



# KOFUKAN KARATE AUSTRALIA



## Annual Report 2025



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Annual Report for Kofukan Karate Australia Inc. for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

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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 year, I am pleased to present the 2025 annual report for Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.

## Expanding Our Reach

2025 saw us extend Kofukan Karate into new territory with the establishment of our Wollongong dojo under the instruction of Brett Ferreira. This expansion represents not only geographical growth but also the strengthening of traditional Kofukan Karate across Australia.

## Community Building and Fundraising

Our community has shown its dedication through our most successful fundraising year to date. The Easter chocolate drive, movie night, and Bunnings sausage sizzle not only raised significant funds to cover running costs but, brought our members together in shared purpose.

## Competitive Achievement

Our annual invitational tournament was a success, attracting 50 competitors, including 13 from other clubs. This event showcased the technical excellence of our members while fostering the spirit of healthy competition and mutual respect that defines traditional karate.

## Challenges and Strategic Adaptation

2025 presented significant challenges in member acquisition and retention, resulting in the difficult decision to close our Halls Head dojo. Additionally, at year's end, three of our Perth dojos transitioned out of Karate for Life to pursue independent dojos. These changes reflect the evolving landscape of karate instruction within Kofukan Karate Australia.

## Technical Development

We have continued our commitment to technical excellence through regular brown belt and shodan training seminars. These sessions remain crucial for maintaining consistency in technique and teaching across our organisation while providing valuable opportunities for knowledge sharing and relationship building between practitioners.

## Looking Forward to 2026

As we enter 2026, we do so with a leaner but focused organisation. Our priorities will be:

- Upholding the integrity of Kofukan Karate and Shihan Tomiyama's teachings
- Strengthening our remaining dojos through quality instruction and member engagement

- Fostering connections between our established and new locations

### **Acknowledgments**

The resilience demonstrated in 2025 would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication of:

- Our volunteer instructors who maintained their commitment through changing circumstances
- Committee members who navigated difficult decisions with integrity
- Supportive parents who trust us with their children's development
- Our administrative team who ensured smooth operations
- Dedicated students who continue their karate journey regardless of external challenges

As chairperson, I remain committed to leading our organisation with the same principles of discipline, respect, and perseverance that we teach on the dojo floor. Together, we will continue to nurture the growth of both Kofukan Karate Australia and its members.

**Don McKay**  
**CHAIRPERSON**  
**Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.**

# Events held in 2025

## Shihan Tomiyama's visit

We had the pleasure of Shihan Tomiyama's visit again in July 2025. Mr Keiji Tomiyama (Shihan, 9th Dan Tasshi Shito-ryu), President and Joint-Chief Instructor of Kofukan International, visited Australia from 18 to 25 July 2025 and we hosted a series of training seminars and classes.

The seminars on the weekend of 19-20 July were open to other styles. Classes open to Kofukan members were held in the evenings on Monday at the Baldivis dojo, on Tuesday at the Medina dojo and Thursday at the Casuarina-Wellard 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 24th of July, a grading was held and Shihan Tomiyama passed Sensei Don McKay to 5<sup>th</sup> Dan.

We are always grateful to Shihan Tomiyama for travelling such a long way and value his teachings.



Sensei Don McKay (left) with Shihan Tomiyama and Sensei Brian Chambers after successfully passing his grading to Godan, 26 July 2025





More photos: <https://kofukankarateaustralia.com/2025/shihan-tomiyamas-visit-2025/>

## Member seminars

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

In 2025, Kofukan Karate Australia held four brown belt seminars in March, May, August and November. These workshops usually focus on grading requirements for 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu, 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu and 1<sup>st</sup> Dan black belt, such as kata, fighting combinations and bunkai.



Brown Belt Seminar March 2025



Brown Belt Seminar May 2025



Brown Belt Seminar August 2025

## Panel gradings

Panel gradings are for students grading to senior ranks (those going for ranks of 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu, 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Dan or higher. Panel gradings were held in Perth and Kalgoorlie mid-year and end-of-year.

2025 saw us welcome new 1<sup>st</sup> Dan black belts:

- Alfred Koenig (Kwinana dojo) – Senior Shodan, regraded from a Junior Shodan
- Ashlynn Watts (Pinjarra dojo) – Senior Shodan
- Hera Watts (Pinjarra dojo) – Senior Shodan
- Jack Wade (Meadow Springs dojo) – Senior Shodan
- Liam Gallin (Byford dojo) – Junior Shodan
- Taine Stutley (Kalgoorlie dojo) – Senior Shodan, regraded from a Junior Shodan

We also graded, for the first time, students under 13 years to provisional black belt:

- Amira Lacsao (Kalgoorlie dojo) – Shodan-ho
- Atreya Sumadipradja (Kalgoorlie dojo) – Shodan-do
- Kimberly Carson (Kalgoorlie dojo) – Shodan-do
- Taanvi Chand (Kalgoorlie dojo) – Shodan-do

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



Panel grading in Kalgoorlie, June 2025



Panel grading in Kalgoorlie, December 2025



Panel grading in Perth, June 2025



Panel grading in Perth, November 2025

## Kofukan Shito-Ryu Invitational Development Tournament

Our 2025 Kofukan Shito-Ryu Invitational Development Tournament was a fantastic day of karate spirit, camaraderie and friendly competition, bringing together 50 competitors for an enjoyable and inspiring event.

Held on 21 September at the Kwinana Recquatic Centre in Western Australia, the tournament provided the perfect opportunity for students to test their skills on the tatami in a relaxed and supportive setting. The focus was on encouraging those new to competition and ensuring everyone had fun while gaining valuable experience.

In addition to participants from all Perth-based Kofukan dojos, we were delighted to welcome visiting competitors from Australian Wado Ryu Karate-Do Academy Western Australia (Geraldton) and Hills Wado Kai Karate Club.

Across the day, we ran nine kumite events and eight kata events, along with team kata. The lunchtime break featured plenty of fun off the mats too — including board breaking, tug-of-war, a high cliff jump, dodgeball, and more!

Our development tournament provides a friendly, low-pressure environment where members can build confidence, overcome nerves and develop their competitive spirit. It also offers valuable experience for our referees and judges, many of whom are developing their officiating skills.

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers whose hard work made the event possible.





More photos on our website: <https://kofukankarateaustralia.com/2025/2025-kofukan-australia-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.

Well done to our medallists and competitors in 2025.

Goju Kai Open, 18 May 2025

- Bronze: Matthew O'Neill (Kalgoorlie dojo), Kumite, Men's Veterans 35 Years and above

WA Karate League Perth Open, 15 June 2025

- Silver: Max Geale (Forrestdale dojo), Kumite, Cadet Boys 14/15 Years all grades
- Bronze: Robert Sage (Kalgoorlie dojo), Kumite, Men's 18 Years and above



Max Geale with Sensei Lindon

In November 2025, the WAKF held its first Kick Start Karate tournament, aimed at giving developing competitors a supportive environment to have a go as well as develop the skills of karate-ka who want to coach and referee.





# Fundraising

This year we implemented our biggest fundraising drive ever, with a Movie Night at United Cinemas Rockingham, a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in Baldivis and Cadbury Fundraising Chocolates as our biggest earners.

Thanks to all our volunteers that made these fundraising initiatives possible by dedicating their time and other contributions.

**Net profit from fundraising and donations: \$6,535.62**

- Cadbury Fundraising Chocolates: \$1,963.32
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle: \$1,716.74
- United Cinemas Movie Night: \$1,154.05
- Kofukan merchandise sales: \$ 891.71
- Containers for Change donations: \$ 449.80
- Grill'd Local Matters: \$ 300.00
- Personal donations: \$ 60.00

In addition, we received a venue hire fee waiver from the City of Kwinana for our Kofukan Shito-Ryu Invitational Development Tournament at the Kwinana Recquatic, valued at about \$500.

Several volunteers also donated supplies for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, and Don McKay paid for most of Shihan Tomiyama's meals while in Australia with other instructors also supporting.

Thanks to everyone for their support.





Kofukan Karate Australia welcomes new fundraising ideas and opportunities. We are also looking for sponsors and have a [Sponsorship Proposal on our website](#). Please speak to a Committee member or email [admin@kofukankarateaustralia.com](mailto:admin@kofukankarateaustralia.com) to share your ideas or to help participate in future events.

# Members

As at 31 December 2025, Kofukan Karate Australia had 199 members<sup>1</sup>, of which 66 (33%) are ordinary (voting) members aged 16 years and over, and 133 were junior members aged 15 years and under.

Membership at the four clubs and their instructors, as at 31 December 2025, are as follows:

- Illawarra Karate Academy – Wollongong NSW
  - Ordinary members: 3
  - Junior members: 7
  - Kofukan Black belts: Brett Ferreira (4<sup>th</sup> Dan), Terri Ferreira (2<sup>nd</sup> Dan)
  
- Karate For Life – Kwinana, Forrestdale, Baldvis and Byford in the Perth region, and Meadow Springs and Pinjarra in the Peel region, Western Australia
  - Ordinary members: 41
  - Junior members: 87
  - Kofukan black belts: Don McKay (Principal Instructor, 5<sup>th</sup> Dan), Lindon McKenna (3<sup>rd</sup> Dan), Brandon Didsman (2<sup>nd</sup> Dan), Corey Parker (2<sup>nd</sup> Dan), Aaron Wilkinson (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Alfred Koenig (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Ashlynn Watts (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Curtis Koenig (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Curtis Moss (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Hera Watts (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Jack Wade (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Stuart Ree-Simpson (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Liam Gallin (1<sup>st</sup> Dan Junior)  
In addition, Julie Murphy, 1<sup>st</sup> Dan in Shotokan, achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu in Kofukan.
  
- Kofukan Karate Kalgoorlie – Kalgoorlie, Western Australia
  - Ordinary members: 13
  - Junior members: 39
  - Kofukan Black belts: Brian Chambers (Principal Instructor, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan), Robert Sage (2<sup>nd</sup> Dan), Eishaan Chand (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Glenys Currie (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Jaelle Kyle (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Melissa Robinson (1<sup>st</sup> Dan), Taine Stutley (1<sup>st</sup> Dan)
  
- Lifestylz Karate – Hervey Bay, Queensland
  - Ordinary members: 8
  - Kofukan black belts: Dave Hatte (Principal Instructor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan)

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<sup>1</sup> Membership lasts 12 months from the time of joining or renewal. Some members may not be active at 31 December 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 January, May, August and November 2025. It also held an extraordinary committee meeting in May 2025.

## 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 1 March 2025 and the AGM held on 7 March 2026.

All committee positions are vacated automatically at the 2026 AGM.

Name	Role	Meeting attendance	Notes
Don McKay	Chairperson	4/5	
Brian Chambers	Deputy Chairperson	2/5	1/3 apologies
Elaine Spencer	Treasurer	4/4	
Lindon McKenna	Secretary	5/5	
Aaron Wilkinson	Committee member	2/5	1/3 apologies
Brandon Didsman	Committee member	2/5	1/3 apologies
Brett Ferreira	Committee member	3/5	2/2 apologies
Corey Parker	Committee member	5/5	
David Hatte	Committee member	2/5	2/3 apologies
Julie Koenig	Committee member	3/5	1/2 apologies
Julie Murphy	Committee member	5/5	
Robert Johnston	Committee member	3/5	1/2 apologies

## Sub-Committees

There were no active sub-committees in 2025.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Dan black belt or higher are automatically members of the Technical Committee, with voting rights held by members ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan and higher.

The Rules require the Technical Committee to hold at least three meetings each year. In 2025, the Technical Committee met three times, in March, September and December.

## Staff

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

## Policies

In addition to the Rules of the Association (sometimes called the Constitution), the Association has the following policies in effect:

- Code of Conduct
- Dojo Opening, Transfer and Closure Policy
- Good Sports Policy
- Incident Reporting Forms and Procedures
- Logo Use Policy
- Media Enquiries Protocol
- Risk Management Plan and Procedures
- Responsibility of Principal Instructors and Administrators Policy
- Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy

As a member of Karate Australia, we also comply with Karate Australia policies, including the National Integrity Framework established by Sport Integrity Australia.

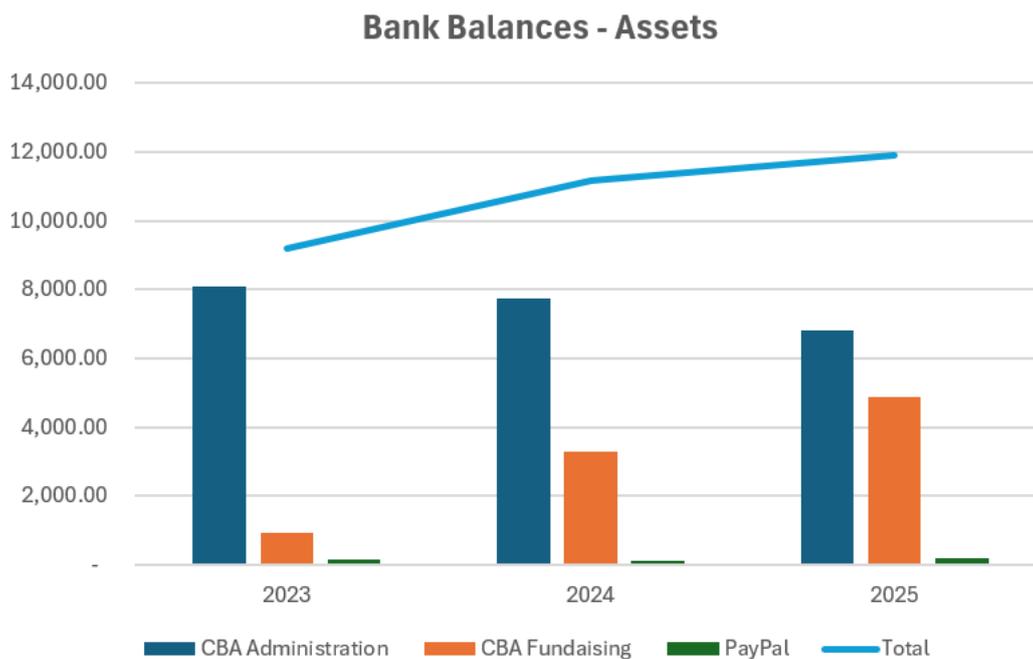
Integrity policies include:

- Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy
- Member Protection Policy
- Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy
- Competition Manipulation and Sport Gambling Policy
- Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy

# Treasurer's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee for welcoming me into the role of Treasurer part way through 2025. It hasn't come without its challenges for me personally as until this point my only involvement with Kofukan Karate has been as the parent of a junior member. Very quickly I learned there was so much more involved in the planning and running of this organisation than I understood. My knowledge around how the organisation operates has increased immensely and I would encourage more parents to take a hands-on active role in the committee and fundraising events wherever possible. I believe as a committee we need to encourage and promote participation from parents as it is the junior members that make up most of our current membership numbers.

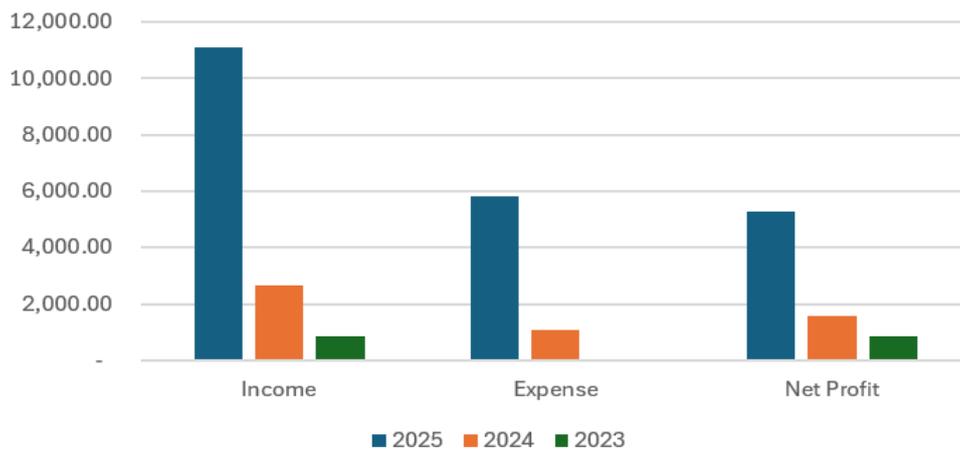
As Treasurer I have been responsible for compiling the financial statements and reporting this information back to the committee highlighting main events and insights, reporting the good news fundraising stories alongside the major expenses facing the club throughout the year, I have represented these major events in the graphs below.



Year on year the assets / bank balances of the club have held steady with slight increases in total. This is a true representation of any potential profits being put back into the organisation to allow for better structure, governance, training and an overall better experience for our members.

Our Fundraising efforts this year have seen a significant increase in success, unfortunately this has been absorbed by increased expenses. In 2026 I anticipate our fundraising efforts will need to continue to increase to assist with the anticipated cost increases facing all sporting clubs currently.

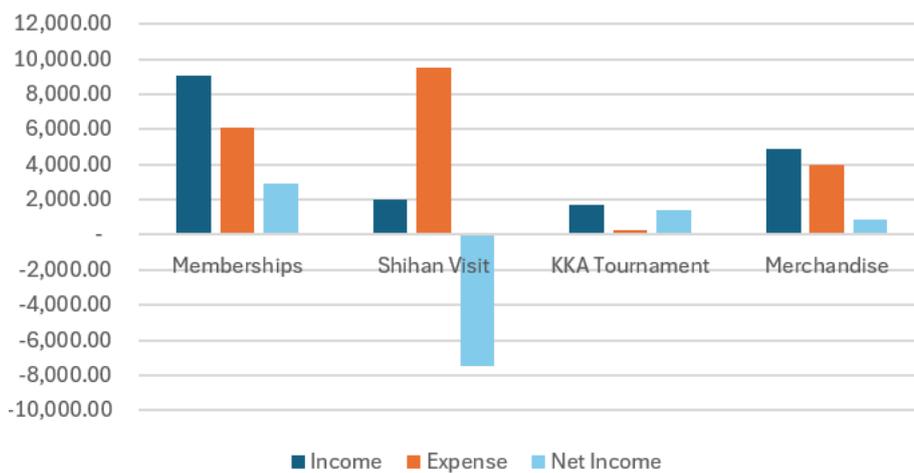
### Fundraising



Our expenses have been kept to a minimum where possible with being able to achieve better pricing where possible or having venue hire fees reduced or waived, however there are some that have been outside of Kofukan’s control. These are where significant losses have occurred and where much of the fundraising income has needed to be spent.

Please note the membership expenses includes the Karate Australia Fees, but not the Kofukan International Membership.

### 2025 Income v Expenses



Thank you again for all the support I have received stepping into the Treasurer role. I look forward to working with the committee, fundraising volunteers and members again this year to utilise my skills to support Kofukan Karate Australia.

**Elaine Spencer**  
**TREASURER**  
**Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.**

# Financial Statements

## Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.

### Profit & Loss

For the period 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025

Cash Basis

	2025	2024
<b>Revenue</b>		
Member Fees	\$9,065.00	\$6,225.00
Shihan Seminars	\$1,998.36	\$2,180.00
Other Seminars	\$0.00	\$360.00
Panel Grading Fees	\$720.00	\$920.00
Black Belt Grading	\$342.79	\$711.55
KKI Books and Badges	\$713.00	\$1,316.50
KKI Gi and Belt	\$430.32	\$715.00
KKA Merchandise	\$4,867.00	\$685.00
KKA & WAKF Tournament Fees	\$1,663.00	\$3,366.30
Donations and Grants	\$360.00	\$1,360.41
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Containers for Change	\$449.80	\$1,105.13
Sausage Sizzle	\$2,856.30	\$0.00
Chocolates	\$5,193.00	\$1,269.90
Water Bottles	\$0.00	\$0.00
Movie night	\$2,623.05	\$0.00
Other Fundraising Income	\$0.00	\$289.00
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>\$11,122.15</b>	<b>\$2,664.03</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$31,281.62</b>	<b>\$20,543.79</b>
<b>Direct Cost</b>		
Black Belt Grading Expense	\$0.00	\$1,453.83
KKI Books and Badges Purchases	\$965.48	\$989.12
KKI Gi and Belt Purchases	\$0.00	\$751.57
KKA Merchandise Purchases	\$3,975.28	\$550.00
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>		
Containers for Change Competition Expenses	\$0.00	\$269.35
Sausage Sizzle Expenses	\$1,139.56	\$0.00
Chocolates Expense	\$3,229.68	\$799.92
Movie Night	\$1,469.00	\$0.00
Water Bottles	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Fundraising Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,838.24</b>	<b>\$1,069.27</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$20,502.62</b>	<b>\$15,710.00</b>

	2025	2024
<b>Expenses</b>		
Kofukan International Membership	\$838.83	\$935.67
Website / Internet expenses	\$231.05	\$0.00
Karate Australia Membership Fees	\$6,133.28	\$0.00
Karate Australia Application Fees	\$330.00	\$0.00
WAKF Membership	\$310.00	\$300.00
Panel Grading/Seminar Venue Hire Fees	\$603.00	\$839.35
<b>Shihan Visit</b>		
Shihan Accomodation	\$1,076.91	\$485.77
Shihan Meals	\$58.90	\$337.18
Shihan Venue Hire	\$1,091.32	\$894.77
Shihan Seminar Lunches	\$158.20	\$0.00
Shihan Travel and Teaching Expenses	\$7,090.56	\$4,710.81
<b>Total Shihan Visit</b>	<b>\$9,475.89</b>	<b>\$6,428.53</b>
Grading Fees to dojos	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Panel Grading/Seminar expenses	\$0.00	\$180.00
KKA Tournament Expenses	\$279.00	\$793.61
WAKF Tournament Expenses	\$0.00	\$40.00
<b>Bank fees</b>		
PayPal Fees	\$132.31	\$129.30
Stripe Fees	\$295.08	\$265.71
CBA Fees	\$17.59	\$47.27
<b>Total Bank fees</b>	<b>\$444.98</b>	<b>\$442.28</b>
Advertising and Promotional	\$370.13	\$364.20
Insurance	\$0.00	\$3,319.99
Stationery and Postage	\$413.39	\$244.74
Education and Training Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment Expenses	\$274.97	\$365.92
Other Expenses	\$82.50	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,787.02</b>	<b>\$14,254.29</b>
<b>NET PROFIT (Net Income)</b>	<b>\$715.60</b>	<b>\$1,455.71</b>

**Kofukan Karate Australia Inc.**

**Balance Sheet**

As of 31/12/2025

Cash Basis

	31 Dec 2025	31 Dec 2024
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank and Cash</b>		
CBA Administration	\$6,811.24	\$7,758.23
CBA Fundraising	\$4,888.05	\$3,288.19
PayPal	\$186.78	\$124.05
<b>Total Bank and Cash</b>	<b>\$11,886.07</b>	<b>\$11,170.47</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$11,886.07</b>	<b>\$11,170.47</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>NET ASSETS (Net Worth)</b>	<b>\$11,886.07</b>	<b>\$11,170.47</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Association Capital	\$2,666.82	\$2,666.82
Retained Earnings	\$8,503.65	\$7,047.94
Current Earnings	\$715.60	\$1,455.71
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$11,886.07</b>	<b>\$11,170.47</b>