



## GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA

23 June 2017

Mr Mark Dunn  
Secretary  
Victorian Billiards & Snooker Association Inc  
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KENSINGTON Vic 3031

Dear Mr Dunn

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you following the publication of the most recent list of honours and awards in the Order of Australia. I am sure that you were as impressed as I was by the incredibly generous service given by so many in our community, across such a diverse range of fields, especially here in Victoria.

As I move around our great state and meet so many extraordinary people contributing so much, often in very quiet ways, I am reminded of how important it is that these quiet achievers be nominated in the Order of Australia. In fact, people frequently lament to me that someone should have been recognised but has not been; what they often do not realise is that to be recognised in the Order of Australia, a person must first be nominated.

I would like to urge you and everyone associated with the Victorian Billiards & Snooker Association Inc to make a very active effort to identify and to nominate people in your personal and professional networks whose contribution to our society is deserving of recognition.

You can find nomination forms and more information on the Governor-General's website at [www.gg.gov.au](http://www.gg.gov.au).

The Hon. Linda Dessau AC

Government House

I would also like to use this chance to say that, from time to time, the Victorian Government asks me and my husband to travel overseas to represent the State in support of Victoria's economic and cultural priorities. More than once during these travels I have encountered the overseas work of Victorian organisations of which Tony and I are Patron.

For this reason I want to reach out to all the organisations of which we are Patron to encourage you to let the office know of any international activities in which you might be involved, in the hope that there may be an opportunity, during one of these official visits, to support your great work. Do please get in touch with the Office with any details.

Closer to home, Tony and I are trying as much as we can to spend some time volunteering in the community, to highlight the extraordinary contribution made in Victoria every day by countless thousands of volunteers. If the work of the Victorian Billiards & Snooker Association Inc lends itself to a chance for us to volunteer with you, the Office would be very glad to hear from you.

Finally, as I approach two years as Governor, let me say just how much of a privilege I continue to find my relationship with organisations such as yours. Life in our State is so much richer because of the generosity of those who seek, each in their own way, to contribute to the 'Peace and Prosperity' of which our State motto speaks. I can only say, as Governor, how grateful I am for everything you and your colleagues do for Victoria. I would be grateful if you would please pass on to everyone at the Victorian Billiards & Snooker Association Inc my and my husband's heartfelt thanks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda D'Onise".