



**KOFUKAN
KARATE
AUSTRALIA**



Annual Report 2022

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Annual Report for Kofukan Karate Australia Inc. for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

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Kofukan Karate Australia acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia as the traditional custodians of the land on which we operate. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

2022 NATIONAL WINNER!

GOOD SPORT NEW CLUB OF THE YEAR



Kofukan Karate Australia won the 2022 National Good Sport New Club of the Year award. This recognises that, after joining Good Sports in August 2022, Kofukan Karate Australia had achieved the highest level of the program (Gold Medal accreditation) and implemented a range of policies and resources to support members.

Our Objectives

To support the aims of Kofukan Shito-ryu Karate-do:

- Cultivate good personality and strong character
- Preserve correct techniques and katas
- Promote friendship among members

To support and develop instructors who follow the principles of:

- Respect the values of the traditional katas
- Unified study of kata and kumite
- Scientific approach in analysing techniques

To promote collaboration between dojos and support joint training and events.

To support and develop members who participate in sport Karate-do.

To popularise and promote Kofukan Shito-ryu Karate-do in Australia.

Chairperson's Report

It is a privilege to present my report as Chairperson and the first report of the newly established association, Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.

It has been a year since the inauguration of the new association and the inception of our first active Technical Committee. None of this could have happened without trust, honour, and support for each other. At this point I would like to recognise all the past members that no longer train under the Kofukan banner, there have been many over the past 30 years.

2022 saw our expansion nationally with the opening of a Kofukan dojo in Hervey Bay, Queensland by Dave Hatte.

Administration

I would like to thank all members of our current administration for their countless hours in setting up the new administration, social media platforms and a dynamic informative website while striving to set new standards of operation and keeping the big wheel turning.

Executive committee:

As well as myself, the executive committee members in 2022 were:

- Iain Humphreys, Deputy Chairperson
- Lindon McKenna, Secretary
- Vanessa McKay, Treasurer

Committee members:

Brian Chambers; Russell Humphreys; David Hatte; Robert Sage; Monique Kroese; Brenden Hatton; Curtis Moss; David Atkinson.

Technical Committee

Includes all current black belts (over 16 years) for discussions. Voting rights are for those holding the rank of second dan and above.

Volunteers

As always, without volunteers, parents, and other family members our organisation would seize up and eventually cease, so on behalf of the administration we say thank you.

Unified study of Kofukan Shito-ryu Karate-do

One of the first tasks we set ourselves was to define a fairer, transparent, and consistent method of assessing students at panel gradings. This may or may not need adjusting in the future, however the feedback from students and instructors has been positive. This new method gives our students a concise snapshot of their strengths and weakness, and it safeguards our style giving more definition to our standards whilst maintaining our international scope set by the heads of Kofukan.

Thanks to the hard work of Lindon McKenna, students can study at home through our Australian Kofukan website. Our website has an international following and has set the standard for improved communications and shared training worldwide.

Brown belt and Shodan training seminars held throughout the year provide us with a definitive pathway moving forward. We come together to discuss, collaborate, and simply have fun. Out of all the events held throughout the year the brown and blackbelt seminars are most important for upholding the integrity of our style.

Collaboration between dojos

Joint social events are encouraged throughout the metro area. A club that only offers karate classes gets boring especially for children. In 2022, we invited all members to a movie night and to beach training. We should all aim to improve how we run our dojos and look to provide opportunities to add more substance for our members and their families: e.g., BBQs, hiking, fun runs for charities, movie nights, and adult events.

Support and develop members in sport karate

When it comes to tournaments, you have to be in it to win it. But it is not that easy and we need to provide our members with more opportunities for success. At the beginning of 2022, Kalgoorlie dojo hosted a WA Karate Federation (WAKF) tournament seminar, which was very informative for students and instructors. My Karate For Life club has hosted instructors with extensive tournament experience, to the benefit of all attending. We should endeavour to give all Kofukan members this exposure.

Discussions have been held amongst our own ranks and in the future we wish to encourage students, parents, and instructors to become accredited officials and or referees with the WAKF.

Engagement with WA Karate Federation

Brian Chambers and myself attended the WAKF's 2022 AGM, which was followed by a head of style meeting. This was very insightful and left us both feeling that we should investigate more into how we use the support and resources offered by the WAKF to improve Kofukan Australia e.g. hosting accredited tournaments.

Fundraising

We started fundraising in July 2022 and have raised a substantial amount so far. I cannot thank you enough it has been a huge effort by all concerned.

Our fundraising push has been prompted by the desire to host a Kofukan International Cub tournament in the future. This involves many steps and a lot of money. I would like the committee to talk about involving our parents to help more and maybe appoint a sub-committee to take the lead with raising the required funds. I have been in discussions with Containers for Change about an exciting new way to fundraise using recycled containers.

Good Sports

In August 2022, we joined Good Sports, Australia's largest community health sport program run by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF). The Good Sports program supports and inspires sporting clubs to set up a better environment for members, volunteers, supporters and officials, helping tackle topics such as alcohol, drugs, smoking, mental health and safe transport.

What a wonderful surprise it was to be awarded something none of us saw coming, Good Sports New Club of the Year (National)! Well done and what a positive way to start our second year of Kofukan Australia it reinforces our passion to deliver a healthy safe environment for all our members. Thank you to the other Principal Instructors: Iain Humphreys, Dave Hatte, and Brian Chambers for supporting this endeavour and achieving Good Sports accreditation for their clubs, and a huge thankyou to Lindon well done you are a huge inspiration to us all.

Closing remarks

Honestly, I have never been as busy with administration. I have been challenged like never before and resolved issues without four-letter words. But being part of an honest, productive, supportive team has made it more than worthwhile.

Don McKay
CHAIRPERSON
Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.



(L-R): Gyula "Jules" Plaganyi, Senior Community Development Officer, and Greg Williams, State Manager from the ADF, with Lindon McKenna, Secretary, and Don McKay, Chairperson.



Events held in 2022

Brown belt workshops

Kofukan Karate Australia held four workshops for brown belts, in February, May, July and October. The workshops usually focus on grading requirements for 2nd Kyu, 1st Kyu and 1st Dan black belt, such as kata, fighting combinations and bunkai.



Panel gradings

Panel gradings are for students grading to senior ranks (those going for ranks of 2nd Kyu, 1st Kyu and 1st Dan black belt). Assessments are conducted before a panel of black belts from multiple dojos and award of rank is certified by an instructor ranked 4th Dan or higher. Panel gradings were held in Perth in June and November, and in Kalgoorlie in September 2022.

At the June panel grading, Corey Parker successfully achieved the rank of 1st Dan black belt.



Panel grading in Byford, June 2022



Panel grading in Kalgoorlie, Sep 2022



Panel grading in Meadow Springs, Nov 2022

Kofukan inter-club tournament

On 6 November 2022, 100 competitors and their families descended on the Kwinana Recreatic Centre to compete in the annual Perth Kofukan Inter-club Tournament.

Competitors aged four to 40 competed in kumite, kata and team kata events. All eight Western Australian dojos were represented, including a contingent of 11 competitors and two referees from the Kofukan Karate Kalgoorlie club.

The inter-club tournament is a developing event, giving any student a chance to get on the tatami (mat) and give it a go. It also gives instructors and brown belts more experience in official roles like refereeing.

Kofukan Karate Australia also celebrated the 50th anniversary year of the beginning of Kofukan worldwide. To celebrate the occasion, a special cake was presented and every competitor received a cupcake in Kofukan colours. Don McKay, Chairperson, also read out a message from our International President, Shihan Keiji Tomiyama.





WAKF tournaments

A small number of members have regularly competed in WA Karate Federation (WAKF) sanctioned tournaments, including Robert Sage (1st Dan, Kalgoorlie) who is also a member of the WAKF State Team. Robert represented WA at the 2022 National Championships, achieving a Bronze medal for Senior Male Team Kumite.

In mid-2022, Kofukan Karate Australia agreed to support and encourage more participation in WAKF tournaments. This led to the largest contingent of competitors for many years entering the Goju-Kai Open tournament on 11 September 2022, with 22 members (20 from Karate For Life and two from Kofukan Karate Kalgoorlie). For most it was their first open tournament!



Regional workshops in Kalgoorlie

On 20 February 2022, Kofukan Karate Kalgoorlie hosted the WAKF's Regional Seminar. This was an important part of the WAKF Board's approach to promoting karate in as many regions as possible. The WAKF included a focus for current and aspiring coaches and officials as part of the curriculum.

Members were pleased to have the expertise of senior WAKF coaches deliver the seminar:

- Mic Gunn (6th Dan Shihan), WAKF Head State Kumite Coach
- Brigit Wall (6th Dan Shihan), WAKF Head State Kata Coach
- Justin Dowell (6th Dan), State Referee Council Member, Oceania Referee
- Olivia Clifford (1st Dan), Under 21 Oceania Champion, world rank No. 5



Kofukan Karate Kalgoorlie also hosted a weekend workshop on 24 and 25 September 2022. Instructors Don McKay and Lindon McKenna travelled to Kalgoorlie to assist Brian Chambers with the packed workshop schedule, which included sunrise training in the park and sessions on tournament kumite, self-defence and partner work.



The weekend also included Anti-Bullying Workshops run by Don, which were open to non-members.



Movie night

Kofukan members, family and friends were invited to a Movie Night on Friday 30 September 2022 hosted by Karate For Life at the Baldivis Dojo. Guests were treated to pizza, unlimited popcorn, drinks, and chocolate and watched five episodes of Cobra Kai.



Beach training

On Sunday 11 December 2022, Karate For Life hosted a beach training and barbecue end of year windup which was open to all Kofukan members. Everyone enjoyed the sand, sub and surf with kihon (basics), grappling and throws. The event was also an opportunity for members to feature in a promotional video being produced by Good Sports as part of our prize for winning the Good Sports New Club of the Year (National) award.



Fundraising

August 2022 commenced a big fundraising drive for Kofukan Karate Australia led by Don McKay, Chairperson.

The purpose of the fundraising is to allow Kofukan Karate Australia to purchase protective equipment to enable members to participate in State competitions without the large cost outlay that comes with buying the required protective equipment. The fundraising also held subsidise entry fees. The first batch of 19 sets of protective equipment arrived on 29 August 2022 (pictured).



Fundraising in 2022 has included:

- Selling Cadbury Fundraising chocolates
- Members bringing their cans and bottles to the dojo or collecting them at home to be cashed in and recycled at Containers for Change collection points. In 2022, Karate For Life members deposited over 10,000 containers!

Donations and grants received in 2022 were:

- \$4,000 cash donation from Qube Logistics (Australia)
- \$1,030 cash donation from Diversus
- \$1,000 equipment and supplies vouchers from Melchor Contracting
- \$1,000 from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation for winning the Good Sport New Club of the Year (National) award
- \$24 in generous donations from young students bring their pocket money!

Kofukan Karate Australia thanks all donors plus members and their families who have put time and effort into fundraising, and of course our generous donors.

The management committee and instructors thank Don for his enormous efforts in driving the fundraising initiative.



Members

As at 31 December 2022, Kofukan Karate Australia had 354 members¹, of which 54 are ordinary (voting) members 16 years and over and 300 were junior members 15 years and under.

Member train across nine dojos which are operated by five independent clubs, including a club in Queensland which opened in September 2022.

Membership at the five clubs and their Principal Instructor, as at 31 December 2022, was as follows:

- Karate For Life – Kwinana, Forrestdale and Baldivis in the Perth region, Western Australia
 - Ordinary members: 19
 - Junior members: 131
 - Black belts:² Don McKay (Principal Instructor, 4th Dan), Lindon McKenna (2nd Dan), Curtis Moss (1st Dan)
- Kofukan Karate Mandurah – Halls Head, Meadow Springs, and Pinjarra in the Peel region, Western Australia
 - Ordinary members: 15
 - Junior members: 105
 - Black belts:² Iain Humphreys (Principal Instructor, 3rd Dan), Brenden Hatton (1st Dan), Monique Kroese (1st Dan), Riccardo Dyer (1st Dan), Stuart Ree-Simpson (1st Dan)
- Kofukan Karate Kalgoorlie – Kalgoorlie, Western Australia
 - Ordinary members: 7
 - Junior members: 43
 - Black belts: Brian Chambers (Principal Instructor, 6th Dan), Robert Sage (1st Dan), Blake Bairstow (1st Dan), Glenys Currie (1st Dan)
- Kofukan Karate Byford – Perth, Western Australia
 - Ordinary members: 6
 - Junior members: 21
 - Black belts: Russell Humphreys (Principal Instructor, 4th Dan), Aiden Humphreys (1st Dan), Brandon Didsman (1st Dan), Corey Parker (1st Dan)
- Lifestylz Karate – Hervey Bay, Queensland
 - Ordinary members: 7
 - Black belts: Dave Hatte (Principal Instructor, 3rd Dan)

¹ Membership lasts 12 months from the time of joining or renewal. Some members may not be active at 31 December 2022.

² Karate For Life and Kofukan Karate Mandurah also have members who have black belts acquired from other karate styles but are yet to grade within the Kofukan system.

Governance

Incorporation

Kofukan Karate Australia Inc. (the Association) was incorporated on 17 December 2021. At this time, all members of affiliated clubs were transferred from the previous association, Shito-ryu Karate-do Kofukan International (Australia) Inc.

Meetings

As 2022 was the first year of the Association’s operation, the Association held a committee meeting in January 2022 which was essentially in lieu of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and was held to appoint the management committee. The first AGM will be held within 18 months of the Association’s incorporation as required by section 50 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015*.

The Association is required by its Rules to hold four management committee meetings each year. The Association held five management committee meetings during 2022, in January, February, May, July and October. The management committee also met in February 2023.

Committee

The following table shows the appointment date and number of meetings attended for each committee member during the reference period: that is, the period up to the first AGM in March 2023.

All committee positions are vacated automatically at the 2023 AGM.

Name	Role	Appointment	Meeting attendance
Don McKay	Chairperson	January 2022	6/6
Iain Humphreys	Deputy Chairperson	January 2022	6/6
Vanessa McKay	Treasurer	January 2022	3/6
Lindon Mckenna	Secretary	January 2022	6/6
Brian Chambers	Committee member	January 2022	4/6
David Hatte	Committee member	January 2022	3/6
Robert Sage	Committee member	January 2022	3/6
David Atkinson	Committee member	January 2022	4/6
Curtis Moss	Committee member	January 2022 (automatically ceased in October 2022)	0/5
Russell Humphreys	Committee member	February 2022	2/5*
Monique Kroese	Committee member	February 2022	2/5*
Brenden Hatton	Committee member	February 2022	2/5*

* Those appointed to fill vacancies through the year had fewer meetings they could have attended.

Sub-Committees

There were no sub-committees established by the management committee in 2022.

Technical Committee

The Technical Committee is established under the Rules and has responsibility for matters relating to the study of, and training in, Kofukan Shito-ryu Karate-do by members. All members who have achieved the rank of 1st Dan black belt or higher are automatically members of the Technical Committee, with voting rights held by members ranked 2nd Dan and higher.

The Rules require the Technical Committee to hold at least three meetings each year. In 2022, the Technical Committee met three times, in February, May and August.

Staff

The Association is entirely run by volunteers and does not employ staff or contractors.

Policies

The Association has the following policies in effect:

- Rules of the Association
- Code of Conduct
- Good Sports Policy
- Dojo Opening, Transfer and Closure Policy
- Media Enquiries Protocol
- Incident Reporting Forms and Procedures

Financial Statements

Statement of Receipts and Payments 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Receipts	AUD\$
Start up loan	550.00
Membership	9,000.00
Inter-club tournament entry fees	4,064.00
Movie night ticket sales	765.00
Alcohol and Drug Foundation award	1,000.00
Transfer from Shito-Ryu Karate-do Kofukan International (Australia) Inc	391.07
Panel grading fees - Kyu grades	520.00
Grading Fees - Shodan	281.48
Water bottle sales	120.00
Tomiyama Gi orders	1,163.70
Karate For Life fundraising account - tournament equipment repayment	652.76
Iain Humphreys repayment (2021 memberships)	239.50
Paypal establishment test	0.16
Total Receipts	\$ 18,747.67

Payments	
Operating expenses and administration	
Repay start up loan	550.00
Insurance	422.18
Association registration	166.40
WA Karate Federation membership	300.00
Panel grading contributions to dojos	260.00
Membership refunds	25.00
Stationery	230.95
Bank fees	75.11
Paypal fees	193.83
Stripe fees	235.91
Postage	72.85
Kofukan International	
Kofukan International membership	874.86
Dan grading fee	301.04
Tomiyama Gi order	1,158.41
Kofukan Badges	203.03

<u>Promotional</u>	
Website	290.26
Google advertising	119.48
Facebook advertising	843.60
50th anniversary bumper stickers	346.00
<i>Sub-total Operating Expenses and Administration</i>	6,668.91
Member events	
<u>Movie night</u>	
Venue	198.00
Catering	370.99
Raffle prize	45.00
Gifts for helpers	360.00
<i>Sub-total Movie night</i>	<i>973.99</i>
<u>Inter-club tournament</u>	
Venue	988.00
Trophies	1,331.90
Catering and hospitality	1,209.70
Miscellaneous	604.57
<i>Sub-total Inter-club tournament</i>	<i>4,134.17</i>
<u>Venue hire - workshops and meetings</u>	817.05
<i>Sub-total Member events</i>	5,925.21
Other	
Karate For Life fundraising account - tournament equipment loan	2,611.02
Ray Hana (badges buy back)	207.00
<i>Sub-total Other</i>	2,818.02
Total Payments	\$ 15,412.14
Balance at 31/12/2022	\$ 3,335.53

Fundraising

1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Income	AUD\$
Loan from Kofukan Karate Australia main account for equipment	2,611.02
Donation – Qube*	4,000.00
Donation - Diversus	1,030.00
Containers for Change	1,084.90
Chocolates and Pocket Money	3,497.94
Donation - Melcor (Bunnings gift vouchers)	500.00
Total Fundraising Income	\$ 12,723.86
Expenses	
Partial repayment of loan from Kofukan Karate Australia main account*	652.76
Martial Arts Supplies Australia	1,002.54
Shogun Martial Arts	3,759.55
Postage	270.00
Cadbury Fundraising chocolates	1,919.94
Sundries	120.90
Storage Containers (purchased using Bunnings gift voucher)	515.00
WAKF Tournament Fee Subsidy (\$20 discount for 22 entrants)	440.00
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$ 8,680.69
Balance	4,043.17
Less balance of loan to be repaid to Kofukan Karate Australia main account in January 2023*	1,958.26
Available Balance at 31/12/2022	\$ 2,084.91

Melcor - promise of \$500 for sausage sizzle

*Note: Donation from Cube was deposited into Kofukan Karate Australia main account on 20 January 2023. This repays the \$1,958.26 balance of the loan. The remaining \$2,041.74 resides in the main account. The rest of the fundraising balance (\$43.17) resides in the fundraising account.

Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022

Asset	Location	Condition
Travel banner	Kwinana dojo	Good
Tournament banner	Kwinana dojo	Fair
19 Sets of Tournament PPE	Kwinana dojo	Good
Head protectors x18		
Shin & foot protectors red & blue set x19		
Chest protectors x19		
Gloves red & blue set x19		
Badges x 25	Kwinana dojo	New
Bollards x 9	Kwinana dojo	Good
Equipment storage containers x5	Kwinana dojo	Good
Equipment calico drawstring bags x50	Kwinana dojo	New
Plain black water bottles x 10	Lindon McKenna	New
Mouth guards x 4	Lindon McKenna	New
Rebel Sport voucher \$300	Lindon McKenna	New

Debts owed to Association at 31 December 2022

Iain Humphreys (2021 memberships)	\$	1,451.50
Russell Humphreys (2021 memberships)	\$	650.00
Karate For Life fundraising account (repaid 20 Jan 2023)	\$	1,958.26

Liabilities

Total Liabilities	\$	Nil
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