



MARTIAL ARTS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION INC.

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Martial Arts in Australia.'*

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Newsletter

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VALE JOHN HALPIN

The MAIA offer their sincere condolences to the family and friends of John Halpin who passed away on the 22nd of January.

John was the Senior Vice President of the MAIA as well as the President of the Australian Karate Federation, President of the Oceania Karate Federation, Treasurer of the World Karate Federation and Head of Style of Seikukan Karate-do (Australia).

MAIA President, Walt Missingham, commented that *"John was one of the most respected members and leaders in the martial arts community, I worked with John, in his capacity as MAIA Senior Vice President for about ten years during that time John and I became good friends- he was a quietly spoken man of great integrity and vision - I could not have asked for a better Vice President his support, counsel and insights were a great part of the success the MAIA has achieved - Thank you John you will be greatly missed"*



ACCREDITATION

INTAKES 2007

The following accreditation intakes have been confirmed for our second round of courses for 2007. More detailed information and booking form can be obtained from our website.

Enquiries can be directed to 02 8732 1628

TAMWORTH - NSW

Saturday 19th May 2007
9am to 5pm
Tamworth PCYC
2 Darling St TAMWORTH

Final Booking Date 14 May 2007
Enquiries 02 6771 1003

SYDNEY - NSW

Saturday 12 May 2007
9am to 5pm
Eva Redfern Lounge
State Sports Centre
Olympic Blvd, Homebush NSW

Final Booking Date 4 May 2007

MELBOURNE - VICTORIA

Saturday 30 June 2007
9am to 5pm
Eureka Room
Southbank Travelodge Hotel
Cnr. Riverside Quay & Southgate Ave
SOUTHBANK

Final Booking date 22 June 2007

ORANGE - NSW

Saturday 14 July 2007
9am to 5pm
Ex Services Club
Anson St ORANGE

Final date for bookings to be received is 6th July 2007

BRISBANE - QUEENSLAND

Saturday 21 July 2007
9am to 5pm
Meeting Room One
Sports House
Caxton St. MILTON

Final Booking Date 13 July 2007

INSURANCE

Our Insurance broker has advised that our new 2007 Policy (effective 1 July 2007) will also feature additional coverage options of:

* Personal Accident/personal injury cover and

* Property and Equipment Coverage

MAIA Board Appointments

As a consequence of John's passing Vice President Kevin Blundell has been installed as Senior Vice President. Michael Kassas (President Australian Karate Federation) has also accepted an MAIA Board Appointment. The MAIA Board

will be presenting a more hands on approach to management with all Board members taking active administrative roles. Kevin will be Acting President during April as Walt is away on Film

business.

MAIA Regional Representation

Anthony Kelly is the new MAIA New England

Representative while Ron Goninan has been appointed MAIA Central West Representative (contact details on our website). The MAIA will be appointing a large number of regional reps around Australia over the next 6 months as we move to provide greater access to services for the many country martial arts people that are all too often overlooked.

Website Changes

To remind all members and State and National Committee members as per the advise from our last newsletter. All website changes and additions are to be sent to Tom

maia@masterfilms.com.au

We do not do this anymore so please send your changes to Tom and not our office.

Kevin Blundell Senior Vice President MAIA

As Kevin is the new Senior Vice President we thought we should provide members with a brief outline of his background.

Kevin has been employed by the NSW Office of Fair Trading since 1994 in various roles up to and including Senior Management level.

As a Community Liaison Coordinator he works closely with various Ministers and their staff which has enabled him to obtain a good

working knowledge of the mechanics of Government.

During his time with Fair Trading he has obtained a thorough understanding of the 52 Acts that Fair Trading Administers.

Previously he taught for TAFE NSW in the Construction and Transport section specifically Teaching Construction students Carpentry, Building Communications and Business Administration.

Prior to this role he ran his own successful medium sized residential Construction Company in the Central West of NSW.

He also developed and ran his Martial Arts Schools which has involved extensive International Travel to enhance his knowledge base.

Kevin has qualifications in Building, Business Administration, Government Management, Media, Marketing and Sports Coaching.

A safe and Happy Easter

James Smith
Administrator