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# **JVI ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

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# TO OUR MEMBERS

## Presidents Report

What a year it has been! COVID-19 has severely limited our time on the mat and our capacity to run events. Only through unity and collaboration can we move forward over the next year to restart our sport.

The JVI committee has provided various support packages to our clubs and members to try and soften the impact of the pandemic. We have also committed resources to a large marketing campaign for all clubs moving into next year.

At last year's AGM we had some changes to our committee with long standing contributor and secretary Rod Cox standing down. His work and dedication has been fantastic over a long period of time. We also said to good bye to Voula Carosella. We thank them both for their contribution.

We welcomed Alice Phuong Le to the role of secretary. Alice later moved to regular committee and we appointed Neville Sharpe to secretary. We thank Neville very much for stepping into the role.

The JVI committee also increased the working hours of our Admin Officer, Robyne Dawson who has been fantastic in the role bringing a wealth of knowledge to our organisation.

Our relationship with Sport and Rec Victoria [DJPR] has strengthened during this year. A big thanks needs to go to Pat, Neville and Robyne for their work in JVI receiving grants for our community.

As I write this report we have news that we will be able to return to judo in the coming weeks. Thanks to our committee, sub committees and our volunteers because without them our sport would not function.

**Daniel Kelly** President

*We look forward to a safe and active 2021 where we can commence to heal from 2020.*

Judo Victoria Inc. would like to thank and acknowledge the support of the Victorian State Government and our Relationship Managers at Sport and Recreation Victoria. [DJPR]



## Secretary's Report

The November 2019 AGM saw a change to our Committee Members and Sub-Committee Teams.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported JVI as a Committee member. We acknowledge and thank Rodney Cox and Voula Carosella for their contribution- in Rod's case over many years of dedication as our Secretary.

We welcomed our new Secretary Alice Phuong Le as well as new members to our Sub Committees.

Late in the 2019/2020-year Alice Le stepped aside and was replaced on the Committee by Neville Sharpe who became the new Secretary. Alice continues as an important member of the JVI Committee.

2019/2020 was a year like no other. The second half of 2019 ran as normal with JVI running lots of events and courses. The year finished in December with a very successful State Championships at Broadmeadows followed by the IJF Coaching ACADEMY Course running in Melbourne for a week with some of the all-time greats of Judo running the course at MSAC.



Coach, Club and Committee Catch up - World Judo Day 28 October, 2020, Zoom

At the end of the year JVI appointed its Coaches and Managers for the State Team to prepare for the 2020 National Championships in June on the Gold coast. State training started off well, but little did we know that JA would be forced to cancel the 2020 nationals due to the COVID19 pandemic.

Early in 2020 JVI successfully held one tournament and many of our members went to Canberra for the annual ACT International Open.

In March 2020 Victoria went into its first COVID 19 lockdown and all full contact sport was banned in Melbourne for the rest of the year. For a brief few weeks Judo was allowed to resume in regional areas for members Under 18 years of age.

Since then and up until the time of the AGM there has been no Judo in Victoria.

There was however one small exception made by the government for the National Elite team to train in Melbourne.

During the lockdown the JVI Committee has been meeting regularly using Zoom and has focused on developing and implementing our sport wide COVID19 recovery plans. The JVI Committee has used this time productively to review and rewrite our Constitution and By Laws so that when Judo starts again, we will be better placed to provide strong leadership for Judo in Victoria.

**Neville Sharpe** JVI Secretary

#### Committee of Management 2019- 2020

The following table sets out the number of COM meetings held during the 2019-2020 reporting period and the number of meetings attended by each committee member.

Committee Member	Meetings	Attended
Daniel Kelly	10	10
Sandy Hollingworth	10	10
Pat Quek	10	10
Malcolm Slade	10	7
Janet Lambert	10	9
Voula Carosella	3	2
Rodney Cox	2	2
Miki Mayer	10	8
Michelle Matthews	10	9
Alice Le	8	6
Neville Sharpe	1	1

## Sub Committee Reports

### Rank Accreditation Board

Since 2019 there have been a number of senior gradings for RAB members. These gradings require an extensive knowledge of judo, service to judo and a high demonstration performance of kata and technique.

Congratulations to the following Judo Victoria members:

Michelle Matthews 6th Dan - Hawthorn and Lilydale Judo Clubs

Neville Sharpe 6th Dan - Judo Bendigo

Janet Lambert 6th Dan - Endeavour Hills Judo Club

Andrew Coatsworth 5th Dan - Waverley Judo Club

David Karney 3rd Dan - Mornington Judo Club

Harrison Cassar 2nd Dan - Mornington Judo Club

Graeme Grogan 3rd Dan - Bentleigh-Southern Judo Club

David Pettett 3rd Dan - Bentleigh-Southern Judo Club

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The JVI Rank Accreditation Board (RAB) recommends that all Dan grades consider training and applying for a higher grade.

The knowledge to be gained is full filling and can be passed onto those following.

**Malcolm Slade** RAB Chair

### Coach Accreditation Committee

The Following JVI members that have enrolled and attended CAF courses in the past 12 months;

Pat Quek - Senior Coach

David Nabulsi - Pending Coach

Aaron Nabulsi - Pending Assistant Coach

Shihai Goto - Coach

Vin Spaul - Pending Senior Coach

Andrew Taylor - Coach

Andrew Baxter - Coach

Damian Carosella - Assistant Coach

Accreditation through RPL;

Dennis Iverson - Senior Coach

Ben Donegan - Senior Coach

Louis Mott - Coach Judo

Richard Roper - Coach Judo

Even though we have cancelled 2 courses for the year, we have still managed to accredit nearly as many coaches as per the previous year.

I would like to thank our members that attend these sessions regularly to support and impart their knowledge onto our next generation of coaches.

There needs to be an organisational push to engage all our members that meet the criteria to attend CAF courses and I'm more than happy to attend regional and I'm more than happy to attend regional areas to support this if it promotes a greater level of engagement in the future.

**Robert Coelho** Coach Accreditation Chair

### Kata Commission

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, 2020 Kata events, training and competitions have all been cancelled.

We look forward to a positive 2021, in anticipation of the lifting of restrictions surrounding Judo in general.

When this occurs, our intent would be to run a quarterly Seminar to update existing coaching, judging and knowledge of Kata within the wider Judo community.

In 2019 we had specific requests from individuals wishing to practice Kata for specific higher Dan grades and we look forward to working with these individuals to help them achieve their goals.

**Andrew Coatsworth** Kata Commission Chair

### Referee Commission

During the last half of 2019 the Referees Commission was very active officiating at JVI tournaments and training and mentoring new referees.

One highlight was the number of new younger members refereeing at our tournaments.

One ground-breaking initiative this year was the introduction of a new more casual alternative refereeing polo top for referees to use in very hot weather.

The Commission ran a series of very successful refereeing workshops at different clubs.

The workshops ran for a limited time and were followed by a randori session.

This was very successful at engaging members from a broad range of clubs that would never have attended the traditional Referee workshops.

The Referees Commission wishes to thank and acknowledge the coaches that made their clubs available including Takatani, Senshi and Ju You Kai, Drouin.

During the first half of 2020 we only participated in one tournament before the lockdown which came into effect just before MIJO was scheduled to take place.

The Victorian Commission is planning to run a Rules Seminar for referees and coaches to help us all refresh our knowledge of the rules before Judo starts again.

One of the highlights during a very difficult year was when the IJF formally awarded Honorary Refereeing grades to:

Neville Sharpe International A,

Peter Alway Continental.

Stan Ashley Continental

**Christophe Legaud** Referees Commission Chair

### Tournament Committee

We finished 2019 with the State Titles being held at Broadmeadows Leisure Centre with record entry numbers. Our first (and only as it has turned out) tournament in March was well supported.

Preparations for the Melbourne International Judo Open (MIJO) were well under way with the most entry numbers we had ever received, when Victoria went into the first COVID -19 lockdown.

We have been planning for how Tournaments will have to be run in 2021 under COVID regulations.

New volunteers are always welcome especially on Tournament day so please contact me if you can assist in any way.

**Sandy Hollingworth** Tournament Director



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