

Life Memberships bestowed upon two outstanding Judo Australia members at recent Annual General Meeting

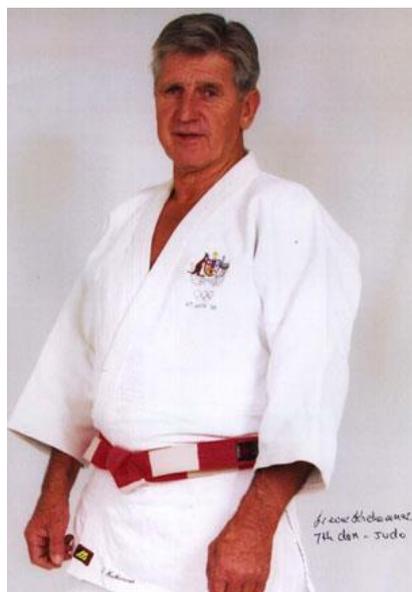
Judo Australia (JA) would like to congratulate Malcom Slade from VIC and Trevor Kschammer from SA, who have been recognised with Life Membership at the recent AGM for their outstanding service and commitment to the sport of Judo. Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by JA and recognises distinguished and valued service to Judo in Australia in excess of 20 years.

Malcolm Slade is a 7th Dan and one of the pioneers of Judo in Victoria and Australia. Malcolm started judo in 1955 in Melbourne and started his club in 1967.

Malcom has been a member of the Judo Victoria Committee since 1982 and was awarded Life Membership in 2004. He has previously worked as Secretary and now currently Registrar with Judo Victoria, spending many hours each week ensuring membership, grades and all records are up to date.

Malcolm has been a referee for over 50 years, 40 years as an Australian and Oceania referee representing Australia at multiple international tournaments, such as the World Masters (Veterans) Judo Championships and OJU Championships and refereeing State Open Championships and the National Championships.

Malcom was also one of the National Technical Officials in charge of a mat at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.



Trevor Kschammer was a significant contributor to Australian Judo at the Club, State and National levels across many decades. He has previously been awarded with Life Membership of both the Parafield Gardens Judo Club and Judo South Australia.

Trevor started competing for South Australia in 1966 and continued until 1983. The highlights of his competition career were when he represented Australia at the World Championships in Switzerland and when he won a Gold medal at the Oceania Championship in Melbourne in 1977. In 1983 Trevor progressed to coaching. He coached at Club, State, National, Paralympic and Olympic Levels. His coaching career ran from 1983 until 2010. Highlights from his coaching career include coaching at World Championships, Commonwealth Games, the Paralympics and Olympics as Head Coach.

As well as Trevor's involvement as a competitor and coach, he also held the positions of Deputy Education Diffusion Officer for the Oceania Judo Union, National Coaching Commission Member and National Grades Commission Chair.

JA would like to congratulate and thank these recipients for their hard work, commitment and service to the sport of Judo in Australia.