNANDALE), Victoria (SAT: BALLARAT, SUN: DONCASTER), New South Wales (SAT: BELCONNEN, SUN: NEWCASTLE), Tasmania (SAT: BURNIE, SUN: MUNDARING), and Western Australia (SAT: BURNIE, SUN: MUNDARING). The poster also includes the website WWW.AUSTRALIANDISCGOLF.COM/SANCTIONED_EVENTS/.

Women's Global Event

The 2024 Women's Global Event (WGE) was a resounding success, showcasing the power and passion of 120 women playing disc golf across Australia. This event is all about celebrating women in the sport and encouraging them to return for more. With nine events held nationwide, this year's WGE marked the largest participation Australia has seen at a WGE. A unique aspect was the number of women stepping up as first-time TDs or assistant TDs. They emphasized creating safe, inclusive, and fun environments while inspiring others to get involved.



The success of the 2024 WGE underscores the importance of fostering female participation and leadership in disc golf. As the sport grows, events like these inspire new players, connect communities, and celebrate the unique role of women in disc golf. To support the running of women only WGE events, ADG paid PDGA and ADG sanctioning fees.

Global results can be found at <https://www.pdga.com/women/global-event/results/2024>.

Participation Highlights:

- **FA4 Division:** The largest group with 43 players, many of whom competed in their first event.
- **FA40 Division:** The second-largest group with 23 players, demonstrating the growth of disc golf across all ages.

Globally, two Australian women achieved remarkable results:

- **Cassie Sweetten** placed 5th in the FP40 division.
- **Anita Weber** secured 8th in the FJ18 division.

Community Advice for New Players:

- *"Don't overthink it. Focus on having fun!"*
- *"Use lower-speed discs to build form and confidence."*
- *"Don't compare yourself to others—everyone starts somewhere."*
- *"Embrace the camaraderie; the disc golf community is welcoming and supportive."*

Australian Disc Golf Championships

November was a huge month of disc golf in Australia culminating in the 2024 RPM Australian Disc Golf Championships. This 10-day festival brought together players and fans in a celebration of the sport, hosted in the welcoming country town of Molong, Central West NSW.

Division 1 Championship Weekend: The event kicked off with elite-level competition showcasing Australia's best disc golfers.

Dubbo Day Trip: A midweek adventure offering a change of pace and location for players and spectators and remembering Kevin Rugg, a pioneer of disc golf in the area.

Australian Doubles Championships: Held midweek on Wednesday, fostering camaraderie and strategic play.

Division 2 Championship Weekend: The festival concluded with competitive matches across all divisions.

The event was organized by Kevin and Sharon Costa, whose hard work and dedication ensured the championship's success. The local Molong community embraced the event which saw signs erected around town, Raffles and stalls at community events and regular news stories. Many of the local businesses came on as sponsors of the event. Kevin



and Sharon worked tirelessly to make this event the biggest and best ADGC with a fun village feel and challenging courses. To help take some of the workload involved in running an event of this size ADG provided a registration coordinator to the event to handle registrations, player enquiries and tee times. Niccole George did a great job in this role.



Kingsley Flett's photography and reporting beautifully captured the atmosphere and stories of the event, while live coverage of the MPO and FPO divisions, produced by PRKD Media, elevated the experience. Despite challenging conditions, the media team delivered engaging commentary and high-quality footage, adding to the excitement of the competition.

Results:

In MPO, Victoria's David Perry triumphed in a nail-biter, edging out Canada's Thomas Gilbert on the final hole. Earlier, Victoria's Clare Hussey took out the FPO division.

ADG Grants

ADG offers a grant program where clubs can access funds to help get disc golf development projects of the ground. Applications are accepted year round with more information on our website www.australiandiscgolf.com/grant-program.

The project to install a beginner friendly 6 hole course close to the centre of Hobart was started nearly 3 years ago, and finished in 2024 by Hobart Disc Golf volunteers Ollie, Jed and Alex. The course in Jim Bacon Reserve, West Moonah, received funding from the Tasmanian state government COVID relief grants and permission from the Glenorchy City Council to install the baskets. Now, with support from ADG, the course has tee signage and a course map. The course is in an underutilised area of the reserve and was designed to avoid areas where the Blue devil, a threatened plant species grows. The club is now engaging with local community groups discussing the option of some revegetation of the open space to add some variety to the course design and create shade and habitat for wildlife.



This is a great example of the collaborations involved in getting a course installed. The continued engagement with the local community and respect for the environment will help the course grow into a great resource that can be utilised by many.



ADG also provided funding to Noosa Disc Golf Club to install tee signs at the new disc golf course at Cooroora Creek Park, Pomona QLD. Congratulations to Ryan Johnson for getting the project done. Successful grants have also been awarded to Central West Disc Golf towards the new course at the very popular Lake Canobolas. and Mundaring Disc Golf club's towards their world's course. ADg was also able to supply 60 disc we received from PDGA to the new Krickenwood farm course in Southwest WA to help them kickstart some exciting projects in the area.

We look forward to supporting more projects in 2025.

New Look

This year we launched a new logo and rolled out the new look across our association's website, social media and branding. The new logo was designed by Tasmanian player Alex Brindle who approached us with his idea. Alex has generously designed our logos for Aussie Disc Golf Day and other events over the years and with his passion for disc golf he was able to nail the new design to bring us into a new era of disc golf in Australia. Our old logo was designed 20 years ago by a graphic designer employed to design a logo for the newly established ADG. Since then we have developed into an enterprise that has grown exponentially and faced challenges those early pioneers could never have envisaged. We are now on the cusp of an era where disc golf is established on the sporting and recreation landscape in Australia, where our players compete on the global stage and we host major international tournaments. From the discussions we had in 2023 for the creation of our strategic plan, it was clear that we were about to embark on a distinctly new era. So we jumped at the chance to launch a new look in time for the world watch Australia emerge as a Disc Golf nation as we hosted the WFDF World Team Disc Golf Championships.



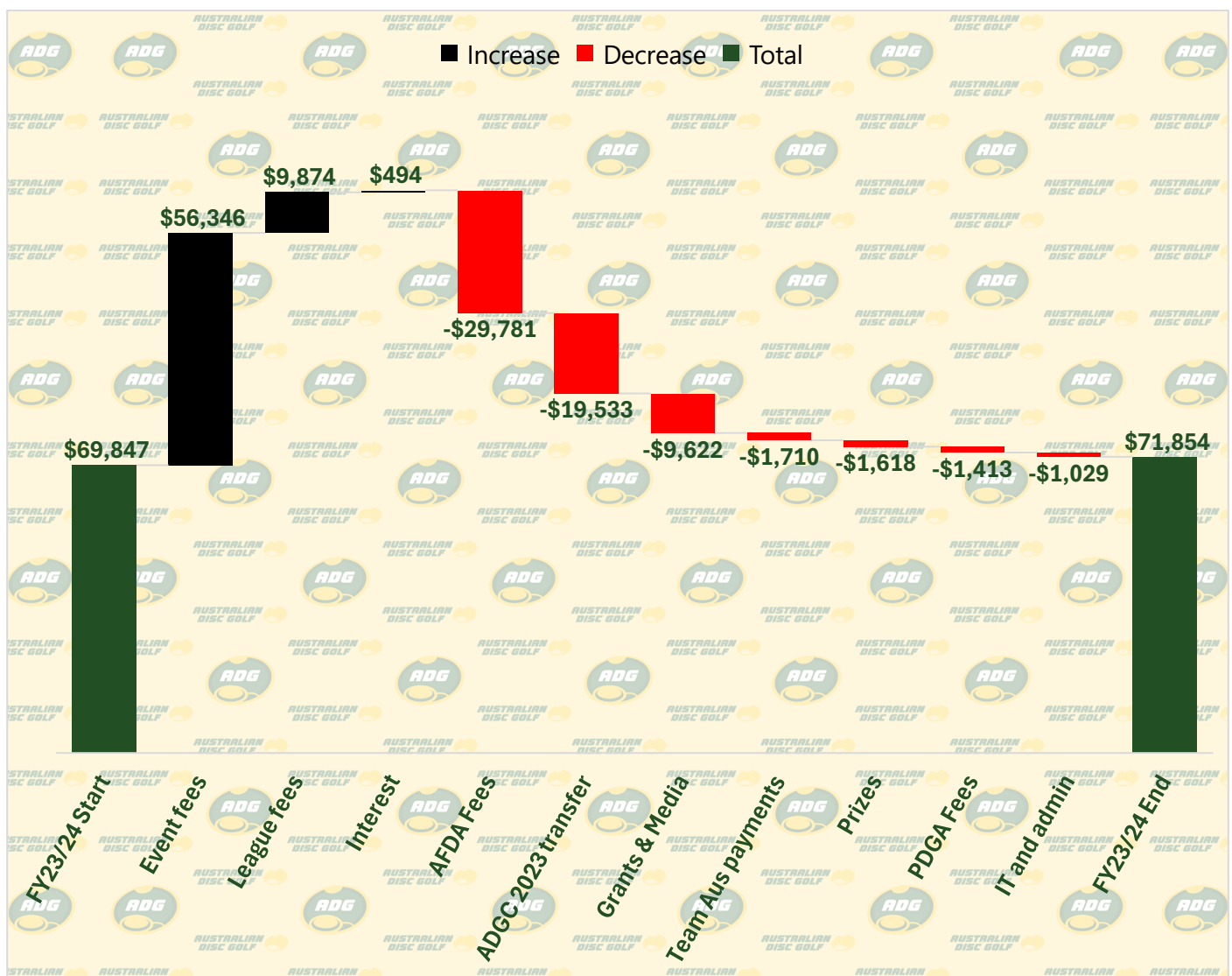
ADG Financial Report

2023/24



Compiled by Martin Ryland-Adair, ADG Treasurer

The ADG financial year ran from the 1st September 2023 to the 31st August 2024. As of the 31st August 2024 ADG held \$71853.80 in its bank accounts. This is compared to last year's financial position of \$69846.63, as of 31st August 2023.



Australian Disc Golf Financial Information 2023/24

Event based fees are the major source of annual income for ADG. As with the previous financial year, there has been a substantial increase in event-based income when compared to last year. This year ADG event-based fees amounted to \$56,346 as compared to \$36,300 last year. We also had an increase in league event-based fees from \$2,427.50 in 2023 to \$9,874 in 2024. I note some invoices from the previous year were paid in this financial year.

In 2024, \$10,000 was transferred from our working account to our term deposit account. Due to this transfer and a slight increase in interest rates over the last 12 months, term deposit interest went from \$176 in 2023 to \$494 in 2024.

Expenses are up this year as we have paid the balance of \$19,533 in fees collected on behalf of ADGC23 to the event organisers. And paid the AFDA fees of \$12,878 owing from the previous year. We also had an increase in grants paid out primarily due to a significant investment in ADGC video coverage.

As well as paying the 2022 AFDA/ADG MOU fees we also paid the 2023 fees of \$16,903 this financial year. This year we have commenced a process whereby we will pay the AFDA/ADG MOU fees in 3 monthly instalments, thereby removing the payment of a large bill at the end of each year.

Income	2022/23 Amount (\$)	2023/24 Amount (\$)
ADG EBF Fees	\$36,300	\$56,346.
ADG League Fees	\$2,428	\$9,874
Other	\$176	\$494
Total	\$38,903	\$66,714

	2022/23 Amount (\$)	2023/24 Amount (\$)
Prizes and Trophies	\$1,697	\$1,618
Grants/media	\$3,924	\$9,622
ADG MOU Fees	\$12,878	\$16,903 (\$29,781)
IT and admin costs	\$730	\$1,029
Other	\$13,100	\$3,124 (\$22,657)
Total	\$33,827	\$32,296 (\$64,707)

2025 Majors



Februrary 14-16	Tassie Open	TAS
March 8-10	The Sizzler	ACT
April 25-27	Vic Open	VIC
July 4-6	Queensland Open	QLD
Oct 4-6	NSW Open	NSW
TBC	The Eruption	SA
TBC	Australian Disc Golf Championships	WA