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Mossman Gymnastics Club is Fighting for their Future! ***Club calls on the community in a bid to get their dream building***

Two years ago, The Mossman & District Gymnastics Club were left devastated when they were forced out of their home at the Mossman Indoor Sports Centre. With no permanent home and no suitable venues in the Shire, they almost had to close their doors on more than fifty-five years of history. Last week, however, they made a giant leap towards securing their future: signing a contract of sale to purchase the Pinjarra Place Building in Mossman. The club is so close to their goal, but desperately need some community support to make this dream a reality.

After two years of insecurity, the Mossman & District Gymnastics Club is ready to finally have a permanent home in the community...well, almost! The club needs to raise enough money to secure finance to purchase the building and ensure the club will be here for the community for many years to come.

The building at present, has low ceilings, small office spaces and minimal equipment, which has restricted the club's many varied programs. The Mossman & District Gymnastics Club offers recreational and competitive classes and fitness programs for all ages and abilities, from babies through to senior citizens, and the need for a larger facility has reached an all-time high. To meet the demands of current and growing membership, purchasing the building will allow the club to secure a permanent home. With further fundraising, working bees, grant applications and community support, they will be able to transform the current space into a purpose-built indoor sport and recreational gymnastics facility – an ideal venue unique to the shire. This new facility will allow the club to sustain growing numbers and programs, creating opportunities for more community partnerships with other groups and clubs in the area.

After working with government services to secure land for a permanent facility for the club and being offered only a mere 10-year lease, the club decided that the only way to secure their future and longevity was to own their own facility. Such a significant purchase and upgrade comes at a high price, and the club needs to take out a mortgage to make this all possible. The next step in ensuring the club has a home for many more years to come is to raise some big money to help towards purchasing the building. As a non-profit club, profits are minimal and are usually injected back into the club annually by way of equipment for students, or training for volunteers & staff. This means that without significant funds to contribute towards the purchase, they remain at a standstill.

The Mossman & District Gymnastics Club have big goals, but also big hearts, and are determined to make this happen for the community! Every \$1 raised helps them reach their goal.

\$30,000 - Secures their mortgage finance.

\$60,000 - Gets their renovations underway.

\$220,000 - Pays out their mortgage.

\$500,000 - Gets them their dream! A renovated, purpose-built gymnastics facility.

The club is hoping that the community will get behind them and support this fundraising drive with monetary donations – big or small. They are very interested in any businesses that can offer sponsorship dollars and welcome discussions with interested parties to form partnerships in moving forward. If you would like to see such a thriving and prominent club remain in the community, please dig deep and offer your support or donation!

Donations can be made directly into our bank account:

Mossman & District Gymnastics Club

BSB: 014663 ACC: 213339534

Alternatively, there is an online donations campaign set up at My Giving Circle:

<https://mygivingcircle.org/charity/mossman-district-gymnastics-club/>

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