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## 2025 ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS INFORMATION PACKAGE

### 2025 NOMINATION INFORMATION

Karate Western Australia (Karate WA) is calling for applications for **3x Elected Board Director Positions** in accordance with its current Constitution. Each Elected Director will be appointed for three years.

Following the 2025 AGM, the Karate WA Board will consist of five Elected Directors and two Appointed Directors. All positions are voluntary.

The Karate WA is the peak body for Karate in Western Australia and places great value on having a Board that encompasses a diverse range of individuals possessing relevant skills and experience to continuously improve and make an impact on the sport in Western Australia.

The Board is seeking directors who share the organisation's vision and values, can contribute to effective decision-making, and support Karate WA's current and future needs as outlined in its Strategic Plan.

### HOW TO NOMINATE

Individuals interested in nominating for the Karate WA Board must fill in the Elected Director Nomination Form and have the form signed by a Head of Style and Member Club.

The form and a statement must be submitted to the Karate WA by the advertised date.

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## STATE GOVERNMENT GENDER DIVERSITY TARGETS

The Karate WA as a State Sporting Association (SSA) must meet the WA State Government Women in Leadership targets, which state that SSA Boards need to consist of 50 percent Female Directors (for Boards with an uneven number of director positions, the final position can be male or female). There are several implications for organisations that do not achieve and maintain the Women Leadership targets, which could equate to a reduction of state government funding of 85%.

## CURRENT BOARD

The current Karate WA Board of Directors consists of:

Chair / Elected Director: Tom Pettit	<i>Term and tenure finish 2025 AGM</i>
Elected Director: Kristen Jerkovich	<i>Term finishes 2025 AGM</i>
Elected Director: Frank Gotsis	<i>Term finishes 2025 AGM</i>
Elected Director: Susheela Rollinson	
Casual Vacancy: Karin Prinsloo	
Appointed Director: Vince Del Prete	
Appointed Director: Jo Richards	

## OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

### Tom Pettitt, Elected Director and Current Chair

The Board would like to formally acknowledge and thank Tom for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service as Chair of the Board.

Throughout his tenure, Tom has guided Karate WA with vision and purpose, helping to strengthen the organisation through a more strategic and forward-focused Board. Under his leadership, significant progress has been made in advancing our goals and setting a clear direction for the future.

In accordance with the Karate WA Constitution, Section 14.3.c, Tom now concludes his service, having completed the maximum term for an Elected Director. The Board extends its sincere appreciation for his commitment, achievements, and the lasting impact of his contribution to Karate WA.

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### **Frank Gotsis, Elected Director**

During his tenure, Frank has played an active role as a member of both the Finance Committee and the Events Committee. His input has been particularly valuable in shaping finance and venue solutions for our events, ensuring that Karate WA continues to deliver high-quality competitions and activities for members.

Frank has expressed his intention to seek renomination for an elected position. His ongoing commitment and contribution across both governance and operational areas provide valuable expertise to the Board, strengthening our capacity to deliver for members.

### **Kirsten Jerkvoich, Elected Director**

During her tenure, Kristen has drawn on her extensive knowledge of the State Sporting Association landscape to make a strong contribution to Karate WA. She has played an important role in strengthening our governance frameworks and supporting the organisation's strategic direction.

Kristen's expertise in regional development, participation, and club development has been particularly valuable in guiding initiatives that build capacity across the state and ensure opportunities for growth at all levels of the sport.

At this time, Kristen may renominate for an elected position. Regardless of her decision, her commitment and breadth of experience have provided the Board with important insight and leadership in key areas that matter to our members and clubs.

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