



Dear members of Iaido, Jodo and Kendo

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you all that we have lost another wonderful member.

Dean Hawthorne Sensei

I had the privilege of having dinner with Dean who was softly spoken for such a large and bright personality.

Below are a few words from some of our members who knew him.

“Dean Hawthorne was highly respected member of the Iaido Community in Australia and a member of the Blue Leaf Dojo.

Dean never wanted to attract unwanted attention towards him, he was very humble and very polite”

Colin Minter

“Dean was instrumental in the advance and promotion of Iaido in Australia, mentoring many students over many years, following on from the legacy of Kadono Yahiko Sensei the patron and Sensei of the Sydney Blue Leaf Iaido Club founded circa 1995.

Many will continue his legacy in their own Dojo's, not only in training the art of Iaido but also remembering Dean's commitment and love he displayed during his demonstration and teaching.”

Gregg Jones
WSKC

Our thoughts are with his Family

A great friend and Kenshi, who will be deeply missed rest in peace may you rest in peace.

Andrew van Hamond

On behalf of all NSW Kendo Association