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*There are times when words just seem so small*

Dear Members

I regret to inform you all that Jamie Fennessy Sensai passed away today Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012.

Despite the fact that during recent phone calls he tried to stay strong and uplifted, his condition worsened and he died peacefully in hospital surrounded by family.

I am sorry to have to bring you this sad news as we have all lost a great kendoka, teacher and friend. Jamie was Australia's first 7<sup>th</sup> Dan, he was a member of the IKF board, for those in the Sydney kendo club we will never forget the old piano were you would be "pianoed" by him e.g find yourself stuck up on the keyboard with no were to go.

NSWKA will send a delegation of 4 members picked by myself to Melbourne to represent us all. If you are interest please let me know.

I leave you all with a few words from "Jean Paul Richter"

*"Death gives us sleep, peace and eternal youth and immortality"*

this is truly a great loss to Australian kendo and our thoughts go out to all his loved ones, family and friends

May his spirit of kendo be within us all.

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