

# UNSW Judo News

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**WE GET OUR  
NEW MATS!  
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## OBUSUMA CLUB PAYS A VISIT YOUNG JAPANESE JUDOKA IMPRESS

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We were delighted to once again welcome a group of visitors from our "sister" club in Obusuma, Japan. Led by Norio Kasahara, seventeen young judoka, aged from 13 to 21, with several coaches, trained at UNSW on Monday 3 April as part of a lightning visit to Australia, taking in Canberra and Sydney.

The visitors enjoyed a spirited training session with our own members, and impressed with their skills for such young athletes.

It was great to renew our friendship with Norio Kasahara, who has been a long time friend of the club. Over the years many UNSW members have trained in Japan with Norio's assistance.



## UNSW SPORTS AWARDS DINNER

It was a special evening for the club at the 2017 UNSW Sports Awards Dinner on 31 March. Paddy Kearney received a University blue, the highest sports award, for his record in Judo. Indra Sadeli was awarded a Sports Recognition award for his long service to the club; and Heidi Wright was confirmed as a recipient of a Ben Lexcen Scholarship for the second year running. To top it off, the Judo Club was a finalist in the "Club of the Year" award.



Our three winners (L) and Paddy (R) with proud dad Phil and coach JB



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# NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



**A big day of judo on Sunday 2 April with the 2017 State Titles. The event went off smoothly, with the new venue layout working well for athletes and spectators alike.**

UNSW was well represented in the junior divisions, but our senior numbers were sadly depleted. As a result it was our youngsters, notably our senior boys, who brought home the best results for the club.



Ryan Koenig scores with a fine seoinage

Clearly our best division was the senior boys, where Dylan Katz, Ryan Koenig and Dylan Nguyen all took gold. These three were outstanding and fought with skill and determination to emerge as State champions. Aiden Miu and Tyron Valenti also had some good fights and wins, just falling short of the podium.

In the junior boys Josh Koenig, Ethan Carpenter, Harrison Leech and Manas Joshi all acquitted themselves well, with Manas emerging with bronze in his first big competition.

Our cadet group faced some tough opposition, but nevertheless had some good results. Jordan Bond took silver in the 66kg category, with Nick Leong Bronze. Brendan Miu, in only his second competition as a cadet, also made the final pool in the same category. Will Crouch took bronze in the 60kg, as did Jacob Angelou in 73kg.

The senior categories were strongly contested, and it was a pity UNSW was not well represented. Newcomers Aleksei Mitsovit and Shuhei Aoki had some hard fights, but ended out of the placings.



Shuhei wins his first fight

Shuhei unfortunately injured his shoulder in one fight and was forced to withdraw. Aleksei was very rusty after a long absence from competition, and fell foul of the new rules in several of his fights. He will be a force later as he adjusts. Tin Pavlinic, fighting at +100kg missed a medal after a couple of grueling bouts.

Amy Meyer took our only senior medal, finishing with silver fighting at 52kg.

**Finally, we must give a big "thank you" to the many UNSW members who volunteered on the day to make the tournament a success. Also to the parents and supporters who came along to cheer on our athletes, and to Sam Asher for his great photography.**



Jordan Bond in action

# ILLAWARRA KYU GRADES

**There was a big turnout for this increasingly popular competition on 19 March, although there were several notable absences from UNSW.** Our few who did attend had a good day, on the whole. Indra Sadeli, who is slowly dipping his toe back in competition, was superb in his weight category...four fights, four ippon wins. Searching for additional points for his next grade, Indra backed up in the 73kg category, and finished third. Toki Ling was very short on condition (more training needed!) but came out the winner of his 81kg category. Jakub Marosz dominated the senior 100kg category for a good win.

In only her second tournament, Maricarmen Wachter had a terrific day out, winning her grade and weight category, and also backing up to finish second in the women's open division.

Unfortunately our other athletes on the day, Sam Asher and Dennis Yu came away winless. Both fought with determination, and Sam missed a couple of good opportunities.





## UNSW PEOPLE AND EVENTS



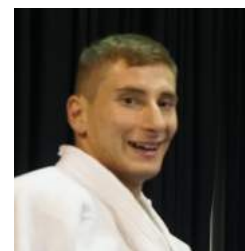
Yui Sakamoto and Nene Musashi visited from Saitama Japan and enjoyed several training sessions with us.



A huge kids' grading on 19 March, with some 86 youngsters going through their paces. Thanks to the graders and admin people who assisted on the day.



Among several international visitors to UNSW we welcomed Maxime Lambert and Sheena Zander from Cologne, Germany.



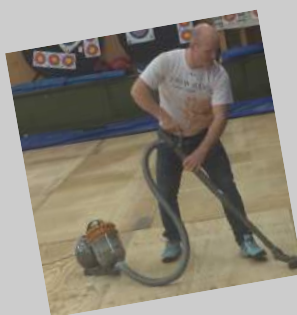
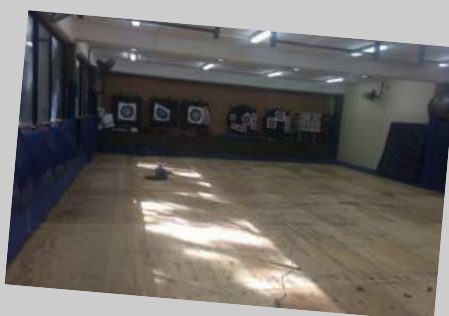
Two new members who are adding to the quality of our training sessions are Shuhei Aoki from Japan, and Aleksei Masovits from Estonia.

Our 0 week recruitment program, which included several "come and try judo" sessions, was very successful and we have some healthy numbers for our new beginners' courses. Indra is looking forward to introducing them to judo.

## OUR NEW MATS ARRIVE!

A huge working bee on Saturday 8 April carried out a massive renovation of the dojo, with the arrival of our new mats. It was quite a project: the reception and unloading of 80 new mats, removing the old tatami, cleaning up the debris from years of toil, repairing the sprung underfloor, and extending the area.

Thanks to all those club members who turned up to help, and especially to Sam Asher for his tireless efforts all day. Also our appreciation goes to members of the karate, taekwondo and aikido clubs who lent a hand. The task would have been much harder without so many willing bodies available.





# MORE PICS FROM STATE TITLES



Great technique by Dylan Nguyen



Some of the UNSW kids and coaches



Our cadets had some good results



Ryan on top of the 45kg podium



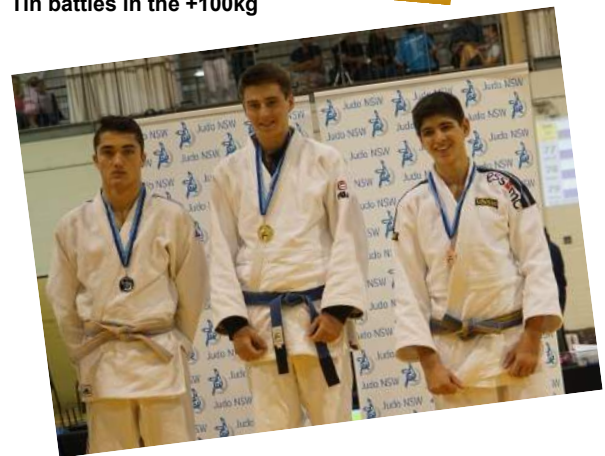
Will Crouch bronze in cadet 60kg



Tin battles in the +100kg



Dylan Katz continued his winning ways



Jordan and Nick silver and bronze in 66Kg

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