



# **2018/2019**

# **Annual Report**



**Australian Government**

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**Australian Sports Commission**

EXCELLENCE    ETHICS    EQUITY

## **CORE VALUES**

**Excellence:** *in all we do*

**Ethics:** *delivering without compromise the highest standards of integrity and morality*

**Equity:** *treating all people fairly*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Australian Karate Federation Inc fosters the sport and art of karate in Australia.

## **OUR VISION**

*Recognised and respected as the best.*

*AKF – Accepted as Karate's Future*

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## **1. AKF NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

### **National Executive Committee**

President	Hani Zahra
Deputy President	Glenn Goodwin
Vice President	Donald James
Secretary	Aashiqah Dickinson
Treasurer	Michael Jones

### **Immediate Past President**

Michael Kassis

### **Administration Manager**

Natasha Ramrakha

### **Athlete Administration Manager**

Ian Basckin

### **National Referee Council**

Dion Panossian	<b>Chair</b>
Nghia Tran	<b>Deputy Chair</b>
Jon Rawlings	
Con Papanikolau	
Dominic Sculli	
Helena Koch	
Adam Minster	<b>Secretary</b>

### **National Coaching Director**

Pam Smith

### **National Sports Committee**

Marco Mazzanti	<b>Chair</b>
Mark Golding	<b>Deputy Chair</b>
Robyn Choi	
Stephen Kelly	

### **National Coaches Coordinator**

Wayne Noble

### **Athlete Selection Committee**

Donald James	<b>Chair</b>
Mark Golding	
Marco Mazzanti	
Robyn Choi	
Stephen Kelly	

### **Technical Commission**

Con Kassis	<b>Chair</b>
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### **Public Officer**

Arthur Moulas

### **Member Protection Officer (MPO)**

Pam Smith

### **Member Protection Mediator (MPM)**

Michael Smith

### **Grants and Development Officer**

Michelle Wilson

## 2. FINANCIAL MEMBERS 2018 - 2019

### 2.1 NEW SOUTH WALES

ORGANISATION	HEAD OF STYLE
Australian Chitokai Karate Association Inc.	Brian Hayes
Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Mission International	Kenshu Hideo Watanabe
Ishinryu Karate Australia	Tony Hails
Nippon Karatedo Itosukai	Howard Leong
Karate Academy of Japan Goju Ryu Seiwakai	Glenn Stephenson
Karate Union of Australia (Shotokan)	Michael Clay
Miyagi Kan Go Ju Ryu Karate Do	George Barounis
Goju Ryu Karate Do Seishikan	George Wilson
Hayashi-Ha Shitoryu Kai Karate of Australia	Beng Soon Koh
Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Shurikan Karate-Do	Darrell Franklin
Shotokan Karate International Australia	Paul Fenech
Taikudo Karate	Hide Hirayama
Yoseikan Ryu Karate	Hani Zahra
Okinawa Karate Mei Bu Kan Go Ju Ryu Pty. Ltd.	Kancho Johanes Wong
Black Belt Martial Arts	Elizabeth Mahler
Pacek's Shotokan Karate Academy	Ivan Pacek
Uechi-Ryu Karate Do Australia Inc.	Arthur Moulas
Ettinghausen Dynamic Arts	Michael Ettingshausen
Goju-Kai Karate-Do	David Harrison
Karate Budokan International	Daniel Spice
World Sochinkan Karate-Do	Jordan Qaraleh
Seigokan Goju Ryu Karatedo Association of Australia	Alan Oxley
Sports Karate Australia NSW	Warren Hickey
Goshukan Karate	Stacey Karetsian
Shorinkan Karate	Mark Greville
Evolution Martial Arts	Raymond Morcomb
PDK Dojo	Ricky Rigor
Sochin Shotokan Karate-Do Kase-Ha	Yossi Livitin
Shinwa-Kai Karate Club Australia Inc	Sawal Salleh
Goshin-Ryu International Karate	Richard Bradford
Shinbukan Goju-Ryu Karate	William Saito
JKA – Shotokan Karate Coalition	Jeff Krug

#### Probationary Memberships 2018/2019

JKS Sydney	Zeynab Alshelh
Okinawan Goju-Ryu & Shorin	Ian Pollett
Unique Budokan Karate Academy	Dilwar Shaikh
Bujutsu Martial Arts & Fitness Centre	Mark Szaljko

## QUEENSLAND

### ORGANISATION

### HEAD OF STYLE

Japan Karate-Do Ryobu-Kai	Noel Turner
Karate Budokan International	Wayne MacDonald
Japan Karate Association of Australia	Jim Dodrill
Australian Karatedo Kenseikan	Jon Rawlings
Australian Renbukan Karate Assoc. Inc.	Paul Hallas
ShotokanFit	Alexandria Armour
Australian Academy of Martial Arts Pty. Ltd. International	Michael Howe
Success Martial Arts	Richard Marlin
Shotokan Karate International Australia (SKIA QLD)	Peter Harth
Seibukan Karate Academy	Peter Baldwin
Shotokan Karate Budokai	Trevor Roberts
Sei Do Kan Karate	James O'Connor
Tsunami Karate Australia	Karen Punchard
Sports Karate Australia	Rene Roggeveen
Kansai Shukokai Karate Academy	Stephen Kelly
Universal Shotokan Karate Union of Australia	Brian Koenig
Japan Karate Association World Federation of Australia	Jason Naylor
Yamaguchi Goju Kai Karate Do	Richard Nicklen
Seikokai Shitoryu Karatedo Australia	Colin Punyer
Australian Goju Kai Karate	Bernard Haughey
Australian Fitness & Martial Arts (Shotokan Karate)	Andy Schwandner
Kodomon Karate-Do	Glenn Irvine
Kaizen Karate-do	Robert Scott
Japanese Shotokan Karate-Do Australia	Alfonso Jimenez
International Karate Daigaku Association Australia Inc	Hamid Mostofizadeh
Beerwah Karate-do	Ann Hill
Seiha Shito-Ryu	Robyn Choi
Seikukan Karate Club Wavell Heights Brisbane Inc (SKK)	Roderick Taylor
Australian Karate Academy (AKA)	Robert (Bob) McMahon
Toyakan International Karate Organisation	Paul Butterfield
Traditional Shotokan Karate-Do Federation of Australia	John Russo
Karate Brisbane-Hosindo Karate	Roderick Martin
Seishin-Ryu Karate Do Australia	Ettore Senatore
Japan Karate-Do Hakuakai Australia	Dhanesh Walatara
Goju Karate Jutsu	Duanne Spiccia

### Probationary Memberships 2018/2019

C Shotokan Karate	Charlotte Degiorgio
Fudoshin Shitoryu	Christopher Long

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

### **ORGANISATION**

### **HEAD OF STYLE**

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Yoseikan-Budo Karate-Do	Roy Hebden
Shotokan Karate International (SKIA WA)	Clive Funston
Australian Shito-Ryu Karate-Do	Gennaro Morgillo
Karate-Do Goju-Kai	Brian Mackie
Tai Shin Kan	Eric Ho
Karate Union of Australia	Todd Marriott
WA Wado Karate Federation	Mic Gunn
Shito-Ryu Karate Do Kofukan International (Aust Inc)	Matthew Beaumont
Yoseikan-Ryu Karate	Branco Bratich
Swan Hills Goju Ryu	Robert Allen
Traditional Karate Academy	Maurice Matteuecci
Japan Karate-Do Shobukan Shito-Ryu	Dion Panossian
Australian Wado Ryu Karate-Do Academy WA	Daryl Gangell
Carey's Martial Arts	Andrew Carey
Avon Valley Shotokan	Ken Bainbridge
West Coast Karate	Brian Sullivan
Shorikan Shito-Ryu Karate-Do	Paul Jones
AKKA Karate Association	Kelvin Boar
World Shotokan Karate-Do Australia	Howard Mutton
South West Goju Ryu Karate Association	Alan Burdett
Shorin-Ryu Shorinkan	Sheldon Barnes
Senshinkan Karate Australia	Tony Smith
Goju Karate-Jutsu Koryukan	Craig E Crampton
WSKF Australia	Grant Rollinson
Shukokai Karate Alliance (Australia)	Ian Barlow

### **Probationary Memberships 2018/2019**

Ronin Mamisde Karate	Zlatko Dimoski
Yuishinkai and Ryu Kyu Kobujutsu	Michael Back
Gold Martial Arts	Mark Golding

## 2.2 VICTORIA

### ORGANISATION

### HEAD OF STYLE

Shotokan Ryu Kase Ha Australia  
Australian Shukokai Karate Do Renmei  
Nippon-Den Kempo Junseikan International  
Melbourne Karate Clubs  
Shotokan Karate International Australia (SKIA Vic)  
Ishinryu Karate  
Shito-Ryu Karate-Do International  
Zen Goshu Karate-Do Goju-Kai (IKGA)  
JKA-SKC Australasia  
Shitoryu Karate-Do Australia (Shitokai)  
Australian Samurai Karate Association  
Goju-Ryu Ryusyokai  
Independent Shotokan Karate Australia  
SKO – Shukokai Karate Association  
JKA – ASKA (VIC)  
World Goju Ryu Karate-Do Academy  
World Shotokan Karate-Do of Australia  
Shindo Karate Association Inc.  
Wado Ryu Karate of Japan Aust.  
Gensei-Ryu Karate Do Australia  
Kando Karate Australia  
Kimekai Karate Dojo  
Australian Goju Karate  
Australian Academy of Shukokai Karate-Do  
Funakoshi Karate Australia  
Chikara Australia Pty Ltd  
Goju Ryu Karate Do Seishikan Australia  
Christopher Dimond Goju Karate  
Kakushinkan Shukokai Karate Dojo's  
Kokoro Kai Goju Karate  
Lionheart MMA – Goju Ryu Shorin Kempo  
Elite Martial Arts  
Wado Kai Karate-Do Australia  
Twins Martial Arts  
Shuzoku Martial Arts  
Shou-Kei-Ryu Berwick Karate  
Jyoshinmon Shorin-Ryu Kartate-Do Australia  
Shukokai Karate Cranbourne  
Pakenham Karate Academy  
Peter Hollowood Martial Arts  
Whitehorse Shotokan Karate-Do Australia

Mark Johnson  
Ennio Anselmi  
John Ingham  
Richard Callaghan  
Danny Katabian  
Bruce Hyland  
Dominic Sculli  
Steven Colangelo  
Edji Zenel  
Con Kassis  
Darren Olsen  
Sal Ebanez  
Savvas Haitidis  
Luciano Battistello  
Frank Poci  
Max Fabris  
John Haitidis  
Phil Noble  
Clive Waymouth  
Mauro Sagginelli  
Paul Veldman  
Marco Mazzanti  
Terry Carberry  
Garrett O'Donoghue  
Frank McKenzie  
Joe Templin  
Mark Azzopardi  
Christopher Dimond  
Craig Catania  
Peter Jackson  
Herve Vengtasamy  
Michael Viola  
Brett Cross  
Kenneth Douglas  
Tom McMahon  
Nerida Field  
David Li Yuen Fong  
Darryl Thornton  
Alex Silva  
Peter Hollowood  
John Sepsakos



Peninsula Karate  
Gippsland Martial Arts Centre  
Shuryukan Shukokai  
Shoto Karate - Australia

Andrew Grace  
Adam Sultana  
Andrew Kowanjko  
George Chahda

### **Probationary Memberships 2018/2019**

Yoseikan Karate Victoria  
Fierce Shotokan Karate  
Goju Ryu Genku Kai Australia  
Satori Shukokai Karate

Golub Tomic  
Serge Mocevic  
Greg Olver  
Adam Minster

## **2.3 SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

### **ORGANISATION**

### **HEAD OF STYLE**

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Adelaide University Karate Club  
Goju Ryu Karate-Do Seishikan Australia  
Karatedo Goju Australia Inc  
Adelaide Academy of Karate-Do Shotokan  
Shitoryu Karate-Do Shoshinkan  
Japan Karate Federation Goju-Kai South Australia  
Universal Shotokan Karate Union South Australia  
Shotokan Karate International Australia (SKIA SA)  
Goju Kai (IKGA) University of South Australia Karate Club  
Goju Ryu Karate Mt. Gambier  
Martial Arts & Fitness Club  
Shindo Karate Association Inc  
Shudokan Tsuchiya Ryu (Maya Karate Academy)

Peter Davie  
Phil Bates  
Michael Smith  
Alan David Rigby  
Daniel Chun Mau  
Bill Demertzis  
Andrew MacNeil  
Malcolm Kadow  
Horden Wiltshire  
Geoffrey Rohde  
Charles Dale Miller  
John McGregor  
Genaro Maya

### **Probationary Memberships 2018/2019**

Jindokai Karate Do

Dion Risborg

## 2.4 TASMANIA

### ORGANISATION

### HEAD OF STYLE

Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Tasmania  
Kintora Shotokan Karate Do

Stuart Eaton  
Suzie Jones

## 2.5 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### ORGANISATION

### HEAD OF STYLE

Shotokan Karate International Australia (SKIA ACT)

Ryan Van Leent

### Probationary Memberships 2018/2019

Matsubayashi-Ryu (Shorin-Ryu) Karate Do  
Kintora Shotokan Karate Do

Reece Cummings  
Michael Jones

## 2.6 NORTHERN TERRITORY

### ORGANISATION

### HEAD OF STYLE

Okinawan Chinese Martial Arts Association

Larry Goncalves

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 3 AUGUST 2018

#### 1. OPENING

The President declared the meeting open at 8:40pm.

Current Financial Members (Ordinary & Associate) as at 3 August 2018 - 102

Financial Members present 23

Proxies in hand 35

- In attendance and proxies in hand represent a total of 58 members.
- The Rules of Association requires 50% of membership to obtain a quorum
- 51 members required for a quorum

The President declared that a quorum had been established.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

- George Barounis
- Bill Demertzis
- Sal Ebanes
- Jon Rawlings
- John Frazzetto
- Stuart Eaton

#### 3. MINUTES

##### 3.1 *Business arising from previous minutes*

No business was raised.

**MOTION:** *Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting 4 August 2018 be accepted.*

**MOVED:** Mr George Wilson                      **SECONDED:** Mr Andrew Schwander

**MOTION:** Carried

#### 4. NATIONAL REPORTS

##### 4.1 *President's Report*

Mr Hani Zahra thanked members for their on-going support and encouragement during his inauguration year.

##### 4.2 *Deputy President's Report*

Mr Glenn Goodwin acknowledged all referees for their on-going support of the Federation.

##### 4.3 *Vice President's Report*

Mr Donald James communicated the changes to the National Coaching panel as well as the changes implemented to align the NSC naming closer to leading National Sporting Organisations, the makeup of the NSC panel and description and appointments to the various coaching roles.

#### **4.4 Treasurer's Report**

Mr Edji Zenel questioned the Goodwill entry relating to international tour costs of \$85K and \$31,792 in operational expenses being written down and adjustments.

Mr Hani Zahra responded that the accounts were cleared and correctly allocated, due to historical inaccuracies, as it was not up to date.

Mr Michael Jones confirmed that the breakdown will be possible in the future as we move across to the Xero system.

Mr Michael Jones related that payments are made in stages over the financial year and conversion rates play a part in the numbers. Strategies are in place to ensure trips are planned more effectively.

**MOTION:** *That the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2018 be accepted.*

**MOVED:** Mr George Wilson                      **SECONDED:** Mr Richard Callaghan

**MOTION:** Carried

#### **4.5 Secretary's Report**

Ms Aashiqah Dickinson thanked the membership and fellow Executives for making the transition to the role seamless. Special mention was made of Mr Wally Zahra for his invaluable assistance as sole team manager during the WKF Cadet, Junior and U21 World Championships in Tenerife.

#### **4.6 National Sports Committee Report**

Mr Hamid Mostofizadeh questioned the number of team managers for 30 athletes at the WKF Junior World Championships. Mr Hani Zahra corrected Mr Hamid Mostofizadeh that there was only one team manager, Mr Wally Zahra. This was confirmed by Ms Aashiqah Dickinson and is noted in her Secretary's report previously distributed.

#### **4.7 Coaching Director's Report – Pam Smith**

Mr Luciano Battistello asked when an NCAS Coaching Director was going to be appointed for Victoria. Mr Hani Zahra responded that the query needs to be raised with the Victorian State Executive.

#### **4.8 National Referees' Council Chairman's Report – Dion Panossian**

Mr Dion Panossian congratulated all WKF accredited referees on their performance and highlighted that Australia has one of the largest pools of world-accredited officials internationally.

Ms Ann Hill posed that the number of referees at the National Championships should be pro-rata based on the number of athletes. Mr Dion Panossian confirmed that the referee numbers will be discussed with the Executive Committee. Mr Hani Zahra posed if penalties should be levied where a state body did not send enough referees to the National Championships. Mr Glenn Goodwin responded that the proposal is to go out to states for further discussion.

## 5. STATE/TERRITORY REPORTS

### 5.1 NEW SOUTH WALES

No questions from the members.

### 5.2 QUEENSLAND

No questions from the members.

### 5.3 WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

No questions from the members.

### 5.4 SOUTH AUSTRALIA

No questions from the members.

### 5.5 VICTORIA

No questions from the members

### 5.6 TASMANIA

No questions from the members.

## 6. MEMBERSHIPS

### PROBATIONARY TO ORDINARY/ASSOCIATE/AFFILIATE MEMBERS

#### NEW SOUTH WALES

##### Ordinary Membership

Member Name: Shinbukan Goju-Ryu Karate-Do

Head Instructor: William Saito

**MOTION:** *That the Ordinary Membership be accepted*

**MOVED:** Mr George Wilson                      **SECONDED:** Mr Edji Zenel

**MOTION:** Carried

#### QUEENSLAND

##### Ordinary Membership

Member Name: Goju Karate Jutsu

Head Instructor: Duanne Spiccia

**MOTION:** *That the Ordinary Membership be accepted*

**MOVED:** Mr Bob McMahon                      **SECONDED:** Mr James O'Connor

**MOTION:** Carried

## VICTORIA

### **Ordinary Membership**

Member Name: Shukokai Karate Dojos

Head Instructor: Darryl Thornton

**MOTION:** *That the Ordinary Membership be accepted*

**MOVED:** Mr Mark Azzopardi                      **SECONDED:** Ms Nerida Field

**MOTION:** Carried

### **Ordinary Membership**

Member Name: Pakenhan Karate Academy

Head Instructor: Alex Silva

**MOTION:** *That the Ordinary Membership be accepted*

**MOVED:** Mr George Wilson                      **SECONDED:** Mr Rene Roggeveen

**MOTION:** Carried

### **Ordinary Membership**

Member Name: Peter Hollowood Martial Arts

Head Instructor: Peter Hollowood

**MOTION:** *That the Ordinary Membership be accepted*

**MOVED:** Mr Darren Olsen                      **SECONDED:** Mr George Wilson

**MOTION:** Carried

### **Ordinary Membership**

Member Name: Whitehorse Shotokan Karate-Do Australia (W.S.K.D.A)

Head Instructor: John Sepsakos

**MOTION:** *That the Ordinary Membership be accepted*

**MOVED:** Mr Chris Dimond                      **SECONDED:** Mr Edji Zenel

**MOTION:** Carried

### **Ordinary Membership**

Member Name: Shim Bu Kai

Head Instructor: Adam Sultana

**MOTION:** *That the Ordinary Membership be accepted*

**MOVED:** Mr George Wilson                      **SECONDED:** Mr Edji Zenel

**MOTION:** Carried

### **Ordinary Membership**

Member Name: Shuryukan Shukokai

Head Instructor: Andrew Kowanjko

**MOTION:** *That the Ordinary Membership be accepted*

**MOVED:** Mr George Wilson                      **SECONDED:** Mr Chris Dimond

**MOTION:** Carried

### **Ordinary Membership**

Member Name: Shoto Karate - Australia

Head Instructor: George Chahda

**MOTION:** *That the Ordinary Membership be accepted*

**MOVED:** Mr George Wilson                      **SECONDED:** Mr Rene Roggeveen

**MOTION:** Carried

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

### **Ordinary Membership**

Member Name: Shukokai Karate Alliance (Australia)

Head Instructor: Ian Barlow

**MOTION:** *That the Ordinary Membership be accepted*

**MOVED:** Mr Bob McMahon                      **SECONDED:** Mr James O'Connor

**MOTION:** Carried

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Ms Helena Koch queried whether there were any plans for Karate to be part of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF). Mr Michael Kassis, President of the Commonwealth Karate Federation, responded that high-level meetings between CGF Executive and WKF Executives were on going to try to facilitate Karate's acceptance into the Commonwealth Games.

Mr Richard Callaghan asked what roadblocks there are to the sport's inclusion into the Commonwealth Games, since our inclusion into the 2020 Olympic Games. Mr Michael Kassis responded that sports like cricket are broadening their humanitarian efforts to try and be part of the Commonwealth Games, which makes it difficult for Karate.

Mr Hani Zahra mentioned that Karate is not a Commonwealth Games recognised sport. Karate is going to be a sport at the 2022 Asian Games as well as its continued inclusion in the European Games. Australia will be permitted to participate in the 2022 Asian Games.

Mr Hani Zahra formally recognised Immediate Past President, Mr Michael Kassis for his service to the Australian Karate Federation.

## **8. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Mr Hani Zahra thanked members for their support. The meeting was closed at 9:25pm.



#### **4. NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

##### **Mr. Hani Zahra**

It is an honour and privilege to report to the membership as the AKF National President. I take this opportunity to thank members for their ongoing support and encouragement.

The collaboration and cooperation of not only the executive team but all officers of the federation has contributed to another successful year. Our core values remain at the forefront of all decision-making. In saying that, we continue to face great challenges and I can assure you that all officers are working towards enhancing the standard of service to all our members and stakeholders.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the AKF National Executive for their tireless work throughout 2018/2019. They are all highly professional leaders who understand the varied complexities of the Australian Karate Federation, working to ensure we are in the best possible position for the future. The National Executive members each perform their respective roles within their portfolio with diligence and dedication. They strive to support the membership by providing strong guidance and leadership.

Our State Federations continue to provide a strong platform and pathway to the National Federation. I would like to express my gratitude to all state executive members for their selfless efforts in delivering a professional service to all our stakeholders. It is important to recognise the outstanding work of our volunteers. They contribute significantly to the success of the Australian Karate Federation. Fulfilling various roles and comprising of students, parents, supporters and members, they are highly valued and appreciated.

Furthermore, I would also acknowledge and thank Miss Natasha Ramrakha, AKF Administration Manager and Mr Ian Basckin, AKF Athletes Administration Manager, for their continued support of all portfolios.

The Australian Karate Federation membership base remains strong and continues to demonstrate the potential for further development and growth. I have valued the many conversations with members providing feedback and discussing strategies for improvement.

The AKF Insurance program continues to be of great value to our members. AKF has negotiated a historic rate, the most competitive rate for karate schools in Australia. I encourage members to support AKF by purchasing their insurance through the National Office.

Each Executive Member will report on the specific activities and achievements within their designated portfolio. I trust that you will find this both informative and interesting.

In closing, I again thank all members for their unwavering support of the Australian Karate Federation. All of you play a pivotal role in the success of our federation. Your commitment and dedication to the common goals of the federation is greatly appreciated.

## 5. NATIONAL DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Mr. Glenn Goodwin

It gives me great pleasure as Deputy President to provide my portfolio report. The past twelve months has been full of change, challenges and opportunity. The AKF Executive Committee has been very supportive and has provided continually high-level strategic direction, vision and sustainable management to the AKF's members, referees, coaches, athletes, officials and stakeholders. I would like to thank my Executive Committee colleagues on their professionalism, resilience and determination to effectively manage their respective portfolio's given the constraints and challenges. I would also like to thank Ian Basckin for his passion, enthusiasm and support.

Again, I am very proud to inform you that the Referee portfolio is strong, financially sustainable and accountable to all our key stakeholders. I would like to acknowledge and thank the National Referees Commission (NRC) for their outstanding commitment and dedication in this regard.

The National Referee Commission (NRC) under the leadership of Dion Panossian (member WKF Referees Commission/Chair Oceania Referees Commission), continues to provide outstanding refereeing services, delivery of domestic development programs and technical excellence and guidance in terms of all referee's educational learning and development, general support, technical compliance and provides strong governance for all Referee matters as set by the World Karate Federation (WKF).

The NRC's integrity, passion, dedication and professionalism in this regard is second to none. They continue to perform and demonstrate their Refereeing skills and abilities at an elite level, displaying professional, positive and constructive behaviours, which attributes to the ongoing success of our referees at both international and national levels. Our Australian WKF Referees are consistently selected at WKF international competitions to judge the final categories both in kata and kumite and have a reputation as highly competent, impartial experienced referees.

### NATIONAL REFEREE COUNCIL (NRC)

Chair	Dion Panossian
Deputy	Nghia Tran
Member	Jon Rawlings
Member	Dominic Sculli
Member	Con Papanikolaou
Member	Helena Koch Merchyer
NRC Secretary	Adam Minister

The WKF EC decision in Madrid on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018, made a significant change to the Rules of Competition in terms of the new Kata judging system effective 1 January 2019. Dion Panossian and Nghia Tran both attended the Premier league in Paris in January 2019 to see first-hand how the new rules would be implemented. Their attendance of this major educational briefing was extremely important due the context for future competition going forward. This enabled the development and implementation of an informed professional educational program that was conducted both nationally and at state level. It provided exposure for our referees, coaches, athletes and officials to have immediate visibility, awareness and understanding of the changes to the new kata judging system and the criteria.

The NRC continues to provide critical refereeing services to educate and develop our referees, coaches and athletes and provide collaborative and informative, relevant and inclusive up-to-date information on WKF's rules of competition. This in turn is then disseminated via the various Referees and Judge's forums, seminars and AKF selection camps that enables all participants to engage, grow and learn.

A further decision by the WKF EC effective January 2019, for all WKF Referees to maintain their WKF Licence has increased. The new criteria require additional attendance i.e. minimum two (2) K1 Premier league events, one (1) Series A event and one (1) Youth League event to be eligible for attendance at WKF Championships. This continues to have a significant impact on the Australian and Oceania referees/judges in terms of compliance, given our geographical location, accessing personal leave entitlements, time away from their families and friends and the significant financial impact to maintain eligibility and accreditation.

In summary, it is my wish going forward, to continue to work hard in collaboration with the AKF executive committee, NRC and key stakeholders to promote and advocate the AKF's purpose and vision, in particular with my portfolio to ensure AKF Referees and judges are recognised and acknowledged for their dedication, commitment and valuable contribution they provide to our AKF National events.

## **6. NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Mr. Donald James**

The competitive landscape has changed over recent years and 2019 has seen continuation of change. In response, AKF is continually evolving our support for athlete development and international competitive participation. There are a significant number of annual international tournaments that are actively promoted by WKF, and except for competitions where entrants are restricted such as Oceania Karate Championships and WKF World Karate Championships, AKF has supported athlete participation to its fullest extent, where reasonable.

On the flip side, this approach has challenged the ability of AKF to provide extensive services at so many events where our athletes are participating. This has resulted in AKF focussing our finite resources to support OKF continental and WKF World Championship programs. This approach is likely to continue in the foreseeable future because it supports continental and WKF's broader program which is targeting the development and elevation of karate as a genuine international sport of growing popularity. This approach also allows athletes and personal coaches to tailor their competition and development programs to individual requirements.

I'd like to highlight there have also been changes to the National Coaches team. 2019 has seen the departure of Renee Caruso and Craig Catania. Both have been strong supporters of AKF and we wish them continuing success in their karate and professional endeavours.

In terms of our athlete development program and individual notable competition performances over the past year, Marco Mazzanti – Chair, National Sports Committee provides a summary in his report which follows. Following Marco's report is Mark Goldings - Director High Performance report on 2019 developments. I trust you will find these reports both insightful and interesting reading.

**Tokyo 2020** - At this stage of the competition and qualification schedule, Australia has a number of athletes who may qualify for Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic participation. With future karate participation at Olympics beyond 2020 being indefinitely uncertain, Tokyo 2020 provides an amazing one-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become an Olympian and I wish our aspiring athletes the very best in their endeavours to become one over the next year.

The AKF Athlete Selection Committee ("ASC") has worked tirelessly to bring greater transparency to athlete selection, and making selection decisions earlier where possible. We believe this increase in transparency has assisted building greater trust with our stakeholders, and the earlier decisions have allowed athletes to change focus on preparing themselves for major events sooner. I thank ASC members Marco Mazzanti, Mark Golding, Steve Kelly and Robyn Choi for their expertise, diligence and commitment in ensuring selection responsibilities are discharged with utmost integrity. They are a fantastic team to be working with.

The collaboration, participation and contribution of National Referees to the athlete development program has been an invaluable recurring gift. For many years, Australia has had several best and most highly regarded WKF international referees. These same national referees, including all members of AKF's National Referee Committee have volunteered their time unreservedly throughout the year, at training camps to assist athletes, and further the national training and competition program. We are very much grateful for your contribution and thank you.

Congratulations to all athletes who represented Australia during the past year. Irrespective of individual results the AKF remains proud of your achievements and appreciates the dignity, humility and respect with which you have represented our country.

Thank you to our vast team of volunteers comprising all the National Coaches, Pam Smith – National Coaching Director, Ian Baskin – AKF Athlete Administration Manager, Anne-Cherie Noble – AKF Travel Coordinator and the Australian team management. It is through your support that we are able to deliver AKF services to a high standard. I also thank all personal, club and state instructors who develop and nurture our athletes to the best of their ability and continue to support our federation.

## 6.1 NATIONAL SPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT

### Mr. Marco Mazzanti – Chair

I am pleased to have this opportunity to report on the progress of the Portfolio's activities and successes to the Australian Karate Federation (AKF) members.

The 2018 year concluded with our Senior National Team contesting the WKF World Championship in Madrid, Spain on 6-11 November. The team carried out final preparation and team bonding in

Arganda, Spain before arriving to Madrid, with the assistance of Ivan Leal (former world kumite champion and international coach). Our athletes were competitive with many reaching the second round and several winning multiple bouts against very credible opposition. The results were very encouraging both in individual and team events with excellent team synergy and overall performance confirming the effectiveness of the national program and preparation. The in-state training, the Pacific Cup competition/camp and the training camp on location prior to a major event appear to be a solid foundation for on-going improvement.

The year 2019 started with our first National Camp in Sydney on the 2-3 February. The camp was an opportunity for national coaches and new athletes on the Australian squad to work together and become acquainted. The camp was also used as the platform for the selections of the Australian Team to represent at the 2019 Senior Oceania Championships. The national camp was a great success with large numbers of attendees and an excellent program for all ages and level of experience. A second WKF National Training Camp was held at the AIS in Canberra on 1-4 June. This was an opportunity for our National coaches to work closely with our elite U21, Junior & Cadet athletes. The camp formed the basis for the selection of the WKF individual athletes for the 2019 WKF U21, Junior & Cadet World Championship in Chile 23-27 October. I take this opportunity to thank the National Referee Council for their involvement in the national camps, their expertise, support and professionalism was instrumental to the success of both the training and selection of national athletes.

Our national senior athletes contested the 2019 Senior Oceania Championships in Sydney. Australia performed strongly, resulting in several senior athletes achieving the necessary WKF ranking to compete in K1 events. Final OKF medal Tally 8 Gold, 9 Silver and 4 Bronze.

Over the 2018 & 2019 competition years, we had several senior athletes competing across the various Series A and Premier League Events. I take this opportunity to highlight the excellent results from our Female Team Kata including:

Bronze - 2018 Series A Shanghai  
Bronze - 2019 Premier League Dubai  
Silver - 2019 Series A Salzburg  
Silver - 2019 Series A Istanbul

Congratulations to the kata team members - Mishela Dimoska, Marijana Dimoska and Kiriana Kamcheska. Also, a special mention to National Kata Coach Zlatko Dimoski for the excellent work and preparation of the Female Kata Team.

In Kumite, results were also encouraging:

Max Noble 5th Place - Male Kumite -84 Kg 2018 Series A Santiago  
Olivia Clifford 7th Place - Female Kumite +68 Kg 2019 Series A Istanbul  
Daniel Tielen 7th Place - Male +84 Kg 2019 Series A Montreal

The remainder of the year will see our National Team participate at the Pacific Cup 24-25 August followed by the WKF U21, Junior & Cadet training camp in Noumea, New Caledonia 26-28 August. Senior athletes will attend K1 Premier League events in preparation for potential qualification for the 2020 Olympics. The U21, Junior & Cadet team will conclude 2019 with the

WKF U21, Junior & Cadet World Championships in Chile 23-27 October. I take this opportunity to wish the very best success to all athletes selected. I have no doubt that their determination and performance will make Australia proud.

The future is filled with excitement with the sport of Karate being included in the Olympic Program for Tokyo 2020. Currently we have a number of athletes in the running to achieve the necessary ranking for Olympic qualification. We look forward to Australian Karate being showcased in Tokyo 2020.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all members of the National Squad for their efforts and achievements over the past year. Also, express my sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the substantial contributions made by Ian Basckin, Anne-Cherie Noble and Michelle Wilson. I take this opportunity to recognise the National Coaches for their commitment, passion and support of our athletes. Finally, I thank the National Sports Committee (NSC) and the Athletes Selection Committee (ASC) for their sustained dedication and commitment in their respective roles and responsibilities, for without, our overall program success and achievements would not be realised.

Information regarding the National Squad membership, selection and results have been tabled for your perusal.

#### **National Squad 2019**

Squad Members	Total	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
	151	1	32	20	2	3	79	14
Squad Members	Total	Male	Female					
	151	86	65					
Squad Members	Total	Kata	Kumite	Dual				
	151	28	94	29				

#### **International Medals 2018/2019**

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2018 Pacific Cup	14	8	12
2018 Serie A Shanghai			1
2019 Premier League Dubai			1
2019 Senior Oceania	8	9	4
2019 Serie A Salzburg		1	
2019 Istanbul Serie A		1	

## 6.2. HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

### Mr. Mark Golding – Director

I am pleased to have this opportunity to report on the progress of the Portfolio's activities to the Australian Karate Federation (AKF) members.

In 2018, a working relationship was established between the AKF and Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), principally, Andrew Pratley, Combat Sports Manager, to develop a High Performance Strategic Plan for the AKF. The following four documents were forwarded as a reference to help guide and provide a foundation for the AKF to formulate a plan and prepare for Tokyo 2020.

#### 1. Athlete Categorisation

An Australian sport system-wide framework for categorising athletes in an attempt to provide consistency across sports in identifying and subsequently supporting Australia's best current and future medal prospects at Olympic, World Championship and Commonwealth Games level. The Athlete Categories consists of six levels. *Podium, Podium Ready, Podium Potential, Developing* and *Emerging* categories. The *International* category recognises those athletes that have yet to meet the performance criteria within the podium pathway but have represented Australia at the sports most recent benchmark event.

#### 2. Athlete Profiling

A collation of general athlete demographical information tailored to the requirements of the National Sporting Organisation (NSO).

#### 3. NSO Performance Discussion Guide 2017 – 2020+

Sports that sustain podium success on the world stage typically demonstrate excellence in both planning and execution of their high performance programs. While every sport has its unique characteristics, there are some elements that are common to most sports that achieve sustained success. The term *performance drivers* are used to describe these elements and include *Athletes, Coaching, Leadership & Culture, Daily Training Environment (DTE), Competition* and *Knowledge Growth*.

#### 4. Anysport Australia High Performance Strategic Plan 2017 – 2020+

A support guide used in conjunction with the NSO Performance Discussion Guide 2017 – 2020+ on how to structure a High Performance Strategic Plan.

2019 has principally focussed on AKF's existing structures which facilitate international representation as well as identifying and targeting athletes who potentially will qualify for Tokyo 2020. The ongoing involvement and support of the AIS and Sport Australia is critical in this process and as a result, the following options are currently being investigated:

- Potential financial support to facilitate direct competition access to Karate1 Premier League, Karate1 Series A Events and/or the 2020 Olympic Karate Qualifying Event.
- Provision and access to supplementary support services including physiotherapy, remedial massage, strength & conditioning and sports psychology.
- Access to State-based Institute of Sport Scholarships.
- Identification of athletes to access potential AIS Pathway Program funding specifically targeting the *Next Generation*.



The AKF has an existing funding agreement with the Australian Olympic Council (AOC) in supporting the coach and athlete development process in qualifying for Tokyo 2020. The funding allocation to date has predominately been designated to qualifying AKF high performance athletes in assisting with the associated travel and accommodation costs to attend international events.

Furthermore, AKF also accesses the AOC medal incentive funding initiative whereby endorsed AKF athletes who achieve medal placement at the AOC endorsed benchmark event receive individual funding.

## 7. NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

### **Mrs. Aashiqah Dickinson**

It has been a very busy year that has seen greater levels of collaboration between the Executive Committee and the members of the federation. We have had many robust discussions with differing opinions encouraged, to ensure the successful decision making outcomes for all our stakeholders.

I would like to thank Mr. Hani Zahra, AKF President, Ms. Natasha Ramrakha, AKF Administration Manager and Mr. Ian Basckin, AKF Athletes Administration Manager for all your assistance and support of this portfolio.

The members of the AKF along with its various stakeholders are crucial to the success of our federation. Your commitment and dedication to the federation is greatly valued and appreciated.

Some of the projects implemented within this portfolio include:

#### **Australian Karate Federation (AKF) Insurance Program**

The AKF insurance program is continuing to be attractive to our members with many welcoming the financial benefits. Over 50% of members take advantage of the program and I encourage all members to liaise with the National Office when their insurance is due.

#### **Social Media**

Ongoing social media initiative to promote karate in Australia thereby assisting in raising the profile of our athletes in the sport we all love.

#### **Website and IT Support**

Effective and efficient communication is paramount in delivering the highest standard of service to our stakeholders.

I take this opportunity to recognise Ian Basckin and his team for the wonderful support and sponsorship of the Australian Karate Federation (AKF). Our website ensures all our stakeholders are well informed in relation to federation matters.

#### **Australian Sports Commission & Australian Olympic Committee**

I take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for the on-going partnership. I appreciate the financial and operational support provided to the AKF.

#### **AKF Corporate Branding**

Corporate branding plays a significant role in society and how the general public identifies with members, Recognised State Associations and the AKF. To ensure consistently and accuracy with our branding and how the AKF is represented in the community, I again take this opportunity to promote the specific AKF logos for members to use and reproduce. These logos are available to all members and I encourage members to include in relevant publications.



## **8. NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Mr. Michael Jones**

During 2018-2019, the Treasury portfolio has continued to work to improve the integration of the Xero financial management tool. This was made more challenging due to a change in office staff and the completion of the movement of the AKF office from Melbourne to Sydney. One of the advantages of this move was that the AKF office is once again open for business five days a week. The office is now located in a corporate office space in Bondi Junction.

While the uptake of Xero functionality remains a work in progress, the National Administrator has worked with me over this last year to better use the system to manage an ever-greater proportion of our financial and administrative work; for instance, we are now utilising Xero to fully manage the staff payroll operations and the majority of our invoicing is now managed through Xero.

We have been successful in enhancing the financial management of the AKF and this is reflected in reduced costs particularly around international tours. This was achieved by improved projected budgeting and management reporting.

We are working closely with the Australian Olympic Committee to provide significant financial support to our athletes who will be selected by the AOC to compete at the WKF Olympic Qualifier in Paris, May 2020.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the National Administrator, Natasha Ramrakha for her support of this portfolio. I look forward to continuing to improve the financial management processes of the federation for the benefit of all stakeholders.

## Balance Sheet

	30 June 2019	30 June 2018
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
AUD PayPal	\$35,586	\$24,523
AUSTRALIAN KARATE FEDERATION (NAB)	\$50,129	\$52,912
Business Cash Maximiser	\$4	-\$9
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>\$85,719</b>	<b>\$77,426</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accounts Receivable (a)	\$52,168	\$51,528
Prepayment tournament expenses (b)	\$28,520	\$84,586
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$80,688</b>	<b>\$136,114</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
Office Equipment	\$12,555	\$12,555
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	-\$8,323	-\$6,238
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	<b>\$4,232</b>	<b>\$6,339</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$170,639</b>	<b>\$219,879</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Athlete Future Funding	\$0	\$42,000
Insurance Scheme	\$2,100	\$13,864
Master Credit Card	\$9,196	\$869
2018-19 Q4 BAS	\$2,096	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$13,392</b>	<b>\$56,733</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$13,392</b>	<b>\$56,733</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$157,247</b>	<b>\$163,146</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Extraordinary Item	\$0.00	-\$8,357
Current Year Earnings	-\$5,899	-\$108,090
Retained Earnings	\$163,146	\$279,594
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$157,247</b>	<b>\$163,146</b>

## Statement of Profit/Loss

	2019	2018
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Membership Fees	\$47,130	\$32,579
Grants	\$120,000	\$165,506
Tournament Revenue	\$53,516	\$50,899
Interest Income	\$0	\$702
Insurance Revenue	\$26,982	\$26,760
NCD Coach Training Revenue	\$26,046	\$22,324
Athlete Registration Fees	\$71,090	\$81,059
Sponsorship	\$10,600	\$12,510
Recognition of Dan Grades	\$978	\$360
Referee Revenue	\$19,412	\$3,839
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>\$375,754</b>	<b>\$396,538</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Audit Fees	\$1,600	\$1,572
Advertising and Promotion	\$853	\$8,000
Affiliation Expenses	\$12,323	\$3,304
Bank Fees and Charges	\$9,959	\$8,137
Coaching Accreditation	\$17,279	\$15,000
National Coach Expenses (Non-Tour)	\$6,688	\$9,407
Meeting Expenses	\$10,707	\$9,769
National Competition Expenses	\$49,481	\$50,310
Net National Camps Seminars	\$28,281	\$59,416
Postage, Printing and Stationery	\$7,339	\$7,540
Rent & Office Expenditure	\$18,800	\$5,604
Referee Expenses	\$38,239	\$23,190
Wages and Salaries	\$66,554	\$47,392
Superannuation	\$13,664	\$1,103
Telephone and Internet	\$10,217	\$6,976
Net International Tour Costs	\$76,612	\$117,819
Net International Tour Costs Previous Year	\$0	\$37,972
Net International Tour Costs Prior Years	\$0	\$47,435
Athlete Support	\$10,972	\$32,998
Depreciation Write Down	\$2,085	\$11,685
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$381,653</b>	<b>\$504,629</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$5,899)</b>	<b>(\$108,091)</b>

## **9. NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Mrs. Pamela Smith**

#### **1. COACHING DIRECTORS**

Thanks to the State Coaching Directors for their ongoing commitment to the work they do, assisting this Portfolio and helping our members and their coaches to attain their AKF CAS and remain accredited.

NSW	Neville Thorley
WA	Christine Smith
Victoria	Helen Hadiyan
Tasmania	Renee Schaller
SA	Michael Smith
QKA	Alex Armour
ACT/NT	Pam Smith

#### **2. STATE HOSTED COURSES**

Lecture courses for 2018-2019.

New South Wales	2 courses – results in
Western Australia	1 course
Victoria	2 courses – results in
South Australia	0 course
Queensland	1 course – results in

#### **3. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

Correspondence applications 2018-2019:

Bronze	29
Silver	2
Gold	3

Congratulations to the new Silver and Gold Coaches who completed the courses this year.

#### **4. AUSTRALIAN KARATE FEDERATION - COACH ACCREDITATION COURSE (AKF CAS)**

Last financial year the Australian Sport Commission retired the old NCAS "A" Logo. All stationery must have the retired logo removed; SCDs and RSAs need to check that this has been done.

However, there is a misconception that the Coaching Program was retired. This is not so, we still report to the AIS with our course curriculum and numbers accredited.

## **10. NATIONAL REFEREE COUNCIL'S REPORT**

**Mr. Dion Panosian - Chairman**

### **National Referee Council Members:**

Chairman	Dion Panossian
Member	Con Papanikolaou
Member	Helana Koch
Member	Dominic Sculli
Member	Jon Rawlings
Member	Nghia Tran
Secretary	Adam Minster

### **National Events**

#### **AKF Nationals 2018 - Caloundra,QLD**

Total Referees	47
NSW	8
QLD	10
SA	2
TAS	1
VIC	18
WA	6
Kata Upgrades	4
Kumite Upgrades	6

676 Competitors and 1121 entries

## **AKF Australian Open and Oceania Championships - 2019 Sydney NSW**

Total Referees	54
ACT	2
NSW	12
QLD	10
SA	1
TAS	1
VIC	13
WA	5
International	11
Oceania Kata Upgrades	6
Oceania Kumite Upgrades	9
National Kata Upgrades	2
National Kumite Upgrades	11
480 Competitors and 861 entries	

### **International Events**

#### **2018 WKF World Championships – Madrid, Spain**

KOCH HELENA

LAWRENCE SEAN

PANOSSIAN DION

PAPANIKOLAOU KONSTANTINOS

TRAN NGHIA

#### **2018 September K1 Premier League - Germany**

LAWRENCE SEAN

PAPANIKOLAOU KONSTANTINOS

SZALAY PETER



#### **KARATE1 SERIES A - SANTIAGO 2018**

LAWRENCE SEAN

PANOSSIAN DION

PAPANIKOLAOU KONSTANTINOS

TRAN NGHIA

#### **KARATE1 PREMIER LEAGUE - TOKYO 2018**

LAWRENCE SEAN

PANOSSIAN DION

PAPANIKOLAOU KONSTANTINOS

TRAN NGHIA

#### **KARATE1 SERIES A - SHANGHAI 2018**

KOCH HELENA

RAWLINGS JON

TRAN NGHIA

#### **KARATE1 PREMIER LEAGUE - PARIS 2019**

PANOSSIAN DION

TRAN NGHIA

#### **KARATE1 PREMIER LEAGUE – DUBAI 2019**

PANOSSIAN DION

KASSIS ROSEANNA

#### **KARATE1 PREMIER LEAGUE - RABAT 2019**

KOCH HELENA

RAWLINGS JON

#### **KARATE1 YOUTH LEAGUE - LIMASSOL 2019**

LAWRANCE SEAN

#### **KARATE1 SERIES A - ISTANBUL 2019**

PANOSSIAN DION

## **KARATE1 PREMIER LEAGUE – SHANGHAI**

KASSIS ROSANNA

LAWRENCE SEAN

MINSTER ADAM

PANOSSIAN DION

PEACHEY ALISON

RAWLINGS JON

TRAN NGHIA

VU\_ABOUZEID CHRISTELLA

## **KARATE1 SEARIES A – MONTREAL**

VU-ABOUZEID CHRISTELLA

KASSIS ROSANNA

## **Closing**

Our international referees are a committed group who have shown great commitment to adhere to the WKF prerequisites to maintain their qualifications. This is a huge sacrifice personally and financially. Australia is fortunate to have such a committed and driven group of officials at this level.

The NRC is grateful of the work performed by Mr Adam Minster. Adam maintains an efficient approach to his role.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow NRC colleagues for their collaborative efforts. Furthermore, I would like to thank the referees and judges throughout Australia for their sacrifices to ensure our events run smoothly and professionally.

## **11. STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

### **11.1 NEW SOUTH WALES**

**Mr. George Barounis**

#### **TOURNAMENTS**

The NSW State Championships, NSW Open Championships and NSW Cup continue to be the premier events on our calendar. With that, the NSW All Styles was added to the state program to further prepare our competitors for the National Championships.

#### **AKF Coach Accreditation Scheme (AKF CAS) Course**

The NSW Karate Federation conducted another successful NCAS course in 2019. I would like to acknowledge the continued efforts of Pam Smith and Neville Thorley for their dedication to coach development in NSW.

#### **REFEREEING**

The NSW Referee's Council conducted four seminars (two kumite and two kata) in 2019. Another initiative implemented by the NSW Executive is the promotion of WKF officials. The Executive and the NSW Referee's Council believe the input and support of these elite referees is in the best interests of NSW competitors and referees. In 2019 we confirmed the services of Glenn Goodwin, Nghia Tran, Dominic Sculli, Helena Koch and Adam Minster to the NSW State Championships, NSW Open and/or NSW Cup.

#### **STATE TEAM**

The NSW Coaching Panel conducted eight State Team training sessions in 2019 and is looking forward to another successful National Championships.

#### **AWARDS NIGHT**

The 2019 Sports Star Awards Evening was highly successful. This formal evening was well attended by competitors, parents, Heads of Styles and karate supporters.

#### **AUSTRALIAN OPEN**

The 2019 Australian Open was an outstanding success. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank members, parents, volunteers and supporters for making this event the premier event on the Australian Karate calendar.

#### **NSW KARATE FEDERATION INC. COMMITTEES**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the State Executive for all their dedication and support. I would also like to acknowledge the State Manager and Public Officer, Mr Wally Zahra for his tireless work.

Lastly, I would like to thank the NSW Referees' Council, NSW Coaching Panel, Neville Thorley (State Coaching Director), tournament officials and members for their support of the Federation. The cooperation and collaboration of all of these groups is paramount to the continued success of the NSW Karate Federation.

## 11.2 QUEENSLAND

### Mr. Jon Rawlings

President	Jon Rawlings
Vice President	Trevor Roberts
Treasurer	Alan Key
Secretary	Ann Hill
Tournament Director	Sean Lawrence
Coaching	Stephen Kelly
North Qld Rep	Chris Long
Central Qld Rep	Peter Harth
Team Manager	Nauria Hampton

### TOURNAMENTS

The Executive was able to secure a new location for all our tournaments at the Paul Bancroft Sports Centre at Cleveland. The new venue enables the QKA to host seminars, store equipment and has a large audience area.

QKA Inc hosts three annual events, the State titles in March and the Invitational in May and end of season and Awards. This year our number of entrants was the largest ever. Following 2018's home state nationals encouraged more competitors. The event is held over two days to assist long distance members.

This is an opportunity for all our State to gather together and showcase competitors in the various events.

We have a growing number of entrants, and host both kyu and black belt events in order to build confidence in our beginner ranks and increase our development of athletes.

The QKA invited Ian Basckin to the May Invitational to fine tune the administrative procedures which assisted the smooth running of tournaments.

### REFEREEING

The Referee Commission holds two Brisbane and one Regional seminars each year free of charge open to Referees, Judges, Coaches and competitors.

Our number of State and National judges and referees has increased and many clubs are recruiting their members to participate in judging as we wish to increase our numbers.

A special kata seminar was held in May to assist judges, referees and competitors to understand the requirements for competition kata scoring.

Representatives Alfonso Jimenez (Shotokan) Tom Curtis (Goju-ryu) and Kyle Robinson (Shitoryu) demonstrated kata basics and bunkai. The seminar was well attended by over 100 participants.

At our May Invitational tournament, WKF Referee Nghia Tran attended and gave up to date information and assisted the new judges with feedback and support.

## **COACHING AND TEAM**

Head Coach and Head Kata Coach	Stephen Kelly
Head Kumite Coach	Robyn Choi
Consultative Coach – Kumite	Sean Lawrence

Supporting coaching members – James O'Connor, Alfonso Jimenez, Peter Harth, Leon Romary, Chris Stephens, Kim Vines, Angelica Jimenez, Junko Oiwa, Cheyne McMahon, Charlotte De Georgio, Maki Kamada, Richard Nicklen.

Queensland is fortunate to have three National coaches, Steve Kelly, Robyn Choi and Leon Romary.

Legendary Antonio Oliva was invited to give a seminar which was well attended.

Coaching Director Glenn Irvine conducted his last course for Queensland in November. The new coaching Director is gold level Alexandria Amour.

Queensland will have three (1 cadet; 1 junior and 1 U21) athletes compete at the World titles and will be able to financially sponsor each of them under the new policies.

QKA young athletes also have an opportunity to access government funding (Youth Athletes Travel Subsidy) that we promote for travel to tournaments for State, national and International competitions.

We have promoted our Codes of Conduct and anti-bullying policies via social media, website and part of our entry to competitions.

The QKA has also assigned Vesa Pekkarinen the position of Codes of Behaviour Liaison Officer.

## **YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL**

Karate was represented at the United Through youth Sports Festival which was the key feature of Sport Accord summit at Kurrawa Gold Coast. The Festival focussed on getting kids active and provided Queensland students with an opportunity to participate in up to 60 internationally accredit sports.

We were privileged to have Mr Toshihisa Nagura, the General Secretary of the WKF and representative of Karate in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics watch our demonstration of kata and kumite by Shotokanfit dojo as well as an interactive workshop.

This event was organised by The Alliance of independent recognised Members of Sport (AIMS). By granting recognition to AIMS, the IOC acknowledges the role of AIMS and its valuable contribution to support the Olympic Movement in the achievement of its missions and goals; in the fields of development of sport and promotion of sport and support of athletes.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Queensland has had some steady growth in clubs applying for membership. We have two applicants for membership and one regional and one Brisbane dojo has joined. Our membership number is currently 35 clubs.

## **NATIONALS 2018**

The QKA held the prestigious event at Caloundra over three days. The event was run extremely well with wonderful support from so many volunteers.

The large number of spectators entered with pre sold tickets that could be scanned making entry faster.

The warm weather enabled outdoor dining, outdoor food vans.

Feedback from the parents and relatives and local traders was that it was a huge success and that behaviour was exemplary.

## **VALE**

### **MARK WEST**

Mark was a State official and only weeks after Nationals where his son won Gold in his kata division, he passed away following a battle with Cancer. Mark was a great asset to the State and his dojo.

### **SENSEI KAZUE MATSUMOTO**

*A flower is cherished for its pure fragrance*

*A man glories in humanity and justice.*

*The sword is in the man*

*As long as one's heart is clearly just.*

These words ring true when I think of Matsumoto Sensei. One of the original pioneers of Queensland and Australian Karate. An architect in the correct structure, and harmony of Karate-do dojo in Australia, we all now enjoy and practise our various martial arts in.

I recall the early days of the unforgiving brutality of many dojos in Queensland. There were only a few I felt peace and humility in and this dojo led the way. Sensei's samurai qualities and flowing silken movement helped me understand the Zen saying of "silence in movement and movement in silence".

Strength of mind and fortitude of spirit were Sensei's essential qualities that he showed and taught throughout the roller coaster of life. These rudiments of true courage, only obtained through great difficulty, were forged from constant and hard martial training, both physical and mental.

Even with rigorous discipline, sensei had a wonderful ease in care, and making every student feel special and individual.

In closing the most admirable of human virtues is courage. I have known Sensei for over forty years and in the last few years of his life, this unyielding determination to accomplish ones true path and conviction, regardless of the consequences to his reputation, career, possessions, body and finally life, will stay with me forever and remind me of a remarkable and unique person.

A friend of both sensei and myself the late John Halpin, defined courage as Grace under pressure. A shining example for us to follow.

Sadly, after a long battle with cancer, our well respected North Queensland representative passed away in October.

## **11.3 WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

### **Mr. Dion Panossian**

I am pleased to provide our members my report as Chairman of the West Australian Karate Federation (AKFWA).

#### **Governance**

The board continuously revises our policies and where required amends policy to better assist in decision making for the development of Karate in WA.

#### **High Performance Review**

An action plan resulting from our High performance review plan has been completed after consultation with our members.

#### **Board Positions**

We would like to express our appreciation to Mrs Cheryl Morgan for her contribution on the board during her term

We are please to have appointed Mr Gavin Forrest to the board and look forward to his valued contribution in the future.

The current board composition is as follows:

Mr Dion Panossian - Chair

Mr Basil Gotsis

Mr Mark Golding

Mr Justin Dowell

Mr Drew Ridley

Mrs Kelly Williams

Mr Gavin Forrest

Mrs Christine Smith - Administrator

Mrs Emma Taylor - Executive Officer, completed her term of her contract this year. Emma was instrumental in developing and implementing the many changes in our Governance to comply with Department of Sport & Recreation.

Mr Ruth Gibbons has been engaged as a consultant to assist with policy and governance. Ruth formerly held the position of CEO of Gymnastic Western Australia. We look forward to her valued experience in the development of our sport on WA and nurturing our strong relationship with the Department of Sport & Recreation.

### **Competitions**

The Western Australian Karate League ("WAKL") continues to host competitions throughout the year.

A total of 4 WAKL events were facilitated this year;

- Senshinkan Open – March 2019
- Wado Open – May 2019
- Shobukan Open – June 2019
- WA Open – October 2019

Other Non WAKL events endorsed by the West Australian Karate Federation.

- Margaret River Open – June 2019

Participation has increased at all WAKL events . We are delighted to see participation from smaller clubs this year. Parents of our squad members have been instrumental in the success of our events. Parents of all participating clubs within our federation have come together to assist the State for the betterment of our sport.

### **State Team Training Camp**

We were pleased to have engaged the services of Mr Azedin Rghioui to conduct specialised kumite sessions to our State squad. His services were also engaged by a number of member clubs.

Mr Rghioui's session were extremely well received.

### **Conclusion**

I would like to thank the work of our Coaching Panel and Referee Council.

I would like to thank the support of my fellow board members who has worked tirelessly in ensuring our Federation has a sustainable future.

Our State Administrator, Mrs. Christine Smith continues her relentless work for our Federation. We are extremely grateful for her continued support.

Western Australia look forward to hosting the 2020 National Championships. Planning for the event is already underway.



## 11.4 SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Mr. Glen Scott

Karate SA continues as a small, tight multi-skilled group, and this year did concentrate on growth and membership with good success.

Thanks to the Members, the Executive, State Coaches, Referees, athletes, parents and volunteers who contribute to the running of Karate SA. This is very much and always appreciated.

**State Executive** - the elected Executive for the year 2019 is:

President	Glen Scott
Vice President	Matt Johnson
Treasurer	Aaron Rigano
State Team Administrator	Michelle Wilson
Secretary	Michael Smith
State Coaching Director	Michael Smith
Ethics Officer	Carl Driesener
Grants and Development Officer	Caretaker role by Aaron Rigano and Michelle Wilson

### State Referee Council:

Glen Scott (Karate SA President as lead)  
Helena Koch (State Chief Referee)  
Bill Demertzis  
Genaro Maya  
Daniel Mau (SRC Secretary)

### Coaching:

State Head Coach	Matt Johnson
Coaching and Coaching Support	Hamish Fraser, Daniel Mau, Rhys Scott

### Areas of Focus

Karate SA has again maintained the guiding principles that we followed last year, these remain as to concentrate mainly on the growth of our officials, referees and judges. Our commitment again was to:

- Promote and increase support of current and new referees, judges and concentrate on future table officials.
- Support competitive karate, as in the South Australian team, by providing local competitions.
- Support, attract and promote new members.

**Regional;** Geoff Rohde, Shingokan, continues to active support, and officiating. Phil Bates, Seishikan and Rob Matthews (SKI) are good provincial supporters of SA.

**Referee Affairs;** The SA Referees Council, comprising of Helena Koch as Chief Referee, with Bill Demertzis and Genaro Maya with Daniel Mau as Council secretary. Bill, Daniel and Matt Johnson have this year generated great interest; guided and trained a key group of committed new officials by promoting seminars, both formal and informal. Great to see the training, guidance and nurturing continuing at the 2 tournaments. Daniel continues to provide good support and communications to the State officials.

Karate SA appreciates the continued good support with several interstate officials, Dominic Sculli and Con Papanikolaou. Adam Minster is also available too for referee matter support.

Thanks also to Ian Basckin who worked tirelessly (his normal mode) to set up the new scoring system at the SA Titles in April and train our core group of table officials.

**Coaching;** This portfolio under Mick Smith has provided a professional avenue for new and upgrade Coaching accreditation. The take up this year for Coaching accreditation has again had its challenges with limited take up. Mick Smith has however enthusiastically promoted this extensively and continues to provide exceptional expertise and value to this role.

#### **TOURNAMENTS AND COMPETITION**

The SA State Titles and the SA Open continue to be the two premier events on our calendar

**State Titles 2019;** SA State Titles were held on Sunday 28 April 2019, hosted by Matt Johnson and Michelle Wilson, Shingokan Karate, with good participation.

**SA Open 2019–** 16 June 2019; at Virginia Community Centre, hosted by Matt Johnson and Michelle Wilson, Shingokan Karate, with great participation. Superb and well supported competition with excellent interclub support with a highly competitive standard. Quality WKF referees support.

**State Squad Camp, Virginia** - Friday and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June. This 2-day camp preceded the SA Open, well supported by local SA clubs. Good kata experience and training support by National team member, Shaun Yuen

**New Membership;** Good membership growth this year with 5 new members in the stages of full membership or in progress - the challenge for the year 2020 will be to actively attract and retain new members and to engage the non-aligned members to actively participate in the affairs of Karate SA.

**State Team;** The State team, somewhat larger this year, is in a good phase of development, led by Matt Johnson as the State coach.

Hamish Fraser, Daniel Mau and Rhys Scott provide support and motivation for the team.

Matt Johnson continues to provide superb professional, passionate coaching skills as the Lead coach, engaging the athletes to strategically plan to improve mentally to achieve the higher levels in competition.

SA is fortunate have Michelle Wilson, who continues to provide managerial skills and still compete competitively this year for the State and internationally.

Once again, another good year and in conclusion, I'm looking forward to the 2019/20 year where we need to focus again on attracting membership and grow, whilst still maintaining the dynamics and spirit of a close cohesive unit.

## 11.5 VICTORIA

### Mr. John Frazzetto

President	John Frazzetto
Deputy President	Muzaffer Dickinson
Vice President	Rosanna Kassis
Treasurer	Frank Poci
Secretary	Maria Alexiadis

### Presentation Dinner

Our presentation dinner was held at Melrose Receptions and continues to get more and more successful, we will be changing the venue so that we can accommodate more people in 2019.

### Victorian Karate League

The fourth year of VKL which has proved to be a great success with increased competitor numbers at all events once again in 2018. Thank you to all the competitors for making this a great success.

### Retirement

Bruce Hyland resigned from Vice Presidents position. I thank Bruce for his valuable service to Karate Victoria, you will be missed. We welcome Rosanna Kassis to the board, her portfolio will be the referees.

### Education Day

Our education day continues to grow in popularity every year, it is part of KV strategy to provide services other than sports karate.

### Victorian Olympic Council (VOC)

Maria Alexiadis is KV's representative on the Victorian Olympic Council Education Commission and was part of organising committee for the Olympic Academy & Teachers Administrators Forum events and Pierre De Coubertin Awards Night.

### Olympic Academy and Pierre De Coubertin Awards

Jenna Carver, Grace Waddingham and Holly Boscott represented Karate Victoria at the Victoria Olympic Academy event at the MCG.

Jenna Carver was also presented with the Pierre De Coubertin Award which recognizes student athletes in year 10, 11 and 12, who demonstrate academic and sporting prowess whilst exemplifying Olympic values. Maria Alexiadis and I represented KV at the teachers and administrators Olympic Forum.

### Kumite Athlete Education Day

The Female Development coach Maria Alexiadis with Head Coach Marco Mazzanti organise a development day each year. The aim of the day is to inspire, build confidence and create a trusting and supportive environment for our state kumite athletes and to identify the key issue/s that is/are prohibiting our athletes from realising their full potential as athletes. The focus is on our female athletes.

### National Coaches

KV is proud to have Frank Poci, Renee Caruso, Marco Mazzanti, Wayne Noble, Peter Hollowood and Darren Olsen on the AKF Coaching Panel.

### **Kids in Schools with Disabilities Programme**

KV has gone into a Joint venture with Victoria Police, Rotary and Bendigo Bank. An in school programme is being designed for schools that specifically cater for kids with disabilities. The aim is to make karate more inclusive, accessible, a sport of choice for kids with disabilities and increasing participation numbers. This programme will be implemented into the schools across Victoria by KV. HOS will be able to participate in this programme via KV. We have already begun trialling the program in a few schools in the Dandenong area, and it appears to be successful.

### **World Championships**

Two karate Victorian athletes have been selected to represent Australia at the World Championships in Madrid Spain.

Meezaan Dickinson (Kata)

Dean Hollowood (Kumite)

### **FISA WUC 2018**

Karate Victoria have 8 athletes competing at the FISA World University Karate Championships in Osaka, Japan. 7 of them representing Australia and 1 representing New Zealand.

Meezaan Dickinson, Dean Dritsas, Stefan Kalajdjic, Jelena Kalajdjic Amy Bongetti, Daniel Tielan, Mason Nobetsu and Isaac Hoshi (representing New Zealand).

## **11.6 TASMANIA**

### **Mr. Frank Hussey**

The AKF Tasmania has had a very busy and productive year. There have been structural changes with the President resigning mid-term. A special thanks to Garth Hall for stepping in as Vice President and providing continuity and leadership as we prepared to host the 2019 National Championships.

Membership has remained flat although member participation in AKF competitions has shown growth and we are working hard to recruit new member clubs.

We continue to receive funding from the Tasmanian Government through the Minister for Sport and Recreation for the training and accreditation of officials and coaches and for supporting athlete development. Tasmania's growing success at national and international competitions demonstrates the importance of this support.

A Tasmanian Open, State Championships and a Northern Championships are a traditional part of our annual round of competitions. Changes this year saw the Open moved to northern Tasmania and a new "comp and camp" will be trialled in the south.

The State Referee Council has conducted training clinics to support ongoing development of officials including recruitment, retaining, training and upgrading of officials. Thanks to Adam Minister for his support and guidance. As a small state with limited numbers to draw from it is an ongoing challenge to recruit volunteers. A new Volunteer Recognition Program was implemented last year and will be continued into the future. We have also begun to provide officials with compensation for travel to attend competitions if travelling north or south to support our events.

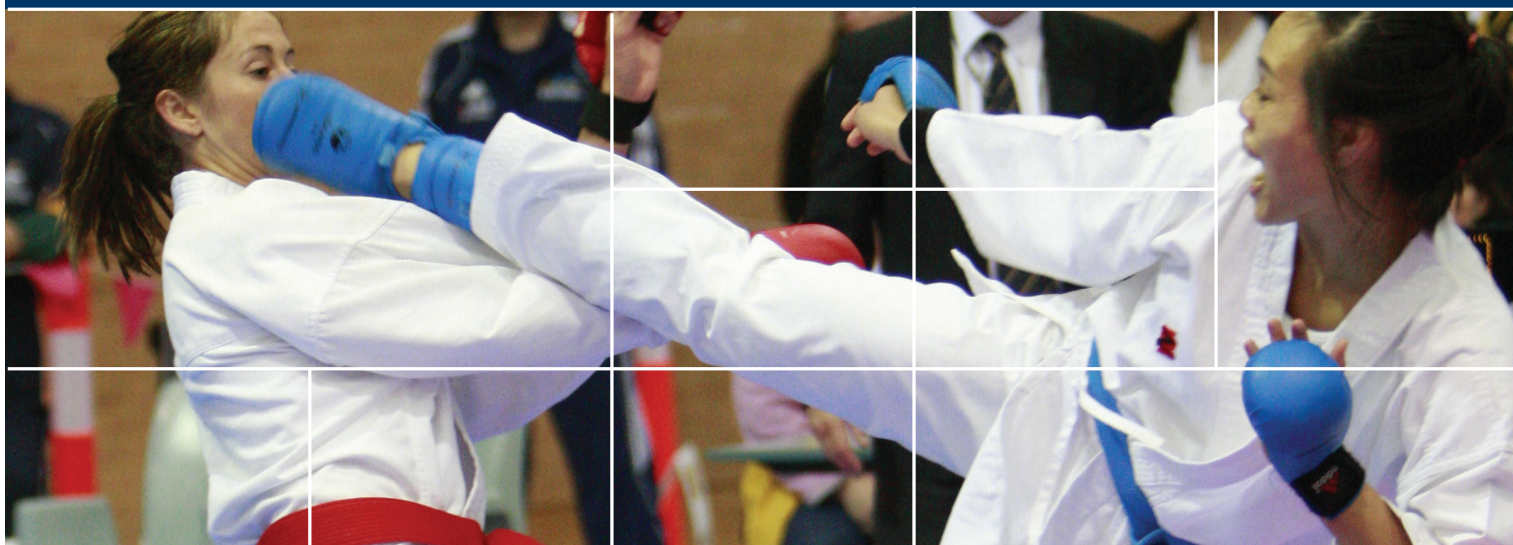
The AKF website has a new platform and has been updated to reflect the changes in official accreditation and other data and policies.

We will continue to support the accreditation of new coaches and the updating and upgrading of our existing coaches. A new coaching committee was established and one new Silver level NCAS coach and a SMA Level 1 Sports Trainer accredited. As coaching maintenance opportunities are limited we have been relying on on-line seminars and arranging content specific workshops for our coaches. Tasmania's growing success in national and international level competitions is a credit to our coaches and the hard working athletes.



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**The Australian Karate Federation is one of many national sporting organisations that has formed a winning partnership with the Australian Sports Commission to develop its sport in Australia.**