

DEE WHY SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB

December 2020

TRAINING RESUMES MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2021

To say that 2020 has been a weird year would be an understatement and we have all faced challenges on various levels. I was so pleased to reopen the dojo in October to not only discover our membership intact but also in welcoming a couple of new members to our 'karate family'.

I know that it has been frustrating for many of you whose karate training has been interrupted this year which has interfered with some of your karate timelines in terms of achieving your next goal.

At the end of the day, I do not think that this really matters at all and those of you who are training for the *right* reasons, will achieve everything you want to... even if it has been pushed out a bit!

I would also like to thank everyone for complying so readily with our Covid safety plan and while it may be a bit of a nuisance, it is vital that we observe all its elements to create a training environment that is safe for all of us.

As I write this, the Northern Beaches suddenly finds itself in a 3-day lockdown and the speed with which the current outbreak occurred, reminds us how we are not out of the woods yet and how important it is to observe all safety protocols.

In view of the above, I feel that it is prudent to close the dojo for the rest of December and resume training on **Monday 11th January 2021**. Hopefully, the current Covid wave will have passed by then.

Unfortunately, this means we miss out on the special class Sensei Eike's was going to take before heading home to Germany. However, we have all been incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to train together with a karateka of Sensei Eike's calibre for the last five years. We will miss him dearly, and I also know that DYSKC will always have a special place in his heart. Wishing you and your family well Sensei Eike and BON VOYAGE for a safe trip home.

I am also happy to announce, that from the beginning of 2021, Scott Martin and Stuart Vos will join Sensei Ben Ong as Assistant Instructors.

Both are excellent karateka in their own rights and like Sensei Ben are good role models for all our members.



Sensei Yasu blocks a kick from Sensei Josh (16 yrs)

The slight disruption in our training should not mean you have to stop training! Our website is rich in resources and I encourage you to use it to learn a new kata or brush up on your kihon.

All that remains is for me to wish you the best Festive Season possible with the hope for all of us that 2021 will be a better year in every respect.

If you are around Dee Why Beach in the holidays and feel like catching up for a coffee, if we're allowed to, give me a shout... 😊

OSS! Sensei Jonathan

New Members

- WELCOME to Tabi Magnan, Scott Campbell, Richard John and Victoria Poulton who have all taken the plunge and decided to give Dee Why Shotokan a try.

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- The plan is to hold a kyu grading towards the end of January, if everyone is ready.
- We will be focussing on preparing both Stuart and Jim for black belt gradings planned for the end of March and subject to confirmation.