



Hot stuff: Power Rangers stuntman Hiroo Minami, from Kyoto, practises karate at Bethells Beach.

Karate champ has right moves

Japan karate gold medallist 14 years running Hiroo Minami is world famous in the sport, says colleague Dominic Lydon.

Minami has lived in New Zealand for three years working on the television series Power Rangers. The pair were at Bethells Beach shooting footage with director and fight choreographer Akihiro Noguchi.

Noguchi choreographed fight

scenes for hits like League of Extraordinary Gentlemen.

They were among the crowds making the most of good weather before rain is expected today.

An east or north-east wind brings a mainly fine weekend, although isolated showers are also predicted in parts of the north-west, says MetService weather ambassador Bob McDavitt.

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