ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH CENTRE GETS $2.5 MILLION UPGRADE

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Central Australians today celebrated the official opening of a new and improved gymnasium at the Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre (ASYCC).

Chief Minister Adam Giles was impressed with the work completed by local contractor Scope Building and the benefits the new facility will bring to the people of Alice Springs.

"The Territory Government committed $2.5 million to the Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre for completion of stage 2 – the Agnes East Gymnasium," Mr Giles said.

"I am delighted the Government has been able to ensure that sports such as Shotokan, Eskrima, Aikido, Gymnastics, Circus, Roller Derby and Boxing have this fantastic new facility to call home.

"I would like to thank the volunteers at the Centre who make it possible for the ASYCC to provide important social and recreational activities to the diverse community of Alice Springs."

"The Country Liberals Government is committed to building Alice Springs and is investing heavily in the local economy through community projects like this one and the redevelopment of Anzac Oval.

Minister for Central Australia Matt Conlan said the investment increases opportunities for the community to hold a range of events, functions and activities.

"This Centre is a real hub of activity and today demonstrates the diversity of activities it offers for all ages from toddlers right through to teenagers and adults. This organisation is a pillar of our community with more than 600 members," Mr Conlan said.

The Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre’s President Carmel Vandermolen said the centre is a friendly place for fun, fitness and families.

“The opening of Agnes East Gymnasium encourages participation and benefits the whole community,” Miss Vandermolen said.

“We would like to thank the Territory Government for investing and making our vision a reality for the Alice Springs community. We would also like to acknowledge the work of local Alice Springs Company Scope Building and Tangentyere Design for the architectural design work in collaboration with Opus.”

The newly completed work includes a new gymnastics/sports hall, administration centre, new entry, forecourt, linkage to the existing structures, car park and landscaping. The facility has been named in honour of Agnes East who was one of the founders of the Centre.

For further details about the activities on offer go to:
http://alicespringsyouthandcommunitycentre.com.au

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