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Gym fans get to feel the rhythm

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Rhythmic gymnast Grace Parkin, 11, is preparing for the NT Gymnastics Championships at Marrara this weekend. Picture: ELISE DERWIN.

FOR the first time in 10 years rhythmic gymnastics will be on the agenda when the NT Gymnastics Championships get under way at Marrara Indoor Stadium tomorrow.

The event will include gymnasts from all five clubs in Darwin and Alice Springs, including Darwin Gymnastics Club, Gymnastics Metro Club, PCYC, Alice Springs Youth Centre and Alice Springs Gymnastics.

Across the five sessions over two days, there will be 175 children competing in MAG, WAG and Rhythmic Gymnastics, which will be on offer for the first time in a decade.

Competition starts at 8am tomorrow and Sunday with special displays and performances throughout the two days, including a dance sequence from the Total Recreation kids and lots of cheerleading displays from the Darwin Gymnastics Club Sapphires. And this year three interstate judges will be on hand and two FIG Qualified judges in Amy Busby and Helen Colagiuri.

Colagiuri brings huge experience, having judged at the Sydney and Beijing Olympics, six World Championships and three Commonwealth Games.