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Nominations Welcome

Know someone who's given decades to growing disc golf in Australia and has made a lasting contribution to Australian disc golf? Nominations for the Australian Disc Golf Hall of Fame are being reviewed now!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September	
WA	Perth Open 2026 
ACT	The Drizzler 2026
VIC	VMS Ruffey Lake Finale

October	
NSW	2026 Aussie Masters'
QLD	NQ Open 2026
NSW	Reins and Chains
VIC	Inverleigh Open
QLD	Rocklea Rumble
WA	Okthrowberfest
SA	Battle of Belair
VIC	The Ballarat Open
SA	2026 Eruption

November	
VIC	St Annes Chain Smash
VIC	Rudolph Riot 2026
ACT	ADGC Weekend 1 

December	
ACT	ADGC Weekend 2 
TAS	2026 Hobart Disc Golf Club Championships

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Fifty Years of Flight, One Weekend Together: ADGD

Fifty years after the first discs took to the air in Australia, the community marked the milestone the way it does best: by heading to the local course and throwing together. On 19-20 September, Aussie Disc Golf Day stretched from Townsville to Burnie over eighteen events, attracting an impressive 483 players (up from 413 in 2025).

Ahead of the day, we asked ADG members what disc golf means to them. Hall of Famer Brian VanAllen, fifty years in, waxed poetic about the disc in flight. Linda, just a year into playing and already tournament directing, says it "has become a family passion" for her dad, partner, daughter and sister. 2023 Hall of Fame inductee Paul Arden loves that anywhere in the world, approaching a new course feels like coming home.

Of course, this event and community wouldn't be the same without the tireless volunteers and organisers who make weekends like this possible. For this, we thank you!

Now we want to see it through your eyes. The ADGD26 Photo Competition is looking to honour the sport's history with snapshots of your Aussie Disc Golf Day. head to our website to eneter. Entries close 6pm AEDT, Tuesday 29 September. Here's to the moments that make disc golf a passion we keep returning to. May the last 50 years only be the beginning.



Strengthening Our Council Approach

What you told us

Under Disc Golf 2028, ADG’s strategic plan, one of our GROW priorities is simple to say and hard to do: get more baskets in the ground, in more places, all across Australia. Before we could build guidelines and templates to help with that, we needed to know one thing from the people actually doing the work: what would genuinely help to make the case to council?

So earlier this year, we asked. Over 35 of you answered, from Sydney to Perth, Hobart to regional Queensland, sharing hard-won wins and years-long frustrations. This survey was step one in building a plan. Here's what we learned.



The story behind the numbers

Almost everyone who responded had already approached a council. What struck us wasn't just whether it worked, but why it was hard. Several of you said the real battle was simply explaining what disc golf even is before you could talk about land or funding. Others described a chicken-and-egg problem: councils want proof people will use a course before they'll approve one, but you can't prove usage without a course. And more than a few of you put it plainly. This work takes so long, and so much personal time, that it's really "a job for someone who's retired, or endlessly patient."

When we asked what would help most, the answer was consistent: cost and budget templates, real case studies from other councils, example submission documents, and hard data on health, wellbeing and community benefit. Those four things topped almost every response.

But it was the stories you shared that really brought it to life, and showed just how different every path can be. As one member put it, "it is probably difficult for ADG to act on behalf of everyone, some councils will require different information and research to others.". Some of you are still working through objections around carparks, dog walkers, or (memorably) snakes being attracted to baskets. Those stories matter just as much as the wins, because no two courses, councils, or situations look quite the same.

What this means for the plan, and what's next

Based on what you told us, we're now building out a Council Resources section on the ADG website for club members and for council or government contacts alike, including the cost templates, case studies, submission examples, and health and community benefit data you asked for most, plus clearer guidance on navigating council processes.

If your club has usage data, correspondence, or a case study you're willing to share, we'd still love to hear from you. Every story you send strengthens the case for the group of passionate disc golfers standing where you once stood.

ADG Board and State Rep Nominations

Nominations open October 23rd for the ADG Board and State Representatives. ADG runs on volunteers, and there are roles to suit every skill set, availability and interest. All positions will be decided at the AGM.. Nominations close Tuesday, 11th November, 8pm AEDT. Get involved and have your say in the future of Australian disc golf.

AGM Date Announced

The 2026 Annual General Meeting of Australian Disc Golf (inc) will be held on **Tuesday 8th Dec, 8:30pm AEDT**. At the AGM we will be electing a new ADG Board and State representatives and dicussing the year in disc golf. It is a great opportunity to hear what ADG have been doing and help guide where we head next.

ADGD 2026 Results

An impressive 480 players over 18 events battled it out. How did your ADGD stack up? pdga.com/aussiediscgolfdays/results/2026

Division	Player Name
MPO	Blake Houston
FPO	Clare Hussey
MP40	Ryan Johnson
FP40	Sue Summers
MP50	Mat Wallis
MA1	Allen Brunsting
FA1	Claire Bruton
MA40	Mitch Graham
FA40	Sarah O'Shannessy
MA50	Kevin Brooks
FA50	Janet Cartwright
MA2	Peter Chou
FA2	Kim Michell
MA3	Jayden McClintock
FA3	Jessica Squires
MA4	Matthew Kerr
FA4	Eden Lewis-Shell
MJ15	Lincoln Holman
FJ15	Miley Nicholson
MJ10	Jacob Malan



Sugar Gliders Soar in Vilnius

Masters finish 6th of 19, Open finish 11th of 28 at the biggest WFDF World Team Disc Golf Championship ever held

The Sugar Gliders have returned from the WFDF World Team Disc Golf Championship in Vilnius, Lithuania, with results the whole country can be proud of. Every match was hard-fought, every stroke mattered, and by all accounts the squad had the time of their lives doing it. WTDGC 2026 was the largest ever held and the first with a standalone Masters division.

Seeded 8th in both divisions, Australia lived up to its reputation of being strong competitors. The Masters opened with an 8-0 win over Ukraine, sealed by a clutch putt from Joanne McCamish, and pushed all the way to a final-round decider against Norway for 5th, finishing a strong 6th of 19. The Open pushed reigning champions Estonia to the time cap in Round 2, and on the last day beat host nation Lithuania for 11th place after Alex Kynaston buried the putt that sealed it.



Every player off the course spent the week supporting teammates, and the mob felt the love from home too.

Congratulations to the whole Sugar Gliders squad, management and coaching staff. WTDGC returns in two years.

Discover Disc Golf

Huge thanks to every club that ran a Discover Disc Golf come-and-try event! Thanks to the \$300 ADG grant, clubs kitted themselves out for future come and try days with new loaner discs, a shiny awning, local advertising to spread the word, and prizes to send newcomers home smiling. The result: welcoming, well-resourced sessions that turned curious first-timers into new members of the disc golf community.

This is exactly the kind of community engagement ADG loves to support. If your club is looking to keep that momentum going, remember the ADG Grants Program welcomes initiatives that grow participation!



Community Awards: Nominate a Disc Golf Champion

Know a TD who goes above and beyond, or a volunteer who keeps things running? Nominations for TD of the Year and Volunteer of the Year open early November. Keep an eye on our website and socials for the nomination form to make sure they get the recognition they deserve. Winners announced at the ADG Tour Awards.

What does ADG do?

We hear this a lot, so we built a page to answer it: insurance, sanctioning, grants, integrity, international representation, and more. See exactly where your event-based fees go, what ADG makes possible, and where the sport is headed next. Check out "What Does ADG Do?" on our website.

Introducing Adam Cheyne, AFDA's CEO

Please join us in welcoming Adam Cheyne, who joined AFDA as CEO two months ago. With a background in sports facility planning, including a decade at Tennis Australia and Tennis Queensland, Adam brings fresh eyes to flying disc sports. He's excited to grow disc golf collaboratively and champion pathways and participation across the flying disc community.

Tour Awards Night: Thursday 17 December

Join us online as we crown the ADG Tour champions for 2026! We'll also be announcing the Community Awards, celebrating outstanding TDs and Volunteers as nominated by you. Tune in to find out who takes home the honours. See you there!