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## 37<sup>th</sup> Riai Aikido Friendship Festival Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Featuring New Zealand Senseis:

**Dave Butler 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Jujutsu and 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Yoshinkan Aikido**

**Simon Puffett 6<sup>th</sup> Dan, Aikido Shinryukan**

**Henry Lynch 6<sup>th</sup> Dan, Riai Aikido**

**Hanshi Dave** began studying Jujutsu in the 1960's. Became a 15 year student of Toshishiro Obata of the International Shinkendo Federation and the Kokusai Aikibujutsu Renmei in the USA. Also studied under Shizuya Sato Sensei, Chief Director of the International Martial Arts Federation in Japan along with a number of European instructors of Jujutsu. Now the instructor for Samurai-Arts based in Rotorua, and a member of the New Zealand Martial Arts Institute. Dave Sensei's Aikido instruction under Toshishiro Obata sensei led to training in Aikido every time Obata Sensei's dojo was visited. Over 15 years this culminated in the awarding of a yon-dan in Aikido and Dave Sensei passes on these principles in his own organisation but in his own words 'does not look upon himself as an authentic teacher of Aikido'.

**Simon sensei** began Aikido in 1990 under Shihan Nobuo Takase 7th Dan at the Aikido Shinryukan Hombu Dojo in Auckland Central. Now some 28 years on and still training with Shihan Takase while also assisting as a senior instructor and examiner. The relationship of weapons and empty handed waza play a major role in Simon sensei's technique and instruction during lessons. His development consists of improving kihon movements such as Kiri Age Kiri Sage, Funa Kogi Undo and Tai no Henka. A favourite saying of Simon sensei is "No fun no Aikido"

**Henry sensei** started his Aikido journey 47 years ago. He has also studied Judo, Kendo and Shrinjo-kempo and is the Chief Instructor and Head of Riai Aikido which has 7 schools in NZ and Australia. He is based in Auckland and teaches at the Riai Aikido Learning Centre which he founded. He is also a member of the New Zealand Martial Arts Institute. In 2009 he was acknowledged by the Martial Arts community for his contribution and dedication to Martial Arts and Aikido by being inducted into the NZ Martial Arts Hall of Fame and in 2012 the Australasian Martial Arts Hall of Fame in Australia.

**When:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 9:30am-4:30pm  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 9:00am-2.30pm

**Where:** Michael Park Rudolf Steiner School, 55 Amy Street, Ellerslie, Auckland. There is plenty of parking available at the school.

**Cost:** For the full 2 day Festival, \$165.00 if paid and registered by 30 August 2018. After 30 August 2018 the registration fee will be \$230.00.

Day rates are \$130.00 for Saturday and \$90.00 for Sunday.

**Meals:** Morning and afternoon teas are included in the registration fee. A large number of lunch options are close by or bring your own lunch.

**Registration:** Please complete the attached registration form to secure your Festival place.

Numbers are limited so don't delay completing your registration form!!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Early Bird Registrations close on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

After 30<sup>th</sup> August the registration fee is \$230.00 and you will be placed on a waiting list if the

37<sup>th</sup> Festival is fully booked .....so be quick for your spot!

The 37<sup>th</sup> Riai Aikido Friendship Festival again promises to be one of exploration, learning, renewing friendships and making new friends on and off the mat.

This is a special event in the New Zealand Aikido calendar and everyone is welcome regardless of affiliation or how long you have been practicing Aikido.

Any enquiries to Danny McIntyre Sensei 021 593 067 or [danny@plasteroptions.co.nz](mailto:danny@plasteroptions.co.nz)



## Registration Form for the 37<sup>th</sup> Aikido Friendship Festival 2018

Please select your registration option by ticking the appropriate boxes below:

REGISTRATION OPTIONS	Please tick the box
Full weekend registration is \$165 if paid <b>by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b> after this date the registration fee is \$230 and you will be placed on a waiting list if the Aikido Friendship Festival is fully booked.	NZ\$165 <input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September – 9:30am to 4:30pm	NZ\$130 <input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September – 9:00am to 2.30pm	NZ\$90 <input type="checkbox"/>

Please complete payment amount and details below:

- I have deposited NZ\$ \_\_\_\_\_ into account number: 03-0104-0738106-00  
(For internet payments please include your name in the reference field)
- I am attending the Saturday night Festival dinner at 7pm at my own cost. Venue is Tasca Restaurant, Nuffield Street, Newmarket <http://www.tasca.co.nz/>

Note: Please specify the number of people attending the dinner with you : \_\_\_\_\_

**My Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**My Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**My Mobile number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**My Dojo:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please email / scan this registration form to: [learningcentre.info@aikido.org.nz](mailto:learningcentre.info@aikido.org.nz)

**Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the 37<sup>th</sup> Festival Mat.**