

## Australian Championships 2019 (August 17 & 18)

Last year we dominated the event and this year we repeated it. Our fighters were truly amazing as the results below show. We contested 23 divisions for a total of 13 trophies.

This was the first nationals I have missed since 1977 but I was there in spirit and I was so proud of everyone.

The results speak for themselves and it was also pleasing to see Tasmania do so well (3 out of 4 entries got trophies). In addition to the well known fighters there were several new kids on the block.

Lily Shields continued the Shields dynasty by winning her padded contact division and we are all looking forward to seeing her move into the colts.

Ben Ciampa followed up his great form in the NSW Championships and is now a definite contender.

Shayla McEwan-Robertson also followed up her good form in Portland with a win in the colts and we can expect to see much more of her.

Obviously there were many more great performances and it shows the strength of the Branch. All fighters and officials were sponsored by the Branch at a cost of \$4400 and that shows where your funds from the 25 fight nights are going so everyone in the Branch can be proud that they helped the fighters get there.

Congratulations to everyone that went to Sydney and represented us, you are all Champions.

Julius Wolfe (Narre Warren): Runner-Up Open Lightweight  
Samuel Shields (Bellarine): Australian Open Middleweight Champion  
Ben Ciampa (Burnie): Runner-Up Open Middleweight  
Jeremy Anderson (Burnie): 3<sup>rd</sup> Male Veterans Division 2  
David Weir-Smith (Traralgon): Runner-Up Heavyweight  
Nick Swan (Hobart – Van Demon): Runner-up 5<sup>th</sup> Kyu & Under Heavyweight  
Michael Dent (Traralgon): Open Lightweight Champion  
Shayla McEwan Robertson (Bellarine):  
16-17 Non Contact Champion & Colts Champion  
Lily Shields (Bellarine): Champion 13-15 Middleweight Padded Contact  
Addison Baulch (Bellarine): 3<sup>rd</sup> Padded Contact  
Tyler McDermott (Traralgon):  
Champion Male 10-12 Lightweight Padded Contact & Non Contact

7 National Champions, 4 Runners-up and 2 Thirds

The Bellarine Contingent

