

I started training Shukokai Karate at a late stage in my life of which I somewhat regret,

My first Sensei was Sensei Dave Perry and he was 2nd Dan at the time. It was March 1988.

I had always wanted to learn Karate from a very young age. I remember going into a dojo in Elizabeth street Melbourne when I was 17 and watched about 14 Black belts training, however no one approached me so I left (One of my biggest regrets) because I never went back to it for many years. Life has a way of twisting and turning us to where we are supposed to be at the time.

Sensei Dave decided to retire from karate due to ill health and Sensei Ronan Mitchell 6th Dan took the dojo over. We remain friends to this day. Whilst training with Sensei Ronan I had the pleasure of meeting the head of world Shukokai karate three times before he passed away on the 11th of January 1998. (A sad day and huge loss to the world of Shukokai).

I have also have had the pleasure of training with Sensei Paul Mitchell 8th Dan (Father of Ronan) and a dear friend as well as training with Sensei Darren Olsen 6th Dan.

The experience I have gained over the years and that I am still gaining from the above people is invaluable and I will never be able to repay their guidance, patience, and their leadership throughout the years.

As Sensei of my own dojo my first and foremost objective is to lead my students down the path of Shukokai Karate, not only teach them self defence and how to protect themselves but to pass on what I have learnt during my walk along the path.

Shukokai Karate is based on old Japanese sentiments and as such we not only learn self defence but we also learn Respect, Patience, Creativity , Focus, Fitness and the will to learn a style that is never ending and always evolving.

I have been asked in days gone by of what I think of other martial arts in general. Some would say this is rubbish and that is rubbish however, every style has its benefits. I started learning Shukokai by accident; my now twenty six year old son Damien had started learning at five and I used to watch him. As the days went by I knew this is what I wanted to do for the rest of my life.

Twenty one years later I am still learning and passing on my knowledge.

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