



AKR NEWS LETTER

AUSTRALIAN KENDO RENMEI

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DEAR MEMBERS

I am excited to bring to you the AKR newsletters, it is hoped that by sending out this newsletter we will be able to capture the many fantastic events within our Kendo Communities and key updates within the AKR.

We invite members to send thru key dates for Seminars, information on what's happen here and overseas. Along the way we will introduce you to AKR members, and Sensei from here and overseas that are doing great things to help and support the AKR and their members.

There is so much going on in the Kendo world at the moment I hope that this will be a way of sharing with our members.

We will keep it lite, informative and fun.

LOCAL KENDO NEWS

2025 AUSTRALIAN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please be informed we are excited to welcome the following sensei to the 2025 AKC.

1. Mr. Matsushita Yoshinobu (Tokyo), Kendo Hanshi 8 dan
2. Mr. Yoshimura Tetsuo (Kanagawa), Kendo Kyoshi 8 dan

Please make them feel welcome, don't be shy to make conversation or ask questions throughout the event, they are here for you the AKR members.

JODO 2025 CHAMPIONSHIPS, SEMINAR AND GRADING

The Jodo Board of the Australian Kendo Renmei is currently in the process of organizing the 2025 Championships, Seminar and Grading, The following sensei have agreed to assist at this event.

Teaching Delegation Members are from the Tokyo Kendo Renmei

Shiyya Mitsuo Sensei, Hanshi 8 Dan
Fujisaki Koro Sensei, Hanshi 8 Dan
Tsuriga Toshiro Sensei, Renshi 8 Dan
Guest
Butsui Kazuko Sensei, 6 Dan

Gradings to be conducted on the 12 April 2025 1000 – 1200 .
The Australian Jodo Championships will be held on 13 April 2025
Gradings will be from 1 Dan to 5 Dan.

8th OCEANIA WOMENS KENDO SEMINAR AND TAIKAI

7th Oceania Women's Kendo Seminar and Taikai
14-15 June 2025, Gold Coast

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Chief instructors:
HyunHong Wright
Kyoshi 7 dan
Noriko Matsumoto
Renshi 6 dan
Akiyo Yamaguchi Ellin
Renshi 6 dan
Vivian Yung
6 dan

In attendance:
Hiroko Tsukadaira
Renshi 7 dan
Hayami Aboutaleb
Renshi 6 dan

Schedule:
Sat 14th All day seminar
Evening networking
Sun 15th Seminar and taikai

Fees:
\$150 (registration, on-site accommodation & meals)
OR
\$50 (registration only)

14-15 June 2025, Gold Coast. Save this date Ladies

The *Australian Kendo Renmei* , *Kendo Board* and the *Queensland Kendo Renmei* are excited to bring you the **8th Oceania Women's Kendo Seminar and Taikai !!!**

This is the first Oceania Women's Kendo Seminar and Taikai since the 6th event was held in Melbourne in 2019 (7th event was cancelled due to COVID).

It will be a very cost-effective event as the bulk of the event running costs will be funded through a QLD Govt. Women & Girls grant.

Please mark this in your diary and book your flights!

Date: 14 June to 15 June 2025.

Location: [Tallebudgera Sports Centre](#) 1525 Gold Coast Hwy, Palm Beach QLD 4221

Instructors: - The seminar will be led by a number of AKR's inspiring senior sensei who have extensive experience in competition and instruction!

INTERNATINAL KENDO NEWS

2025 INTERNATIONAL KENDO SEMINAR



A Few Words From JANE HUNG

The 2025 Kitamoto Seminar was successfully completed on Sunday, with the closing ceremony held at 4:30pm as scheduled (the Japanese are so good at keeping to schedule). At the start

when we received the full schedule, everyone had thought “this doesn’t look very hard”; but we soon found out that although not physically challenging like previous Kitamoto seminars were famed to be, it was an endurance test to our bodies and brains. My take this year was that the instructors placed more focussed on delivering to us “how to teach/instruct” the various aspects of Kendo, but also making sure we – as instructors – were able to demonstrate the important points. After all, you can’t teach it if you can’t do it. So whilst not as intensive as I had expected, nonetheless I was exhausted body and mind by the end of each day, but in a very fulfilling kind of way.

The other big aspect of this Seminar was definitely the network of Kendoka that was formed from a total of 47 countries. Over the week long period, we ate together, we did asageiko together (as difficult as it was to wake up at the break of dawn every morning), we practised together, we bathed together in the ofuro (OK, men and women separately), and we dried our keikogi together. From all that in a pretty short time, I’d like to say all of us had developed a special bond with each other which only people who “suffered” through an intense period would have. At the end of the week, we all celebrated the completion of the seminar together with big smiles on our faces and hugs going left, right and centre, while in our hearts we felt a tinge of sadness that we don’t know when we’ll see each other again after we leave Katsuura. On the grading day on Monday, many stayed to watch the grading, and when everybody had passed, everybody celebrated with everybody. I felt so happy and privileged to have been at the Seminar with this group of people and gotten to know them and their stories. Even after everyone split up, people were keeping each other updated on the WhatsApp chat group about where they were off to next, and what adventures they were having. Right there in Katsuura, this seminar was the start of many great friendships, and I sincerely hope everyone will keep the connection going as we continue on our Kendo journeys



YOU have been invited. Lets get behind our Kiwi friends and make a week of it. I will be hiring a ten seater van and getting in as many trainings in Auckland and Hamilton while visiting Rotorua for the onsen. If you would like to carpool contact me @ akrpresident@kendoaustralia.asn.au

The Waikato Kendo Club is honoured to host an exciting Kendo Seminar this August in Hamilton, New Zealand!
This is a rare opportunity to learn from two highly esteemed Kendo instructors:

- Seminar Dates:
- 15th August 2025 (Friday): 7 PM – 9 PM, Goodwill Keiko (Open Training)
- 16th August 2025 (Saturday): Seminar Day 1
- 17th August 2025 (Sunday):
 - Seminar Day 2 and Grading concludes at 2 PM
 - 2 PM – 4 PM: Optional Extra Training (for those who can stay longer)
- Location: SOE Gym, Waikato University, TG Block, Gate 4, Hillcrest Road, Hamilton City
- Contact: Marleen Charng – waikatokendo@gmail.com

Register on Facebook event - 2025 Waikato Kendo Seminar or
Text message +64 27 6429 689

VIETNAM RMIT ICHIGEKI KENDO TOURNAMENT 2025



Seminar: 30/5/2025 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Tournament Date: 31/5/2025 - 1/6/2025 | 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



Location: RMIT University - SGS Campus Sports Hall, 702 Nguyen Van Linh Blvd, Tan Phong Ward, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

For further details, please refer to our Tournament Charter and Registration Form through links attached below:

Tournament Charter: <https://tinyurl.com/RIKT25Charter>

Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/RIKT25RegistrationForm>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via our official channels.

We look forward to welcoming you to RMIT Ichigeki Kendo Tournament 2025. Let us witness together the beauty of your one decisive strike.

KENDO POLITICS

CLG (COMPANY LIMITED GUARANTEE) update

The AKR is the NSO (National sporting Organization) for Kendo within Australia and therefore we manage and control the way kendo is taught and implemented within Australia.

As you may be aware the NSO recognition criteria includes a requirement at criterion 4 for an 6ecognized6n to be incorporated as an Australian company limited by guarantee.

Given that AKR has entered into a recognition agreement for the existing period (expiring 30th June 2026), the ASC will honour this agreement and continue to 6ecognize AKR as a NSO during this time.

However, please be advised that in order for AKR to continue to be 6ecognized as a NSO beyond that period it must have completed a transition to become a company limited by guarantee before 1st July 2026.

The AKR has engaged Sense the next step PTY to undertake the following:

- Review and align the club constitution with the Corporations Act Cth
 - Review and align the club constitution with the Australian Sport Commission
- Sport Governance Principles and Standards for good governance for sporting organisations

- Draft a new constitution in line with the above for approval by Board and membership
- Prepare the necessary paperwork to be submitted to ASIC and the membership for approval to become a Company Limited by Guarantee

Asia Oceania Kendo Championships

The All Japan Kendo Federation is making preparations to hold the first Asia Oceania Kendo Championships (1AOKC) in Tokyo in May or June 2026 after we have agreed with the Korean Kumdo Association to hold.

This is being done in parallel with the preparations for the launch of the Asia Oceania Kendo Federation, in order to meet the criteria for membership of AIMS (Association of IOC Non-Recognized International Sports Federations), of which the FIK is a member, which is “that member federations must have at least three continental federations”.

Andrew van Hamond
President and Chairperson



The Australian Kendo Renmei pay its respects to the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge the valuable contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to Australian society and sport.