



AYNSW January 2010 Newsletter

Hello everyone.

Here is the first **AYNSW** Newsletter for 2010.

Grading

Congratulations to those who graded in December. Everyone put a lot into their training especially the weeks leading up to the test and did their best. Results are below:

8th Kyu

Samuel Pigott

7th Kyu

Alias Coady

Ngai Quyet Ghi

6th Kyu

Sara Bryant

3rd Kyu

Tom Seeto

Matthew Maguire

Irina Kozyrevitch

Kirsty Bryant

Matthew Cole

2nd Kyu

Paul Doessel

Andrew Wong

Iftekher Chowdhury

Congratulations to all who passed. Belts and certificates are available at reception. If you were previously issued a colored belt please swap it back for your next level.

The next grading will be held on **Saturday 27th February.**

AYNSW is Moving

As everyone is aware by now, Aikido Yoshinkai NSW will be moving to a bigger dojo premises in Marrickville. The Alexandria dojo will remain open for training until the new dojo is fully set up:

Location: Level 1 Rear, 310 Marrickville Road, Marrickville 2204, next to Foundation Marrickville Medical Practice

Transport: 500 m from **Marrickville Train Station** (🟡Bankstown Line)

7-minute bicycle ride from **Sydenham Train Station** (🟠Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line 🟡Bankstown Line 🟢Airport & East Hills Line)

Train timetables <http://www.cityrail.info/>

Bus stops along Marrickville Rd.

Route 426 Dulwich Hill-Marrickville-City

http://www.sydneybuses.info/uploads/File/pdfs/regular_route_maps/426map.pdf

Route 423 Kingsgrove-Earlwood-City

http://www.sydneybuses.info/uploads/File/pdfs/regular_route_maps/423map.pdf

Parking: Rooftop parking at Banana Joe's Supermarket on Illawarra Rd. around the corner from dojo

Public car park located opposite supermarket

Public car park on Garner's Ave. off Marrickville Rd.

Street parking on Marrickville Road and side streets close by

This new dojo is about two and a half times bigger than the current mat space and has four times the number of shower and washroom facilities. We are very excited about this next chapter in the growth of AYNSW. This move will see our dojo established in a vibrant and developing family-friendly area of Sydney with great potential to make new ties with the local community.

UPDATE: More details will be forthcoming on the exact date of the dojo move, so please keep posted!

Public Holiday

Australia Day Tuesday January 26th

The dojo will be shut on this public holiday.

School Holiday Schedule

Children

AYNSW follows the NSW public school calendar. The kids' classes will resume on **Thursday January 28th, 2010**.

Daytime Class Schedule

Just a reminder that the morning classes on Tuesday and Thursday have changed to afternoon classes from **1.00-2.00pm on Tuesday and Thursday**.

After the dojo has moved to Marrickville the schedule will be expanded further to include an early morning 7.00am class on Wednesday.

Aikido Gasshuku (training camp) 2010

Aikido Shudokan Melbourne is planning to host Tsutomu Chida Shihan 8th Dan for a series of clinics over the **Anzac Day weekend April 24th-26th next year**. It will be a great opportunity to train under Chida Shihan, former Chief Instructor of Yoshinkan Honbu and experience his smooth and flowing technique.

Payment information

- Payments by April 5th 2009: AUD\$200.00
- Payments after April 5th 2009: AUD\$250.00

AYNSW will be organizing a group to participate in this seminar. There will also be a demonstration and competition event that AYNSW will also take part in. It will be a fantastic experience to train with Shudokan members once again and show our support for them as they have done for us in the past.

Visit <http://www.aikidoshudokan.com/chida-shihan-australian-tour-2010/>

Japan Gasshuku

Aikido Yoshinkan Honbu in Japan is planning to host a special international seminar in October 2010. The gasshuku will be held in Kyoto and Tokyo and conducted by senior instructors. More details will be forthcoming on their website:

<http://www.yoshinkan.net/indexE.html>

Aikido News Articles

AYNSW is featured in the January issue (Vol 24. No.1) of Blitz Magazine in an article focusing on footwork in aikido. Thanks to all the guys who took part in the photo shoot. Keep an eye out for the magazine on the newsstands!

Hansei (Reflections)

Akemashite Omedetto Gozaimasu! Happy New Year! What a great start to the year we've had so far with busy classes and lots of fresh enthusiasm for the New Year.

Aikido is an art in which we grow. There are many different sides to it and always something different to challenge us. I think it is good to set yourself goals within aikido, whether it be obtaining a particular belt, averaging a certain number of classes per week, or something more abstract.

For myself I am looking forward to a full year of aikido with Chida Sensei's visit being the first milestone of the year. I am glad that we can as a group show support to the Aikido Shudokan in Melbourne, the host dojo for this event. The more we can pull together for these kind of international events the easier they are to put on and successfully run. It is a great chance to enjoy a full weekend of aikido, mixing with people with a common interest and background, Yoshinkan Aikido.

Chida Sensei needs no introduction. He has devoted his life to Yoshinkan Aikido and is renowned for fully engaged yet soft technique. Having trained under him for 13 years while at honbu, I am looking forward to experiencing his technique and insight into aikido again.

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Regards,
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