

Black Belt Dinner 2019

51 people attended our annual Black Belt Dinner and it was the Branch's pleasure to provide all meals and refreshments. The Black belts and dojo operators work so hard during the year that it is fitting for them to have this night to celebrate... and celebrate we did. A sensational night because we have a sensational group of people.



The venue was fantastic and the meals were excellent.

It was an historic occasion with Adelaide (Sempai Dri and partner Amber, and Sempai Jason) and Tasmania (Sempai Craig) representing their States making it a truly interstate event.

There were many who travelled to be there, from Traralgon, Narre warren, Portland Warrnambool and Colac.

I had the pleasure to present Sensei Alexander Kondakov as a member of our Branch and I also presented all our new dan grades for 2019.



Then it was time for the Kansha Award, voted on by all Black Belts. Samuel Shields was the runaway winner but congratulations to all who polled votes. In fact, every dan grade deserves a trophy for all the work and support they do.



Below are some of the comments and feedback received:

Osu Shihancho, it truly was a fantastic night. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. Very much looking to training in 2020

Great Night, Merry Christmas.

Thank you for your leadership in 2019, look forward to 2020.

Osu Shihancho thank you and Sempai Wendy for a momentous occasion !!! Irene and I had a wonderful time. Osu.

Osu Shihancho and Sempai Wendy

Peter and I would like to thank you for a fabulous night last night. Great food, great company, great location. It made it all the more festive with the table setting and such a huge Christmas tree!

what a fantastic venue, food service amazing, thank you so much

Great night Shihancho, was great to catch up with so many, at tournaments and gradings we are usually busy with the running of events. It was so good to just chat and catch up with a great bunch of people.

Thanks for making the event possible.

Great venue and great food and service.

Thank you for getting us together with our partners to celebrate another great year.