



Golf for Leukaemia Foundation

“Golfing Under the Stars”

23 April 2012:

A golf tournament with a difference took place in Wonthaggi recently to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

A hundred employees from the desalination plant and some local golfers took part in a night time golf tournament, with glow in the dark golf balls, and fairways, greens and holes outlined with glowing markers. Lights inside each hole made putting easy on the greens.

Golfers wore glow sticks as bracelets, necklaces or hat bands so they could be seen along the moonlit fairways, while special clear golf balls containing glow sticks made finding the balls an easier task than it usually is during daylight hours!

A barbeque and drinks arranged for participants as they waited for darkness ensured a great start to the night, and once golf balls and starting fairways for the Ambrose tournament were distributed the tournament was underway.

For the next few hours the sounds of golf drives were heard through the trees, with some golfers claiming they hit a ball better at night than during the day! Laughter accompanied the odd sliced ball, as the meteor like path through the sky glowed clearly.

Participants were reluctant to finish, with some teams still on the course at 11pm. Afterwards 40 or so players remained for drinks at the 19th hole and the raffle prize draws.

Keith Fisher, a Victorian Desalination Project employee organised the event to raise funds after his young son was diagnosed with leukaemia in August 2011.

Wonthaggi Golf Club offered the course at no cost to allow entry fees for the sell-out event to be donated to the Leukaemia Foundation, and additional raffles, donations and local business support which saw exactly \$ 7005.40 raised in total in just 3weeks.

Prize winners:

1st Prize: David Leech AFL golf bag of his choice, (St Kilda) new set of Infinity clubs, Infinity golf buggy, golf balls etc.

2nd Prize: Peter Mazey Golf Australia Prize Pack including \$100 Drummond golf voucher

3rd Prize: Kevin Church Golf Australia Prize Pack /golf shoes

4th Prize: Shaun Church Golf Australia Prize Pack and a wheelbarrow donated by Loes Hardware

5th - 12th Prize: Golf Australia Prize Pack with golf umbrella won by:

Andrew Simpson, Adam Gowans, Brett Atwell, Matt Lewis, Luke Comerford, Dean Neilson, John Crane, Brett McGrane

