

2011 Australasian Kung Fu Wushu Championships

"28th of May 2011 marked a significant turning point in Victorian and Australian Wushu, when AKWF and Kung Fu Wushu Victoria Inc held the 2011 Australasian Kung Fu Wushu Championships at Albert Park in Melbourne. The tremendous turnout of athletes from all over Australia as well as from New Zealand was a credit to what can occur when we all set ourselves to the common goal of promoting wushu and kung fu in the Oceania region.

The efforts of President Walt Missingham, Australian Secretary General of Wushu Shao Zhao Ming, the Kung Fu Wushu Victorian State Committee and many others in securing the Chinese delegation and the Wushu troupe from China topped off a day that Australian martial arts will long remember.

I am proud that the entire day went without a hitch, with all athletes competing showing great skill and fine sportsmanship. The exclamation mark of the Chinese Wushu troupe's spectacular performance in the evening punctuated an historic milestone in Australian Chinese martial arts.

I commend all who were connected and who participated in the 2011 AKWF Australasian Championships for creating the perfect lead-up to the Year of Chinese Culture.

Dana Wong
President
Kung Fu Wushu Victoria Inc

"The AKWF moved to a new high today. In recent years our events in Perth and Sydney were great, our Melbourne Event has been even better. It is a credit to the large number of dedicated people we have that put so much into making this event such a great success.

My thanks to Kung Fu Wushu Victoria and in particular Dana Wong and Charles Tsui Po. My thanks to our National Events Committee (NEC) and in particular Fred Ong, Kee Tan, Alice Bei Dong, Rob Williams, Kevin Blundell and Dennis Watts. My thanks to Shao Zhao Ming, our Secretary General who simply did a first class job in every respect. My thanks to Glenn Keith and the New Zealand competitors that added so much to the event. My thanks to all the officials, judges and competitors you all did very well. And my thanks to the Chinese Wushu Association whose enormous contribution was only exceeded by the talent and skill of their demonstration team.

We look now to the 2012 Oceania Invitational Kung Fu Wushu Championships on the 28th of October next year and beyond that a World Championship event in Australia.

Walt Missingham
President
AKWF Inc.

"My Experience of the AKWF Comp" ...Months before competition day arrives, a lot of time, energy, sweat and pain goes into making sure your time on the floor will be your very best performance. On the day of competition the nerves really set in as you see fellow competitors warming up, you do the same. Next thing you know your up next.... a bow to the head judge, then you take your place on the floor, step out and your off! What seems like an eternity later you realize your stepping in to close. You bow once more to the head judge and walk off the floor to await your score. In the moments it takes the judges to calculate your score, a couple of thoughts cross your mind.

- 1) What on earth just happened?
- 2) I was stressing over that! and
- 3) Let's do it again!"

Jessica Rice
Tai Chi Competitors
Golden Lion

Thank you to everyone involved with the AKWF International Competition on 28 May 2011 - my first competition in Tai Chi. What a great day! The air was definitely tinged with excitement and a good deal of nervousness, but what I noticed most of all was the enthusiasm and encouragement from everyone, competitors, officials and audience alike, irrespective of the club we were representing. The elite Chinese Wushu representatives topped off the evening with an amazing, energetic, athletic and awe-inspiring performance. All in all, a fantastic day.

Elizabeth Simpson
Tai Chi Competitors
Golden Lion

"It was great being part of a diverse competition. Highlight was meeting and watching competitors from schools from around the country as well as New Zealand"

Anja Weise
Tai Chi Competitors
Golden Lion

Well Done!

Congratulations to the organizing committee for putting on a very professional competition and spectacular show.

The 2011 Australasian Kung Fu Wushu Championships were held in Melbourne at the Melbourne Aquatic Centre in Albert Park right in the centre of the city. It was a marvellous venue and well suited to the demands of a competition requiring three competition areas and a warm up area as well as providing tiered seating for the evening performance. The proximity to the CBD hotels and smooth transport from the airport made it easy for our international visitors, performers, competitors and judges to enjoy Melbourne and the championships. The organizers of the day are to be congratulated on the smooth and efficient organization of the whole day. Everything was set up and in place so the competition started on time and proceeded smoothly all day.

In a similar way to appreciating a beautifully executed Tai Chi Chuan routine, which appears effortless, I realise that the efficient organization of this competition was the result of a lot of hard work, time and effort. A job well done!

Christine Everett
Tai Chi Judge