

Newsletter April 2013

Committee resignations and reshuffle of roles:

As all members will be aware our President Peter White has resigned not long after the resignation of our former treasurer. I wish to acknowledge the positive contributions that Peter has made in his short time as our President.

In addition to Peter's resignation, Daniel Bourke has moved to Sydney for work and has reluctantly had to resign from the JVI committee. Daniel hasn't been on the committee for very long but has already made very positive contributions to Judo in Victoria. This left JVI with three vacancies on the committee!

In addition to these changes our Secretary Andrew Collett has stepped down from the Secretary role after getting a promotion that came with an increased workload as well as his election to the Victorian Olympic Committee. The JVI committee is very grateful to Andrew for the work that he has done and his high level of professionalism. The good news is that Andrew has agreed to stay on the committee as an ordinary committee member.

With so many changes the committee has chosen to fill the three casual vacancies and to reshuffle positions. All of the newly appointed executive positions will come up for re election at the next AGM in November. The JVI committee wants to achieve a seamless transition so that we can "hit the ground running" and get on with the job promoting the sport of Judo in our state.

The new committee is:

President	Neville Sharpe
Senior Vice President	Bob Todd
Junior Vice President	Daniel Kelly
Secretary	Ben Donegan
Treasurer	Nick Papadimitropoulos
Registrar	Linda Hallas
Ordinary members	Andrew Collett, Ivo Dos Santos, Doug Noack, Pat Quek and Judd Hallas

The committee was pleased to so many high quality candidates willing to join the committee. If any member has any issues that they wish to raise they should write to the secretary or talk to any of our committee members.

JMIM

On the Labour day Long weekend JVI held its third Judo Masters in Melbourne. From all reports it was a great event fought in a great atmosphere. Unfortunately the numbers were down on last year and we will review the decision to hold JMIM on the long weekend. Thanks to the JMIM committee for all of your work to build it into the premier Australian masters event on the judo calendar.

Evolve Cup

Following the cancellation of the Bendigo tournament scheduled for the 24th of March we discovered that Springers wasn't available! Evolve volunteered to host a recreational event. and I think that everyone that attended really enjoyed the event. There was a great atmosphere in the hall and it was great to see our elite competitors refereeing and running the event. Thank are due to Ivo Dos Santos and the crew from Evolve for putting on this event. If anyone has a photo of Ivo refereeing I would love to put it on the website!

Autumn Classic

Unfortunately the first regular tournament for all members wasn't scheduled until the 24th of March and when it was cancelled the JVI committee added a replacement event on the 7th of April. Given that it was called on such short notice and in the school holidays the tournament committee did a great job in pulling it all together. This event was significant as it started off with a seminar for referees and coaches on the new IJF rules that will be used at the nationals this year, and it was the first time our referees and players were exposed to the new rules. The implementation of new rules is bound to have some teething problems but overall it all worked very well!

State Training

Our JVI committee is 100% behind our state team and wishes for the team to achieve its maximum potential.

Our state manager Jean Coughlan tells me that state training is going very well. We are very lucky to have such a great team of state coaches; Maria Pekli, Daniel Kelly and David Nabulsi. We are also lucky to have a great team of experienced coaches that go to state training and support our team including Paul Coughlan and Hunter Richardson.

There are only six weeks to the national titles in Wollongong on the Queen's Birthday weekend. The JFA has been late publishing its timetable of events which is different from last year putting all state managers under pressure.

Neville Sharpe, President JVI