

## Media Release

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

### **Lismore PCYC (Police and Citizens Youth Club) Re-Opens after Floods**

The Lismore PCYC officially re-opens its doors to the community on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May after the February 2022 floods which devastated the community of Lismore. The devastation from the 14.4m flood levels saw thousands of people displaced, and over 1800 homes and businesses damaged.

PCYC Lismore is a safe place where young people and the community can engage in activities and programs that enhance fitness and wellbeing. The upgraded facilities, which include a brand-new state of the art gymnastics facility, create community and youth spaces that amplify social impact, present opportunities to enhance health and wellbeing thus building community resilience.

Lismore Club Manager, Greg Ironfield said the brand-new gymnastics space is one of a kind in the area, and the community is excited about the new facilities. With an incredible number of registrations for gymnastics for the new Term, and our core programs of Fit for Life and U-Nites now being run from the club, shows that the re-opening of the Lismore PCYC is high on the community agenda as it provides a place for young people and the community to belong.

“After the year we have all had, the community of Lismore deserve a safe, welcoming place for youth and the community to belong, and I am so excited that we can officially re-open our doors.”

Dominic Teakle, CEO of PCYC NSW, who will attend the re-opening ceremony said that the community of Lismore had been missing a vital part of their community infrastructure, regular activities, and programs which the PCYC and its partnership with NSW Police Youth Command are so well known for.

“Resilience is a core value of PCYC and the way in which the Lismore community, our staff and the Police Youth Engagement Officers pivoted in the wake of this disaster to continue life changing programs such as Fit for Life and Fit for Service in alternative locations, while



rebuilding this facility is tantamount to the commitment and relevance PCYC has in Lismore. We look forward to reinvigorating our new home with the community we serve. “

**For comments or interview requests contact Jeanette Lasorsa, Media and Communications Officer, 0482 163 885. Media is welcome at the ceremony.**

**About PCYC** - PCYC NSW, a registered self-funded charity in its 86th year, operates 66 clubs across the state, with more than 95,000 members and 63,000 youth members, allowing Police to engage with community members through sporting, recreational, cultural, and educational activities.