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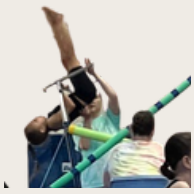
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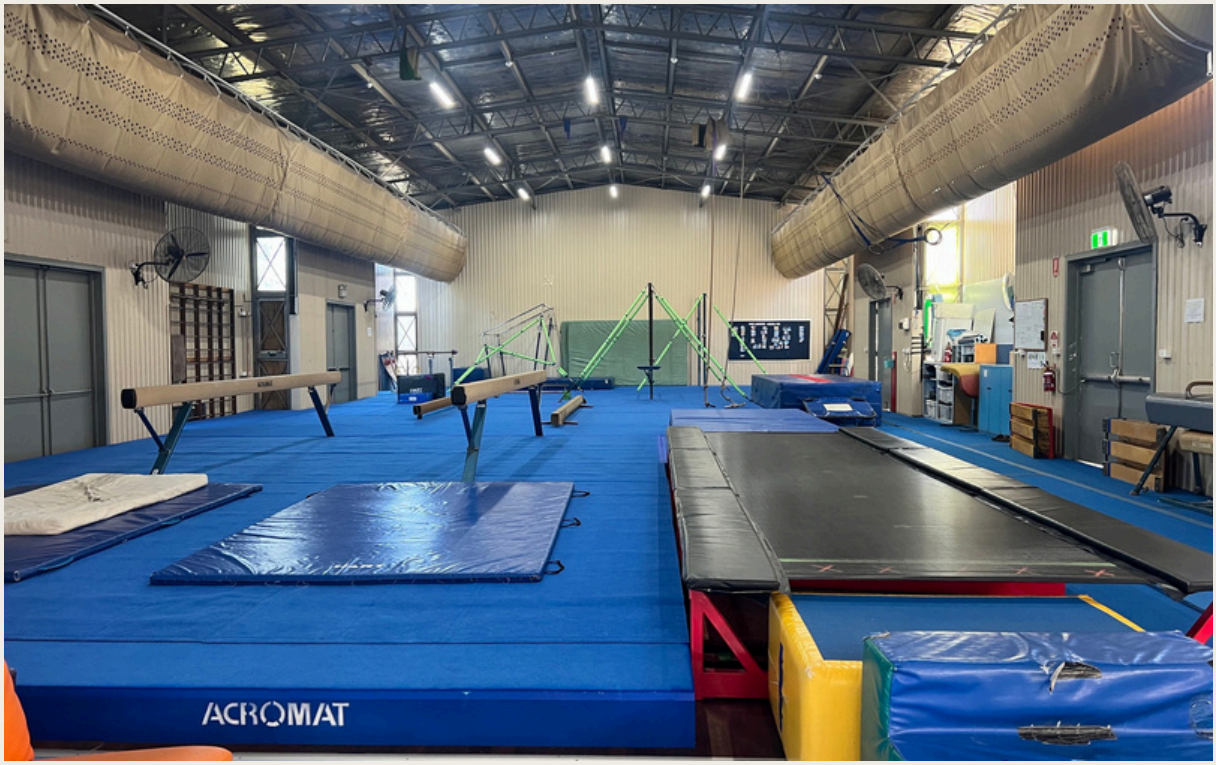
We are thrilled to share that our Gymnasium Matting Upgrade is officially done — and we could not have made it happen without some incredible support!

A heartfelt thank you to the **NT Government Community Benefit Fund – Major Grant and Minister Boothby, Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing,** for generously funding this important project.

A big shoutout also to all the parents and carers who signed our petition — you spoke up for the safety of our children, and it made a real difference.

And to our Gymnastics students — your excitement says it all! We love seeing you enjoy the new mat floors and we can't wait to see all the amazing things you will achieve on them!

The new matting is in place and ready to go. Thank you all — this is what community looks like.



SENIORS MONTH AUGUST 2026

The Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre (ASYCC) was proud to host a free Seniors Month program throughout August 2026, made possible through the generous support of the Northern Territory Government Seniors Month Grant.

Over the month, the Centre welcomed local seniors to weekly Qi Gong and Tai Chi sessions, gentle movement classes designed to support balance, wellbeing and social connection, along with a Social Lunch bringing the community together to share a meal and make new friends.

ASYCC thanks the Northern Territory Government for its ongoing commitment to the health and wellbeing of Territory seniors, and for making these free, accessible events possible for our community. We look forward to continuing to build on this program in the years ahead.



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A GENEROUS DONATION TO THE CENTRE





We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our community. **Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre has received a generous donation of $2,219.00** from the Teddy Bear Picnic Fundraiser held on 23 May 2026.

This heartwarming contribution was made possible through the generosity of two local Members of the Legislative Assembly who have shown tremendous goodwill and commitment to our community:

- **Hon. Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling**
- **Hon. Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira**

Their support means so much to us and to the many people we serve every day. It is a meaningful vote of confidence in the work that ASYCC does for the Alice Springs community.

This donation will go towards supporting our programs and services for the Alice Springs community. At ASYCC, every contribution — big or small — helps us create safe, welcoming spaces where young people, families, and community members can connect, learn, and thrive.

We are committed to using this donation responsibly and ensuring it makes a real difference for the families who walk through our doors.

"We are truly grateful to Hon. Burgoyne and Hon. Yan for their kindness and generosity. This donation is a wonderful example of local leaders investing in their community. It inspires us to keep doing what we do – and to do it even better."

— Criste Evangelista, Centre Manager

Gymnastics
🏆ASYCC Annual Club Comp - What a Weekend!





Huge congratulations and thank you to all of our competition athletes and families! Your performances and growth were incredible to watch. We are so proud of each and every one of you who found the courage to put yourselves out there and have a go. You all looked amazing, and what an achievement to have so many athletes compete this weekend:

- ✦ 24 Level 1s and 2s
- ✦ 20 Level 3s
- ✦ 11 Level 4s
- ✦ 10 Level 5s
- ✦ 4 Level 6s and 7s

A Standing Ovation for Our Coaching Staff

WOW! What a fantastic job our coaching staff have done over the last 12 months. The growth we have seen has been remarkable — and the results were evident not only in how our athletes performed their skills, but in how they carried themselves as helpful, kind, respectful, and supportive teammates.
This is a true testament to the care and effort you put into teaching and mentoring our athletes every single day. Thank you.

Thank You to Our Judges

Thank you to our judges for helping us to continue having the opportunity to compete locally every year. We truly appreciate your time and dedication — we could not do this without you!



Thank You to Our Wider Community

This weekend felt different to other competitions. There was something truly special in the atmosphere — a warm and welcoming support system throughout every session. Senior athletes cheering on younger athletes, parents staying on for sessions beyond their own child's, people volunteering to help wherever they could, and an overwhelmingly positive and happy environment for our athletes to thrive in.

That kind of unwaivering support gives our athletes the confidence to try, to believe in themselves, and to achieve what they sometimes think is unachievable. Thank you all — from the bottom of our hearts. We can't wait to see what the next chapter brings! 🌟

Liv Antonelli, Senior Gymnastics Coach










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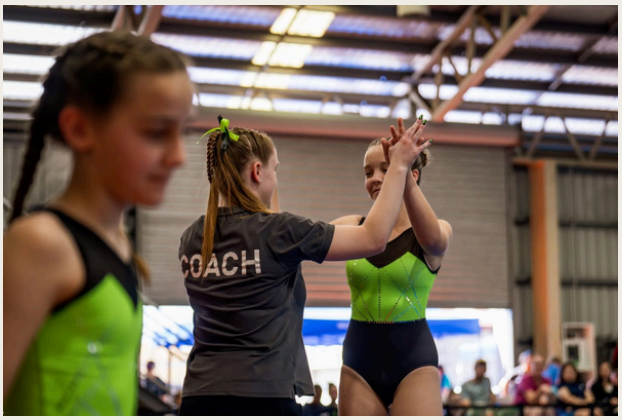

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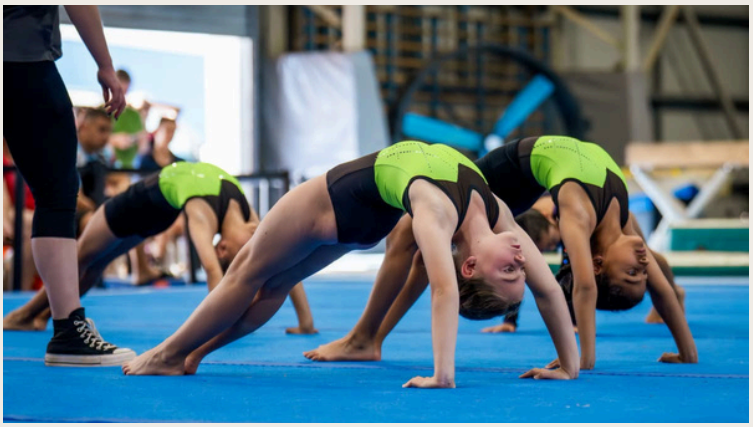

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GYMNASTICS NT 2026 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (DARWIN)





In Week 9, 35 of our competitive gymnasts from Levels 3–7 took to the floor in Darwin for the annual Gymnastics NT 2026 State Championships, going head to head with athletes from across the Territory.

For many of our kids, this was their first time competing away from home, and they showed courage, perseverance and confidence all weekend — we could not be more proud! There were many wonderful achievements, with medals won across all of the sessions we were part of, and plenty of team spirit on display from all club members who travelled to the event.

On Saturday afternoon we spent time together at the wave pool, where the club spirit and sense of community truly flourished — people coming together for the love of gymnastics.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all of our families who supported their children to travel for this event. It is a significant financial cost, and it does not go unnoticed.

To our athletes: thank you for showing up and training hard all year for this big event — we see you, and we are proud of you. And to our coaches and gymnastics team: thank you for all the hard work and long days, and for the smiles and supportive appr oach that help our kids do their very best!

Liv Antonelli





OUR JUDO STUDENTS TAKE ON THE NATIONALS!



The Judo NT team at the 2026 Judo Australia National Championships at Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre. Picture: Supplied



We are so proud of our ASYCC judo students — Tavian, Cristina and Darcy — who competed at the 2026 Judo Australia National Championships at the Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre in June. It was their very first time competing at national level!

It was a historic event for the Centre, with Alice Springs represented at the judo nationals for the first time in more than 20 years. Tavian, Cristina and Darcy were part of the Northern Territory contingent of 26 judoka from across the Territory.

Stepping onto the national stage for the first time takes courage, dedication, and many hours of training. While medals didn't come home this time, our students competed strongly against athletes from all over Australia and gained invaluable experience that will only make them stronger. We can't wait to see how far they go from here.

Congratulations Tavian, Cristina and Darcy — the whole ASYCC community is cheering for you!









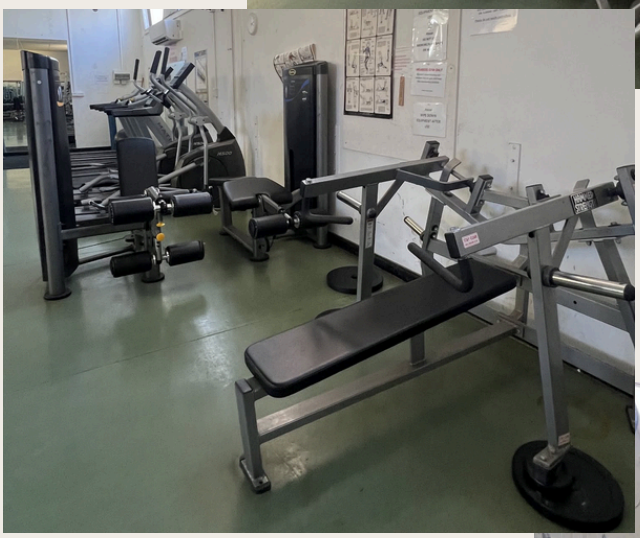
NTG EMPLOYEES - DID YOU KNOW?

There's a government gym available for you to join?

Through our connection with the Greatorex Government Gym, NTG employees can enquire about 6 or 12 month membership options — a great opportunity to stay active and healthy close to work.
Spots may be limited, so don't wait — reach out today for more information!

📧 For enquiries, email:
memberships.gov.gym@outlook.com







NIMBLE THIMBLES – ALICE SPRINGS QUILTING CLUB



Nimble Thimbles began as a friendship group more than 20 years ago as the charity branch of the Alice Springs Quilting Club (established 1981). The group brings together quilters who enjoy using their spare time to sew, share techniques and enjoy each other's company — all while giving back to the community.

ASYCC has been proud to house Nimble Thimbles since October last year. The ladies are enjoying the space for their creations and the chance to catch up with each other, and it's a pleasant environment in the CBD to meet.

Over the years, the Nimbles have completed many quilts for donation and fundraising. Using donated fabrics, members also sew small baby quilts — the "Blankets of Love" — which are given to the maternity ward at Alice Springs Hospital to comfort families of newborns who have not survived. This past year, more than 50 Blankets of Love were presented to the midwives.

Recently, Nimble Thimbles donated a baby quilt and several items to the raffle prize for the Teddy Bears Picnic. This week, they also donated a lovely bright handmade quilt, a couple of potholders and other small items to the Rotary Club for their raffle basket at the Alice Springs Show 2026.

Please contact Vicki McDonald on 0413 675 064 for details about joining the Alice Springs Quilting Club and for when and where the Nimble Thimbles meet. You will be very welcome!





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