

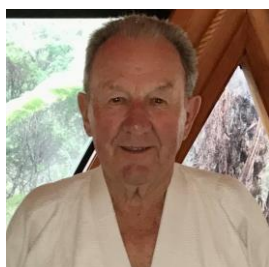


40th Riai Aikido Friendship Festival: A Celebration Of Aikido In New Zealand

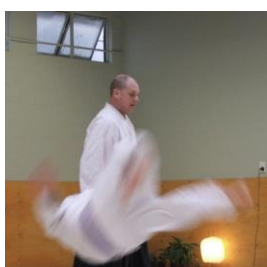
Saturday 31 July and Sunday 1 August 2021

This special event is open to all affiliations and styles as we celebrate 40 years of Riai Aikido. This 40th Friendship Festival also coincides with 50 years in the Art for Sensei Henry Lynch. As well as our normal programme of teaching a demonstration will also be given by several Senseis' on Sunday.

This year's Festival features the following guest teachers:



Sensei David Lynch 6th Dan
Koshinkai



Sensei Henry Lynch 6th Dan
Riai Aikido



Sensei Mike Ashwell 6th Dan
Riai Aikido



Sensei Dianne Haynes 5th Dan
Dan Tatsu Gi Kai



Sensei Danny McIntyre 5th Dan
Riai Aikido



Sensei Colin Lee 5th Dan
Kyu Shin Do Aikido



Sensei Phil Booth 5th Dan
Aikido Canterbury



Sensei Conrad Edwards 3rd Dan
Riai Aikido



Sensei Lyn Meachen 3rd Dan
Riai Aikido



Sensei Gerald Lopez 3rd Dan
Mind Body Aikido

Come and celebrate this achievement with a formal three course dinner at The Northern Club, 19 Princes Street, Auckland on Saturday 31 July. Everybody welcome. Details below.



Guest Instructor Profiles: 40th Riai Aikido Friendship Festival

Sensei David Lynch 6th Dan Yoshinkan

David, self-described "jack of all styles and master of none", began Aikido in Japan in the early 1960s as an uchideshi at the Yoshinkan Dojo under Gozo Shioda for 18 months; returned to New Zealand and set up the country's first dedicated Aiki Dojo in 1967; went back to Japan as manager of the first New Zealand Government Tourist Office for a further 15 years (1973-1988), where he was able to practise at the Aikikai Hombu, under Kisshomaru Ueshiba, the Tendokan, under Kenji Shimizu, and the Shin Shin Toitsu Aikido, under Koichi Tohei. He holds the following aikido ranks: 6-Dan Yoshinkan, 3-Dan Aikikai, 3-Dan Tendokan, 2-Dan Ki no Kenkyu Kai.

Sensei Henry Lynch 6th Dan Aikikai

Sensei Henry celebrates 50 years in a Gi this year! He is a founding member of Riai Aikido. He is the Chief Instructor and Head of Riai Aikido which has schools throughout New Zealand. He is based in Auckland and teaches at the Riai Aikido Learning Centre which he founded. Sensei Henry's training and teaching revolves around the exploration of the relationship between nage and uke and the role of energy, Holons and levels within systems.

Sensei Mike Ashwell 6th Dan Aikikai

For more than four decades Sensei Mike advises that he been enthralled by Aikido and the very different way that it allows us to defend ourselves without having to fight and unifies body and mind which produces a graceful, beautiful, and powerful art. The principles behind these skills are very applicable to daily life to help us deal with conflict and make Aikido more than simply a martial art it is a guide to life. Sensei Mike states he has ` had the privilege of being a teacher for most my time in this art and have seen profound changes in the students I have taught. Seeing their confidence, calmness, awareness, and capability develop continues to support my own desire to continue exploring the depths of Aikido which has no limits`.

Sensei Dianne Haynes 5th Dan Aikikai

Sensei Dianne started aikido in 1976 at the Onehunga Dojo Auckland aged 27. Her first teacher was Hugh Miller, Shodan and photographer with the New Zealand Police. Sensei Ron Russell came to New Zealand from Great Britain as a Nidan in 1978 and after travelling round the other dojos in Auckland, settled at the Onehunga dojo. The style of Aikido changed to incorporate to the style Tatsu Gi Kai is today. Sensei Jack Nairn started Aikido when he was 52 and also featured very prominently in my Aikido. He got his Shodan at 58 and went on to assist at the Onehunga dojo for many years and was enormously respected. Sensei Dianne Haynes is the chief instructor of the group of clubs that are Tatsu Gi Kai, or Evolution Through form. In 2001 the Rotorua Aikido Club Inc became an affiliated member of the California Aikido Association under the tutelage and guidance of Shihan Robert Nadeau, 8th dan. Tatsu Gi kai is also a member of the Aikido Association of New Zealand.

Sensei Danny McIntyre 5th Dan Aikikai

Sensei Danny has trained with Riai Aikido for 33 years. His early learning in the art was primarily concerned with the

efficacy of self-defence forms. The last two decades of training has been focused on the energy systems that arise through movement, how we may utilise them both in the art of Aikido practice, and in the art of living in the wider world with influence. He is Dojo Cho at Riai Aikido Learning Centre and is also the National Technical Director for Riai Aikido.

Sensei Colin Lee 5th Dan Kyu Shin Do Aikido North Shore

Sensei Colin's Aikido journey started in 1982 with the late Sensei Ron Russel and, not surprisingly, his teachings have had the greatest influence on his training and has been fortunate to have participated in classes run by his teacher, the late Mr Haydn Foster, both in the UK and in New Zealand. Colin states `Like many, Aikido encourages me to learn about myself, those around me, our environment and how we all interact with each other`. He continues to learn and train at Kyu Shin Do Aikido North Shore, under the guidance of Sensei Ray Eder.

Sensei Phil Booth, 5th Dan Aikido Canterbury

Sensei Phil started Aikido in 1971 and graded under Sugahara Sensei. Then he met and started training with Sugano Sensei when he was the head of Aikikai Australia. In 1987 met Robert Nadeau Shihan and has been a member of the Californian Aikido Association ever since.

Sensei Conrad Edwards 3rd Dan Aikikai

Sensei Conrad has been practising Aikido for 27 years with Riai Aikido under Henry Lynch Sensei 6th Dan and is Dojo Cho of Riai Aikido Wellington City. He loves everything about aikido, but especially the 'neuroscience' of Aikido. That is, how to take an attacker's centre without engaging your muscles, or theirs – to operate below the radar of their consciousness.

Sensei Lyn Meachen, 3rd Dan Aikikai

Sensei Lyn has trained with Riai Aikido for over 25 years and been a teacher for around 20. She started her journey in Wellington under the guidance of Sensei Henry Lynch and over the years has also been influenced by Sensei Danny McIntyre and Shihan Robert Nadeau. In recent years she has become particularly interested in the energy and inner-development aspects of Aikido. Lyn believes Aikido is many things to many people and has something to offer everyone who steps onto the mat. She is the Dojo Cho of Riai Aikido Belmont Dojo in Wellington.

Sensei Gerald Lopez, 3rd Dan – Mind Body Aikido

Sensei Gerald studied aikido to 3rd Dan under Sensei Kenneth Williams, the first British aikido chief instructor. Williams originally practised Budo under Kenshiro Abbe, a direct student of the founder, and he later trained directly with Koichi Tohei in the Ki Society. Gerald taught for the Inner London Education Authority, ran a dojo in London until 1994, and now runs classes in Auckland, and international workshops on the application of aikido principles for self-development and for businesses. He teaches Sensei Williams' approach of direct practical aikido using mind-body coordination.



Information & Registration

WHEN:

Saturday 31 July - 8:30am to 4:30pm

Sunday 1 August - 8.30am to 2:00pm

WHERE:

Michael Park Rudolf Steiner School,
55 Amy Street, Ellerslie, Auckland, New Zealand

Festival Cost

Several options are available, please see below.

Two Days

\$150 Early Bird (register before Wednesday 30 June 2021)

\$185 Standard Rate (after Wednesday 30 June 2021)

Single Day

\$145 Saturday 31 July 2021

\$125 Sunday 1 August 2021

Morning and afternoon teas included. Cafes are close by or bring your own lunch.

Festival Registration & Formal Dinner

Please complete the registration form below to take full advantage of the early bird rates. For further information contact:

Sensei Danny McIntyre

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E: danny@plasteroptions.co.nz



Registration Form

Please email / scan your registration form to: learningcentre.info@aikido.org.nz

Name:	Ph:
Email:	Dojo:
Emergency Contact:	Ph:

Please tick

Early Bird before Wednesday 30 June 2021

NZ\$150

Standard rate after Wednesday 30 June 2021

NZ\$185

Single Day Rate: Saturday 31 July 2021

NZ\$145

Single Day Rate: Sunday 1 August 2021

NZ\$125

40th Anniversary Formal Dinner: Saturday 31 July

Come and celebrate this achievement with a formal three course dinner at The Northern Club, 19 Princes Street, Auckland commencing at 6.00pm. Cost \$99 per person with a cash bar available. Reservations can be made below. Dinner is open to all regardless of Aikido affiliation and past members of Riai Aikido are encouraged to attend. Please note that due to space the Anniversary dinner is limited to 50 people.

Please note dinner reservations close Wednesday 30 June 2021 and the dress code is formal evening attire: Gentlemen, please wear a jacket and tie. Ladies, you need no encouragement to look great for a formal occasion. NB please no shorts, jeans, t-shirts/polo shirts

Dinner registration:

- Yes, I am attending the Formal three course dinner at The Northern Club.
- Please specify the number of people attending the dinner with you: _____
- Please specify any dietary requirements: _____

Please indicate your payment below:

- I have deposited NZ\$_____ into account: 03-0104-0738106-000
Please include your name in the online banking reference field.
Note a cancellation fee of \$35.00 applies.

If the Festival is postponed due to Covid-19 you have the option of a refund or credit for the new date.