



VALE: ARTHUR MOORSHEAD, OAM., 8th Dan

Born in London on 6th July, 1931 he died peacefully in hospital on 29th January, 2010.

Arthur was born in London and when he was eight years old he wanted to go to “catch wrestling” with his older brother. His mother considered this to “hard” for him and so he began his career in Judo. After the war he continued his judo training and in due course his mother arranged for an instructor, Mr. Kushiuro Abe, 8th Dan to come to London from Kyoto in Japan. Arthur collected him at the airport on day with howling winds and snow and ice, however the only transport was A’s motor bike so Abbe rode pillion on A’s bike to his mother’s house where Abbe lived for many years! Abbe insisted that A also study Aikido, Kendo and Karate. He achieved Dan grades in all but Kendo where he was Ikkyu. Under Abbe’s tuition A ultimately represented England in the early 1950’s.

His competition career was brought to an abrupt halt when both his hips were dislocated in France during a bout. He spent many months in plaster and traction and was told he would never walk again. This was simply not acceptable to him and in due course he walked however he could no longer compete.

In 1960 he and his wife Joan immigrated to Melbourne with his baby daughter, Carolyn. As soon as the family was settled he looked around for land to build a judo club and in 1961 rented the land that Caulfield stands on today from the Railway department for ten shillings a week. Each afternoon after work he would work on building his dojo and every weekend. Jane, Katy and Brian were added to the family together with his precious Bull Terriers. In 1976 he and Joan were divorced. He then met his second wife Susie and they were married in 1982. In 1993 Arthur and Susie purchased the land and in 2000 they extended the dojo, to include building the Maria Pekli dojo upstairs. During his judo career he travelled to all five of the continental unions, including China and Egypt.

His official occupation was as a Builder, specializing in renovation. The church where his funeral service will be held was one of his major projects where he hand carved some of the ends of the pews and carried out years of maintenance. He was educated at the Brixton School of Building in London which was severely interrupted by the war and served his apprenticeship with Sir Frederick Minter and in due course became General Foreman of this company. He worked on the Albert Hall, the French Lycee in Kensington and the Kensington Palace Hotel and adjoining Mews Houses and he hung the main entrance doors on St. Paul’s Cathedral. He was the General Foreman on the building of the Financial Times in London but before it’s completion he immigrated to Australia.

He won the Victorian Architecture Award in 1977 for the renovation of a house in Murphy Street, South Yarra, Melbourne.

Arthur was a very private man, and consequently was full of surprises. Many years ago when I said I wanted to take a season ticket for the ballet with a friend he said “ I will come to”. I looked at him and said “Are you sure because you’ve never mentioned being interested in it”. He replied, “Yes, their movements are quite beautiful and I will enjoy it” His favourite ballet was Swan Lake and in particular the Pas de Deux. As his health deteriorated it became increasingly difficult for him but he only missed it once. Another of his loves was cats and as soon as this house was suitable we got two strays, Minimum and Maximum...he adored them and could spend hours watching them play and admiring their agility and suppleness... and he would relate some of their movements to judo as he would with the ballet movements.

He had a passion for wood and the tools that he used to work it with ... he loved to carve and could copy anything put in front of him and has a collection of antique tools that he collected over the years and a garage full of tools, machinery and equipment that he never really used in this house as he wasn’t well enough, however he did teach me in the last few weeks how to put a bit into a drill and a few other things so that I would be able to do simple jobs. We built a small bookcase together amidst much laughter and him yelling at me from his chair! However I am very proud of my effort and it reminds me of him every day.

His family and friends were also very important to him. Over the period of our life with judo and travelling the world and Australia we met so many people who each in their individual way contributed to his wonderful life. He never forgot any of them and we had many hours of reminiscing during the last few years when he was no longer permitted to travel. He loved having students living with us and we continued with this situation in our “little house”. Sometimes they were judo kids and others not but each and every one played a part in his life.

Some of his proudest moments, of which there were many were when he was appointed Section Manager for the Seoul Olympics, his acquiring his Australian Citizenship, his I.J.F. “B” Referees Licence, receiving his 8th Dan from the I.J.F. the award of the Order of Australia, Medal and his election as the President of the Judo Federation of Australia and finally all his students and in particular those that acquired membership of the Australian Olympic Team. Caulfield Judo Club will continue ad infinitum at it’s current premises and carry his spirit forward forever.

JUDO CAREER HIGHLIGHTS	1988	Section Manager/Coach to the Seoul Olympics for Judo
	1999	Awarded OAM for services to Judo Awarded IJF 8 th Dan IJF "B" referee
	1990	Refereed at Auckland Commonwealth Games Refereed Japan Vs Russia at Kano Cup Refereed Japan Vs Russia at Shoriki Cup
	2000	National Technical Official, (Statistician) Sydney Olympics
	2002	Elected President of the Judo Federation of Australia, Inc.
Students as Olympic Representatives:	1996	Gabor Szabo U/71 Kg
	2000	Maria Pekli, U/57 Kg, Bronze medalist Catherine Arlove, U/70 kg Andrew Collett, U/66 kg
	2004	Maria Pekli U/57 kg Andrew Collett U/73 kg Catherine Arlove U/70 kg Fifth placing
	2008	Catherine Arlove U/63 kgs Maria Pekli U/57 kgs Fifth placing Mark Anthony U/81 kgs
1950's		Represented England for Judo as a competitor
1959		Graded to 4 th Dan by M.Otani Graded to 4 th Dan by Kenshiro Abbe
1976 – 1985		Judo Coach at Monash University, Melbourne
1978 – 1984		Instructor at the Nakajima Easter Training Camp, Hobart, Tasmania
1979		Manager to the Australian National Team to Oceania in Rotorua, New Zealand Attended Olympic Solidarity in Sydney
1979-1988		National Team Manager, Judo Federation of Australia, Inc.,
1980		Attended Olympic Solidarity in Auckland, New Zealand
1981		Awarded National "A" grade Referees Licence
1981-1982		Chairman, National Technical Board, Judo Federation of Australia.
1981-1994		Chairman, Rank Accreditation Board, Judo Federation of Australia, Victoria
1981-1996.		Senior Vice President, Judo Federation of Australia (Victoria),
1981-2001		State and National Coach, Judo Federation of Australia, Inc.,
1982		Manager to the Australian Men's Team to the Kano Cup, Tokyo Japan
1982-1996,		Sporting Director, Judo Federation of Australia,
1983		Men's Coach to the Pacific Rim Championships, Hong Kong and Senior Coach to the Mainland China Tour Awarded Oceania "A" grade Referees Licence, Noumea, New Caledonia
1984		Coach to the Women's Team to the Fukuoka Championships, Japan National Manager for the Senior Women's Team to the World Championships, Vienna, Austria Attended and instructed at the inaugural Australian Institute of Sport training Seminar for Judo Member of the State Organizing Committee for the Olympic Selection Championships in Melbourne.
1984 – 1994		Member of the National Technical and Grades Commission
1985		Coach to the Women's Team to the Fukuoka Championships, Japan Awarded I.J.F. Referees "B" grade Licence Member of the Organizing Committee for Judo for the Australian Games, Melbourne.
1985 – 1994		Assisted in the organization and instructed at the Nakajima Easter Training Camp held in Melbourne
1985-2001		International Judo Federation "B" Referee, referring in Japan, USA and Oceania Championships
1986		Refereed at Kano Cup, Tokyo, Japan
1987		Australian Men's & Women's Team / World Championships, Essen, Germany as Manager/Coach Refereed at the Quebec International Men's Open Championships, Montreal, Canada

Refereed at Pacific Rim Championships, Colorado Springs, U.S.A.
 Refereed at Matsutaro Shoriki Cup, Tokyo, Japan
 Member of the Organizing Committee for National Championships
 1987-1994, State Chairman, National Coaching Accreditation Scheme Board, Judo Federation of Australia, Vic,
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 1988 Refereed at: Matsutaro Shoriki Cup, Tokyo, Japan
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 Fukuoka International Women's Championships, Japan
 1989-2010 Board member, Victorian International Open Championships Judo Trust.
 1990 Refereed at: Matsutaro Shoriki Cup, Tokyo, Japan
 Commonwealth Games, Auckland, New Zealand
 Oceania Championships, Papeete, Tahiti
 Member of the Organizing Committee for the National Junior Championships in Melbourne
 1990-2006. Examiner, National Coaching Accreditation Scheme Level 3
 Senior Grades Examiner, Judo Federation of Australia, Inc.,
 1991-2001, Judo Delegate, Victorian Olympic Council,
 1992 Refereed at: Matsutaro Shoriki Cup, Tokyo, Japan
 Oceania Championships, Wellington, New Zealand
 U.S.A. Open Championships, Colorado Springs
 1993 Emergency Coach, (fulfilling the position) to the Senior Men and Senior Women's Team to the U.S.A. Open Championships
 1994 Refereed at Oceania Championships, Sydney, Australia
 Member of the Organizing Committee for the Senior National Championships, Melbourne
 1995 Chairman, National Technical and Grades Commission
 Awarded Life Membership of Judo Federation of Australia, Inc.,
 Inducted into the "Blitz Magazine" Hall of Fame as Judo Instructor of the year
 Examiner – Kata, Australian Masters Games, Melbourne, Victoria
 1995-2001 Chairman, Technical and Grades Commission
 1996. Attended Oceania Championships, Wellington, New Zealand
 1999. Awarded the first Life Membership of Judo Victoria Inc.,
 Chairman, National Coaching Accreditation Scheme, Judo Federation of Australia, Inc.,
 Awarded Order of Australia Medal for services to Judo
 Graded to 8th Dan by the International Judo Federation
 2000 National Technical Official (Statistician) to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games
 2001 Awarded the Australian Sports Medal
 2002 Elected President of the Judo Federation of Australia, Inc. for 4 years attending all World Senior and Junior Championships and all Australian and Oceania events.
 2003 Chairman, National Coaching Accreditation Scheme, Judo Federation of Australia, Inc., As
 As National President: Attended Senior World Championships, Osaka, Japan
 Attended Oceania, Fiji
 2004 As National President: Attended Oceania, New Caledonia
 Junior World Championships, Budapest, Hungary
 2005 As National President: Attended Senior World Championships, Cairo, Egypt
 2006 As National President: Attended Oceania, Papeete
 Junior World Championships, Santo Domingo
 U.S. open, Miami
 Retired from all National positions at the age of 75
 2007 Attended Oceania World Cup, Perth
 2008 Attended Oceania Championships, Christchurch, New Zealand