



Alice Springs Youth &
Community Centre INC.

EDITION 5

WELCOME TO OUR

JAN - MAR 2026

Quarterly Newsletter

Hon. Joshua Burgoyne MLA & Hon. Bill Yan MLA
proudly presents



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Saturday 23rd May 2026
10am-1pm
Town Council Lawns

Food Stalls, Bake Sale, Kid's Games &
Entertainment, Crafts, Raffles & Prizes.
Teddy Bear Parade starts at 12pm

Gold Coin Donation

All funds go towards
Alice Springs Youth and
Community Centre

Bring your favourite
teddy bear!



TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC
SATURDAY 23 MAY 2026

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUPPORT ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

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A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO SAFETY AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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ASYCC CORE PROGRAMS

Aikido, Circus, Judo, Shotokan Karate, Lion
Dance & Drumming, Tiny Tots Funtime

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TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC - SUPPORTING ASYCC

We're excited to be part of the upcoming Teddy Bears' Picnic on **Saturday, 23 May 2026**, from **10:00am to 1:00pm** at the **Town Council Lawns**.

This wonderful community event will feature food stalls, a bake sale, kids' games, entertainment, crafts, raffles and prizes, with the much-loved **Teddy Bear Parade starting at 12:00pm**. Best of all, all funds raised from the day will go towards supporting the Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre.

As the main recipient of this fundraiser, ASYCC will be hosting a stall on the day and proudly showcasing some of our core programs, including **Shotokan Karate, Judo, Gymnastics, and Circus**. This is a great opportunity for the community to see what we offer and connect with our programs in a fun and engaging way.

We warmly invite families to come along, enjoy the day, and bring their favourite teddy bear!



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ASYCC Gymnastics Competition & Updates



Our Centre is guided by Liv, our Head Coach whose leadership and hands-on coaching help create the welcoming, community-driven environment our families rely on. She not only manages all programming and scheduling but also coaches classes herself, building strong connections with athletes and setting the tone for the supportive culture we're proud of.

Working alongside her are our two Senior Coaches & Volunteer Coach (Marie), who provide experience, consistency, and a steady presence for both athletes and junior staff. Their care and connection with families help build the strong relationships that make our community feel like home.

Completing the team are our four Junior Coaches, who balance school, part-time work, and their own senior-level gymnastics training while still showing up with enthusiasm, patience, and a real passion for helping our youngest gymnasts grow. They are role models in the truest sense—young people giving back to the community.

Together, this coaching team creates a space where children feel supported, encouraged, and proud to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Senior Coaches



Liv



Kerryn



Taylah



Marie

Junior Coaches



Shae



Kellie



Taylor



Grace

This term many of our gymnasts have been focused and working hard towards our competitions in Term 2!

Our coaches are excited to see routines come together and are confident with the amount of progress and preparation we have seen this term.

We have 3 senior coaches completing their Advanced coaching courses and our junior coaches are making leaps and bounds within their coaching by taking on more responsibilities, asking lots of questions and showing a deeper understanding of the skills that they are teaching.

Our recreational classes are demonstrating great foundational skills as we are having fun building towards new skills next term!

We have a good feeling as the end of the term is near and we hope everyone has a great break, although brief, and we cannot wait to achieve more great things next term!

Acknowledgement of Support – Alice Springs Town Council



ASYCC would like to sincerely acknowledge and thank the Alice Springs Town Council for their continued support in waiving the Centre's annual rates.

This contribution plays an important role in strengthening the Centre's financial sustainability, complementing the funding we receive from the Northern Territory Government and supporting our overall revenue.

It allows us to focus our resources on delivering programs, maintaining our facilities, and providing a safe and welcoming space for the community.

We are grateful for the Council's ongoing support and recognition of the valuable role the Centre plays in the Alice Springs community.

A Generous Contribution to safety and Skill Development

We are excited to share that Judo NT has generously supported the purchase of a new crash mat for our Judo program.

This vital piece of equipment supports safe landing and breakfall techniques during training, helping to reduce the risk of injury while building confidence, discipline, and strong foundational skills.

This support from Judo NT is more than just a contribution—it is an investment in the health, safety, and future of our young athletes.

On behalf of ASYCC, we extend our heartfelt thanks for helping us create a safer and more supportive environment for the children at the Centre.



ASYCC PROGRAMS

- session times
- fee structure




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Infant & Toddler Playgroup

Tiny Tots Fun Time

@ Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre

Tues & Thurs 9.30am - 11.30am




Fee: \$5 per child (0-4 years)

Tiny Tots is a community based playgroup hosted by ASYCC that promotes children's play & discovery. Parents and/or carers are required to be present to ensure the safety and supervision of their child.

ASYCC provides facilities set up with age appropriate toys and equipment, encouraging free-play and social connection for young children and their carers.

We enforce the age limit (0-4) to ensure a safe experience for our young ones. It is kindly requested that you do not bring older children.

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JUDO

the gentle way

- Builds self confidence
- Teaches self-defense
- Friendly environment

Classes for kids & all ages at Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre

With Sensei Ezekiel Dodoo
Black belt - 3rd Dan.
3+ decades of international experience. Former National Judo Coach and Technical Director for Ghana.

FEE STRUCTURE




JUNIOR 6+	MEMBERSHIP
\$8 per Session	\$75 Juniors (6-13 yrs)
\$70 for 10 Sessions	\$105 Seniors (14 yrs+)
\$110 Term	

SESSION TIMES

JUNIOR 6+	SENIOR 14+
Monday 4.30pm - 5.30pm	Monday 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Friday 4.30pm - 5.30pm	Friday 5.30pm - 6.30pm


FIRST CLASS IS Free!

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TRADITIONAL SHOTOKAN KARATE



CLASSES AT ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

SESSION TIMES

Junior & Senior
Mon 6pm - 7.30pm
Wed 6pm - 7.30pm

FEE STRUCTURE

Junior (Under 12)	Senior (12+)
\$70 - 10 Sessions	\$80 - 10 sessions
\$100 - Term	\$110 - Term

TSKF Membership Fee
\$75 - Juniors
\$100 - Seniors

Please see your instructor for information regarding registration forms for TSKF and uniforms.

LEARN SELF-DEFENSE IN A FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES DISCIPLINE, FOCUS & POSITIVITY

The Traditional Shotokan Karate-Do Federation (TSKF) is a not-for-profit Shotokan-based karate organization with an open-door policy offering traditional karate classes to children and adults.

TSKF adheres to the #1 Principle:
"Karate begins and ends with respect."

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Children Class

Tuesdays 4:30-5:20pm

For all kids under 12 yo

Term 1 AKA membership + mat fee \$120

Aikido techniques emphasize redirection and harmony rather than aggressive strikes, making it an ideal choice for parents who want their children to develop conflict resolution skills and empathy.

Build confidence and self-esteem: Aikido encourages children to challenge themselves and step out of their comfort zone.

Marie Petery Shihan (7th Dan) is an experienced aikido teacher for adults and kids. She has been practicing and teaching in the Northern Territory since the mid 70's and guided many students from early age to their black belt and beyond.

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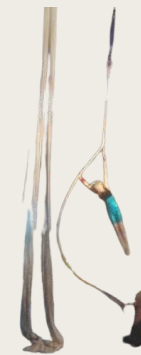
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Part of the National Aikido Association of Australia
The first, and largest, Aikido association in Australia
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Circus Jams – Sundays 11am–1pm (Ages 14+)

The Centre will host ongoing Circus Jam sessions every Sunday from 11am–1pm, pending final access arrangements.

These supervised practice sessions are open to participants aged **14 and over** and offer free use of all circus equipment, including **aerial apparatus (silks, lyra, trapeze), juggling props, hula hoops, acro spaces**, and more.

Circus Jams are a relaxed, supportive environment for building skills, exploring movement, and connecting with others in the circus community. No bookings required.



The Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre is proud to support the Lion Heart Association's **Lion Dancing and Drumming** program, a vibrant cultural activity that brings together movement, rhythm, and community spirit.

This program focuses on nurturing harmony, cultural connection, and personal development—supporting participants in building confidence, discipline, and teamwork while celebrating traditional lion dance practices.

Sessions are held every Tuesday from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** at the Centre and are open to anyone interested in learning or being part of a welcoming and energetic group.

Lion dancing and drumming is not only a physical activity but also a meaningful cultural experience that strengthens connections within our community.

If you or someone you know would like to get involved, please contact **Derek** on **0417 020 533**.

We are pleased to see this program continue to grow and contribute to the diversity of activities available at ASYCC.



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