



## **Chairman's Report – APPA FY 2024-25**

Presented by Stuart Rogers, Chairman  
Australian Pool Players Association

### **1. Governance & Strategic Direction**

The APPA continued to strengthen its governance and national coordination, guided by transparent administration, structured pathways and long-term Olympic alignment.

A key milestone this year was the appointment of Mark Harper to the Board as National Junior Development Officer, leading the development of Australia's first unified Junior Development and Coaching Framework.

### **2. Membership & Participation**

Membership numbers and national participation continue to rise.  
[Insert membership totals and year-on-year change.]

### **3. National Events, Entries & Prize Money**

APPA delivered a comprehensive national calendar across 8-ball, 9-ball, 10-ball and Heyball.  
[Insert event list, prize money totals and total entries.]

The diversification of disciplines and improved event delivery continue to increase participation and elevate our national standard.

### **4. Junior Development & School Program**

In partnership with Club 9, APPA launched a structured 18-week Junior School Program, introducing 30 juniors to foundational skills, structured coaching, etiquette and the culture of cue-sports. This program represents a significant investment in the next generation of Australian players.

### **5. International Alignment – WPA, Joy, Predator & Global Pathways**

Our cooperation with the World Pool Association (WPA) remained strong throughout the year, ensuring our athletes can access sanctioned pathways and world-ranking events.

APPA also acknowledges the importance of the Predator World 10-Ball Championship and Predator World 8-Ball Championship, two of the sport's most prestigious global tournaments. These events remain critical components of Australia's international competitive pathway, and APPA continues to facilitate and support athlete access to these world-title opportunities.



Our relationship with Joy Billiards and their global Heyball structure continues to expand regional opportunities and has strengthened Australia's profile within the discipline.

Looking forward, APPA is preparing to deliver Blackball qualifying pathways for the Commonwealth Billiards Championship to be held in India in June 2026.

Additionally, APPA has commenced formal negotiations with Matchroom with the aim of securing an official World Nineball Tour (WNT) event in Australia — a major strategic ambition for the sport nationally.

## **6. Facilities & Partnerships – Club 9**

The partnership with Club 9 provides APPA access to a world-class venue with professional-grade equipment, high-performance facilities and broadcast-ready infrastructure. Club 9 is now central to APPA's national championships, junior programs, qualifier events and future high-performance initiatives.

## **7. Challenges & Ongoing Priorities**

Key areas of focus include:

- expanding female, junior and parasport participation,
- improving depth in referee training and technical officiating,
- increasing commercial investment and prize-money pools,
- strengthening governance and compliance for NSO recognition.

## **8. Strategic Outlook for FY 2025-26**

Our priorities for the coming year include:

- further professionalising the national tournament structure,
- full implementation of the Junior Development & Coaching Framework,
- delivery of expanded Heyball and Blackball qualification pathways,
- advancing negotiations for a Matchroom WNT event,
- enhancing support for Australian athletes in Predator and WPA world championships,
- leveraging Club 9 as APPA's national home for development and elite training.

## **9. Acknowledgements**

My thanks to the APPA Board, our volunteers, referees, state representatives, partner venues and sponsors. Appreciation is also extended to our international partners — the WPA, Joy, Predator and Matchroom — for supporting our growing national and regional presence.



## 10. Closing Statement

The 2024-25 financial year has delivered meaningful progress, stronger governance and deeper international alignment. APPA is well-positioned for continued growth and increased international presence, and I look forward to another year of advancement and opportunity for Australian cue-sports.

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