

SHUKOKAI

KARATE

HERVEY

BAY

2008 Student of the Year Award.

DEBBY NEWLAND

Debby has been with Shukokai karate Hervey Bay for many years now having joined us from Seido Karate in Geelong Victoria; following her family migration to Queensland. With a wealth of martial arts experience already obtained, Debby has been able to not only steadily work her way through our grading syllabus; but, she has also undertaken the very difficult task of changing her martial arts style to incorporate the Shukokai way of doing Karate. This in itself is a terrific achievement and one very rarely achieved throughout the martial arts community. And although the aforementioned is very significant and note worthy; it alone would not constitute such an astute award as this. This award is more so about Debby having the courage and conviction to take on the specific role of sub-instructor within the Dojo.

Given the changes that were to occur within the Dojo in 2008 to our sub-instructor roster, in 2007 Debby was asked to take on a much greater role and responsibility within the Dojo by undertaking her 3rd Kyu grading in December 2007 and then subsequently joining the instructor roster. Although Debby has always been very competitive on the competition arena and a terrifically enthusiastic student to have on the dojo floor, for my part, her greatest achievement to date has been her successful transformation as a member of our instructing team. In the past twelve months Debby has provided me with invaluable support with the operation of our Dojo for which I am most grateful. In looking to the future I wish Debby all the best for her overall future development and progression within our Karate family.

I consider that Debby has shown the true embodiment of Shukokai “KARATEKA”.

It is with great honour that I endorse Debby Newland as Shukokai Karate Hervey Bay’s 2008 Student of the Year.

*SENSEI GLEN SMITH
SANDAN
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR*

Dated on the 9TH day of November 2008

Shukokai Oath

I, a practitioner of Shukokai Karate, will, at all times, endeavor to apply the five principals of Shukokai Karate to my life:

Effort

Patience

Temperance

Respect

Creativity