



BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD



10th Annual Report and Balance Sheet 2014 – 2015

**Presented to Members at the Club Rooms
Cnr Ian Parade & Wellbank Street, Concord 2137
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**Briars at Greenlees Ltd
ABN 710 010 295 45**

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD



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K Free OAM

Life Members

T Cribb
P Doherty
G Price

President

I Blair

Vice Presidents

Mayor of Canada Bay
Member for Drummoyne

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I Blair	A Boyter	C Burt	B Howle
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G Taylor

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G Price	Cricket
E Ratcliffe	Hockey
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M Truesdale	Womens Bowls
S Hudson	Netball
A Burt	Junior Netball
C Burt	Junior Cricket
J Byrne	Junior Bowls
J Lloyd	Sports Admin

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

Founded 1918



PATRONS

H W Whiddon	1935-1956
E J Siddeley	1956-1965
H G Whiddon	1969-1972
R B Clark BEM	1972-1994
H C Ford	1995-2000
D V Prowse	2000-2005
D A Walker	2005-2015

PAST PRESIDENTS

J H Stone	1918-1919
H W Whiddon	1919-1920
J C Meeks	1920-1921
H W Whiddon	1921-1924
E J Siddeley	1924-1925
E Love	1925-1926
H W Whiddon	1926-1928
E J Siddeley	1928-1929
R W May	1929-1931
E J Siddeley	1931-1932
H W Whiddon	1932-1933
R G Herford	1933-1935
J E Holmes	1935-1936
R W May	1936-1939
E J Siddeley	1939-1942
R W May	1942-1943
H G Whiddon	1943-1948
E E Watt	1948-1953
R S Jones AOM	1953-1957
A J Land	1957-1960
R J Thomson	1960-1962
W A Elder	1962-1965
B U Williams	1965-1967
H G Whiddon	1967-1969
H C Ford	1969-1972
R D Vanderfield	1972-1973
D A Walker	1973-1976
C K Dennis	1976-1980
J H Edmonds	1980-1983
I G S Blair	1983-1985
P D Richardson	1985-1988
R I G Richard	1988-1991
C R Hickey	1991-1996
J F Threlfo	1996-1999
P G Mattick	1999-2002
M Weber	2002-2005

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

1947	H W Whiddon
	E J Siddeley
	R W May
1958	R B Clark BEM
	H G Whiddon
1968	E G Stockdale
1985	H C Ford
1987	D A Walker
1993	P C Murray CBE
1994	R S Jones AOM
1995	D V Prowse
1995	I R Vanderfield AO OBE
1996	J Alford
1996	P D Richardson
2002	J Balmforth BEM
2004	C K E Dennis

LIFE MEMBERS

I G S Blair
C R Hickey
S Hipwell
W F Hooker
C G Jones
R I G Richard
J F Threlfo
C D Walker

VICE-PRESIDENTS

R Anstey
J F Crockart
P England
G Heggarty
M Howell
G Ireland
C J Jones
K R Kable
H W Lennartz
P Mansford
P G Mattick
R Pontifex
G Price
J Price
G Rolleston
S Schomberg
J Staniforth
K E Wearne

GREENLEES PARK BOWLING CLUB

Opened 1950



PATRONS

E Hinks	1950-1959
C London	1960-1962
A Giblett	1963
F Billyard	1964
A Giblett	1965
C London	1966-1967
N Lowe	1968-1969
R Toogood	1970-1973
G Durie	1974
C House	1975
G Durie	1976-1978
T Murphy	1979-1980
J Spargo	1981
A Billyard	1982-1988
A Huttly	1989-1992
J Jackson	1993
K Gordon	1994-2005
K Free OAM	2006-

CHAIRMEN

B Fumberger	1988-1990
R Skehan	1991-1992
R Buchanan	1993-1996
R Crew	1997-2000
R Skehan	2001-2002
B Huttly	2003-2005

PRESIDENTS

W Dunlop	1950-1956
C London	1957
J Henderson	1958
R Wiggins	1959
A Giblett	1960-1962
C London	1963-1964
N Lowe	1965-1967
R Toogood	1968
T Murphy	1969-1970
G Durie	1971-1973
C House	1974
J Spargo	1975-1976
C Piercy	1977-1978
A Lee	1979-1991
J Vale	1992
A Lee-C Pratt	1993
C Pratt	1994-1995
R Arnold	1996-1998
S Lesslie	1999-2001
R Arnold	2002-2004
A Cribb	2005-2007
D Coleman	2008-2010
B Huttly	2011-2012
W Allen	2013-2014
M Laws	2014

LIFE MEMBERS

J Jackson
L Coleman
R Buchanan
K Free OAM
E Knight
R Skehan
B Huttly

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

C House
R Wiggins
L Barry
A McLeod
J Arantz
A Lee
N Tozer
H Wicks
R Riley OAM
J Vale
A Fleeton
M Davis

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year has been one of enormous growth both financially and increased membership. With the renovations complete and the green on the western side of the Club being opened up, membership has increased from 1665 to 2798. Families are now being attracted to our fine amenities and with that our sports are noting increased membership, in particular junior sports, cricket, rugby and netball. The green on the western side has now been turned into a synthetic playground and this has been a huge attraction for families.

Financially the Club is progressing well as you will see from Treasurer Martina Moffitt's Financial Report. The Club was able to provide a grant to the Sports of \$70,000 to help reduce costs.

Cricket again had a very successful year winning the Club Championship, First Grade for the third year in a row and also winning Fourth Grade. Gerard Price is Chairman extraordinaire.

Junior Cricket went from strength to strength with 25 teams and two premierships plus two premierships in the seniors.

Hockey had success mainly in the juniors but it is pleasing to note that a new hockey ground has been found for the 2016 season and will be operative from 1st February 2016. Thanks to John Price and Emma Ratcliffe for the work they did to achieve this result.

Rugby which was relegated in 2015, had an average season and unless they start attracting qualified coaches who can attend games on the weekend, Briars will just become a social rugby club and social rugby clubs do not last.

Junior Rugby has had an excellent year attracting more players and although they are not of competition age, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Well done Jules Boyter.

Squash has proved it is back where it belongs with excellent results during the year lead by Michael Jaroszewicz. Senior Netball struggled during the year and it is hoped that next year will be back to full strength with a new committee.

Junior Netball has grown in leaps and bounds winning three premierships and doubling in size. Thanks go to Anne Burt and her committee.

Mens and Womens Bowls were well run and Mick Laws is to be thanked for his hard work. The pleasing thing about Bowls was the introduction of juniors. Concord High was approached and we now have three juniors playing. This initiative came from John Byrne and in the next few years, Bowls will be much stronger because of this initiative.

The loss of quite a few long time members has taken the gloss off a good year, David Walker (Patron), Mike Elder, Garnet Green, Richard Vanderfield, Alan Reid and Doug Guest. All of these members had over fifty years membership each with The Briars Sporting Club and gave great service to the Club. Achievements are noted in Vale in the Annual Report.

Squash has donated the Annie Gleason Trophy to be presented to a junior squash player who has contributed the most to junior squash and the Club in general. Many thanks to Briars Squash for this trophy.

The memorabilia wall in the Ted Stockdale Lounge has been completed and has created a positive response from the members.

The Club has plans to further improve the facilities with a meeting / memorabilia room. A DA has been lodged with Council and an upgrading of the bar proposed during the next year. Both these projects are extensive so the Board will take into consideration the financial position of the Club before we proceed.

Many thanks to Shontal Hudson and Danielle Farren-Price for their work during the year. Both these ladies have moved interstate.

Our sports are increasing and the work involved has also increased so a Sports Administrator has been employed and this appointment will help the sporting chairpersons as well as take a workload from Glen and Monique.

The unsung heroes of Briars at Greenlees are the volunteers. Without them the Sports would not be in the position that they are today. On behalf of the Board I thank you for your time and effort.

I would like to thank Glen, Ben, Monique and Megan and the remainder of the staff who have carried out their work in an efficient and professional manner during the year.

During the year Ashley Walsh stood down from the Board due to work commitments. I would like to thank Ashley for his tenure on the Board. Martina Moffitt was appointed in his place and carries on with her financial expertise.

Finally thanks to the Directors who gave their time generously over the year.

Ian Blair - President

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure to present to you the treasurer's report for the year ended 30 September 2015. The profit for the year is \$ 279,408 is an increase of 248% on prior year profit of \$80,345. This result exceeded the board's expectations and I am happy to say that the club has seen a large increase in patronage to the club since the renovations were completed.

The revenue increased as a result of increase in poker machines net clearances by 22% (2014:12.9%) and an increase of bar sales by 38% (2014:7.86%). The rental income from our George St premises and Cintra has remained steady.

We continue to invest in capital improvements in the club. The Kid's green has been replaced with artificial grass and an upgrade is underway for the bowling green in partnership with Burwood RSL Club. With the large increase in patronage we have seen an increase in repairs and maintenance costs within the club.

Overall funding to our sports was \$105,000, and decrease on the \$130,000 provided last year (this amount excludes the funding of the bowling greens). The decline is due to the better financial management by the sports in the current financial year.

Our club continues to perform well against the trend of other clubs.

Overall the club has had very strong results since the renovations were completed. As a result cash flow has been strong which has led to additional payments being made to reduce the loan amount outstanding to \$399,072 from \$993,072 in the prior year.

Matina Moffitt - Treasurer

VALE

MIKE ELDER

Mike joined Briars in 1957 to play rugby for Briars. Other sports played by Mike were cricket, squash and a few hockey games, one of the few Briars to play all sports.

Mike's father Bill, introduced Mike to Briars as Bill played cricket with Briars for many years so another father and son carried on this famous tradition with Briars.

Mike held many management roles with the Club including Director, Management, Honorary Assistant Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Steward, Social Committee, Planning and Development Committee, Squash Committee and Rugby Committee.

Mike's rugby career was one of great success playing in all grades and was in the 1964 undefeated Kentwell Cup side as a goal kicking fullback. In 1960 and 1965 Mike toured New Zealand with the Briars and was a reserve for combined subdistrict in 1965.

In 1970 Mike captained/coached Burke Cup and at the end of the season wrote "best back in the club, attack, handling, position, defence nothing short of excellent – faultless goal kicking".

In 1972, he played Judd Cup and was leading scorer for the year but was injured when Dick Crookes (his brother in law), sat on his ankle!

Mike's cricketing career spanned twenty years from the B Juniors, C&S and the B Shires and he played hockey for Briars for two seasons in C and D Grade.

Mike won the Gordon Bevan Shield in 1960 and the J H Stone Trophy in 1963.

The family moved to Queensland in 1980 but Mike still stayed a member of Briars, a truly great Briar.

GARNET GREEN

Garnet Green came to Briars after playing rugby for the Powerhouse Club in Melbourne.

Garnet was so impressed with the camaraderie at Briars that he moved from Melbourne to Sydney in 1963 and initially played Whiddon B in the second row and Burke A. Reports stated his line out and general play led to his promotion to Burke where he was noted as a very valuable player to have in the side due to his excellent tight work. In the following years he mainly played Burke Cup where he was said to have played his best games in the wet. In 1966/67 he played in Burke and Kentwell.

Garnet was a bar steward throughout his playing days. It is fair to say that Garnet's unfortunate speech impediment didn't improve as the night moved on, that is until the songs began. He excelled in singing all the old rugby songs in a volume and confidence not seen in general conversation. As his football career drew to a close he became the official scorer for C&S cricket. Immediately Chris Mitchell nicknamed him Garnet Snoopy" Green and wrote that he was a likeable fellow who hasn't been the same since he got three coloured pencils and started to look down on the rest of the team. Garnet played some Judd Cup until the end of the 71/72 season.

So after the rugby game is played in heaven, now a trio of Briars singers...Edo, Col and Garnet are leading the sing a long. Col Dennis and Chris Walker were great supporters of Garnet and made sure he came to old members

nights plus many other reunions. Chris one year, invited Garnet to be guest speaker at an Invincibles reunion. It was the shortest speech in history summed up in two words by Garnet.

Garnet with his love of The Briars, contributed \$5,000 to the Briars Foundation and this came from a man who worked hard over the years so that he could contribute. A truly great clubman who was a character in the Briars family.

DOUG GUEST

Briars oldest member Doug Guest passed away on Saturday 1st August 2015.

Doug joined The Briars in 1946 to play rugby and cricket. He was the Kentwell Cup halfback and premiership captain in 1949.

In 1950 Doug won the Gordon Bevan Shield. After retiring from playing rugby, Doug coached the Whiddon Cup team for a number of years and then went on to coach the Kentwell Cup team in 1955.

Doug also played cricket for Briars mainly in the City and Suburban team and was described as a very useful slow bowler.

DAVID WALKER

David joined The Briars in 1947 to play cricket which he did with great success. In winter he played rugby for a couple of seasons but gave that away to play hockey for Briars also with great success. He retired from hockey in the 1970s to play squash - again with great success. David was the first Briar to play all four major club sports playing in the top sides and being captain at various times with the exception of rugby.

I had the pleasure of playing cricket with David for 16 seasons and in that time witnessed his talent both as a batsman and wicketkeeper. David played from 1947 to 1987. He scored 12,340 runs for the Club mostly in A Shires which is still a runs record for the Club and his highest score was 184. But his wicket keeping is where David stood above the rest as he made 813 dismissals of which 313 were stumpings, another record for the Club.

David was never afraid to stand up to the stumps to the fast bowlers which surprised the opposition batsman but infuriated the Briars fast bowlers. David once mentioned he had never met an intelligent fast bowler and was out to prove it.

Another memorable comment he made was to a young fast bowler in his first A Shires game, telling the lad that he ran in faster than he bowled.

And he actually called an umpire a cheat after he had been denied a stumping, that particular umpire was a Uniting Church minister.

A cricket report in 1951 noted David's running between wickets could be improved but up to his retirement from cricket in 1987, he had not. I can vouch for it.

Another unique piece of history created by David was when he played in the 1956 A Shire Premiership side and 25 years later aged 52, played in the 1981 A Shire Premiership side. Briars had not won A Shires in that 25 year period. So as you can see, there was never a dull moment playing cricket with David.

In 1973/1974 David captained the Briars first cricket tour to New Zealand.

Ten years ago, Briars Cricket established an annual trophy in David's honour for Services to Cricket to present to a Briars cricketer. David never missed a presentation night and for his incredible career was inducted into the Shires Hall of Fame in 2006.

In 1979 David toured India playing cricket with the Australian Old Collegians. He was disappointed that Elaine could not make the tour but on his return was a little relieved she did not. In 1981 he toured South East Asia with the Primary Club, this time with Elaine and a few years later toured the UK with the Primary Club and again with Elaine.

Although I did not play squash or hockey with David, he still had the same competitive nature in all sports. I read in a report for squash in 1970 that, to win the competition, he was last to play in both the semi final and final and both times results depended on him – he won both matches and the team became Premiers. David won many hockey premierships in the 1950s as it was the golden years for Briars in that sport.

In his early days David was more than happy to help committees of the various sports he played so he gave back to the club more than he took over many years.

David was President of Briars from 1973 to 1976. It was interesting to note previous presidents wrote two pages in the annual report but not David - he wrote five - but in that time, the Club went from strength to strength.

In 1987 David was made a Life Member of Briars.

In 2005 David was appointed Patron of the Briars Sporting Club, and was a little concerned as the two previous Patrons had not been in the position for long. Although not as involved with Briars as he used to be, David still showed a keen interest in Briars performance in sport and administration.

David was a family man. His parents would come and watch him play cricket which may not be unusual but they were in their 80's and 90's sitting on the hill at Rothwell Park even on a hot summer's day. A truly great Briar and a great bloke.

RICHARD VANDERFIELD

Richard joined the Briars in 1964 to play rugby. He played hooker and breakaway until 1976 playing Burke, Whiddon and Judd Cups.

Richard served on the rugby and social committees as well as bar steward at George Street and also organised a Briars rugby tour to Tasmania and Melbourne.

As the son of the great Doug Vanderfield, Richard played squash for Briars for a few seasons, a sport for which his father was famous for having squash become a major sport at Briars.

The Vanderfield family instigated the Briars Ski Lodge at Thredbo. In fact if it were not for the Vanderfield family and a few other older members, the Briars Ski Club would not be here today. Richard was a director of the Briars Ski Club for nearly fifty years and without his enthusiasm and diligence, the Club would have lost the lease when it expired about seven years ago. The Ski Club was fully rebuilt and this was due to the hard work and vision by both Richard and a few other ski club members.

The Vanderfield family has been connected to Briars for nearly ninety years and their contribution is up there with the Clark and Whiddon families, and sadly another dynasty ended.

THE BRIARS FOUNDATION LIMITED

Directors: Paul Price (President), Peter Dunlop, John Price, Warwick Williams, Phil England, Paul Mattick, Brett Howle.

The Foundation added current Briars at Greenlees Board member Brett Howle to the committee this year.

The Statement of Financial Position for The Foundation to the year ended 30 June 2015, shows net assets of \$164,363 compared with \$154,057 for the 2014 year. To date the Foundation has contributed \$102,690 (of our \$200,000 commitment) towards the Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park.

Eight years ago negotiations were finalised with the Australian Sports Foundation which created an opportunity for donations to be tax deductible. This outcome has been responsible for the significant increase in membership and donations and a number of existing members have taken the opportunity to upgrade their membership status through additional donations. Members have continued to be very creative in the way they have pledged their support. Some have pledged a monthly amount, others an annual donation, a few one-off payments and some bequests. The Australian Sports Foundation holds \$111,889 (June 2015) on behalf of the Foundation for future Capital Projects.

The launch of the Ted Stockdale Pavilion fundraising boosted our financial position and at the luncheon held in October last year and in the ensuing months we raised over \$66,000 which was a fantastic result. The construction of the change rooms will commence late this year and will hopefully be completed during the early part of 2016. The Foundation has committed \$200,000 towards the \$1.6m project with Federal, State and Local council contributing the balance. We thank each government body for supporting this wonderful project and we also thank Richard Crookes and his company Richard Crookes Construction who donated his services designing the pavilion. We will continue to fundraise for this project until completion so please contact me if you would like to purchase a brick - the levels range from \$100 through to \$20,000 and each contributor will be named on the plaque when the change rooms are opened.

The Foundation is currently working on a scholarships programme for the various sports and we will focus our fundraising on that during 2016. Details of these scholarships will be made available soon, the goal being to enhance the development of our juniors and coaches within the club.

Over the past six to seven years the Foundation has donated over \$12,000 to Hockey for a new electronic scoreboard and security cover at their home ground at Cintra Park and even more significantly we donated over \$23,000 to the club for the extremely impressive memorabilia cabinet at the newly refurbished premises. Additionally we donated \$3,800 towards the scanning of all The Briars past reports/records which will allow every member to easily access their past and present administrative and sporting achievements online. More recently we donated \$2,255 to Rugby for goal post pads and we committed \$35,000 towards the new cricket nets which have been built next to the club and will be used by the clubs 11 senior and 30 junior teams. The Foundation was formed in 1994 and over the past 20 years we have been responsible for some \$3.3m in projects for the club.

A big thank you again to our Treasurer Bill Hooker who did a fabulous job again on the administration and finance side this year - thanks Billy! Thanks also to the Directors for their support and constructive advice and we look forward to an exciting 2016.

Below is the current list of Voting Members of the Foundation. We thank all our contributors for their contribution to the Foundation.

Ross Anstey	Garnett Green (decd)	John Randle	Tony Wozniak
Jim Barrett	Bill Hooker	Ian Richard	George Wright (decd)
Ken Bell	Ken Kable	John Richards	Ray Ackerman (decd)
Ian Blair	Steve Keir (decd)	Laurie Routley (decd)	Doug Prowse (decd)
Lance Brooks	Bob Kersey	John Singleton	Col Rankin (decd)
Andy Clifford	Peter Mansford	Cec Stevens (decd)	Don Walker (decd)
John Crockart	Bill Marshall	Kerry Trollope	Don Way (decd)
Richard Crookes	Mike Mathews	Fai Tsang	Roger Vanderfield AO
Colin Dennis (decd)	Paul Mattick	Geoffrey Tweeddale	OBE (decd)
John Edmonds (decd)	John Metcalf	Peter Unwin	Jack Balmforth (decd)
Philip England	John Mortlock	Matthew Waddington	Ken Lockery
Robert England	Greg McPhee	Chris Walker	John Threlfo
Doug Guest (decd)	John Price	Warwick Williams	
Mal Goldsmith	Paul Price		

Paul Price – President

CRICKET CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It's amazing what success can do. After winning the prestigious Club Championship the previous two seasons the guys were keen to make it three in a row. AND WE DID!!!!

We began the season with more players unavailable than I can ever recall and after three rounds we had less than 100 points to our name. We never conceded defeat and despite being written off by many other clubs, we knew a few good rounds would get us back in contention. The way the players applied themselves was incredible and we were able to eventually gain the lead and win again by 89 points. An amazing performance.

To make the semi finals is difficult enough in any grade but to make semis in the top four grades is outstanding! We also made the semis in one of our 5th grade teams and the other one just missed the semis. What an outstanding season by all concerned. We know all other Clubs try to match or copy us and they are all very determined to beat us. We take that as a compliment and a challenge that we are used to now. Next season will be no different.

This season we again were able to field two x 5th grade teams being called Briars Maroon and Briars Gold. This is a result of players wanting to come and play with an amazing club like Briars and also saw an influx of players from our junior ranks who were ready for the challenge of playing senior cricket.

As a result of the incredible performance to win the Club Championship again, we were also to finish Minor Premiers in 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade, and 2nd in both 1st and 4th grade before the semis started.

The 1st grade played their first semi and went down narrowly to Mac Uni but they earned the right to play the next week as they were the highest placed loser. This pitched them against Minor Premiers Georges River who hadn't played semi finals in a long time. This was evident from the start as our guys completely destroyed them to dismiss them for only 126 with Dan McLauchlan taking an incredible 'hat trick'. Our batsman, led by Marc Seymour and his century batted for a long time to then secure another Grand Final position, their 5th in a row!

This time we were playing North West Sydney who were quite a talented team. Batting first we were in major trouble at 7-72. Enter Peter Burkhart and Andrew Jalalaty. A partnership of 127 followed by a few other valuable contributions saw us dismissed for 277. What a recovery. We bowled and fielded brilliantly to dismiss them for 205 and the celebrations began again for the 3rd Premiership in succession. Congratulations guys.

The Second graders were flying high after winning the Minor Premiership yet again. The first semi final saw them easily account for Lane Cove who were bowled out for only 68. We batted and finished the day at 8-189. Incredibly, Lane Cove conceded defeat after day 1 and the game was over. That attitude stunned our players and the officials in the way they just gave up.

The semi final didn't start the way we expected as we were left at 4-27. The boys fought hard with some great partnerships to eventually score 288 before we crushed North West Sydney to dismiss them for only 120.

On to the Grand Final for the third year in a row and we were playing Warringah. This proved a real tough game as we didn't bat well but fought hard over the two days to lose late on day 2. It was a remarkable come back from the team who had no points after three rounds. Well done guys.

Our 3rd grade were also Minor Premiers and really playing well coming in to the semis where we were playing North West Sydney. The batting was exceptional with everyone contributing to our total of 295 before Michael TOWELLS took 7 wickets to destroy them for only 79.

Our semi final against Georges River who had beaten us in Round 1 was another clinical finals display. We batted well again to score 235 with plenty of handy contributions before we dismissed them for only 99.

The Grand Final proved to be a heartbreaker. We bowled and fielded well to dismiss Strathfield for 152. However, our batting which had been so good up till now let us down as we fell 3 runs short. A disappointing result after a fantastic season.

Our 4th graders, after finishing second in the rounds were drawn to play Warringah in the Qualifying Final. Some good batting saw us score a very competitive 241 but this proved to be not enough as they passed us 7 down. But, with results going our way we were given a second chance as we were also the highest placed loser. We were to play Georges River and after dismissing them for 82 we were feeling good. This changed however as we were dismissed for only 71 but there was plenty of time left in the game. Our desire to win was evident as we again rolled them for only 88 leaving us 101 to win a place in the Grand Final. We had all our other grades turn up to support and there was an enormous roar when the winning runs were hit. Another team in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final was played at Warringah against Warringah. They batted first and seemed keener to draw the game rather than try and win it as they batted 111 overs for 171 runs. We only needed 75 overs to score the runs and begin some well earned celebrations.

To be one of the leading clubs for such a long period of time can be difficult but we have regularly managed to have all teams in the semi finals and invariably win a premiership or two as well. To have all four teams in the Grand Final for the second time in the past three years is hard to believe and near impossible to do but we have a special group of players who love playing for Briars and love the winning culture. An extraordinary season.

I will leave each of the skippers to report on the individuals in each team as there were plenty of sensational performances that enabled us to have such an incredible year.

In summary:

1st Grade.....PREMIERS - Third year in a row

2nd GradePremiers and Grand Finalists

3rd GradeMinor Premiers Grand Finalists

4th GradePREMIERS

5th GradeBriars Maroon Semi finalists

Under 24's.....Semi Finalists

Club Championship WINNERS (Third year in a row)

The teams this year were very well led by the skippers being Jason Holley (1st), Rob Nandi (2nd), Gareth Robson (3rd), Jeremy Haikin (4th), Greg Long and Raj Kapoor (5th) and Max Squire (24's). This can be a very difficult task with the teams usually not able to be selected until Wednesday at the earliest and many times being finalised late on a Friday however their patience was constantly tested and their goals were to ensure all grades were selected fairly. Well done guys for your time and effort throughout the season.

The club is fortunate to be able to play on some of the best turf wickets in Shires being Rothwell Park, Ron Routley Oval and St Lukes Oval. The groundsmen do a wonderful job each week with Adam Evison and Jeff Wheatley in charge at the respective grounds. Rothwell Park was once again voted in the top two grounds and was constantly praised by opposition teams who enjoyed playing on such a good ground and wicket. Well done and thanks guys.

Off the field there are many guys who assist in the cricket administration throughout the year and in no particular order I will mention them. Anthony Clarke who although retired, served on the Shires Rep Committee yet again and assisted in and other odd jobs, Jeremy Haikin for his incredible efforts to be at training nearly every week and to help run the sessions and for his help each week with the covers, Gareth Robson for his invaluable help each week in organizing covers to ensure all grades played as well, Paul Price for his regular 'advice' and feedback on all issues and regular updates each Saturday of the Briars Facebook page, Terry Murphy for his representation of the Club at the various SCA meetings in town each month, David Young for his organization of the Horse Tipping Competition which was not only fun but a Fund Raiser for cricket as well Orry Kirkham for his management of the Under 24's team, Ben Critchley and Ian Gibson for their Pink Dogs Night fundraiser which netted over \$1000 for the McGrath Foundation and finally to Lloyd Andrews for his organizing the weekly speeches after games at the club and for organizing the regular club dinner. They were very much enjoyed. To anyone I have failed to mention I apologise but your efforts are much appreciated.

To be able to effectively operate a successful club you must also have your finances organised and managed efficiently. For the last decade or so we have been very fortunate to be associated with a wonderful company called VENUS PACKAGING who have provided us with valuable financial support during this period. Their involvement with our Club has coincided with the incredible success our cricketers have enjoyed and I believe their association with us has helped us concentrate on our cricket and ensure sensational results. On behalf of all the cricketers I would like to thank IAN VENUS for his generous support and assure him we are very pleased and proud to have his company name emblazoned across our playing shirts.

This year we sought the support of some extra sponsors to assist offset the incredible costs associated with playing sport and we were very pleased to have the following new sponsors involved with our Club:

*** Sydney Markets Foundation**

*** Khalkho Financial Services**

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We thank you for your support.

Throughout the season there seemed to be plenty of occasions when we are in need of a fill in player to assist us in one or more of the grades. To this end we are very fortunate that we have many former players who are prepared to help out from time to time and so I thank you all for this. There were plenty who helped throughout the season and will for seasons to come I am sure. Thanks guys, your assistance when needed is very much appreciated.

Each season the club competes with Epping for a trophy called the Turnbull/Richardson Trophy and is awarded to the club who receives the most Club Championship points in that round. For the first 21 years we had won this trophy and I know how much it meant to Peter Richardson to be honoured on the trophy in this way. We were very fortunate as well during this round to have Peters son Tim play for us in our 1st grade. After losing the trophy last season we promised we would win it back and we did. The trophy is back where it belongs.

On behalf of all the cricketers I would like to thank the staff and management of Briars Sporting Club for their assistance and service to all the cricketers during the season. We appreciate your ongoing support.

This season again saw the cricketers support the McGrath Foundation by raising funds through the Pink Stumps Day. Ian Gibson organized this fundraiser which saw another over \$1000 raised for the charity. Well done to everyone for their support of this wonderful charity.

At the end of the season we held our Annual Presentation evening at the club and with over 110 past and present players including some partners, we had a very enjoyable evening. Amongst some of the ex players included the late David Walker and the sons of the late Ted Watt, David and Michael. They were both present to inform the Club that the Watt family would donate an amount of \$5000 to be kept in a Trust and used in a manner befitting the award named after Ted. On behalf of the Club we would like to thank the family for their incredible generosity.

We are very thankful that these two Briars legends have allowed their names to be used for the main awards on the evening. There were also plenty of former players in attendance including Greg Douglas, Nick Rojo, Ross Hardy, Claudio Orlando, Barry Cardwell, Cameron French, Gerard Abood, Bart Pozuelo, Steve Schomberg and Peter Mansford to name a few. It was fantastic to catch up with them all and we hope to see them as regulars in future years.

The various award winners were:

David Walker Trophy **Services to Cricket** **John Price**
Ted Watt Trophy **Best New Talent** **Tom Jackson**
Richard Tregeagle Trophy **1st Grade Players Player**..... **Marc Seymour**
Gerard Price Trophy **2nd Grade Players Player** **Jack Rogers**
Anthony Clarke Trophy **3rd Grade Players Player** **Atul Mahanjan**
Peter Mansford Trophy..... **4th Grade Players Player**..... **Damian Price**
Will Hood Trophy **5th Grade Players Player**..... **Daniel Bizzanelli**
Paul Price Trophy **Under 24's Players Player**..... **Brad Whitfield**
Bill Hooker Trophy **Masters/Classics Players Player** **Steve Lucas and Greg Matchett**

To all these award winners we congratulate you and thanks to Paul Price and Cameron Beames for their assistance with the evening.

If there is anyone else I have forgotten to thank I apologise but I thank you as well.

Gerard Price - Cricket Chairman

CRICKET FIRST GRADE – PREMIERS

BURWOOD BRIARS 1st GRADE CHAMPIONS ONCE AGAIN - THE THREEPEAT!!!!!!

Firstly, congratulations to Jeremy Haikin and his 4th grade blokes on winning the comp, a fantastic year and easily the most dominant side all year that deserved to win the comp. To all the other team captains throughout the year in Ninja (Rob), G Man (Gareth), Longy and Raj congratulations and thank you for such an awesome effort you all put in on and off the field, the club's success (Club Champions) can be attributed to each of you.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank the club and the cricket committee for all the assistance they provided the team this year. A lot of time and energy goes into what you do and I know everyone within the 1st grade team appreciates what you do. To the ground staff at Rothwell Park, without doubt the best ground all year and I congratulate you on your efforts.

To my team, premierships are not won by individuals. They are won by the best team that is willing to play together and that enjoy each others' successes. The unity and mateship that has been formed over the past five years within this side is hard to describe but for the most part is the reason why we have won three premierships in a row and have been involved in all five GF's. You all have played significant roles within the side and you should all be very proud of your achievements.

Some individual highlights should be mentioned though:

Batting Jay Holley..... 600 runs at 46.5
Marc Seymour 579 runs at 34.5
Maxy Squire 366 runs at 28.1
Chris Hart 283 runs at 20.5
AJ Jalalaty 263 runs at 21.9
Bowling Marc Seymour 59 wickets at 13.93
Daniel McLaughlin.. 39 wickets at 8.33
Simon Nardo 35 wickets at 15.11
Ian Gibson 31 wickets at 16.97
Fielding AJ Jalalaty 24 catches & 1 stumping (W/K)
Marc Seymour 17 catches
Jay Holley..... 16 catches

Grand Final Highlights - Burwood Briars 277 Vs North West Hurricanes 205

After losing the toss and being sent in on a very flat wicket, we were 7-72 2 overs before lunch (which included 50 from Seams) and some would say in a world of hurt. What happened next was one of the best partnerships under pressure that I have had the privilege to watch between AJ Jalalaty (92) and Peter Burkhart (70). The partnership of 127 between the pair guided us through to a respectable total that gave our bowlers something to bowl at.

Overnight the Hurricanes were 3-78 with the crucial wickets of Duroux and Nash at the crease. The following morning we saw Noon's bowl unchanged from the northern end (22 overs) claiming both Nash and Duroux along the way to set up an historic win. Simon Nardo bowled very well to the middle and lower order finishing up with 3-44.

I never like to single out any individual but I would like to personally congratulate Peter Burkhart who won his first ever competition. I'm so glad I was lucky enough to be playing alongside such an outstanding cricketer and bloke when you won mate, congrats again.

To the other players who are not mentioned with performances, each and every single one of them made significant contributions to the premiership and they certainly didn't go unnoticed.

Finally, I would like to thank all our sponsors for supporting our great club and I look forward to seeing everyone at some stage in 2015/16.

First Grade	M	In	Aggr	100s	HS	Avg	O	M	W	R	Avg	Best	C
S Blaszczyk.....	9	10	118	0	56	13.11							12
P A Burkhart.....	7	6	197	0	70	39.40							1
I Gibson.....	16	12	77	0	13*	38.50	171	31	47	526	16.97	6/40	4
C Hart.....	13	15	283	0	67	20.21							12
J Holley.....	14	14	600	1	104	46.15	35.4	5	8	101	20.20	2/11	16
A Jalalaty.....	15	14	263	0	92	21.92							25
D McLauchlan.....	8	6	134	0	76	22.33	171.3	39	60	325	8.33	6/8	2
S Nardo.....	15	14	177	0	57	19.67	159.4	35	30	529	15.11	4/24	7
M Seymour.....	16	17	579	1	107	34.06	279.4	59	71	822	13.93	5/26	17
M Squire.....	14	15	366	0	50	28.15							7
J Todd.....	8	9	204	0	62*	25.50							3
B Whitfield.....	16	14	208	0	53	16.00	85.1	12	14	313	26.08	3/20	3
Also Batted: B Bastow 2-10, C Beames 1-22, B Chapman 3-113, S Davis 1-0, D Kennedy 2-1, J Kovacic 1-4, D Loth 2-5, P Pannuti 1-9, T Richardson 1-0, G Smith 6-92, B Young 6-95													
Also Bowled: B Bastow 1-53, S Davis 6-22, J Kovacic 1-12, P Pannuti 4-74, G Smith 0-14, M Squire 1-51, J Todd 0-6													

Jason Holley

CRICKET SECOND GRADE

This season we were looking to pull off the double of minor premiers and premiers for the second year running and to win the competition for the third year running. We were able to successfully defend the minor premiership again, but unfortunately were unable to lift the coveted competition trophy. Finishing minor premiers again was no mean feat, considering we lost our first three games. It was a great effort by the team to achieve this, but unfortunately we couldn't win the Grand Final against Warringah. I would like to congratulate every single player involved for their efforts throughout the year. I would also like to congratulate our great chairman Gerard Price and all members of the club on winning another club championship, particularly considering we were 300 points behind after three rounds! Congratulations to Jason Holley and first grade who managed to win three premierships in a row and to Jeremy Haikin and the fourth grade boys who won the premiership as well.

Personally I would like to thank Gerard, Jason and the other team captains, Gareth Robson, Jeremy Haikin, Greg Long and Raj Kapoor for their strong support throughout the year. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank the ground staff for producing such excellent facilities and the club committee for their support throughout the season.

Now to the team and to the season. We started off with three tough losses. Unfortunately quite a few players were missing at the start of the season and this certainly contributed to these losses. From then on we managed to turn our season around with a remarkable outright against Auburn where the scores were Burwood All Out 99, Auburn All Out 79, Burwood All Out 80, Auburn All Out 49 where club stalwart Peter Catalovski took 11 wickets for 53 for the match and another club stalwart Paul Pannuti took 6 for 59. From there on we managed to win outright four more times led by an extremely strong bowling attack and this helped us to secure the minor premiership.

Of course, there were many excellent individual contributions throughout the year. On the batting front we had the following main contributors:

- Jack Rogers..... 586 at 41.86, including five fifties – Jack had an excellent season opening the batting for us and we relied heavily on him throughout the year.
- Brad Sculley..... 373 runs at 24.87, including three fifties
- Declan Kennedy.. 335 at 37.22, which included three fifties
- Guy Smith..... 266 runs at 38
- Rob Nandi..... 281 at 20

There were also some very important innings played at various times during the year, none more so than Doug Loth's 74 in the semi-final when we were 7-140 and Peter Catalovski's 44 in the same game.

Now, to the bowling. Again, this was where we really excelled throughout the season, the main contributors being:

- Peter Catalovski 44 wickets at 8.93, including two 5 wicket hauls and one 10 wicket match

- Paul Pannuti 44 wickets at 10.32, including two 5 wicket hauls and one 10 wicket match
- Jack Kovacic 42 wickets at 8.05, including three 5 wicket hauls
- Jack Rogers 20 wickets at 13.75, including one 5 wicket haul
- Doug Loth 18 wickets at 15.67, including two 5 wicket hauls
- Brett Bastow 10 wickets at 11.1, including a hat-trick against Lane Cove!
- Andrew Adams ... 9 wickets at 9.89

Well done to everyone on these performances. It has to be said that these performances could not be achieved without the entire team performing well on the field. Even though we are a slightly older/slower team, everyone still managed to hold on to the majority of our catches. So thanks to everyone involved with the team during the season. There was a strong determination and spirit throughout the year and our team really turned around the club championship race by motoring to five outrights. We are lucky to be part of such a strong club and the season would not have been possible without Gerard, the cricket committee, the other team captains, the ground staff and the sponsors support throughout the year. Thanks also must go to the many supporters who watched our games throughout the season. Hopefully we will go one better in 2015/2016.

Second Grade	M	In	Aggr	100s	HS	Avg	O	M	W	R	Avg	Best	C
P Catalovski	15	13	114	0	44	11.40	169	48	44	393	8.93	6/28	3
D Kennedy	14	12	335	0	67*	37.22							13
J Kovacic	11	5	35	0	11	8.75	171.1	41	42	338	8.05	5/8	2
D Loth	9	7	122	0	74	20.33	112.1	30	18	282	15.67	5/29	2
R Nandi	15	15	281	0	49	20.07							10
P Pannuti	11	8	39	0	21*	13.00	211	63	44	454	10.32	9/27	1
J Rogers	14	16	586	0	81	41.86	95.4	23	20	275	13.75	5/38	6
B Sculley	15	17	373	0	85	24.87	35.2	7	4	131	32.75	3/61	9
G Smith	8	9	266	0	61	38.00							6
Also Batted: S Achmar 1-0, A Adams 5-55, L Andrews 1-0, B Bastow 8-152, S Brennan 2-16, B Chapman 5-58, B Critchley 7-51, A Eichholzer 2-23, W Grimson 5-26, T Jackson 1-3, S Khalkho 1-1, O Kirkham 3-42, A Mahajan 3-9, T Moffitt 7-40, C O'Connor 8-78, D Reddy 1-3, J Todd 5-61, M Towells 2-1, D Young 5-78. Also Bowled: S Achmar 0-21, B Critchley 0-13, W Grimson 1-12, S Khalkho 2-31, O Kirkham 1-43, A Mahajan 1-23, R Nandi 0-5.													

Rob Nandi – Second Grade Captain

CRICKET THIRD GRADE

Congratulations to Jason Holley and First Grade for again being the Premiership side in Shires cricket. At a very competitive level and, of course, with cricket being a funny game, it is extraordinary that they have appeared in five grand finals in a row, and now with a hat-trick of victories.

As a club we are justifiably proud of our third successive Club Championship. Considering the lead we gave away in the opening rounds, to have won the David Tribolet Trophy indicates the quality and depth of our players and that being negative about our chances in any situation is pointless.

Other than Gerard Price, no other individual did more off the field for Briars in 2014/15 than Jeremy Haikin, so it was to well-deserved congratulations that he led Fourth Grade to a great premiership victory over Warringah.

After losing Round 1 at the beginning of October, Third Grade did not lose again until the end of February. Why it is known as a Minor Premiership was well explained when the third of our losses for the season was on grand final weekend.

The only highlight of the Round 1 loss to Georges River was the return of Gerard to the field. Multiple starts saw us post a modest 150 against North West Sydney in Round 2, before very disciplined bowling dismissed our opponents for 130, Gerard setting the tone with 4/44 off 24 overs. We hammered Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts, Atul Mahajan taking 4/32 off 18 as they were bowled out for 100, before we declared at 212 after Joe Todd had scored 130*. Only a downpour on day two stopped an outright. In Round 4, Sanjiv Khalko scored 77 as we set Auburn 225 for victory. They responded by chasing a draw, finally out for 138 after 76 overs, Gerard taking 4/24 off 25. At 7/67, Warringah were well on top in Round 5 before Diren Reddy scored 83, well supported by Atul, Mick Towells, and Tom Threlkeld, to set a competitive 208. While several batsman made solid contributions for Warringah, Mick was the difference taking 6/46 off 19, dismissing them for 190. The wickets were being shared in Round 6 against Balmain South Sydney, before Harry Giddy took 4/1 in less than 4 overs, and they were out for 60. Tom Jackson with 65* and Luka Kalic 56* set up the outright, before the wickets were again shared as they were out a second time without the need for us to bat again. Round 7 was a one day match against Strathfield, Cormac O'Connor holding things together with 55 to steer us to a slim 163. However, the bowlers responded, dismissing Strathfield for 122, Orry Kirkham the pick with 5/38 off 9. In the next one day match in Round 8, we set Pennant Hills 229 for victory after a number of solid scores. It took 28 overs to bowl them out for 36, Atul taking 5/14 from 8. The final mid-season one day match was against Lindfield. Batting first we reached 257, Ben Critchley top scoring with 73, in a great partnership with Luka who scored 60. The wickets were shared to dismiss Lindfield for 101. In Round 10, Roseville elected to bat and were all out for 110, Orry taking 4/9 off 10 overs. Tom with 64 and Cormac with 59 had us in front at stumps. Declaring less

than 50 in front, it took only 22 overs to take 10 points the following week, Gerard taking 6/10 and Mick 4/16. Epping were our opponents in Round 11, who were all out for 29 having won the toss - Gerard with 5/10 off 10 overs. After Cormac scored 89 and Tom 56, we declared at 206 before dismissing them a second time for 115. Round 12 was against defending premiers Macquarie University, who we sent in and dismissed for 123, with Mick taking four wickets. However our chase never got going and we slumped to be all out for 87, before Uni batted us out of the game. Our total in the final round one day match against Lane Cove was made a respectable 198, after Paul Simpson belted 40 in the closing stages, before we rolled them for 72.

Our Qualifying Final opponent was North West Sydney, a side that appeared far stronger on paper than in the round match. They sent us in to bat, and we nearly all responded with a contribution. Top scorers were Ben Chapman with 61 and Luka with 52, and we were finally out for 295 after 88 overs. Mick's outstanding 7/22 from 14 meant North West were never in the game, and out for 79 in 33 overs. We decided to bat in the Semi Final against Georges River. Cormac continued his great form, top scoring with 59, while Ben (Critchley) settled a middle order collapse with 42. With a small total looking likely, Atul played a great innings of 35 at number 10, well supported by Mick and Gerard, to set a competitive 235 after 90 overs. The bowlers then took control of the match, sharing the overs and the wickets, to dismiss Georges River for 99 after 53 overs.

The Grand Final was played at Rothwell Park, Strathfield winning the toss and electing to bat. At 2/74, the bowlers fought back to dismiss them for 155 in the 57th over - Atul with a brilliant 6/35 from 16. The value of runs on the board in a final and, to Strathfield's credit, very accurate bowling made for difficult going. Ben Critchley almost dragged us over the line single-handedly with a magnificent 75. However, simply, we came up short at 153. We kept at it, having Strathfield 9 down in the second innings, before time was completely against us. Ben's fighting innings and Atul's 10 wicket match were performances to be very proud of in a losing side, and epitomise the spirit with which these two great Briars play.

The only hundred of the season belonged to Joey Todd, belting Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts to all parts for 130*. Luka Kalic (366 runs at an average of 33) and Tom Jackson (304 at 33) were the team's consistent performers, while Cormac O'Connor (323 at 46) and Ben Critchley (239 at 40) were standouts in their limited appearances.

Our three leading bowlers were outstanding. Atul Mahajan bowled 163 overs and took 42 wickets at 9.10, with his best figures in the first innings of the Grand Final. Atul's efforts were given the nod by his teammates with the Anthony Clarke Players' Player award. Mick Towells bowled 177 overs and took 41 wickets at an average of 9.73, with his best bowling in the Semi Final. Gerard Price bowled a herculean 234 overs, of which 106 were maidens, to take 40 wickets at 9 (plus he grabbed 15 catches). All of us should have learned something from GP's example.

Though they all had successful seasons, commiserations to captains Rob Nandi, Raj Kapoor, Greg Long and Max Squire. It was another great season working with the other captains and Gerard in what seems an increasingly difficult job of producing consistent teams. Other Briars who made a great effort off the field included Lloyd Andrews, Cameron Beames, Anthony Clarke, Ben Critchley, Ian Gibson, Jason Harris, Brett Howle, Paul Price, Marc Seymour, Mick Towells and Dave Young among others I will have regrettably forgotten to mention. I must also thank Zelco Kalic for his outstanding support and service to our team. Finally, thanks to Gerard for your invaluable leadership, and another fine year of service to our club.

Third Grade	M	In	Aggr	100s	HS	Avg	O	M	W	R	Avg	Best	C
B Critchley	7	7	239	0	75	39.83							6
T Jackson	10	10	304	0	65*	33.78							7
L Kalic	15	15	366	0	60	33.27							3
S Khalkho	10	8	175	0	77	21.88	115.3	33	18	241	13.39	3/22	5
A Mahajan	12	8	110	0	37*	22.00	163.1	47	42	382	9.10	6/35	2
C O'Connor	8	8	323	0	89	46.14							5
G Price	16	11	35	0	15*	5.83	234.2	106	40	362	9.05	6/10	15
G D Robson	15	12	143	0	27	11.92							21
J Todd	3	3	174	1	130*	87.00							3
M Towells	11	8	78	0	21	9.75	177.2	59	41	399	9.73	7/22	1
Also Batted: A Adams 2-38, A Ahmed 1-0, L Andrews 1-2, K Barton 3-10, B Chapman 4-96, S Brennan 3-65, S Davis 2-12, A Eichholzer 4-67, D Fraser 5-32, H Giddy 4-75, W Grimson 3-25, O Kirkham 3-30, J Kovacic 1-23, G Metcalfe 2-27, T Moffitt 5-73, D Price 1-0, D Reddy 4-118, P Simpson 3-80, S Sriram 4-47, T Threlkeld 2-10, D Young 3-2.													
Also Bowled: B Chapman 2-3, B Critchley 1-36, W Grimson 2-36, T Jackson 1-11, L Kalic 2-4, J Kovacic 0-24, G Metcalfe 1-23, D Price 1-23, D Reddy 4-109.													

Gareth Robson

CRICKET FOURTH GRADE

Undoubtedly yet another amazing season to be a Briar. Club Champions, all four grades in grand finals, First Grade Premiers and yes of course Fourth Grade Premiers. To my fellow captains Jason, Robin, Gareth, Greg and Raj thanks for all your knowledge and general help throughout the season, the success and spirit the club shares is in no small part, thanks to the time and effort you boys put in. To our club's inspirational and tireless leader Gerard, thank you just isn't enough. Everything that makes our club great is because of you. There is only one GP!

As a club we started the season in what unfortunately seems to be a common theme, with a vast number of players being unavailable for the early parts of the season. The positive of this situation was that we had a large number of newer, mostly younger players joining the club and they now had an opportunity of playing up in the higher grades. For reasons just stated the first couple of rounds were always going to be interesting, especially considering our first three opponents were Georges River, North West Sydney and the mystery club Southern Districts. We lost our game to Georges River, but this was nothing to be disappointed about as the game was hard fought and close in the end with most of the debutants playing well, embracing the Briar spirit. This spirit was evidently proven in round two against North West.

Playing away we found ourselves losing the first innings by 25 runs midway through the second afternoon. With the Hurricanes seemingly very happy, some would say starting to celebrate, their captain came up to me put his hand out and said "good game mate". I quickly and respectfully declined his advance and firmly replied "game's not over yet mate". The look on his face was priceless and I knew then, we had them. As the hurricanes were being told the bad news I had my guys in the change room, telling them the good news and what we were about to achieve. It wasn't long before belief turned into reality. Enter Asif Ahmed. In Asif's first year in Sydney let alone playing for the Briars bowling med- fast out swingers Asif had the ball talking and after his second wicket I had enough confidence to have a wide mid-off a short mid-wicket and seven in the cordon. Asif finished with figures of 8/22 from 8 overs and they were bowled out for 62 runs. We then needed 89 runs from 16 overs. Naturally within no time the residents living around Charles McLaughlin Reserve were treated to a very loud rendition of "There's only one".

In round five we versed Warringah, the team we would eventually meet in the GF. We found ourselves 8/88 before Greg Metcalfe (24) Damian Price (47) and Asif Ahmed (48*) saved us to finish all out for 211. Warringah were 9/149 with their teams best bat, Ben Ryan still at the crease. In the 83rd over Warringah after a few close calls progressed to 9/207, just 5 runs short of the win when the ball was hit just to the right of Damian Price and the batsmen took off running, Damian ran around and with one hand picked up the ball and in one motion threw down the virtually one stump he had to aim at from square running out Mr Ryan by about two yards. Outstanding Cricket.

By the midway point of the season we were sitting equal first on the ladder with Georges River on 39 points each respectively. A solid second half of the season saw us finish the final round second on the ladder by only one agonising point to Georges River. This meant that we would be playing our qualifying final against old foe Warringah.

Winning the toss and batting first, honours go to Lloyd Andrews for his tough and gritty 72 which propelled us to finish up on 241 from 97 overs. We started off bowling well having Warringah 3/20 then 4/31. This unfortunately is where the game started to slip away with Warringah's trusty number 6 Ben Ryan now at the crease with his brother and Captain Andrew. The pair put on 116 for the 6th wicket and Warringah won the match by 3 wickets.

Losing the qualifying final meant we would face off with Georges River in the semi final. Played on a rain affected weekend at Lance Hutchinson Oval. We won the toss and I sent Georges River in to bat, definitely the right decision, wickets going to Diren Reddy who had figures of 8 overs 4 maidens 6 for 13 as River were bowled out in just 39 overs for a total of 82 runs. We unfortunately didn't do any better. Bowled out for 71 in 44 overs.

Asif took the first 2 wickets cheaply in the second innings before Diren (3) and yours truly (4) bowled River out for 88 runs in 52 overs, leaving us needing exactly 100 runs to win from 38 overs.

As the chase was on, more and more Briars were appearing at the ground until 36 overs 5 wickets and 101 runs, later, what seemed like the entire club was at the ground celebrating, as one yet another outstanding Briars victory. Thanks on behalf of the team to all the Briars who came to the ground on the Sunday afternoon, your presence was definitely a factor in the win.

The Grand Final was to be played at Weldon Oval against none other than Warringah. Winning the toss, we put them into bat on what seemed to be a slightly tacky wicket. Tom Threlkeld was outstanding with early wickets but the day and ultimately the match would belong to one man, Lloyd Andrews. He had figures of 5/16 from 9, which included the key wicket of Ben Ryan. Having them all out for 171 at the end of day one. Scott Brennan (35) and Saurab Ganguly (18) set a solid foundation for Dan Fraser (21) and Man of the Match, Lloyd Andrews (40*) to reach the required total of 172, 5 wickets down after 76 overs. The game was called and Briars were Fourth Grade Champions for 2014/15.

I just want to finish by thanking all the guys who played in 4th grade this season. You all should feel a part of this Premiership winning team. Thanks also to my Dad Boris for your help. Whether it be scoring, mixing/carrying drinks or general support - definitely the unofficial 12th man.

Lastly, I've saved my biggest thank you for Lloyd Andrews. Not many of you know that I had an issue with mental health throughout the second half of the season. Going through that dark time and captaincy just don't mix. Without the support and expertise of Lloyd there was no way we could have won the title. Lloyd was truly our most valuable player this season and Lloyd, I can't thank you enough mate.

Fourth Grade	M	In	Aggr	100s	HS	Avg	O	M	W	R	Avg	Best	C
A Ahmed	10	6	59	0	48*	14.75	117	24	28	331	11.82	8/22	1
L Andrews	13	14	312	0	76	24.00	40.4	10	13	106	8.15	5/16	7
K Barton	7	10	207	0	54	23.00							3
S Brennan	9	10	330	0	78	33.00							11
K Currie	9	5	84	0	39*	28.00	141	32	15	364	24.27	3/30	2
D Fraser	7	8	276	1	110*	46.00	45	12	5	91	18.20	3/29	2
S Ganguly	7	8	233	1	101	33.29							
W B Giblin	5	4	39	0	21	9.75							3
H S Giddy	5	6	140	0	53	23.33							7
J Haikin	15	17	273	0	89	19.50	110	30	31	263	8.48	5/43	5
O Kayani	5	7	57	0	23	9.50	26.2	5	4	80	20.00	2/5	4
P Maxwell	6	9	76	0	28	8.44	19.2	1	1	67	67.00	1/18	3
D Price	15	13	131	0	47	18.71	165.2	40	32	446	13.94	5/7	8
D Reddy	5	6	38	0	16	6.33	41.4	12	16	91	5.69	6/13	1
S A Shaikh	7	10	127	0	39	12.70							4
M Smyck	6	8	104	0	56	17.33							2
B Stoneham	7	5	71	0	27*	17.75	46	13	12	106	8.83	3/2	2
T Threlkeld	8	7	30	0	19	10.00	107.2	28	13	249	19.15	4/21	2
Also Batted: C Andrews 1-37, B Chapman 1-46, W Grimson 1-0, J Harris 1-12, P Horan 4-62, S Khalkho 1-16, O Kirkham 2-8, G Long 1-30, N Maher 1-3, G Metcalf 3-29, T Moffitt 5-41, C O'connor 1-13, R Patel 2-35, M Roper 1-3, P Simpson 2-28, B Skinner 1-1, S Sriram 2-21, M Towells 1-11.													
Also Bowled: K Barton 0-21, B Chapman 1-12, W Giblin 0-21, S Giddy 0-5, W Grimson 2-32, O Kirkham 0-17, M Roper 0-17, B Skinner 1-19, M Smyck 1-71, M Towells 0-18, B Van den Nieuwenhof 1-19, R Patel 3-92, G Metcalfe 4-82.													

Jeremy Haikin

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE GOLD

What another incredible year from the Mighty Burwood Briars, two Premierships and Club Champions! Congratulations to Jason Holley on leading First Grade to yet another Premiership making it three in a row which is an outstanding effort well done. Congratulations to Jeremy Haikin on leading the Fourth Grade to our First Premiership in this grade since 2008-2009. To all the other captains Rob Nandi Second Grade, Gareth Robson Third Grade and Raj Kapoor. Fifth Grade Maroon congratulations on getting your teams to the finals this year and your help and support throughout the season. I am a strong believer that it won't be long before we will be the First club in history taking home all four Premiership trophies on Grand Final weekend.

The 2014-2015 season saw me captain a Burwood Briars team for the first time what an honour.

We used a lot of players throughout the year, but every player who played for Briars Gold gave it their all every time they took the field. I couldn't be more proud of how each and every one carried themselves throughout the season and especially the young men who were playing senior cricket for the first time or it was their first time playing on turf.

Briars Gold had a slow start to the year losing the first four games of the season. Our first win and most memorable win came in a closely contested battle between Briars Gold and Briars Maroon played at St Luke's Oval. Briars Gold was given no chance of winning up against a very strong Maroon side. Briars Maroon batted first posting 129 from their 40 overs with Daniel Bizzanelli being the main destroyer for our team taking 3 for 16. Briars Gold run chase was off to a shaky start until Harry Giddy strolled to the crease scoring 70* to see the mighty Golds chase 129 in 36 overs and take the points.

Following on from that great win saw Briars Gold win another eight matches throughout the season with us missing a finals spot by one place. I think it's safe to say it was below the goal we had set ourselves at the start of the season and shows how important it is to stay in the tight games and take those game winning chances when they come. With five to six tight losses going the other way, it could have easily seen us finish top three but not to be this year.

During the season we had some outstanding individual performances. In RD2 saw the very experienced Warwick Giblin score 40 against a talented Warringah side. Warwick Giblin would later go on and be selected in the Australian over 60s team to tour. Congratulations on your achievement. In RD7 we saw a man who has played many years for the Mighty Briars score his first hundred for the club. Raj Kapoor scored 111 to guide us to victory chasing 189 against Southern Districts. In RD8 Saurab Ganguly scored 57 against Roseville and Matt Roper taking 2 for 3 with an excellent display of inswing bowling. In RD9 Raj Kapoor was once again in the runs scoring 74 and was well supported by Cameron Alcorn with 46 and Asela Fernando with 36 as we set Auburn 243. An excellent display of new ball bowling from Ryan Mitchell with 3 for 8 and later supported by Daniel Bizzanelli with 3 for 11 saw us bowl Auburn out for 74. In RD10 Nick Kennedy took 4 for 18 against Sydney before Tom Jackson 62* lead Briars Gold to victory over Sydney. In RD14 Daniel Haikin scored 46 against North West Sydney and was followed once again by Daniel Bizzanelli taking 3 for 15 with the ball. In RD17 Phil Maxwell scored 57 and was well supported by Brett Howle with 49. In Rd 18 Matt Roper took 5 for 12 this being his first senior five wicket haul. In Rd 20 Daniel Bizzanelli took 3 for 14 against Warringah. Congratulations to all the above individuals on some outstanding performances throughout the year.

The most pleasing thing for me captaining a Fifth Grade team is turning up each week to lead a young group of men who most are still in school achieve excellent results on the cricket field and to see their develop not just as cricketers but into the great young men they become.

I would like to congratulate Daniel Bizzanelli on winning the Fifth Grade Player of the Year Award. You had an outstanding season with the ball and became the bowler I could rely on to get a wicket when needed or slow the game down. You also played some important innings with bat throughout the year. Congratulations Daniel.

As we all know we can have great teams but every great team needs an equally good support base. This comes from a group of men who work so hard behind the scenes on our committee, organising club events, fundraisers, horse tipping, attending shire committee meetings, the list goes on. A big thank you goes to Lloyd Andrews, Cameron Beames, Michael Towles, Anthony Clarke, Jason Harris, Paul Price and David Young for your help throughout the year. I would like to thank Warwick Giblin, Andre Berenger and Daniel Haikin on whom I could rely if we needed a spot filled throughout the year. I knew they were only a phone call away. Briars Gold and I thank you for your help throughout the year.

Lastly a huge thank you to Gerard Price for the amazing job you have once again done with this wonderful cricket club. No words or number of thanks could show how grateful we are of your contribution to us year in and year out. Thank you Gerard.

Greg Long

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE MAROON

Burwood Briars Maroon had a great season where we reached the quarter final losing out to the eventual champions Sydney Cricket Club. It was a successful season for a lot of youngsters playing their first season for the Briars.

The season began very strongly with double bonus point wins over Georges River and Auburn where we bowled them for 42 and 60 respectively in under 20 overs with great bowling performances from Kiran Kancherla and Rob Shone and a great batting effort by Harry Giddy against Auburn. These two wins were followed by a few indifferent results against Sydney CC and Warringah where we were beaten convincingly. The next match was the keenly awaited game against the Briars Gold team and after an evenly contested game the Gold boys led by a solid batting performance by Harry Giddy came out on top. Following this loss the team put together a set of consistent performances including an emotionally charged 1 run win against Ryde Hunters Hill in the Philip Hughes Tribute round. Heading into the Christmas break we found ourselves in the top 5 into the last game a T20 against Mount Pritchard – Southern Districts. This was a nail biter with Maroon falling just short chasing the 120 set for victory.

In the new year the first game was again a T20 against Sydney CC, Maroon put in a solid bowling performance to win comfortably. The next game was against the ladder leaders Macquarie Uni who at that stage were undefeated and we gave them a fright eventually falling short of the victory target by 4 runs. This game saw Matt Roper put in a brilliant all-round effort with the bat and ball. This was a turning point in our season where the youngsters in the team realised that they could match it with the best in the competition. This narrow loss was followed by exceptionally strong performances against Mount Pritchard, Georges River, Warringah, Northwest Sydney and Auburn.

Heading into the last month of the season we were in line for a top four finish, but losses to Hunters Hill and Northwest Sydney due to indifferent batting performances bookended by two forfeits by South Sydney saw us eventually finish in 5th place.

This saw us pitted against Sydney CC for the quarter final. We began strongly and restricted the strong Sydney CC batting line up to under a 100 runs. We were confident that batting line up would be able to get the job done but disciplined bowling from the opposition coupled with some poor shot selection by us and some incredible catching by the fielding team ultimately saw us fall well short of the target to bring our season to a close.

Notwithstanding the disappointing finish it was a great season which saw a lot of youngsters make a meaningful contribution - Matt Roper, Osman Kayani, Luke Kayani, Jacob Nastasi and Sam Tregeagle just to name a few. As captain for the very first time at Briars I am very proud of the effort made by everyone throughout the season whether it was on the field or off the field helping with covers etc. Here's hoping for an even better next season where we take the next step and win the Comp.

Raj Kapoor

CRICKET UNDER 24S

The 2014/15 season was a very interesting endeavour, one that was somewhat successful. After countless failed attempts at forming a squad that was talented, enthusiastic and disciplined, many believed that we had finally done it and, in doing so, taken a massive step toward winning the first Frank Gray Shield for the club since 2003/04.

The squad was a captain's dream. It was full of talented cricketers with one goal in mind and made themselves available for almost every round without hesitation. The foundation of this squad was its talent with eight of the final 11 chosen for the semi-final having played or gone on to play 1st grade, we certainly had one of the competition's

strongest teams on paper. With four players of the squad playing in their final season of U24s, we also had experience. All of this created high expectations that we worked tirelessly to fulfil.

The season began away to Mounties at the picturesque Greenway Oval No.1 where, as you would presume, it was a balmy 40c. The Briars perennial captain was injured so he vacated the role, leaving the self proclaimed 'most handsome Briar', Simon Nardo, to take the reigns. Simon being Simon, won the toss and sent the hosts in on an absolute road where they were able to reach a modest total of 182, no thanks to the wayward bowling of one Jack Kovacic. We chased it down with relative ease, losing six wickets in the process inside 49 overs on the back of a brilliant captain's knock from Nardo, who was of course not out for a very well made 48. Young Osman Kayani performed very well on his debut taking 2-fa and making some crucial runs towards the back end of our chase. Also, special mention for Damian Price who played well in his first match since his nightmare debut in the previous season.

The second round was at the home of cricket Rothwell Park against the Comancheros' 2nd XI aka Auburn District Cricket Club. The Briars had their regular captain back so there was no mucking around when it came to the toss. We won and had a bat first. We continued the tradition of getting rolled for under 200 and not batting the 50, brilliant. Fortunately, Jack Kovacic's wayward bowling didn't cost us too dearly and we were able to bowl them out for less than what we got and apparently that means you win. 2 from 2, great start. Young trail blazer, Diren Reddy bowled well claiming 2-fa and Nardo was outstanding again taking 3 for not many, off enough. The cool, calm and collected, Brad Whitfield, whacked a solid 36 to get us to something defendable. Special mention goes to the British import Joey Todd and also newcomer/all-round loose unit Harry Giddy who starred with the bat, contributing 0 and 0 respectively.

The third round was nothing short of an absolute shambles that disgraced the fine name of this magnificent cricket club. It started with the fearless leader of the mighty Briars deciding earlier on in the season that partying in Europe was more important than playing in a fixture against a Warringah team that was looking for its 5th Frank Gray premiership in as many seasons. Simon Nardo again won the toss and again sent the other team in. This time it looked to have paid off as Warringah were bowled out for under 200 inside their 50. Jack Kovacic was much better this match, only giving up a modest 21 wides. The less said about our batting innings the better, we were rolled for 100 odd, Guy Smith made a solid 33.

Our fourth round match against Georges River was abandoned due to wet weather. If you ask me, they got lucky.

The fifth round match against Epping was as close to a perfect cricketing performance I have seen from a Briars U24s Team. We won the toss, batted first, scored over 220, and also batted our 50 overs. This was done on the back of a brilliant opening stand of 88 between Joey Todd, who went on to score a fantastic 75 and the Irish Adonis Cormac O'Connor (44). We ended up rolling a very strong Epping side for 140 odd, this was mainly due to Jack Kovacic remembering how to bowl as he embarrassed their opening batsmen and their families, with some impeccable swing bowling. Special mention goes to Harry Giddy and his two big sixes in a quickly compiled 25 not out.

We took on South Sydney in the sixth round and it turned out that their U24s team was basically personification of the personalities of most of the clubs former members, terrible. They sent us in on a dodgy deck because they are bad blokes. We batted the 50 and scored over 200 once again, this time on the back of a classy 51 from Declan Kennedy. We rolled them for 111 as they had no match for the nous of Simon Nardo who was again brilliant with 5-20 odd off his 10 overs.

In our last round game, we came up against the ever-studious Macquarie University. Brad Whitfield was as calm as ever as he claimed 5-20 off ten, in what could only be described as a quite timid display of fast bowling. He was again well backed up by his opening partner Jack Kovacic who flamboyantly gallivanted through his ten wicketless overs. The students were dismissed for 101 and we chased the total 2 down inside 22 overs, earning us the bonus point.

Due to our great form and winning record we were able to secure a home Qualifying Final against Epping. We sent Epping in because I wanted to make a game of it and I thought we would struggle to chase anything they put on the board because scoreboard pressure is horrible to deal with in finals cricket, I was correct. Epping struggled to 130 as we bowled them out inside their 50. All of our bowlers were excellent, even Jack Kovacic who claimed 3-fa not many. Our batting struggled as we chased down their score 8 down. Diren Reddy hit the winning runs because he has ice in his veins. I honestly don't remember who got runs, the scorecard is not on Mycricket and I have legitimately tried to forget this whole campaign due to what unfolded in the Semi-Final.

Bexley Oval was home to this absolute monstrosity of a cricket game and Georges River aka wannabe Briars, were our opponents. Wannabe Briars won the toss and Wannabe Briars decided to bat. We bowled extremely well to bowl the best side in the competition out for 159. Our two best players in Simon Nardo and Brad Whitfield once again showed their metal when it truly mattered with 2-fa not a lot and 3-fa not many respectively. Unfortunately, a lack of one day finals cricket experience was our downfall. The Briars captain chocked horrifically when his team seemed to have the game in the bag and the Briars eventually fell an agonising 1 run short of the total set by Georges River, the eventual Frank Gray Premiers of the 2014/15 Season. Declan Kennedy made the outstanding contribution to our total with a dogged 39.

Although most of this recount of our season has been 'tongue in cheek' there are a few points that I should touch upon with some seriousness. I would like to start with the squad that I had the privilege to lead in my final year as a U24s

player. The enthusiasm and dedication that you guys showed to the club this season is an absolute credit to not only you, but also to your families and it shows just how wonderful you all are as people.

Cricket is a team sport based on individual performances. In this sport you cannot be an outstanding team without outstanding individuals. We were lucky enough to have three, the first being Jack Kovacic. Jack is perhaps one of the most talented cricketers I have ever had the pleasure of sharing the field with. His incredible swing bowling will bring him much more significant rewards far beyond this season, of that I have no doubt whatsoever.

Secondly is the player who was voted as our Player's Player, Brad Whitfield. Brad was the backbone of our team; he performed aggressively, consistently and remarkably throughout a season that was fairly successful due to his outstanding performances.

The last player is Simon Nardo. Justly deemed to be the competition's most valuable player in the eyes of the Sydney Cricket Association, Nards has been perhaps the most impressive player I have played with during my eight years as a member of the U24s. A supremely talented left arm orthodox bowler with a brilliant cricket brain, Nards seemed to have the upper hand over any batsman he came across in the competition. He was also a brilliant captain in my absence and always put the team's needs before his own. It's extremely unfortunate that he will end his Frank Gray career without any silverware. I can honestly not think of a player more deserving of a premiership.

A special thanks goes out to Mark Symck and Orry Kirkham. Your hard work in dealing with the various squads we put together and the rubbish they can produce will always be appreciated by me and I thank you both so much for your time and effort.

I would also like to thank Gerard Price for giving me the opportunity to captain an XI that belongs to this wonderful club.

Last but not least I would like to thank every member of the Briars who came down to watch the team at any point throughout the season. The support that you guys give the boys has been the catalyst to many great performances, long may it continue.

Under 24s	M	In	Aggr	100s	HS	Avg	O	M	W	R	Avg	Best	C
H S Giddy.....	8	6	83		26	20.75							1
D Kennedy	7	5	117		51	23.40							1
J Kovacic.....	8	3	17		10	8.50	53.3	4	6	199	33.17	2/16	
T Moffitt.....	8	6	32		15	5.33							3
S Nardo	8	6	114		48*	28.50	64.2	10	18	173	9.61	5/22	3
C O'Connor.....	8	7	108		44	18.00							1
D Reddy	7	4	41		23	20.50	41.3	2	7	179	25.57	3/47	1
G Smith	7	6	87		33	17.40							2
M Squire.....	6	5	164		56*	41.00	34.4	4	8	104	13.00	3/20	4
J Todd.....	7	7	148		75	21.14							5
B Whitfield.....	7	5	90		36	18.00	50.3	6	17	134	7.88	5/20	
Also Batted: O Kayani 1-12, D Price 3-0, T Threlkeld 2-4													
Also Bowled: H Giddy 0-47, O Kayani 2-29, D Price 2-35, G Smith 2-29, T Threlkeld 1-88													

Maxwell Squire

CRICKET MASTERS

Masters endured a mixed bag last season with victories notched up in the first and last games, however little joy in between. The record stood at three wins, three draws (washouts) and five losses. Two more wins would have been forthcoming at the expense of the draws if we were able to at least get 15 overs in before the storms came. It was also disappointing in a rain affected loss when Old Ignatians refused to put the covers on despite the umpire's instructions as they realised they were currently in front on run rate.

The bowling was solid throughout the year with leggie Rob Vilensky and in swing opening bowler Charlie Deguara being the stand outs. Rob secured 17 wickets at 13.65 including a match-winning best of 4/29 against Roseville White and 3-26 (Lane Cove White). Saying Rob gives the ball plenty of air is an understatement. This entices the batsmen to leave his ground and/or play an in the air shot which resulted in him taking the important wickets. Charlie was the big improver with 13 wickets at 16 a piece including a fine 4/41 against Cricketers Club.

Other bowlers to have at least a three wicket haul were Simon Mitchell (4-33 v Lane Cove Blue and 3-24 v Lindfield), Tom George (3-21 v Roseville White), Steve Lucas (3-35 v Lane Cove White and 3-18 v Lane Cove Blue) and late season recruit David Johnson (3-27 v Lane Cove White).

While having some fine individual performances, the batting as a whole let us down in a few games where wins were on offer. Greg Matchett had his best season for while with 229 runs at 57 with three scores above 40. Opener Andre Berenger returned to form with 124 at 30 including an excellent 41 at Wyong and 41* in the final game v Lane Cove. John Menzies continued his improvement with 113 at 28 with a top score of 48.

Other 40+ scorers were Briars stalwarts and our openers David Abood (42), Paul Cramsie (equal top score for the Briars 48) and Andy Macky (40) returning after a bad leg injury.

We thank all players for their participation, energy, performances and playing the game in the right spirit. A special thank you is directed towards co-selector, manager, head of communications, key man, barman, tea lady, data entry officer and accountant Luke Magee, for previous, during and post game operations. Thanks also to Stuart Lind for his advice on grounds, equipment and pretty well everything else regarding getting us on the paddock.

Congratulations must also be extended to Greg Matchett for once again taking the coveted Players Player award.

The Masters look forward to an increased win/loss ratio next season and hope for a little less precipitous interruptus.

Masters Batting	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	Not Outs	Highest	Average
Matchett, Greg R.....	9	8	229	4	48	57.25
Cramsie, Paul G.....	8	7	126	0	48	18.00
Berenger, Andre.....	6	5	123	1	41	30.75
Menzies, John L.....	9	7	113	3	48	28.25
Abood, David R.....	7	6	103	1	42	20.60
Matchett, Jeffrey P.....	4	3	63	0	26	21.00
Macky, Andrew R.....	5	4	61	2	40	30.50
George, Thomas.....	9	5	45	0	23	9.00
Henry, John C.....	6	5	38	2	20	12.67
Masters Bowling	Matches	Wickets	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Average
Vilensky, Rob.....	9	17	51.2	3	232	13.65
Deguarra, Charlie.....	8	13	59	8	209	16.08
George, Thomas.....	9	8	58	13	182	22.75
Mitchell, Simon.....	2	7	17	1	57	8.14
Lucas, Steve W.....	4	7	29	1	109	15.57
Johnson, David.....	2	4	15	4	52	13.00
Henry, John C.....	6	4	26	5	95	23.75

CRICKET CLASSICS

New season, new captain with a win in Round 1 saw the side inwardly hold great expectations for season 2014/15. We were quickly brought back to earth in Round 2 by a strong Roseville outfit. A close encounter in the local derby against Ashfield saw us pull up short by one wicket. A stunning spell by Ross Martin taking 5 wickets in 12 balls almost stole the match our way. Alas, another game that got away.

Highlight of the season by the team was a fine victory over the competition front-runners in the first game after Christmas, set a massive 210 for victory we achieved that goal with 4 balls to spare. All team members contributing along the way.

Overall the team managed three wins, two wash-outs, two close losses which could have gone either way and four matches where we did not perform anywhere near our potential. Finishing up one spot higher up the ladder than the previous season. A gallant 10th in a 12 team competition.

Congratulations to Steve Lucas on a stellar season in taking out the Players Player award in scoring 227 runs for the season including five occasions for a 30 retired. Ross Martin a fine season with ball in hand capturing 9 wickets at stunning average of 7.2 per wicket.

The team would like thank new Captain Brian Kirk for accepting the responsibility of leading the team throughout the season, a job at which he excelled.

Classics Batting	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	Not Outs	Highest	Average
Lucas, Steve W.....	9	9	227	5	42	56.75
Trewin, Dave.....	8	8	143	1	30	20.43
Fernando, Gus W.....	7	7	95	1	35	15.83
Matchett, Jeffrey P.....	5	5	91	0	40	18.20
Ingui, Robert.....	4	4	89	0	35	22.25
Ridge, Mark.....	2	2	61	2	31
Martin, Ross.....	5	5	59	1	18	14.75
Wright, David.....	9	9	52	0	18	5.78
Karmakonda, Sadanand.....	7	7	45	1	20	7.50
Kirk, Brian A.....	8	8	45	0	17	5.63
Classics Bowling	Matches	Overs	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Average
Martin, Ross.....	5	26	9	6	65	7.22
Trewin, Dave.....	8	40	7	10	107	15.29
Matchett, Jeffrey.....	5	19.1	6	2	63	10.50
Fernando, Gus.....	7	19.3	5	2	79	15.80
Ingui, Robert.....	4	5	4	0	36	9.00
Lind, Stuart E.....	8	14.1	3	0	52	17.33
Karmakonda, Sadanand.....	7	29	3	3	93	31.00
Kirk, Brian A.....	8	29	3	2	119	39.67
Lucas, Steve W.....	9	51	3	2	197	65.67
Cantori, Aldo.....	5	16.4	2	1	82	41.00

Finally from both the Masters and Classics teams a huge thank you to Briars Cricket, especially Gerard Price for the support he provided throughout the season.

CRICKET JUNIORS

The Concord Briars Cricket Club had a fantastic 2014-15 season with another year of significant growth in our junior playing numbers, increased kids in the Milo program and celebrated considerable success in many junior divisions, as well as seniors for the first time.

It gives us great pleasure that we had 365 kids involved in cricket this year, 285 in junior competitions and 80 in the Milo program! Compared to only 53 kids in the club back in 2005-06, this is a 590 % increase – a massive achievement! We even had to split the presentation into two separate sessions for 2014-15.

In total there were 25 Concord Briars Junior cricket teams for the 2014-15 season. They were:

- 6 x U8s, 4 x U9s, 3 x U10s, 4 x U11s, 1 x U12s, 3 x U13s, 2 x U14s, 2 x U15/16s

The majority of these teams (U8s to U12s) played in the Inner West Harbour Junior Cricket Association which also started a Tri-cricket (Sat afternoon/Sunday morning) competition for U13s, particularly catering for kids who wanted more than their Saturday morning school competition. The remaining U13s to U16s played in the Northern Districts Junior Cricket Association and the South Eastern Junior Cricket Association.

Out of those junior teams the club had:

- Eight teams make the semi finals
- Two minor premiers - Under 14 Maroon and Under 13 Gold
- Four teams making grand finals – with Under 11 White – getting within one ball of being Premiers! and
- Two Premiership winning teams for 2014-15 – Under 10s Maroon and Under 13 Gold!

The club also had three Seniors District / Park teams (mainly the dads/coaches) in the Inner West Harbour Cricket Association. After recent years of close calls in finals, two of these teams (A reserve and C Grade) were able to hold Premiership winning trophies!

Other highlights for season 2014-15 included:

- Five teams travelling to Canberra to play in the Kookaburra Cup
- Two teams participating in the Winter Cricket Comp
- Five players achieving 100 game milestone
- A number of players participating in representative team cricket this season
- Two boys making the emerging Blues - Saarangan Arvind and Tom Winters
- Ethan Jamieson scoring an unbeaten century in the U11s rep season this year and now has two rep centuries to his name.

When you grow by 590% in eight years – going from just playing Saturday mornings to now playing back to back games on Saturday mornings for U8s/U9s, also playing Saturday afternoons and now Sundays – the demands on both the parent volunteers running the club, and also the associations volunteers running the competitions increases dramatically. We are lucky at both the club and association levels to have such great volunteers who put in tremendous hours to get the kids out on the park each week. Many thanks go to all those volunteers as well the coaches and managers for all their efforts over the 2014-15 season!

The Club has had another massive increase in 2015-16 season registrations (now 33 junior teams) and is looking forward to another sensational year of kids enjoying cricket!

JUNIOR TEAMS REPORTS

UNDER 8 BLACK

Most of the boys started the season never having played cricket and so I really didn't expect much from them. But with every training session there was improvement as we focused on having fun and being respectful on the cricket field. Their cricket skills improved immensely, but more importantly they grew as a team. I'm sure as long as the boys are involved in cricket then they will continue to grow to become gentlemen and ambassadors of this wonderful game. The members of the team were:

Matthew Zeederberg - Always keen to have a go whether it be bowling, batting or fielding.

Thomas BouAount - Thomas' big hitting ability was on display throughout the season.

Jamaal Tuman - Jamaal's batting was a highlight during the season.

Joseph BouAount - Joseph's running between wickets was exceptional as he realised the importance of 'sliding your bat'.

Alexander Truhin - Alexander overcame his shyness by learning to play cricket with his team mates.

Liam Mouss - Liam's all-round cricket ability was always on display.

Fletcher Netting - Fletcher showed great awareness by always being first one to back up to the wickets for a throw.

Jasper Scott - Jasper's bowling and batting was consistent throughout the entire season.

Keelan Fisher - Keelan's fielding was a highlight during the season along with his all-round cricket play.

Michael Sanderson - Michael's bowling showed great improvement as he focused on 'line and length'.

UNDER 8 BLUE

Harry Mayne - Harry has been a very committed player throughout the season and has excelled in every aspects of the game.

Tom Charles - Charles' fast bowling has been excellent and his athletic fielding has been the highlight of his season.

Ben Ronan - Ben's bowling has been tremendous, from being an ordinary bowler to one of the best bowlers of the team, has been extraordinary.

Dylan Celegon - Dylan's stylish cover drives has been a treat to watch.

Harrison Bunting - Harrison has been a master of hitting fours and was the leading run scorer for the team.

Harrison Jones - Harrison has had great batting depth and technique.

Thomas Jansen - Thomas' running between the wickets and his committed fielding has been greatly acknowledged.

Raed Sayed - Raed's off spin bowling is a treat to watch and his batting and fielding has greatly improved.

Ben Gainsford - Ben does a lot of hard work to improve his game and his respect for the coach has been greatly appreciated.

Ryan Michel - Ryan's all-rounder ability has been an asset to the team.

UNDER 8 WHITE

The Under 8 White team had an excellent and enjoyable 2014/15 season. For all players, it was their first year playing formal cricket, so learning the rules and the ins and outs of the game was very exciting. Every player on the team made solid contributions and improved their batting, bowling, fielding and knowledge of the game considerably throughout the season. As a testament to how much the players improved - there were those that could only bowl underarm at the beginning of the season, but were bowling with considerable pace and taking regular wickets by the end of the season; there were those who could not hit a ball off a tee at the beginning, but were hitting fours and sixes by the end, and there were those who could not catch or field a ball at the beginning but were taking classic catches and effecting run outs at the end. The level of enthusiasm and comradery in all the players was truly amazing. All the players should be congratulated for what was a successful first season of formal cricket. The members of the team were:

Tyson Hunt - Scored runs and took wickets when the team needed them most. He led the way with some superb fielding during the season

Matthew Morozoff - Is a run machine and a very reliable bowler. His batting and bowling have really improved over the season.

Liam Dortpinar - Is a very talented all round cricketer. He is the master blaster with the bat and fearsome with the ball. A future superstar!

Aaron Siva - Helped the team win many games with great bowling, super batting and solid fielding. Aaron is a star of the future!

Kiran Siva - Greatly improved bowling was fast, accurate and scary for the opposition. His excellent fielding led to many run outs.

Sebastien Garzaniti - Led the way with bat and ball taking many wickets and scoring runs regularly. Sebastien has a very safe pair of hands.

Oliver St George - Contributed well to the team with both bat and ball and continues to improve his cricketing skills.

Dhruv Kapadia - Batted well all season scoring runs at crucial times and taking wickets when the team needed them most.

Harshil Vora - Made a good contribution to the team and continues to improve with each game he plays.

Lachlan Sattout - Lachlan is a real match winner. He is superbly talented with the bat and ball and took some fantastic catches during the season.

UNDER 8 GOLD

Billy Kosmas - Wonderful season with the bat and ball Billy. Love those drives down the ground buddy. Super effort!

James Kelly - Great bowling and wow what a rocket arm! Certainly put his Davey Warner "Kaboom" bat to good use! You little ripper!

Matthew Plunkett - Serious pace and heat with your bowling Matty man. Wonderful power hitting too, particularly on the on side. Super stuff!

Alexander Au-Yeung - Top season. Outstanding improvement in your bowling, a great arm in the field and a top class wicketkeeper!

Patrick Delaney - Excellent line and length bowling. Steady consistent batting and a great season. Well done buddy.

Hugh Gacitua - Excellent left arm bowling. Great stroke play and enthusiasm in the field. You are a wonderful team player too!

Isacc Perkins - Great high class spinners with the ball, or tight bowling lines. Outstanding batting in particular running between the wickets.

Max Ward - Great season well done. Love those batting shots on the off side through cover. Certainly put the new bat to good use!

Antonio Thillainathan - Great season well done. Excellent bowling and nice batting to buddy. Keep up the great work.

UNDER 8 GREEN

Jack Roberts - Played with passion and consistency all season. His batting and bowling have gone from strength to strength.

Isaac Bushell - Isaac's enthusiasm at training and during the game is infectious. His bowling has improved immensely.

James Prichard - Is a great listener and has worked well in all areas of the game. His bowling has gone from strength to strength.

Satvik Prasad - Has played with consistency and enthusiasm. His batting and running between the wickets is outstanding.

Liam Roache - Is a dedicated fielder who has developed his skills over the season. He bowls with consistency and good pace.

Nicholas Shehata - Is a natural athlete who has excelled in all facets of the game. His bowling has gone from strength to strength.

Patrik Udovicic - Has played with passion and consistency this season. His batting and running between wickets is outstanding.

Ben Chase - Has improved throughout the season, especially in his bowling and fielding. The highlight of the season was Ben's hat trick.

Mason Daly - Has improved throughout the season, especially in his fielding and batting. He is a good listener and trainer.

Joseph Lombardo - Has improved throughout the season, especially in his bowling and batting. He is a good trainer and always does his best.

UNDER 8S MAROON

The 2014/15 season was the second season together for the Under 8 Maroon Briars. It was wonderful to see the improvements in the technical aspects of their respective games. A vast improvement in throwing, bowling accuracy and batting, on both the front and back foot, was a demonstrable effect of their commitment to training. By walking in with the bowler and backing up the thrower they displayed their progress in tactical awareness. Most importantly, the boys enjoyed their time together and developed practical ways of supporting each other. They played some outstanding cricket. The members of the team were:

William Allen - Energy, leadership, guru - William is a top team man who excels in every aspect of the game. His batting is super impressive.

Cooper Green - The designated hitter - Cooper has developed into a strong striker of the ball and fierce bowler. A genuine gun all-rounder.

Luke Hill - Determined 7 Cunning- Like has developed his shot making and bowling. A humorous guy and top team man who never says no to a run.

Joshua Malone - Hat-trick hero - Josh's fine bowling was rewarded with a hat-trick and "five fa". He hits the ball sweetly, he's a cricket guru.

Noah Ming - The leg spin king - Noah's bowling is very accurate and threatening. He is always alert and makes a big difference to the team.

Max Palmisani - The slugger - Max has developed into a big hitter. His unique bowling style has meant trouble for many batsmen.

Oliver Quinn - The livewire - Oliver's fine bowling earned him a "five fa", his big hitting is a threat and his fielding is astonishing.

Angus Riley -The silent assassin - Angus' left arm deliveries have been very accurate and threatening. His pull shot is deceptively powerful.

Jedd Sheedy - The surprise packet - Jedd's bowling has developed in fluency and accuracy. His hitting has become very powerful.

Oliver Stitt - The magician - Oliver has developed his bowling accuracy and fielding skills nicely. He plays a magic pull shot.

The team received tremendous support from the parents. We would like to thank them for their assistance with the boys, scoring and providing morning tea. Most praise and gratitude should go to the team manager Matt Hill. He always had us organised for each event and was a willing scorer.

It was a pleasure to the coach the boys of Under 8 Maroon. We hope that they continue to enjoy their cricket long into the future.

UNDER 9 BLACK

Ted Newton - Ted has a great spirit and loves his cricket. He'll pad up late in the innings and despatch many bowlers to the boundary.

Jayanth Bhoopalan - Padua's leg spinners are deadly. There were many celebrations with team mates as the unassuming batsmen were dismissed.

Luke Bromfield - Luke's enthusiasm for cricket is unmistakable. He loves to celebrate successes and encourages his team mates to do their best.

Chris Oen's - Chris' technique at the crease is awesome. Many runs were scored from his cut shot piercing the fielders.

Kavin Maran - Kavin competes with all his heart. Challenging the batsmen to take a single, he'll fire the ball in for a direct hit.

Seyon Umapathy - Seyon has a great team spirit. His huge smile and on field antics provide a lift for the whole team.

Angus Reen - Angus shows great determination when playing cricket. He had taken some fantastic wickets and loves to run between the wickets.

Chris Hogan - Chris has shown great pride in developing his cricket skills and has become a fantastic all-rounder for the team.

Ayan Zahid - Ayan has been very diligent with his cricket. Practicing while on an extended break has seen him improve significantly.

Anthony Corso - Anthony is very focused and has been determined to improve his cricket, rewarding him with many runs and wickets this season.

UNDER 9 BLUE

A great bunch of energetic boys learning about the game of cricket. Their skills improved every week and they did themselves and their families proud. It was a pleasure to be part of the team. Until next year.

Ekshvaak Manglik - Is an exciting batsman and good timer of the ball. His right arm medium pace is accurate and often at the wickets.

Zack Narayan - Is a high quality fast bowler, often troubling the batsman with his pace and bounce, his batting also scores plenty of runs

Moran Abou-Antoun - Is a hard hitting batsman who favours the pull shot. His fast bowling and great throwing arm has taken plenty of wickets.

Lachlan Rail - Has all the shots with the bat, scoring runs all around the wicket. He bowls fast and troubles the batsman with his pace.

Cassidy Graham - Is a high quality all-rounder. Takes wickets with the ball in hand and is always scoring runs straight down the ground.

Aidean Dolan - Is a tenacious bowler that takes wickets with his right arm medium pace. Good timer of the ball with the bat.

Mitchell Burris - Is an energetic bowler that celebrates his wickets like no other. Scores plenty of runs and has taken great catches.

Nate Tucker - Is a great timer of the ball with the bat, scores plenty of boundaries and takes wickets with his accurate medium pace.

Anthony Smith - AJ was inches away from a hat trick this year with his inspirational bowling and he scored lots of runs around the ground

UNDER 9 GOLD

Fin Mitchell - The second half of the terrible twins batting partners. Stylish with the bat, Fin was a great team player, quick in the field and accurate and consistent with his bowling.

Harry Phillip - Didn't believe in singles. Sixes and fours only. Tremendous year with the bat. Bowling was either deadly to the other batsman or our score! Worked really hard in the field and improved all year.

Charlie Grey - Is a natural cricketer. Excellent in the field. Plenty of direct hits all year. Plenty of speed and accuracy with his bowling and was part of the terrible twins batting with Fin, terrorising other teams with their running between wickets.

The quiet achiever - **Matt Gibson**'s bowling and fielding was excellent this year and his batting improved throughout the season.

Joe Doyle - Always good for a wicket when you needed one. Joe's bowling was good. His fielding sharp and batting strong. He and Matt formed a good partnership with their batting.

Edwin Langi - Great first season. Very damaging with the bat always spreading the field out with his big hitting. Great hand eye coordination made him a great asset in the field too where he displayed safe hands taking many catches.

Levi Moon - Another great improver. Levi improved so much during the season he made the school cricket team. Became a really consistent bowler. His batting and fielding improved steadily all year.

The elusive **Marc Tannous** - Lived up to his name on the cricket field. A great first season. Also a great team player. Very good hands in the field. His bowling improved during the year and hit some great shots with the bat.

Jordan Dunn-Reupena - What a natural athlete this kid is. Massive improvement during the season in all areas, particularly his bowling. Batting was a lot more solid as season progressed. Great first year.

UNDER 9S MAROON

The under 9 maroons had an outstanding year. The boys enjoyed themselves and improved their cricket. Our bowling was the big improvement this year. Our batting got better and our fielding really came on towards the end of the year. A great bunch of kids that gave 100% all year.

Tyler-George Aley - Tyler improved his cricket all-round this year. He played with enthusiasm and showed a great deal of character. He is a big hitter of the ball.

Jasen Begetis - Jasen showed steady improvement throughout the year. Batting is his strength and he is a great fielder. Also consistently fast and straight when bowling.

Aneesh Sriram - Great all round cricketer. Has developed a nice wristy batting style. He is also a consistent bowler that uses variations. Good sharp fielder.

Vijay Ratnavel - Vijay is a great kid and try's very hard to improve. His batting has come a long way. He started to get some good purchase on the ball driving this year and also his leg spin has improved, being more consistent as the year went on.

Ibrahem Iqbal - Ibi will grow up to be a great cricketer. He has a nice bowling action and he has a nice batting style as well. He can score runs and take wickets.

Aidan Chan - Aiden's strength is his bowling. Last year he was our most improved. He bowls fast and straight and swings the ball. He bats well always looking for runs and can defend with the bat.

Sachinpal Nagra - Sachin was very close to being our most improved this year. He bats with a straight bat and is difficult to dismiss. He worked on his batting all year and started to get some nice timing off the bat. His bowling was his big improvement. Not far behind was his fielding. He liked to underarm the ball in from everywhere. He started throwing it in as he got more confidence.

Matthew Gainsford - Matt is another one of our great improvers. At the start of the year he seemed very shy and not too confident. As the year went on his confidence grew and it started to come together for him. He showed a lot of grit at the batting crease and also when bowling. He always gave 100%.

Jordan Riley - Was our most improved. He is a tenacious competitor. Can hit the ball very hard. He improved in all aspects of the game. Always looking to score runs and take wickets. He was very busy in the field.

Chris Vournovis - Came in late in the season. Fitted in well and was a great contributor to our team. Bowls fast and hits the ball a long way. He is an excellent fielder.

UNDER 10 GOLD

Rameez Vu - Excellent batting throughout the season. Outstanding fielding including the best catch of the season in the deep.

Dylan Parks - Excellent improvement throughout the season. Great confidence in batting and bowling.

Oliver Cohen - A massive improvement in bowling throughout the season that helped take many wickets. Great running between wickets.

Ivan Alexander - Strong enthusiasm in every match that helped lift the team. Excellent bowling that helped take many wickets

Kalan Gates - Great team player. Great performance as wicketkeeper. Strong improvement in bowling throughout the season.

Ishaan Akolkar - Solid performance throughout the season. Great improvement in batting and bowling.

Aryaman Sehgal - Great results throughout the season. Excellent improvement in bowling.

Shivam Wadhwa - Excellent batting results that contributed significantly to the team total. Good luck in the Rep Team next season.

Tobias Knight - Great 1st season to cricket. Most Improved Player / Coaches Award for the season.

Srisatwik Bhogadi - Excellent bowling results that helped win matches. Great performance as wicketkeeper.

Aryan Chauhan - Excellent improvement in bowling that took many wickets. Good solid batting results.

Luca Favot - Excellent bowling results that helped the team win matches. Good solid batting and fielding.

UNDER 10 MAROON

The boys had a great 2014/15 season which culminated with them winning the Grand Final in a very close game. Teamwork was central to their success and they performed well together throughout the entire season. Congratulations!!!

Benjamin Bock - Benjamin continues to grow as a cricketer. With further dedication and drive Ben's game will go from strength to strength.

Joseph Bouantoun - Joseph is growing in confidence and has the ability to take many wickets. He loves his cricket and I can see a great player in the making.

Jack Buchanan - Jack's batting is technically is fantastic. He scores runs and plays some glorious offside drives. His bowling is also improving at a fast rate.

Toby Cohen - Toby has one of the most efficient pull shots in the game. He loves opening and getting amongst the fast bowlers. Also a very consistent bowler.

Jordan Craus - Jordan is a whippet in the field and saves many runs with his exceptional fielding. He is a true team player and a pleasure to coach.

Patrick Cummins - Patrick's love of the game is evident to all. He has been working hard on his bowling and has shown great improvement in this part of his game.

Hamish Gordon - Hamish is a competitive terrier and loves his cricket. He bats well, runs hard and bowls some great left arm deliveries.

James Hewgill - James is a naturally gifted cricketer who has the ability to step up for the team when runs or wickets are needed. James gets results for the team!!

Raj Johnston - Raj works hard on his game and is beginning to see the rewards of his efforts. A very good wicketkeeper and emerging batter.

Tyrone Pannuti - Tyrone has a great all round game. He keeps wicket, opens the batting and bowls with great effort.

Liam Penwill - Liam continues to shine as a leader of the team. His rep cricket is showing through in his displays for Briars. Keep up the good work!

Matthew Tzoukos - (Warney II) is amazing with his spin bowling. He has the ability to take many wickets and leaves the batters dumbfounded with his turn.

UNDER 10 BLACK

The boys and girl had a great 2014/15 season which culminated with them coming second in the competition, but unfortunately losing in the semi-finals. They worked as a team and performed well together throughout the entire season. Overall they won 12 out of 17 games. Congratulations!!! The team members were Caitlin Roche, Tiarnan McNulty, Dylan Bunting, Riley Cooper, Rohan Fahy, Matthew Peruzzi, Rameez Vu, Henry Hewson, Archer Gray, Joshua Wodson, Matthew Carr, Isaac Hopkins and Samuel Pearson.

UNDER 11 WHITE

Tom Dredge - A very good bowler under pressure. Every team needs a pressure bowler like Tom.

Jack Curren - Never gives up, no such thing as an easy run when Jack is in the field.

William Deller - Capable of turning a game with bat or ball.

Oliver Udovicic - A relentless keeper who barely misses a chance.

William Perkins - This player can do it all well. A must have for any team.

Louis Manenti - A great team player and is the Run Out King when in the field.

Vibhu Sadayappan - A gutsy batter and a tiger in the field.

Charles Cooper - A game changer with the ball and he will never let you down.

Matteo Guerra - Expect the unexpected, He hits the ball hard and is a wicket taker.

Peter Pisano - Always snares a wicket or a catch. He is never out the game.

Paul Akle - A wicket taking bowler with swing and deceptive pace.

UNDER 11 BLACK

Harrison Buckley - Panther-like fielding, terrific batting and skilful leg spinning make Harrison one of the competition's most dangerous players.

William Johnson - The 'destroyer' terrorises batsmen with his pace and accuracy. A handy lower order batsman with a fabulous straight drive.

Cooper Morris - Our own Mr. Cricket and like the Huss, Coops has got it all. Whether pulling, cutting or driving, he will score from anywhere.

Jivan Naganathan - uses guile, skill and great judgement in running in accumulating his innings. Jivan is also a very handy medium pace bowler.

Jonathan Stuart - The "blonde terror". Wonderful fielding, awesome spin bowling and outstanding batting make this player one to watch in the future.

Zubin Thrukral - continued to develop his fine pace bowling as well as developing an excellent batting technique that is as solid as a rock.

Alexander Turner Jensen - A hard-hitting batter and fast bowler who steams in like a train to bowl his quick out swingers to destroy batting line-ups.

Alex Del Popolo - An 'earl of twirl' spins the ball a mile and hits it twice as far. Amazing fielding completes the picture for this awesome talent.

Declan Canon - The "bowling assassin". Vastly improved medium pace bowler who has taken bags of wickets this year with his fiendish off-cutters

James Hraiki - Our own Brad Haddin. James is a powerful batsman capable of owning bowling attacks. He also has amazing wicket-keeping skills.

Adrian Biscotto - Undoubtedly the fastest and most lethal bowler in the competition. Also destroys bowling attacks with his enormous hitting power.

Riyaan Khan - A new player to the game, Riyann has shown tremendous improvement and developed into a more than useful medium fast pace bowler.

Declan O'Brien - returned to cricket this year and immediately shone with his hard hitting batting, skilful bowling and great wicket keeping

UNDER 11 GOLD

Jack Eccleston - A great all round cricketer and valuable keeper. Some fantastic catches fielding and solid batting scoring runs when needed.

Pranit Nagra - Always puts his hand up and contributes to the team in every way with his batting, bowling, keeping and fielding.

Ronnie Rastogi - A great batsman scoring runs at will on the leg side. He is a very competitive bowler taking vital wickets for the team.

Ned Arnold - A real asset to the team! A great contributor with his batting, bowling, fielding and assisting the team in every way.

Ben Brady - Ben's cricket has gone from strength to strength. A great season's effort with fantastic growth and improvement. A solid bowler!

Reuben Linton - A great attacking batsman who likes fast bowlers. Very sharp in the field, always looking for chances. A handy spinner!

Max Santhiran - A fantastic bowler and he contributes greatly in every game. His exceptional fielding has taken vital wickets for the team.

Christopher Cattle - Christopher's skills in batting, bowling and fielding have improved enormously and he is a great competitor. A fantastic season!

Tom Smith - Tom's season of cricket has had many highlights. He has always been keen to bat, bowl, field and help the team out in every way.

John Melia - John had an enthusiastic first season. He is a great attacking cricketer in all areas of batting, bowling and fielding.

Christopher Alexiou - A passionate cricketer who is always keen to be involved in every aspect of the game. A great ball striker!

Xander Phillips - What a first season! A great bowler, a great batsman, and a great fielder. Xander is a great player!

UNDER 11 MAROON

The 2014-2015 season was a great season filled with many wins and few losses. The team began to further bond with each other and appreciated the dynamics that make the team successful. Most importantly, the team enjoyed their

cricket and supported each other throughout the season. Despite the pressure of the Semi Final which ended our season, the team all looked forward to the next season together.

Alex Pizzinga - Alex's target bowling struck fear in all the batsman, wicket-keepers, backstop and fine-leg.

Blake McKenzie - Blake's tricky spin balls confused most batsmen, even his fielding team mates.

Ben Casey - Ben's persistent and courageous batting efforts frustrated even the most seasoned bowlers.

Nicholas Malakellis - Nick's speed between the wickets made him a threat to all teams even his own.

Jordan Michas - Jordan's hard hitting batting style made him hard to miss, except when he wasn't batting.

Jake Narayan - Jake's fast and accurate bowling style scared all batsmen, till he smiled.

Rian Surt - Rian's relaxed yet steady fielding inspired all, till the drinks break at least.

Dane Wells - Dane's all-round ability made him an all-round pain for the other Teams.

Darcy Cohen - Darcy's subtle batting style hid his determination to score.

Daniel White - Daniel's continuous ability contribute with the bat and ball, taxed opposing teams.

James Egan - James' determination and passion developed through the season, even without council approval.

Jeffrey Badrous - Jeff's bowling and batting prowess has its own style, much like his hair.

UNDER 12 MAROON

Liam Gordan - Liam's lightning reflexes behind the stumps kept the oppositions' score low and the umpires busy. Always reliable with the bat.

Jack Bakker - As captain of the team, Jack kept the boys motivated. His spin bowling perplexed many batsmen.

Jack Benchoam - With his consistent, pinpoint accuracy with the ball, Jack gave very few runs away and returned many batsmen to the sheds.

Zac Cohen - A talented all-rounder, Zac saved many certain runs in the field and kept many batsmen quiet with his bowling.

Massimo Galimi - A big hitter, Massimo also bagged a heap of wickets. He shone in the field, taking some brilliant catches.

Luca Hennessy - A great team player, Luca was never intimidated by any bowler.

Aki Hennessy - A friendly and popular player, Aki was a great all-rounder. His commitment in the field was impressive to all.

Nick Kennedy - Outstanding in the field, Nick could hit the stumps from the boundary.

George Kosmas - A determined and committed player, George was valued by the team as talented all-round cricketer.

Ethan Marshall - Ethan's calm nature made him a great player under pressure and a highly valued member of the team.

Manesh Rajendran - A popular member of the team, Mahesh was always reliable for some quick runs with his big hitting.

James Threlkeld - With his devastating speed with the ball, James took out many batsmen. Great all-rounder and solid with the bat.

Thomas Moussa - kept the team motivated in the field, and the umpires on their toes. His blend of speed and spin mystified many batsmen.

UNDER 13 GOLD TRI CRICKET

At the end of the regular season the team finished on top of the ladder with solid performances throughout the year from all players. An excellent semi- final victory found us against our old rivals Balmain in the Grand Final, Balmain having a number of representative players in their side. The Grand Final was tight and each player in our team stood up and performed to the best of their ability, enabling them to celebrate a memorable victory at the end of the day. Many thanks go to the parents of the boys who supported our teams philosophy of participation and sportsmanship. Finally a big thank you to my co-coach Pat Cullen and our Managers, Georgie and Mick Arrow. I can retire from coaching this team for the last five years a very satisfied and happy coach! The team members were:

Connor Barry - Connor is a talented left handed all-rounder with the ability to swing the ball both ways when bowling well.

Xander Deller - Was a district representative player. He is a fast opening bowler who was very handy with the bat as well.

Morley Goodchild - Was a district representative player. He was our opening bowler and probably the most accurate bowler in the competition.

James Lopes - Was one of the most improved players this year and on his day he could smash any bowler out of the attack with his big shots.

Mat Maronese - Was a district representative player. A talented all-rounder with a great pair of hands. A match winner on his day.

Adam Quinlan - Talented wicket keeper/batsmen with a solid batting technique and real determination behind the stumps.

Noah Robertso - A tall, strong bowler and on his day has one of the best bowling actions in junior cricket.

Jakob Turner Jensen - Continues to be a rock solid outswing bowler with the ability to remain calm under pressure.

Josh Lee - Was a district representative player. He has the ability to win a game with his fielding, batting or bowling.

Tom Winters - Was a district representative player. He could destroy any bowling attack with his ferocious big hitting and a talented bowler.

Nick Cullen - Again proved to be a solid opening batsmen and talented wicket keeper. A real team player.

James Arrow - Was a district representative player. A talented batsman who could bowl spin or outswing. A real thinker on the field.

Tom Sidgreaves - Was a district representative player. He was one of the most talented and consistent batsmen in the whole competition.

UNDER 13 MAROON (SAT)

Dominic Lane - Strong leg side batsman, delivers some unplayable balls and taken some great catches!

Trent Stanmore - Solid batsman, disciplined wicketkeeper and his spin bowling keeps taking wickets!

Oscar Van Hal - Considerably improved batting, bowled numerous great overs and rock solid fielder!

Saarangan Arvind - Loves batting, particularly opening and a dangerous fast bowler!

Ethan Jameison - Dominating batsman, an array of bowling skills and focussed wicket keeper - loves cricket!

Vrishank Pendyala - Improved in all disciplines, smashing boundaries and taking wickets!

Martti Zenos - Developing leg spinner who turns the ball a mile and enthusiastic cricketer!

James Arrow - Strong top order batsman and highly consistent bowler - loves cricket!

Luke Iacona - Powerful batsman, solid bowler and keen cricketer!

Usman Zahid - Unique fast bowler - who has ability to keep taking wickets!

Eesan Sureshkumar - Excellent technical and consistent fast bowler who always ties up batsman!

Nathaniel Horseman - Powerful hitter, hitting numerous boundaries and the Doug Walters partnership breaker with the ball!

UNDER 13 MAROON (TRI CRICKET)

Whilst the results didn't necessarily go our way this season the boys will look back on the season as a real learning experience. Quite often coming up against older, bigger and stronger opponents we always put in a really solid effort every game and found ourselves in winnable positions in a number of games. All the boys improved throughout the season and there were some great individual efforts by all the boys and they always played with a smile on their face. The team members were:

Adam Angelis - Loves playing cricket. Always quick with a word of "encouragement". Takes it to the bowlers at the top of the order.

Adam Brooks - Scored too many runs last season for his poor feet to cope with. Back for a big season next year. Always reliable, great kid.

Tom Buchanan - the Shane Watson of the team. Bats, bowls and fields incredibly well. Huge potential that with belief will have a great future.

Anton Demark - Loves the game. Great technique at the top of the order and turns the ball like Stuart McGill.

Fabian Di Mento - Continues to put in the effort. Hit some key runs and taken key wickets at times this season.

Raffaele Di Mento - Fantastic first season of Cricket. Raph has bowled really well for a first year player.

Lawrence D'Mello - continues to improve especially his bowling. Very crafty.

Arya Thakur - We missed his obvious skill level this season as Arya was quite often away on Rep duties.

Thomas Allsopp - Huge improvement in Thomas' all round game this season. Really found his spot as the rock at the top of the order. Bowled well.

Anthony Carbo - Pleasure to coach. Hopefully realises that he has more than just a good eye. Tons of ability.

Kian O'Neill - made great steps again this season. Scored some very handy runs and bowled well above his stature at times.

Finn Gray - Huge talent, great kid, showed great leadership throughout the year. All class.

UNDER 13 GOLD

Having been allocated to play in a higher age group, the boys played magnificently and reached their third grand final in a row. Due to injuries and absences, they frequently played under strength, sometimes with as few as nine players. The boys only lost two games in the entire season. Unfortunately one of those games was the final. It was a source of immense pride to watch these lads win against much bigger and older boys and to improve their game in the process. The team members were:

Luke Antoniadis - The 'intimidator'. Luke's ferocious opening spells and late order hitting can win matches.

Aidan Gardner - Cool opening batsman that can accumulate big scores. Off break master that takes plenty of wickets.

Anhad Lamba - One of the cleanest and biggest hitters in the team. Always bags a wicket when the team needs it.

Lochlan Lee - The 'Hurt Locker' can take a game away from the opposition in a few overs. Powerful hitter and a wicket keeper of growing confidence.

Blaise McKee - A natural cricketer that is feared in equal parts for his astonishing batting and his accurate bowling.

Jared McKenna - The best wicket keeper-batsman in the competition. Frequently carries his bat.

Adi Raj - Is developing a leg-break that will yield heaps of wickets into the future. Great lower order batsman.

Jet Wells - The 'metronome'. Accurate seamer that can move the ball in both directions. A real 'finals bowler' who can win games.

Rohan Whitting - An opening batsman of power and precision. Growing leadership capabilities and handy slow bowler.

Nick Kosmas - A beguiling spin bowler that can take a swag of wickets. Strong hitter and very good team man.

Hitesh Sreenath - Wicket taking machine that can also hit the leather off the ball. Smiling assassin.

Kaan Eyvaz - Courageous newcomer that is showing great promise as a bowler.

UNDER 14 (SOUTH EASTERN)

That the boys played the game in the right spirit and as their coach I really enjoyed coaching the boys and watching them develop into better players than they were at the start of the season. The team members were:

Albert Brooks - A terrific all-rounder an excellent fast bowler and a batsmen who can play a long innings.

Dean Begetis - An unselfish aggressive opening batsman who will attack the opposition bowling.

Liam Ferrier - An excellent all-rounder, has great raw pace as a bowler and a hard-hitting batsmen

Michael Lopez - A stylish middle order batsman always willing to sacrifice his wicket in the search of quick runs.

Ben Wood - Developing into a first class opening bowler can be relied on to lead the attack. Ben will become an excellent batsman in the future given more opportunities.

Finn Morrison - A very technically correct batsman who will score many runs in the future.

Patrick Buckley is an excellent wicket-keeper who has great hands and excellent footwork. Also a very stylish batsman.

Harry Brooks - A very promising leg spinner who can bowl very tightly and take wickets at the same time. Great asset in any team he plays for. A bright cricketing future awaits Harry.

Liam Taylor - **No one tries harder than Liam whether it be fielding, bowling or batting. Liam loves to smash the bowling.** An excellent team man.

Nick Doherty - Nick is developing into an excellent fast scoring; busy batsmen. Nick is also developing into a fine off spin bowler.

Tom Brooks - Tom leads by example. He has developed into one of our teams most consistent batsmen, is developing into an excellent leg spinner and can always be relied on to give his best.

UNDER 15/16 MAROON

Our team was asked to play in the older top division which provided plenty of challenge for the season. The boys had a great sense of camaraderie evidenced through the music and team dancing, wonderful morning teas, social outings and of course on the field where we had to convince the opposition to not leave early and continue playing on several occasions. The boys consistently had opposition teams in trouble with fine fielding, catching and bowling although our batting wasn't as fruitful this year. Well done lads on an excellent effort with many memorable moments! The team members were:

Michael Gordon - Bagged many wickets with several memorable wrong uns to bewilder batsmen. Solid batting technique greatly improved.

Jacob Mossin - A stylish and aggressive batsman / keeper who plundered many runs with his cover drives and pull shots. A cheeky underrated bowler.

Sanjan Naganathan - Sanjan's opening spells were a delight to watch as he bowled with venom and great swing. A lethal arm in the infield.

Charlie Prentice - A thoughtful spinner, Charlie beguiled the opposition with his tweakers including an incredible 5/4.

Mihir Razdan - This strong lad is fast but deceptive with a deadly inswinging yorker that destroyed the stumps on many occasions.

Billy Smith- excited with dangerous lift, cut and swing to trouble the best of batsmen. Billy also took some great catches.

Jai Surti - Tough and gritty, Jai's accuracy, change of pace and sharp turn created havoc with batsmen. Big smile=big wicket.

Kiran Surti - The Master Blaster. All style and this reborn Kohli like batsman nonchalantly used his wrists to sail deep over the infield.

Ashton Whitting - Fantastic technique like a latter day Greg Chappell, hitting with power through the leg side. Brilliant slips catches and VC.

Benjamin Wood - An aggressive left hand bat whose precision bowling tied up the opposition including a memorable 3/17 off 8 overs.

Dylan Lee - With calypso coolness, Dylan's outswing bowling was unplayable, striking fear into batsmen. An encouraging and gritty leader.

Rahil Ajmera displayed great thirst for bat and ball. His nagging line and dangerous cut bagged him many wickets this year.

Harrison Green- Nicknamed the whispering death for his silent fluid run up, Harry's outswing mesmerised opponents and his humour baffled them.

Osman Kayani- The tearaway quick of the team with genuine pace, Ozzie's stylish attack with the bat left many teams stunned.

UNDER 15/16 GOLD

After starting the season slowly the boys developed their skills and won a number of games pre the Christmas break - particularly through improved bowling and fielding. The loss of some boys in the new year meant the remaining boys had to play a number of games short and they did so by making the most of their increased opportunities to develop their skills and finished the season with great enthusiasm and a strong victory to be 5th on the table, just missing out on finals. The team members were: Thileeprahal Ramesh, Sathiyabalan Kumarasamy, Tony Liu, Bryson Hart, Dylan Jenkin, Dayne Barnett, Joshua Hong, Sai Krishna Manikyanivas, Pakajan Narendiran, Kedaran Santhakumar, Mohana Bhogadi and Gokul Selvarajah.

MEN'S A GRADE, A RESERVE AND C GRADES

Ding Dong the Witch is dead . . . The Monkey is off our back . . . whichever cliché you choose, Concord Briars Men's, after nine years competing, finally won our first premiership and made sure of it by winning two. Even more important than this tangible success, as always is the mateship within our teams and integrity of our play which continue the legacy of our club.

A Grade had a solid, yet somewhat frustrating season and finished out of the finals in fifth place.

A Reserve finished the regular season in 4th place and with no momentum after winning just one of the last five games of the season. A gritty win over the minor premiers in the semi-final by 40 runs proved this team of hard old heads and rookies had some serious resolve. The last four wickets fell for just 12 runs via some inspired part time spin bowling to give an improbable win by just 4 runs to the immense joy and surprise of the team, ending the nine year drought.

Our **C Grade** boys had a consistent season finishing in second place. Their Semi Final was set up by a great bowling display, finished off by ruthless batting. Their Grand Final win was an epic, low scoring affair. After leading by 41 runs after the first innings, the champagne had to be kept on ice all week as our opponents were determined to attempt an outright win. After being set a solid target our lads were under a little pressure to hold on, but blocked it out to hold on for a 3 wicket win.

In a situation likened to when the Australian team lost McGrath, Gilchrist and Warne, the club suffered some retirements at the conclusion of this watershed season. Alas, this opens up opportunities for other players to refresh and invigorate our teams.

RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In 2015 Briars Rugby was demoted to Division 4 due to the withdrawal of Hornsby RUFC from the Sydney competition and overall poor performances in 2014, despite Fourth Grade's Grand Final win. Briars Rugby argued

our case to the Sydney Suburban Rugby Union Board to remain in Division 3. We were unsuccessful in the plea, with Redfield being promoted to Division 3 (and subsequently taking out the Club Championships in Division 3 in 2015).

Briars Rugby entered a very different competition than in previous seasons. A previously strong club, Beecroft RUFC, were also demoted to Division 4, due to poor performance and lack of players in Division 1 in 2014. Our competition in Division 4 was diverse and drawn from across Sydney: Blacktown, Merrylands, Canterbury and Rouse Hill in the western suburbs, Macquarie University in the north and Harlequins, Convicts and Irish in Sydney's east.

The ARU and NSW RU proposed a number of new requirements on all Suburban Rugby Clubs this year including managing fees and insurances centrally with funds distributed back to the clubs. This was going to cause significant detriment to clubs, including Briars, and Sydney Subbies successfully opposed this regime, for the foreseen future. A new registration and records system was introduced for clubs. This required new learning for administrators especially around the transfer of new players from other clubs which was particularly confusing and technical.

Briars Rugby commenced preseason training in February 2015. We were pleased to retain our 2014 coaching staff and welcomed two new members to our coaching staff including our new Head Trainer. Sadly Head Coach Max Malkin, had to resign during our pre-season due to work commitments and we wished him well in his new role at St Patrick's College Strathfield. These changes to the coaching structure put some pressure on the plan for 2015 but thankfully we were able to assign a First Grade coach, Head Trainer and Third Grade Captain Coach, leaving only Second Grade without an allocated coach.

Our off-season recruitment efforts were as successful as in previous years with a good number of new players to the club. Briars lost players from 2014 with retirements, Shute Shield recruitments and movements to other clubs. Briars offset these losses by recruiting a number of players from the recently folded St George RUFC, with many players strengthening our Second Grade side in 2015.

The preseason preparations included trial games against Epping and St Ives, among other clubs, and the Subbies Sevens event. The season was launched with a social event and supported by our major sponsor Lion at their Sydney brewery in Lidcombe, which included a tour of the brewery, bbq dinner and beer tasting, followed by watching some Super 15 games on the TV.

Briars Rugby started the season with a tough first game against previous Division 1 club, Beecroft. While all three grades were defeated, it was only by small margins in second and third grades. The teams took that as a good lesson of where the competition would be for the season and came together to turn the season around.

Over the following 13 rounds, Third Grade only lost once more and finished the competition in second place just behind Beecroft, separated by one bonus point. Second Grade had a slower start to the season with one win in the first four games. They turned this around as the new players gelled and had eight wins, finishing the season in third spot. 2015 was the first time, in a long time, Briars had two teams (second and third grade) make the finals.

At the start of the year, First Grade had lost several players to retirement or selection for Shute Shield First Grade sides. This provided an opportunity for long time Second Grade players to step up into First Grade, with a few quality U/21 players also joining the side.

First Grade selection was based on club commitment, in particular to training two nights a week. With an effective Head Trainer, the team worked throughout the season, refining skills and knowledge. With only one win in the first seven games, it was a tough start to the season. There was improvement each week with very close losses in a number of those games. In the last half of the season Briars won five games including some against teams who had managed big winning margins against them earlier in the season. This was a big turn around and a strong testament to the continued efforts of the coaches and players working as a team, supported by the Committee.

Briars Rugby held a number of events throughout the season, with Rothwell Park hosting seven games in the season. Ladies Day in May raised funds for the Breast Cancer Network and First Grade wore pink socks in support of the cause. Old Boys Day was held in June and paid tribute to the former players of the club. Back to Briars Day was held as our last home game which is focused on the family side of the club. It brought our new Junior Rugby players down for the day who ran out onto the ground with First Grade and enjoyed the jumping castle. Our Old Boys also played a game of touch before the games for the day.

Throughout the season the canteen was staffed by player's parents who were continually praised for the quality of the food and friendliness of the service. Players were also involved each week in the setup and pull down of the equipment to ensure that the ground was picture perfect for all games on the day.

Second Grade and Third Grade both made the finals in 2015. Third Grade met Beecroft in the first week and unfortunately went down to a well drilled team. This put them into a knockout game against Canterbury. In a close game, Briars lost and narrowly missed out on a place in the Grand Final. Second Grade finished the season in third spot and went straight into knockout competition. In the first week, they met Canterbury and looked in trouble in the first half. A big motivational speech at halftime turned the team around and they came out all guns firing to win the game. Briars met Sydney Irish in the Preliminary Final and fought hard for that Grand Final position, unfortunately losing in the dying minutes by two points.

The season ended with an exhibition game against the Singleton Army side at Randwick Barracks. Players from all grades joined together to play, even donating a few players to the Army side, who were short. It is hoped that this is the start of another tradition where Briars and the Army will play an exhibition game each year, alternating between grounds.

With the Rugby World Cup starting just as our season ended, it only seemed appropriate to theme the Presentation Night as World Cup. With nearly 100 people in attendance, players and partners celebrated a successful season for 2015. Many new players to the club were recognised as standout players and club stalwarts were also thanked for their efforts in 2015.

2015 saw a strong year for Briars Rugby financially with an almost break-even budget, well in front of the expected budget figures at the start of the year. The turnaround of the financial standing of Rugby was achieved through a number of new sponsors, a strong canteen intake, the collection of 97% of the rugby fees and the due diligence of the committee to cut costs and monitor spending.

2016 will produce new challenges and opportunities for Briars Rugby. The Committee is looking forward to a successful year ahead with the support of the Briars Club, and other sports, as we work together to be the best sporting club for our players and members.

David Lannan

RUGBY JUNIORS

Junior Rugby started 2015 continuing with the successful six week Kids Bilby Clinics that had been established in 2014. The clinic has proved a vital tool to both welcome players new to Rugby and hone rugby related skills.

Our term 1 clinic had 18 kids registered between the ages of 4-7 years. Terms 2 and 3 had 15 and 18 kids respectively. The year was rounded out with eight kids registered for the final. A number of kids attended more than one clinic a year with the majority carrying on into the Mini competition.

In our most significant development, 2015 saw us join the local competition - Inner West Minis, which was played at St Lukes on Saturday mornings from April to August. Initial plans were around starting with just one team entering the competition. However with the success of the Bilby clinic, we were lucky to have almost enough kids interested in playing rugby to register two teams into the competition - Under 6s and Under 8s. Once the teams were set, a few of our new parents were able to get the couple of extra players that we needed in each age group to ensure a successful season.

Weekly training sessions were held out on the back green at the club on a Thursday evening with Cameron Smith running the training for both age groups. After the first few games of the season, we had three parents step up to take on the coaching of the teams and running with them on Saturday mornings. I'd like to thank Sean Toomey, Gerard Dillon and Aaron Boyter for their outstanding coaching efforts.

UNDER 6S

With a record 16 draws, Under 6s finished the season undefeated. Well done to all involved and we look forward to seeing these names feature predominantly in the future.

Zac Toomey - Great team player, who will always pass the ball to less vocal kids

Angus Dillon - Only has eyes for the ball, full of determination and super keen to start contact

Luke Barillaro - Unfortunately had to leave the season early, but was committed to the team each game that he played

Max Portelli - Super Quick and talented

Felix Beckford - Had a smile on his face from the moment he got on the field, he loved playing the game

Aidan Moussa - Getting the ball wasn't his focus, he just enjoyed playing with his friends

Thomas Harris - The youngest on the team, he always managed to get the laughs from the sideline

William Boyter - Team player who was willing to fill in for the other team if they were down on numbers.

Ryan Skelton - Excelled at finding the nearest cone to put the ball down on.

UNDER 8S

We were so proud of the Under 8s rugby first season. They truly showed great mateship and the true spirit of Briars Rugby.

Jack Callaghan - Always turned up with his game face on, he is a powerful runner and great defender and was most consistent all season.

Max Ward - Always put his hand up when the hard work needed to be done.

Dominic Toomey - He played with great spirit and passion for the game. He is all heart.

Liam Donegan - Found his niche in the front row and was lethal in the rucks and mauls.

Aidan Boustani - Aidan was fearless and determined all season, never taking a backward step.

Luca Beckford - Luca proved to be a star fly half providing quick ball to the backs.

Christian Tassopoulos - As the highest try scorer for the season Christian proved there is no substitute for speed and agility.

Ben Andrieux Dibben - Ben showed the biggest improvement throughout the season, his speed and darting runs were invaluable.

Dhruv Dawar - Dhruv had a strong running style, was an instrumental part of the teams go forward.

This year also saw the start of Rugby Holiday Camp in the September school holidays which catered for kids aged 5-8 and 9-12. This was a one or two day program to teach new skills and promote Briars within the community. With 25 kids registered for the first day and 20 for the second day (which unfortunately was cancelled due to bad weather), the camp was a resounding success. I'd like to thank Jack Lloyd for all his help with the organisation and running of the camp as well as sourcing the coaching staff and for coaching himself. We plan on holding two camps per year going forward.

Looking forward to 2016, we have now formed a strong committee dedicated to building Junior Rugby. I would like to thank Sean Toomey, Michael Beckford, Jack Lloyd, Rachel Dillon and Tanya Toomey for joining the committee and look forward to building a bigger and better club.

At this stage for the 2016 season, Junior Rugby plan to hold a school holiday camps in January and September. We also are aiming to grow to four teams in the Minis Competition and also a new team into a Juniors Competition (this competition is for Under 10s-Under 16s).

Jules Boyter Junior Rugby President

HOCKEY WOMEN

WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE

The 2015 season started off with difficulty, losing ten players from our successful 2014 campaign, one retirement, four changed clubs, three moved interstate, two moved overseas and suddenly we were looking at starting afresh. Players came to us from other clubs, interstate and overseas and once again we had a squad of 18 players, with improved depth from our lower grades. The season was full of interruptions due to numerous rep duties; a good thing as it shows the quality of our players.

Once again we need to request that SWHL organise a bye for when U21 rep players are out of the league (over 40 were missing from ML1) instead of having a bye for vets being away (can't think of any out of ML1) - there were two rounds where we had ten players missing from our squad.

Players came from 2s, 3s and juniors and we actually took full points against UTS who were at full strength. This was the catalyst for our finals campaign.

We finished the season in 4th position taking on GNS in the semi final elimination. Coming off a comprehensive win late in the round gave us confidence to repeat the effort. This set up a clash with Moorebank in the prelim, who were unlucky to have lost to Sydney Uni in their semi. In a terrific clash requiring extra time to separate us, we beat Moorebank which took us into another grand final against an unbeaten Sydney Uni.

In the grand final in front of a good Briars turnout at half time we were certainly in it, with us pulling back the equaliser just before half time. However the second half saw some uncharacteristic errors in defence which allowed Sydney Uni to gain ascendancy and from there they know how to close out a game.

Congratulations to Alysha Borg for winning the Loretta Dorman medal, a just reward for another outstanding season.

Grateful thanks to Samantha Bray who landed the managerial role by helping out week 1 then not getting a chance to leave. Your help was immeasurable.

A huge thank you to David John whose work with the girls' fitness, injury rehabilitation and overall care of the players was once again outstanding. A thank you to Mark Flack for his ongoing support and assistance on the pitch at Wednesday night training sessions and at games. And thank you to the ML1 squad who enjoyed another exciting and fulfilling season of hockey.

Top goal scorer for both ML1 and Briars women was Esther Hotham with 18 goals. Players Player went to Alysha Borg and Coaches Award was awarded to Tori Scanlon

Lee Capes - Coach

WOMEN'S THIRD GRADE

ML3 had a successful season in that they finished in the middle of the pack, in the clubs return to the higher ML3 division. With a good blend of experience and youth, the team had some memorable victories over top teams, showing that the team was worthy of the promotion. Led by Kylie Norris and Cindy Goodridge with upcoming juniors Alana Southern and Hannah Smith, the team was a well balanced unit. Speedster Maddy Hall and solid defender Nicki Wilkinson saw both girls rewarded with runs in ML1, with both girls more than holding their own. Maddi Hall went on to play in the ML1 final series. Players player went to Jules Prolov.

Well done on a solid year in this difficult division.

Lee Capes - Coach

WOMEN'S FOURTH GRADE

2015 saw Women's 4th grade undergo some major changes in personnel from 2014. With the impending birth of his first child, Stephan Madyski, was unavailable for the 2015 season as coach, so into the breach stepped David "Beatle" Alexander assisted by Mark "Matho" Matheson.

In addition to the loss of Mandy Madyski due to the same impending birth, three players were promoted to 2nd Grade - Ruby, Charlotte and Megan, with Anke also promoted to 3rd Grade in recognition for her fantastic work in goal. With the loss of a couple of other players to other sports and outside interests, 4th Grade was looking for a large number of new recruits to build a strong cohesive unit in order to continue to be playoff contenders in 2015.

Following the loss of Janine Chatterjee to a season-ending calf injury in the second game of the year and the lack of a regular goal keeper, Beatle and Matho knew they had a challenge ahead to build a team for the 2015 season.

With a core group of ten players, supported by a fantastic bunch of ladies from 5th, 6th and 7th grade, willing to double up each week, the team made the qualifying final. With significant injury challenges which saw only the bare 11 of our usual line up able to take the field, some carrying their own injuries too, and Anke playing on the field! We bolstered our playing depth again with players from 6th grade. Despite a valiant effort, the injuries proved too large a task to overcome with our season ending with this game.

Ellie Eagle played superbly each week and was rewarded for her efforts by winning the Player's Player award. Her skills, fitness and goal scoring ability shone all season. Sadly, her season was blighted by several injuries, and soon after the season ended she sustained an Achilles tendon rupture and is currently undergoing six months of rehabilitation. We wish her a speedy recovery and plead with her to focus on hockey, as she seems to only get injured when competing in other sports.

With Anke's promotion to 3rd Grade, we battled to find a regular keeper, and were very grateful for the players who stepped up and filled the breach when needed, special mention to Andrea Stewart who was always willing to don the keeping gear for us even if it meant taking on Mirrabooka twice in the same season!

Midway through the season we were lucky to sign up a permanent goal keeping replacement – Baillie Drew-Gittoes. A NSW Under 15 keeper, Baillie made the step up into the senior ranks and has a bright future ahead.

Our defensive line, Flavia Neyertz (co-captain), Jennifer Prosser and Nicola Goulstone, provided the platform from which many of the attacking opportunities were launched.

Slotting into the centre midfield role, Nicola Skinner (co-captain) controlled the distribution and guided the team around the field.

Harriet Allen returned after a couple of seasons away from Briars and noticing that we were defensive heavy offered to fill a gap we had in the forward line despite it not being her position of choice.

Sarah Seaman was asked by Beatle and Matho to play out of position as well for a number of games this season. Her work ethic was second to none, particularly when it came to training and her efforts were recognised by being awarded the Coaches Award.

Milena De Silva proved her versatility by rotating through the forward and half line, working hard both in attack and defence.

Annie Miller joined Briars mid-season, another junior player making the step up to the senior ranks. Annie slotted in at inside forward, with her skills and mobility showing she has a bright future in senior hockey ahead of her.

After discussion with the coaches, Leah Keelan asked to move to the inside forward line. Her excellent positional play and strength on the ball meant she complimented the side, providing the team with a formidable midfield combination.

Anna Turnbull was awarded the Best and Fairest award. Her contribution on and off the field was invaluable, and her wisdom in the dugout and reading of the game was accurate and timely. She contributed several goals in critical games and despite carrying a niggling injury for much of the season she never gave less than 100%.

To show that Briars really is a family club, three players joined the squad whilst also playing for 6th Grade. Kylie Beckhouse and her two daughters, Olivia and Sofia quickly became part of the team. Kylie ran her heart out up front, often immediately after racing across town with the three of them from another game. Another one for versatility, it would not surprise us if Sofia played every position on the field, with the exception of goal keeper, and even at 13, showed the skills of a future higher-grade player. Olivia added extra strike power to our forward line with her speed and agility but unfortunately she left us late in the season to undertake a six month foreign exchange in Chile.

Finally, special mention needs to be made of Danielle Quoy. As well as being the rock at right half, Danielle also acted, yet again, as our team manager. She spent countless hours emailing, phoning and messaging players ensuring that we had a full complement of players at each game. In addition, she doubled up for 6th Grade as well. All this was done whilst organising her wedding, at the time of writing, the newly-wed Mr and Mrs Alexander were enjoying a "mini-moon" on the Gold Coast – the team would like to congratulate Beatle and Lady Beatle on their recent wedding.

There were numerous other players who filled in for us this year, making sure we fielded a high quality team each week, we would like to thank everyone for their support.

Special thanks to Lewis Mike who helped out with coaching on several occasions at training and even filled in to run the team when both Beattie and Matho were away playing at the Masters Championships.

We look forward to the 2016 season.

David Alexander and Mark Matheson - Coaches 2015

HOCKEY MEN

MEN'S SIXTH GRADE

After three minor premierships and two premierships in the last three years we were promoted to a higher grade for 2015. We weren't sure how we would go in the higher division and it was a bit of a surprise when we won our first four games relatively easily. Reality set in after that and we only won two of our next six games. A strong finish to the season with five wins and two draws in our last seven games saw us finish in third spot.

The minor semi was nail biting 4-3 win over St George with the winning goal scored in the last seconds of the game. Another nail biter in the preliminary final saw us get up over Easts 1-0, with a golden goal in the first minute of extra time.

Unfortunately we couldn't follow it up with a win in the grand final going down to a younger and fitter Bentstix team 3-0. Runners up is a superb effort after moving up a grade.

We had a few changes of personnel this year with Dave Shurey returning from injury and Pyke Gunning playing the full year. New players were Remco Prins (bringing the "Dutch mafia" up to four), Jeremy Saunders and Greg Smith, both recent arrivals in Sydney and Joel Osmond who stepped up from sevens to play in goals. Our major loss was the promotion of Mark Williams to third and fourth grade.

We had a few fifth grade players help us out through the year. Thanks to James Fordham, Tim Schofield, Steve Strain, Al O'Connell and Andrew Williams. Also a big thanks to Simon Bergfield from sevens for again stepping up and covering for an injured player in the Grand Final.

While we played some great hockey at times during the year, we sometimes lacked composure and were thinking more about the umpires and the opposition's game than our own.

Pyke Gunning was our Players' Player and Best and Fairest. He was invaluable addition to the team and played in pretty much every position bar keeper at some stage through the year.

Luis Barguno was awarded the Coach's Award. "Frenchy" is the quiet achiever on the team, not saying much but putting in a consistent performance at left half every week.

Leading Goal scorer was Remco Prins with eleven.

Thank you to Ian Brown for the awesome job he does managing the team and to Jimmy Fordham, Greg Smith, Al O'Connell and Preso for helping out with training, selections, structure and tactics and running the bench at various times during the year, most notably during the finals. Finally a special mention for Shurey for again hosting an awesome post grand final party.

Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2015 – it was great playing with you guys. Congratulations on the outstanding results and a very enjoyable season and I hope to see you all back to have a tilt at the premiership in 2016.

Mike Denniss - Captain

MEN'S SEVENTH GRADE

Results: 7ths - 5th with 9 wins, 2 draws and 7 losses

This season was somewhat of a turnaround for 7ths. We had an influx of juniors for the first time in several seasons and, in some respects, this re-invigorated the side. Three young guys played for more than half the season; with a fourth joining for the last four games. It was great to see them finding their feet, gaining confidence and contributing in a big way. The older (and arguably wiser) guys also lifted their game. When you are playing against a side that is full of 25 year-old backpackers or Uni students, you have to use all of the resources to hand to be competitive.

We finished 5th and were pretty happy with this result. Then, after several weeks of rumours, the SHA confirmed a top-6 finals series and we were into the finals for the first time in years. It was 5th vs 2nd and we fought them all the way. Even at full-time, even after first extra time, into second extra time and 7-a-side. This is where it helped to have a couple of young guys who were still full of running on the field. It almost paid off but we were denied the penalty stroke that everyone at the field except those with a whistle were signalling. Highest on the ladder proceed to the next final so our season was over but the end result was so encouraging.

Congratulations to this season award winners – all well earned!

- Best and Fairest - Keiran O'Shea

- Players Player - Martin Campbell
- Most Improved - Jason Ius

The guys who played for 7ths during the season were:

Daryl Baihn	Chris Costin	Jamie McLeod	Viv Paul
Serge Calcarao	Chris Coveny	Paul Monaro	Jamie Pottie
Martin Campbell	John Denniss	Keiran O'Shea	Clay Scanlon
Rennie Colaco	Jason Ius	David Osmond	Jarrod Scanlon
Kealan Coleman	Joe Lyons	David Paul	Simon Bergfield

There were also a number of players from Vets and other grades who helped out by making up the numbers on occasion.

Simon Bergfield - Manager

MEN'S MASTERS (LEGENDS DIVISION)

Our 2015 season was an excellent follow up from 2014. We retained the premiership title, once again taking things down to the wire with 2-2 draw in ordinary time followed by a narrow 3-2 win in the one-on-ones.

In Masters, we skip extra time and go straight to the one-on-ones with the goalie and it was close all the way. Both sides converted their first attempts (Stephan), missed their next two attempts, converted the fourth attempt (Simon) so it all came down to the last attempt. Jesse went first and scored so it was then up to Ozzie. Adding extra tension was the fact that our goalie Ozzie had cramped up after the first attempt and had very limited mobility for the duration. Clearly he won the mind games with the Ryde players as he intimidated all but the fourth Ryde player out of scoring! So, a nail biting win for Briars without going to the sudden death phase!

Unfortunately we didn't retain the minor premiership this year, we did finish second (one point behind minor premiers Northside) with seven wins, five draws and three losses. We weren't as dominant during the regular season as in 2014, with our for and against being 33/20 compared to 38/16 for the previous year. We do need to work on our finishing and we still turn over possession too easily in our own half. Consequently, we put unnecessary pressure on ourselves. Even so, our control of possession was much better than it was prior to 2014 and we were able to sustain attacking positions for lengthy periods. With a little more patience and discipline, we can improve further.

We retained most of our players from 2014 and picked up Stephan Richartz who, after a 15 year absence from hockey, has become a real asset for our team and John Denniss who played Masters for the first time after a number of years in the Briars lower grades.

Nick Carter was our Players' Player and Best and Fairest. He was invaluable in both attack and defence. Having him available for the bulk of the season was a significant factor in our continued improved performance and his ability to convert scoring opportunities is invaluable.

Simon Bergfield was awarded the Coach's Award. Simon's role as centre half provides a high degree of stability and composure neutralising key opposition players and enabling the players around him to contribute to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to our goal scorers: Nick Carter (6), Stephan Richartz (5), Jesse Borthwick, Mike Imer and Shah Alam (4 each), Joe Ferrer (3), John Clarke and Mike Denniss (2 each), Simon Bergfield, Ian Brown and Floris Van Ogtrop (1 each).

Congratulations also to the following representative players: Mike Denniss (Sydney 55s and Tasmania 50s Div2), Dave Paul (Sydney 63s and NSW 60s Div 2) and Simon Bergfield (Sydney 55s).

Thank you to Mike Imer and Mike Denniss for their assistance with organising the team on those occasions when I was unable to do so and to Adam Schasser, James Fordham and Greg Smith for their coaching support during the finals.

Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2015. Congratulations on the outstanding results and a very enjoyable season and we will see you again in 2016.

Ian Brown- Manager

HOCKEY JUNIORS

As the curtains close on another wonderful season of hockey, we would like to thank all our club volunteers including coaches, managers and parents for their tireless efforts to support our junior club. A special mention must go to Wal Zol for assisting week in and week out with the behind-the-scenes running of our clubhouse and the Ferrer-Beckhouse family for volunteering endless hours of their time to help Wal with the running of the canteen.

2015 was another successful season for our juniors, fielding at least one team in each age group with six out of eight teams reaching finals and our 13Cs, 15As and 15Cs all making it through to their respective Grand Finals. The 13Cs had a convincing 4-0 win over Northern Districts, taking the North Area premiership whilst the 15Cs despite their brave efforts had to settle for the runners-up trophy, going down 4-1 to Manly. The 15As collected the coveted Colin

Manning Trophy winning the Metro Grand-final 2-1 against Northern Districts with Miles Davis taking the man-of-the-match award.

Briars were also very strongly represented this year at the State Championship level and National level with a large number of our juniors competing in all age groups.

As many of you may be aware the Briars will be moving to a new home in 2016, across the road from Cintra. Our club President, Emma Ratcliff together with John Price have for the past 12 months been involved in negotiations with the Westconnex Project in regards to construction and design of a new field and clubhouse. Construction has already begun and we are expecting to move in late January to early February. Fortunately as part of the negotiations at no point will the Briars Hockey Club be homeless so all our activities will continue as normal at Cintra until the new facilities are completed and we are ready to move in.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. See you all in 2016!

Clay Scanlon & Andrea Casteriano

Team	Competition	Season Result	Finals Result	Coach	Manager
Minkeys				James Fordham & Aodhan Hannigan	
11C	North Area	7th		Danielle Woods	Jo Scanlon
13A	North Area	4th	Semi-finalist	Troy Prescott	
13C	North Area	Minor Premiers	Grand-final Winners	Cassie Miliatis	Ivana Liistro
15A	Metro	3rd	Grand-final Winners	Chris Welch / Jocelyn Bartram	Quang Dao
15C	North Area	4th	Runners-up	Matt Hetherington	
17A	Metro	5th		Chris Welch / Jocelyn Bartram	Quang Dao
17B	North Area	4th	Semi-finalists	Laurie Robertson	Nicola Chapman
17C	North Area	Minor Premiers	Prelim-finalists	Kate Irvine	Andrea Casteriano

Award Winners

11C		13A	
Most Improved	Callan Phan	Most Improved	Scarlett Thuell
Best & Fairest	Tully Shipton	Most Consistent	Toby Mallon
Most Consistent	Darcey Babbage	Players' Player	Brandon Potts
NA Encouragement Medal	Dakota Thuell	NA Encouragement Medal	Annabel Smith
NA Encouragement Medal	Sanjana Krishnan	NA Encouragement Medal	Henry Tyree
13C		15A	
Best & Fairest	Anton Villas	Most Valuable	Rashil Jetley
Most Improved	Juliette Triccas	Most Consistent	Julia Bradley
Players' Player	Giacomo Paul	Players' Player	Wilson Wu
NA Encouragement Medal	Rian Surti		
NA Encouragement Medal	Luke O'Brien		
15C		17A	
Most Valuable Player	Sourish Iyengar	Most Improved	Lily Tha
Most Improved	Brooke Everard	Most Reliable	Zachary Chong
Coach's Award	Sarah Jones	Players' Player	Xavier Dao
NA Encouragement Medal	Alex Darling		
NA Encouragement Medal	Todd Dale		
17B		17C	
Best & Fairest	Edward Zaczek	Best & Fairest	Jayden Mills
Most Improved	Jonah Dassaklis	Coach's Award	Kieran Brown
Players' Player	Liam Birmingham	Players' Player	Jason Ius
NA Encouragement Medal	Clarice Wooden	NA Encouragement Medal	Isaac Lombard
NA Encouragement Medal	Katherine Sloane	NA Encouragement Medal	Ruby Olsson
Junior Goalkeeper of the Year	Tegan Neowhouse	R D Vanderfield Trophy Junior Person of the Year	Aodhan Hannigan

MINKEYS

I shared the coaching role with Aodhan and ran the Saturday morning on-field coaching, whilst Aodhan looked after Wednesday training sessions. This is an exceptional group of young future hockey stars. The team was roughly 50/50 boys to girls and probably 70/30 in terms of first timers to 2nd year players.

The team lost their very first game 1-0, drew two games and won the rest! If there was a competition table in Minkeys, Briars would be the clear minor premiers! My sincere hope is that this group of youngsters remain playing and more importantly remain together.

I have NO doubt that by the under 11s age, they will be dominant. They were (without exception) eager to learn, listened and showed awesome aptitude for the game we all love. They are, and will continue to be great assets as well as representing our future for the Briars Hockey Club.

We had a roster of 11 players and saw between five and the full 11 on the Saturday mornings. With the majority of games being played at Ryde and Pennant Hills, it was great to see the commitment by them (and their parents). They should all feel very proud of their efforts, not only from their winning record, but the way they played Hockey. Whilst other teams would traditionally see six players following the ball around, Briars looked like a proper Hockey team and held a structure which was noticeable. I cannot say enough to them in terms of how proud I am to have contributed to their development and cannot wait to see what the future holds for them.

James Fordham - Coach

This was my first year in a coaching role and I enjoyed every moment of it. The fun I had with the kids was not limited to the opportunity to teach and share skills with them that I have learnt over my few years of playing hockey.

The Minkeys are a great hockey team! All of the children showed great potential to do great things in the future with their hockey. All the players have improved in different parts of their game and they were all willing to learn throughout the year. I would like to thank all the parents for bringing their children to all the training sessions and games every week. It's a big commitment, however your kids are grateful.

Aodhan Hannigan - Coach

UNDER 11C

With almost half of the team having played Minkeys last year, it was a steep learning curve at the beginning of the season for many of the players as they got used to the full field, playing positions and playing systems. Many thanks to Cassie Miliatis (née Allsop) and Kathryn Delavere and Michelle Yu for guiding them through the trial games and the first half of the season.

What impressed us most about the team apart from their fantastic hockey skills of course, was their great attitude and enthusiasm. For example, we had a waiting list for goalkeeper volunteers, and many games went down to the wire with the team never giving up. The Encouragement Medals have been awarded to an older team member (Dakota Thuell) and a younger team member (Sanjana Krishnan) who always showed a great positive attitude to both games and training.

While the team's effort and perseverance were not always rewarded with wins, the improvement and growing confidence was very noticeable. By the end of the season young players like Callan (Most Improved) and Fritz were not afraid to use their skills to take on a player or two. Luke, Amalie and Aidan were getting some great balls out of defence, there was more structure in how the team defended and attacked and they were stringing some great passes together. Most importantly, everyone was still having a lot of fun!

Well done to Tully (Best and Fairest), Darcey (Most Consistent) and Ryan (Captain) whose performances provided a great backbone to the team.

Congratulations team on a great season. We are very proud of all of you!

Darcey Babbage	Amalie Borthwick	Sabrina Dunn	Jordan Elias	Ryan Hannigan
Sanjana Krishnan	Jaime Mercieca	Luke Miller	Aidan Najdzion	Callan Phan
Grace Scanlon	Tully Shipton	Fritz Smith	Dakota Thuell	Xavier Woods

Danielle Woods - Coach, Joanne Scanlon - Manager

UNDER 13A TEAM

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all the kids and parents for the way you conducted yourselves this year, it was a pleasure to coach such positive and fun people and not have to worry about any negativity. This year's team was made up of a wide range of ages and skill levels, the youngest being only nine and we only had three kids aged 13, they played against teams with majority being 13. Saying that, it didn't make them any less competitive and they always made it hard for the other teams to get a win. Most of our games were lost with a 10 minute lapse in concentration that gave the other teams a chance to score two or three goals.

I'm happy to say that all the kids improved throughout the year. I hope they learned a lot and can keep improving. I learned a lot from the kids as well, never to have more than one girl on the bench at a time! It should not go unnoticed

that at least one of the 13As kids would be on the sideline in every first grade home game as a ball person. I hope all the first grade boys noticed this and appreciated it.

Brendan Ius - Brendan was a very quiet kid, when he got on the field his actions and speed would speak for themselves. When he received the ball up front he would always make something happen. Brendan scored a lot of goals this year keeping the team in the game.

Toby Mallon - Toby was one of three youngest kids, this didn't stop him for being one of our most reliable backs. Toby has a very good understanding of the game at such a young age. He is a naturally gifted sportsman and has great technique.

Martin Pedersen-Clarke - Martin has great skills but sometimes he used them too much. Throughout the year Martin learnt when to use this skill. He was making decisions a lot quicker by the end of the year. I used Martin in most positions and he was able to adapt to them without any hassle.

Brandon Potts (BK) - I really cannot say much about this kid as it would not justify how amazing a keeper he is. If BK was not our keeper we would not have been so competitive, BK would save at least 10 goals every game and direct the team. All the kids respected his talent, which was shown by him winning players' player most weeks.

Bailey Scanlon - Bailey started the year with a lot of expectations on himself and tried to do it all. Throughout the year he improved on his all-round skills, if he keeps going he will be an outstanding player. Bailey turned into a leader focusing on being positive and encouraging all the players on and off the field.

Karl Smith - Karl has a great attitude towards life and this transferred into his hockey and the team. Karl listened to most instructions and carried them out without fuss. Karl is a positive, committed team player and a reliable attacker.

Annabel Smith - Annabel does not know how much talent she has and when she got involved in the game she always made the right decision. Annabel got better with each game and would never give up no matter how sick or worn out she was.

Oskar Smith - Oskar was one of the youngest players, he put his hand up to play anywhere he was needed, he was just happy to be playing. Oskar had the skills to play where he was put and would always ask questions so he could improve his game.

Gemma Taweel - Gemma was a solid defender and a handy forward, she would always give her best and never give up. I could always rely on her no matter what I needed from her. She improved throughout the year and was always happy to play anywhere.

Scarlett Thuell - Scarlett didn't let anyone down this year, she did everything that was asked of her, sometimes with multiple tasks in one game. Scarlett never gave up and got stronger on the ball as the year went on.

Max Trapnell - Max was one of the older players this year and stepped into the role very well, his skill has taken a step up this year, he is able to read a game with no problem. Max could play anywhere in the back and sometimes go up front without missing a beat.

Claudia Tyree - Claudia was one of the older players, her strength and skills improved a lot this year and she took on an enforcer role at the back with other teams finding it hard to get around her. If she keeps improving at this pace it won't be long until she is playing in the top grades.

Henry Tyree - Henry was the youngest and smallest player in the team this year. This didn't stop him from being a valid player. Every team we played underestimated him at the start but soon learnt that they were wrong and didn't make that mistake again. Henry has an amazing talent to read a game. He has a natural gift for hockey and is also very levelheaded for his age.

Jack Ward - Jack was a very strong defender most of the time being our last line of defence. Jack would always listen and try to improve on his game. Jack's skills were taken to the next level this year and combined with great attitude will make him a great player.

Sulaiman Mehmood - Sulaiman filled in for our team when he could and was not playing in the 15 Metro team. Sulaiman was good for the team when he played, with his skill level and knowledge of the game helping everyone out and got them to step up to his level, he was a real asset to the team.

UNDER 13C TEAM

The U13Cs had a brilliant season with all of the kids having shown great improvement in both their individual and team skills and sitting at the top of the ladder to be the U13Cs Minor Premiers. Their statistics at the end of the season show just how well they played, with 12 wins, one draw and no losses.

In the Grand Final we faced off against Northern Districts. In our previous matches we had a 3-0 victory, a 1-0 win, and at the end of the season they had matched us with a 0-0 draw. In the Semi-Final they also held us to 0-0 draw, showing us that they were not going to make it easy to win the Premiership. In the end our teamwork was what put us on top, securing a 4-0 win with all four goals coming from excellent play started in the backline, and carried through the whole team.

One thing that stood out for me as coach this year was the excellent attitude brought to the game by all the kids. Every player on the team worked together and trusted their team mates. They were a pleasure to coach as they listened to advice and followed instructions, often turning games around after half-time just by changing their game play to adjust to their opponent.

The 2015 U13C Heroes were:

Megan Miranda - Our awesome goalie. Only two goals were conceded by the team during the whole season – pretty impressive stats for any keeper!

Michael Taouk –Solid and reliable as a fullback, and always ready with a joke to keep his team mates smiling.

Emily Shipton - Playing at fullback and half, Emily was a key member of our defensive team, and could always be relied on to play her best.

Jazmine Allsop - Starting the season in the U11s, Jaz was one of a number of younger players who came up to fill out numbers in the U13s squad. She was a dependable defender who always maintained her position, also filling in as goalie when needed and making some brilliant saves to keep us in the game during one of our closest matches of the season.

Arya Thakur - Arya was a late starter with the team, but he fitted in seamlessly. He worked well with the other players, developing his understanding of the role of a half, and always looked to support his teammates on the field.

Giacomo Paul - Our Player's Player of the Year. As centre-half, Giacomo was an integral part of both defence and attack. He played with flair and enthusiasm and made use of his super-stretchability to come out on top of his opponents.

Luke O'Brien - A great all round player. Luke was able to fill in at any position on the field and perform brilliantly. He was consistent all season and was always eager to train and play.

Joshua O'Brien - Joshua really improved in the second half of the season, performing very well in the role of half. When he is motivated, he plays with enthusiasm and good teamwork.

Emma Holland - One of our youngest players, Emma also came up from the U11 team and held her own throughout the whole season. She is an energetic and versatile player – playing as both an inner/forward, and filling in as half/fullback when needed.

Anton Villas - Our Best and Fairest award winner. Anton was new to hockey this year but his skills, enthusiasm and dedication proved to me that this is the beginning of a long and successful hockey career.

Juliette Triccas - A super-star on the post, awarded our Most Improved Player this year, Juliette was a force to be reckoned with in the circle. In the second half of the season she was one of the most reliable forwards, always ready on the post and setting up or scoring many goals with her brilliant slap.

Rian Surti - Skillful and enthusiastic, Rian was a player who could always be counted on in attack and was one of our highest goal scorers.

Brendan Ius - Backing up from the 13As this season, Brendan fitted into the team seamlessly. He brought excellent game play and sportsmanship with him and worked well with all the players around him.

Lily Scanlon - An enthusiastic pocket rocket. Lily was another younger player who began to shine in the second half of the season, doing some really good work in the circle over our finals campaign.

UNDER 15A (METRO) TEAM

This is the second year that I have the great opportunity to manage a bunch of great kids that is U15A Metro. One can't ask for a better group of players who have shown that determination, hard work and good team spirits will achieve what we have all set out from the beginning to achieve: the premiership of the comp.

I would like to thank Chris Welch who set up the ground work from the beginning of the year with his dedication to train and coach the team through most of the year, until he had to withdraw from coaching due to family commitments. Next, I would like to thank Jocelyn Bartram for agreeing to take up the baton and guide the team through the rest of the season, to win the championship last week. Thanks also to Peter Bradley, Kylie Ferrer, David Ratcliffe and Alan Charlton who have assisted with the provision of training for the team.

The team: Ahmed Ali; Bradon Holland; Connor Welch; Ian Pedersen-Clarke; Jamie Mcleod; Julia Bradley; Kevin Wu; Miles Davis; Patrick Vastani; Rashil Jetley; Ronan Shiels; Sofia Ferrer; Sulaiman Mehmood; Thomas O'Reilly; Vyas Mukkati; Wilson Wu.

Quang Dao - Team Manager

UNDER 15C TEAM

This was my third year coaching the under 15c's this year and it was a brand new team that had mostly come through from the under 13, with a few new members to the club and the game. At first the team was very shy but as the season went on new friendships were made and the team bonded very well. The progression that each individual made this season has been incredible and I hope that everyone continues to play hockey as they can continue their development

as future hockey players. The beginning of the season was a little wobbly at the start, with a couple of losses and draws, but as the team connected and learnt new skills we started to perform to win. As the table season came to an end we finished fourth which meant we had to win both semi and preliminary to get to the big GF which is what these guys did in a spectacular fashion. The semi final was up against our rivals Ryde where previous games we lost 5-0 and drew 2-2. We managed to beat them 1-0 and continue on to the prelim which was against Northern Districts. Like Ryde, we had previously lost 3-2 and drew 0-0. But we smashed them 5-1 which would have been their best game out of the season, where passing up the line and setting up a press was done better than some of the adult grades. The grand final was up against Manly who were on the top of the ladder at the end of the tables season. At halftime we were 1-0 down to come back 1-1 five minutes in the second half, but unfortunately could not hold them off losing 4-1. With that said to come from 4th place to get to the GF is a massive achievement and you should all hold your heads high. I'm really proud to have coached you this season and the club is proud of you. WELL DONE GUYS!!

Tips for the future

- Trust your team mates always
- Pass early
- Sticks on the ground
- Keep it simple
- Use the baseline
- Use training wisely

All the best in the future and hope to see you all in Gold and Maroon next year and in the future.

Matthew Hetherington - Coach

UNDER 17A (METRO) TEAM

This is the second year that I have had the great opportunity to manage a group of young men and women who are as dedicated to their hockey as much as they could be. One can see that the future of the club is in good hands as many of these players also play in senior grades and at the same times devoted some of their time in assisting with coaching younger teams, umpiring games etc.

I would like to thank Chris Welch who set up the ground works from the beginning of the year with his dedication to train and coach the team through most of the year, until he had to withdraw from coaching due to family commitments. Next, I would like to thank Jocelyn Bartram for agreeing to take up the baton and guide the team through the rest of the season, Thanks also to Kate Irvine and David Ratcliffe who have assisted with the provision of training for the team.

The Team: Alanah Southan; Aodhan Hannigan; Celeste Dao; Chad Martin; Chris Coveny; Geneviev Mukkati; Hannah Smith; Jarrod Scanlon; Kristiane Skoulogenis; Lily Tha; Matthew Najdzion; Olivia Ferrer; Sebastian Saunders; Will Welch; Xavier Dao; Zachary Chong

Quang Dao - Team Manager

UNDER 17B TEAM

The season started with the 17B's having no nominated or consistent coach and meant that Nicola the Manager was initially left with the job of Coach and Manager which was not sustainable.

Having attended games over the years on a regular basis and watched the various Briars teams play who would have thought that in 2015 I would in a rush of blood to my head volunteer to pull on my retired hockey boots and borrow my sons' stick (given my stick is now way out of fashion) and coach the Under 17B team.

We had a number of serious injuries throughout the year with Luke, Jonah and Shannon all suffering fractures which rendered each player out for a significant period of the season. We relied on the Briars Club team spirit and we were able to use some under 15 players on a reasonable regular basis as well as some Under 17 players to fill in for us and we appreciated the assistance those players provided to the team.

We had some close encounters during the season and we were always competitive, playing some very good hockey. The strength of the team and the best games we would play was when we moved the ball quickly and with confident passes between each other moving from a defensive position to an attacking position in quick succession leaving the opposition behind in our wake. It was great hockey to watch.

We finished in 4th position and lost in the minor semi – unfortunate but great effort.

I had the assistance of a wonderfully organised and calm Manager Nicola and would like to thank her for all her assistance and support throughout the year.

This year we also had some training sessions with personnel from NSW Hockey and the players were treated to some great skills training sessions. This is a wonderful initiative and can only be beneficial to players and coaches alike.

Thank you to the parents who travel from pitch to pitch at odd times of the night for the games and also for training and make sure that the players arrive on time.

Finally to the players in the Under 17B. A talented and eclectic group of young men and women. I hope that you continue to play and enjoy the game of hockey in years to come.

THE TEAM - The team played with courage and commitment and intensity in each game. Moving forward that level of intensity and commitment needs to transcend into training sessions.

Liam Birmingham - Our goal keeper who was wanting to leave his position in the goals and venture on to the field at the beginning of the year. A fantastic decision was made by Liam not to do that and as his confidence grew throughout the season so did his skills.

Edward Zaczek - Moved from half to fullback and found his niche as a fullback. Ed was a consistent and committed team player attending regularly at training and putting his all in each game. Ed was a solid fast and dependable fullback.

Jonah Dassaklis - A team player who committed at training and also at the game. Jonah was as reliable in defence and put his body on the line in saving goals for the team. We hope his broken finger recovers quickly.

Kyle Murray - Played fullback and was a reliable and strong player in the backs and could also attack with his speed and fitness serving him well.

Clarice Wooden - A team player who would play her best in any position that she was required to play from forward to fullback without question or complaint.

Nic Jorgensen - The centre forward for the team who played with determination intensity and speed, always looking for the opportunity to move into attack and with a never-say-die attitude.

Hannah Schasser - Preferred to play inner but found out that she had strengths in other positions. Positive talker on the field and encouraged players to do their best through that positive talk.

Lincoln Dale - A team player who would do his best in whichever position he was placed in from attacker to defender. Was a solid and reliable attacking player and could finish off goals

Matthew Chapman - Was a fast and attacking forward who could move the game quickly from one where we were defending to where we were quickly moving into attack. He was missed when he was no longer available due to work commitments.

Shannon Miller - A strong attacker who was committed to moving the ball forward and back tackling.

James Marshall - A team player who became the brains trust off the corner and scored some great goals off corners. James' speed and skills served him well as a defender and also an attacker.

Izaak Foster - A fast and reliable player with energy and commitment both in defence and also in attack who could move the ball forward quickly and reliably and back tackled.

Katherine Sloane - A team player who committed and did her best at training sessions and also on game night. A strong, reliable and determined player both as an attacking player and also in defence.

Luke Gallagher - Our captain that was injured for a significant part of the season but returned with gusto and determination. Was great at marking players and distributing the ball. His speed and agility in defence in short corners often prevented any opponent the opportunity of a shot at goal.

Laurie Robertson - Coach

UNDER 17 C TEAM

Well what a season! Having fairly recently moved over from Adelaide, I found myself wanting to get back into my hockey and working with kids. After making contact with the powers that be, I quickly found myself with a bunch of enthusiastic quirky teenagers. I thought to myself after the first training session wow, there is some real talent in this team and some real challenges. It was going to be interesting! And it was. From "Intimidation Hats" to running off to find love on the ski field and with about of gastro or two, this team had everything covered.

We started the season strong winning all of the games put in front of us. Jason and Jayden became early front-runners of controlling games and it didn't take long for other teams to switch on to try and shut them out. But that tactic didn't really work with Patrick then stepping up with Jess to take over and make some great plays to support Jayden and Jason. Once teams realised that Briars were all about passing we became unstoppable.

A surprising factor was the combination of Kieran and Ruby in the defence. I didn't actually have any intention of that pairing but after a blistering game against Ryde early on they cemented themselves into that role.

Liam and Isaac became two solid and dangerous players with differing skill sets. Isaac was like a force field...you couldn't see it but boy when you tried to go down the left it like just rebounded back to the Briars attack, usually where this long legged thing called "Fitzy" picked it up and drove hard into the circle creating great opportunities for a goal.

Eliza and Alex kept telling me all season "we can't play on the left". My reply included some expletives and a "get out there and try" what do you know we got a few goals from these two up on the left. They both now have become dangerous little attackers worrying all the goalies out there.

Sargun, Sargun, Sargun...“Hands apart Sargun!” was usually what I was yelling. After really working hard throughout the year Sargun became more confident and aggressive. This made her dangerous in the circle quite often causing some play to make something happen.

Laura proved to be a highly skilful goalie...one that I kept stealing for my senior team throughout the year. Her saves were great and well throughout, which made rebounding quick for the Briars.

My two regular fillins of Ed and Luke was extremely appreciated and the U17C's and we all enjoyed it as well. Extra legs are always great and I've never seen two kids with long loping strides like these two. They covered half the pitch in about four steps.

Bailey our tough little U13 fillin provided an excellent change up forward. Well beyond his years in knowledge he was fantastic to have out there running and diving into get goals. He became respected among a much older group, which is a hard thing to accomplish.

Having Andrea as manager was like having a never-ending supply of starburst snakes. She was so organised and always had the kids best interests at heart. She even made her own daughter fillin goalkeeper for us for two matches when we were desperate - organised or punishment? An absolute pleasure to work with. Thanks Alanah for those two games! She was reluctant but competent.

The parents were fantastic this year. Being well behaved and positive throughout the year. It was encouraging seeing so many out there supporting, helping, umpiring and cheering in a way that benefits the kids. Thanks everyone.

Unfortunately while being the dominant team all year we didn't quite get to the GF. There can be a million different reasons why but at the end of the day the kids had a great year and really enjoyed their time on the pitch. Learning to mentally deal with being a great team and not making the final will make them all the stronger for next year.

I had a great time coaching this mob of different and unique children and looked forward to each week's training session and game. I hope to return next year and try to go one better by bringing a flag back to the club. Well done and thanks to everyone who played, supported, umpired, managed and were involved with the U17C team this year.

See you in the summer comp!

Kate - Coach

My Two Cents (by Andrea):

Sargun Bhatia - Sargun has a fantastic attitude and simply loves the sport of hockey! Always hungry to score but also willing to drop back and defend. It was delightful to see Sargun find her voice on the field this season which will only aid to improve her game in the future.

Jessica Boyd-Weetman - Dangerously quick up and down the wings. Jess was instrumental in attack always supporting the forward line.

Kieran Brown - An amazing hard worker. Kieran went from strength to strength this season. His ability to read the game, his positioning and passing have been outstanding. Very solid player in defence. A humble achiever who worked hard for himself and the team.

Liam Fitzmaurice “Fitzy” - One of those players who without much fanfare contributed to the team's success. Fitzy's willingness to push forward and have a shot whenever inside the “D” saw him score some great goals at crucial times.

Patrick Flood - A natural born leader, Patrick rallied and lifted the team on and off the field. A great asset in the mid-field always looking to set up the play and unselfishly releasing the ball for those quick passes.

Luke Gallagher - A well rounded hockey player. Luke filled in for the team throughout the season, scoring some great goals and lifting the team's performance with his agility and skill on the ball.

Laura Hooper (GK) - Highly skilled and promising young goalkeeper. Made some outstanding saves throughout the season which contributed to the team's success.

Jason Ius - Great competitor! Jason always gave 100% at training and during games. Solid finishing skills and when given space, a delight to watch.

Eliza Jones - Probably the most under-rated player on the team. Her quiet demeanour hides a highly experienced player with an uncanny ability to read the play and move into position effortlessly during crucial plays.

Isaac Lombard - An outstanding half. With his speed and channelling skills was a great asset to the defensive line. Isaac always created space for outlet passes and worked well with the wings to push the play forward.

Jayden Mills - The motor of the team with a never-say-die attitude. Consistently worked hard every game. Always willing to pass the ball and re-lead, was instrumental in creating attacking opportunities for the team.

Ruby Olsson - Solid full-back. Never backing down, worked hard to clear balls from defence. Ruby was often responsible for breaking down the opposition's attack allowing time for the team to drop back and assist.

Bailey Scanlon - Came to the team at the tail end of the season and quickly proved to be a real asset with skills and knowledge of the game beyond his years. Bailey brought another dimension to the team with his willingness to create opportunities for the team.

Alexandra Tang - A coach's dream! A player that would go on the field with directives from the dug out and perform them to the letter. Always very supportive of her teammates

Edward Zaczek - Filled in for the team throughout the season. A full-back every coach dreams of having in their team. Agile, strong, committed with the ability to set up play from the back.

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Surname	1st Name	Association	NSW 2015	Surname	1st Name	Association	NSW 2015
Ali	Syed Ahmed	SEHA U15 Boys	U15 Girls	Potts	Brandon	Nepean U13 Boys	U13 Blues
Bradley	Julia	SEHA U15 Boys & U18 Girls		Pedersen-Clarke	Martin	SEHA U13 Boys	
Chong	Zachary	SEHA U18 Boys		Pedersen-Clarke	Ian	SEHA U15 & U18 Boys	
Dao	Celeste	SEHA U18 Girls		Scanlon	Bailey	SEHA U13 Boys	
Dao	Xavier	SEHA U18 Boys		Scanlon	Jarrold	SEHA U18 Boys	
Davis	Miles	SEHA U15 Boys	U15 Blues	Shiels	Ronan	SEHA U15 Boys	U15 Blues
Ferrer	Olivia	SEHA U18 Girls		Skoulogenis	Kristiane-Connor	SEHA U18 Boys	
Ferrer	Sofia	SEHA U15 Girls		Sloane	Katherine	SEHA U18 Girls	
Hannigan	Aodhan	SEHA U18 Boys		Smith	Hannah	NWSHA U18 Girls	
Hooper	Laura	SEHA U15 Girls		Smith	Karl	SEHA U13 Boys	
Ius	Jason	SEHA U15 Boys		Smith	Oskar	SEHA U11 Boys	
Jetley	Rashil	SEHA U15 Boys	U15 Boys	Smith	Annabelle	SEHA U13 Girls	
Martin	Chad	SEHA U18 Boys		Southan	Alanah	SEHA U18 Girls	
Martin	Lex	SEHA U15 Boys		Taweel	Gemma	SEHA U13 Girls	
Mallon	Toby	SEHA U13 Boys		Thuell	Scarlett	SEHA U13 Girls	
Mehmood	Sulaiman	SEHA U13 Boys	U13 Blues	Tyree	Claudia	SEHA U13 Girls	
Miranda	Megan	SEHA U13 Girls		Tyree	Henry	SEHA U11 Boys	
Mowat	Tom	SEHA U15 Boys		Vastani	Patrick	SEHA U15 Boys	U15 Blues
Mukkati	Genevieve	SEHA U18 Girls		Ward	Jack	SEHA U13 Boys	
Mukkati	Vyas	SEHA U15 Boys		Welch	Connor	SEHA U15 Boys	
Najdzion	Matthew	SEHA U18 Boys		Wu	Kevin	SEHa U15 Boys	
Neowhouse	Tegan	SEHA U15 Girls		Wu	Wilson	SEHA U15 Boys	
O'Reilly	Thomas	SEHA U15 Boys					

BRIARS SKI CLUB

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Richard Vanderfield. Richard served the ski club for around fifty years as a director and for many years secretary and also as a long time chairman. His fellow directors will sorely miss Richard's counsel, friendship and humour.

The Briars Ski Club is located in Bobuck Lane Thredbo Village and began its life in the early sixties with 30 plus members as a "hut styled" lodge. It had thirteen bunk beds over two levels. In 2007 the fifty year lease Richard's father Doug had negotiated expired and a new lease of fifty years was taken up. A new membership group of sixteen members was formed and these included eight Briars Sporting Club members. The old building was demolished and replaced with a twelve bed lodge split into three apartments catering for two, four or six people or a combination of those numbers. A full description can be found by visiting "briarslodge.com.au".

The 2015 season started with a dump in late June and there were good skiing conditions through to late September. The Thredbo area also offers many attractions through the summer period. Briars Sporting Club members are offered a 20% discount on visitor rates and bookings can be made through Andy Clifford (andyclifford@bigpond.com) after 31 March or at anytime through the summer months.

Andy Clifford

SQUASH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Briars@Thornleigh Squash has now been at the NSW Squash Centre Thornleigh for the past 18 months and we have not looked back since arriving in July 2014. We have the best set of courts in NSW and the best management team, led by No 1 Club seed Anthony Rex Thomas and his team of Bryan Knight and Matt Bridle. The atmosphere at the club on Pennant Thursday nights, Monday and Tuesday Box Challenge, Saturday juniors mornings and seniors training afternoons has been exceptional with a good atmosphere and players wearing the Briars colours with pride and passion. For the pennant competition, the following teams represented Briars@Thornleigh Squash:

1 x Premier League team, 11 x Pennant and 7 x Junior pennant teams

This equates to 139 registered players of which 27 are junior squash players now representing Briars@Thornleigh Squash from the elite NSW state level of Premier League to Sydney Pennant, junior development sides and junior state representation, Box Challenge and social. Our number of junior plays requires Briars@Greenlees to actively pursue the required changes to make a junior level of membership.

CLUB CAPTAINS

Towards the middle of the year we bid farewell to our club captain Bryan Damien Knight. Bryan worked and played at Thornleigh courts for ten years but the time had come for "Bambi" to spread his wings and travel the world. Our new club captain Kristen Mansfield has a family history with Briars Squash with her father John Gee (one of the first Australian squash professionals) playing for Briars in the late 1980s-90s and also her brother Tony at the same time - now making a comeback. Kristen has been involved with squash management for many years and whilst in Singapore was an administrator of the Singapore Double Tournament. She plays in Division 4, is seeded our ladies No 1. Kristen's valuable squash organizational skills will be a valuable asset to our committee.

A very big thank you to all those involved with Briars@Thornleigh Squash during 2014/2015; from players and partners (who support with understanding and assistance), parents and family of junior players, the management team at the Thornleigh Courts and the coaches and our sponsors - without you all this could not have been achieved.

Considering all of the above activity now within in our sport, the decision to move from Western Districts to the North could not be more justified.

Mick Jaroszewicz - Squash Chairman

MANAGER'S REPORT

Briars at Thornleigh has had a successful year with 28 new members joining the Briars Club. We have seen growth within the club and a building of club spirit. New competitions and the introduction of a new format for Club Championships and Christmas party will be coming this year.

We have seen great development of the juniors within the club with two representing NSW in the Nationals this year. At a local level we have had several winners in the junior pennant and a handful of teams win their league divisions in the Autumn Pennant. We are having a steady growth of juniors joining the club.

Spring Pennant has brought out the best in the players and we have five teams reaching finals.

We look forward to the end of year with the club championships coming up followed by the Christmas party to mark a start to the silly season.

Anthony Thomas

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This year saw a great start and a great spark of club spirit especially with the Bangkok trip which did bring a lot of club members together over the small trip that happened. A lot more keen juniors are coming through and it is great to see them improve and club members helping where they can with development. The centre has become a more family orientated centre that I experienced in the first half of the year as captain before going overseas and it has been pleasant to come back to.

Bryan Knight (Captain 2014-mid 2015)

Since taking over as Club Captain in June this year after Bryan's departure overseas, there were some great events to report on. On August 19th we hosted a team of ten players who represented the combined services of the British Military - Army, Air Force and Navy. Unfortunately our Men's Div 1 Team were playing comp in Lane Cove on the same evening so we were a little on the underdog side against the skilled men and women of the military side. We managed to field a team with a few double ups, we had a little help from Rex who managed to teach them a thing or

two, however we didn't manage an overall win but had a very enjoyable evening, finishing off with Sausage Sangers and Beer.

At the weekend of 29-30th August, Briars at Thornleigh Squash hosted the NSW Open combined with the Men and Women's PSA Event with prize money total of US \$10,000 drawing players from Asia, the British Isles, Europe and a local Australian contingent. After a full weekend of great squash, the Men's PSA Event was won by Zac Alexander beating Douglas Kemsell from Scotland. The women's was won by Milou van der Heijden from the Netherlands who beat Cyrielle Peltier from France in five sets.

Congratulations to the Pennant Teams who made the finals this Season, it's a big effort to field a full team each week and remain fit and uninjured throughout the season. The mid week box games are certainly a great way to maintain match fitness outside of the league games and a great excuse to spend some social time down at the Club.

Rex and Matt do a fabulous job providing enough activity for everyone to enjoy the great game organising box matches, mini tournaments and coaching covering everyone's squash needs. They also do a great job at welcoming players to the centre and making Briars@Thornleigh a fun and thriving squash community.

Save the date of Saturday 12th December for a great day of family squash at the Briars@Thornleigh Club Championships followed by the presentation and Christmas Party at Briars Sports Club, Concord.

Kristen Mansfield - Club Captain

JUNIORS - WINTER PENNANT

Division 1 - it was a tough season with a constant battle against Willoughby 1. Each week results were different with players winning and losing. They came just short in the finals to finish runner-up.

Finished: Runner Up

Most valuable player: Oliver Jaroszewicz

Most improved player: Ben Williams

Most matches won: Oliver Jaroszewicz

Division 3 - a season trailing which saw up and coming Briars@Thornleigh juniors Harry, Mitchell and Elliot take out the final after trailing with tight matches always just missing out but a toe nails length. The team managed to pull ahead and finish first after smashing an opponent 20 points for a clean sweep.

Finished: Winners

Most valuable player: Mitchell Black

Most improved player: Harry Lu

Most matches won: Mitchell black

Division 4 –was a successful season with the team finishing 1st place by an amazing amount of high points and to follow up with a strong grand final win. Most players in the team were undefeated and have improved greatly.

Finished: Winners

Most valuable player: Sam Smith and Daniel Butler

Most improved player: Sam Smith

Most matches won: Sam Smith and Daniel Butler

Division 5 –The team had a very competitive season with lots of wins and losses. Pulling back in the 2nd half of the season they managed to improve their game and get a lot of 3-0 team wins to get a place in the semi-final but pulled up short in final.

Most valuable player: Andre Stevens & Mike Stevens

Most improved player: Andre Stevens

Most matches won: Andre Stevens & Mike Stevens

Finished: Runner up

Division 15 –The team had a strong effort during the rounds to sneak into the finals with only dropping one round to the 2nd place team. They played the finals with some incredible shots and deep drives to be able pull through a convincing win in the finals.

Finished: Winner

Most valuable player: Alistair Wright

Most improved player: Robert Leverton

Most matches won: Robert Leverton

Division 17 - Coming in a near 2nd place at the end of round 15 the team had a strong performance; the team played hard in the semis and had an amazing result. They continued with the momentum into the finals after physical sessions with an excellent personal trainer to have a great result in the final with a 6-5 game score to win.

Finished: Winner

Most valuable player: Shahana Sahadevan

Most improved player: Emily Smith

Most matches won: Emily Smith

Division 18 - Briars@Thornleigh's mini devils team had an impressive season with all juniors using a junior sized racket and playing against children almost twice their age and size. They had a great season and managed to finish the season in 1st place and win the grand finals in a 2-1 situation with John having a great effort in his match while Luke and Tara securing the win

Finished: Winner

Most valuable player: Luke Stevens

Most improved player: Tara Black

Most matches won: Luke Stevens

Bangkok Tour - Banging squash balls in Bangkok. On 30th April a selected group of Briars@Thornleigh's finest members ventured off in search of chasing the small rubber ball on a court that was fit for the size of a king in the Bangkok ChiangMai Jumbo Doubles Cup 2015. On arrival the crew was hit with the harsh humidity of Bangkok, took trucks raced up and down the airport while three lane roads were being used to their best efficiency by having five lanes of cars in them at once. The first stop was to the Royal Bangkok sports club where the jumbo doubles court was experienced for the first time. Results: Rex and Kristen – winners of losers plate, Bryan and Ben – won first round, lost 2nd round and exited the competition in style in the 1st round of losers plate, Sach and Lachy – lost 1st round and provided a thrilling loss in the plate after spending a day outside in the hot sun, Mark and Paul – lost in the plate, but provided some excellent rallies and proved to be one of the better teams in the jumbo format, Mick and Tony – lost in the plate, showed some excellent sportsmanship and for once Mick had a racket in his hand not a camera.

NSW Open 2015 - Once again this prestigious event was hosted at our courts and this year saw a bigger international field with the return of past winner Zac Alexander retiring from the world circuit to play in the Australian circuit. The event saw Zac take out the Men's Open after an entertaining first round against Aaron Frankcomb followed by the final V Scotsman Doug Kempself. Centralisations to the following Briars@Thornleigh Juniors.

AUTUMN PENNANT 2015

Premier League - The premier league for Briars this year had mixed results. Autumn League struggled to have consistent results with big upsets and lots of early round losses in the first half of the season. The team tightened up in the 2nd half but it wasn't enough and we finished bottom of the ladder. Team as follows:

Simon Carruthers, Anthony Thomas' Matt Allatt, Sarah Nelson

Most Valuable player: Sarah Nelson

Most Improved: Anthony Thomas

Most matches won: Sarah Nelson & Anthony Thomas

Briars M01, Sydney 1 - Doing a much better job than the premier team the Sydney 1 team were on top of their game. With a tough final DGEN took the title deservedly as they were the better team on the night. Great season for the Briars boys.

Finished: Runner-up

Most Valuable player: Bryan Knight

Most Improved: Anthony Thomas

Most matches won: Anthony Thomas

Briars M02, Div 1 - With newcomer Martin Kimpton taking the crown of most improved and the back bone of the team spirit it was only going to be greatness for this team. Martin had made one small mistake, he let his wife book the holidays a week to early for Fiji making him unavailable when we needed him most in the finals as you can see he felt he was with the team all along for their close battle with Lane Cove in the Grand Final.

Finished: Winners

Most Valuable player: Anthony Thomas

Most Improved: Martin Kimpton

Most matches won: Ben Hornibrook

Briars M03, Div 1 - It was a close competition in Division 1 with not many points separating all teams. Mens 03 were unlucky to have their secret weapon Greg Old out much off the comp forcing the others up.

Finished: Last

Most Valuable player: Scott Makin

Most Improved: Cameron Simpson

Most matches won: Scott Makin

Briars M04, Div 4 - With injuries a plenty and key player Sach away on holidays the team did the best they could. Some tough matches that could have gone either way could have turned the tables for this team.

Finished: 5th

Most Valuable player: Sach Sinnayah

Most Improved: Alex Jaroszewicz

Most matches won: Alex Jaroszewicz

Briars M05, Div 5 - An excellent effort from the boys, Mark Dickson continued to improve throughout the comp, Mark Trotman displayed excellent finesse on the court and Mark Shaw-Taylor was doing his best to be injured it seemed.

Finished: 3rd

Most Valuable player: Mark Dickson

Most Improved: Mark Dickson

Most matches won: Mark Trotman

Briars M06, Div 7 -

Finished: Last

Most Valuable player: Nathan Purvis

Most Improved: Nodoka Nakamichi

Most matches won: Nodoka Nakamichi

Briars M07, Div 8 -

Finished: 2nd

Most Valuable player: Martin Anderson

Most Improved: Martin Anderson

Most matches won: Richard Maclean

Briars M08, Div 9 - It appears this team only had one player carrying the banner, Martin Langford. Well done at some of your best results in history.

Finished: Last

Most Valuable player: Martin Langford
Most matches won: Martin Langford

Most Improved: Martin Langford

Briars M09, Div 11 -**Finished: 5th**

Most Valuable player: Ian Bell
Most matches won: Oliver Jaroszewicz

Most Improved: Oliver Jaroszewicz

Briars M10, Div 14 - Ankur Badhwar lead the team into battle showing excellent organisational skills for the team and proving to be a positive leader by winning all three categories

Finished: Winner

Most Valuable player: Ankur Badhwar
Most matches won: Ankur Badhwar

Most Improved: Ankur Badhwar

Briars M11, Div 16 Mixed - With eight in the draw the team only got two cracks at each team. The master team tried valiantly and taught the youngsters coming through a thing or two about class and touch. In the end the sheer speed of the youngsters was too strong.

Finished: 7th

Most Valuable player: Liz Starling
Most matches won: Brian Sandercock

Most Improved: Liz Starling

Mick Jaroszewicz - Squash Chairman

NETBALL JUNIORS

CAPTAINS REPORT

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the end of season presentation of Briars Junior Netball club. It is a privilege to be able to speak on behalf of all junior netball players throughout the three years I have spent representing my club through netball. I have been able to watch how fast the netball club has grown into what it is today. I remember in my first year when the club had only two teams, Anne Burt said to me that her goal was to fill up all the courts at Cintra with Briars netballers on a Monday night. I think that Anne's goal has come around in the short space of three years. This year we reached 12 teams representing Briars. We had three under 8s, two under 9s, one under 10s, one under 11s, two under 12s, two under 14s and one under 15s.

This year the Briars committee decided to start up a program for young girls who wanted to play netball called Net Set Go on a Friday night. Around ten volunteers assisted Georgie Arrow in teaching 40 young girls how to play netball. This year we also had a Mums night at Briars attended by 30 mums.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for dedication to bettering the club. Our sponsors are Scanlon Hair North Strathfield, Vision Personal Training North Strathfield, Exclusive Real Estate Concord West, TLE Electrical Silverwater and our Major Sponsor Crust Gourmet Pizza Bar Concord.

We would like to thank them for their generosity expressed particularly in the pizza nights at training and Net Set Go. Finally we would like to thank Briars Sporting Club, Glen Taylor, Monique and Megan for their continuous assistance throughout the season and the Briars staff for all their help at Briars functions. Thank you to all umpires and as evidence of their dedication we had 192 netball games umpired by a Briars umpire.

We would like to congratulate Sarah Burt and Josie Fedeles for being the first two Briars junior netball players to be badged. Another mention to all parents, players and helpers who assisted in the organisation of the barbecue and canteen, as well as the Briars bowlers who donated their raffle ticket money to the club. This resulted in a profit of over five thousand dollars. Thank you Andrew Hogg and the Men's Bowlers for all your help.

Onto the Grand Finals: By the end of the season we were lucky enough to have the Under 14 Jades runners up in the premiership and four teams successful in winning their grand final. These were the Under 10 Emeralds, Under 11 Gold, Under 12 Pearls and the Under 15 Sapphires, all of whom were undefeated throughout the entire season.

Due to the clubs success in 2015, we were awarded Junior Netball Club of the Year and President's Choice Award for Club of the Year, an incredible honour in which we all take immense pride.

In conclusion I would like to thank a number of people for their determination and dedication to the constant improvement of this club. Thank you to:

Georgie Arrow - Umpire and Coaching Coordinator

Jenny Colazzo - Club Secretary

Tanya Maronese - Uniforms and Equipment Manager

May Penfold - Club Registrar

Matina Moffitt - Club Treasurer

Anne Burt - President and Net Set Go Coordinator

It's been a great year and we hope to see you all next season

Natasha Berry Proud- Member of Briars since the inaugural season 2013



UNDER 9 PINK DIAMONDS

A very satisfying year for our modified Under 9 Pink Diamonds. We continued our team positions as we left last year, that is, complete team rotation. However, the last part of the season saw the girls settle into their top two or three positions.

Each Saturday I noted which girls were our top 1, 2 and 3 players for that particular game. I am pleased to note that every girl was listed as best player at least once and that shows what a great team effort the girls gave this year.

Ashlin was a stand out for our most improved, Armani and Amy gave their best each week and are proving to very good versatile players, and Viva is our team's quiet achiever who we can always rely on. Olivia displayed more confidence and is shining to be one of our shooters, and Ayla is proving to have a natural instinct as a very good defence player. Our team was joined this year by Grace and Jayde, both girls fitting in nicely to the team with Jayde being one of our strong defence players and Grace being a very tidy wing player who feeds the circle nicely. And lastly, our dynamo Aurelia who gives all every week, finished the year with our team's Best and Fairest award. Congratulations to all the girls on a wonderful season!

It was an absolute pleasure to coach these girls and to be associated and supported by a great group of parents. Thank you all for a fabulous season.

Bindi Ali - Coach

UNDER 9 RUBIES

The U9 Rubies started the year with most girls never having played netball. After working on the basics of throwing and catching we were able to work with the girls to try out all the positions to find what they enjoyed. The girls worked hard at their positioning on the court and making a lead and by the end of the season were extremely impressive moving the ball down the court. A big congratulations to all the girls on how far they have come due to their hard work and dedication to the game.

UNDER 10 EMERALDS

Wow - what a season - a big thank you to the under 10s Emeralds - Sophia, Elena, Laura, Madeline, Olivia, Iris, Isabella, Ashley and Brianna - undefeated 2015 Champions!!

From day 1 these girls gelled together as a team and showed a wonderful team spirit. The commitment to training and the improvement each week was a testament to the girls' efforts and dedication to the sport. The shooters were practicing and honing their skills at home, at training and before each game. Improvements were seen right across the court from defence, mid-court and the shooting end. The girls learnt to rely on each other to get the ball from the defence end to the attack end - each girl had learnt how to read the play and move on for the next pass.

Also a big thank you to Veronica for her much welcomed help and advice with the girls on game day organising positions and player rotations and then taking on the role of coach (continuing to manage the team) in anticipation of coaching this team next season. Much appreciated!

The girls parents were always encouraging with feedback being very positive. Many thanks to the parents for bringing the girls to training and games week in week out and for helping as requested by the club with canteen and BBQ duties. I would also like to thank Alex Moffitt who umpired this team - we can't play without an umpire and knowing that this is covered each week by a dedicated and experienced umpire makes for a good game. Thanks Alex! At the end of each game the girls came off the court happy and excited by what they had achieved. I know that all the under 10's are excited to play again next year and continue to grow in netball as part of the Concord Briars Netball Club. A pleasure to coach and a very successful season!

Jenny Colazzo - Coach

U11 GOLD

The U11 Gold team were made up of ten players who have been exceptional in achieving everything they set out for the season. Their enthusiasm and dedication during every training session provided a great stead for competition every Saturday. They were flawless on court and always listened to coaching direction. What was most rewarding was the way they worked effortlessly as a team. This team has some very talented players for the future of Briars Netball. They were crowned undefeated champions for 2015 and thoroughly deserve the rewards for the goal they set out for themselves. A huge thank you to their support team of parents and siblings for great encouragement must be mentioned.

U12 OPALS

After a busy start to the year with a few games playing short we welcomed our new additions to the Opals. Jamie, Charlotte and Lillian fitted in well to the team and our experienced players welcomed them with open arms while sharing their knowledge of the game. I am proud of how all the girls have progressed over the season and also how well they worked with each other. Having ten players meant there were weeks when the girls had to be flexible and they are all to be commended on their patience and commitment to the club. All the best for your future netball careers.

U12 PEARLS

The Pearls were made up of four ten year olds and four twelve olds, of which five out of eight players had not played any competitive netball before and two of these five having never played netball before. It was a much varied team in skill and development but one that had set a goal to play the best they could. After the first four rounds of being undefeated and no points scored against them, this team immediately put itself out there to be a threat to opposition teams and the team to beat. The season absolutely produced some very capable and improved players by a long way and their undefeated premiership for 2015 was a well-earned reward for all their hard work. It is amazing to have been part of a team that united so well and proved even their coach wrong.

UNDER 14 DIAMONDS

The Diamonds had a lot of fun this season. We didn't get to the grand final but we tried hard and were proud to wear the Briars colours. The girls played in different positions and learnt the appropriate skills for those positions.

Grace Hopkins was elected captain and played Centre for most of the season. She did a fantastic job in both roles but unfortunately broke her finger towards the end of the season and was greatly missed.

Kate Whitmore is a natural attacker who excelled as our GA/GS. Her game awareness, skills and attitude improved throughout the season and earned her a spot as a reserve in the under 15s winning grand final team.

Lucy Olsen played in attack for most of the season and improved on her style of shooting as the weeks went on. She was the "Coach's Choice" because of her brilliant attitude towards training and game day.

Lilian Parle defended for the majority of the season as our GK or GD. She trained hard, enjoyed the challenge of marking her opponent and played with a smile on her face.

Isobel Vatiliotis proved to be a natural defender. She was happy to play in any defending position always giving her best. She played hard and was always committed to winning the ball.

Carly Penfold is another natural defender who played the majority of the season as our WD. She was a valuable asset to the team supporting both the defenders and attackers on the Court.

Kate Johnston played her first season of netball this winter. Kate absorbed so much and improved from week to week. She moved the ball around the court and improved her game sense by season end.

Charlotte Stuart played in all positions this season taking over from the centre position full-time after Grace was injured. Charlotte has an outstanding work ethic both at training and on the court.

U15 SAPPHIRES

The Sapphires were coming back in season 2015 as returning premiers. They played up division and gained some confidence in their first four rounds. Like always though, opposition teams made great improvement by the half way mark of the competition and we were pleasantly surprised by the tougher games we played until the final. Credit to the team, they held their own and completed the 14th round as undefeated minor premiers. In the grand final they turned up to play a formidable game and for the one game that counted their heads were on and every ball being passed, caught, shot or defended was played with confidence and precision. Well done to the girls, undefeated champions for 2015.

BOWLS WOMEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I have taken over the reins as president of the Ladies Bowling Club and being a newcomer it has been a very interesting first few months.

I would like to welcome five new members who have joined us this year, Morag Paton, Sandra Smith, Gwenn Bonnet, Peggy Gibson and Nerida Watson. I would also like to welcome bowlers from other clubs who join us for our Thursday social games.

Students from Concord High School were introduced to bowls at the Club by taking part in a schools sporting program during the first half of the school year. It was such a success that they will be returning in 2016 for terms 2 and 3. Many thanks to both the ladies and men's bowlers who came along to help teach the students how to play bowls every Tuesday, and John Byrne our schools program coordinator.

Veterans Bowls Day was held at Briars at Greenlees Sporting Club on the 16th October. Bowlers from Greenlees Park, Concord RSL and Five Dock Tigers attended. Everyone had a great day and enjoyed the lunch prepared by The Backyard. Greenlees Park Ladies Bowls would like to thank Canada Bay Council for their contribution towards this event.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Our **Pennant Players** were unsuccessful in grade 2 this year, so will be competing in grade 3 in 2016.

District Triples was won by Pat Stewart, Margaret Truesdale and Lorraine Park, but we were beaten in the play offs at Hills Bowling Club.

District Senior Four was won by Pat Stewart, Gai Shirvington, Helen Burton and Gladys Barnes. Runners up were Deanne Cooper, Margaret Truesdale, Lorraine Park and Pat Free.

Major Singles was won by Gladys Barnes with Lorraine Park as runner up.

Club Pairs was won by Pat Stewart and Gladys Barnes. Runners up were Margaret Truesdale and Lorraine Park.

Club Triples was won by Pat Stewart, Margaret Truesdale and Gladys Barnes. Runners up were Joy Thurstan, Rosa Caccovo and Jane Cooper.

Club Four was won by Shirley Duckworth, Pat Stewart, Margaret Truesdale and Gladys Barnes. Runners up were Veronica Waring, Denna Barber, Gai Shirvington and Pat Free.

Minor Singles was won by Veronica Waring.

Honorary Life Members - Recently two of our Honorary Life Members passed away:

- Marjory Smith, aged 87 years
- Betty Small, aged 91 years

We would like to congratulate Edna Dunn who celebrated her 100th birthday on the 19th August. Edna is a Honorary Life Member of Greenlees Ladies Bowls.

Members Who Are Unwell

- Glad Alderton has moved into a nursing home at Five Dock.
- Wynn Mashman is not in the best of health, we wish her a speedy recovery.
- Helen Burton who had a complication after an operation has left hospital and is now in a nursing home in Five Dock. Knowing Helen's determination, she will be up and running soon.

I would like to thank the Bowls Committee and Members for their help and support throughout 2015 and would like to specially thank Rosa Caccovo for volunteering to promote lawn bowls at the Concord Carnival, held on 12th October.

I would also like to thank:

- Peter Neary our greenkeeper for the beautiful greens we get to play on every week.
- Ben Williams and the bar staff for always being helpful and willing to assist.
- Tiffany, Adam and catering staff for the wonderful lunches and meals prepared on our function days.
- Glen, Monique and Megan who are always there to help, assist and advise when necessary.

Margaret Truesdale - President Greenlees Park Women's Bowls

BOWLS MEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I forward to you a report of the Men's Bowls for 2015.

The year has brought many changes to bowls, thank you to the Club Limited We have a new mower and plinths to retain the greens, the web site is complete and the accounting software installed.

This past year we have had continued support from our four major tournament sponsors.

- Trevor Lee & Son
- IGA Breakfast Point
- McGrath
- Bendigo Bank

During the off season Greenlees Park Men's Bowls made their annual trip to compete in the Ettalong Greenlees Challenge at Ettalong Bowling Club. Greenlees Park Men's Bowls won the challenge for the second time in three years, returning home with the trophy which was an excellent result.

During the year we recruited new bowlers but we have also had some bowlers leave Greenlees Park Men's Bowls. We are however still in a position to increase our pennant sides from two grades to three grades for 2016, with movement from Zone 11 to Zone 10 as of the beginning of next year.

Our bowls committee undertook extra duties during the year to ensure that the Greenlees Park Bowls events ran smoothly. The events attracted the interest of current members and bowlers visiting from other bowling clubs in the area, which in turn resulted in well attended bowls tournaments held at the Club during the year.

Greenlees Park Bowls has been very active making submissions for grants during the year and planning for the upgrade of the Murray Goldberg Green which will be completed in the first two months of 2016. While Men's Bowls financials for the year were less than anticipated and we are hoping that the refurbished green will bring more players to the Club.

2016 will bring extra expenses with new machinery required such as rollers etc. These are a necessity and will only enrich our position in the bowls community and encourage new bowls memberships.

The number 3 green will undertake a major renovation this year due to years of top soiling. We have secured funding on application to Club Burwood RSL and our Parent Club which is greatly appreciated in regards to this much needed upgrade. By the end of February a new modern A-Grade Championship Green will be completed called Tiff Dwarf.

GREENLEES PARK MEN'S BOWLS OFFICE BEARERS 2016

President	Michael Laws
Vice President	Bryan Coulthart
Coordinator	Wayne Comber
Treasurer	Andrew Hogg
Chairman of Selectors	Terry Starr
Selectors	Eddie Truesdale and Steven White
Chairman of Games Committee	Steven White
Games Committee	Terry O'Kane and Chris Letherbarrow

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Major Singles	Winner Ben Williams, Runner up John Byrne
Major Pairs	Winner John Houteas and Eddie Truesdale, Runners up Mick Laws and Ben Williams
Minor Singles	Winner Terry Boyd, Runner up Dan Ackery
Fours	Winners Bryan Coulthart, Wayne Comber, Ben Williams and Don Coleman, Runners up John Houteas, Ken Leven, Gino Borg and Eddie Truesdale
Minor Pairs	Winners Ben Williams and Lachlan Koziolk, Runners up Robert Williams and Steven White
Triples and Mixed Pairs	To be completed

Michael Laws President

BOWLS JUNIORS

Late last year our men and lady bowlers approached Concord High School with a view to have the school allow students to come to our greens as part of their sports selection program. As a result approximately 30 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 attended each Tuesday for 1 to 1.5 hrs in Terms 1 and 2 as follows:

Term 1	Year 8...10	Year 9...2	Year 10...18	Total 30 - all boys
Term 2	Year 8...0	Year 9...5	Year 10...23	Total 28 - included 3 girls

It is important to bear in mind that these students had not been exposed to lawn bowls before and attended not out of their own choice, but because they had to choose a sport of some kind. Despite an obvious reluctance to begin with and a total disinterest in lawn bowls demonstrated by some, overall the program was a success with benefits flowing to the kids, the school and our club. A small competition was organized for each term with first and second place getters receiving an award of a voucher to the Club Bistro. Thank you to Briars Ltd for providing those awards. Also, I would like to mention Glen, Monique and Megan from the office, who helped consistently with many organizational matters.

From the above program, we have been able to sign up three boys as new members:

Lachlan Koziolk 16 years, Robert Polito 15 years, Alex Duck 14 years

The men's bowling club has embraced these new junior members by not only welcoming them into our fold, but by providing them with financial support and sponsorship in the form of fees, uniforms, travelling expenses, competition

expenses etc and setting up a junior program to ensure that all or any new junior members will receive similar ongoing assistance.

At this point I acknowledge the purchase during the year of six sets of new bowls by the Club. Whilst their primary purpose is for use by these new juniors (and hopefully three more next year), the bowls remain an asset of the bowling clubs future activities.

The above three boys are showing a great talent and keenness and are demonstrating the following interest by:

- Attending coaching one afternoon a week after school.
- Attending other odd days for their own practice activity.
- Participating in club games, club competitions, zone junior coaching and outside competitions.

I wish to specifically acknowledge the work by Eddy Truesdale as the boys head coach and assisted by John Houteas. I would also like to thank Don Coleman for his assistance during the short time he was able to be a part of the coaching team. Eddy works tirelessly with the boys, is always there for them, has established a rapport with each of them and his expert tuition is evident by the level reached in such a relatively short time. My special thanks to Eddy.

On Going - We will be running our program with the school next year. The program has already been confirmed with the school and we are hoping to get more girls involved. On 3rd December this year, the school requested us to host a one off event for a group of 10 girls and 20 boys. These have been described to me as “keen sports students who have selected lawn bowls as an elective”. This is exciting because they are not compelled but have chosen to do this. A good sign, so we are optimistic for the future.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the support for the program by our mens and lady presidents and lady and men bowlers, particularly those who have generously donated time and effort each and every Tuesday. As I run the risk of omitting someone by mistake I will refrain from naming them as they know who they are. I would however like them to know that I, the Bowling Club and Briars Ltd appreciate and thank them for their contribution.

John Byrne

TROPHIES

J H STONE TROPHY

The J H Stone Trophy named after the first President of The Briars Sporting Club, the late John Stone, was first awarded in 1950. The name of John Stone's home was called "The Briars". This Trophy can only be won by a club member under the age of 25 years who made an outstanding contribution to the club's welfare during the year.

This Trophy was not awarded this year.

THE TED STOCKDALE TROPHY

The Ted Stockdale Trophy was donated in 1995 by the Board of Directors in recognition of the outstanding contribution made to the Club by Ted Stockdale. It is awarded to a Club member who has made a continuing contribution to the welfare and administration of the Club over a number of years.

This year's winner is **Jules Boyter**. Jules started junior rugby at Briars and has grown the sport from having no players to over 20 currently playing junior rugby. An enormous amount of effort by Jules has seen junior rugby flourish within the Club. Congratulations Jules.

R B CLARK SCHOLARSHIP

R B (Bob) Clark, the founder of The Briars Sporting Club, bequeathed money on his death to the Club. This bequest is to help young Briars with their education for those members 21 years and under.

Not awarded this year.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Cricket Memorial Trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II and was donated in 1946 by the late H G Whiddon. The basis of arriving at the winner is as follows:

Value to team as a cricketer	-	35 points	
Conduct	-	15 points	
General keenness	-	15 points	
Value to Club as a member	-	25 points	
Neatness of dress	-	10 points	Total 100 points

This year's winner is **Gareth Robson**. Gareth puts in a lot of time in organising teams, doing covers, updating our website, looking after cricket stats online as well as captaining our 3rd grade team. Gareth is around to help every week in many ways and is a respected member of the cricket group in our Club. A most worthy recipient.

GERARD PRICE JUNIOR CRICKET TROPHY

The Gerard Price Junior Cricket Trophy was donated by the Board of Directors in 2012 in recognition of the outstanding contribution by Gerard Price over many years as Cricket Chairman of Briars. The Trophy is awarded to a member of Briars Concord Junior Cricket who has contributed to junior teams.

This year's winner is **William Deller**. William had an excellent season with Concord Briars Junior Cricket. His contribution as an allrounder is shown in his statistics. Well done William.

A J ROBINSON SHIELD

The A J Robinson Shield was donated in 1958 by the late A J Robinson ("Robbie"). The Shield is awarded to the hockey player who has contributed the most to Briars Hockey during the year and which is determined by the most points in the following manner:

Value of team as a member	-	35 points	
Value in Hockey Administration	-	20 points	
Value to Club other than Hockey	-	20 points	
Conduct on field of play	-	15 points	
Neatness of dress	-	10 points	Total 100 points

This year's winner is **Clay Scanlon**. Clay played 1st grade hockey with Briars and also worked hard off the field on the administration side.

R D VANDERFIELD TROPHY

The R D Vanderfield Trophy established in 1973 is awarded to a member of Junior Hockey who has contributed most to the junior teams. This award carries the name of a past President who showed interest in the formation of junior teams.

This trophy is awarded to **Aodhan Hannigan**. Aodham played in the U17A team and his improvement was noticeable during the year. Aodham was a great help off the field with coaching the Minkeys.

ANNE GLEASON JUNIOR TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to a Junior of Briars Squash. Anne Gleason has been involved with Briars Squash for over 25 years where she initially represented Briars at NSW state level in the 1990's individually and as a ladies team member. For the past ten years she has been involved with junior squash organising the Junior Saturday Pennant. She is the head coach of the juniors. Her dedication to voluntary work with Squash is exemplified in this trophy to be awarded to the junior squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general. Points are awarded as follows:

Value as a team member	-	20 points	
Value as a member of the Club	-	20 points	
Keeness as a player	-	20 points	
Improvement as a player	-	15 points	
Conduct on the Squash Court	-	15 points	
Neatness of dress	-	10 points	Total 100 points

This inaugural year the Trophy is awarded to **Ben Williams**, Juniors Club Captain. Ben represents the juniors in Division 1. Congratulations Ben on this well-deserved award.

GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

The Geoff Archibald Trophy is awarded to the Rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing Rugby for the Club. This Trophy was first awarded in 1984.

The trophy is awarded to **Michael Accatino**. Michael joined Briars in 2015 after being introduced to the club by a fellow navy colleague. Michael instantly took on board the values of Briars proving himself as a quality first grade player and assisting in many activities. Well done Michael.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

The Gordon Bevan Shield was first awarded in 1938. It is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has contributed the most during the year towards Rugby and the Club in general. It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. The criteria for selection is as follows:

Attendance at training	-	20 points	
Value to the team	-	20 points	
Most improved player	-	20 points	
General keenness	-	15 points	
Value as a Club member	-	15 points	
Neatness of uniform	-	10 points	Total 100 points

This year's winner is **Kerry Constanti**. Kerry has continued to put blood, sweat and tears into Rugby and Briars as a whole throughout 2015. With Rugby recovering from a move to a lower division his resolve was as strong as ever. Kerry was co-chairman of the Rugby Committee and continued with the treasury role as well. Kerry organised game days, especially the canteen. Congratulations Kerry.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

The Doug Vanderfield Trophy was donated in 1970 by the late R D Vanderfield who was instrumental in commencing Squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport. The Trophy is presented to the squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general.

Points are awarded as follows:

Value as a team member	-	20 points	
Value as a member of the Club	-	20 points	
Keenness as a player	-	20 points	
Improvement as a player	-	15 points	
Conduct on the Squash Court	-	15 points	
Neatness of dress	-	10 points	Total 100 points

This year's winner is **Anthony Rex Thomas**. Rex's performance on the squash court this year has been exceptional as can be seen from his statistics. Rex has represented Briars at Thornleigh at elite level as No.2 in Premier League and in Sydney Major Division 1 as No 1. His fine sportsmanship and attitude on court is second to none and he has displayed exceptional self-control in some cases in the most adverse of conditions.

BRIAN HUTTLY TROPHY

The Brian Huttly Trophy was donated in 2006 by Brian Huttly who for many years has been involved in Bowls at Greenlees Park as an administrator and player. The Trophy is awarded to a lady bowler who has given meritorious service in a voluntary position to Womens Bowls over the year. The award can only be won once in a lifetime.

This year's winner is **Margaret Truesdale**. Margaret joined in September 2010 and has served on the Social Committee, was Vice-President for two years and elected President in July 2015. Margaret has been successful in District events and has encouraged school children attending on Tuesdays. She is always on hand to help any committee needing assistance and to give advice to our new members. Margaret is an asset to our Club.

PHIL MCAULAY TROPHY

The Phil McAulay Trophy is awarded to a male bowler who over the year has given meritorious services to Men's Bowls in a voluntary role. Donated by Phil McAulay, who has been involved in Bowls at Greenlees for many years as an administrator and player, this award can only be won once in a lifetime.

This year's winner is **John Byrne**. John has served on Committee as Vice President of Bowls and implemented a junior bowls programme in conjunction with Concord High School. The Club now has three junior bowlers who play competition bowls. Congratulations John.

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**SUMMARY OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER, 2015**

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YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 2015.

NAME OF DIRECTORS

The Directors in Office at any time during the year and up to the date of this report are:-

	BLAIR, Ian	HICKEY, Craig	HOWLE, Brett
	BURT, Chris	** HUTTLY, Brian	NORRIS, Kyle
^	MOFFITT, Matina	* WALSH, Ashley	BOYTER, Aaron
#	O'KANE, Terrence		

*Resigned 21 September 2015

Elected 22 February 2015

** Resigned 22 February 2015

^ Elected 21 September 2015

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal continuing activity of the Company consisted of maintaining a licensed sporting and bowling club for members.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

Name	Position	Meetings Called	Meetings Attended	Qualifications
I. Blair	Chairman	11	11	Retired Company Director
M. Moffitt	Director	1	1	Executive Director
C. Burt	Director	11	9	Manager
B. Huttly	Director	3	2	Environmental Manager
C. Hickey	Director	11	11	Marketing consultant
T. O'kane	Director	8	7	Disability Support Worker
K. Norris	Director	11	7	Sourcing Manager
B. Howle	Director	11	10	Company Director
A. Boyter	Director	11	10	Engineer
A. Walsh	Director	10	4	Solicitor

GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager (CEO) is Mr Glen Taylor and he has occupied the position since 2 March 2006. Mr Taylor has extensive experience in the Club industry and is also General Manager of the Company.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is Ms Matina Moffitt and was appointed on 23 February 2014. Ms Moffitt is a Chartered Accountant.

MEMBERSHIP

The Company is a company limited by guarantee and is without share capital. The number of Members of the Company registered in the Register of Members at the date of this report is:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Full Members	784	821
Social Members	<u>2,014</u>	<u>844</u>
	<u>2,798</u>	<u>1,665</u>

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OPERATING RESULTS

The net profit from Trading for the year ended 30 September 2015 (after no Provision for Income Tax) amounted to \$279,408 (2014 - Profit \$80,345) after charging depreciation of \$291,705 (2014 - \$290,672).

DIVIDENDS

The Company is a Non-Profit Organisation and is prevented by its Articles from paying a Dividend.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>%</u>
Poker Machines Clearances	1,629,005	1,340,725	288,280	21.5
Bar Sales	1,018,804	736,005	282,799	38.4
Administration Expenses	1,329,900	1,145,082	184,818	16.1

OBJECTIVES

Short term

Providing for members and guests a social sporting club with the usual facilities of a club and to assist generally in the promotion and promulgation of amateur sports.

Long term

To sustain and enhance our position as a leader in the assistance to selected amateur sports, to provide a quality environment and to provide assist to the Concord and nearby communities.

Strategies for providing the objectives:

Principal strategies include:

1. Maximise advantage from our investments and property holding;
2. Maximise advantage from marketing activities;
3. Maximise advantage by those sports that have as their fundamental ethos the support and promotion of amateur sports;
4. Maintain high customer service standards.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal continuing activity of the Company consisted of maintaining a licensed amateur sporting club for members.

How these activities assist in achieving the objectives:

The activities assist in generating revenue to fund the sporting activities and the promotion of amateur sport.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Performance is assessed regularly against relevant internal and industry benchmarks enabling assessment as to whether strategic initiatives have been effective in achieving the Company's short and long term objectives.

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EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the economic entity. The line of credit with the Commonwealth Bank was decreased from \$933,072 to \$399,071.

INDEMNIFYING OFFICERS OR AUDITORS

During or since the end of the financial year the company has given an indemnity or entered an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows: During the year the company has paid premiums of \$1,584 to insure all directors against liabilities for the costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the Company, other than conduct involving a willful breach of duty in relation to the company.

OPTIONS

No options over issued shares or interest in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report as the Company is limited by guarantee.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company for all or part of those proceedings

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION

The Auditor's Independent Declaration for the year ended 30th September 2015 has been received and can be found on page 3 of this report.

Dated at Concord this 14th day of December 2015
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


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I. BLAIR - DIRECTOR


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M. MOFFITT - DIRECTOR

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that during the year ended 30th September 2015:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

DATED AT CONCORD
THIS 25TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2015


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HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY
Chartered Accountants

GARRY WILLIAM DAY
Registered Company Auditor

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

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DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) General

This Summary of the Financial Statements has been derived from the full financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September, 2015. The discussion and analysis is based on those financial reports and is provided to assist members in the understanding of financial statements.

A copy of the full financial report and audit report thereon will be made available to any member upon request to the General Manager.

b) Statement of Comprehensive Income

The entity's total revenue has increased to \$3,672,501 (23.81%) since the prior year whilst operating expenses excluding depreciation amortization and borrowing costs have increased to \$3,065,558 (18.95%) resulting in a net profit before tax of \$279,408 (income tax Nil) compared to \$80,345 net profit (income tax Nil) for the previous year. Individual items that have impacted the 2015 results include:

- Poker machine taxes increased by \$84,106 (62.25%)
- Entertainment, marketing and promotional costs increased by \$36,628 (23.43%)
- Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by \$1,033 (0.36%)
- Employee benefit expenses increased by \$118,545 (19.59%)

Bar sales were up by \$288,299 compared to last year of \$736,005, while the gross profit percentage increased from 59.00% to 59.70%. Bar net profit increased to \$222,587 this year from \$135,971 last year.

We saw an increase in Poker Machine clearances of \$288,280 largely due to an increase in Poker Machine interest by members. This resulted in an increase in profit of \$204,339 from \$935,770 to \$1,140,109.

Sport contributed a negative result again this year of approximately \$34,849. Sporting costs decreased by \$41,531 while other Sporting income and expenses remained constant.

c) Statement of Financial Position

The entity's net assets have increased by \$279,408 or 6.05% since the previous year consisting of a decrease in total assets of \$189,612 and a \$469,020 decrease in total liabilities.

This increase in net assets for the year is mainly attributed to:

- Increase in property, plant and equipment of \$178,322, due mainly to Club House improvements and purchase of plant & equipment.
- Increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$29,195.
- Decrease in other financial liabilities of \$427,517 mainly the Bank line of credit.
- Decrease in trade payables of \$56,443.
- Decrease in current assets of \$76,229.

d) Cash Flow Statement

Operating activities provided net cash flow of \$753,807, compared to \$325,881 in the previous year.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$190,612 mainly related to payments for property, plant & equipment and Club House improvements.

Net cash used for repayment of financing activities was \$534,000 related to borrowings from the CBA line of credit.

Cash at year end was \$184,194 compared to \$154,999 in the prior year.

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED**ABN: 71 001 029 545***(A Company Limited by Guarantee)***STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue from the sale of goods	1,029,429	747,001
Revenue from the rendering of services	2,361,611	1,985,088
Other revenue from ordinary activities	281,461	234,218
Total revenue from ordinary activities	3,672,501	2,966,307
Cost of sales	(417,270)	(313,611)
Directors' expenses	(726)	(755)
Employee benefit expenses	(723,905)	(605,360)
Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses	(192,961)	(156,333)
Poker machines licenses and taxes	(219,231)	(135,125)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(1,511,465)	(1,365,978)
Total Expenses	(3,065,558)	(2,577,162)
Earnings before borrowing costs, depreciation and amortisation	606,943	389,145
Depreciation and amortisation	(291,705)	(290,672)
Borrowing costs	(35,830)	(18,128)
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense	279,408	80,345
Income tax expense	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Profit for the year	278,408	80,345

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Current assets		
Cash assets	184,194	154,999
Investments	147,814	135,524
Inventories	51,596	51,431
Other	115,297	233,176
Total current assets	<u>498,901</u>	<u>575,130</u>
Non-current assets		
Property, plant & equipment	5,211,786	5,325,169
Intangibles	396,945	396,945
Total non-current assets	<u>5,608,731</u>	<u>5,722,114</u>
Total assets	<u>6,107,632</u>	<u>6,297,244</u>
Current liabilities		
Payables	275,889	332,332
Provisions	333,087	318,147
Other	600,033	1,027,550
Total current liabilities	<u>1,209,009</u>	<u>1,678,029</u>
Non-Current liabilities		
Other	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,209,009</u>	<u>1,678,029</u>
Net assets	<u>4,898,623</u>	<u>4,619,215</u>
Members' Funds		
Retained profits	2,394,428	2,115,020
Asset Revaluation Reserve	2,160,358	2,160,358
Briars Equity Transfer	343,837	343,837
Members' Equity	<u>4,898,623</u>	<u>4,619,215</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

	Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Briars Equity Transfer	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 30 September 2013	2,034,675	2,160,358	343,837	4,696,958
Net profit for the year	80,345	-	-	80,345
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year	2,115,020	-	-	4,619,215
Balance as at 30 September 2014	2,115,020	2,160,358	343,837	4,619,215
Net profit for the year	279,408	-	-	279,408
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year	279,408	-	-	279,408
Balance 30 September 2015	2,394,428	2,160,358	343,837	4,898,623

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED**ABN: 71 001 029 545***(A Company Limited by Guarantee)***STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<u>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</u>		
Receipts from Member & Guests	3,527,715	2,842,057
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(2,912,389)	(2,655,149)
Interest	4,804	8,938
Rental Income	133,677	129,965
Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	753,807	325,811
<u>Cash Flow From Investing Activities</u>		
Payments for purchase of investment	(12,290)	(19,628)
Payment for Plant & Equipment, Poker Machines	(178,322)	(1,556,048)
Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities	(190,612)	(1,575,676)
<u>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</u>		
Proceeds (Repayment) of Borrowings	(534,000)	917,316
Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities	(534,000)	917,316
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash held	29,195	(332,549)
Cash at 30th September, 2014	154,999	487,548
Cash at 30th September, 2015	184,194	154,999

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flow**1. Reconciliation of Cash**

For the purposes of this statement of cash flows,
cash includes:-

- (i) cash on hand and in "at call" deposits with banks or
financial institutions.

Cash at the end of the year is shown in the balance
sheet:

Cash at Bank	130,218	101,607
Cash on Hand	53,976	53,392
	184,194	154,999

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

1. Summary of significant Accounting Policies

The summary financial statements have been prepared from the audited financial reports of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2015. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2015 is available at request from Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the entity's functional and presentation currency.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the summary financial statements have been derived from and are consistent with the full financial statements of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The summary financial statements do not, and cannot be expected to, provide a detailed understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied, Briars at Greenlees Limited are consistent with those of the financial year in their entirety.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of Briars at Greenlees Limited declare that the summary financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 30 September 2015, as set out on pages 1 to 10.

- a) Complies with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 1; and
- b) Is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 30 September 2015 and has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Concord this 14th day of December, 2015
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


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I. BLAIR - DIRECTOR


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M. MOFFITT - DIRECTOR

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TO THE MEMBERS OF
BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the summary statement of financial position as at 30 September 2015, the summary statement of comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2015. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 18th December 2015.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

Director's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report on the basis described in Note 1.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2015 is consistent in all material respects, with that audited financial report, on the basis described in Note 1.

**DATED AT CONCORD
THIS 18TH DAY OF
DECEMBER 2015**


HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY
Chartered Accountants

GARRY WILLIAM DAY
Registered Company Auditor