

Queensland Camp 2019

We all know that the Queensland camp is a great training and learning experience and this year was no exception. Shihan Bowden wanted to concentrate a little on fighting technique and he certainly achieved that.

With 50 people attending (15 from the Branch) it was a great weekend.

The Taiko drums on the Saturday morning had everyone hyped up and the 9am session was taken by our 3 International fighters (Samuel Shields, Terrence English and Michael Dent). This session was truly amazing with the 3 of them putting everyone through a training experience I am sure they will not forget. The atmosphere was electric.

There was training for everyone so whatever grade or age they all received so great classes.

It was a unique camp as we had 4 States represents with Sempai Dri and Jason Homa coming from Adelaide. In addition we had every grade from 7th Dan through to 1st Dan and that is a situation that cannot be repeated anywhere.

I was so proud of all the Branch members that attended. They trained very well and were a great part of the camp. Shihan Scott came up even though he could not train due to a leg injury. Another example of great Kyokushin spirit.

Shihan Bowden put a lot of work in to make this camp successful (as he always does) and it is a credit to him.

I was both humbled and shocked when he announced that Kancho had told him to pass on that I was permitted to try for my 8th Dan. Totally unexpected and I was shell shocked for a while (unusual for me). I will start preparing for November next year in Japan.

I am sure that everyone who was there left with an increased knowledge of Kyokushin and themselves and a greater appreciation of the organisation to which we all belong.

