

## **To the Secretary-General of the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council (ABSC)**

I am excited to take this opportunity to nominate for the role of President for the ABSC. Please find below background information on my credentials and vision for Snooker and Billiards in Australia.

Before I proceed further, I would like to thank and congratulate Frank Dewens for his ten years tenure as President for the ABSC. I wish Frank all the success in his ongoing commitments to Snooker and Billiards and look forward to working with him in a different capacity.

I have been involved in our Sport both as a player and an administrator for close to thirty years. As a player my passion has predominantly been with Snooker. I have been competitive over the years on the National Ranking circuit and in NSW. As an administrator I joined the Committee of Snooker and Billiards NSW in 2005 and as of today hold the role of Chairman of the Board. I am also the current ABSC Vice President and NSW Executive Board Member. My roles over the years have varied from initiating signature events like the South Pacific Open Snooker in 2006 to managing government relations and grants, digital media, and Treasurer roles.

It has been a difficult decision to nominate for this important leadership role for our Sport. Those that know me well know that I am a family man with a wife and two children. I am a full-time employee for the Government with twenty-five years of experience in marketing, technology, and strategy. I am still an active competitor and have no desire to stop competing. It is because of these commitments the decision has been extremely difficult. I know I have the skills and experience to perform this role successfully, however due to capacity constraints the format of the President role must be different moving forward if I am to succeed.

Some of my core values I live by include being kind, caring, innovative and most of all I value teamwork and collaboration. I intend to leverage these values to improve Snooker and Billiards in Australia with a heightened focus on collaboration and culture. For the President role to be successful, we need a strong and equitable working team. This is not limited to the ABSC Board-either. This cascades to sub-committees of the Board, State Associations, Local Area Districts, and the grass-root Clubs that support our Sport.

One of my immediate focus areas will be to implement a comprehensive strategy for Snooker and Billiards in Australia. The strategy will be vital to help revitalise the sport, boost its popularity, and elevate its competitive standards to new heights. Together we need to create a thriving Snooker and Billiards community that attracts diverse demographics, encourages participation at all skill levels, and establishes Australia as a prominent hub for national and international Snooker and Billiards tournaments. I anticipate that a transformation will focus and ideally lead to increased engagement, participation, better infrastructure, and venues and not but least strong governance, communication, and transparency in our Sport at all levels. We are also faced with a great opportunity to leverage growth and popularity in the Sport on a global scale. Therefore, strong partnerships with international bodies and our strategic partners are vital.

If I am successful in securing this role, I look forward to working with everyone to the best of my ability and capacity in the years to come.

Alex Render