



**KOFUKAN
KARATE
AUSTRALIA**



Annual Report 2024



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Annual Report for Kofukan Karate Australia Inc. for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

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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 and present, and emerging leaders.



**GOOD SPORTS NEW CLUB
OF THE YEAR, 2022**

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

As we conclude another successful year, I am pleased to present the 2024 annual report for Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.

Administrative Excellence

Our administration team has demonstrated exceptional dedication throughout the year, managing our operations, social media presence, and website with remarkable efficiency. Their commitment to maintaining high operational standards has been instrumental in our organisation's smooth functioning.

Technical Development

The cornerstone of our technical development has been our regular Brown Belt and Shodan training seminars. These gatherings have proven invaluable for:

- Knowledge sharing across dojos
- Maintaining consistency in technique and teaching
- Building stronger relationships between practitioners
- Preserving the authenticity of our style

A significant highlight was hosting Shihan Keiji Tomiyama, whose seminars and gradings provided invaluable technical instruction. The accompanying social events, particularly the family dinner, strengthened our community bonds.

Member Development Initiatives

We have maintained our commitment to member development through:

- Free workshop programs covering kata, kumite, and self defence
- Increased participation in inter club tournaments

Looking Forward to 2025

As we move into the new year, our priorities will be:

- Upholding the integrity of Kofukan Karate and Shihan Tomiyama's teachings
- Continuing free training opportunities for members
- Further strengthening our community connections

Acknowledgments

The achievements of 2024 would not have been possible without the dedication of:

- Our volunteer instructors
- Committee members
- Supportive parents
- Administrative team
- Dedicated students

Their collective efforts have driven our progress across technical development, community events, and governance.

As chairperson, I look forward to building upon these foundations in 2025 as we continue to nurture the growth of both our organisation and its members.

Don McKay
CHAIRPERSON
Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.

Events held in 2024

Shihan Tomiyama's visit

In July 2024, Mr Keiji Tomiyama (Shihan, 9th Dan Tasshi Shito-ryu), President and Joint-Chief Instructor of Kofukan International, visited Australia again. Kofukan Karate Australia hosted a series of training seminars and classes, including open seminars on the weekend of 13th-14th of July. Karate-ka from all over the southern Perth and the Peel Region attended, along with people travelling from as far as Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Manjimup and our own Dave Hatte from Hervey Bay, Queensland.

An unfortunate flight delay for Shihan Tomiyama meant Sensei Brian Chambers (6th Dan) delivered the seminars on Fighting Combinations and Shushi-no-kon (bo kata) on the Saturday.

Classes open to Kofukan members were held in the evenings on Monday at the Halls Head dojo and on Tuesday and Thursday at the Kwinana dojo. In addition, training for senior ranks was held during the day on Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to practice high level kata.

The program also included social events: a black belt and committee member dinner on Saturday and a Kofukan Family Dinner on Sunday.

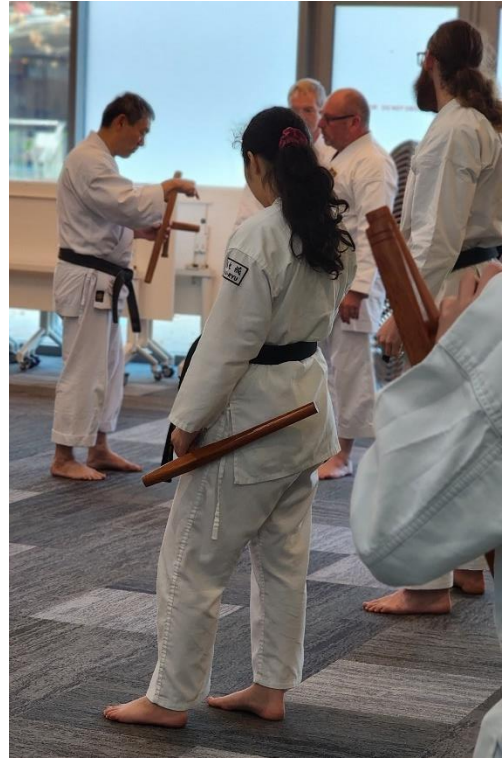
On Thursday 18th of July, a grading was held and Shihan Tomiyama passed Corey Parker and Brandon Didsman to 2nd Dan black belt.

Instructors and students learned a lot from Shihan Tomiyama's visit, as we always do. Thanks to everyone who took up the opportunity to train with Shihan Tomiyama and make the seminars a great success.



Brandon Didsman and Corey Parker with Shihan Tomiyama after successfully passing their gradings to Nidan, 18 July 2024







More photos: <https://kofukankarateaustralia.com/2024/shihan-tomiyamas-visit-2024>

Open Seminars

On 16 November 2024, Kofukan Karate Australia hosted Master Colin Wee and his assistant instructor, Josh, for an open seminar: The Secrets of Bassai Dai. Master Wee is the principal of Joong Do Kwan Western Australia, 7th Dan Taekwondo, Australasian Martial Arts Hall of Fame inductee, and author of award-winning book, *Breaking Through: The Secrets of Bassai Dai*.

Attendees enjoyed Master Wee's practical approach to Bassai Dai applications and experiencing a new perspective to the kata.



Member seminars

Kofukan Karate Australia provides free seminars to members throughout the year.

In 2024, Kofukan Karate Australia held five seminars for members in the Western Australian metropolitan area:

- Four brown belt seminars in February, May, August and November. These workshops usually focus on grading requirements for 2nd Kyu, 1st Kyu and 1st Dan black belt, such as kata, fighting combinations and bunkai.
- One black belt seminar in March.



Brown Belt Seminar February 2024



Black belt seminar March 2024



Brown Belt Seminar May 2024



Brown Belt Seminar August 2024



Brown Belt Seminar November 2024

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 the award of rank is certified by an instructor ranked 4th Dan or higher. Panel gradings were held in Perth and Kalgoorlie mid-year and end-of-year.

2024 saw us welcome four Senior Shodan black belts:

- Aaron Wilkinson, 1 December 2024
- Curtis Koenig, 1 December 2024
- Eishaan Chand, 23 November 2024
- Jaelle Kyle, 22 June 2024

Jaelle and Eishaan had previously graded to Junior Shodan and re-graded to Senior Shodan after they turned 16 years old:

Well done to these students for reaching this milestone, and to all the students who passed to 2nd Kyu and 1st Kyu this year.



Panel grading in Kalgoorlie, June 2024



Panel grading in Perth, June 2024



Panel grading in Kalgoorlie, November 2024



Panel grading in Perth, December 2024

Kofukan Shito-ryu Invitational Development Tournament

On 15 September 2024, we hosted our annual Kofukan tournament at the Kwinana Recquatic Centre.

This year, the event was open to other clubs by invitation, and we were very pleased to get 110 competitors across kata and kumite events. Joining our members from across Perth, Peel and Goldfields regions were competitors from:

- Australian Shukokai Karate Association (Samurai Karate Belmont and Samurai Karate Carnarvon)
- Australian Wado Ryu Karate-Do Academy Western Australia (Geraldton)
- GKR Karate (Perth and Southern Perth regions)
- Hills Wado Kai Karate Club

Our development tournament is a fun, informal and supportive environment for our members to gain confidence, overcome nerves and build competitive spirit. Many of our referees and judges are also developing in their roles.

The tournament held 14 kata events and 16 kumite events. During the lunchtime break we also put on some fun activities – board breaking and a high cliff jump.



Thanks to the other clubs who came to the tournament and made it a success.

A very special thanks to all the volunteers from Kofukan families and other clubs who helped with set up, pack away, table official roles, marshalling competitors and being judges and referees.



More photos on our website: <https://kofukankarateaustralia.com/2024/2024-kofukan-shito-ryu-invitational-development-tournament/>

Thanks to the City of Kwinana for supporting this event through a venue hire waiver. This helped the event run at low cost for all the competitors and their families.



WAKF tournaments

A small number of members compete in WA Karate Federation (WAKF) sanctioned tournaments.

Two competitors attended the 20 October 2024 WA Karate League Perth Open tournament. Well done to both competitors:

- Aiden Snowling:
 - Silver, Boys 12 / 13 Years 4th - 1st Kyu Kata
 - Bronze, Boys 12 / 13 Years 4th - 1st Kyu Kumite
- Ryan Bennett:
 - Silver, Boys Kata 8 / 9 Years 10th - 5th Kyu



Fundraising

In 2024, Kofukan Karate Australia completed three rounds of a new fundraising competition which encourages donations through Containers for Change.

The Containers for Community Karate competition was the brainchild of Chairperson, Don McKay and implemented by Secretary Lindon McKenna. By returning 100 or more containers through Containers for Change (WA) and donating the refund to Kofukan Karate Australia, anyone can go in the draw to win the equivalent of half of the donations in prize money.

In 2024:

- 11,483 containers were recycled by our members and community in our name, bringing in \$1,148.30 in donations (both as part of and separate to the competition).
- \$269.35 was awarded in prize money to competition winners: J Koenig, N Donnelly and M Gross.



Win up to \$1,000 with
Containers for Community Karate

Return 100 containers and donate refund to Kofukan Karate Australia

Ts&Cs apply. See website for details.
www.KofukanKarateAustralia.com/Competitions



The graphic features the Kofukan Karate Australia logo on the left and a photograph of a yellow recycling bin filled with various plastic bottles on the right. The text is in white and yellow, set against a black background.

Our other fundraising through the year was:

- \$470 from selling Cadbury Fundraising chocolates
- \$106 for the sale of raffle tickets and mouthguards at the Kofukan tournament
- \$100 from Grill'd as part of their Local Matters program
- \$71 from Tam Bakes Cakes as part of their Pay It Forward program
- \$12 from a raffle at the Wandri markets



Our fundraising revenue was used for:

- Subsidising the Kofukan tournament entry fee for members (\$5 off per competitor for 60 competitors)
- Subsidising WA Karate Federation tournaments (\$20 per competitor for two competitors)
- Buying equipment for dojos such as focus mitts and protective equipment (\$365.92)

Remaining fundraising revenue is being applied to long term goals of the Association.

Kofukan Karate Australia thanks all its volunteers and community members who were involved in our fundraising in 2024. A special thank you to Amanda Fellows, who organised our raffles and chocolate drive this year.

Kofukan Karate Australia welcomes new fundraising ideas and opportunities. Please speak to a Committee member or email admin@kofukankarateaustralia.com to share your ideas or to help participate in future events.

Members

As at 31 December 2024, Kofukan Karate Australia had 204 members¹, of which 60 are ordinary (voting) members aged 16 years and over, and 144 were junior members aged 15 years and under.

Membership at the four clubs and their instructors, as at 31 December 2024, are as follows:

- Karate For Life – Kwinana, Forrestdale, Baldivis and Byford in the Perth region, and Halls Head, Meadow Springs and Pinjarra in the Peel region, Western Australia
 - Ordinary members: 39
 - Junior members: 101
 - Kofukan black belts:² Don McKay (Principal Instructor, 4th Dan), Lindon McKenna (3rd Dan), Brandon Didsman (2nd Dan), Corey Parker (2nd Dan), Aaron Wilkinson (1st Dan), Brenden Hatton (1st Dan), Curtis Koenig (1st Dan), Curtis Moss (1st Dan), Stuart Ree-Simpson (1st Dan), Alfred Koenig (1st Dan Junior)
- Kofukan Karate Kalgoorlie – Kalgoorlie, Western Australia
 - Ordinary members: 12
 - Junior members: 43
 - Kofukan Black belts: Brian Chambers (Principal Instructor, 6th Dan), Robert Sage (2nd Dan), Eishaan Chand (1st Dan), Glenys Currie (1st Dan), Jaelle Kyle (1st Dan), Melissa Robinson (1st Dan), Taine Stutley (1st Dan Junior)
- Lifestylz Karate – Hervey Bay, Queensland
 - Ordinary members: 8
 - Kofukan black belts: Dave Hatte (Principal Instructor, 3rd Dan)
- Illawarra Karate Academy – Wollongong NSW³
 - Ordinary members: 1
 - Kofukan Black belts: Brett Ferreira (4th Dan)

¹ Membership lasts 12 months from the time of joining or renewal. Some members may not be active at 31 December 2024.

² In addition, there are three members who are black belt in another style: Adam Draper, Ann Draper and Julie Murphy.

³ Brett Ferreira's Illawarra Karate Academy is opening in February 2025.

Governance

Incorporation

Kofukan Karate Australia Inc. (the Association) was incorporated on 17 December 2021.

Meetings

The Association is required by its Rules to hold four management committee meetings each year. The management committee held four ordinary committee meetings in February, May, August and November 2024.

Committee

The table below shows the members of the management committee and their meeting attendance.

All committee positions are vacated automatically at each AGM. Accordingly, the reference period for meeting attendance in the table below refers to meetings between the AGM held on 3 March 2024 and the AGM held on 1 March 2025.

All committee positions are vacated automatically at the 2025 AGM.

Name	Role	Meeting attendance	Notes
Don McKay	Chairperson	4/4	
Brian Chambers	Deputy Chairperson	2/4	Apology provided 2/2
Sandy Kalmar	Treasurer	4/4	
Lindon McKenna	Secretary	4/4	
Aaron Wilkinson	Committee member	4/4	
Brandon Didsman	Committee member	3/4	Apology provided 1/1
Corey Parker	Committee member	4/4	
David Hatte	Committee member	3/4	
Glenys Currie	Committee member	1/4	Apology provided 1/3
Julie Koenig	Committee member	3/4	Apology provided 1/1
Julie Murphy	Committee member	4/4	
Stuart Ree-Simpson	Committee member	4/4	

Sub-Committees

In May 2023, the management committee agreed to establish a sub-committee, called the Fundraising Committee.

The Fundraising Committee was not active in 2024.

Delegation

In May 2023, the management committee established the position of Tournament Manager as a subsidiary office under the Rules. The role of Tournament Manager is to manage and coordinate members' participation in non-Kofukan tournaments.

The Tournament Manager role was not required in 2024.

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 ordinary members (over 16 years) 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 2024, the Technical Committee met three times, in April, August and December.

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
- Risk Management Plan and Procedures
- Good Sports Policy
- Dojo Opening, Transfer and Closure Policy
- Media Enquiries Protocol
- Logo Use Policy
- Incident Reporting Forms and Procedures

Treasurer's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Secretary, Lindon McKenna, who greatly supported me with settling into my role as Treasurer this year. It has been a pleasure working with you to plan and finalise events for our community.

I would also like to thank everyone who assisted with the organising and roll-out of our fundraising activities. Thanks to you, with the support of our community, we raised funds to purchase equipment and subsidise tournament entry fees for our members.

Our financial statements show that we made an increased profit from last year. This, in part, is due to our cash basis method of accounting. This means we account for our income and expenses as we receive and pay for them in our bank account. For example, we received a grant payment from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder in January 2024 for our anti-bullying workshop held in October 2023.

Changes that significantly affected our profit and loss statement this year are:

- Reduced membership. While this means reduced member fees, it also means that some expenses like our Kofukan International Membership fee is also reduced;
- Increases in Shihan Tomiyama's travel and teaching fees;
- Reduced venue hire costs for Shihan Tomiyama workshops due to City of Mandurah refunded venue hire;
- Increased insurance costs due to change in provider. This ensures that our Association and its members continue to have appropriate coverage for all of its activities;
- Grant received from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for the 2023 anti-bullying workshop was paid in January 2024;
- Increased black belt grading expense due to delayed payment for 2023 gradings;
- Reduced WAKF tournament expenses due to changes in WAKF's registration processes. In 2024 these changes allowed for individual competitors to register themselves instead of requiring the Association to do it on the individual's behalf;
- Reduced 2024 Kofukan Karate Australia tournament expenses due to a bulk medal order in 2023;
- Mandurah grading and Other expenses that related to 2023 end of year events for our Association, were not repeated in 2024.

Thank you to the instructors who trialled the merchandise ordering process. This should lead to a smooth roll-out of our merchandise sales to our members in 2025.

I am looking forward to continuing to work with the committee and our members as we move forward into 2025.

Sandy Kalmar
TREASURER
Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.

Financial Statements

Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.

Profit & Loss

For the period 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

Cash Basis

	2024	2023
Revenue		
Member Fees	\$6,225.00	\$8,100.00
Shihan Seminars	\$2,180.00	\$2,110.00
Other Seminars	\$360.00	\$0.00
Panel Grading Fees	\$920.00	\$560.00
Kofukan Karate Mandurah Gradings	\$40.00	\$500.00
Black Belt Grading	\$711.55	\$1,509.00
KKI Books and Badges	\$1,316.50	\$540.00
KKI Gi and Belt	\$715.00	\$0.00
KKA Merchandise	\$685.00	\$0.00
KKA & WAKF Tournament Fees	\$3,366.30	\$3,630.00
Donations and Grants	\$1,360.41	\$0.00
Fundraising		
Containers for Change	\$1,105.13	\$135.50
Chocolates	\$1,269.90	\$0.00
Other Fundraising Income	\$289.00	\$743.00
Total Fundraising	\$2,664.03	\$878.50
Total Revenue	\$20,543.79	\$17,827.50
Direct Cost		
Black Belt Grading Expense	\$1,453.83	\$0.00
KKI Books and Badges Purchases	\$989.12	\$0.00
KKI Gi and Belt Purchases	\$751.57	\$0.00
KKA Merchandise Purchases	\$550.00	\$0.00
Kofukan Karate Mandurah Expenses	\$20.00	\$500.00
Fundraising Expenses		
Containers for Change Competition Expenses	\$269.35	\$0.00
Chocolates Expense	\$799.92	\$0.00
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$1,069.27	\$0.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$15,710.00	\$17,327.50
Expenses		
Kofukan International Membership	\$935.67	\$1,324.00
WAKF Membership	\$300.00	\$0.00
Panel Grading/Seminar Venue Hire Fees	\$839.35	\$1,029.52
Shihan Visit		
Shihan Accomodation	\$485.77	\$391.89
Shihan Meals	\$337.18	\$802.91
Shihan Venue Hire	\$894.77	\$1,362.90
Shihan Travel and Teaching Expenses	\$4,710.81	\$2,948.01
Total Shihan Visit	\$6,428.53	\$5,505.71

	2024	2023
Expenses		
Grading Fees to dojos	\$0.00	\$260.00
Other Panel Grading/Seminar expenses	\$180.00	\$2,019.60
KKA Tournament Expenses	\$793.61	\$2,844.66
WAKF Tournament Expenses	\$40.00	\$995.00
Bank fees		
PayPal Fees	\$129.30	\$148.50
Stripe Fees	\$265.71	\$278.69
CBA Fees	\$47.27	\$25.27
Total Bank fees	\$442.28	\$452.46
Advertising and Promotional	\$364.20	\$540.94
Insurance	\$3,319.99	\$422.18
Stationery and Postage	\$244.74	\$181.64
Education and Training Expenses	\$0.00	\$75.00
Equipment Expenses	\$365.92	\$232.38
Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$919.85
Total Expenses	\$14,254.29	\$16,802.94
NET PROFIT (Net Income)	\$1,455.71	\$524.56

Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of 31/12/2024

Cash Basis

	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
Assets		
Bank and Cash		
CBA Administration	\$7,758.23	\$8,085.50
CBA Fundraising	\$3,288.19	\$947.64
PayPal	\$124.05	\$148.10
Total Bank and Cash	\$11,170.47	\$9,224.41
Current Assets		
Previous Association Debt Recovery		
Total Previous Association Debt Recovery	\$0.00	\$490.35
Total Current Assets	\$0.00	\$490.35
Non-current Assets		
Total Assets	\$11,170.47	\$9,714.76
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Non-current Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
NET ASSETS (Net Worth)	\$11,170.47	\$9,714.76
Equity		
Association Capital	\$2,666.82	\$2,666.82
Retained Earnings	\$7,047.94	\$6,523.38
Current Earnings	\$1,455.71	\$524.56
TOTAL EQUITY	\$11,170.47	\$9,714.76