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Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub | Mowbray



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young people
to dream big



EMPOWER
young people
to reach their
potential



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everyone in a
safe, welcoming
environment



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President's Message

The 2025-26 financial year has been a significant one for PCYC North, with some of the biggest changes in our organisation's history. As we reach the halfway point of our 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, it is encouraging to reflect on how far we have come, and the progress made towards the goals we set.

Relocation to the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub in Mowbray has undoubtedly been one of the year's greatest achievements. After many years at Newstead, the move marks a major step forward for PCYC North.

The transition involved an enormous amount of planning, hard work and dedication, providing us with a facility that better reflects our needs and future ambitions. With greater capacity to expand programs, welcome community groups and develop new partnerships, we are in a much stronger position to serve Northern Tasmania for years to come.

Equally important has been the ongoing expansion of our youth-at-risk programs. Supporting young people who may be experiencing disadvantage or disengagement remains at the heart of our purpose, and it has been particularly rewarding to see the scale and success of our work throughout the year. These achievements reflect the dedication of our team, together with the contribution of our funding partners, schools and community organisations, whose involvement helps us reach young people and provide experiences that make a genuine difference in their lives.

Beyond our youth programs, we have continued to strengthen our place within the wider community through new and existing partnerships. Our facilities, activities and relationships allow us to support other organisations in their work, while welcoming people of different ages, backgrounds and interests. This broader community involvement is an important part of PCYC North and something we want to continue building on.

I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together this year. As we settle into our new home and continue working towards our Strategic Goals, the Board remains committed to strong governance, responsible financial management and the long-term sustainability. There is still plenty of work ahead, but we have established a strong foundation for the future while remaining focused on what matters most: supporting young people and making a positive difference in our community.

I sincerely thank our Club Manager Melissa, and the entire PCYC North team for their dedication and hard work throughout an extraordinary year. I also thank my fellow Board members, volunteers, partners and supporters for their ongoing contributions. None of what we have achieved would have been possible without the collective efforts of those who believe in and support PCYC North.

Shae Collis



Directors



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From the Regional Manager

The 2025–26 year will be remembered as one of the most significant periods in the history of PCYC North. After many months of planning, negotiation and preparation, we transitioned from our long-standing Newstead home to the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub at Mowbray. The move was much more than a change of address: it represented the next stage in our development as a regional organisation, with greater capacity to deliver youth programs, sport, recreation, community activities, facility hire and hospitality services for people across Northern Tasmania.



The transition required an enormous whole-of-organisation effort. Throughout the year we worked closely with Active Tasmania, Infrastructure Tasmania, State Growth, PCYC Tasmania and other project partners on the management agreement, handover planning, fit-out, equipment installation, compliance, staff training, communications and operational systems. We also completed the PCYC North rebrand, introduced new uniforms and digital communications, recruited for new roles, established the Hub café and commercial kitchen, installed new gym and gymnastics equipment and progressed activation of the rock-climbing wall. The Hub officially opened on 28 March 2026, creating a new home for PCYC North and a significant new community asset for the region.

Our core purpose remained unchanged throughout the transition. The Reset Opportunities for Youth program continued through its final funded term, supported by strong school and community partnerships, while we pursued new funding and program pathways to sustain our early-intervention work beyond the original grant. The Mobile Activity Centre continued its northern outreach, and relationships with councils, schools, community housing organisations, sporting bodies and other community partners created additional opportunities for participation and connection.

The early response to our new home has been extremely encouraging. The facility recorded 40,272 visits in April, 67,701 in May and 82,773 in June. Memberships began rebuilding after the disruption of relocation, including 116 new memberships in April, and May became our first profitable full trading month after opening. We also successfully hosted our first gymnastics interclub competition at the Hub and secured a growing pipeline of sporting, community and major-event bookings.

Looking ahead, our focus will be on turning the extraordinary momentum created by the Hub into sustainable community impact. That means continuing to rebuild membership, increasing use of the facility across both peak and off-peak periods, strengthening the café and facility-hire model, securing long-term funding for youth engagement, developing corporate sponsorship, supporting our staff and volunteers, and working with our government and community partners as the precinct continues to evolve. The opening of the Hub was a major milestone, but it is only the beginning of what PCYC North can achieve from this new regional platform.

I extend my sincere thanks to our Board, staff, coaches, youth workers, administration and finance teams, café team, contractors and volunteers for the extraordinary effort required to maintain services while planning and delivering a major relocation. I also acknowledge Active Tasmania, Infrastructure Tasmania, State Growth, PCYC Tasmania, the City of Launceston, DECYP, Tasmania Fire Service and our many schools, sporting organisations, community partners, funders and sponsors. Particular thanks go to the Merridew family, ACL Bearing Company and the many organisations that have supported youth participation, outreach and the establishment of our new home. Most importantly, thank you to our members, participants and families for their patience throughout the transition and for embracing PCYC North at Mowbray. Together, we have not simply opened a new building; we have established a platform for PCYC North to deepen its impact, strengthen financial sustainability and provide a safe, welcoming place where young people and the wider community can connect, participate and thrive.

Melissa Matthys

Governance and Our Business

Governance

Launceston Police and Community Youth Club Inc trading as PCYC North is a registered charity and is a constitutional member-based incorporated association overseen by the Board of Directors. The Club Manager, employed by the Board, manages the operational aspects of the organisation, reporting to the Board monthly.

Human Resources

PCYC North employs 6 full-time, 8 part-time and 42 casual staff. In addition, the Club engages several external contractors and several volunteers to deliver classes.

Finances

For the year ended June 30, 202, PCYC North saw a surplus of \$313,283, reflecting growth in program revenue and prudent financial management. Total revenue increased to \$2,325,126, driven by activities income and youth program funding, while total expenses amounted to \$2,011,843. Continued support from grants and community partnerships ensured our ability to deliver a wide range of programs and services.

Income	2025/26	2024/25	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020	2018/2019
Activities	\$834,975	\$806,227	\$784,726	\$638,304	\$ 611,647	\$ 578,809	\$ 450,848	\$ 606,686
Operating	\$559,683	\$527,281	\$360,015	\$220,549	\$ 246,843	\$ 188,369	\$ 131,714	\$ 162,322
Expense								
Cost of Sales	\$578,212	\$384,025	\$468,541	\$401,840	\$ 387,657	\$ 308,280	\$ 289,361	\$ 363,842
Gross Profit	\$816,446	\$949,483	\$676,200	\$457,013	\$ 470,833	\$ 458,897	\$ 293,200	\$ 405,166
Operating Expenses								
Finance	\$21,308	\$17,379	\$17,169	\$12,236	\$ 11,196	\$ 9,271	\$ 7,303	\$ 7,308
General	\$463,186	\$224,278	\$159,550	\$122,753	\$ 111,972	\$ 68,758	\$ 52,041	\$ 78,472
Youth at Risk	\$428,663	\$225,753	\$107,391	\$69,023	\$ 28,866	\$ 47,572	\$ 25,568	\$ 30,563
Employment	\$520,474	\$467,489	\$429,881	\$458,010	\$ 377,689	\$ 523,826	\$ 440,674	\$ 336,158
Operating Profit	-\$617,185	\$14,584	-\$37,791	-\$205,009	-\$ 58,890	-\$ 190,530	-\$ 232,385	-\$ 47,336
Other Income	\$930,468	\$218,803	\$92,057	\$134,442	\$ 127,890	\$ 560,359	\$ 318,617	\$ 147,958
Other Expenses		\$93,196		\$46,427	\$ 46,690	\$ 11,915	\$ 77,933	\$ 61,034
NetProfit/Loss	\$313,283	\$140,191	\$54,266	-\$ 116,994	\$ 50,811	\$ 357,913	\$ 8,299	\$ 39,588

Programs

Youth at Risk Programs

Supporting young people who may be at risk of disengaging from education, their communities or positive future pathways remains central to the purpose of PCYC North.

Reset Opportunities for Youth (ROY) is a statewide early-intervention initiative supporting young people aged 10–17 who may be experiencing educational disengagement or other circumstances that increase their risk of negative social and justice-related outcomes. The program was managed by PCYC Tasmania and delivered in partnership with PCYC North and Hobart PCYC.

Commencing in October 2024, ROY provided targeted support for young people across primary, lower secondary and senior secondary age groups. The program responded to factors associated with disengagement from education, antisocial behaviour and future involvement in the justice system by providing safe, structured and positive opportunities for learning, connection and personal development.

Between July 2025 and June 2026, PCYC North achieved significant outcomes through ROY:

- 17 schools engaged across Northern Tasmania
- 165 young people supported
- 236 activities delivered
- An average attendance rate of 85%
- More than 20 service providers and community partners involved

These results demonstrate both the strong demand for targeted early-intervention programs and the ability of PCYC North to engage young people who may not respond to traditional classroom-based approaches. The consistently high attendance rate was particularly encouraging and reflected the relevance of the activities, the relationships developed with participants and schools, and the commitment of our youth workers and delivery partners.

ROY combined mentoring, experiential learning, vocational exposure, adventure-based activities and structured skill development. Participants were provided with opportunities to develop practical life and employment skills, increase their confidence and resilience, experience positive challenges and strengthen their connections with education, family, community and supportive peer networks.

Activities were tailored to the age, needs and interests of each participating group. Delivery included practical qualifications and vocational experiences such as White Card, First Aid and barista training, alongside physical recreation, adventure activities, cooking, community engagement, leadership development and visits to workplaces and training providers. These experiences helped young people recognise their strengths, explore future possibilities and build skills that could be transferred into education, training, employment and everyday life.

The program was underpinned by strengths-based and trauma-informed practice. Rather than focusing solely on risk factors or past difficulties, ROY recognised the abilities, interests and potential of each young person. Participants were supported to build trusted relationships with youth workers, police officers, educators, service providers and community members in safe and inclusive environments.

Collaboration was essential to the program's success. PCYC North worked closely with schools, Tasmania Police, local government, government agencies, training organisations, businesses and community service providers. More than 20 service providers contributed to delivery in Northern

Tasmania during the reporting period, bringing specialist knowledge, practical experiences and positive role models into the program.

PCYC North also gratefully acknowledges the Merridew family, whose generous sponsorship of PCYC North included a contribution towards the delivery of the ROY program. Their support has helped strengthen our capacity to provide meaningful opportunities, positive experiences and early-intervention support for young people in Northern Tasmania.

ROY was funded through the Australian Government's U25-GO Grant Opportunity, which supports community-based initiatives that create positive pathways for young people at risk of becoming involved in criminal or antisocial behaviour. Following an extension to the original funding agreement, the funded project concluded on 30 June 2026.

Although this funding period has ended, PCYC North remains firmly committed to delivering effective youth early-intervention programs. The outcomes achieved through ROY have reinforced the importance of providing young people with consistent support, trusted relationships, practical experiences and meaningful connections to their communities.

In partnership with PCYC Tasmania, schools, funders and community organisations, we continue to pursue grants, sponsorships and sustainable partnerships that will allow ROY and related youth programs to continue and expand. Our goal is to ensure that more young people across Northern Tasmania – including those in regional and remote communities – can access support before challenges escalate.

The success of ROY has demonstrated what can be achieved when schools, families, police, community organisations and service providers work together around the needs and potential of each young person. PCYC North is proud of the 165 young people engaged during 2025–26 and remains committed to creating safe environments, positive relationships and practical pathways that help young people build confidence, strengthen their connection to education and move towards a more positive future.

Taiko Drumming (*club/school base programs and 'Taiko Oni Jima' performance group*).

July to December 2025

Whilst interest in the PCYC Beginner classes picked up later in the year, a number of regular and new schools also recommenced with Taiko Drumming sessions, as part of the MAC program, which led to a couple of new faces joining our PCYC 'Taiko Oni Jima' ensemble. These school-based Taiko sessions culminated with the delivery of 6 'end of term' high-quality song performances.

The club's performance ensemble 'Taiko Oni Jima' got opportunities to perform as follows:

- September – Launceston Women's 5K Race – City Park
- December – Dorset Community Christmas Celebration – Scottsdale Recreation Ground
- December – Beerfest – Royal Park, Launceston CBD



Taiko Oni Jima at Beerfest

The 2025 PCYC Taiko Drumming awards were presented in December as follows:



Ebony MAXWELL
Purple Drum Award
for Excellence and Achievement



Chloe CORNWELL
Ambassador to the Purple Drum Award
*for continued Excellence as a previous
Purple Drum Winner*

January to June 2026

The first half of the year saw the transition of classes from Newstead to Mowbray in March, with our 2026 beginners and most of our performers. This period has also seen a fluctuation in the faces that have come the Beginner classes, but there has been continued interest in Taiko Drumming at this level.

Most of our performers have also made the transition to Mowbray, and there were a handful of performance opportunities as follows:

- February – 'ARAWA' Japanese Dance Festival – Latrobe
- June – Official opening of 'Lumus Imaging' – South Launceston
- June – 'World Street Eats' event – Civic Square – Launceston CBD



Taiko Oni Jima at 'Arawa Japanese Festival'



Mark and Yyan at Lumus Imaging Grand Opening



Taiko Oni Jima at 'World Street Eats' event

Olympic Weightlifting

July to December 2025

July saw Thandi and Leonard in action at the State U15/Youth Championships at Mornington, where both lifted very well to secure the following awards:

- Thandi – Best U15 Female Overall, Runner Up Placing – Youth
- Leonard – Third Place Overall – U15, 4th Place Overall – Youth

They both continued to compete very well at state-based events right up until September.

They then travelled to Bribie Island in Queensland, for the National U15/17 Championships, in October. In their first trip away from Tasmania, Thandi was able to secure an U15 Silver medal in her division, and Leonard setting new state records across the board, in securing the U15 Bronze medal in his division.



Thandi on the dais at Bribie Island



Leonard on the platform at Bribie Island

The final state competition was held at the Launceston PCYC in late November. This proved to be our final competition at Newstead. Leonard again set new state records across the board.

At the Weightlifting Tasmania Inc. awards function that followed, Thandi got the overall Best U15 Female trophy (from the state championships that were held in July), and the Best Novice (U17) Female award.

In a fitting end and reward to a very successful 2025, both Thandi and Leonard won the Weightlifting Tasmania Inc. Best and Fairest awards, with Thandi pipping Leonard by just one vote, for the Overall Best and Fairest award!



Mark with Leonard and Thandi and their Best and Fairest awards

January to June 2026

Our lifters had the opportunity to compete in a couple of state events prior to the move to Mowbray and were able to set some solid foundation for the competition year. As with the Taiko Drumming, we had to leave behind 'The Can' at Newstead in March and gradually get accustomed to our new space at Mowbray.

The first competition for us under the 'PCYC North' banner was a trip to Mornington for the Chris Chugg Memorial event in April, where Leonard achieved his goal of qualifying for the National Under 17 Championship qualifying total (as a 14-year-old).

This eventually then led to the State U15/17 Championships, which were held in June at Launceston's Health and Fitness World, the first time a weightlifting competition had been held there.

It was the 'Girls Brigade' who led the charge here, and it was 18 lifts, 18 successes! Trista and Thandi got rewarded for some solid recent training with success and PB's on all of their 6 lifts. Thandi received U15 and U17 Gold Medals and also the Best Youth (U17) Female Lifter award!

On a handful of training sessions, and recent illness, Jewel was able to lift her heaviest weights in just over two years! She has also just renewed her coaching accreditation, enabling her to continue coaching here at PCYC North.

Despite the small number of lifters we have, their efforts on the platform continue to reflect the solid technical ability that they all have developed whilst training with us under the 'PCYC brand' over a number of years.



Trista in action at Health and Fitness World



Jewel in action at Health and Fitness World



Mark, Jewel and Thandi at the State U15/17 Championships at Health and Fitness World

MAC Program

July to December 2025

Achievements: (Includes regular MAC/MAC Attack and Taiko Drumming sessions)

- **July** – Similar comparison to July 2024-25 figures.
- **August** – Slightly down on 2024-25 figures.
- **September** – As above.
- **October** – Wide diversity in the overall bookings for the month, despite lower attendance.
- **November** – As above – during the usual 'busy' time of the year.
- **December** – Similar overall stat's, compared with the 2024 figures.

January to June 2026

Achievements during term:

- **January** – 75% of all MAC bookings were business invoiced (Vacation Care facilities).
- **February** – High percentage of funded MAC bookings, good variation of locations.
- **March** – A good mix of school based, PCYC program and community-based bookings.
- **April** – Typical all-round mix of MAC locations.
- **May** – High percentage of funded MAC bookings, good variation of locations (as per 2025).
- **June** – A good mix of school based and community-based bookings.

PCYC North continues to promote the MAC program as a holistic 'multi-activity' based program, providing the ability for participants to learn singular or multi-sport/activities and tasks that provide relevant 'basic sport skills' learning, or via the 'MAC Attack' games format, which promotes the notion of 'Critical Thinking' or the Taiko Drumming program, particularly for the 6- to 12-year-old cliental.



Young people in action with the MAC equipment at Riverbend Park.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics remains one of PCYC North's largest core programs, providing opportunities for people of all ages to participate, develop skills, build confidence and experience the benefits of physical activity in a safe and supportive environment.

Across the 2025-26 financial year, the program recorded approximately 1,760 cumulative enrolments across the four school terms. This figure reflects the combined number of athletes enrolled each term, including participants who continued throughout the year.

Our gymnastics program caters for participants across the lifespan – from babies and toddlers taking their first steps in movement-based activities through to school-aged athletes, competitive gymnasts and adults. This broad offering reflects our commitment to making gymnastics accessible and welcoming, regardless of a participant's age, ability or previous experience.

A substantial number of recreational, developmental and competitive classes were delivered throughout the year. These classes supported athletes to develop strength, flexibility, balance, coordination, discipline and confidence while progressing at a level suited to their ability and goals.

Participation remained consistent throughout the reporting period. Growth was limited primarily by the availability of suitably qualified coaches rather than a lack of community interest. Recruiting, developing and retaining gymnastics coaches remains an important priority, as increased coaching capacity would enable PCYC North to respond to demand and provide further opportunities for new and returning athletes.

A New Home for Gymnastics

The relocation from Newstead to the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub represented a major milestone for the gymnastics program. Moving a large specialist program required detailed planning, coordination and considerable physical effort from staff, coaches, volunteers and contractors.

The new Hub provides gymnastics with a dedicated area designed to support the delivery of recreational and competitive programs. Specialist equipment was relocated and installed by AMCO as part of the transition, creating a modern environment in which athletes can train, progress and feel part of a strong gymnastics' community.

The dedicated space provides a strong foundation for the future of the program. It improves the experience for athletes and families while creating opportunities to broaden participation, introduce new classes and strengthen PCYC North's ability to host gymnastics events.

Competitions and Events

PCYC North athletes represented the club at an extensive program of events during the year, including:

- Junior Team Spirit
- MAG Competition South
- Junior Tasmanian Clubs
- Junior State Championships
- Bigham Cup in Western Australia
- Senior Game Changer
- Senior Tasmanian Clubs
- Senior State Championships

Participation in these events gave athletes the opportunity to test their skills, gain valuable competition experience and represent PCYC North alongside gymnasts from across Tasmania and interstate.

PCYC North also hosted several important events during the reporting period:

- MAG Competition North
- Display Day
- In-house Club Championships

Hosting these events allowed athletes to compete and perform in a familiar and supportive environment while bringing families, coaches and members of the gymnastics community together. Display Day and the Club Championships were particularly valuable in recognising athlete development at every level and celebrating the commitment shown throughout the year.

State Championship Achievements

PCYC North athletes achieved outstanding results at the State Championships. Several gymnasts placed within their respective age divisions:

- **Ruby** – first place, Level 3
- **Elsie** – second place, Level 3
- **Charlotte** – second place, Level 3
- **Elise** – third place, Level 3
- **Ayrton** – second place, Level 4
- **Addison** – second place, Level 5
- **Molly** – second place, Level 6

A special congratulations goes to Harry, who achieved the highest overall score in his level and was named State Champion in the Level 6 Optional competition.

These results are a significant achievement for the individual athletes and the broader PCYC North gymnastics program. They reflect many hours of committed training, and the guidance, encouragement and technical expertise provided by our coaching team.

While competition results are an important measure of achievement, we are equally proud of every gymnast who developed a new skill, overcame a challenge, supported a teammate or represented the club with courage and respect.

Representing Tasmania at the Bigham Cup

One of the year's major achievements was the selection of Molly, a Level 6 gymnast, to represent Tasmania at the Bigham Cup in Western Australia.

The competition brought together athletes from Tasmania, Western Australia, South Australia, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. Competing at this level provided Molly with valuable interstate experience and the opportunity to represent both Tasmania and the PCYC North gymnastics community.

Molly's Tasmanian team achieved third place in the team event. Individually, Molly delivered an outstanding performance, achieving:

- **First place on floor**
- **Equal second place on beam**

Molly's selection and results were an exceptional achievement and demonstrated the standard that can be reached through talent, determination, consistent training and quality coaching.

Expanding Participation

During the year, PCYC North introduced Adult Gymnastics for participants aged 18 years and over. This new program extended gymnastics beyond the traditional junior age groups and provided adults with an opportunity to develop or rediscover gymnastics skills in a welcoming and supportive setting.

Adult Gymnastics reflects our commitment to lifelong participation and recognises that gymnastics can provide physical, social and personal benefits at every age. The program creates opportunities for adults to improve strength, flexibility, balance and coordination while learning new skills and connecting with others.

Gymnastics also continued to feature prominently in PCYC North's school holiday programs. Sessions were offered during each holiday period, allowing existing participants to remain active while introducing new children and families to the sport.

School groups also accessed gymnastics as part of visits and organised programs. These sessions provided students with positive experiences outside the traditional classroom environment and encouraged movement, confidence, teamwork and participation.

Holiday and school-group enrolments are managed separately from regular term registrations and are therefore not included in the reported figure of 1,760 cumulative term enrolments. Their participation represents an important additional contribution to the overall reach of the gymnastics program.

Looking Ahead

Gymnastics is a cornerstone of PCYC North and will remain a priority as we consolidate operations at the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub.

Our future focus will include maintaining a safe and high-quality program, supporting athlete development, strengthening recreational and competitive pathways, expanding adult and inclusive participation, and increasing coaching capacity. Recruiting and developing additional qualified coaches will be essential to meeting community demand and enabling sustainable growth.

We sincerely thank our Gymnastics Coordinator, coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers for their dedication throughout an exceptionally demanding year. Their commitment enabled the program to continue through a major relocation while supporting athletes at every stage – from their first gymnastics class to state and interstate competition.

We also acknowledge the athletes and families whose loyalty, patience and enthusiasm helped make the transition successful. The achievements recorded during 2025-26 demonstrate the strength of the PCYC North gymnastics community and provide an exciting foundation for the program's future at the Hub.



Harry French



Molly Ross



Level 6 Squad

PCYC North Junior Basketball

PCYC North Junior Basketball continued to grow and evolve throughout 2025–26, providing an affordable, welcoming and development-focused environment for children to participate in basketball.

Approximately 125 to 150 young people participated across the year, with around 200 games and organised basketball activities delivered. These included regular competition rounds, school holiday clinics, All-Star events and special games designed to build participation, confidence and enjoyment.

The program is about much more than playing a weekly game. It provides young people with opportunities to develop teamwork, communication, resilience, discipline and respect while forming positive relationships with coaches, referees, teammates and other families.

Expanding Participation

PCYC North offered competitions for Under-10 and Under-14 players, with an Under-7 introductory program added in 2026. The introduction of Under-7 basketball created an accessible entry point for younger children to learn foundational skills and become comfortable participating in a team environment.

Approximately 15 children participated in the new Under-7 program. Sessions focused on enjoyment, movement, coordination and basic basketball skills, helping young players develop confidence before progressing into formal team competition.

The Under-10 competition experienced particularly strong growth, reaching six teams – the highest number recorded since the PCYC North Junior Basketball program commenced.

A significant achievement was the establishment of two all-girl Under-10 teams in 2026. This was an important step in creating more opportunities for girls to become involved in basketball and experience the benefits of team sport in a supportive environment.

Three teams participated in the Under-14 competition. Although participation in this age group remained more challenging, PCYC North continued working to retain players and provide meaningful opportunities for teenagers to remain engaged in community sport.

A New Home at the Hub

Before the relocation, demand for Junior Basketball frequently exceeded the court space available at Newstead. This placed limitations on the number of teams, games and activities that could be accommodated.

The move to the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub has addressed this longstanding challenge. Access to the Hub's multi-purpose courts has provided the space and flexibility required to accommodate the growing Under-10 competition, establish the Under-7 program, deliver clinics and special events, and plan for the program's future development.

The new facility has also improved the experience for players, coaches, referees, families and spectators. Junior Basketball now has a modern home capable of supporting continued growth and providing young people with a high-quality environment in which to learn and play.

Games, Clinics and Special Events

Approximately 200 Junior Basketball games and organised activities were delivered during the financial year. Alongside regular competition rounds, the program offered a range of special events designed to maintain enthusiasm and create different participation experiences.

Highlights included:

- A three-on-three basketball tournament
- All-Star Weekend
- An Adults versus Under 14s game
- School holiday basketball clinics
- Girls-only basketball clinics
- Skills sessions, games and development activities

All-Star Weekend gave every child an opportunity to participate in unique games, challenges and activities. The focus was on inclusion, enjoyment and recognising the contribution of all players rather than limiting celebration to the strongest teams or most experienced athletes.

The Adults versus Under-14s game brought players, parents and supporters together in a fun community event. It strengthened relationships between families and the program while allowing the Under-14 players to take on a different and memorable challenge.

Creating Opportunities for Girls

Increasing girls' participation was an important focus during the year. PCYC North delivered girls-only school holiday clinics, providing a supportive environment in which participants could try basketball, build their confidence and develop skills alongside other girls.

These clinics contributed to the establishment of two all-girl Under-10 teams. This represents an important achievement for the program and provides a stronger pathway for girls to move from introductory sessions into regular team competition.

PCYC North remains committed to creating inclusive opportunities for girls and ensuring they feel welcomed, supported and represented within the basketball program.

School Holiday Programs

Basketball remained a popular part of PCYC North's school holiday offering. A variety of sessions were delivered, combining skill development, drills, games and fun challenges.

Participation generally ranged from approximately 8 to 20 children per session. The clinics catered for different experience levels and allowed new participants to try basketball without immediately committing to a team.

Girls-only clinics were also included in the holiday program to encourage greater female participation and provide a comfortable introduction to the sport.

These sessions helped children improve their skills and confidence while remaining active and socially connected during school holidays. They also provided a valuable pathway into the regular Junior Basketball competition.

Developing Young Coaches and Referees

The program was supported by a team of six employed coaches and referees, together with a volunteer parent coach.

A particularly valuable feature of PCYC North Junior Basketball is its ability to create development and employment pathways for young people beyond playing. Young staff members have taken on meaningful responsibilities as coaches, referees and program leaders, building their communication, decision-making, organisation and leadership skills.

Coaches and referees completed online training modules to strengthen their understanding of officiating, coaching responsibilities and the opportunities available within basketball. Practical mentoring and experience during games further supported their development.

The growth of this team demonstrates what young people can achieve when they are trusted, supported and given opportunities to lead. Despite beginning with limited formal experience in managing a junior league, the team has worked collaboratively to create a successful and increasingly sophisticated community basketball program.

Their achievement is measured not only by the number of games delivered or teams formed, but also by the positive environment they have created for children and families.



The Support of Our Sponsors

The continued development of Junior Basketball was strengthened through the outstanding support of three major program sponsors:

- Belle Property Launceston
- Woolcott Land Services
- Wash and WiFi Laundromat

Their generous financial and practical support enabled the program to obtain additional playing jerseys and respond to increased participation. This assistance was particularly important as the number of Under 10 teams grew and additional uniforms were required.

The support of these businesses demonstrates the significant difference local partnerships can make to community sport. Their contributions have helped keep the program accessible while ensuring players can participate with a strong sense of identity and belonging.

PCYC North sincerely thanks each sponsor for recognising the value of investing in young people and community-based basketball.

More Than a Game

The success of PCYC North Junior Basketball cannot be measured only by participation numbers, teams or competition results.

Through regular involvement, children learn to communicate, cooperate, manage disappointment, celebrate the success of others and take responsibility for their role within a team. Coaches and referees reinforce positive behaviour, fairness, respect and persistence while helping players become more confident in their abilities.



Families have seen their children grow not only as basketball players but also as capable and confident young people. These outcomes reflect the time, care and commitment invested by the basketball team and demonstrate why the program is an important part of PCYC North's broader youth-development work.

Looking Ahead

PCYC North will continue building on the strong growth achieved during 2025–26. Priorities include consolidating the new Under-7 program, maintaining the record participation achieved in Under-10s, creating further opportunities for girls, and strengthening engagement and retention within the Under-14 age group.

The additional capacity available at the Hub gives the program a strong platform for future development. Continued investment in coach and referee training, volunteer involvement, equipment and community partnerships will help ensure the program remains safe, inclusive and sustainable.

We sincerely thank our Basketball Coordinator, coaches, referees, volunteers and sponsors for their commitment throughout the year. We also acknowledge the players and families whose enthusiasm, encouragement and loyalty have shaped the program's success.

PCYC North Junior Basketball has grown into much more than a weekly sporting competition. It is a community where young people are encouraged to participate, belong, lead and develop skills that extend well beyond the basketball court.

Other Activities

PCYC North continued to provide a broad and diverse range of affordable activities throughout 2025-26, ensuring that people of different ages, interests and abilities could find opportunities to participate, learn and connect.

The relocation to the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub has provided a larger and more versatile environment in which to deliver these activities. The new facility has strengthened our capacity to welcome participants, introduce families to new experiences and create pathways into ongoing recreation, fitness and creative programs.

Recognising that not every young person is drawn to traditional sport or physical recreation, PCYC North continued to offer Art, Drawing and Coding classes. These programs provide creative and technology-based learning opportunities in a relaxed and supportive environment.

The progressive nature of the classes allows participants to develop foundational skills and build their confidence over time. Additional workshops offered during school holiday periods give more young people the opportunity to explore their creativity, learn practical skills and connect with others who share similar interests.

Our early childhood activities also remained an important part of the program. Melody in Motion continued Wednesday mornings, providing babies, toddlers and their families with an enjoyable introduction to movement, music, play and social interaction.

The program creates a welcoming environment for some of our youngest community members while also providing parents and carers with an opportunity to connect with other families.

School Holiday Programs

School holiday programs remained a cornerstone of PCYC North's community service. Each holiday period featured a varied timetable catering for participants from early childhood through to teenagers and adults.

Activities included:

- Art, drawing and craft
- Coding and technology workshops
- Cooking and food-based activities
- Gymnastics and movement sessions
- Basketball and social sport
- Games and recreational challenges
- Rock climbing
- Pickleball
- Archery tag
- Activities for toddlers and younger children

The variety of activities ensures that families can choose experiences suited to different ages, abilities and interests. The programs give children and young people opportunities to stay active, learn new skills, make friends and build confidence within a safe and supportive environment.

They also provide an accessible introduction to PCYC North for families who may not yet participate in our regular term-based programs.

Activities for the Wider Community

PCYC North's activities extend well beyond children and young people. We continued to offer a range of affordable health, fitness, sport and recreation opportunities for adults and older members of the community.

These included:

- Seniors Fitness
- Walking Soccer
- Futsal
- Pickleball
- Group Fitness
- Personal Training
- Boxing
- Olympic Weightlifting
- Weights Gym

These programs support physical health and wellbeing while also creating valuable opportunities for friendship, routine and social connection.

Seniors Fitness continued to be a particularly important program, offering older adults structured exercise in a friendly and encouraging environment. Walking Soccer, Pickleball, Tai Chi and other low-impact activities also provide accessible ways for people to remain active at different stages of life.

The move to the Hub has enabled many of these activities to be delivered within purpose-built or flexible spaces, improving the participant experience and creating greater opportunities for growth.

Creating an Inclusive Community

The diversity of our programs reflects PCYC North's commitment to being more than a sporting facility. We aim to provide a place where people can be active, express themselves creatively, learn practical skills and develop meaningful community connections.

By offering activities ranging from Coding and Art to Seniors Fitness, social sport and early childhood programs, we can engage people who may not otherwise see themselves reflected in a traditional recreation environment.

This inclusive approach remains central to our purpose. Whether someone attends to learn a new skill, improve their fitness, meet others or simply try something different, PCYC North provides a welcoming and affordable place to participate.

Merridew Family – Supporting Young People to Participate

PCYC North extends our sincere appreciation to the Merridew family for their generous and ongoing commitment to supporting young people in our community.

Through their youth sponsorship, the Merridew family has helped remove financial barriers for many young people, enabling participants to access gymnastics and other PCYC North programs and activities that may otherwise have been out of reach.

Their support has provided young people with opportunities to be active, build confidence, develop new skills, form friendships and experience the sense of belonging that comes from being part of the PCYC North community.

The impact of this sponsorship extends well beyond participation in sport. By helping young people access positive, structured and inclusive activities, the Merridew family is contributing to their wellbeing, personal development and connection to their community.

We are incredibly grateful for the Merridew family's continued belief in the work of PCYC North and, most importantly, their investment in the potential of young people across Northern Tasmania.

Thank you to the Merridew family for helping us ensure that financial circumstances are not a barrier to young people participating, belonging and thriving at PCYC North.

Recognising Our Volunteers

Many of these programs would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. They generously contribute their time, skills and experience to support participants, assist instructors, coordinate activities and help create the friendly atmosphere for which PCYC North is known.

We sincerely thank every volunteer who supported the organisation throughout 2025-26. Their commitment strengthens our programs and demonstrates the important role community members play in making PCYC North a safe, inclusive and welcoming place for all.

Thank you!

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