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Guiding Principles.



Our Vision

Is for karate to be viewed as an activity for life.

Our Mission

Is to maximise safe participation by creating an optimal environment for enjoyment and success in karate in Western Australia.



Our Values.

Commitment

We are committed to providing a sporting environment that honours the traditions of karate-do and the pursuit of excellence in everything we do.

Consistency

We seek consistency in our actions as the standard for continued success of our sport.

Community

We value the staff, officials, volunteers and spectators involved in our sport and seek to make a positive difference in the communities we operate within.

Karate WA Honour Board.

Founding Members

Brian Mackie - Brian Mackie's Karate-Do Goju-Kai Academy
Denis Purvis - WSKF Australia
Mr Kyoshin Kayo - Japan Karate-do Shobukan Shito-Ryu



Awards of Merit 2023/24:

Athletes:
- **Mitchell Durham**
- **Hannah Sullivan**
- **Marijana Dimoska**
- **Mishela Dimoska**
- **Kiriana Kamcheska**

Coaches and Referees:
- **Mark Golding**
- **Zlatko Dimoski**
- **Elizabeth Dimoska**

Awards of Merit 2024/25:

Athletes:
- **Mitchell Durham**
- **Hannah Sullivan**
- **Olivia Clifford**
- **Dylan Fisher**
- **Hayden Maru**
- **Mia Vroomans**

Coaches and Referees:
- **Mark Golding**
- **Michael Panossian**



Referee of the Year

2024 **Rebecca Barlett**
2024 **Mia Vukovic**

Emerging Referee of the Year

2024/25 **Jason Le**



Event Volunteer of the Year

2023/24 **Sami Bromley**
2024 / 25 **L.E. Bilston**

Event Service Awards of Merit

2023 / 24 **Gail Young**
2024 / 25 **Ako Roberts**

Chair and EO Report.



The 2024–2025 year has been one of exceptional growth, achievement, and connection across the Karate WA community. Our members, clubs, coaches, referees, and volunteers have continued to demonstrate passion, professionalism, and commitment, ensuring karate in Western Australia remains strong, inclusive, and future-focused. This year, we proudly fielded one of the largest and most successful State Teams ever, representing Western Australia with distinction at both national and international levels. The results speak not only to the talent of our athletes but also to the strength of our coaching, refereeing and leadership pathways.

Karate WA's capacity to attract Industry Investment Program (IIP) funding and specific grants continues to expand, driven by increased education, participation, and strategic planning. The approval of both the Asian Engagement and Regional Servicing Grants has created unparalleled opportunities to connect, build, and grow karate across regional and international pathways ensuring sustainability and long-term impact for our sport. Our Referee Council continues to gather momentum, providing mentoring, education, and development opportunities for officials at all levels. Among the highlights was the inaugural Introduction to Refereeing Course, which brought together new and aspiring referees in an inclusive learning environment that strengthens the foundation of officiating for years to come.

A major milestone this year was the change of name from the WA Karate Federation to Karate Western Australia (Karate WA). This transition reflects a more modern naming convention and brings us into alignment with other states and Karate Australia, reinforcing our shared identity and vision for the sport. We have also begun exploring corporate sponsorship opportunities to support the next phase of growth, helping us deliver programs that enhance athlete development, community engagement, and organisational sustainability. Looking ahead, we are excited by the upcoming Kick Start "Come and Try" event developed by our Athlete Leadership Group, a reflection of our ongoing investment in empowering athletes to lead, inspire, and contribute to the direction of our sport. As Karate WA continues to evolve, we remain focused on balancing visionary growth with strong financial management, ensuring that while we pursue innovation and expansion, we continue to honour our traditions, values, and the community that defines us.

Tom Pettit - Chair
Ruth Gibbons - Executive Officer

Personal reflection from the Chair

My personal thanks to my board colleagues, our amazing staff, the heads of styles and all members for the honour of serving as your chair for the last two years. Seeing what we have achieved over the last few years together and the way we have achieved it leaves me with confidence and optimism about the future of karate in Western Australia. We really are becoming a centre of excellence! I wish the future board and all members every success for their future endeavours.

Event Statistics.

WAKL Perth Open - 20/10/2024

211 ENTRIES	OPEN	168
	DEVELOPMENT	203
	TEAM	3
	OFFICIALS	18

Shobukan Open 23/2/2025

237 ENTRIES	OPEN	196
	DEVELOPMENT	197
	TEAM	6
	OFFICIALS	21

State Championships 23/3/2025

188 ENTRIES	OPEN	306
	DEVELOPMENT	NA
	TEAM	5
	OFFICIALS	21

Goju Kai Open 18/5/2025

228 ENTRIES	OPEN	227
	DEVELOPMENT	132
	TEAM	8
	OFFICIALS	18

Karate WA Perth Open 15/6/2025

224 ENTRIES	OPEN	213
	DEVELOPMENT	142
	TEAM	4
	OFFICIALS	16

2025 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

6 WA TOURNAMENTS

20 STYLE MEMBERS

62 DOJO MEMBERS

2025 STATE TEAM

78 NATIONAL MEDALS

23 G
12 S
43 B



26 REFEREES
35% FEMALE
65% MALE

59 COACHES
3G 4S 52B

INITIATIVES

- 7 WORKSHOPS
- 1 DOJO DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
- 1 NEW KICKSTART TOURNAMENT
- 2 REGIONAL TOURS
- 1 TOURNAMENT CAMP

7 KARATE WA FUNDED ATHLETES

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

175,000+

1000 FOLLOWERS

2500 FOLLOWERS

Strategic Plan Alignment.

Pillar: Organisation - The Sport is Sustainable at All Levels

Action Area	Key Actions '24/25	Outcomes/Progress
Governance & Policy Development	• Adoption of National Integrity Framework (6 Sport Integrity Policies). • Review of Governance Charter • Updated Complaints Process and Register	• Strengthened compliance and governance systems. • Alignment with Sport Integrity Australia policies. • Governance Charter currently under Board review.
Finance & IIP Funding Dev	• Strategic focus on moving the organisation's funding category within the CITS IIP.	• Achieved: Karate WA advanced from Category E to Category D, unlocking expanded funding eligibility to support delivery of the Strategic Plan and sport administration.
Communication & Brand	• Marketing and Communications Plan developed with measurable goals. • Engagement with internal and external communities. • Launch of new Karate WA logo, brand identity, and style guide. • Data collection from Heads of Style and schools improved participation reporting.	• Brand and communications strategy embedded. • Improved participation data collection and insights. • Stronger visibility and brand consistency across member clubs and partners.
Facilities	• Long-Term Facility Plan commenced, exploring options for a centralised sport base.	• In early development phase, with discussions underway with the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport and other combat sports organisations.



Pillar: Sport Development – Deliver opportunities and support.

Action Area	Key Actions '24/25	Outcomes/Progress
Events	• Development of a youth-targeted "Kick Start" event co-designed by the Athlete Leadership Group (ALC). • Updated event and state team documentation. • New Awards Night concept developed. New referee awards in 2024/25.	• Kick Start event planned for November 2025. • Improved transparency, recognition systems and event guidelines across event delivery.
Participation & Inclusion	• Two WA instructors attended National Guardian Girls Instructor Training (Adelaide, July 2025). • Guardian Girls Karate Program integrated into the Regional Servicing Plan, with a Wheatbelt and Peel pilot scheduled for 2025/26.	• Women and girls' participation embedded as a core initiative supporting inclusion and safety outcomes.
Pathway & Leadership	• High Performance and Athlete Pathway review and workshop completed. • Athlete Leadership Group established (five athletes). • Administration role defined for ongoing pathway coordination. • Asian Engagement Grant received.	• Pathway model finalised, with rollout scheduled for late 2025. • Athlete Leadership Group appointed and active. • Action Plan developed; operational planning commenced for HP Pathway and Asian Engagement implementation.
Athlete Funding & Recognition	• Athlete funding.	• Clearer recognition structure and improved athlete communication systems.





Pillar: Community & People – Unite a community.

Action Area	Key Actions '24/25	Outcomes/Progress
Membership & Engagement	• 2025 Membership Guidelines and Processes implemented. • Club Business & Development Day successfully delivered.	• Enhanced member support and engagement across the karate community.
People & Culture	• Workforce and Volunteer Plan review initiated. • New organisational structure developed to align with strategic delivery and governance outcomes.	• Ongoing refinement of People & Culture framework to strengthen capability and succession planning.
Coaches & Referees	• Coach and Officiating Project delivered, including workshops, mentorship, accreditation support, and recruitment initiatives. • Referee Funding document embedded.	• Increased coach and referee capability, engagement, and retention.
Regional Development	• Wheatbelt and South West Regional Tours delivered (ARC-funded). • Regional Servicing Grant application submitted.	• Expanded regional engagement and participation growth.

State Coaching Report.



> The 2025 season marked an exceptional year of growth, unity, and achievement for the WA Karate State Squad / Team. The combination of dedicated athletes, evolving coaching structures, and an increasingly professional training environment has continued to elevate Western Australia's presence on the national stage. This year, WA once again demonstrated its competitive strength with outstanding performances at one of Australia's prestigious National event, the 51 st National Karate Championships – July 4-6 in Adelaide, South Australia.

Athlete Development and Participation
Athlete participation within the State Squad continues to grow at a remarkable rate. The increase in membership reflects not only enthusiasm for high-performance pathways but also the trust placed in the state program's quality and leadership.

Coaching Panel Growth and Development
2025 has seen rapid development in the State Coaching Panel, supported by a strategic focus on professional growth, alignment, and collaboration. The coaching team now represents a blend of experience and emerging talent, fostering an environment where shared learning thrives.

Key strategies implemented this year included:
· Structured mentorship between senior and developing coaches.
· Consistent coaching alignment, ensuring technical and tactical consistency across kata, kumite programs.
· Enhanced communication platforms between coaches, athletes, and parents.
· Performance review and reflection coaches meetings, pre and post training to assist coaches, navigate areas of strengths and opportunities to improve and develop.
· These initiatives have resulted in a cohesive coaching unit that continues to uphold the values of Karate WA commitment, consistency, and community while striving for technical and strategic excellence.

High Performance Pathway – 2026 Preparations

Preparation is already underway for the 2026 High Performance Program, which will provide an even greater level of support and opportunity for our more experienced athletes.

This initiative represents the next evolution of Karate WA commitment to athlete wellbeing and excellence building not just champions on the tatami, but leaders beyond it. This engagement will broaden athlete experience, deepen cultural understanding, and align Karate WA with the global standards of excellence seen across the globe.

Community, Culture and Future Vision

The success of the 2025 State Squad extends beyond medals and results. It reflects a strong culture of respect, service, and unity across our community, from athletes and coaches to parents, volunteers, and officials.

As we move toward 2026, Karate WA remains focused on:

- Strengthening pathways from developing to high performance.
- Expanding access to quality coaching and resources.
- Continuing a culture where every member feels valued, supported, and inspired to grow.

Conclusion

2025 has been a defining year for the Karate WA State Squad, a year of growth, alignment, and forward momentum. The commitment of our athletes, the dedication of our coaches, and the support of our community have positioned Western Australia as a true powerhouse within Australian karate.

Together, we continue to build a legacy of excellence, one that will inspire future generations to train with purpose, compete with courage, and lead with integrity.

Michael Panossian

Head State Coach

State Referee Commission Report.

The WA Referee Commission proudly acknowledges the invaluable contribution of our referees, judges, and volunteers whose dedication and professionalism have underpinned the success of our events throughout 2025. The volunteers continued enthusiasm and commitment have been instrumental in maintaining the high standard of officiating across the state.

The WA State Referee Commission maintained the support of its 2024/25 members, providing a strong foundation for continued development and stability within refereeing across the state. The 2025 Commission members are listed below:

Name	Position	Email
Justin Dowell	Commission Chair	jsdceilings@iprimus.com.au
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Mia Vukovic	Council Member	mia.vukovic09@gmail.com
Tony Smith	Council Member	senshinkankarate@gmail.com
Maurice Matteucci	Council Member	maurice.matteucci@bigpond.com





State Tournaments

WA hosted four successful Karate WA League Events (KWAL) endorsed tournaments this year, with two more scheduled for later in 2025. These events were made possible thanks to the dedicated contributions of our officiating team:

Name	Date	Officials
KWAL - Shobukan Open	23/2/2025	19
WA State Championships	23/3/2025	18
KWAL - Perth Open	18/5/2025	14
KWAL -WAKL Goju Open	16/6/2025	18
KWAL Stirling Karate Club	19/10/2025	Upcoming
Karate WA Kick Start	02/11/2025	Upcoming

Seminars and Practical Training for Referees and Judges

The WA Referee Commission remains dedicated to fostering excellence in officiating by providing ongoing education, skills development, and mentoring opportunities for referees and judges at all levels. In 2025, a series of targeted training sessions and examinations were held to build capacity, promote consistency in rule interpretation, and strengthening officiating confidence across both Kata and Kumite disciplines.

Referee Seminar – 22 March 2025

A comprehensive referee seminar was conducted to enhance officials' understanding of WKF competition rules, with particular emphasis on recent updates and nuanced areas of rule interpretation. This session provided scenario-based learning to reinforce accurate and consistent application across Kata and Kumite judging and refereeing.

State Upgrade Examinations – 17 May 2025

The Commission facilitated a successful upgrade examination session, offering eligible officials the opportunity to advance their state-level qualifications. Candidates were assessed on both theoretical knowledge and practical performance. This process is critical in maintaining a pipeline of skilled referees and ensuring a structured progression pathway for those seeking higher levels of accreditation within the sport. 16 people attended this event.

Introduction to Refereeing Course – 14 June 2025

Marking a milestone for Karate WA, the inaugural Introduction to Refereeing Course was launched with overwhelming interest. Twenty-four participants attended this foundational program, designed specifically for individuals new to officiating. The course covered essential rule principles, scoring criteria, and signals, supported by interactive discussions and demonstrations. Delivered in a supportive and inclusive format, this initiative is aimed at cultivating the next generation of referees, with the goal of increasing referee engagement and long-term involvement in officiating. Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing enthusiasm for pursuing formal referee training in the future. There were 24 attendees at this event.

Kickstart tournament camp- 1 November 2025

Proposed seminar aiming at upskilling and refreshing participants from the June introduction to refereeing course. This will be a great opportunity for novice referees to have practical experience at refereeing before taking the lead at the Kickstart tournament the next day.





National representation

Several Karate WA referee officials volunteered at two national events. Their participation was crucial for the successful operation of these tournaments. The experience gained through officiating at such high-profile events significantly enhances the quality of refereeing at WA Karate endorsed tournaments.

Australian Open Championships-April 2025

Dion Panossian
Rebecca Bartlett
Mia Vukovic
Tony Smith
Maurice Matteucci
Frank Gotsis



Australian National Championships-July 2025

Dion Panossian
Maurice Matteucci
Rebecca Bartlett
Mia Vukovic
Andrew Mawby
Shamyla Lavea
Frank Gotsis
Karen Prinsloo
Tony Smith

The Commission gratefully acknowledges the Department of Cultural Industries, Sport and Tourism (CITS) funding received to assist with travel and accommodation for successful applicants attending the Nationals and looks forward to future support opportunities.

Governance and Structural Initiatives

The WA State Referees Commission has continued to refine its operational framework in 2025, finalising several key documents, including:

- Referee Funding Guidelines
- Support Framework for WA Referee Development and Participation
- Referee Mentorship Program

These initiatives aim to enhance transparency, sustainability, and growth within WA karate refereeing.

Upgrades/ Achievements

One referee successfully upgraded their qualifications at the Australian Open:

- Mia Vukovic National Referee A Kumite

Referees and judges who successfully upgraded at the National Championships in July 2025 include:

- Andrew Mawby Kumite referee A
- Frank Gotsis Kata Judge A and Kumite Referee B
- Karin Prinsloo Kumite Judge B and Kata Judge B
- Shamyla Lavea Kumite Judge A

Awards and Recognition

Karate WA proudly hosted its annual Awards Gala on 3 May 2025, bringing together members of the WA karate community to celebrate excellence, dedication, and contribution across all areas of the sport. For the first time, the Gala included formal recognition of referees through two newly established awards, marking an important step in acknowledging the essential role officials play in the success and integrity of karate events.

Emerging Referee of the Year

This award was introduced to highlight and encourage the development of new refereeing talent within Western Australia. Open to nominations from WA referees, Heads of Style, and affiliated clubs, the award recognises a referee who has shown exceptional growth, enthusiasm, and commitment during their early officiating journey. The inaugural recipient, Jason Le, was selected by the State Referee Commission for his outstanding engagement, eagerness to learn, and consistent performance throughout the year.

Referee of the Year

This award celebrates sustained excellence and leadership in refereeing. Nominations were invited from Heads of Style, and all candidates were reviewed by the State Referee Commission before final endorsement by the Karate WA Board. In 2025, this prestigious honour was jointly awarded to Mia Vukovic and Rebecca Bartlett, both of whom have demonstrated exceptional commitment, professionalism, and support of referee development within WA. Their contributions extend beyond competition day—they have each mentored newer referees, led by example in state and national arenas, and played a key role in shaping a positive and inclusive refereeing culture.

In addition to these recognitions, the Referee Commission is currently developing a Long Service Recognition Program, intended to formally acknowledge referees who have made significant, sustained contributions over many years. This initiative will ensure that long-term dedication to officiating is celebrated and appreciated within the broader karate community.

Justin Dowell

Chair
Karate WA State Referee Commission

Development.

In 2024/25, thanks to support from the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) Grant, Karate WA has continued to grow our community of dojos, coaches, and referees. The project focused on building pathways within the existing karate community that attract, develop, and retain coaches and referees, with a strong emphasis on inclusion, professional growth, and community connection.

Across the year, we ran seven workshops and seminars, reaching more than 130 participants. Highlights included the Dojo Development Day, Autism in the Dojo, Foundations of Excellence – Instructor Training, and the very popular Intro to Refereeing Workshop. Each workshop brought together members from across clubs to share ideas, learn new approaches, and strengthen efforts to make karate more inclusive, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.

The inaugural Dojo Development Day was a key initiative designed to strengthen the foundation and growth of karate across Western Australia. The event supported club leaders, coaches, and instructors through education, collaboration, and professional development.

A highlight of the program was the keynote presentation by Kyoshi Liz Mahler, founder of Black Belt Martial Arts, who brought over 30 years of experience in building and mentoring successful dojos. Additional sessions featured expert presenters from SportsWest, Concussion WA, and Inclusion Solutions WA, alongside Karate WA representatives.

This initiative reinforces Karate WA's commitment to ensuring that every dojo has the opportunity to grow, and connect to the broader karate community. It also supports the Karate WA strategic pillars of Community and People and Sport Development, providing practical tools and leadership skills to help dojos, coaches and referees thrive.

It's been a really positive year of learning, teamwork, growth, and connection , and it's exciting to see the future of development in WA looking stronger than ever. These initiatives not only build capability today but also position Karate WA for sustained growth in the years ahead. By aligning every program and activity with our Strategic Plan outcomes, we're ensuring the sport continues to evolve, supporting participation at all levels, building pathways, and delivering a safe, inclusive, and connected karate community across Western Australia.



Coach and Referee Accreditation

In 2025, Karate WA recorded significant growth in coaching accreditations across all levels. Line and Silver coaching accreditations saw the most notable increases, reflecting continued focus on coach development and retention. Female representation also improved markedly, especially at the Bronze level, and the introduction of five junior referees, all female—signals positive progression in the referee pathway.

To strengthen coaching standards and athlete safety, all coaches participating at 2026 WA tournaments will now be required to hold a minimum Bronze-level accreditation. This ensures consistent quality, continued education, and a strong commitment to sport integrity and child safeguarding, reinforcing Karate WA's dedication to providing a safe and professional sporting environment.

A new initiative developed in 2024/25, the Kickstart Karate Tournament in November 2025, will further support this commitment by providing new coaches and referees with valuable hands-on experience and mentorship from senior officials. The event aims to build confidence, capability, and connection within the next generation of leaders in karate across Western Australia.

Karate WA Coaching Accreditations Statistics (30 June 2025)

- 25 Current Line coaching accreditation (100% increase from 2024)
- 50 Current Bronze Accredited coaches (32% increase from 2024)
- 19 Expired Bronze Accredited coaches (58% increase from 2024)
- 6 Current Silver Accredited coaches (300% increase from 2024)
- 3 Current Gold Accredited coaches (same as 2024)
- 4 World Karate Federation Certified coaches (not recorded in 2024)

Breakdown of Genders – Bronze accreditations (Current 50)

- 21 Female – 42% (140% increase from 2024)
- 29 Male – 58% (126% increase from 2024
- All Gold and Silver accreditations are held by Male coaches
- One WKF certified coach is female

Western Australia Referees (26 total)

- 9 Female – 35%
- 17 Male – 65%
- Accredited referees have had no movement since 2024 however Karate WA now have 5 Junior Referees, all female.

Key Highlights

- 300% growth in Silver Coaches
- 100% increase in Line Coaching Accreditations
- 42% Female representation at Bronze level
- 5 new Junior Referees — all female
- First year recording WKF Certified Coaches

Regional Engagement & Development

In 2024–2025, Karate WA successfully delivered two regional programs under the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Active Regional Communities (ARC) Grant Program. These projects formed part of Karate WA's ongoing commitment to connect, build, and grow karate in regional Western Australia.

Wheatbelt Regional Tour — Northam (August 2024)

Clubs Engaged: 5 Participants: 33 athletes, 4 coaches, 10 volunteers

The Wheatbelt Regional Tour focused on capacity building for local karate clubs, coaches, and referees, while providing opportunities for community engagement and athlete development.

Outcomes:

- Increased participation and community awareness in Northam and surrounding towns
- Five clubs engaged, with plans to co-host a regional tournament in January 2025
- 58% increase in Bronze-level coach renewals among participants





South West Regional Tour — Margaret River & Busselton (November 2024)

Clubs Engaged: 3 Participants: 23 athletes, 4 coaches, 4 officials, 13 community participants

Delivered in partnership with the Shire of Augusta–Margaret River, the South West DLGSC regional office, and local karate clubs, the South West Regional Tour provided education and athlete development opportunities through the South West Karate Education Seminar and Athlete Camp.

Outcomes:

- Nine participants joined or rejoined local clubs after the event
- Strengthened relationships between regional dojos.·

Positive community feedback highlighted inspiration, skill development, and inclusivity

- 35% of participants were female; strong representation across youth age groups

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Overall Impact

- 60+ regional athletes engaged across both tours
- 8 regional clubs participated across two DLGSC regions
- Strong growth in female participation and volunteer engagement
- Positive collaboration with regional governments and local clubs
- Contributed directly to Karate WA's Regional Servicing Plan — Connect, Build, Thrive



2024 Service Awards





Referee of the Year

2024 **Rebecca Barlett**
2024 **Mia Vukovic**

This award recognises a referee who has demonstrated outstanding performance, leadership, and commitment throughout the past year. They exemplify professionalism, consistency, and dedication to officiating excellence. Both recipients have consistently shown professionalism on the tatami, a passion for growing others in the officiating space, and a commitment that goes above and beyond at every event, both at a state and national level.

Emerging Referee of the Year

2024/25 **Jason Le**

This is the first year that we present the 'Emerging Referee of the Year' award. This award acknowledges an up-and-coming referee who has shown strong promise, commitment, and positive engagement in their early officiating journey at state-level events. This year's recipient has displayed eagerness to learn, actively sought development opportunities, and engaged positively within the refereeing community. Please join us in recognising our 'Emerging Referee of the Year' –Jason Le.

Event Volunteer of the Year

2024 / 25 **L.E. Bilston**

This year's recipient has been a constant presence at nearly every Karate WA and club tournament throughout 2024, stepping up as the Lead Marshal, helping to coordinate the marshalling area across all tatamis. He not only brings structure and calm to a critical part of competition day, but he also does so while travelling from a rural town—showing a level of personal commitment that goes above and beyond.

Event Service Awards of Merit

2024 / 25 **Ako Roberts**

The Event Service Award goes to someone we all know and appreciate: Ako Roberts. Ako is the backbone of our tournament days, running the coffee stand with tireless energy, making sure our volunteers, referees, and officials are well looked after and always greeted with warmth.



2024 Athlete Awards





Kata Awards:

Children Kata Male
8-9 Years Noah Hopkins
10-11 Years John Vin Riley Creo
12-13 Years Kian Arquiza-Relenas

Children Kata Female
8-9 Years Electra Watson
8-9 Years Dory Schildenfeld
10-11 Years Axelle Zulueta
12-13 Years Nikki Teo-Bussemaker

Cadet Kata
Hayden Maru (Male)
Kyra Foster (Female)

Junior Kata
Teo Roberts (Male)
Melissa Viti (Female)

Senior Kata
Dylan Fisher (Male)
Keira Sanft (Female)

Veteran Kata
John Lester Maru (Male)
Nadia Roe (Female)

Kumite Awards:

Children Kumite Male
8-9 Years Christopher Kox
10-11 Years Conan Martin-Teramoto
12-13 Years William Dobson

Children Kumite Female
8-9 Years Mackenzie Dell'Orso
10-11 Years Ana Jovic
12-13 Years Andela Jovic

Cadet Kumite
Arushan Aravindhan (Male)
Madison Taylor (Female)

Junior Kumite
Logan Sinclair (Male)
Tia Keane (Female)

Senior Kumite
Brandon Hardey (Male)
Olivia Clifford/Laura Golding (Female)

Veteran Kumite
Daisuke Noguchi (Male)
Nadia Roe (Female)

2025 National Championships Results

GOLD MEDALS

Eliana Currie - Kumite Individual Female Cadets -61
Electra Watson – Kata Individual Female U10
Axelle Zulueta - Kata Individual Female U12
Hayden Maru – Kata Individual Male Cadets
Dylan Fisher – Kata Individual Male U21
Andela Jovic – Kumite Individual Female Cadets -47
Hannah Sullivan - Kumite Individual Female Seniors +68
Olivia Clifford - Kumite Individual Female Seniors -68
Olivia Clifford - Kumite Individual Female Seniors OPEN
Mackenzie Dell'Orso - Kumite Individual Female U12 +45
Axelle Zulueta - Kumite Individual Female U12 -35
Minaho Hashimoto - Kumite Individual Female U12 -40
Claire Bertagnolio Olivio - Kumite Individual Female U14 +52
Ana Jovic - Kumite Individual Female U14 -42
Katherine Redmond - Kumite Individual Female U14 -47
Kerryn Hasler – Kumite Individual Female Veterans 35-44
Jorge Martin-Teramoto - Kumite Individual Male Cadets +70
Mitchell Durham - Kumite Individual Male Seniors -75
Rayyen Jaouardi – Kumite Individual Male U12 -30
Noah Hopkins - Kumite Individual Male U12 -40
Konosuke Noguchi - Kumite Individual Male U14 – 50
TEAM CHILDREN FEMALE KUMITE – Teo-Bussemaker, Raquel, Redmond, Bertagnolio Olivio
TEAM SENIOR FEMALE KUMITE (FOUR YEARS IN A ROW!) – Clifford, Sullivan, Golding, Vivian, Gledhill

SILVER MEDALS

Nikolina Pushnick – Kumite Individual Female Cadets +61
Mia Vroomans - Kumite Individual Female Junior +66
Orchid Pe - Kata Individual Female U10
Dylan Fisher – Kata Individual Male Seniors
Jon vin Riley Creo – Kata Individual Male U12
Electra Watson – Kumite Female U10
Tannah Ackerman - Kumite Individual Female U12 -40
Aislinn Thomas - Kumite Individual Female U14 -42
Reece Miyamoto - Kumite Individual Male Cadets -52
Cameron Quinn - Kumite Individual Male Juniors -61
Mitchell Durham - Kumite Individual Male Seniors – OPEN
TEAM CADET FEMALE KATA – Fachry, Taylor, Viti

BRONZE MEDALS

Aurelia Fachry - Kumite Individual Female Junior -66
Melissa Viti – Kata Individual Female Juniors
Xsenija Bromley – Kata Individual Female Seniors
Rayna Cott - Kata Individual Female U10
Julianna Billones - Kata Individual Female U12
Dory Schildenfeld - Kata Individual Female U12
Beatrice Raquel - Kata Individual Female U14
Xsenija Bromley – Kata Individual Female U21
Arushan Aravindhan – Kata Individual Male Juniors
Zachary Thomas – Kata Individual Male U12
Isabella Martin - Kumite Individual Female Cadets -61
Kyra Foster - Kumite Individual Female Cadets -54
Melissa Viti – Kumite Individual Female Juniors -48
Lana Biserko - Melissa Viti – Kumite Individual Female Juniors -53
Madison Bilston - Melissa Viti – Kumite Individual Female Juniors -59
Jayda Gledhill - Kumite Individual Female Seniors -55
Laura Golding - Kumite Individual Female Seniors -68
Julianna Billones - Kumite Individual Female U12 +45
Afnan Jaouadi - Kumite Individual Female U12 -40
Nikki Teo-Bussemaker - Kumite Individual Female U14 +52
Ashlee Bilston - Kumite Individual Female U14 -42
Beatrice Raquel - Kumite Individual Female U14 -47
Ailee Miln - Kumite Individual Female U14 -47
Chloe Davies - Kumite Individual Female U14 -52
Nathaniel Cowey - Kumite Individual Male Cadets -63
Arushan Aravindhan - Kumite Individual Male Juniors -68
Cameron Quinn - Kumite Individual Male Juniors OPEN
Jes Bromley - Kumite Individual Male Seniors -75
Christopher Kox – Kumite Individual Male U10
Matthew McCay - Kumite Individual Male U12 -40
Beau Hooper - Kumite Individual Male U12 -40
Diego – Cattaruzza - Kumite Individual Male U12 -45
Jet Martin - Kumite Individual Male U14 +55
Conan Martin-Teramoto - Kumite Individual Male U14 +55
Felix Frolich - Kumite Individual Male U14 -45
Callum Terry - Kumite Individual Male U21 -60
TEAM CADET FEMALE KUMITE – Foster, Pushnick, Jovic, Currie, Letizia
TEAM CHILDREN KATA – Fachry, Duxbury, Pathirana
TEAM CHILDREN KATA – Jaouadi, Watson, Jaouadi
TEAM CHILDREN MALE KUMITE – Martin-Teramoto, Dobson, Maru, Martin
TEAM JUNIOR FEMALE KUMITE – Biserko, Fachry, Vroomans, Taylor, Bilston
TEAM SENIOR MALE KUMITE – Durham, Loh, Bromley, Sage, Standish, Hardey, Coelho, Karizamimba

2025 State Representation.

Tannah Ackerman
Arushan Aravindhan
Claire Bertagnolio Olivo
Julianna-Dean Billones
Madison Bilston
Ashlee Bilston
Lana Biserko
Alexzander Bland
Harrison Bouhlas
Aya Boukachoura
Xsenija Bromley
Jes Bromley
Cooper Brooks
Diego Cattaruzza
Lncoln Chung San
Olivia Clifford
Troy Coelho
Sarah Comiskey
Indiana Commins
Amari Commins
Rayna Cott
Nathaniel Cowey
John Vin Riley Creo
Eliana Currie
Chloe Davies
Mackenzie Dell'orso
William Dobson
Liam Dobson
Mitchell Durham
Hudson Duxbury
Connor Dyer
Mitchell Edwards
Zak Edwards
Aurelia Fachry
Altaira Fachry
Dylan Fisher
Kyra Foster
Felix Frohlich
Astrida Fu
Roberto Ganzer
Lauren Gelme
Jayda Gledhill
Laura Golding
Brandon Hardey
Taisei Hashimoto
Minaho Hashimoto
Kerryn Hasler
Beau Hooper
Noah Hopkins
Afnan Jaouadi
Rayyen Jaouadi
Rubika Johnson
Andela Jovic
Ana Jovic
Harrison Karizamimba
Sophie Kerrison
Christopher Kox
Safira Letizia
Brendan Loh
Cameron Lyons
Jet Martin
Isabella Martin
Conan Martin-Teramoto
Jorge Martin-Teramoto
Hayden Pengiran Maru
Isaac Yon Maru
Matthew McCay
Ailee Miln
Reece Miyamoto
Xander Mollenoyux
Timothy Ng
Konosuke Noguchi
Daisuke Noguchi
Brooklynne O'flynn
Ashley Parham
Malav Patel
Devam Patel
Vishva Pathirana
Orchid Pe
Lahn Pe
Olivia Poh
Zai Portughes Preston
Leo Prinsloo
Nikolina Pushnick
Cameron Quinn
Beatrice Raquel
Katherine Redmond
Robert Sage
Dory Schildenfeld
Logan Sinclair
Yachna Smith
Sadhbh Smith-Flanagan
Ethan Sparrow
Savannah Standish
Cayden Standish
Hannah Sullivan
MadisonTaylor
Nikki Teo-Bussemaker
Callum Terry
Aislinn Thomas
Zachary Thomas
Melissa Viti
Serena Vivian
Mia Vroomans
Nisal Walpita
Kawya Walpita
Electra Watson
Axelle Quiana Zulueta

National Representation.*

13th WKF World Cadet, Junior & U21 Karate Championships, Jesolo-Venice, 9 - 13 October 2024

Dylan Fisher - U21 Male Kata
Jayda Gledhill - Junior Female Kumite -59kg
Mia Vroomans - Junior Female Kumite +66kg
Hayden Maru - Cadet Male Kata
Michael Panossian (Coach)

Karate World Cup, Pamplona, Spain, 22 - 24 November 2024

Olivia Clifford
Mitchell Durham
Hannah Sullivan
Mark Golding (Head Coach)

11th Commonwealth Karate Championships, Durban, South Africa, 28 - 29 November 2024

Laura Golding - Senior Female Kumite - 68kg
Cameron Quinn - Junior Male Kumite -61kg
Cayden Standish - Senior Male Kumite -75kg

Oceania Karate Championships, Nouméa, New Caledonia, 6 - 7 June 2025

Andela Yovic - Silver Medal Cadet Female Kumite -47kg
Hayden Maru - Bronze Medal Cadet Male Kata
Mia Vroomans - Gold Medal Junior Female Kumite +66kg
Cameron Quinn - Silver Medal Junior Male Kumite -61kg
Dylan Fisher - Gold Medal U21 Male Kata & Silver Medal Senior Male Kata
Hannah Sullivan - Silver Medal Senior Female Kumite +68kg, Gold Medal Female Open Kumite & Gold Medal Female Team Kumite
Laura Golding - Silver Medal Senior Female Kumite -68kg
Olivia Clifford - Bronze Medal Senior Female Kumite -68kg & Gold Medal Female Team Kumite
Mitchell Durham - Gold Medal Senior Male Kumite -75kg & Gold Medal Male Team Kumite
Mark Golding (Head Coach)
Michael Panossian (National Coach)

**National representation - Athletes must be selected as part of an Australian Team.*

2025 Members.

Club Name	Head of Style
Avon Valley Shotokan	Ken Bainbridge
Brian Mackies Karate-Do Goju-Kai	Brian Mackie
Global Shotokan Karate - WSKF Australia	Grant Rollinson
Gold Martial Arts	Mark Golding
Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.	Brian Chambers
Margaret River Karate Club	Ken Rouw
Rei Shito-Ryu Karate Pty Ltd	Karen Hollings
Ronin Mamisde Karate	Zlatko Dimoski
Senshinkan Karate Australia	Tony Smith
Shobukan Martial Arts	Dion Panossian
Shorin Ryu Academy	Sheldon Barnes
Shotokan Karate Club	Shamyla Lavea
South-West Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Association	Alan Burdett
Stirling Karate Club	Karin Prinsloo
Tai Shin Kan	Eric Ho
Traditional Karate Academy	Maurice Matteucci
WA All Wado Karate Federation	Mic Gunn
West Coast Karate	Brian Sullivan
Yoseikan-Budo Karate-Do	Roy Hebden
Yoseikan-Ryu Karate	Branco Bratich

Governance Report.

9 Board Meetings were held in the 2024/2025 Financial year + 1 Strategic Planning Meeting.

Name	Position	Meetings
Tom Pettitt	Elected Director (Chairperson)	7/7
Kristen Jerkovich	Elected Director	6/7
Frank Gotsis	Elected Director	7/7
Susheela Rollinson	Elected Director	7/7
Samantha Devine	Appointed Director	1/3
Vince Del Prete	Appointed Director	4/7
Karin Prinsloo	Casual Vacancy	6/7

Youth Leadership Position:

Olivia Clifford	Youth Leader (March 24 - July 24)	3/7

2025 Committees and Working Groups:

Committee Name	Members
Finance Committee	Susheela Rollinson (Chairperson), Tom Pettitt, Frank Gotsis, Ruth Gibbons.
People & Culture	Vince Del Prete, Kristen Jerkovich, Ruth Gibbons
State Referee Commission	Justin Dowell (Chair), Rebecca Bartlett, Mia Vukovic, Tony Smith, Maurice Matteucci
Events Committee	Vasilios [Basil] Gotsis (Chair), Dion Panossian, Nadine Cooperwhite, Drewcillia Vroomans, Justin Dowell, Frank Gotsis.
State Team Selection	Kristen Jerkovich, Susheela Rollinson, Mike Panossian.
State Coaching Panel	Mike Panossian (Head Coach), Tim Young (lead Coach,) Kristina Perrin (Lead Coach), Au Hii, Brian Sullivan, Brigit Wall, Grazjyna Prinsloo, Jessica Johnson, Maurice Matteucci, Owen Blockley, Nathan Blockley, Teagan Forrest, Troy Coelho.
Athlete Leadership Team	Olivia Clifford (Chair), Jes Bromley, Hannah Sullivan, Laura Golding, Xsenija Bromley

2025 Contractors:

Shanii Forrest	Sport Pathway & Administration Coordinator (July 24 – March 25)
Nadine Cooperwhite	Development & Communications Coordinator
Ruth Gibbons	Executive Officer



Financial Report.

The Financial Year is the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

The following special notes are provided to assist members with reviewing the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet:

The accounts have been prepared under the rules of accrual accounting.

The result is a significant profit of $64,643 mainly due to the receipt of the Asian Engagement Grant which has not yet been spent. The State also hosted the Perth Open competition in June, which further contributed to the profit.

Grants funding received for the 2024/25 year increased to $70,000 for the Industry Investment Program (IIP), plus $7,630 for Regional Funding ($2,800 for the Wheatbelt and $4,830 for Southwest).

We also received $46,460 for the 2024/25 instalment of the Asian Engagement Grant.
These amounts are all excluding GST in the accounts.

The expenditure related to grants appears in the period incurred.

There were seven grants of $500 each paid out during the financial year to competitors representing Australia overseas. The grants were paid to Dylan Fisher, Jayda Gledhill, Laura Golding, Hayden Maru, Cayden Standish, Hannah Sullivan and Mia Vroomans.

All amounts received or spent in advance for the 2025 National Championships are held on the balance sheet at 30 June 2025 and will be reported accordingly in July 2025 of the next financial year.

Prepayments, Sundry Accruals and Nationals accruals are all amounts required to recognize the movement of funds received and/or spent to the correct financial period to which they relate. All have been cleared at the appropriate time, mostly in July 2025 for Nationals.
Karate Western Australia has maintained its very strong cash position at the end of the 2025 financial year.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To : The Members of the Australian Karate Federation WA Inc

Scope

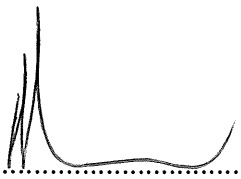
We have audited the special purpose financial reports of the Australian Karate Federation WA Inc. for the period ending 30 June 2025, which include the Statement of Profit and Loss and the Balance Sheet. The preparation of these reports is the responsibility of the Treasurer, who has determined that the reports meet the needs of the Members. Our audit was conducted to express an opinion on these financial reports for the benefit of the members of the Australian Karate Federation WA Inc.

Our audit was carried out in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance that the financial reports are free from material misstatement. Our procedures included examining, on a test basis, the evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the reports. These procedures aim to form an opinion on whether the financial reports, in all material respects, present fairly the financial position, performance, and cash flows of the Australian Karate Federation WA Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the special purpose financial reports of the Australian Karate Federation WA Inc. present a true and fair view of the organization's financial position as at 30 June 2025, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

Dated this 22nd of October 2025



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INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REPORT

To the Members of the Australian Karate Federation WA Inc.

Report on the Financial Records of the Australian Karate Federation WA Inc.

We have reviewed the financial records of the Australian Karate Federation WA Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2025, which include the balance sheet and income statement for that period.

Responsibilities of the Committee

The Committee of the Australian Karate Federation WA Inc. is responsible for preparing and presenting the financial records fairly in accordance with the *Constitution* and the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*. This responsibility includes maintaining internal controls to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the financial records, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making reasonable estimates as necessary.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to provide a conclusion on the 2025 financial records based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with *ASRE 2400 Review of a Financial Report Performed by an Assurance Practitioner Who is Not the Auditor of the Entity*. This standard requires us to comply with the ethical requirements of the relevant professional accounting bodies.

A review primarily involves inquiries of management and applying analytical procedures. It is substantially narrower in scope than an audit conducted under Australian Auditing Standards and does not allow us to obtain the same level of assurance that an audit would. Therefore, we do not express an audit opinion.

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Profit and loss report

Accrual mode
01 Jul 2024 - 30 Jun 2025

	Total
4-0000 Income	
4-1000 Affiliation Fee	5,372.76
4-1501 DLGSC IIP Grant	70,000.00
4-1502 DLGSC Project Grants	54,090.00
4-2000 Nationals	57,709.85
4-2010 Clothing	(69.18)
4-3010 Referee Upgrades & Equipment	50.00
4-3015 Referee - WAKL Tournament Fee	2,982.00
4-5000 State Training Registration	33,381.07
4-5001 Badges	270.00
4-7000 State Titles Tournament Fees	13,496.36
4-7003 Karate League Fees	29,721.82
4-7004 Hire of Equipment eg., Mats etc	1,300.00
4-7010 Awards Dinner	21,875.37
4-7020 Seminars	2,668.19
4-7032 Donations	252.68
4-8000 Miscellaneous Income	181.82
Total Income	**293,282.74**
Gross Profit	**293,282.74**
6-0000 Expenses	
6-1000 General & Administrative Exp	
6-1005 Audit Fees	800.00
6-1006 Advertising & Promotion	3,320.68
6-1300 Depreciation	3,627.78
6-1520 Stationery & Printing	241.08
6-1700 Freight Paid	25.82
6-1810 General Expenses	68.09
6-1818 DLGSC Project Grant Expenses	8,120.94
6-1819 Consulting Fees	5,292.50
6-1820 Membership/Subsciption fees	1,955.46
6-1825 State Team Expenses	5,106.48
Total General & Administrative Exp	**28,558.83**
6-2050 Venue Hire	1,182.72
6-2060 Awards Night Expenses	23,960.76
6-4000 Operating Expenses	
6-4200 Venue Hire - State Training	495.00
6-4210 Venue Hire - Referee	270.00
6-4211 Medals	1,200.00
6-4214 State Tournament Expenses	2,154.54

	Total
6-4215 Tournament Expenses	7,681.15
6-4300 Nationals -Accomodation	572.73
6-4305 Nationals - Airfares	60,431.55
6-4310 Nationals - Team Expenses	2,440.13
6-4500 State team training expenses	5,897.73
6-4800 Uniforms	2,162.05
Total Operating Expenses	**83,304.88**
6-5100 Employment Expenses	
6-5126 Coaching Seminar Expenses	250.00
6-5130 Subcontractors	75,445.72
6-5132 Website	149.00
6-5136 International Funding-Athlete	3,500.00
6-5138 Meeting Expenses	822.71
6-5139 Meetings - Airfares	1,582.18
6-5147 Seminar	7,124.59
6-5148 Referee Seminar	30.91
6-5149 Referee Expenses	641.37
Total Employment Expenses	**89,546.48**
6-6000 Occupancy Costs	
6-6012 Storage	4,668.32
Total Occupancy Costs	**4,668.32**
Total Expenses	**231,221.99**
Operating Profit	**62,060.75**
8-0000 Other Income	
8-1000 Interest Income	2,582.22
Total Other Income	**2,582.22**
Net Profit	**64,642.97**

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Balance sheet report

Accrual mode
30 Jun 2025

	Total
1-0000 Assets	
1-1000 Current Assets	
1-1100 Cash On Hand	
1-1111 Westpac 778087 Operating	19,844.76
1-1112 Westpac 778095 Reserve	292,993.14
Total Cash On Hand	**312,837.90**
1-1200 Trade Debtors	100.25
1-1400 Prepaid expenses	24,506.37
1-1700 Deposits Paid	4,545.45
Total Current Assets	**341,989.97**
1-2000 Fixed Assets	
1-2700 Plant & Equipment	
1-2710 Plant and Equipment	8,332.72
1-2720 Plant & Equipment Accum Dep	(4,352.76)
Total Plant & Equipment	**3,979.96**
1-2800 Exercise Equipment	
1-2811 Tournament Mats	13,900.00
1-2820 Exercise Equipment Accum Dep	(5,957.28)
Total Exercise Equipment	**7,942.72**
Total Fixed Assets	**11,922.68**
Total Assets	**353,912.65**
2-0000 Liabilities	
2-1000 Current Liabilities	
2-1200 Trade Creditors	10,702.30
2-1300 GST Liabilities	
2-1310 GST Collected	131,486.81
2-1330 GST Paid	(93,371.04)
2-1331 GST Clearing A/C	(42,131.00)
Total GST Liabilities	**(4,015.23)**
2-1600 Nationals Tournament accruals	11,554.93
2-1900 Other Current Liabilities	450.00
Total Current Liabilities	**18,692.00**
Total Liabilities	**18,692.00**
Net Assets	**335,220.65**
3-0000 Equity	
3-8000 Retained Earnings	270,577.68
3-9000 Current Year Earnings	64,642.97
Total Equity	**335,220.65**

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