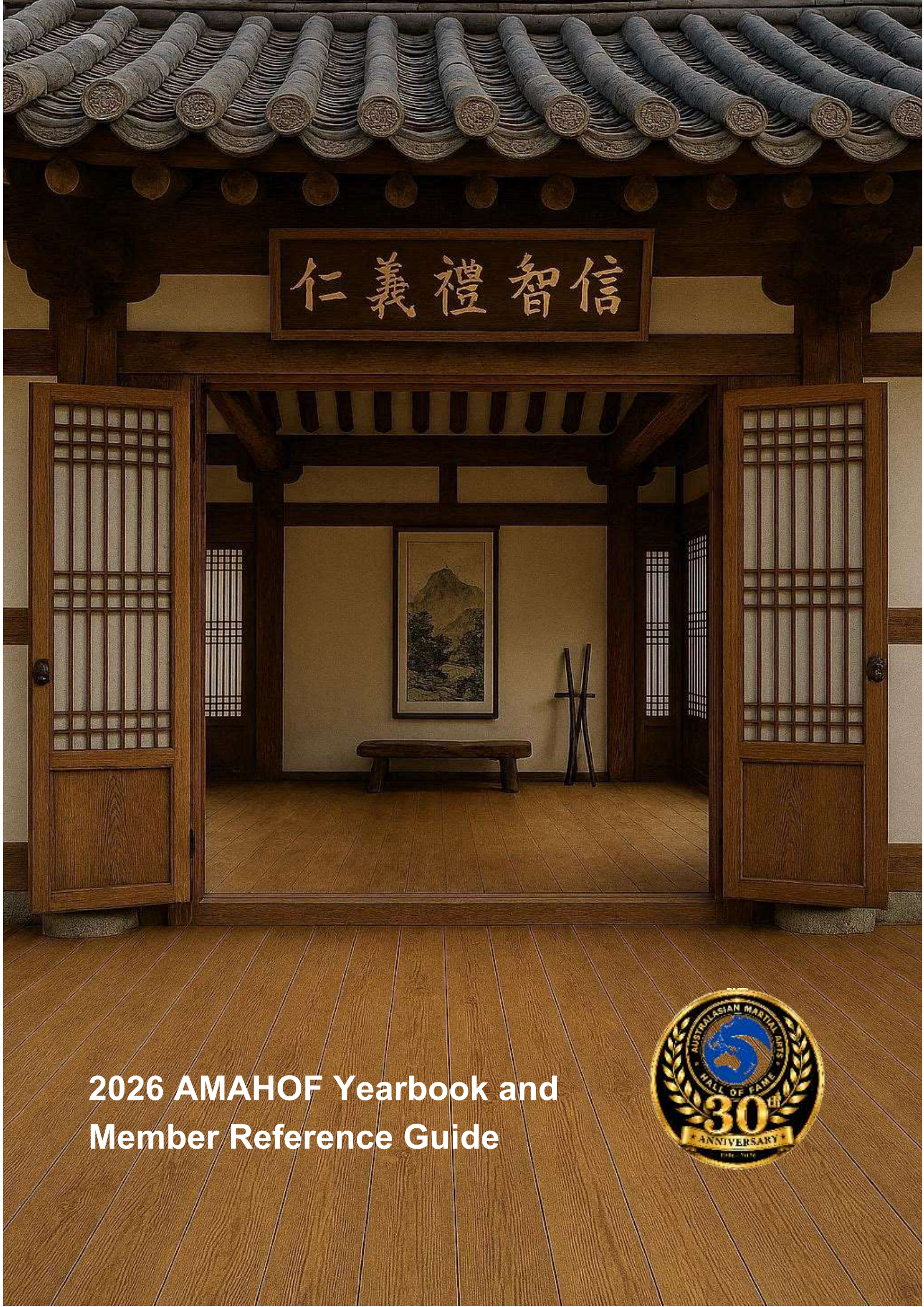




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2026 AMAHOF Yearbook and
Member Reference Guide



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The Spirit and Legacy of AMAHOF

The Australasian Martial Arts Hall of Fame (AMAHOF) stands as one of the region's most enduring and respected independent institutions for recognising excellence in the martial arts. Established in 1996 as a not-for-profit organisation, AMAHOF operates without commercial interests or organisational self-promotion, ensuring that recognition is based solely on merit. For three decades, it has honoured practitioners, teachers, leaders, and innovators whose dedication has shaped the martial arts landscape across Australasia and beyond.

Induction into AMAHOF is more than an award, it celebrates a lifetime of service, integrity, technical achievement, and contribution to the martial arts community. Every inductee joins a community that spans generations, disciplines, and nations, united by shared values of respect, discipline, and excellence.

Over the past decade, AMAHOF has continued to honour those whose influence has strengthened martial arts across Australasia. The organisation's highest honour, the Legend Award, recognises extraordinary and long-standing service. Recent recipients, including Shihan Patricia Harrington (2021), Shihan Edward Scharrer (2022), Shihan Michael Keane (2023), and Graham Darby (2025), exemplify the depth of leadership, contribution, and integrity that this award represents.

Even during the unprecedented disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 Galas, AMAHOF remained steadfast. The committee continued processing nominations, supporting members, and preparing for the day when the community could gather again. When borders reopened in 2022, AMAHOF returned stronger than ever, delivering a landmark Gala in Western Australia that welcomed 180 guests and cleared the backlog of inductees who had waited patiently through the pandemic years.

Since then, AMAHOF has entered a period of renewal and modernisation. The 2023 Gala in Sydney marked a historic full-capacity event and a significant leadership transition. The 2024 Gala in South Australia introduced updated governance structures, including four-year committee terms and a refreshed Constitution. The 2025 Gala in Canberra continued this momentum, inducting fourteen new members and recognising major achievements such as Graham Darby's Legend Award and Shihan Albert John Whipp's promotion to 8th Dan. These milestones reflect AMAHOF's resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment to honouring martial artists who embody excellence, service, and the highest ethical standards.

For every inductee reading this document, your place in AMAHOF represents more than a moment of recognition, it signifies your contribution to a living legacy. You stand among leaders who have shaped the martial arts across Australasia, and your achievements form part of a collective story that continues to grow. AMAHOF is proud to celebrate you, and proud to preserve the history, values, and community that make our organisation a home for martial artists of all disciplines.

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OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

1.0 Introduction

The AMAHOF Yearbook and Member Reference Guide exists to provide a clear, accurate, and accessible record of our organisation's activities, membership, and achievements. Historically, this information was dispersed across two sources: the Manual of Documents and the annual Gala Booklet. The Manual of Documents captured the origins of AMAHOF and grew to include the Constitution, Sokeship Council operational documentation, the Official Nomination Form, honour rolls of volunteer positions, and various historical and organisational records. The Gala Booklet, meanwhile, presented inductee listings, Legend Award recipients, honour rolls, and event highlights from each year. The Yearbook represents our effort to streamline material, bringing together historical context, annual records, and member information into a single, coherent publication. By combining the essential information from the Manual of Documents and the Gala Booklet, we have created a modern reference that is easier to maintain and far more accessible to members.

The purpose of this document is threefold:

- 1) To preserve AMAHOF's history and annual record through a yearbook-style presentation of inductees, award recipients, and significant organisational milestones.
- 2) To provide members with a reliable reference guide that outlines AMAHOF's structure, values, and membership information without duplicating or contradicting formal governance instruments.
- 3) To present a coherent, contemporary resource that reflects AMAHOF's professionalism and supports transparency, continuity, and pride in our shared community.

This Yearbook and Reference Guide is an administrative document, maintained annually by the Secretary and submitted to the Management Committee for approval. As it does not carry governance authority, it does not require endorsement at an Annual General Meeting. By refining and consolidating organisational content, AMAHOF now has a publication that is aligned with modern expectations and capable of being updated each year with clarity and ease.

1.1 AMAHOF Overview

1.1.1 A Chronicle of AMAHOF

Founding and Early Development (1996–1997)

In 1996, Shihan Brian Gallon received an invitation from Master Frank Tasetano, President of the World Karate Union Hall of Fame (WKUHOF) in Pennsylvania, USA, to establish a World Australasian Martial Arts Hall of Fame (WAMAHOF). AMAHOF has since been managed in conjunction with WKUHOF under the auspices of President Frank Tasetano and Secretary Kathi Tasetano.

Shihan Gallon became the first President of AMAHOF and was appointed to the WKUHOF Board of Directors. The organisation's original name, WAMAHOF, was changed in 1997 to AMAHOF to better reflect its regional identity.

In 1996, the WKUHOF appointed a Board of Directors and granted Australasia a Charter to operate AMAHOF autonomously while maintaining joint recognition between both Halls of Fame. The inaugural AMAHOF ceremony was held at the Townsville Entertainment Centre in November 1996, inducting fourteen prominent martial artists from Australia, New Zealand, and Japan.

AMAHOF and WKUHOF were established to recognise martial artists with proven ability, service, and commitment to their communities. WKUHOF would represent the world and North America, while AMAHOF would oversee the Australasian region, covering 33 countries. Plans were made to eventually establish similar sectors in Russia, England, Europe, South Africa, and South America.

After the 1996 awards, the Budokan Academy in Western Australia was considered as a potential site for a physical Hall of Fame. Although the facility was recognised as a leading martial arts centre and briefly served as a sanctuary for AMAHOF, it no longer exists.

In 1997, the Board approved relocating the Hall of Fame to the Budokan Academy in Canning Vale, WA, and tasked Master Ramon Lawrence with developing a Hall of Fame Museum within the Willow Pond complex, alongside a proposed Lawrence Family Museum.

The second AMAHOF awards were held in 1997 at the Mercure Inn, Townsville, with Grandmasters Gary Alexander and Harold Long representing WKUHOF. Twelve martial artists from Australia, Germany, New Zealand, and the Cook Islands were inducted.

A Sokeship Council was formed in 1997 to review and grade senior martial artists who lacked access to formal grading bodies. Australia's first 10th Dan, Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw, and New Zealand's first 10th Dan, Grandmaster Robert Gemmell, were promoted in conjunction with WKUHOF. The Sokeship Council began with twelve members, chaired by Grandmaster Bradshaw.

During this period, Master Ramon Lawrence was tasked with developing an AMAHOF Constitution and incorporation framework.

Reorganisation and Consolidation (1998–2001)

The 1998 awards were postponed due to administrative issues and the resignation of founding President Professor Brian Gallon. On 23 October 1998, WKUHOF President Frank Tasetano appointed Master Ramon Lawrence as President of AMAHOF, directing him to streamline the organisation.

Master Lawrence initiated a major reorganisation, emphasising strong business practices, ethical governance, and the formation of a capable Management Committee. The first Executive Committee was established in January 1999.

Key developments included:

- Incorporation of AMAHOF on 27 April 1999
- Adoption of a Constitution
- Creation of a confidential nominee rating system (April 1999)
- Development of selection criteria for Board Directors (March 1999)
- Establishment of fundraising and sponsorship systems (1999)
- Development of Sokeship Council guidelines (May 1999)
- Launch of a website and member newsletter (1999)

In June 1999, President Lawrence travelled to the WKUHOF Awards in Pennsylvania, strengthening ties between the organisations and being inducted as a WKUHOF Director.

The 1999 AMAHOF Awards were held at Willow Pond Reception Centre, WA, inducting nine martial artists. A seminar followed at Bluegum Recreation Centre, showcasing inductee skills and raising funds. Plans were made to invite world-renowned masters to future events.

AMAHOF expanded its regional contacts in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and India to identify future inductees. Major sponsors included Willow Pond Reception Centre and Budokan Academy.

In 2000, five martial artists were inducted at Willow Pond. An Open Day at Budokan Academy featured demonstrations, seminars, and fundraising activities. The first Sokeship Grading Certificates were presented to Master Ramon Lawrence and Sensei Geordie Thompson. Shihan Kelly Morgan joined the Executive Committee as Secretary.

In December 2000, a Sokeship Council Acknowledgement Certificate was presented to Grandmaster Robert Gemmell for his 1997 10th Dan promotion.

The 2001 Awards were again held at Willow Pond, inducting six martial artists. Another Open Day followed. Founder Shihan Brian Gallon passed away in July 2001. Formal Sokeship grading procedures and fee structures were established.

Expansion Across Australasia (2002–2004)

In 2002, AMAHOF partnered with the New Zealand Hall of Fame (NZHOF) to hold a joint awards ceremony in Lake Taupo, inducting eleven martial artists. Demonstrations and seminars were held the following day.

In 2003, the Awards were held in Canberra, coordinated by Directors Ed Scharrer and Peter Wilson. Eleven martial artists were inducted.

In 2004, the Awards returned to Willow Pond, Perth, inducting eight martial artists from Australia, Malaysia, and New Zealand.

New Awards and Recognition (2008–2017)

Over time, AMAHOF expanded its awards, including the prestigious **Life Membership / Legend Award**, requiring 50 years of exceptional service to martial arts and AMAHOF.

- **2008 (QLD):** First Legend Award presented to GM Barry Bradshaw.
- **2010 (VIC):** Second Legend Award presented to GM Peter Morton BEM
- **2011 (WA):** Third Legend Award presented to GM Ramon Lawrence OAM.

COVID-19 Pandemic, Recovery, and Evolution of Awards (2020–2023)

The global COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented disruption for AMAHOF. The 2020 Perth Gala and the 2021 Sydney Gala were cancelled due to lockdowns, border closures, and travel restrictions. To maintain organisational stability during this period, the President and Vice-President terms were extended by special resolution until 2023.

Despite the challenges, AMAHOF continued processing inductee applications and preparing for the eventual return of events. When Western Australia reopened its borders on 3rd March 2022, the organisation resumed full operations. The 2022 Presentation Awards Gala, held at Joondalup Resort, welcomed 180 guests and successfully cleared the backlog of inductees from the pandemic years. This event also marked AMAHOF's expansive use of online payments for ticketing and membership renewals.

The 2023 Gala, hosted at the Liverpool Catholic Club and Mercure Sydney Liverpool, was a milestone event — the hotel reported its first-ever full booking. During this Gala, outgoing President Edward Scharrer handed leadership to Vice-President Anthony Hockley. Grandmaster Ramon Lawrence OAM retired from the Sokeship Council, appointing Edward Scharrer as his successor, while Secretary Steve Weston transitioned to Vice-Chair of the Sokeship Council and Colin Wee was appointed Secretary.

AMAHOF acknowledges the dedication of the committee and volunteers who guided the organisation through the pandemic and revitalised its operations.

Restructuring of Induction Awards (2021)

In 2021, AMAHOF undertook a major review of its awards framework. The following long-standing award categories were formally retired

- Life-Time Achievement
- Martial Artist of the Year
- Instructor of the Year

- Budoka of the Year
- Support to Martial Arts – Health & Healing
- Support to the Development of Martial Arts

These were consolidated into a single new recognition: Category Three: Continual Excellence and Service to the Australasian Martial Arts Community.

This category was used from 2021 through 2025 as AMAHOF continued refining its approach to recognising excellence across the region.

Recent Events and Governance Developments (2024–2025)

The 2024 Presentation Awards Gala was held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in South Australia. The AGM focused on constitutional updates recommended by DEMIRS, resulting in the successful re-registration of AMAHOF. A small induction ceremony was held which included the induction of one WKUHOF inductee.

The 2025 Gala at QT Canberra inducted fourteen martial artists. Highlights included:

- Graham Darby receiving Legend Status
- Johnny Whipp promoted to 8th Dan by the Sokeship Council
- A eulogy delivered for Richard Norton and other members who had passed
- Confirmation of AMAHOF's re-registration
- Development of a new By-Laws document
- Election of the President and Vice-President under the updated constitutional rules

During 2025, AMAHOF also reviewed its membership and induction structures to better align with historical practice and public expectations. This review led to the retirement of the Category Three award and the introduction of a new, more rigorous set of induction categories.

Transition to New Induction Categories (Effective 2026)

Beginning in 2026, AMAHOF replaced the "Continual Excellence and Service to the Australasian Martial Arts Community" award with a revised suite of induction categories. This change reconnects AMAHOF with its earlier tradition of recognising practitioners based on their specific contributions to their art.

The new categories raise the minimum induction requirements to ensure AMAHOF inductees are regarded as elite practitioners within the Australasian region. Inductees must have:

- made significant contributions to the development of martial arts
- achieved a minimum rank of 4th Dan or equivalent
- demonstrated consistent excellence as practitioners and/or instructors
- shown leadership, administrative capability, knowledge, and skill

The five new public-nominated induction categories are:

1. AMAHOF Exemplary Martial Artist
2. AMAHOF Exemplary Instructor
3. AMAHOF Dedicated Practitioner
4. AMAHOF Martial Arts Ambassador
5. AMAHOF Martial Arts Legacy (Posthumous or Enduring Contribution)

While the new awards maintain continuity with previous induction categories, AMAHOF has modernised and broadened them to be more inclusive and style-agnostic. Earlier titles such as

“Budoka of the Year” reflected terminology rooted in specific cultural traditions; the updated awards streamline and clarify these recognitions for a contemporary, diverse martial arts community. At the same time, AMAHOF has strengthened its induction requirements to ensure that recipients are recognised by both the martial arts community and the public as elite practitioners within the Australasian region.

Inductees in these new categories will have made significant contributions to the development of martial arts and have achieved a minimum rank of 4th dan or its equivalent and higher in their chosen martial art. These exceptional individuals not only maintain a consistently high-level of performance as martial artists and/or excel as instructors, and will have demonstrated extensive experience, skill, knowledge, effective administration, and exemplary leadership qualities.



Award Categories Page

Information about new induction categories that were introduced for Presentation Awards Gala 2026, and the superseded Continual Excellence and Service to the Australasian Martial Arts Community award, can be found at <https://amahof.asn.au/award-categories/>.

1.1.2 Mission, values, and purpose

1.1.3 Meaning of the AMAHOF Logo

The logo was designed by the 1999 AMAHOF Executive Committee with the assistance of Paul Yarrow from Yarrow Designs. The meaning of the logo was devised by Ramon Lawrence OAM.

- **White**
Indicates the quality and high ethical standards and well as indicating the land masses of the Australasian Region.
- **Wave**
Represents the new wave of constant change over the region with Eastern influence coming to the west.
- **Blue**
Represents the ocean as the common link between the countries.
- **Circle**
Represents the circles of knowledge, energies, and the strength in unity.
- **Yin – Yang**
Relates to the common influence of all martial arts in the region.



1.1 Current Year's Highlights

1.1.1 President's Annual Report 2026

30 June 2026

Dear Members,

It's getting close to the annual gala event that includes our Annual General Meeting so I wanted to give you some feedback on the activities of the current Management committee.

But to begin this report I wanted to highlight some of the stated aims of AMAHOF as below:

1. Foster and promote all styles of Martial Arts at all levels, by providing opportunities to recognise and reward the outstanding contribution and service of individuals to the Martial Arts environment.
2. To encompass and recognise achievements of senior Martial Artists in their respective fields.



President Steven Weston

To this end, over the last year, as I outlined in my January newsletter, we have been refining our definitions of the categories for induction into AMAHOF so that our inductees are some of the most outstanding Martial Artists in the region.

We introduced the categories of:

- Dedicated Practitioner to recognise those individuals who excel in their Art.
- Exemplary Instructor to recognise those Instructors who truly excel in their teaching.
- Exemplary Martial Artist to recognise individuals who excel in both of these ways.
- AMAHOF Martial Arts Ambassador to recognise those individuals who promote the Arts not just within the Australasian region but throughout the world.
- Legacy and Posthumous inductee category at a cost appropriate to the nature of the award and the presentation items for this category.

We've also introduced some new awards in AMAHOF, in particular to recognise more of our most experienced members who have given over 50 years of their life to their Art. In the past the only way we had done this was by awarding them Legend status, but this was only done for one individual each year. However, we have found that many of our members have been practicing for this length of time and we should recognise that service. We have therefore introduced the "Life Member" award for up to five members each year, to recognise the service and remove the impost of annual membership fees to these members. From our life members your Management Committee will choose one individual to be awarded with "Legend" status each year.

We've also revised our system of annual membership fees to be applied over a calendar year, so that we are not chasing fees right up until the AGM, and invoices will be sent to all members in January of that calendar year for whom we have contact details.

These items have now been implemented and you will notice the changes at the upcoming Gala and through our correspondence.

We have also made sure the events we hold will now be fully insured for public liability and Professional indemnity, with cover obtained for our upcoming event and a risk management plan being implemented.

We canvassed our membership early this year to gain approval for AMAHOF to donate to two charities that were nominated by our Past President GM Anthony Hockley, and I'm very pleased to let you know that this was strongly supported by our membership and the Starlight foundation and Make-a-Wish foundation have been provided with \$500 each from AMAHOF.

In future, we will use some of the funds derived from our fundraising efforts at the annual event to cover the cost of any Charitable donations, thereby not imposing on AMAHOF funds directly. Any chosen charity will be announced at the event.

After our poll conducted earlier this year it was decided that at the AGM this year we will be voting on a number of changes to our Constitution that have come about after discussions between the executive and GM Lawrence and through the meetings of your Management Committee. In conjunction with these changes, we have also adjusted our by-laws and our hard-working secretary has created a year book that will be available digitally on our website and in hard copy to purchase soon. This document will allow us to reduce the size of the Gala booklet that was becoming unnecessarily large and expensive to produce.

We have also to thank GM Lawrence for his efforts in producing the AMAHOF 30th Anniversary book, which many of you have already purchased, and more copies can be made on request through GM Lawrence.

In keeping with tradition, a decision was made by the management committee to use the colour green for this year's event, which symbolises growth, renewal, harmony and prosperity and is the traditional colour for a 30th anniversary. You will notice this on our items for this year's event.

We are also honoured to have a very special guest as our Inaugural AMAHOF Martial Arts Ambassador in Benny "The Jet" Urquidez, who will provide the usual members workshop on Saturday but will also run a two-hour workshop on Sunday that will be open to all at a small additional cost.

I would like also to thank our VP Peter Hunt who has worked hard to establish AMAHOF state representatives who will be available to organise communications and events for AMAHOF members in each state to further enhance our networks of members.

This year we will induct 12 new members into AMAHOF and they are of a really high calibre. I'm confident that you will all enjoy the workshops and meeting these extraordinary candidates.

We are also already on track for our next event in 2027 that I will be hosting and will be held on the third weekend in August 2027 in Hobart, Tasmania at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the centre of Hobart. This venue is relatively new to Hobart and offers extraordinary views of Kunyani (Mt Wellington) on one side and the waterfront on the other. It has terrific facilities and promises to be a great event.

Along with the Tasmanian Gala we are already working with our colleagues across the ditch in New Zealand to hold a combined AMAHOF and NZMAHOF event in 2028 during Matariki weekend (in 15-18th July).

As you can tell from this report, your Management Committee has been working exceptionally hard over the past year, and I cannot thank this team enough for their efforts, they give up a number of hours each month for our meeting and have been working on projects between each meeting and providing their reports on progress. In particular I would

like to single out the members of the Executive in Colin Wee our Secretary who has put in an extraordinary amount of time and effort to ensure we have documentation on all of our projects, my supportive Vice President Peter Hunt, whose enthusiasm for encouraging activities in our membership is indefatigable, our long suffering Treasurer, Roland Winter whom we harass with constant requests for updates, but also this year's host David Gordon who has put in an enormous effort to provide a memorable 30th Anniversary event.

I look forward to gathering with you all to celebrate 30 years of extraordinary Martial Arts achievements in Melbourne at both the seminars and the wonderful Melbourne Arts Centre for our Gala dinner.

Grandmaster Steven Weston

9th Dan Black Belt

AMAHOF President

Sokeship Council Ex-officio Member

1.1.2 Sokeship Council Chairman's message

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN – Melbourne, 2026

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate all the inductees of AMAHOF 2026 in Melbourne. Your dedication and hard work in your respective disciplines have been acknowledged by your peers, and I hope you enjoy the evening as we share with you all in celebrating your achievements.

I'd also like to congratulate and thank the executive committee for the work they have done in organising AMAHOF on its 30th anniversary year here in Melbourne. Having been Event Director for three previous events, there is certainly much work to be done and many things to organise. Everyone on the committee has their role to play and there is much satisfaction on the Sunday afternoon at the event close that another AMAHOF event has been brought to a successful conclusion.



Chairman Edward Scharrer

In 2027, the Australasian Sokeship Council will also celebrate its 30th year of operation having been established in 1997. The ASC is made up of members of AMAHOF and/or WKUHOF who are normally Headmasters of their own school or association and have acceptable experience and ability to assist in the correct judgement of proficiency levels within their own arts. They have been selected for their expertise and availability to assist in either grading or acknowledging credentials of Martial Artists who apply to the ASC for Dan or Shoji rank assessments.

The ASC is a service arm of AMAHOF and provides an avenue for non-aligned martial arts to have access to an acceptable grading authority. For a myriad of reasons, these individuals have lost or can no longer be graded by a traditional Martial Arts Organisation. So that they may operate within the industry with proper accepted accreditation, the ASC provides a means of Quality Assurance to ensure that the applicants emerging from the

assessment, grading and ratification process indeed possess the skills and knowledge commensurate with the level they have been awarded.

This assessment process includes examination of the traditional building blocks of any Martial Arts which includes technical excellence, etiquette, content and knowledge of their syllabus and time between ranks. These are compared to other similar systems to ensure that when the ASC bestows a rank on an individual, they are indeed comparing apples to apples and that both parties can be confident that any grade awarded is both appropriate, well deserved and can withstand comparison to any National and/or international standard.

However, the ASC will not attempt to compete with nor conflict with existing styles or Organisation grading panels. The Council refrains from offering gradings to any person either within an existing organisation or those who have recently departed from their parent school. Indeed, a minimum interval of two years must elapse between a person resigning or a membership termination for any reason before the Council will consider any application for grading or acknowledgement.

This year we have had several applications for Ranks and Rank Acknowledgement and I would like to congratulate all the recipients who were successful through the assessment process. I would also like to thank ASC members, in particular GM Anthony Hockley and GM Ramon Lawrence for their assistance in a number of these applications.

Edward Scharrer, Shihan
Chairman Sokeship Council
AMAHOF Legend 2022
AMAHOF Member 2000
AMAHOF President 2019-23

1.1.3 Major achievements or milestones in recent years



1 Current Committee at Gala 2025: (L-R): Colin Wee (Secretary), George Adams, Roland Winter (Treasurer), John Marrable, David Gordon, Brenda Hum, Steven Weston (President), and Peter Hunt (Vice President).

July 2023 — Strengthening Foundations

- Extended accounts payable for Gala 2023 to stabilise finances.
- Began addressing administrative inconsistencies (e.g., ring sizing issues, online form updates).
- Constitution prepared for review and future ratification.
- Initiated the need for Event Planning Guidelines to standardise future galas.

September 2023 — Modernising Processes

- Streamlined the Official Nomination Pack and aligned categories with the website.
- Resolved ring sizing issues and introduced clear sizing instructions.
- Established a policy development sub-committee to address membership and governance needs.
- Confirmed that all online forms should move to electronic submission.
- Began updating bank administrative information.

November 2023 — Governance, Finance, and Future Planning

- Appointed Diana Latorre to fill a Board vacancy.

- Approved a \$20,000 term deposit, strengthening financial stability.
- Updated Sokeship Council submission processes to match other AMAHOF forms.
- Developed a new Member Renewal Form with updated payment information.
- Secured a local trophy supplier for Gala 2024.
- Explored future gala locations in Queensland, New Zealand, and Tasmania.
- Initiated the creation of Event Planning Guidelines as a formal policy document.
- Began establishing an AMAHOF PO Box for administrative consistency.

January 2024 — Strategic Event Planning

- Determined that Management Committee should always have two venue options when selecting future gala locations.

February 2024 — Member Services and Event Infrastructure

- Updated the lifetime achievement award spreadsheet to identify long-term candidates.
- Separated membership renewals from EventBrite ticketing to avoid annual resets.
- Introduced a tiered membership fee structure after years of static pricing.
- Responded formally to member grievances, reinforcing transparency.
- Continued exploring Queensland and Tasmania as future gala hosts.

March 2024 — Recognition and Event Quality

- Confirmed development of **1-minute inductee videos** for Gala 2024.
- Strengthened event professionalism: Event Directors to guide inductee speeches; Emcee to manage timing and prevent disruptions.
- Increased website development capacity (fee adjustment).

April 2024 — Growth and Future Direction

- Received proposal for **VIC Gala 2026**.
- Proposed creation of a **Permanent Event Planning Director** role.

June 2024 — Leadership Continuity, Governance Reform, and Re-Registration Milestone

- Draft constitutional amendments were finalised and prepared for AGM 2024, marking the first major governance update in years.
- Initiated a review of free-ticket policies to better understand their financial impact on Gala events.
- Established 'A Running an Incorporated Association' policy to ensure AMAHOF will always be compliant with Association Branch requirements.
- Introduced strengthened risk-management requirements, including:

- Mandatory public liability insurance for all seminar leads
- Individual risk waivers for all seminar participants

February 2025 — Access, Policy & Member Experience

- G-Drive Access Expanded: All Management Committee members were granted access to the shared G-Drive, improving transparency and collaboration.
- Inductee Speech Template Developed: A standardised speech template was created to support inductees and ensure consistent event quality.
- Passed Members Policy Created: A formal policy was drafted and approved to respectfully manage the status of deceased members.

March 2025 — Strengthening State-Level Engagement

- State Representative Sub-Committee Formed: A new sub-committee, led by the Vice President, was established to improve communication, coordination, and representation across states.

April 2025 — Streamlining Nomination Requirements

- Working With Children Check Removed: The WWC requirement was removed from the nomination form and consolidated under a single Police Check requirement, simplifying the process while maintaining safety standards.

December 2025 — Financial Stewardship

- Term Deposit Opened: AMAHOF invested funds into a term deposit to improve long-term financial stability and responsible asset management.

January 2026 — Sponsorship & External Engagement

- New Sponsorship Pack Developed: A modernised sponsorship pack was created to support fundraising, partnerships, and event sustainability.

February 2026 — Financial Transparency & Community Contribution

- Charitable Donations Initiated: AMAHOF began donating to selected charities, an initiative inspired by the past President and aligned with AMAHOF's community values.
- Cost-Per-Inductee Model Developed: A detailed costing model was created to support financial planning and ensure sustainable event budgeting.
- AMAHOF Yearbook and Member Reference Guide was conceived and proposed.

1.1.4 Gala 2025 Event Director Report in Summary

The 2025 AMAHOF Gala at QT Canberra was held to honour inductees for their achievements, service, and contributions to martial arts. The committee focused on creating a welcoming and memorable experience, recognising the importance of early communication and support for inductees who may be unfamiliar with AMAHOF processes. The event was generally well received, strengthened AMAHOF's financial position, and generated positive feedback from attendees, though several operational improvements were identified.

Friday's program included the Sokeship Council meeting, the AGM, and the Meet and Greet. While these sessions ran effectively, a last-minute room change affected attendance at the Sokeship Council meeting, and the AGM's extended duration created delays for the Meet and Greet. Recommendations included clearer scheduling, improved room management, and structured ushering to support smoother transitions.

Saturday began with adjustments to the hotel's breakfast service, followed by the Inductee Seminars, which were well attended and positively received. Attendees appreciated the format and timekeeping, though feedback indicated a need for improved audio support and more practical demonstrations. The Awards Gala that evening was delivered successfully, with strong coordination between AMAHOF and venue staff. Areas for improvement included sound system reliability, video presentation quality, and the need for higher-contrast text and varied audio tracks in inductee videos. The importance of providing technical support to inductees when preparing video materials was also noted. The eulogy segment, while meaningful, exceeded its intended duration, and a shorter, more structured format was recommended.

Award presentations were well received, and it was suggested that major award recipients, particularly Legend Award honourees, be notified in advance to ensure they can attend with supporters. Sponsor, Appreciation, and Spouse Awards were considered appropriate for inclusion in the Gala, while Committee service certificates may be better presented at the AGM. The raffle was a major success, generating record fundraising of approximately \$7,200 and strong engagement from attendees.

Sunday's grading and training sessions were conducted successfully. Recommendations included allocating sufficient setup time for the hall, ensuring secure management of grading certificates, and providing immediate feedback to candidates. Training sessions were energetic and well attended, with positive feedback on both the extended two-hour session and the shorter rotating segments. Some participants found the 20-minute sessions rushed, and a standard 30-minute allocation per inductee was suggested for future events.

Overall, the 2025 Gala was viewed as a successful and well-received event, supported by strong volunteer effort and high participant engagement. The operational insights captured in the full Event Director's report provide a clear foundation for continued improvement and refinement of future AMAHOF Galas.

1.2 Member Rolls

1.2.1 Inductee Honour Roll

1996 Inaugural Hall of Fame Inductees

Master Ramon Lawrence,
Master Mal Lomax,
Sensei Antony Karasulas,
Sensei Brian Twomey,
Master Geoffrey Todd,
Master John Tooby, Kyoshi
John Buttgieg,
Shihan Brian Gallon,
Kancho Barry Bradshaw,
Sifu John Dighton,
Master Geoffrey Booth,
Mr Jon Gable.

In Memoriam

Sensei Masafumi Suzuki (1929-1991)
Sosai Masutatsu Oyama (1923-1992)

1997 Hall of Fame Inductees

Grandmaster Robert Gemmell,
Shihan John Whipp,
Mr Paul Brogan, Kyoshi
Steve Heremaia,
Sensei Garry Luton,
Sensei Catherine Schnell,
Sijo Joe Gomes,
Hanshi Peter Morton,
Shihan Robert Tier,
Shihan Ian Pollet,
Kyoshi Thomas Takakore,
Hanshi Andrew Fleming
Sensei Satoshi Yokota.

1999 Hall of Fame Inductees

Shihan Albert Peter Chek,
Shihan Bruce Haynes,
Kyoshi Mike Ryan, Renshi
Durell David Rowley,
Renshi Susan Frances Reid,
Sensei Drew Fleming,
Sensei John Napier-Winch,
Sensei Les Elliott,
Sensei Paul Zadro.

2000 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sensei Craig Swingler,
Renshi Edward Scharrer,
Sensei Christine Gemmell,
Renshi Robert Toll,
Shihan Kelly Morgan

2001 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sensei Peter Wilson,
Sensei William Brain,
Renshi Peter Kitak,
Sensei Greg Henderson,
Shihan Wayne Hanley,
Sifu Norm Palmer.

2002 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sensei Katie Noad,
Renshi Graham Darby,
Shihan Doug Holloway,
Shihan Charles Mareikura,
Shihan Dave Millar,
Shifu Kati Unuia,
Shihan Martin Stirling,
Kanchi Kevin Pepperell,
Shihan Dennis May,
Shihan Pat Zalewski,
Kyoshi Dave Butler,
Sifu Nick Christiansen.

2003 Hall of Fame Inductees

Shidoin Russell Alan Lawrence;
Sensei Terrence Bridgeman;
Sensei Colin Pestell;
Shihan Mervyn Nelis;
Hanshi Patrick McLean;
Sensei Bradleys Koopmans;
Sensei Barry Johnson;
Sensei Brett Gross;
Eskrimadore Raymond Floro;
Sensei Darrill Barrett;
Shihan Sharon Pollett

2004 Hall of Fame Inductees

Maestro Daniel Brown;
Mr Roland Armarego;
Sifu Lee Koon Wah;
Mr Thomas Greenwood;
Shihan John Hunt;
Shihan James O'Malley;
Maestro Lee Mackie;
Sensei Trevor Kschammer.

2005 Hall of Fame Inductees

Shihan Alan Bainbridge;
Sensei Jason Hall;
Kyoshi Dennis Apted;
Kyoshi Ian Hall;
Hanshi Robert Braff;
Renshi Peg O'Malley;
Sensei Bal Catolico;
Kyoshi Damien Martin;
Kyoshi Peter Rowe;
Shihan James Casey;
Sensei James Stackpoole;
Kyoshi Kevin Hufford;
Sensei Phillip Brain,
Sensei Peter Paige

2006 Hall of Fame Inductees

Professor Gary Trail;
Sensei Bill Broadhead;
Shihan Ken Buckley;
Sensei Virginia Edgerley;
Shih Fu Glenn Keith;
Sensei Milos Kovacic;
Sensei Frank Dando;
Kyoshi Peter McInnes;
Senior Instructor Nigel Bridgeman;
Hanshi John Bear;
Sensei Barry Johnston;
Hanshi Tino Ceberano;
Kyoshi Maggie Phillips,
Hanchi Kenneth Flemming;
Renshi Angela Phillips;
Kyoshi Geordie Thompson

2007 Hall of Fame Inductees

Master Fari Salievski;
Sifu Shane Burton;
Sensei John Buckley;
Hanshi Dante Roccisano;
Sensei Ken McAviney;
Sensei Robert Todd
Sifu Daniel King

2008 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sensei Seisuke Kawakudo;
Sensei Paul Gray;
Shihan Alex Alt;
Sifu Chris McAneny;
Renshi Marc Sofinowski;
Sensei Geordie Lavers-McBain;
Renshi Kerrie Mee;
Sensei Peter Ogilvie;
Renshi Dave Burgemeister;
Sensei Paul Mitchell;
Sensei Glen Gardiner;
Sensei Hugh Doherty;
Kyoshi Chris Dessa.

2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sensei Michael Tudzarov;
Grand Master Parsantis Rogelio Solar;
Sensei John Rizzo;
Sensei Mark Skelton;
Sensei Randall Jones;
Kanchō Yoshitoshi Sato;
Sensei Darrell Dodds;
Sifu Aldo Gentile;
Sensei Richard Burkala;
Sensei Peter Tan;
Kyoshi George Adams;
Shihan Joe Tambu;
Shihan Angelo Foresio.

2010 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sensei Lachlan Cooper;
Sensei Christopher Wong;
Sensei Cameron Owers;
Master Andrew Leader;
Sensei Jeri James;
Sifu Joce Santa Maria;
Sensei Martin Gardiner;
Sensei Vince Palumba;
Sensei Ray Irving;
Sensei Paul McPhail;
Sensei Evan Davidson;
Sensei Hans Fricke;
Sensei Alex De Araya;
Shihan Mark Tomasich.

2011 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sensei Anthony Kavanagh
Sensei Josh Taumoefolau
Sensei Rory Marama Hogan
Sensei Peter Graham
Sensei Klaus Mueller
Sensei Douglas Venables
Sensei Justin Boylan
Sensei Ross Hartnett
Sensei Carmela Hartnett
Sensei Craige Bajraktarevic-Hayward

2012 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sensei Gary Palmer
Sensei Henry Lynch
Sensei Steve Weston
Sensei Matt Ransom
Sensei Peter Shaw
Sensei Gordon "Jock" Armstrong
Sensei John Hamilton
Sensei Renzie Hanham
Sensei Ying Zheng
Ken "Blue" Curram, OAM

2013 Hall of Fame Inductees (17)

Dorothy Coe
Sensei Mark Szalajko
Sensei Stuart Thomas
Sensei Vijay Chhika
Sensei Jason King
Sensei Stephen Pellow
Sensei Dr Nigel Farrier
Sensei Frank Hussey
Sensei Alistair Thompson
Sensei Ray Eder
Sensei Mahesh Bhana
Sensei Anthony Hockley
Sensei James Salter
Sensei Ivor Endicott-Davies
Sensei Billie Manne
Sensei Hanifa Leoni Macfarlane
Sensei Johnny Koay

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees (7)

Sensei Lyn Farmer
Sensei Tim Waters
Sensei Anthony Ball
Sensei Bronilyn Smith
Sensei Kathy Gangemi
Sensei Geoffrey Harrison
Sensei Roland Winter

2014 Hall of Fame Inductees (10)

Sensei Danny McIntyre
Sensei Julie Streeter
Sensei Graham Stater
Sensei Michael Keane
Sensei Denise Walker
Sensei Scott Teys
Sensei Peter James
Sensei Danny Simmons
Sensei Michelle Hext
Sensei Richard Norton

2016 Hall of Fame Inductees (9)

Sensei Alan Rowe
Sensei Bill Johnson
Sensei Brenda Hum
Sensei Kevin Prime
Sensei Sam Servasi
Sensei Terry Lim
Sensei Malcolm Slade
Sensei Robert Naumoski
Sensei Douglas Spear

2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Sensei Brett Canning
Sensei Peter Kelly
Sensei Peter Jennings
Sensei Michael Creedy
Sensei John Marrable
Sensei Grant Bannister
Sensei Chris Fitcher-Coles
Sensei Alex Terris
Sensei George Lee
Sensei Abraham Sie
Sensei John Tomic

2018 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sensei Matt Charnley
Sensei David Gordon
Sensei Patricia Harrington
Sensei Joseph Julian
Sensei Andrew Zantzavelos
Sensei George Kolovos
Sensei Dr Peter Lewis
Sensei Neville Sharpe
Master Xu Wei Guo
Sensei Terry Young

2019 Hall of Fame Inductees

Darren Lea
Gary Johnson
John Ellis
Tim Ellis
Michael Quin
Neil Livingstone
Nigel Stupples
Steven Tran
Anthony Pritchard
Michael Headland
Paul Mracek
Travis Faure

2020 Hall of Fame Inductees

Andrew Coatsworth
Colin Wee
Dean Woodhams
Peter Hunt
Simon Vanyai
Tom Johnson
Vince Cordeiro

2021 Hall of Fame Inductees

Diana Latorre
Wayne Swanton
Lionel Daley
Lincoln Harris
Matt Geister
Benjamin Polet
Paul Veldman (completed in 2025)

2022 Hall of Fame Inductees

Sean Allen
Peter Wong
Alan Pond (RIP)
Wayne Spear
Victor Stuart
Tom Bellamy

2023 Hall of Fame Inductees

Chris Bailey
Mick Brinkley
Sharon Canning
Lindsay Guy
Gerard Kelly
James Sheedy
Gawain Siu
Leong Cheok Son
David Thew
Mike Waite
Nick Wyborn

2024 Hall of Fame Inductees

Graham McDonnell
Louie Dimou
Peter Tasiopoulos
Rick Rando
Scott Harvey
Shireen Dindar

2025 Hall of Fame Inductees

Jeroen Kueter
Karen Anderson
Van Tay Pham
Pablo Cardenas
Carlo Giampietro
Fumiko Masuda
Jose Manuel Roses OAM
Frank Monea
Fabrizio Cella
Mitchell Douglass
Nathan Nielsen
Yasuhisa Watanabe
Anton van den Bergh
Dion Risborg

2026 Hall of Fame Inductees

Gary Oliver
Stefan Gorgievski
David Clayton
Leonard Montagnana
Jay Icasiano
Suk Chul Choi
Jeff Krug
Ross Cameron
Cheri Parks
John Tysoe
Benny Urquidez
Henry Sue

1.2.2 Gala 2026 Inductee Photo Gallery



Stefan Gorgievski

**Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026
AMAHOF Exemplary Instructor**

Stefan Gorgievski began his martial arts journey in 1981 under Grandmaster Young Youl Oh, one of Taekwondo original pioneers sent to Australia from Korea to spearhead the development of Taekwondo back in the late 60s. Over the following decades he continued to broaden his training under respected instructors including Steve Stewart, Jim Corn, and Mark Brian Kline. All three of these instructors were trained by George Dillman and nurtured in Stefan a deeper commitment to his technical skill, personal discipline, and the traditional values of martial arts.

Stefan established his own Taekwondo school in the 1990s, teaching students of all ages and building a strong martial arts community in his region. His school later evolved into the GMA Fitness Academy, where he expanded his teaching to include Kyusho Jitsu and other complementary disciplines. Throughout his career he has remained dedicated to mentoring students, supporting families, and fostering a positive training environment. His son Peter Gorgievski now continues the family legacy as an instructor and co-leader of the academy.

Stefan holds an 8th Dan in Taekwondo and a 5th Dan in Kyusho Jitsu.

Although retired from full time teaching, Stefan remains actively involved in the school's operations, offering guidance, instruction, and support to students and instructors. He continues to honour the teachings of his own Grandmaster and maintains a strong connection to the traditions that shaped his martial arts journey.

Stefan's lifelong dedication to training, teaching, and community development has left a lasting impact on generations of students.



David Clayton

Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026 AMAHOF Exemplary Instructor

David Clayton began his martial arts journey in 1990 with Ninjutsu, but it was Jujitsu that became his true home. He commenced formal training in 1994 at the Walkerville Branch under Sensei Paul Arnold and Sensei Mark Sorgini. By 1997 he was training three nights a week across Walkerville, Golden Grove, and Beulah Park, achieving Shodan in 2001 and progressing to Yondan in 2012 under the Peter Morton Academy of Judo Jujitsu Karate.

From 2004 to 2011, David served as Chief Instructor of the Walkerville Branch, guiding students who have since become black belts and leaders within the Academy. A highlight of this period was leading a team to the 2009 National Seminar, where his students won the Perpetual Trophy for Basic Steps and shared the Leonie Corey Trophy for Best and Fairest.

David's teaching style is grounded in Bushido, compassion, and personal growth. He has delivered women's and youth self-defence programs and volunteered more than twenty years on the board of the Walkerville YMCA, contributing to leadership and fundraising initiatives that supported community programs.

Inspired by the Academy's lineage, including Soke Morton and Soke Sugita, David pursued a parallel career in the healing arts. He now works full-time as a manual therapist and continues advanced studies in acupressure, fascinated by the intersection between martial application and therapeutic touch.

David holds a Yondan (4th Dan) in Jujitsu.

Returning to training alongside his son, David remains committed to nurturing the next generation of martial artists. He hopes to continue the Academy's mission in Adelaide by establishing a new club dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive environment where children and young people — especially those who don't thrive in mainstream sports — can belong, grow without judgement, and build confidence through martial arts.



Suk Chul Choi

Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026 AMAHOF Exemplary Instructor

Choi has devoted several decades to the study, practice, and teaching of various traditional Chinese martial arts, with a particular focus on preserving the fading legacy of Hung Gar Kung Fu.

For decades and continuing to the present day, he has undertaken intensive training in Guangzhou, China, under renowned Grandmasters, deepening his understanding of increasingly rare traditional forms, specialized weapons, fighting sets, physical conditioning practices, and the philosophical foundations of the art.

Committed to fulfilling a promise made to his Grandmasters to preserve and transmit this heritage in its pure and original form for future generations, he continues to dedicate himself to training and teaching. Today, he finds great honour and joy in sharing the values, traditions, and enduring spirit of the Hung Gar legacy with younger generations.

His commitment to honouring his teachers and preserving the traditional Hung Gar legacy, demonstrated through active international exchange via International Kung Fu and Wushu Competitions and various seminars, has made a meaningful contribution to the martial arts community in Australia and abroad.



Jeff Krug

**Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026
AMAHOF Exemplary Instructor**

Jeff Krug is a highly accomplished martial artist and senior instructor with nearly five decades of training in JKA Traditional Karate and a 7th Dan Black Belt awarded in Japan. As Founder and Chief Instructor of Jeffsan Karate Centre in Bondi since 2004, he has built a respected dojo with more than 100 active students and a strong record of developing high-performing athletes, including multiple Australian National Team representatives and national medallists.

With more than 40 years of teaching experience, Jeff is recognised for his disciplined, traditional approach, emphasising technical excellence, respect, and character development. He has graded approximately 100 students to Black Belt level and mentored numerous instructors, contributing significantly to the ongoing growth of karate in Australia.

Jeff's international standing is reflected in his appointments as a judge and referee at major global tournaments, including the JKA Shotokan World Championships, and in his service as Assistant National Coach for the Australian team. He also serves on the JKA Black Belt Grading Panel, authorised to examine candidates up to 5th Dan.

Beyond competition and instruction, Jeff has made meaningful contributions to youth development and inclusive community programs, including teaching karate to children with Special Needs. His broader professional background as a Chief Financial Officer and board director complements his leadership in karate, bringing strong governance, integrity, and strategic oversight to his work.

Jeff's legacy is defined by his long-term commitment to developing both skilled martial artists and disciplined individuals, with many of his students continuing to teach and uphold the traditional values he has championed throughout his career.



Gary Oliver

Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026 AMAHOF Exemplary Martial Artist

Gary Oliver began his martial arts journey in 1964 at the age of ten, inspired by Judo's debut at the Tokyo Olympics. Training at a youth club in Ballarat, he achieved ikkyu and won the Ballarat Junior Championship in 1967. At sixteen he expanded into Karate and Kobudo, earning Shodan in 1973 and beginning lifelong study in Shorin Ryu Matsumura Seito under Grandmaster Hanshi Sei Fusei Kise. His dedication to this lineage was recognised in April 2025 when he received the title of Kyoshi from Hanshi Kise in Okinawa.

In 1979 Gary began Kendo with the Melbourne Kendo Club under Kyoshi Sumitaka Nagae, and soon after commenced laido. Over more than four decades he has consistently placed in the top ranks of local, state, and national competitions, and his leadership is equally distinguished: he served ten years as State President of the Victorian Kendo Renmei, represented Victoria nationally, coached the State Team, and was named the Goldfields Sports Association "Coach of the Year" in 2002.

Gary has contributed significantly to the documentation and preservation of martial arts history in Australia. He authored *A History of the Victorian Kendo Renmei* and co-wrote *The Progress of Kendo, Iaido and Jodo in Australia*. In Jodo, he trained under Sensei Katsumi Kuramochi, achieving Shodan in 2000.

Living in regional Victoria has not diminished his commitment to the arts. Gary operates the Ballarat Kendo Club and the Maryborough Karate & Kobudo Club, and continues to train across all disciplines. He also developed a pioneering Kendo/Kobudo in Schools program in the late 1990s, delivering workshops in more than 175 educational settings.

Gary holds a Kyoshi title, 7th Dan in Karate, 6th Dan in Kobudo, 5th Dan in Iaido, 5th Dan in Kendo, and 1st Dan in Jodo.

Outside martial arts, Gary is an accomplished wildlife photographer. In 2010–11 he set a world record for photographing the most Australian bird species in a 12-month period, later publishing *Birdshoot Australia* with his wife. His photographic work also appears in the coffee-table book *Encounters with Birds*.



Leonard Montagnana

Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026 AMAHOF Exemplary Martial Artist

Leonard Montagnana serves as a Principal Instructor of the Federation Honbu alongside Shihan Jay Icasiano and Kyoshi Chris Bailey, and is a Board Member with Grading Authority for the Australian Jiu-Jitsu, Judo and Chinese Boxing Federation of Instructors. In this capacity he contributes to governance, technical standards, instructional direction, and grading across all academies.

Leonard began training in 1986 at the age of seven under Kaicho Adam Bradshaw and Kancho Barry Bradshaw at the Macleod YMCA Judo and Jiu-Jitsu Club, remaining their direct student and assistant until their passing. He received the Federation's Instructor's Award in 1993 and 1995 for character and leadership, and in 1996 was awarded his Shodan in Judo by Kancho Bradshaw; the first under-eighteen to do so since Kaicho Adam.

From 1992 to 2001, Leonard was an active competitor, winning multiple Federation titles across junior and senior divisions. In his final competitive year, he won all five Federation Jiu-Jitsu Open Division events, and later returned in 2010 to win the inaugural Kancho Barry Bradshaw Masters Competition.

Appointed to the Board of Examiners in 2002, Leonard has contributed to grading, syllabus development, and technical standards for more than two decades. In 2011 he was awarded the title of Renshi and appointed Lead Instructor at the Honbu.

Since helping guide the Federation's transition to a not-for-profit organisation in 2018, the Federation has grown to more than 250 members across nine academies.

Leonard holds a Shihan title, Rokudan (6th Dan) in Jiu-Jitsu, Godan (5th Dan) in Judo, and Master Level 4 in Sil Lum Hung Kuen.



Jay Icasiano

**Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026
AMAHOF Exemplary Martial Artist**

Jay Icasiano is a Principal Instructor of the Federation Honbu alongside Shihan Leonard Montagnana and Kyoshi Chris Bailey, and serves as President of the Australian Jiu-Jitsu, Judo and Chinese Boxing Federation of Instructors. A senior member of the Board of Master Instructors, he holds grading authority and contributes to governance, technical direction, and curriculum development across all academies.

Jay began training in 1986 under Kyoshi Chris Bailey and Kancho Barry Bradshaw, later becoming a direct student and assistant to Kancho until his passing in 2010, and continuing under Kaicho Adam Bradshaw until 2020. In 1991 he received the Federation's Instructor's Award for character and leadership. His early years included active competition in Judo, Jiu-Jitsu, and Kata, establishing a strong technical foundation.

Appointed to the Board of Examiners in 2000, Jay has contributed to grading standards, syllabus development, and competition oversight for more than two decades. He was awarded the title of Renshi and appointed Lead Instructor at the Honbu in 2006, and in 2012 received the title of Shihan. In 2015 he was honoured with the Federation's highest award, the Kancho Barry Bradshaw Legacy of Excellence Award.

Since helping lead the Federation's transition to a not-for-profit organisation in 2018, Jay has overseen significant growth, expanding membership to more than 250 members across nine academies while strengthening governance, accessibility, and community engagement.

Jay holds a Shihan title, Rokudan (6th Dan) in Jiu-Jitsu, Godan (5th Dan) in Judo, and Master Level 3 in Sil Lum Hung Kuen.



Ross Cameron

Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026 AMAHOF Exemplary Martial Artist

Ross Cameron is one of Australia's most experienced and respected martial arts instructors, with more than five decades of training, teaching, coaching, and leadership across traditional martial arts, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and mixed martial arts.

Beginning his martial arts journey in Judo as a child in New Zealand under Mr. Ivan Willis, Ross developed a lifelong passion for learning, competition, and instructor development. Over the following decades, he immersed himself in multiple disciplines, building a reputation as a highly skilled martial artist and educator with a rare depth of cross-disciplinary experience.

Ross holds senior black belt rankings in Japanese Jujitsu (7th Dan), Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Tae Kwon Do, Judo, Kempo Bushido Ryu, and Yun Jung Do. His experience spans traditional martial arts, self-defence systems, grappling, and modern combat sports, giving him a unique ability to bridge old-school martial values with contemporary coaching methods.

A long-time student and live-in disciple of Grandmaster Young Ku Yun from 1990 to 1994, Ross played an important role in the development and international growth of Yun Jung Do International. Following Grandmaster Yun's retirement, Ross assumed leadership as Chief Instructor and Chairman of Yun Jung Do International, helping guide the organisation into its next generation while continuing to expand its educational and technical direction.

Ross is also widely recognised within the Australian MMA and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu community. As the founder of Fightcross MMA & Fitness in Brisbane, he has developed one of Queensland's respected high-performance martial arts centres, coaching athletes, instructors, and everyday students alike. Throughout his career, he has worked alongside and trained with internationally recognised figures in combat sports, including UFC champions and world-class Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competitors.

Beyond competition and rank, Ross is best known for his philosophy that martial arts should be used as a vehicle for education, leadership, and personal growth. His work has focused heavily on instructor development, mentoring, youth development, and building stronger communities through martial arts. Through seminars, coaching, and organisational leadership across Australia and the Pacific region, he continues to influence a new generation of martial artists by promoting martial arts as "the art of human development."



Cheri Parks

Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026 AMAHOF Exemplary Martial Artist

Cheri Parks began her martial arts journey as a teenager in the United States, inspired by Bruce Lee and Cynthia Rothrock. After an early sporting life in competitive show jumping and swimming, she found her way into Karate under Sensei Dave Kovar, later expanding into Taekwondo and Haidong Gumdo. Her competitive success was immediate and sustained: she won multiple U.S. national-level championships in both poomsae and sparring, along with a bronze medal at the U.S. Taekwondo Open.

After moving to Australia nearly twenty years ago, Cheri became a senior instructor at Swordsmen Martial Arts alongside Grandmaster John Tysoe. Although retired from sparring, she has continued to excel in poomsae, winning several Australian national titles and multiple gold medals at the Pan-Pacific Masters Games. She has represented Australia on the world stage in Taekwondo at the World Hanmadang (2010, 2017) and the 2024 World Poomsae Championships, as well as at every Haidong Gumdo World Championship from 2002 to 2024.

Cheri's deepest passion lies in teaching. She is known for her generosity, technical clarity, and commitment to mentoring students of all ages, firmly believing that martial arts can transform lives. She holds multiple Certificate IV qualifications in Sports Coaching, Fitness, and Training and Assessment, is a Level 1 Poomsae Judge with Australian Taekwondo, and has completed both the Kukkiwon Master Course and Dan Examiners Course.

Cheri Parks serves as Secretary General for Haidong Gumdo Oceania and Haidong Gumdo Australia. She holds a Master title, 7th Dan in Haidong Gumdo, 7th Dan in Taekwondo, and 4th Dan in Teukgongmoosool, and continues to promote the growth of these arts throughout the region.



John Tysoe

Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026 AMAHOF Exemplary Martial Artist

John Tysoe began his martial arts journey as a small child, inspired by his grandmother, Beatrice Phelps, who had trained in Jujitsu in Africa before the First World War. At the age of ten he commenced Judo, Jujitsu, and Japanese sword training at the Chinese Judo Club under Sensei Ian Counihan and Sensei Tommy Chun, later expanding his studies into Karate and Kung Fu with Grandmaster Malcolm Sue and Master Chun Zing. His early fascination with the sword, purchasing his first at age ten and his second at fifteen, would ultimately shape the direction of his life.

John later discovered Haidong Gumdo and devoted himself fully to the art. Training under Grandmaster Jung Il Oh, he went on to win multiple national and world championships, achieving numerous podium finishes and becoming the highest-ranked Western practitioner in the style. Based in Brisbane, he serves as Vice President of Haidong Gumdo Oceania and is one of a select group of Westerners to hold international referee qualifications with the World Haidong Gumdo Federation.

Across more than five decades, John has taught and coached students at state, national, and international levels, contributing to the development of martial artists across a wide range of disciplines. He holds Certificate IV qualifications in Sports Coaching and in Training and Assessment, and has long been recognised for his ability to design curriculum, guide instructors, and build strong, community-focused clubs.

John Tysoe holds Dan grades in Haidong Gumdo (8th Dan), Taekwondo (5th Dan), Teukgongmoosool (4th Dan), and Kodokan Judo (1st Dan). He continues to lead Swordsmen Martial Arts and remains committed to teaching, mentoring, and supporting the growth of Haidong Gumdo throughout the Oceania region.



Henry Sue

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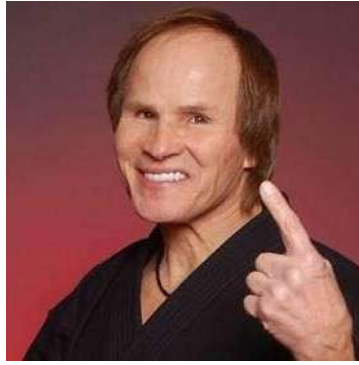
Sijo Grandmaster Henry Sue, 10th Degree, is the founder of Yuen Mo Pai Kung Fu in Australia. Yuen Mo Pai is a unique synthesis of Southern Praying Mantis, Cotton Palm, Eagle Claw, and Chen and Yang Style Tai Chi, combining circular movement, soft and hard energy, and refined internal principles into a dynamic and effective fighting system.

Born in Guangzhou in 1946, Henry Sue migrated to Australia in 1957 and began training in Tong Long Kung Fu at the age of eleven under Grandmaster Nat Yuen. In 1962, after achieving Red Sash 1st Degree, he initiated a visionary transformation of the art, developing structured grading systems, innovative fighting combinations, and a modernised curriculum that elevated the standard of Chinese martial arts instruction in Australia. Through the Chinese Kung Fu Academy, he has guided generations of students in the principles of discipline, precision, respect, and moral integrity.

On 28 March 2026, Grandmaster Nat Yuen awarded him the 10th Degree Gold Sash and the title of Sijo, recognising nearly seventy years of unwavering dedication, innovation, and leadership.

Beyond martial arts, Sijo Henry Sue has contributed significantly to the broader community through leadership and advisory roles within the National Party and Chinese community organisations, fostering cross-cultural understanding and strengthening Australia–China relations.

For almost seven decades, he has inspired countless students through his teaching, mentorship, and commitment to personal development. Sijo Henry Sue continues to embody the values of respect, discipline, and cultural harmony, ensuring the legacy of Yuen Mo Pai endures for future generations.



Benny Urquidez

Inducted into A.M.A.H.O.F. (Inc) for 2026
AMAHOF Martial Arts Ambassador

Benny “The Jet” Urquidez is one of the most influential martial artists and full-contact fighters of the modern era. Born in 1952 in Los Angeles, California, into a family of professional fighters, he began competing in boxing and wrestling at the age of five and earned his first black belt by fourteen, ultimately earning nine black belts in nine different arts. His early training spanned Kenpo, Shotokan, Judo, Taekwondo, Aikido, and other systems, forming the foundation of the dynamic style that would later define his career.

A pioneer of American full-contact karate and kickboxing, Urquidez helped shape the sport from its earliest days in the 1970s. Known for his speed, precision, and adaptability, he competed internationally at a time when cross-style and cross-rule bouts were still uncommon. He achieved the rare distinction of holding six world titles across five weight divisions and maintained an extraordinary professional record, with an unprecedented title defence ring record of 62 wins, 57 knockouts, and 0 losses. Black Belt Magazine named him Competitor of the Year in 1978, and in 2019 he was inducted into the International Sports Hall of Fame.

Beyond the ring, Urquidez became a sought-after instructor, stunt coordinator, and fight choreographer. He founded the Ukidokan system. Ukidokan combines nine different styles creating “Ukidokan” karate, meaning a way of life, also referred to as internal training. Ukidokan bears the distinction of being the only new age system recognised by the governing bodies of Japan as an official martial art. He has trained numerous Hollywood actors, fighters, and martial artists from champions to beginners, bringing his authentic martial arts movement and style to film. His on-screen work includes memorable roles alongside Jackie Chan in *Wheels on Meals*, whose famous fight scene is often touted as one of the best and most influential in cinematic history, and *Dragons Forever*, as well as the cult classic *Grosse Pointe Blank*.

Urquidez has written four instructional books, released a biography, eight instructional videos, and countless online tutorials and classes. He is soon to be featured in an upcoming documentary film about his life to be released in late 2026.

Benny “The Jet” Urquidez remains a global icon, a trailblazer whose skill, innovation, and longevity helped define modern kickboxing and continues to inspire generations of martial artists around the world.

1.2.3 Historical Inductee Photo Gallery

2025 Hall of Fame Inductees



L-R: Frank Monea, Jeroen Kueter, Dr Yasuhisa Watanabe, Mitchell Douglass, Pablo Cardenas, Jose Manuel Roses (OAM), Fumiko Masuda, Dr Anton van den Bergh, Karen Anderson, Dion Risborg, Van Tay Pham, Fabrizio Cella, Nate Nilsen, and Carlo Giampietro.

2024 Hall of Fame Inductees



L-R: Peter Tas, Graham McDonnell, Shireen Dindar, Louie Dimou, Rick Rando, and Steve Harvey

2023 Hall of Fame Inductees



L-R: Matt Geister (2021), Dave Thew, Mick Brinkley, Mike Waite, Chris Bailey, Lindsay Guy, Gerard Kelly, James Sheedy, Nick Wyborn, Sharon Canning, and Gawain Siu.



Leong Cheok Son

2022 Hall of Fame Inductees



L-R: Victor Stuart, Tom Bellamy, Peter Wong, Wayne Spear, and Sean Allen



Posthumous inductee Alan Pond

2021 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Matt Geister, Diana Latorre, Lincoln Harris, and Benjamin Pollet.



L-R: Wayne Swanton, Lionel Daley, Paul Veldman

2020 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Colin Wee, Vince Cordeiro, Simon Vanyai, Peter Hunt, and Dean Woodhams

2020 Hall of Fame Inductees (cont'd)



L to R: Andrew Coatsworth, Tom Johnson

2019 Hall of Fame Inductees



Back L to R: Travis Faure, John Ellis, Nigel Stupples, Tim Ellis, Mike Quin, Michael Headland. Front L to R: Gary Johnson, Anthony Prichard, Paul Mracek, Steven Tran, and Darren Lea

2018 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Andrew Kantzavelos, Neville Sharpe, Joseph Julian, David Gordon, Xu Wei Guo, Patricia Harrington, George Kolovos, Matt Charnley, Dr Peter Lewis, and Terry Young

2017 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Alex Terris, Peter Jennings, Chris Fitcher-Coles, Abraham Sie, Michael Creedy, John Marrable, Grant Bannister, Peter Kelly, Brett Canning, George Lee, and John Tomic

2016 Hall of Fame Inductees



Rear L to R: Doug Spear, Kevin Prime, Malcolm Slade, and Robert Naumoski
Front L to R: Sam Gervasi, Terry Lim, Brenda Hum, Bill Johnson, and Alan Rowe

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees



Rear L to R: Tim Waters, Roland Winter, Tony Ball, Geoff Harrison
Front L to R: Lynn Farmer, Bronilyn Smith, Kathy Gangemi

2014 Hall of Fame Inductees



Back L to R: Danny McIntyre, Michael Keane, Peter James, Graham Slater, Richard Norton, Scott Teys, and Denise Walker. Front L to R: Julie Streeter, Danny Simmons, and Michelle Hext

2013 Hall Fame Inductees



Back L to R: Johnny Koay, Andrew Salton, Nigel Farrier, Alistair Thompson, Ray Eder, Vijay Chhika, Frank Hussey, James King, Stephen Pellow, Anthony Hockley, Billy Manne, and Mahesh Bhana. Front L to R: Ivor Endocott-Davies, Hanifa Leoni Macfarlane, Stuart Thomas, Dorothy Coe, and Mark Szalajko

2012 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Gordon “Jock” Armstrong, Renzie Hanham, Ken “Blue” Curran, Peter Shaw, Ying Zheng, Matt Ransom, John Hamilton, Henry Lynch, Steve Weston, and Gary Palmer.

2011 Hall of Fame Inductees



Back L to R: Rory Hogan, Klaus Mueller, Peter Graham, Anthony Kavanagh, Craig Bajraktarevic-Hayward, Justin Boylan, Josh Taumoevalu, Ross Hartnett, and Douglas Venables. Front L to R: Angelina Carden, and Carmela Hartnett

2010 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Andrew Leader, Jeri James, Alex De Araya, Lachlan Cooper, Ray Irving, Evan Davidson, Christopher Chong, Paul McPhail, Hans Fricke, Martin Gardiner, Mark Tomasich, Vince Palumbo, Cameron Owers, and Joce Santa Maria.

2009 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Michael Tudzarov, Rogelio Solar; John Rizzo, Mark Skelton, Randall Jones, Yoshitoshi Sato, Darrell Dodds, Aldo Gentile, Richard Burkala, Peter Tan, George Adams (obscured), Joe Thambu, and Angelo Foresio.

2008 Hall of Fame Inductees



Left to Right: Sensei Seisuke Kawakudo, Sensei Paul Gray, Shihan Alex Alt, Sifu Chris McAneny, Renshi Marc Sofinowski, Sensei Geordie Lavers-McBain, Renshi Kerrie Mee, Sensei Peter Ogilvie, Renshi Dave Burgemeister, Sensei Paul Mitchell, Sensei Glen Gardiner, Sensei Hugh Doherty, Kyoshi Chris Dessa.

2007 Hall of Fame Inductees



Left to Right: Master Fari Salievski, Sifu Shane Burton, Sensei John Buckley, Hanshi Dante Roccisano, Sensei Ken McAviney, Sensei Robert Todd and Sifu Daniel King

2006 Hall of Fame Inductees



Back L to R: Gary Trail, Bill Broadhead, Ken Buckley, Virginia Edgerley, Glenn Keith, Milos Kovacik, Frank Dando, Peter McInnes, Nigel Bridgeman, John Bear, Barry Johnston, Tino Ceberano, and Maggie Phillips. Front L to R: Kenneth Flemming, Angela Phillips, Geordie Thompson

2005 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Mal Lomax (1996), John Hunt (2004), Alan Bainbridge, Jason Hall, Dennis Apted, Ian Hall, Robert Braff, Peg O'Malley, Bal Catolico, Damien Martin, Peter Rowe, James Casey, James Stackpoole, Kevin Hufford, *Pat McLean* (2003), Phillip Brain.
Missing: Peter Paige

2004 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Maestro Daniel Brown, Mr Roland Armarego, Sifu Lee Koon Wah, Mr Thomas Greenwood, Shihan John Hunt, *Mrs Peggy O'Malley representing Shihan James O'Malley (Dec'd)*, Maestro Lee Mackie, Sensei Trevor Kschammer.

2003 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Mervyn Nelis, Russell Alan Lawrence, Darrill Barrett, Bradleys Koopmans, Colin Pestell, Sharon Pollett, Terrence Bridgeman, Patrick McLean, Raymond Floro, Barry Johnson, Brett Gross

2002 Hall of Fame Inductees



Back L to R Katie Noad, Graham Darby, Doug Holloway, Charles Mareikura, Dave Millar, and Kati Unuia. Front L to R: Martin Stirling, Kevin Pepperell, Dennis May, Pat Zalewski, Dave Butler, and Nick Christiansen

2001 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: William Brain, Wayne Hanley, Peter Wilson, Peter Kitak, Norm Palmer, and Greg Henderson

2000 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Craig Swinger, Robert Toll, Edward Scharrer, Christine Gemmell, Kelly Morgan.

1999 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Paul Zadro, Bruce Haynes, John Napier-Winch, Susan Frances Reid, Albert Peter Chek, Les Elliott, Durell David Rowley, and Mike Ryan. Missing: Drew Fleming.

1997 Hall of Fame Inductees



L to R: Robert Gemmell, Johnny Whipp, Paul Brogan, Steve Heremaia, Garry Luton, Catherine Schnell, Joe Gomes, Peter Morton, Robert Tier, Ian Pollet, and Thomas Takakore, Missing: Hanshi Andrew Fleming and Sensei Satoshi Yokota.

1996 Inaugural Hall of Fame Inductees



Back (L to R): Ramon Lawrence, Mal Lomax, Antony Karasulas, Brian Twomey, Geoffrey Todd, John Tooby, John Buttgieg, Brian Gallon. Front (L to R): Barry Bradshaw, John Dighton, Joe Gomes, and Geoffrey Booth. Missing: Mr Jon Gable.
In Memorium: Kancho Sensei Masafumi Suzuki (1929-1991), Sosai Masutatsu Oyama (1923-1992)

1.2.4 Legends Award

Legend Award Citation: The Legend Award is AMAHOF's highest honour, reserved for individuals whose lifelong dedication, integrity, and service to martial arts and the AMAHOF community, representing the pinnacle of excellence. It serves not only as personal recognition but also as a standard of inspiration for current and future generations. It is bestowed on a Martial Artist who has dedicated over 50 years of continuous service to martial arts development, has previously received Lifetime Achievement and supported AMAHOF for over 10 years. This person continues to demonstrate the highest levels of experience, skill, knowledge, instructional ability, administration, professionalism, and leadership and continues to support the development of martial arts and the mentoring and empowerment of others.

Award Presentation Gala 2008

GM Barry Bradshaw

Award Presentation Gala 2010

GM Andrew Robson "Peter" Morton BEM

Award Presentation Gala 2011

GM Ramon Lawrence OAM

Award Presentation Gala 2012

GM Mal Lomax

Award Presentation Gala 2013

Shihan Frank Dando

Award Presentation Gala 2015

Shihan Johnny Whipp OA

Award Presentation Gala 2021

Shihan Patricia Harrington

Award Presentation Gala 2022

Shihan Edward Scharrer

Award Presentation Gala 2023

Shihan Michael Keane

Award Presentation Gala 2025

Graham Darby

1.2.5 Legends Photo Gallery



Graham Darby

AMAHOF Legend Award 2025

Sensei Graham Darby, AMAHOF Legend Award recipient (2025) and Lifetime Achievement honouree (2023), was first inducted into AMAHOF and WKUHOF in 2002 as Jujutsu Martial Artist of the Year. With more than five decades in martial arts, he rose to Yon Dan, led the Evatt Branch as Chief Instructor, and contributed extensively to seminars, inter-club gradings, women's self-defence programs, and community initiatives. A Level One Coach, referee, first aider, and long-time volunteer, he is widely respected for his service, leadership, and dedication to the teachings of his mentor, Soke Peter Morton.

Shihan Michael Keane

AMAHOF Legend Award 2023

Michael "Mick" Keane, inducted into AMAHOF and WKUHOF in 2014 and awarded the AMAHOF Legend Award in 2023, has devoted more than 50 years to Kodokan Judo, rising to 6th Dan and building one of Australia's strongest judo clubs at Mt Waverley. Over 65 years of active involvement in the art, he has initiated and trained ten judo clubs across Victoria, NSW and Queensland, produced 32 black belts, and represented Australia internationally. He also served on the AMAHOF Sokeship Council from 2019 to 2022 and is widely admired for his long-standing service with the Victorian Volunteer Fire Brigade.





Shihan Edward Scharrer

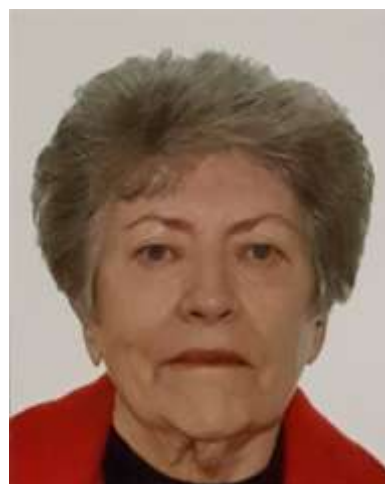
AMAHOF Legend Award 2022

Shihan Edward Scharrer, inducted into AMAHOF and WKUHOF in 2000 and honoured with the AMAHOF Legend Award in 2022, has dedicated more than 50 years to the Peter Morton Academy. A Godan who has taught across multiple branches, produced 45 Shodan graduates, and led St Edmunds as Chief Instructor, he has also served AMAHOF as President (2020–2024), as a long-standing member of the Board of Directors (2001–2013), and as Chairman of the Sokeship Council (2023–2027). Widely respected for his technical skill, leadership, and decades of service, he remains a central figure in the Academy's ongoing development.

Shihan Patricia Harrington

AMAHOF Legend Award 2021

Patricia Harrington, inducted into AMAHOF and WKUHOF in 2018 and awarded the AMAHOF Legend Award in 2021, has devoted more than 55 years to Judo and Ju Jutsu. Beginning her training in 1956, she became a pioneer for women in martial arts, establishing Lotus Dojo branches, teaching across schools and community venues, and helping form women's judo organisations. Known for her uncompromising standards, Pat believed a black belt marked the beginning of true study, not its end. Her determination, integrity, and ability to overcome barriers shaped generations of students. She trained under luminaries including Keiko Fukuda, Mifune Sensei, and Shusaku Shitama, and contributed widely through her ten published books. Her influence continues to shape martial arts practice and opportunity across Australia and beyond.



Shihan Albert John Whipp OA 🌹 (RIP)



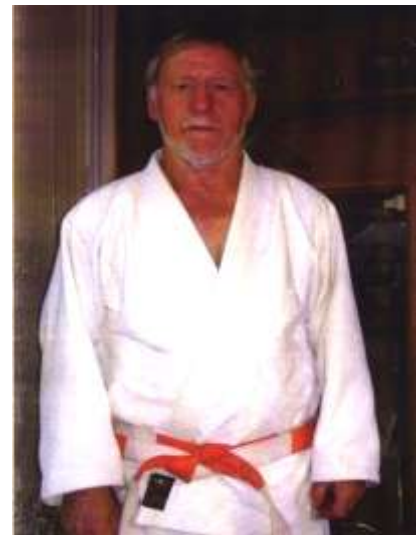
AMAHOF Legend Award 2015

Shihan Johnny Whipp, inducted into AMAHOF and WKUHOF in 1997 and honoured with the AMAHOF Legend Award in 2015, is a 6th Dan judoka with decades of service as a champion athlete, senior coach, national referee, and military unarmed-combat instructor. A former President of the Judo Federation of Australia and recipient of both the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and the Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM), he also served AMAHOF as Vice President (2009–2017), President (2018–2019), and as Chairman (2009–2012) and Committee Member (2012–2018) of the Sokeship Council. Widely respected for his leadership, community contribution, and lifelong dedication to judo, he remains one of Australia's most influential martial artists.

Shihan Frank Dando 🌹 (RIP)

AMAHOF Legend Award 2013

Sensei Frank Dando, inducted into AMAHOF and WKUHOF in 2006 and awarded the AMAHOF Legend Award in 2013, was a distinguished 7th Dan judoka who trained extensively at the Kodokan and Utenji under leading Japanese masters. A highly respected competitor, coach, and senior administrator, he played a major role in shaping Australian judo. Passing away in 2023, he is remembered as a dedicated practitioner whose legacy continues to inspire.





GM Mal Lomax 🌹 (RIP)

AMAHOF Legend Award 2012

Malcolm Lomax, honoured with the AMAHOF Legend Award in 2012, was a highly skilled and decorated martial artist whose career spanned multiple disciplines, elite military service, stunt and film work, and high-level security. Holding senior dan ranks across karate, judo, jujitsu, arnis, kobujutsu and more, he also served in both the British SAS and Australian Army, worked extensively in film and television, and provided security for major international performers. He further contributed to AMAHOF as Vice President (1997–2000), as a member of the Board of Directors (1996, 2000–2007), and as a Sokeship Council Member (1997). Remembered for his versatility, service, and larger-than-life career, his legacy continues to inspire.

GM Ramon Lawrence OAM

AMAHOF Legend Award 2011

Ramon Lawrence, inducted into AMAHOF and WKUHOF in 1996 as Kobudo Instructor of the Year and honoured with the AMAHOF Legend Award in 2011, is a highly accomplished martial artist whose career spans judo, kempo, jujitsu, jojitsu, jodo, kendo and iaido. A former Royal Australian Navy officer, international competitor, and founder of the Budokan Academy in Perth, he has played a major role in developing traditional martial arts in Australia through decades of teaching, leadership and cross-cultural training in Japan. A pioneering figure in AMAHOF from its earliest years, he served as President (1998–2016), Sokeship Council Member (2005–2012) and Chairman (2012–2023), helping shape the organisation's direction and standards for more than two decades. He was awarded the OAM for "services to the martial arts industry," the first time this honour was bestowed specifically for contributions within the martial arts field.





GM Peter Morton 🌹 (RIP)

AMAHOF Legend Award 2010

GM Peter Morton, inducted into AMAHOF and WKUHOF in 1997 and honoured with the AMAHOF Legend Award in 2010, founded the Peter Morton Academy and shaped Australian jujitsu for more than six decades. Recognised with the British Empire Medal and the Advance Australia Award, he built a national network of branches and influenced generations through his teaching, innovation, and service to sport and community. He also contributed to AMAHOF as a member of the Board of Directors (1999–2008) and as a Sokeship Council Member (1997). His legacy continues to guide and inspire martial artists across Australia.

GM Barry Bradshaw 🌹 (RIP)

AMAHOF Legend Award 2008

Kancho Barry Bradshaw, inducted into AMAHOF and WKUHOF in 1996 and honoured with the AMAHOF Legend Award in 2008, was a pioneering instructor whose nearly 50-year career spanned jujitsu, judo, kung fu and iaido. A 9th-degree master and founder of the Australian Jiu-Jitsu, Judo and Chinese Boxing Federation of Instructors, he established numerous schools, built national and international alliances, and became a leading figure in Australian martial arts education and instructor development. He further served AMAHOF as Vice President (1996, 2000–2009) and as Chairman of the Sokeship Council (1997–2009). His legacy continues to influence and inspire martial artists across Australia.



1.2.6 Life Member Award

Life Member Award Citation: Lifetime Membership is one of AMAHOF's highest honours, bestowed upon individuals whose long-standing dedication, leadership, and service have made a significant and enduring contribution to both the martial arts community and the advancement of AMAHOF's mission. Recipients of this distinction exemplify integrity, excellence, and commitment across decades of practice and mentorship, and their influence continues to strengthen and inspire the organisation and its members.

Award Presentation Gala 2026

George Adams

Lynn Farmer

Hanifa Leoni Macfarlane

James Sheedy

Chris Bailey

1.2.7 Gala 2026 Life Member Photo Gallery



**George
Adams**



**Lynn
Farmer**



**Hanifa Leoni
Macfarlane**



**James
Sheedy**



**Chris
Bailey**

1.2.8 Lifetime Achievement Awards

Lifetime Achievement Award Citation: Lifetime Membership is conferred as one of the highest honours within the Australasian Martial Arts Hall of Fame (AMAHOF). It recognises individuals whose lifelong dedication, leadership, and outstanding service have left a lasting impact on both the martial arts community and the advancement of AMAHOF's mission. Recipients of this distinction exemplify excellence, integrity, and the enduring spirit of martial arts across generations.

Award Presentation Gala 2023

Geoff Booth
John Tooby
Ian Pollet
Durell David Rowley
Paul Zadro
Robert Toll
Graham Darby
Barry Johnson
Raymond Floro
Fari Salievski
Ken McAviney
Paul Mitchell
George Adams
Randall Jones
Christopher Wong
Lynn Farmer
Roland Winter
Robert Naumoski
Bill Johnson
Anthony Pritchard
Travis Faure

Award Presentation Gala 2024

Anthony Swingler
John Kschammer
Brenda Hum
Cheok Son Leong
Anthony Hockley

Award Presentation Gala 2025

Brett Canning
Cameron Owers
Doug Venables
John Bear
Lachlan Cooper
Edward Scharrer

Award Presentation Gala 2026

Damien Martin
Hugh Doherty
Peter Tan
David Gordon
Frank Monea
Andrew Coatsworth

1.2.9 Gala 2026 Lifetime Achievement Photo Gallery



**Damien
Martin**



**Hugh
Doherty**



**Peter
Tan**



**David
Gordon**



**Frank
Monea**



**Andrew
Coatsworth**

1.2.10 Executive Committee

1996 Executive Committee (Inaugural)

President	Shihan Brian Gallon:
Vice President	Kancho Barry Bradshaw:
Secretary	Mr John Gable:

1997 Executive Committee

President	Shihan Brian Gallon:
Vice President	Kaicho Mal Lomax
Secretary	Mr John Gable: Mr Paul Brogan

1998 Executive Committee

President	Shihan Brian Gallon/Master Ramon Lawrence:
Vice President	Kaicho Mal Lomax:
Secretary	Mr John Gable

1999 Executive Committee

President	Master Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Kaicho Mal Lomax:
Secretary	Sensei Geordie Thompson:
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala:
Events Co-ordinator	Sensei Jeri James:

2000 Executive Committee

President	Master Ramon Lawrence:
Vice President	Kaicho Mal Lomax/Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw:
Secretary	Sensei Geordie Thompson/Shihan Kelly Morgan:
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala:
Events Co-ordinator	Sensei Jeri James:

2001 Executive Committee

President	Master Ramon Lawrence:
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw:
Secretary	Mrs Erica Lawrence
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala:
Events Co-ordinator	Sensei Jeri James:

2002 Executive Committee

President	Master Ramon Lawrence:
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
Secretary	Mrs Erica Lawrence:
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala:
Events Co-ordinator	Sensei Jeri James:

2003 Executive Committee

President	Master Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
Secretary	Mrs Erica Lawrence:
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala:
Events Co-ordinator	Sensei Jeri James:

2004 Executive Committee

President	Master Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
Secretary	Mrs Erica Lawrence:
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala:
Events Co-ordinator	Sensei Jeri James:

2005 Executive Committee

President	Kyoshi Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
Secretary	Mrs Erica Lawrence
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala
Events Co-ordinator	Sensei Jeri James

2006 Executive Committee

President	Kyoshi Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
Secretary	Mrs Erica Lawrence
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala
Events Co-ordinator	Sensei Jeri James

2007 Executive Committee

President	Hanshi Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
Secretary	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala

2008 Executive Committee

President	Hanshi Ramon Lawrence
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Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala

2009 Executive Committee

President	Hanshi Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw/Shihan John Whipp
Secretary	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala
Member	Sensei Les Elliott

2010 Executive Committee

President	Hanshi Ramon Lawrence (President)
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp
Secretary	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala
Member	Sensei Les Elliott

2011 Executive Committee

President	Hanshi Ramon Lawrence (President)
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM
Secretary	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala
Member	Sensei Les Elliott

2012 Executive Committee

President	Hanshi Ramon Lawrence (President)
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM.
Secretary	Sensei Les Elliott
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala

2013 Executive Committee

President	Hanshi Ramon Lawrence (President)
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM.
Secretary	Sensei Les Elliott
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala

2014 Executive Committee

President	Hanshi Ramon Lawrence (President)
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM.
Secretary	Sensei Les Elliott
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala

2015 Executive Committee

President	Hanshi Ramon Lawrence (President)
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM.
Secretary	Sensei Les Elliott
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala

2016 Executive Committee

President	Sensei Les Elliott
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM.
Secretary	Sensei Frank Hussey
Treasurer	Arlene Whipp

2017 Executive Committee

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Vice President	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
Secretary	Sensei Frank Hussey
Treasurer	Arlene Whipp

2019 Executive Committee

President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM.
Vice President	Kyoshi Peter Kitak/ Sensei Les Elliot
Secretary	Sensei Frank Hussey
Treasurer	Sensei Kevin Prime

2020 Executive Committee

President	Shihan Edward Scharrer
Vice President	GM Anthony Hockley
Secretary	Sensei Steven Weston
Treasurer	Sensei Kevin Prime

2021 Executive Committee

President	Shihan Edward Scharrer
Vice President	GM Anthony Hockley
Secretary	Sensei Steven Weston
Treasurer	Sensei Kevin Prime

2022 Executive Committee

President	Shihan Edward Scharrer
Vice President	GM Anthony Hockley
Secretary	Sensei Steven Weston
Treasurer	Sensei Roland Winter

2023 Executive Committee

President	Shihan Edward Scharrer
Vice President	GM Anthony Hockley
Secretary	Sensei Steven Weston
Treasurer	Sensei Roland Winter

2024 Executive Committee

President	GM Anthony Hockley
Vice President	Zlatko Peter Kitak
Secretary	Master Colin Wee
Treasurer	Sensei Roland Winter

2025 Executive Committee

President	Sahyun Steven Weston
Vice President	Shihan Peter Hunt
Secretary	Master Colin Wee
Treasurer	Shihan Roland Winter

2026 Executive Committee

President	Grandmaster Steven Weston
Vice President	Shihan Peter Hunt
Secretary	Master Colin Wee
Treasurer	Shihan Roland Winter

1.2.11 Board of Directors and Members of Management Committee

1996 Board of Directors (9)

President	Professor Brian Gallon
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Sijo Joe Gomes
	Master Ramon Lawrence
	Kaicho Mal Lomax
	Master Geoffrey Booth
	Mr Jon Gable
	Master Geoffrey Todd
	Kyoshi John Buttigieg

1997 Board of Directors (13)

President	Professor Brian Gallon
Vice President	Kaicho Mal Lomax
	Kyoshi Thomas Takakore
	Master John Tooby
	Sijo Joe Gomes
	Sifu John Dighton
	Master Ramon Lawrence
	Grandmaster Robert Gemmell
	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Master Geoffrey Booth
	Mr Jon Gable
	Master Geoffrey Todd
	Kyoshi John Buttigieg

1999 Board of Directors (8)

President	Master Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Master Mal Lomax
	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Master Geoff Booth
	Sifu John Dighton
	Master Andrew Fleming
	Grandmaster Robert Gemmell
	Shihan Peter Morton

2000 Board of Directors (9)

President	Master Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Master Mal Lomax
	Master Geoff Booth
	Sifu John Dighton
	Master Andrew Fleming
	Grandmaster Robert Gemmell
	Shihan Peter Morton
	Hanshi Peter Chek

2001 Board of Directors (8)

President	Master Ramon Lawrence	Vice President
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw	
	Master Mal Lomax	
	Master Andrew Fleming	
	Grandmaster Robert Gemmell	
	Shihan Peter Morton	
	Hanshi Peter Chek	
	Renshi Edward Scharrer	

2002 Board of Directors (13)

President	Master Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Grandmaster Peter Morton
	Grandmaster Robert Gemmell
	Master Mal Lomax
	Master Andrew Fleming
	Hanshi Peter Chek
	Kyoshi Wayne Hanley
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Renshi Peter Wilson
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Hanshi Christine Gemmell
	Kyoshi Mike Ryan

2003 Board of Directors (12)

President	Master Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Grandmaster Peter Morton
	Grandmaster Robert Gemmell
	Master Mal Lomax
	Hanshi Peter Chek
	Kyoshi Wayne Hanley
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Sensei Les Elliott
	Sensei Peter Kitak
	Sensei Brian Twomey

2004 Board of Directors (12)

President	Master Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Grandmaster Peter Morton
	Master Max Lomax
	Hanshi Peter Chek
	Shihan Wayne Hanley
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Sensei Les Elliott
	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
	Sensei Brian Twomey
	Sensei Catherine Schnell

2005 Board of Directors (12)

President	Master Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Grandmaster Peter Morton
	Master Max Lomax
	Hanshi Peter Chek
	Shihan Wayne Hanley
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Sensei Les Elliott
	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
	Sensei Brian Twomey
	Sensei Catherine Schnell

2006 Board of Directors (15)

President	Grandmaster Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Grandmaster Peter Morton
	Master Max Lomax
	Hanshi Peter Chek
	Shihan Wayne Hanley
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Sensei Les Elliott
	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
	Sensei Brian Twomey
	Sensei Catherine Schnell
	Kyoshi Thomas Tamakore
	Shihan David Millar
	Hanshi Tino Ceberano

2007 Board of Directors (14)

President	Grandmaster Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Grandmaster Peter Morton
	Master Max Lomax
	Hanshi Peter Chek
	Shihan Wayne Hanley
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Sensei Les Elliott
	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
	Sensei Brian Twomey
	Sensei Catherine Schnell
	Shihan David Millar
	Hanshi Tino Ceberano

2008 Board of Directors (13)

President	Grandmaster Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Shihan Wayne Hanley
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Sensei Les Elliott
	Kyoshi Peter Kitak

Hanshi Tino Ceberano
Shihan David Millar
Sensei Richard Burkala
Sensei Bal Catalino
Kyoshi Geordie Thompson
Renshi Peg O'Malley

2009 Board of Directors (16)

President	Grandmaster Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Grandmaster Barry Bradshaw
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Shihan Wayne Hanley
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Sensei Les Elliott
	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
	Sensei Richard Burkala
	Sensei Bal Catalino
	Kyoshi Geordie Thompson
	Renshi Peg O'Malley
	Sensei Paul Mitchell
	Sensei Glen Gardiner
	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM
	Shihan Chris Dessa
	Shihan Dave Millar

2010 Board of Directors (13)

President	Grandmaster Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM
Secretary	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala
	Sensei Les Elliott (Member)
	Shihan Wayne Hanley
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Shihan Geordie Thompson
	Sensei Paul Mitchell
	Sensei Glen Gardiner
	Shihan Chris Dessa
	Shihan Dave Millar (NZHOF)

2011 Board of Directors

President	Grandmaster Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM
Secretary	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala
	Sensei Les Elliott (Member)
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Shihan Geordie Thompson
	Sensei Paul Mitchell
	Sensei Glen Gardiner
	Shihan Chris Dessa
	Shihan Wayne Hanley
	Shihan Dave Millar (NZHOF)

2012 Board of Directors

President	Grandmaster Ramon Lawrence
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM
Secretary	Kyoshi Peter Kitak
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Shihan Geordie Thompson
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Sensei Paul Mitchell
	Randall Jones
	Lachlan Cooper

2013 Board of Directors

President	Grandmaster Ramon Lawrence OAM
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM
Secretary	Les Elliott
Treasurer	Sensei Richard Burkala
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Shihan Geordie Thompson
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Sensei Paul Mitchell
	Randall Jones
	Lachlan Cooper

2014 Board of Directors

President	Sensei Les Elliott
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM
Secretary	Sensei Frank Hussey
Treasurer	Sensei Paul Mitchell
	Randall Jones
	Lachlan Cooper
	Shihan Geordie Thompson

2015-16 Board of Directors

President	Sensei Les Elliott
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM
Secretary	Sensei Frank Hussey
Treasurer	Arlene Whipp
	Randall Jones
	Lachlan Cooper
	Shihan Geordie Thompson
	Anthony Hockley
	Sensei Craig Swinger
	Renshi Edward Scharrer
	Peter Shaw (NZ Rep)

2017-18 Board of Directors

President	Sensei Les Elliott
Vice President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM
Secretary	Sensei Frank Hussey
Treasurer	Arlene Whipp

2019 Board of Directors

President	Shihan John Whipp AM, CSM
Vice President	Sensei Les Elliott
Secretary	Sensei Frank Hussey
Treasurer	Sensei Kevin Prime
	Anthony Hockley
	Peter Shaw
	Justin Boylan
	Zlatko Peter Kitak

2020 Board of Directors

President	Shihan Edward Scharrer
Vice President	GM Anthony Hockley
Secretary	Sensei Steven Weston
Treasurer	Sensei Kevin Prime
	Zlatko Peter Kitak
	Peter Shaw
	Randall Jones
	Paul Mitchell

2021 Board of Directors

President	Shihan Edward Scharrer
Vice President	GM Anthony Hockley
Secretary	Sensei Steven Weston
Treasurer	Sensei Kevin Prime
	Peter Hunt
	Colin Wee
	Diana LaTorre
	Peter Shaw

2022 Board of Directors

President	Shihan Edward Scharrer
Vice President	GM Anthony Hockley
Secretary	Sensei Steven Weston
Treasurer	Sensei Kevin Prime
	Peter Hunt
	Colin Wee
	Diana Latorre
	John Marrable

2023 Board of Directors

President	GM Anthony Hockley
Vice President	Zlatko Peter Kitak
Secretary	Sensei Steven Weston
Treasurer	Sensei Roland Winter
	Peter Hunt
	Colin Wee
	John Marrable
	Diana Latorre

2024 Management Committee

President	GM Anthony Hockley
Vice President	Zlatko Peter Kitak
Secretary	Master Colin Wee
Treasurer	Sensei Roland Winter
	Peter Hunt
	John Marrable
	Steven Weston
	Diana Latorre (appointed 2023, resigned 6 June 2024)
	David Gordon (appointed 7 June, until AGM 2024)

2025 Management Committee

President	Sahyun Steven Weston
Vice President	Shihan Peter Hunt
Secretary	Master Colin Wee
Treasurer	Shihan Roland Winter
	John Marrable
	David Gordon
	Brenda Hum
	George Adams (2023-2027 – elected in 2025)

2026 Management Committee

President	GM Steven Weston (2025-2029)
Vice President	Shihan Peter Hunt (2025-2029)
Secretary	Master Colin Wee (2023-2027)
Treasurer	Shihan Roland Winter (2023-2027)
	John Marrable (2023-2027)
	David Gordon (2025-2029)
	Brenda Hum (2025-2029)
	George Adams (2023-2027 – elected in 2025)

1.2.12 Sokeship Council Members

1997 Inaugural Council.

WKUHOF President

Master Frank Tasetano
Karate

Chairman Sokeship Council - 1997-2009

GM Barry Bradshaw 10th Dan
Jujitsu, Chinese Boxing

GM Ramon Lawrence Hanshi 8th Dan
Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido,
Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu
Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo

Hanshi Brian Gallon 8th Dan
Karate

Shihan Peter Morton 10th Dan
Judo, Jujutsu, Karate

Kaicho Mal Lomax Hanshi 9th Dan
Freestyle Karate, Judo, Jujitsu, Arnis, Tae
Kwon Do, Tan Soo Do, Lama, Kung Fu,
Kobujutsu

GM Harold Long 10th Dan
Isshinryu Karate USA

GM Gary Alexander 10th Dan
Isshinryu and Karate USA

Shihan Ian Pollett 6th Dan
Karate

GM Robert Gemmell 10th Dan
Kenpo, Tai Chi, H'sing I, Ba-Gua Boxing, Chi-
Gung, Tou-Shou

Master Geoffrey Booth 7th Dan
Hapkido, Tae Kwon Do, Kung Fu

1999 Appointments

WKUHOF President

Master Frank Tasetano
Karate

Chairman Sokeship Council - 1997-2009

GM Barry Bradshaw 10th Dan
Jujitsu, Chinese Boxing

GM Ramon Lawrence Hanshi 8th Dan
Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido,
Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu
Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo

Master Andrew Fleming 9th Dan
Judo, Jujitsu

2000 Appointments

WKUHOF President

Master Frank Tasetano
Karate

Chairman Sokeship Council - 1997-2009

GM Barry Bradshaw 10th Dan
Jujitsu, Chinese Boxing

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Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido,
Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu
Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo

Hanshi Phil Little 10th Dan
Isshinryu Karate

Hanshi Peter Chek 9th Dan
Kawashi Method of Judo and Jujitsu

2005 Appointments

WKUHOF President

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Karate

Chairman Sokeship Council - 1997-2009

GM Barry Bradshaw 10th Dan
Jujitsu, Chinese Boxing

GM Ramon Lawrence Hanshi 8th Dan
Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido,
Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu
Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo

Hanshi Phil Little 10th Dan
Isshinryu Karate

Hanshi Peter Chek 9th Dan
Kawashi Method of Judo and Jujitsu

GM Robert Braff 10th Dan
San-Ryu-Do, Kendo, Iaido, Isshin-Ryu,
Kempo, Jiu-jitsu, Kick Boxing and Dim Mak

GM Kevin Hufford 8th Dan
Nihon To-Jutsu Karate-Do Kai, San-Ryu-Do,
Kempo, Sei Ryoku Zen Yo Karate, Shotokan
Karate-Do, Washin-Ryu Karate-Do, Goshindo.

2007 Appointments

WKUHOF President

Master Frank Tasetano
Karate

Chairman Sokeship Council - 1997-2009

GM Barry Bradshaw 10th Dan
Jujitsu, Chinese Boxing

GM Ramon Lawrence Hanshi 8th Dan
Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido,
Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu
Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo

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Nihon To-Jutsu Karate-Do Kai, San-Ryu-Do,
Kempo, Sei Ryoku Zen Yo Karate, Shotokan
Karate-Do, Washin-Ryu Karate-Do, Goshindo.

Hanshi Tino Ceberano Hanshi 8th Dan
Okinawa Kobudo, Filipino Arnis, Sipaan, Judo,
Aikido, Juijitsu.

2009 Appointments

WKUHOF President

Master Frank Tasetano
Karate

Chairman

Sensei John Whipp AM, CSM (7th Dan)
Unarmed Combat, Jujutsu, Judo

Vice Chairman

Shihan Chris Dessa (7th Dan)
Karate

GM Ramon Lawrence Hanshi 8th Dan
Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido,
Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu
Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo

Grandmaster Rodillo Dagooc (10th Dan)
Arnis

Kyoshi Geordie Thompson (6th Dan)
Karate, Iaido, Jodo

2010 Appointments

WKUHOF President

Master Frank Tasetano
Karate

Chairman

Sensei John Whipp AM, CSM (7th Dan)
Unarmed Combat, Jujutsu, Judo

Vice Chairman

Shihan Chris Dessa (7th Dan)
Karate

GM Ramon Lawrence Hanshi 8th Dan
Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido,
Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu
Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo

Grandmaster Rodillo Dagooc (10th Dan)
Arnis

Kyoshi Geordie Thompson (6th Dan)
Karate, Iaido, Jodo

Kyoshi Peter Kitak (7th Dan)
Karate, Iaido

Mervyn Nelis (7th Dan)
Karate

Glen Gardiner (6th Dan)
Arnis/Eskrima, Taekwondo, Zen Goshu
Goshin Jitsu, Unarmed Combat

2011 Appointments

Chairman	Sensei John Whipp AM, CSM (7th Dan) Unarmed Combat, Jujutsu, Judo
Vice Chairman	Shihan Chris Dessa (7th Dan) Karate GM Ramon Lawrence Hanshi 8th Dan Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido, Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo Kyoshi Geordie Thompson (6th Dan) Karate, Iaido, Jodo GM Rodillo Dagooc (10th Dan) Arnis

2012 Appointments

Chairman	Sensei John Whipp AM, CSM (7th Dan) Unarmed Combat, Jujutsu, Judo
Vice Chairman	Shihan Chris Dessa (7th Dan) GM Ramon Lawrence Hanshi 8th Dan Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido, Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo Kyoshi Geordie Thompson (6th Dan) Karate, Iaido, Jodo Grandmaster Rodillo Dagooc (10th Dan) Arnis Kyoshi Justin Boylan Karate GM Glen Gardiner Cacoy Doce Pares Shifu Bruce Leader Judo Washu, Wing Chun & Tai Ji

2012-2018 Appointments

Chairman	GM Ramon Lawrence Hanshi 8th Dan WKUHOF Board Member, Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido, Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo
Vice Chairman	Shihan Chris Dessa (7th Dan) Karate Sensei John Whipp AM, CSM (7th Dan) Unarmed Combat, Jujutsu, Judo (Kodokan)

2019-2022 Appointments

Chairman	GM Ramon Lawrence Hanshi 8th Dan WKUHOF Board Member, Judo, Jujitsu, Kempo, Jojitsu, Kendo, Iaido, Jodo, Tamiya Ryu Iaijutsu, Muso Shinden Ryu Iaijutsu, Bujutsu, Naginata & Tanjodo
Vice Chairman	Kyoshi Zlatko Peter Kitak Kancho Anthony Hockley Sensei Michael Keane

2023-2027 Appointments

Chairman	Shihan Edward Scharrer
Vice Chairman 2025-2027	GM Anthony Hockley
Vice Chairman 2023-2025	Sahyun Steven Weston
Official WKUHOF Delegate	GM Anthony Hockley
2023 Panel	GM Ramon Lawrence OAM GM Anthony Hockley Sahyun Steven Weston Shihan Johnny Whipp OA Shihan Edward Scharrer Master Colin Wee
2024 Panel	Shihan Edward Scharrer Shihan Johnny Whipp OA GM Anthony Hockley Sahyun Steven Weston Sensei Tom Johnson
2025 Panel	Shihan Edward Scharrer Grandmaster Steven Weston Kyoshi Zlatko Peter Kitak Shihan Peter Hunt Sensei John Marrable

1.2.13 State Representatives

2026 Appointments

NSW	Lindsay Guy
Victoria	Peter Tas
Queensland	Tom Bellamy
Western Australia	Peter Hunt
South Australia	Dion Risborg
Tasmania	Steve Weston
New Zealand	Peter Shaw

1.3 Event Records

1996 Inauguration Townsville, Queensland

Entertainment Centre Townsville 30th November 1996

Thirteen members (11 Australian and 2 New Zealanders) were inducted into the HOF plus two "In Memoriam" (deceased) members.

Eight of the Inaugural members were appointed Board Members for one year.

1997 Townsville, Queensland.

Mercure Inn Townsville

Thirteen members (7 Australian, 1 Japanese and 5 New Zealanders) were inducted into the HOF plus two "In Memoriam" (deceased) members.

Twelve members appointed Board Members for one year.

1998 Gold Coast, QLD

Jupiter's Casino

The 1998 AMAHOF Awards were postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

1999: Perth, WA

Willow Pond 7th August 1999

Nine members (8 Australian, 1 New Zealander) were inducted into the AMAHOF

Eight members appointed Board Members for one year

2000: Perth, WA

Willow Pond 5th August 2000

Five members (4 Australian, 1 New Zealander) to be inducted into the HOF.

The slowness in forwarding nominations and the number of incomplete submissions reduced the number of quality members this year.

Nine members appointed Board Members for one year. Two new appointments to Sokeship Council

2001 Perth, WA

Willow Pond 4th August 2001

Six members (5 Australian, 1 New Zealander) inducted into the HOF. The slowness in forwarding nominations and the number of incomplete submissions reduced the number of quality members again this year.

Eight members appointed Board Members for one year.

2002 Lake Taupo, New Zealand

Lake Taupo Exhibition Centre 5th June 2002

AMAHOF Awards were held in conjunction with the New Zealand Hall of Fame Awards.

Twelve members (2 Australian, 10 New Zealander) inducted into the HOF.

Thirteen members appointed Board Members for one year.

2003 Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

Hotel Heritage, Narrabundah, 7th June.2003

Eleven members (11 Australian) inducted into the HOF

11 members appointed Board Members for one year

2004 Perth, WA

Willow Pond Reception Centre 5th June 2004

Eight members (5 Australian; 2 New Zealanders; 1 Malaysian) inducted into the HOF

12 members appointed Board Members for one year

2005 Gold Coast, Queensland

Holiday Inn Hotel, Surfers Paradise 4th June.2005

Fourteen members (12 Australian, 2 American) inducted into the HOF

12 members appointed Board Members for one year

2006 Hobart, Tasmania

Wrest Point Hotel & Convention Centre 10th June.2006

Sixteen members (14 Australian, 2 New Zealanders) inducted into the HOF

15 members appointed Board Members for one year

2007 Adelaide, South Australia

Arkaba Hotel 8th June.2007

Seven members (7 Australian) inducted into the HOF

14 members appointed Board Members for one year

2008 Gold Coast, Queensland

Holiday Inn Hotel, Surfers Paradise 3rd October.2008

Thirteen members (11 Australian, 1 New Zealander, 1 Japanese) inducted into the HOF

13 members appointed Board Members for one year

2009 Melbourne, Victoria

Bayview Eden Hotel 8th August.2009

Thirteen members (12 Australian, 1 Japanese) inducted into the HOF

16 members appointed Board Members for one year

2010 Sydney, New South Wales

Liverpool Catholic Club 21st August.2010

Fifteen members (12 Australian, 3 New Zealanders) inducted into the HOF

13 members appointed Board Members for one year

2011 Perth, Western Australia

Willow Pond Reception Centre 20th August.2011

Eleven members (11 Australian) inducted into the HOF

11 members appointed Board Members for one year

2012 Cairns, Queensland

Colonial Resort Hotel 17th August 2012

Ten members were inducted

2013 Hobart, Tasmania

Wrest Point Hobart Hotel & Casino, 17 August 2013

Eleven members 11 Australians inducted

2014 Melbourne, Victoria

RYDGES on Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Seventeen members were inducted

2015 Hobart, Tasmania

Wrest Point Hobart Hotel & Casino

2016 Adelaide, South Australia

Grand Chancellor Hotel

2017 Liverpool, Sydney.

Liverpool Catholic Club

2018 Hobart, Tasmania

Wrest Point Hobart Hotel & Casino

2019 Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

QT Hotel, Civic

2020 Perth, Western Australia

Joondalup Resort Hotel – Cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic and boarder closures.

8 inductees held over

2021 Sydney, New South Wales

Liverpool Catholic Club – Cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic and boarder closures.

7 inductees held over

2022 Perth, Western Australia

Joondalup Resort Hotel

Six members were inducted

2023 Liverpool, New South Wales

Liverpool Catholic Club

Eleven members were inducted

2024 Adelaide, South Australia

Hotel Grand Chancellor

6 Members were inducted

2025 Canberra, Australia Capital Territory

QT Canberra

14 Members were inducted

2026 Melbourne, Victoria

Art Centre Melbourne, and Batman's Hill on Collins

12 Members were inducted

1.4 Member Services and Information

1.4.1 How to renew membership

Annual membership fees are due from 1 January and details on how to pay can be found on the membership renewal notice at <https://amahof.asn.au/membership-renewal/>. Additionally, members who need to update us on new contact details can use the online Update Member Contact Information form at <https://forms.gle/Hok9VvUkU2zenEiX7>.

It would be appreciated if you could transfer the appropriate fee as soon as possible and send an e-mail with:

- 1) **a copy of the renewal form** and
- 2) transfer details (if you paid your fees by bank transfer)
- 3) to Treasurer Roland Winter (treasurer@AMAHOF.asn.au), and
cc: secretary@AMAHOF.asn.au into the correspondence.



Membership Renewal



Update Contact Information

1.4.2 Explanation of “Active v inactive” status

An **Active Member** is an inducted member who has renewed their annual AMAHOF membership. Active status means:

- Their full profile and biography appear on the AMAHOF website
- They receive an official “Active Member” certificate for the current year (digital, with optional printed version)
- They may cite their AMAHOF induction and current active membership in their professional materials, biographies, and dojo displays
- They receive priority communication from State Representatives
- They receive member pricing for seminars and events
- They are recognised publicly as part of AMAHOF’s active community
- They may nominate candidates for elections, and vote at AMAHOF’s Annual General Meeting

Active status reflects ongoing support for AMAHOF’s mission and operations

An **Inactive Member** is an inducted member who has chosen not to renew their annual membership. They remain part of AMAHOF’s history, but:

- Their profile and biography may be temporarily removed from the AMAHOF website
- They do not receive the annual Active Member certificate
- They may not cite themselves as an “active member” for the current year
- They may not use AMAHOF branding or imply current affiliation

- They do not receive priority communication from State Representatives
- They do not receive member pricing for seminars or events

Their induction remains permanent. Inactive status simply reflects that they are not currently supporting AMAHOF through financial membership

1.4.3 Contact details for committee

President	Steven Weston	president@AMAHOF.asn.au
Vice President	Peter Hunt	vicepresident@AMAHOF.asn.au
Secretary	Colin Wee	secretary@AMAHOF.asn.au
Treasurer	Roland Winter	treasurer@AMAHOF.asn.au
Gala 2026	David Gordon	gala2026@AMAHOF.asn.au

1.5 Links to Governance Documents

1.5.1 Constitution and By-Laws

Our constitution was voted on at the 2024 AGM and submitted to Associations Branch, Consumer Protection, DEMIRS. By-Laws document was approved in Management Committee meeting 2 June 2025. Both of these documents can be downloaded at <https://amahof.asn.au/constitution-of-amahof/>



Constitution
& By-laws

1.5.2 Official Nomination Induction Pack

The Official Nomination Induction Pack features new categories for induction from Presentation Awards Gala 2026. These categories are: AMAHOF Exemplary Martial Artist, AMAHOF Exemplary Instructor, AMAHOF Dedicated Practitioner, AMAHOF Martial Arts Ambassador, and AMAHOF Martial Arts Legacy (Posthumous or Enduring Contribution). The Official Nomination Induction Pack can be downloaded at <https://amahof.asn.au/nominations/nominee-application-pack-2026/>.

1.5.3 Sponsorship Pack

AMAHOF relies on the generosity of supporters, sponsors, and community partners to continue recognising excellence in martial arts across Australasia. We extend our sincere thanks to all past and present sponsors whose contributions have helped sustain the Hall of Fame, support Inductees, and preserve the rich martial arts heritage of our region. Your commitment ensures that AMAHOF can continue celebrating achievement, honouring tradition, and inspiring future generations. Sponsorship Pack 2026 v1.1 can be downloaded from <https://amahof.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/Sponsorship-Pack-2026-1.1-No-History.pdf>



Nomination Induction Pack



Sponsorship Pack 2026

1.6 Member Feedback and Engagement



Feedback Form

AMAHOF values open communication and the ongoing involvement of its inducted members. To support transparency and continuous improvement, members are invited to provide feedback to the Management Committee through the AMAHOF Feedback Form available at <https://forms.gle/2yu3VYVtyGdayVw9>. This channel allows members to share suggestions, concerns, or ideas without attribution, helping the Committee identify opportunities to strengthen our processes, events, and member experience. The Secretary collates feedback annually and presents key themes to the Management Committee for consideration.

This Yearbook and Member Reference Guide is an administrative document maintained by the Secretary, and the inclusion of this feedback mechanism reflects AMAHOF's commitment to listening, evolving, and serving its community with integrity.



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