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AIKIDO YOSHINKAN BRISBANE DOJO

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July Report

New members 3

Total number of adults training 67

Total teens & children training 40

Results of GetsureiShinsa on 27th & 28th July

Jun-Shodan	Mai Bui	9th Kyu	Niklas Pettersson	2Y7 step	Peter Hills
4th Kyu	Andrea Troncoso Salas		Sandra Contreras	S1 step	Matt Hede
6th Kyu	Peter Ternouth				Steven Bannah
7th Kyu	Joe Lin	3Y10 step	Francis Hollingworth		
8th Kyu	Gareth Badcock	3Y2 step	Kaido Mori		
	Simon Nordon				

Events in August

1. 17TH ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION ON SUNDAY THE 26TH

- ◆ 11.30am Start packing up at the dojo
- ◆ 12.00pm Start setting up at the venue
- ◆ 12:30pm Children's Rehearsal
- ◆ 12:30pm Doors open
- ◆ 1:00 ~ 3:30pm The 17th Demonstration
- ◆ 3:30pm Awarding ceremony and taking a photo
- ◆ 3:45pm Remove all the mats and clear the venue by 4.00pm.
- ◆ 6:00pm Dinner Party

2. Adults' Rehearsal for the demo

- ◆ 25th August Saturday 1:00pm~ *at the Dojo*
- ◆ Everyone is expected to attend the rehearsal.
- ◆ Please note that there is no rehearsal on the demo day at the venue.

3. Children's Rehearsal for the demo

- ◆ 25th August, Saturday 10:00am~ *at the Dojo*

4. This Month's Holiday

- ◆ **Dojo's Holiday: 27th Monday & 28th Tuesday**

Sharing the feeling of Black Belts

Shodan

Well it has been a long journey that started off around 20 years ago in a sleepy little town called Hervey Bay. I recall it vividly when my next door neighbour called me over to watch a DVD with some guy doing this 'new' martial art. After watching 'Nico - Above The Law' I was fascinated with this martial art known as Aikido and wanted to know more. As several of Steven Seagals' movies were released I became more and more interested. A short time later one of my work colleagues told me there was in fact an Aikido school in the area. We both went and checked it out, he quit and I kept at it. Around 5 years later I made Shodan under the watchful eye of Sensei Harry Racine. A 78 year old man that had literally lived a thousand lives! His vice like grip on Nikajo and Sankajo is etched in my memory of him. Not long after that however, I moved from Hervey Bay and my training stopped.



It wasn't until Kris Anderson stopped by my shop in May 2010, wearing an Aikido Yoshinkan T-shirt. I had been wanting to get back into training for the longest time. We started to chat and I made it down to the Dojo to watch. One thing led to another and I joined up. It was a great feeling to be back on the mats again. It was also a culture shock to have so many black belts on the mats sharing amazing pearls of wisdom. However this euphoria was short lived as I twisted my knee during the Demo training and was sidelined for about a month. Determined to get back on the mats as soon as possible I did what I could to make my knee 'work' again! As the months passed I graded one step at a time making it to 3rd Kyu. It was then that everything started to make sense and the Demo training of last year is where I felt I learnt the most with the diligent help of Sam and Brent among the many.

Then Shodan training was upon me and help was available everywhere. There were lots of techniques to learn and no time to perfect them! I must take this opportunity to thank all those who spent time with me to help me prepare for the Shodan grading, I really appreciate you. But as with anything, the first step is one of many and I look forward to learning as much as I can from anyone who is willing to teach. In that same breath I also look forward to parting with what little knowledge I have to those who wish to learn. Down the track I hope to one day have a dojo of my own, cultivating the same ethos and spirit that Sensei and Shuko have worked hard to create here in Brisbane. I thank both of you for your tireless commitment to the Yoshinkan and your infinite patience and ability.

Let's train hard!!!

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Justin Charell