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AMAHOF Presentation Awards Gala Event Report 2023

Introduction

The AMAHOF Presentation Awards Gala 2023 was held at the Liverpool Catholic Club and Mercure Sydney Liverpool on Aug 18 to 20, 2023.

The Liverpool Catholic Club (LCC) is an ice sports and public skate centre built in 1979, and located in the Hoxton Park precinct of Sydney. As a members-only club, LCC offers restaurant, bars, shows, bingo, entertainment, a kid's indoor playground, ice skating rink, a gym, a grand ballroom, and function spaces.

Mercure Sydney Liverpool is a 4-star luxury hotel. With its 192 luxuriously-appointed contemporary rooms, it is the adjoining property to LCC and has a stunning outdoor swimming pool, expansive alfresco dining area, scenic landscape, and fully-equipped gym.

The AMAHOF Presentation Awards Gala Event 2023 was so successfully promoted, staff at the Mercure informed organisers the 2023 Gala Event was the first time the hotel had ever been fully booked out.

AMAHOF AGM



1 Edward Scharrer, Anthony Hockley, and Steven Weston – front and centre at AMAHOF AGM 2023

Hello, esteemed members of the Australasian Martial Arts Hall of Fame (AMAHOF)! Today, we're excited to take you through a chronicle of the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) that unfolded at the LCC on the 18th of August. This event was a momentous gathering of martial arts enthusiasts and leaders, and it marked a pivotal transition for AMAHOF.

The afternoon commenced with a warm welcome from our outgoing President, Shihan Edward Scharrer, who has been instrumental in guiding AMAHOF over the last four years through the COVID-19 pandemic. Shihan Scharrer announced a significant change as he transitions to the role of Chair of the Sokeship Council, signifying a changing of the guard within our organization.



2 The senior officers thank each Director



3 Colin Wee as Incoming and Steven Weston as Outgoing Secretary

The Ballroom 4 at the Liverpool Catholic Club was buzzing with energy as delegates from across Australasia gathered. Our gratitude to all attendees, including Edward Scharrer (incumbent President), Anthony Hockley (incumbent Vice-President), Steven Weston (incumbent Secretary), Ramon Lawrence (incumbent Chairman of Australasian Sokeship Council - "ASC"), and many others, cannot be overstated.

The 2022 AGM minutes were reviewed, and a unanimous vote confirmed their accuracy. There were no business matters arising from these minutes. All AGM-related correspondence, including the agenda, minutes, proxy forms, and nomination forms for election of officials, were efficiently circulated to all members.

The meeting saw the presentation of various reports. Shihan Edward Scharrer shared his reflections and praised this year's inductees for their exceptional contributions to martial arts in our region, and praised the resilience of AMAHOF. Ramon Lawrence's report highlighted key achievements, providing valuable insights into our organization's progress. Steven Weston, outgoing Secretary, discussed membership, nominations, and the role of the Secretary in managing AMAHOF's affairs. Steve expressed gratitude to fellow members and pledged continued support in his new role as Vice-Chair of ASC. An overview of AMAHOF's financial position was presented, emphasizing our organization's stable and positive financial standing.

New Appointments:

The election of office bearers resulted in the following appointments: Peter Kitak, Roland Winter, Colin Wee, John Marrable, and Steven Weston.



4 The 2022 Board of Directors and ASC Chair that now adorns our website L->R: Colin Wee, Raymond Lawrence OAM, Edward Scharrer, Diana LaTorre, Anthony Hockley, Peter Hunt, and Steven Weston. Absent: Roland Winter, and John Marrable

A Bright Future:

The future board, which will assume their roles after the Annual Dinner event, includes:

President: Anthony Hockley (till 2025)

Vice President: Peter Kitak (till 2025)

Secretary: Colin Wee (till 2027)

Treasurer: Roland Winter (till 2027)

Board Members: Peter Hunt (till 2025), John Marable (till 2027) and Steve Weston (till 2027)

AMAHOFF 2024 Takes Shape:



5 The Grand Chancellor, proposed site of AMAHOFF Gala 2024

Looking forward, the organizing committee for AMAHOFF 2024, led by Anthony Hockley and Kelly Hockley, has already secured the Grand Chancellor Hotel in Adelaide, South Australia for the event, scheduled for the 16th to 18th of August 2024.

Ramon Lawrence shared news of the passing of the role of World Karate Union Hall of Fame representative in Australia to Anthony Hockley, with indications that the WKUHOFF President might attend the Adelaide meeting.

Malcolm Slade moved the audience with a touching Eulogy for the AMAHOF Legend Frank Dando.

Mark your calendars! The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the 16th of August 2024, from 4 pm to 5 pm at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Adelaide.

Appreciation and Farewell:

As the AGM came to a close at 4.30 pm on the 18th of August 2023, members expressed their appreciation for attending and contributing to this significant gathering.

Director's Certificates were presented and photographed, and an overview of the proceedings over the weekend prompted questions from the floor.

As the formalities wound to a close, a good number of the out-of-town delegates made their way to the generous portions served up at the Hoxton Brasserie, and the beverages available at the Lounge Bar, with a few staying to the close of that dining area.



6 Incoming President Anthony Hockley takes the lead

Saturday Seminars and Grading

Saturday seminars were slated for 7:30am to cater to the number of inductees and participants present. Demonstrations and practical workshops were split to cater for four rotating groups through the day. While this meant presenters were kept working hard for their demos and training workshops, it allowed for a better teacher-student ratio, and great photo opportunities.

First up saw Mike Waite, Lindsay guy, Diana Latorre, and Mick Brinkley take the floor.



7 Mike Waite in his Happy Place



8 Lindsay Guy winning friends and influencing people

Mike Waite led a Kali/Stick Fighting demo introducing how his system begins with the weapon first, with other skills then developing using body mechanics which have already been laid down. Examples showing both weapon and empty hand analogies were presented, and footwork discussed. These were further explored during his practical training workshop. There was excitement seeing how Mike expanded on his combative concepts, picking out for example how you pivot and guard, or switching to show how empty hand relates to the weapon, and the adaptations you must make when transmitting the strike all the way down to the end of the stick. A special thank you to Mike for doing two rounds of training workshops, and a notable mention to Mike's wife Sonya who served as his demonstration partner through the morning.

Lindsay Guy covered power in striking, and drills from a Shotokan perspective. Lindsay opened with a Heian Nidan kata, and then presented and discussed applications like the double arm 'block' within his system. To provide context to such functionality, he also highlighted how they train for close quarter 'short power,' and for power generation.

Diana Latorre demonstrated a Koryo Poomsae pattern, board breaking using kicks and a hand strike. Diana's training workshop focused on dynamic kickboxing drills where participants were drilled hard and fast, and punch/kick and cover variations kept everyone engaged.



9 Diana LaTorre Drills it hard and fast

Mick Brinkley led a self-defence demo from a Taekwondo and Hapkido perspective. He showed a simple release then followed up with variations on the theme, like highlighting how to do the same using a low block, or a circular movement.

This continued into his training session where participants were treated to numerous locks like the shoulder figure of four, close quarter strikes, and takedowns.



10 Mick Brinkley, his secret handshake and variations upon variations

The second group of presenters featured David Thew, Lincoln Harris, and Gerard Kelly.

David Thew then guided us through a beautiful Chinese Martial Art demonstration with accompanying music that acted as a tranquil backdrop making his flow, movement control, 'Fa Jin' or explosive power, and timing even more impressive. His training workshop attempted to share the loosening of the muscles and tendons, 'hacks' which might allow everyone to apply soft style concepts to other arts, then an amazing experience where his control of energy, timing, and space were deployed without windup to send his partners literally flying across the floor.

Lincoln Harris presented a gun defence demonstration and practical, and reiterated his lesson that "the person is the main threat," which explained the need to feign compliance, seeking control of the weapon and weapon hand, stripping out of the grip, counter using any tool – or the gun if necessary, before stepping back, and readying the firearm for your own defence.

Gerard Kelly demonstrated various kicks and discussed the fundamental mechanics of each technique, and how best to gain control and thus power by training slowly before increasing

speed. As the group played with these long-distance exchanges, they had to expand their circle out to play with the kicks safely.



11 Nick Wyborn and David Thew – working the Tao of gun defence.



12 Matt Geister cranking a smile on faces

The last group of the morning consisted of Benjamin Pollet, Sharon Canning, Leong Cheok Son, and James Sheedy.

Benjamin Pollet showed how jujitsu in the traditional martial arts is analogous to encounters often seen in a MMA exchange. For instance, how to take the back of the opponent, how to defend if you got someone shooting for your legs, but goes further to show more dangerous techniques like a neck crank when the distance closes. His control of the shoulder and elbow were explained in practical terms, as was how it can still work without the uniform.



13 Gerard Kelly working the crowd

Sharon Canning opened with Taekwondo pattern Yul-gok, and showed applications against demonstration partners. Her workshop then looked at improving reflexes and training peripheral vision using partner drills.

Leong Cheok Son's demo and practical workshop looked at the interplay between the "inside hand" and the "outside hand" of Wing Chun when making connection with the opponent. While showcasing a high-level of expertise in close quarter hand techniques, he tactically preferred to take the opponent's back, pointing out the similarity to Benjamin Pollet's demonstration. Another concept

highlighted was him using the "whole body as weapon" or "as a defence" against throws. It was lovely to see GM Leong walking the floor, showing a dizzying sequence, then asking participants to play with the concepts.

James Sheedy approached his demo unfolding one-step counters to attacks, kicking combinations, and counters to switch kicks and strikes. He also attempted a five-board break, and reduced it to four boards which was a crowd pleaser. James' practical workshop

looked at issues of timing against opponent, the exchange within a drill set, and tips like rolling the forearm to absorb the greater power that is received from a leg attack.



14 Lincoln Harris shows his guns

As training with the third group came to an end, people were cleared off the floor to make way for Master Paul Mitchell's grading, and Joe Thambu's demonstration.

Master Paul Mitchell's Taekwondo grading was undertaken under the auspices set out by the Australasian Sokeship Council. This facility is extended to members and affiliate members of non-aligned freestyle martial arts associations. The grading panel consisted of Soke Ramon Lawrence, Ed Scharrer, Anthony Hockley, Johnny

Whip, Steve Weston, and Colin Wee. The elements of this grading consisted of demonstrations of Taekwondo pattern Tong-il, Hwa-rang, one-step sparring counters against an opponent, a 'self-defence' scenario demonstration, and multiple board and concrete block breaks. The panellists retired to discuss the session, and released the positive results of the promotion later during the gala dinner.

Special Guest Joe Thambu's Aikido demonstration was against an opponent attacking with a knife, an unarmed grab to lapel, and which then led to bo against unarmed grabs, and bo versus other weapons. The exchange was balletic, beautiful and graceful; and had instances which mirrored the neck control and choke seen earlier in the day. AMAHOF would like to express huge gratitude to Joe for so bravely pushing through his demonstration and the Sunday's exercise on the eve of his knee surgery.



15 Joe Thambu goes all out – and takes a knee



16 Anthony Hockley behind-the-scenes

The last group of presenters for the day were Matt Geister, Gawain Siu, Nick Wyborn, and Chris Bailey.

Matt Geister has a background in Taekwondo, Karate, and Hapkido, and ran a most explosive demo. With him were two of his students who had been trained from young. To the tempo of pumping music, theirs included aerial jumps and rolls, and extensive weapons handling. Matt then led a training session which included pressure point compliance techniques with self-defence skills. Spectators would have witnessed a strange sight as

participants, especially the younger one, were howling with pain but simultaneously laughing with enjoyment!



17 Ben Pollett and the gravity of the situation



18 Sharon Canning snaps a sidekick for a great snap



19 Gawain Siu talked about the road less travelled

Gawain Siu performed two forms with a break in between to discuss his own 'road' that brought him into martial arts from when his family came as immigrants, to him finding himself at the State Championships in Guangdong, led him to him finding his current mentor Master Chen Zhonghwa, and the Yilu (literally 'First Road') which he performs to acquire mechanical structure and levers. His workshop not only focused on the connection between opponents, but invited those who participated to talk about their insight of their partner drills and encounters.

Nick Wyborn's demo opens up with the truth that the presence of a gun flags the start of a very bad day. His tactics, drawn from Israel, discusses how to move with the weapon, how to train safely, the reality of the gun discharging, handling the gun without shooting yourself, and the importance of being mobile while tracking the opponent with the weapon. His training workshop focused on gun disarms, and what to do before and after you get your hands on the weapon.



20 James Sheedy takes as good as he gives



21 Leong Cheok Son up close and personal

Chris Bailey's demo talked about what jujutsu does with someone else's balance; that you seek to unbalance the opponent using the movement they give to you. Showing the takedown and the opportunity provided so the opponent can roll out simply means you decide how badly the encounter will end for the attacker. Lovely to hear about the uniform 'grip' being a method of communicating with the other person, and then to see the follow through into ground techniques. His workshop talked about breaking the opponent's balance in more than one direction while entering to gain better control.

Paul Mitchell then closed the afternoon with a kick shield training session to work on some cardio conditioning. His booming voice exhorted one and all to kick harder. Faster. Or higher. And of course, harder, only to stop the person holding the kick shield whilst they ran at you. Once done, there was a partner stretching session using PNF stretching for calves, glutes, and the lower back. To conclude he overviewed the timing for the evening's proceedings, and indicated where inductees and board members were to gather.

AMAHOF would like to thank members of United Taekwondo for so enthusiastically responding when presenters needed help with the holding of boards or kick shields. With special thanks at the end of the day to all who jumped in to break down mats and wipe down each square by hand. And lastly to Kelly



22 Paul Mitchell stretching it out to the max

Hockley for her enthusiasm and management skills whilst overseeing our merchandising table.



23 Chris Bailey single handedly takes charge



24 Appreciative on-lookers from James Sheedy's system



25 We all can enjoy this wide world of martial arts - together.



26 Bravo to this mob for being so united in their enthusiasm!



And the Ex-Pres wrapping it up for 2023.

AMAHOF Presentation Awards Gala Dinner



27 2023 Inductees gather in Sydney before being escorted in, L->R: Matt Geister (2021), Dave Thew, Mick Brinkley, Mike Waite, Chris Bailey, Lindsay Guy, Gerard Kelly, James Sheedy, Nick Wyborn, Sharon Canning, and Gawain Siu. Absent: Leong Cheok Son.

The anticipation of the AMAHOF Gala Dinner at 4pm is marked with the setup of photography, the melee of guests gathering and mingling, last minute tweaks to the dining facility, committee members gathering inductees for the photographer, the energetic photoshoot of inductees and board members, and guests trying to locate their seats in the main ballroom. Then the atmosphere turned festive as drinks started flowing at 5:00pm, setting the tone for an evening of togetherness and shared achievements,

As the guests migrated into the Grand Ballroom and found their way to the lavishly decorated tables, the interviews of the inductees by Event Organiser Paul Mitchell were transmitted onto the big screen, providing a personal touch and insight into their martial arts journeys. Amid the positive buzz, the inductees were escorted in, adding an element of grandeur to the proceedings. Master of Ceremonies Ed Scharrer, took the stage, eloquently explaining the organization's resilience during the challenging times of COVID, and the deeply-rooted values it upholds.



28 Leong Cheok Son

A poignant memorial segment and a minute's silence paid tribute to esteemed members who have departed but whom have left an indelible mark.

The ceremony then began in earnest, featuring the induction of exceptional martial artists into this prestigious Hall of Fame. The inductee's speeches were punctuated with action reels, offering a glimpse into their remarkable journeys.

The inductees such as Diana Latorre, Matt Geister, Gawain Siu, James Sheedy, and David Thew expressed heartfelt gratitude to friends and family, highlighting the profound impact of their support. Sharon Canning gave thanks and, like Leong Cheok Son, marvelled at the burgeoning martial arts family or the length of tenure of some of their students.

Each speech resonated with values of perseverance, dedication, and the transformative power of martial arts. Ben Pollett exhorted all to not quit on themselves. Christopher Bailey says the path is simply to “train some and train more.” Nick Wyborn cited his mission was to create a safer world and to shield others from danger. And Mike Waite’s advice was to “do what you love and love what you do.”



29 Striking a pose for the 2021 Inductees: Matt Geister, Diana LaTorre, Lincoln Harris, and Ben Pollett.

As the evening progressed, the atmosphere resonated with warmth and unity. Musical performances and speeches by prominent figures like Shihan Joe Thambu added a unique charm to the event. Special guest and sponsor Touqeer Yousaf admired the family-oriented nature of AMAHOF, and the pride he feels building a business based on dedication and community support.

The proceedings were balanced with light-hearted moments. With wit and panache, and to the question asked of him as to how he’d like to be remembered, inductee Lindsay Guy says “with a 15-foot-tall bronze statue” of himself. Gerard Kelly comes in with candour and the need to struggle past “imposter syndrome,” and his honest attempts to just “wing it.”

The gratitude expressed by inductees extended beyond the seamless running of the event by Paul Mitchell and to the Board Members of AMAHOF. Gawain Siu congratulated the younger members located at a table in the corner of the room. Gerard Kelly expressed how he would love to continue the engagement with new friends met through the weekend. Andrew Coatsworth thanked his teachers and all whom have led him to where he’s at.



30 The Grand Ballroom at capacity

The formal awards presentations also acknowledged spouses and partners whom have stood by their martial arts enthusiasts, returning inductees, and appreciation of Board Members whom have served their tenure and whom were leaving the committee.

Amid the speeches, the event also celebrated the retirement of Ramon Lawrence, acknowledging his pivotal role in the organization's establishment, growth, and credibility. Ray talked about the progress over the years, the development of the Australasian Sokeship Council, the strange journey we had to take through COVID, and now his handing over the Chair to Ed Scharrer.



31 Officially welcomed into AMAHOF

The culinary journey during the gala dinner mirrored the emotional highs of the event. Entrees were served as the opening speeches commenced with a choice of either Sumac Lamb Loin with Carrot Puree or Roasted King Prawns served on Risotto, and the main course of either New York Steak with Thyme and Garlic Pancetta, or Atlantic Salmon with a Teriyaki Glaze arrived amidst the inductee presentations. As the evening unfolded the melodious strains of Louis Bart's acoustic guitar set the stage for a mellower atmosphere. His covers of popular songs provided a soothing backdrop to the recognition of the inductees.



3233 Expressing our appreciation to Sponsor Touqeer Yousaf Malik from Zett Sports, and Guest Presenter Joe Thambu from Aikido Shudokan

A highlight of the evening was the elevation of Master Paul Mitchell to 7th Dan who talked about his dedication to combat bullying through martial arts. Pat Harrington then received the Legend Award. The Lifetime Member Badge recognised Ed Scharrer for his unwavering commitment, while Judo master Michael Keane, the Legend recipient, stood as a testament to achievement and legacy.



34 Returning recent inductees gifted an unexpected and special AMAHOF belt

An announcement of the upcoming committee would see Anthony Hockley as Incoming President, and Zlatko Peter Kitak as Vice President; with thanks to Outgoing President Ed Scharrer for serving additional time through COVID.

The raffle drawing then added an element of excitement to the night, with attendees eagerly awaiting their chance to win an array of impressive prizes. As names were announced and prizes distributed, the room buzzed with a mix of joy and feigned disappointment. Ed Scharrer's multiple wins, and the replica sword from The Last Samurai won from the back of the room added a touch of light-heartedness to the proceedings.

The evening wrapped with a sense of contentment and fulfillment, and with a dessert choice of Raspberry White Choc and Coconut Mousse, or Stick Date Pudding with Butterscotch.

The AMAHOF Presentation Awards Gala Dinner 2023 proved to be a journey of inspiration, a celebration of unity, and a testament to the enduring spirit of martial arts. It encapsulated the organization's ethos, reflecting a shared pursuit of excellence that defines this community. As attendees departed, they carried with them a sense of pride in being part of a legacy that continues to thrive and evolve.



35 Not everyone gets a Lifetime Achievement Award in Martial Arts



36 A night to remember, a group shot to cherish. AMAHOF members – assemble!

Sunday Morning Close-out Seminar

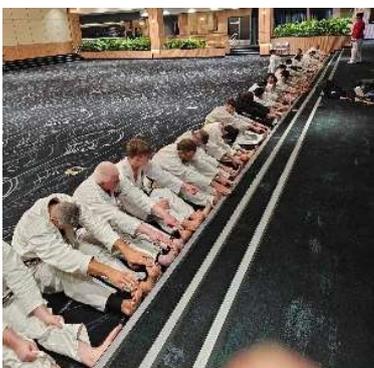
James Sheedy was first up and provided an energetic and effective workshop on free sparring techniques to a full room of participants. James began with a very enthusiastic workout developing both aerobic and strength components that warmed up everyone's muscles in preparation for the free sparring routines being presented. He then gradually introduced sparring routines from simple to more complex, building up



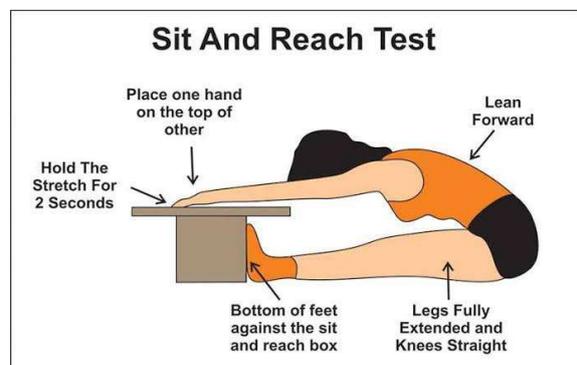
37 James Sheedy owning it bright and early

the techniques so participants could easily follow along. These techniques are easily utilised in continuous free sparring bouts where points are given for middle and high techniques to appropriate targets. This was a great workout for everyone and was both dynamic and exciting.

Next was an Aikido session with special guest Sensei Joe Thambu. Joe covered many aspects of Aikido in this truly powerful presentation showing the use of the body's centre of gravity to apply locks and holds to control aggressors. This very experienced Aikidoka showed how to use others strength and force against themselves, and to control the aggression they brought. A really enjoyable and elegant presentation of this Art showing its effectiveness and artistry.



38 Diana LaTorre stretches it to a close



39 The Wells Test

The Sunday morning came to a close with Diana LaTorre. Diana did a half an hour stretching session focusing first on breath control, then on stretching the legs, arms, and back muscles using a variety of yoga postures. She then ended the session with the Wells Test, an exercise used widely as a general test of flexibility. The idea was to allow participants to take away the ability to measure their level of motion and flexibility of their back and hamstrings.

Before we conclude this report of the 2023 AMAHOF Presentation Awards Gala, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to a few individuals and groups who have played pivotal roles in making this event a resounding success.



40 The smiles say it all. What a wonderful event. What an amazing martial art family. Top left (L->R) clockwise: A. Gawain Siu, Chris Baily, and Edward Scharrer. B. Peter Hunt, Tom Bellamy, and Colin Wee. C. Anthony and Kelly Hockley, and D. Matt Geister, Dave Thew, and Gerrard Kelly.

Master Paul Mitchell – Event Organizer Extraordinaire:

A special mention goes to Master Paul Mitchell, whose dedication and hard work as the Event Organizer for this year's AGM ensured its seamless execution. Your tireless efforts in bringing our martial arts community together and your positivity are truly commendable.

Outgoing Executive Committee and Directors:

To our outgoing executive committee and directors who are either leaving their roles or transitioning to a new one in our organisation, President Shihan Edward Scharrer, Vice President GM Anthony Hockley, Secretary Master Steven Weston, Treasurer Kevin Prime, and Board Member Diana LaTorre we express our heartfelt appreciation. Your collective leadership and commitment have been instrumental in shaping AMAHOF's success over the past years. Your passion for martial arts and your voluntary contributions have been the cornerstone of our organization's achievements.

Incoming Executive Committee and Directors:

As we usher in a new era, we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the incoming executive committee and directors. With President Anthony Hockley at the helm,

supported by Vice President Peter Kitak, Secretary Colin Wee, Treasurer Roland Winter, and Board Members Peter Hunt, John Marable, and Steven Weston, we are confident that the future of AMAHOF is in capable hands. Your willingness to take on these roles is a testament to your dedication to our martial arts community.

We would like to thank every member of the Australasian Martial Arts Hall of Fame for your unwavering support and commitment to excellence in martial arts. Your passion and dedication inspire us all.

A Special Tribute to Grandmaster Ramon Lawrence, OAM - The Heart of AMAHOF:

As we close the curtain on this year's AMAHOF Presentation Awards Gala Event 2023, we wish to take a moment to pay tribute to a remarkable individual who has been the very essence of our organization - Master Ramon Lawrence.

Ramon Lawrence



41Ramon Lawrence OAM – opens at the close, and retires his position

Ray's journey in the martial arts began in 1968 when he embarked on his judo training in Gosport, England. His dedication and talent swiftly propelled him into the ranks of the Commonwealth Navy team, where he contributed to their victory in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines team championships.

Ray's achievements spanned various martial arts disciplines. From judo to kendo, he left an indelible mark on each. He represented the British Armed Forces, won championships, and earned multiple dan ranks, including Kempo, Jujitsu, Jojitsu, Kendo, Judo, and laido. His dedication to honing his skills and his commitment to sharing his knowledge are truly commendable.

Not content with personal success, Ray played pivotal roles in establishing and nurturing martial arts communities. He co-founded the West Australian Kendo Renmei and Seitei Gata Ryu laido, leaving a lasting legacy of martial arts development in Australia.

Throughout his life, Ray continued his quest for knowledge, traveling to Japan for special training and pursuing deeper insights into martial arts. His relentless pursuit of excellence and self-improvement is a testament to the spirit of martial arts.

Beyond his martial arts achievements, Ray was a true advocate for character-building through martial arts training. His dedication to mentoring youth and fostering a strong sense of community earned him recognition by the Western Australian Parliament.

Ray has been a cornerstone of the Australasian Martial Arts Hall of Fame since its inception in 1996. His unwavering commitment, both as a martial artist and as a person, has shaped AMAHOF and the Australasian Sokeship Council into what it is today. Without his tireless efforts and dedication, we wouldn't be here celebrating martial arts excellence.

As we express our gratitude for his incredible contributions, we also acknowledge that Ray's legacy will forever be interwoven with the fabric of our martial arts community. He leaves behind a remarkable imprint that will continue to inspire generations of martial artists.

Ramon, we salute you, and thank you for being the heart and soul of AMAHOF and the ASC over so many years.

Warm regards from your AMAHOF Family,

Grandmaster Anthony Hockley
President (2023-5),
Australasian Martial Arts Hall of Fame, Inc.