

Noosa News

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Making quite an impact in Sydney

Noosa's got karate talent

FOURTEEN athletes from local karate club, Karate Budokan International Noosaville, travelled down to Sydney recently to compete in the AKF Australian Open Championships. This is an annual tournament which brings top-level competitors from across the country and also from overseas.

Seven of the junior and cadet competitors also entered the AKF Australasian Schools & Universities Championships held at the same venue on Friday.

KBI Noosaville athletes came home with five medals from the Schools Championships and an incredible 19 from the Australian Open.

Athletes making the Schools Tournament podium in age/weight divisions were:

Leala Samazan-Bronze (kumite)

Caitlyn Taylor-Bronze (kata)

Isla Corbett-Bronze (kata); Gold (kumite)

Lauren Hampton-Silver (kumite)

Athletes on the podium in age/weight divisions at the Australian Open were:

Leala Samazan-Bronze (kumite)

Caitlyn Taylor-Bronze (kumite)

Aidyn Fenner-Bronze (kumite)

Isla Corbett-Bronze (kata); Gold (kumite)

Celina Evans-Bronze (kata)

Jade Hinds-Bronze (kumite); Silver (open kumite)

Trinity Hammet-Gold (kumite); Bronze (open kumite)

Brandon Evans-Bronze (kumite); Bronze (open kumite)

Victoria Taylor-Bronze (kata); Silver (kumite)

Fiona Falzon-Gold (kata); Gold (kumite)

Rianna Loffel-Gold (kumite -68kg); Gold (kumite



KARATE TALENT: (L-R) Victoria Taylor, Josh Thornton, Lauren Hampton, Brandon Evans, Jade Hinds, KBI's team of Celina Evans, Fiona Falzon, Sensei Rick Hislop; Solomon Falzon, Aidyn Fenner, Jackson Hinds, Isla Corbett, Ryan Thornton, Leala Samazan, Caitlyn Taylor
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u21 yrs); and Gold (Open Women's Champion, kumite)

There were fantastic performances also by Josh Thornton, Ryan Thornton, Solomon Falzon and Jackson Hinds.

Sensei Rick Hislop travelled to Sydney with the team and was thrilled with their success, along with their family and supporters!

KBI Noosaville, together with their sister club in

NSW, totalled the highest number of club medals overall at the Open tournament. The club continues to develop a growing number of competitive athletes, as this latest set of results clearly demonstrates. However, the Noosaville Dojo is a place where existing or new students of all ages, fitness levels and abilities are made most welcome.