

[JKA NEW ZEALAND – REPORT 2020]

New Zealand went into Covid-19 Corona virus lockdown end Feb early March 2020. In these tough and difficult times, JKA New Zealand management took a collective decision to keep our members motivated and active during this Corona environment.

The general coconscious received from the members was they were keen to continue participating in Karate activity. A plan was-put in place to reach out to every JKA New Zealand Karate member via internet and train virtually via Skype platform. Sensei Karl Naorogi & Sensei Lizelle Pelsler had members training in various batches from all over New Zealand, from the very North in Whangarei & Auckland to Wellington, Christchurch, Timaru and Dunedin in the south of New Zealand.

This initiative was a grand success so much so that some of our Ex members in other countries such as Germany, India and the USA also taking part in training. Karate is one activity that is not confined in the dojo, it can be practiced anywhere, any time and this was a perfect example!



No sooner NZ came out of complete lockdown, the general population was-allowed to mix and indulge in sporting activity. JKA New Zealand was one of the very first to organise a Kata Gasshaku in the beautiful region of Mt. Maunganui Tauranga followed with another in Auckland. This seminar was very well attended by the senior members of JKA New Zealand from all the regions. Katas covered in technical detail along with bunkai: Tekki Shodan, Tekki Sandan, Sochin & Gojushiho Sho.



PHOTOS Mt. MAUNGANUI GASSHAKU

In July 2020 Sensei Karl Naoroji travelled to all parts of New Zealand organising training seminars, Kyu and Dan examinations alongside our other Senior Instructors. This was with the aim of “Standardising JKA techniques” in all dojos and in all the regions of New Zealand.



PHOTOS CHRISTCHURCH GASSHAKU & DAN EXAMINATION



PHOTOS AUCKLAND GASSHAKU & JUNIOR EXAMINATION



PHOTOS WELLINGTON GASSHAKU



PHOTOS TIMARU GASSHAKU

JKA NEW ZEALAND POST COVID-19 (DAN EXAMINATION – JULY 2020)

The first Post Covid-19 Dan Examination was held in two locations of New Zealand. In Christchurch and in Auckland with the prior permission of JKA headquarters. Our members went through rigorous testing in all three formats: Kihon, Kata & Jiyu Kumite (permissible in New Zealand) under the supervision of Sensei Karl Naoroji.

The Result was 100 % pass which was extremely satisfactory: 3 x Sho dan ; 1 x Ni dan ; 3 x San dan.





SUCCESSFUL DAN EXAMINATION MEMBERS ALONG SIDE
SENSEI LIZELLE AND SENSEI KARL

We are writing this report not only from the point of view of our New Zealand JKA members.

We trust our enthusiasm encourages all JKA members to part take and continue in Karate activities in their regions and all across the world. Let's get together and re-ignite the "Spirit of Karate-Do" in each and every member practicing karate around the world.

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