

Michael Williams Sensei Sydney 2008

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Michael Williams Sensei
- Chief Instructor

Michael Williams Sensei was first attracted to aikido while visiting New Zealand in 1974, where he attended demonstrations by Koichi Tohei Sensei. He was a serious student of yoga and wing chun kung fu at that time.

Returning to his homeland of South Africa, he began training with Jean Claude Delgueldre Sensei, Chief Instructor of Aikido in South Africa. He immigrated to New Zealand in 1978 where he continued his training with the New Zealand Ki Society. He moved to Australia in 1981, where he founded Aikido Ki Society Australia and established his first dojo at Griffith University in Brisbane. In 1985 he was

Dates:

Seminar: Saturday 4 April and Sunday 5 April

Class times:

Saturday 10.00 to 12.30 am
2.00 to 4.30 pm

Sunday 9 am to 12 noon

Price:

\$90 full seminar, or \$35 per session

After the Saturday afternoon class there will be a grading for senior kyu and dan grades (from 4.45 pm). Although this is not a seminar class you are invited to attend and take part if your ukemi is up to it! We'll go out for something to eat and drink from the dojo after the gradings.

Aikido Yuishinkai Sydney, (Camperdown School),
127 Parramatta Road, Camperdown.
Plenty of parking at rear

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appointed Chief Instructor of Australia by Koichi Tohei Sensei. At that time, Maruyama Sensei was the Chief Instructor of Ki Society International and taught many seminars in Australia and New Zealand. He was an inspirational teacher to one and all and during this time, Williams Sensei and Maruyama Sensei formed a special bond.

In 1989, Williams Sensei relocated to Byron Bay in northern NSW where he built Goshinkan Dojo. Bordered by forest reserve, Goshinkan provides a serene haven for people to train together. It was officially opened by Master Koretoshi Maruyama, President of Ki Society International, in May 1991.

Williams Sensei resigned from Ki Society International in January 2002 after a 28-year association with the organisation. At the same time he also resigned from Aikido Ki Society Australia, the group he founded in 1981. After re-establishing contact with Maruyama Sensei, Williams Sensei was requested to act as a facilitator to disseminate Aikido Yuishinkai throughout the world. There are now Aikido Yuishinkai dojos operating in Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Argentina, Canada and the United States.

Michael Williams Sensei was awarded 9th Dan and appointed Chief Instructor of Aikido Yuishinkai International in October 2003.