

6:00 AM kihon session an exercise in warming up as well as polishing the fundamental techniques, but once the sun arose around 6:30 AM the days warmed up to a pleasant 22-24 degrees for the rest of daily practice.

Each day the schedule of training progressed through all levels of Shinto Muso Ryu and Pascal Sensei introduced Kenjutsu drills to augment the fundamentals of our practice. The auxiliary arts of Jutte and Kusarigama were covered in the last two days



An evening of Q&A on the history of SMR and the IJF and general Budo and Bujutsu topics was held with comments and anecdotes provided by Pascal Sensei, Paul Maloney Sensei, Bill Fettes Sensei and Larry Bieri Sensei. Their combined experience represents over 150 years in Koryu Budo and Bujutsu. This was an enlightening evening in conversation with this panel of teachers.



Our week was broken with a rest day on the 5th day and a scenic river cruise along the Brisbane River on our way to the well known Australian Fauna park, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. This park is home to a large variety of Native Australian animals



As Pascal Sensei arrived in Brisbane a few days prior to the Gasshuku, our local Shodo group benefitted from his corrections of assignments in person, as well as some instruction and encouragements.

A further Shodo demonstration was given at the camp, and members were given the opportunity to try for themselves by brushing their own name in Katakana, ably assisted by Maria Rosa (Shodo Hachi Dan)



Another highlight evening was the appearance of Banzai Mick (aka Mick Corliss) who gave us an impromptu juggling and balancing performance to the delight of all, thanks again BANZAI MICK.

The final day was given over to Senior members practice of Oku and Gokui, whilst other attendees were allowed to freely practice in the field, and rehearsal for the afternoon Embu.

This event was led off by the Brisbane Noda Ha Tenshin Shoden Katori Shinto Ryu, a school that has a special relationship to Shinto Muso Ryu, given the founder, Muso Gonnosuke was a 7th generation Menkyo Kaiden in that art.

The group led by Michael Hesling Sensei (Menkyo Kaiden) and Keziaha Papaya (Mokuroku) demonstrated the weapons that were the origin of the jo being Spear, Naginata, Bo and Tachi. The display was very polished and set the standard for the following demonstrations of IJF members.

Various participants gave us Omote, Chudan, Ranai, Kage, Sámi dare, and Gohon no Midare. Seniors, Michel Ducret and Michael Söderkvist gave us Jutte, Kusari Gama and rarely seen Hojo Jutsu (rope restraints).

Following the Embu, Pascal Sensei made presentations of promotions. Hooi Imm Soon (China) IJF Shodan and to three Australians, Paul Maloney, Glen Henry & Andy Poulos; Sei Ryu Kai Shinto Muso Ryu Jo—Menkyo Kaiden.

During the camp a meeting was held amongst the Australian teaching staff present, to discuss and formulate an Australian Jodo Federation, based along similar lines of the European Jodo Federation model.

Agreement in principal was reached to moved forward with this and further updates will be circulated amongst the Australian Jodo membership.

The camp catering was a high light of the event with the catering staff providing a variety of dishes throughout the week with more than enough to fill us all each meal. We extend our thanks and appreciation to YMCA Camp Warrawee for their excellent assistance during our stay.

A more comprehensive gallery of Gasshuku photos will be posted to the following website for a larger pictorial memory. Anyone who would like to share their photos can send them to Glen Henry on dojo@rembuden.com for inclusion.

The event was a great success with special tanks to the following people for their contributions and efforts.

Senior Support Staff, without whom, I could not have asked for greater assistance and dedication and Budo Spirit. ***Darren Higgins and Robert Payne*** - Gasshuku Banner, Bonsai maintenance, Transport Logistics Management and visitor support.

Rembuden Members— Transport and visitor support; Dane Moulton, Scott Leisemann, Rick Huggins, Sterling Wallace, Jen & David Robinson, Stephen Hoyer, Ryan Slavin, Shane Gilligan

Special thanks to David Bailey (first week of training in SMR) for his administrative work and Camp Warrawee liaisons, (and Coffee)

Lastly, thank you to all members both local and International who took part in the event that has brought the Australian Jodo Community into greater recognition and contact with the International Jodo Federation.



Left—Pascal Sensei with his favorite Aussie Bird—the kookaburra atop the umbrella
Below, - the tree of knowledge, a cherry blossom at the Botanical Gardens
Right—Shodo lessons



Friendships renewed, Bunbukan and Rembuden Members

