

**KENSHINKAI AGM 2018
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
GARRY MASTERS**

- I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to grade Darren Foulger, Nigel Bilton and Lukasz Bartlomiej to 1st Dan. All have been loyal members of Ken Shin Kai for many years. Black belt gradings in Kenshinkai are hard to achieve and reflect not only the extreme effort put in by the student but also the instructors who help to prepare them and other members who help them develop their Aikido.

- I am extremely pleased with the continuing success of the junior class with thanks to Richard Lewis and those who assist him. The junior class continues to have excellent attendance. Thank you to the “helpers” that have recently “stepped up” to assist due to the lack of assistance that Sensei Richard has unfortunately encountered at a number of classes this year. Teaching and assisting with teaching juniors is not just passing on Yoshinkan Aikido to the next generation but also allows you to help shape and assist young people in other areas of their life which benefit from their martial arts training and interaction with other members.

- I would like to thank all Club Instructors for the effort they put into running their clubs whilst taking no remuneration for the time, travel and effort expended. Also thanking the instructors and members who assist them on a regular basis.

- I would like to remind everyone that Kenshinkai is a members club which means the club is not “owned” by any individual and no members receive any form of payment from the organisation. This means that the success of the organisation depends upon each and every member. And we appreciate the members that make the effort to help grow and develop the organisation and allow it to keep running by doing that little bit more than just showing up to classes.