

## NEW ZEALAND KUNG FU WUSHU FEDERATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018

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### Introduction

This report covers developments and key activities of the Federation for the period Jan-Dec 2018. I would like to thank members for their ongoing loyalty and support and welcome our new members into the **NZ Wushu** family.

### Wushu Growth In New Zealand

The Federation had a slight increase in membership over the year, mostly in the Auckland region, and mostly as a result of greater awareness through the work of the newly formed Auckland Wushu Association - operating on behalf of the Federation. There still appears to be a disconnect, however, between the number of new clubs entering our National Championships and a corresponding increase in membership to the Federation.

### New Auckland Wushu Association

The Executive of the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation agreed to the formation of an Auckland branch of the Federation in April 2018. The branch is named 'Auckland Wushu Association' (AWA) with a trading name of 'Auckland Wushu' or 'Wushu Auckland', followed by the strapline - (*Chinese Martial Arts - on behalf of the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation Incorporated*).

The purpose of the formation of the Auckland branch is to act on behalf of the Federation to promote the Objects detailed in the Federation's National Constitution (refer page3). Accordingly the Federation Executive will maintain oversight of the activities of AWA.

Promoting the Objects of the Federation includes to promote, develop and unite (under the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation) all forms of Chinese Martial Arts, including but not limited to - traditional and modern wushu (kung-fu), tai-chi, qi-gong and other health related wushu, as well as sanda fighting, in the wider Auckland region. For clarity, modern wushu is that promoted by the International Wushu Federation.

The Federation Executive has confirmed that the Auckland Wushu Association 'Interim Management Committee' will be Peter Gordon as Chairperson, Wei Zhao as Vice Chairperson, and David Wong, Diana Lau and Delia Wang as Association Members .

Peter and Wei will also be the initial two signatories for the Auckland Wushu Association Bank Account. One more AWA Member is still to be appointed as a Sanda representative, bringing the total committee to six members.

## **National Kung-Fu Wushu Championships**

This year's National Kung-Fu Wushu Championships were held on Sat 17 November for the first time at the Auckland Netball Centre, 7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St John Auckland. The venue is larger than previous venues, which enabled three competition areas to run at the same time, making for a more entertaining and efficiently run event in terms of time.

Two new events were trialled for the first time at the Championships. One was a 'Team Points Collection Competition' (in Taolu) and the other the introduction of an open Sanda category called 'King of Sanda'. Both were a great success and we look forward to many more entries in both events in 2019. Thanks to Wei Zhao for introducing these new events.

2018 saw continued growth in the number of clubs, athletes and event categories at the Federation's National (Taolu) Championships, however Sanda showed a slight decline in the number of clubs and participants.

The Executive will organise a planning workshop early in 2019 to look at ways to improve on the overall running of the Championships, including how we might generate more interest in Sanda, such as a formalised and structured Sanda Development Squad, similar to Taolu.

As was the case in 2017, a special thanks to Wei Zhao and Peter Gordon for doing a huge amount of work in helping to organise the Nationals. Thanks also to Head Judges: Lucy Hannah and Camille for Taolu, Dyann Stewart for Sanda, and Anthony Stewart as Head Sanda Platform Judge - and to all the support judges, officials, volunteers. A great job by all making it a very successful event.

## **Wushu Taolu Development Squad**

The Federation's Taolu Development Squad, which was launched at the 2017 National Kung-Fu Wushu Championships, has continued to grow in size and ability. Members of the squad represented New Zealand at the International Wushu Federation's World Junior Wushu Championships in July 2018 in Brazil - and at the Oceania Kung-Fu Wushu Championships on 21 October in Melbourne, Victoria Australia, bringing home a very successful haul of medals.

Wei Zhao arranged for members of the development squad, and their parents, to travel to Jinan, Shandong China on 4 December 2018 for a 4-week training camp at the Shandong Wushu Institute.

This is the squad's second visit to the institute (first in April 2017) and another great opportunity for the squad to improve their skills in readiness for once again representing New Zealand at the next International Wushu Federation's World Junior Wushu Championships in 2020. Special thanks to Wei Zhao for his tremendous effort in helping grow New Zealand's Wushu Taolu talent.

## **[Wushu Development Squad Fundraising Video](#)**

## **International Wushu Federation 7<sup>th</sup> World Junior Wushu Championships**

The International Wushu Federation's 7<sup>th</sup> World Junior Wushu Championships occurred in Brazil between 9-16 July 2018, hosted by the Brazillian Kung-Fu Wushu Federation.

This is the first time the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation has sent a Junior Wushu Team to a World Championship. The event saw the forming of many new international friendships for the NZ team and gave them valuable first-hand experience in international competition. Special thanks to Wei Zhao for making all this happen for New Zealand.



**Back row from left: Arnold Sun, Annabelle Liang, Kameron Li; Wei Zhao (Coach)  
Kneeling: James Liu, Anna Zhou, Annelise Fong-Jenks, Jane Luk (Team Doctor)**

**Thanks to 'The Crowd Goes Wild' for TV coverage of the team!**

**<https://www.facebook.com/aucklandwushu/videos/2095239540688664/>**

### **Oceania Kung-Fu Wushu Federation Championships**

Kung Fu Wushu Victoria hosted the 2018 Oceania Kung Fu Wushu Championships on Sunday, 21 October. Over 150 competitors from all over Australia as well as from New Zealand came to compete, in categories for kung fu, contemporary wushu, sanda full-contact fighting, tai chi and duel and group routines.

The New Zealand delegation consisted of 40 people, around half being athletes across a range of disciplines. The New Zealand athletes demonstrated great skills and brought home a significant medal haul. Favourable comments were made about the "great comradery" demonstrated of the New Zealand team.

The action-packed day began with an exciting dragon dance that got the attention of everyone - spectators, judges and officials, and athletes, young and old. The dragon marched the officials onto the arenas and then it was time to perform. Athletes from as far as New Zealand, Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia joined forces with their Victorian hosts to provide a spectacle of colour, action and excitement.

Mr Glen Keith, Senior Vice President of the Oceania Kung Fu Wushu Federation and Cr Sean O'Reilly of the local Dandenong City Council kicked off the competition with some welcoming speeches.

A contingent from the Melbourne promoters of Wu Lin Feng, the international Sanda fighting circuit that showcases Sanda all over the world was also on hand, to support the Sanda fighters on the day, as well as to give out some free tickets to their upcoming Melbourne contest in November to some of the winning Sanda competitors at the Championships. Wu Lin Feng is the most watched martial arts TV channel in China, and sponsors Sanda competitions worldwide.

Mr Bingchen Ye, Secretary General of Kung Fu Wushu South Australia, also set up a signature wall, whereby athletes, officials, spectators and other supporters were encouraged to sign a petition in support for getting Kung Fu/Wushu into the Olympics.

Subject to confirmation of the Oceania Kung-Fu Wushu Federation Executive, the New Zealand Kung-Fu Wushu Federation will look to host the next Oceania event in Auckland New Zealand in 2020.

## World Wushu Kung-Fu Day

The International Wushu Federation (IWUF) (the world governing body for Chinese martial arts) has announced 'World Wushu Kung-Fu Day' as the official day for all Chinese martial arts practitioners, including Wushu, Kung-Fu, Tai Chi, etc to join together in celebration.

The date is the first Sunday after August 8 each year, so for the first year, the auspicious date was 8-8-2018. The theme for 2018 was 'kung-fu in every-day life' and was open to anyone to participate in whatever way they saw fit.

The NZ Kung-Fu Wushu Federation celebrated the launch of WWKD at club level in 2018, however will look at how it might promote it as a recognised national event in 2019, which will be on Saturday 10 August 2019.

The IWUF posted entries of the 2018 event around the world on its website [www@iwuf.org](http://www@iwuf.org). Any club wishing to have their event added to the IWUF website in 2019 should email their video clip or pics to [secretary@wushu.org.nz](mailto:secretary@wushu.org.nz). [WWKD BROCHURE](#)



## Kung-Fu Kids © Schools Wushu Programme

Other priorities and limited resources meant the Federation's 'Kung-Fu Kids' Schools Wushu Programme was not submitted to Sport Manukau with the goal of securing Kiwi Kids investment to pilot the programme in Auckland, however this will be progressed in 2019.

The Federation is still in the process of identifying a suitable school/s to engage with the Pilot. The Federation is considering resubmitting the Proposal to Sport Auckland where there may be a greater possibility of attracting more schools to participate in the Pilot.

Once approved, the Federation's Head Taolu Coach and Taolu Athlete Development Squad Leader, Wei Zhao, will coordinate the training and certification of Coaches and delivery of the Programme in the pilot school/s.

## Federation Key Roles / Focus Areas

As discussed at last year's AGM, the Federation is still looking for energetic volunteers to take the lead across several key portfolio areas that are central to the success of the Federation moving forward. These include National Events Coordinator, National Membership Coordinator, National Fundraising Coordinator, National Treasurer. New role: National Sanda Development Squad Coordinator. For specific details of each key role please direct all enquiries to Glen Keith at [president@wushu.org.nz](mailto:president@wushu.org.nz) or mobile 021-2830927.

## Appointment of Federation Secretary

Lisa Ryan of Wellington has been appointed as the Federation's new Secretary, Lisa is available on a part time voluntary basis only and will work with President Glen Keith on specific projects. The Federation Executive would once again like to acknowledge and thank the former Secretary, Margaret Chartres, for her past dedication and commitment.

## Federation Sponsorship

2018 saw a number of new sponsors coming on board to support Wushu Development in New Zealand, including the NZ Wushu Development Squad, the Junior NZ Wushu Team to get to the World Junior Wushu Championships, and some costs for our National Kung-Fu Wushu Championships. The Federations two key sponsors over many years have been New Zealand Community Trust and Pub Charity Ltd. See Appendix 1 for a full list of sponsors.

## Financial Performance and Position

The Federation has finalised its annual financial review to 30 June 2018, which involves the completion of a 'Statement of Financial Performance' and a 'Statement of Financial Position'. Dennis Blank, the Federation's Chartered Accountant and Auditor, has completed his Accountant's Review and Report'.

**Income** for 2017/2018 totalled **\$20,755.24**.

**Expenditure** for 2017/2018 totalled **\$11,498.88**.

**Net Surplus** for the year totalled **\$9,256.36**.

**Closing Balance** at 30 June 2018 totalled **\$12,339.82**.

## Member Acknowledgement

The Federation Executive would like to acknowledge the significant contribution to the promotion of Tai Chi in New Zealand made by Constituent Member Raymond Poy of Johnsonville Wellington. Ray is the teacher of **Wellington Qi Gong and Tai Chi Chuan Club** as well one of the 15 Founding Members of the Federation back in 1990. Ray celebrated 30 years teaching of Tai Chi this year. Ray is pictured in the blue uniform centre of second row at his club's end-of-year event, which included guest teachers and students. Well done Ray for a life time of dedication and commitment to the teaching and promotion of Chinese martial arts.



Yours in Wushu

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