



Alice Springs Youth &
Community Centre INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

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About ASYCC

MISSION

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(Appointed 23/11/2024)

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(Appointed 23/11/2023)

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President's Report

The history of the Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre (ASYCC) stretches back to 1945, and throughout these decades, it has remained a strong and valued part of our community. In my previous roles as Manager – and before that, President – I have worked to strengthen our facilities and ensure a sustainable future for what I believe is a vital community asset.

As many of you know, the land and buildings are owned by ASYCC Incorporated. I continue to work toward securing our future as a community-owned organisation, but this has become increasingly challenging. Currently, we lack the level of community support necessary to move forward with confidence. Our members and their families must now decide whether we can work together to find solutions that will keep the Centre in community hands.

Over the past four years, the Manager and management team have held discussions with the Alice Springs Town Council regarding the possibility of the Council taking over the lease, management, and operations of the Centre. While we cannot say with certainty whether this would have been the ideal path, it was a practical option worth exploring. It now appears that the Council is no longer interested in pursuing this direction.

Given this, it is more important than ever that we come together to brainstorm constructive and innovative solutions. Our goal must be to keep this valued community asset within our association and preserve it for future generations.

This past year, as we transitioned to our new Manager, it became even clearer how much community and member support is required for us to remain viable. Although some funding is guaranteed, it is not enough to sustain us unless we increase both our activities and our hiring usage.

The ongoing sustainability of ASYCC – and the activities that so many of us value, including Aikido, Circus Gymnastics, Lion Dance and Drumming, Shotokan Karate, and the Tiny Tots Fun Time Playgroup – relies on building a strong, engaged management team from within our own community. I also encourage more active involvement from our hirers – Alice Springs Family Day Care, Greatorex Gym, Reclink and the extended community – as their support and insights would be of great value.

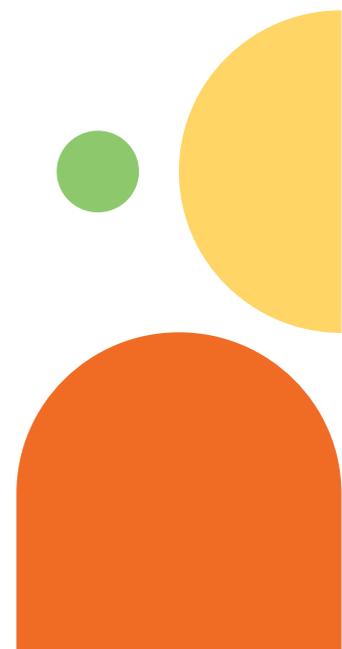
For those who may not be aware, ASYCC Inc. holds a perpetual lease over Crown land from the NT Government. This means that, as members, we collectively hold the rights to the lease, the buildings, and all assets. Under our constitution, if the association were ever to dissolve, the land and buildings would return to the Government and could be allocated to another organisation, while surplus assets must be transferred to an incorporated association with similar purposes.

The NT Government currently provides \$150,000 annually toward our operating costs. While this support is essential and appreciated, it does not remove the need for active involvement from our membership. We urgently need enthusiastic members to step forward and join the management team, supporting our new Manager, staff, volunteers, instructors, and activity leaders.

Together, we can strengthen our community and ensure that the Centre continues to serve Alice Springs for many years to come. However, I lack the passion and energy to keep going without strong support.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your commitment to this critical discussion.

Marie Petery
President of ASYCC



Manager's Report

1. INTRODUCTION

It is with great pride that I present the Manager's Report for the Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre. This year has been marked by growth, collaboration, and a deepened commitment to serving our community.

I commenced as Manager in August 2024, receiving valuable mentorship from the previous manager during the transition. Over the past year, the role has presented challenges, particularly navigating limited NT Government funding support. The Centre continues to rely heavily on programs and venue hire to sustain operations. Despite these constraints, I remain committed to strengthening our services, building community engagement, and exploring new opportunities for growth.

It has been a challenging but rewarding year, made possible through the continued support of our volunteers, staff, and community partners.

2. KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Program Delivery

Throughout 2024-25, the Centre maintained consistent delivery of core programs including gymnastics, martial arts, and the Tiny Tots Playgroup, providing affordable and accessible activities for young people and families across Alice Springs.

Cultural Celebration

In March 2025, we successfully celebrated Harmony Day with the Tiny Tots Playgroup, funded by the Office of Multicultural Affairs grant. This joyful event brought together children, carers, and parents from various cultural backgrounds, fostering inclusion and cultural awareness.

Infrastructure Improvements

Our most significant achievement was completing major renovations to the Greatorex Gym (Dance Studio) through a **\$90,151 Community Benefit Fund -Major Grant**, including:

- Essential roof and ceiling repairs
- Installation of a new refrigerated air conditioning system

These improvements have transformed the space, greatly enhancing comfort and usability year-round for the Greatorex gym users.

Operational Stability

The management transition was successfully navigated with minimal disruption to services, ensuring continuity of operations and maintenance of strong community relationships.

Financial Sustainability

In response to funding constraints, we developed diverse revenue strategies and are planning a fundraising event on 29th November 2025 to build reserves for maintenance costs and to assist families whose children compete interstate.

3. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

We maintained a balanced budget this year through grant funding and revenue from programs and venue hire.

Key Financial Achievements:

- **\$90,151 from the Community Benefit Fund** for Greatorex Gym improvements
- **\$24,847** rates concession from **Alice Springs Town Council**
- **\$1,000** for Harmony Day celebration from **Office of Multicultural Affairs grant**

These successes reflect the Centre's resilience and the strength of our community partnerships, demonstrating sound financial management while maintaining operational sustainability.

4. CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Key Challenges

- Limited NT Government funding requiring increased reliance on self-generated revenue
- Ongoing infrastructure and maintenance costs
- Volunteers for new programs

Emerging Opportunities

- Growing community demand for programs, particularly gymnastics and martial arts
- Strengthened partnerships opening doors to new collaboration opportunities
- New fundraising approaches to strengthen community engagement

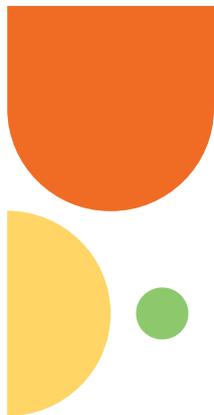
5. LOOKING AHEAD: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2025-26

- Expand gymnastics and martial arts programs to meet growing demand
- Develop additional family-focused wellness initiatives
- Secure additional funding for insurance and critical infrastructure
- Build financial reserves through diversified revenue streams
- Strengthen partnerships with multicultural organisations
- Continue proactive facility maintenance and enhancement
- Support staff and volunteer development

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our Management Committee for your governance; to our dedicated staff and volunteers for your expertise and genuine care; to the **NT Government, Community Benefit Fund, Alice Springs Town Council and Office of Multicultural Affairs** for financial support; to our community partners for collaboration and trust; and to our members and families for choosing ASYCC as your community hub.

Criste Evangelista
ASYCC Manager



Treasurer's Report

The Financial Statements of Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre Inc (ASYCC) for the year ended 30 June 2025 was audited by Perks Audit Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants. The summary of the financial reports are as follows:

Income

The total income for 2024-2025 was **\$517,870**.

A) The Grant revenue for the year was funded by Northern Territory Sports & Recreation & Infrastructure for **\$150,000**, Community Benefit Funds-Major Grant for **\$90,151**.

B) Other revenue is from rentals, training fees.

Expenditure

The total expenses for 2024-2025 were **\$681,841** compared to the previous year for the sum of **\$471,045**. An increase in expense of **\$210,796**.

Net Assets over Liabilities

The current Assets at year end were **\$208,366** consisting of Cash at Bank, **\$4,224** Receivables, **\$35,526** Prepayments & Inventories.

The non-current assets were represented by the Property, Plant & Equipment **\$4,206,954**

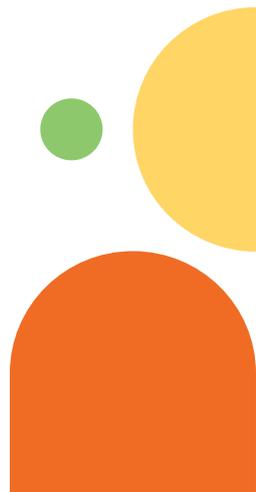
The Total Current and Non-Current Liabilities were represented by Creditors, Employee benefits (LSL & Annual Leave) for **\$114,986**.

The Net Assets over Liabilities for the year resulted in the sum of **\$4,091,968**. This amount is the total equity of Alice Springs Youth & Community Centre Inc.

A copy of the Financial Statement can be obtained by emailing:

manager@asyc.com.au

Marie Baptista
Treasurer



Highlights of the Year

Shotokan Karate

Aikido

In January 2025, Sensei Marie petery reached the extraordinary milestone of 7th Dan in Aikido - a distinction that represents the pinnacle of dedication and expertise in this martial art. Sensei Marie has been an integral part of ASYCC for many years, inspiring the community with her profound knowledge and unwavering passion for Aikido.



Harrison Bowhay's unwavering dedication earned him the prestigious "Spirit Award presented by Master Takahashi, while Elanor Twine competed in her first Nationals as a brown belt, gave an incredible performance and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Gymnastics

Miss Liv Antonelli, Head Coach of ASYCC Gymnastics, successfully completed the 2025 WAG FIG! Academy at the AIS in January 2025. It was hosted by the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) and Gymnastics Australia (GA)



Community Benefit Fund- Major Community Organisation Grant awarded to ASYCC in May 2025 to upgrade Dance Studio- completed in June 2025



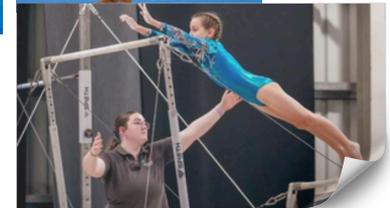
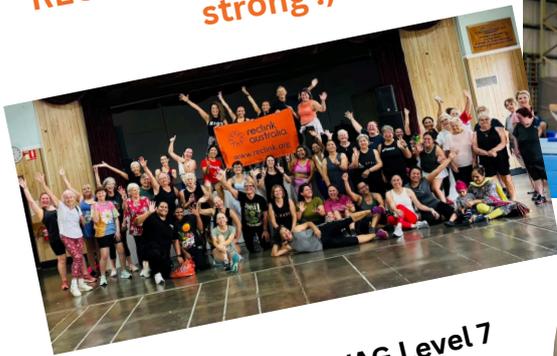
Celebrated Harmony Day with Tiny Tots Funtime in March 2025

Rotary Club Alice Springs Mbantua - Donation of Gymnastics Pit - February 2025



RECLINK's Dance Fit is going strong :)

Gymnastics Competition Darwin June 2025



A special shout-out to WAG Level 7 Athlete, SHAE DRIVER!

Shae has been a shining star in the ASYCC Gymnastics program since 2021. Starting as a level 4 gymnast. Shae's journey has been marked by resilience, determination and an inspiring passion for sport.

Marie Baptista has completed the Gymnastics Australia WAG Advanced Judging course, which now allows her to judge up to Level 10. This has been a big benefit for our gymnasts, giving them consistent support at competitions.



Thank you all for your support during 2024-25



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