



JAPAN KARATE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

DOJO

JKA Whyalla, South Australia

INSTRUCTOR NAME

Simon Thorburn

CURRENT RANK

3rd Dan



KARATE BACKGROUND

I started training in April 1996 at Whyalla dojo under Sensei Bob Hedger until he retired. I then continued to train at Whyalla dojo under Sensei Ian Watson until 2004 when I took over as dojo head due to Sensei Watson's move to Port Pirie to establish the Pirie dojo. I competed at many State and National competitions between 1997 and 2004 before retiring from competition to focus on teaching and judging.

WORDS OF WISDOM RELATING TO KARATE & JKAA

We are truly lucky in this country to have Takahashi Shihan as our head instructor. He is the backbone of our organization and as long as we follow his teaching and advice JKAA can only get better and stronger. In training always be true to yourself and never give up. There is no secret to improving in karate, it just takes hard committed training and a lot of sweat!