

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President
Daniel Toland

The Kwoon over the past 10 years has been a hub for students to congregate and train.

Our committee is consistent in members - only proving the fact that the school is not just a business, it is a non-profit organisation with a backbone of family values.

The Kwoon is a resource in supporting the community by providing a venue for our instructors to run the following government programs:

Burnside Minto: 'Kids in the Park' - A self-defence and mentorship program to help integrate children from families with a background in domestic violence with other children in the area, and to teach respect for their parks and counter a graffiti culture.

Odyssey House: 'Back on Track' - Empowering students recovering from drug and alcohol abuse with exercises to improve self-image and give a sense of achievement. The program was structured around 8 pieces of brocade (Ba Duen Kam 八段錦) and self-defence techniques.

Two Cultures: 'White Crane Kung Fu and D'harawal Dreaming' - In partnership with Aboriginal Elders from Banyadjaminga Swaag Incorporated, this was a self-defence and D'harawal Storytelling program designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous children from disadvantaged areas. The program not only assisted in the childrens physical, mental, and cultural self-development, but also gave the children stronger links to D'harawal Country.

Our dedicated instructors and committee members over the years can take credit for our Kwoon's success. Without these individuals giving up their time to organise and support the students, we would not be where we are today.

Our Lion dancing teams have and continue to put many hours into performances and training, and I would like to thank the students for their dedication and hard work. Our success with Lion Dancing performances in the community gives us the means to purchase new equipment, keep student fees as low as we can, and even fund students to travel overseas and perform with our brothers and sisters in Singapore and Malaysia.

On behalf of Pak Hok Pai Australia Incorporated, I wholeheartedly thank all Committee members, Instructors, and Lion Dancing team members - everyone and anyone who has gone above and beyond, both past and present, in helping us establish solid roots in Western Sydney - helping us establish our Kwoon.

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