



12th Annual Report & Balance Sheet

2016 - 2017

Presented to Members at the Club Rooms
Cnr Ian Parade & Wellbank Street,
Concord 2137

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Briars at Greenlees Ltd ABN 71 001 029 545

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Office Bearers 2017

Briars at Greenlees Ltd.



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| Patron | K Free OAM | |
| Life Members | T Cribb P Doherty G Price | |
| Chairman | B Howle | |
| Vice President | Mayor of the City of Canada Bay, Member for Drummoyne | |
| Board of Directors | I Blair A Boyter C Burt B Howle | M Jaroszewicz M Moffitt K Norris T O'Kane |
| General Manager | J Parle | |
| Treasurer | M Moffitt FCA | |
| Auditor | Harley, Russell and Day | |
| Solicitors | P Mattick & Associates, Turner Freeman | |
| Sports Management Committee | G Price E Ratcliffe D Lannan J Boyter G McManus A Burt C Burt J Thomas M Laws M Truesdale E Truesdale | <i>Briars Senior Cricket</i> <i>Briars Senior & Junior Hockey</i> <i>Briars Senior Rugby</i> <i>Briars Junior Rugby</i> <i>Briars Senior & Junior Squash</i> <i>Briars Junior & Senior Netball</i> <i>Briars Junior Cricket</i> <i>Sports Administrator</i> <i>Greenlees Park Men's Bowls</i> <i>Greenlees Park Women's Bowls</i> <i>Greenlees Park Junior Bowls</i> |

Briars Sports

Honour Board | Founded 2005



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|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Past Chairmen | I Blair B Huttly | 2010-2016 2006-2010 | M Webber | 2005-2006 |
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The Briars Sporting Club

Honour Board | Founded 1918



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|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| Patrons | D A Walker | 2005-2015 | H G Whiddon | 1969-1972 |
| | D V Prowse | 2000-2005 | E J Siddeley | 1956-1965 |
| | H C Ford | 1995-2000 | H W Whiddon | 1935-1956 |
| | R B Clark BEM | 1972-1994 | | |
| Past Presidents | M Weber | 2002-2005 | E Watt | 1948-1953 |
| | P G Mattick | 1999-2002 | H G Whiddon | 1943-1948 |
| | J F Threlfo | 1996-1999 | R W May | 1942-1943 |
| | C R Hickey | 1991-1996 | E J Siddeley | 1939-1942 |
| | R I G Richard | 1988-1991 | R W May | 1936-1939 |
| | P D Richardson | 1985-1988 | J E Holmes | 1935-1936 |
| | I G S Blair | 1983-1985 | R G Herford | 1933-1935 |
| | J H Edmonds | 1980-1983 | H W Whiddon | 1932-1933 |
| | C K Dennis | 1976-1980 | E J Siddeley | 1931-1932 |
| | D A Walker | 1973-1976 | R W May | 1929-1931 |
| | R D Vanderfield | 1972-1973 | E J Siddeley | 1928-1929 |
| | H C Ford | 1969-1972 | H W Whiddon | 1926-1928 |
| | H G Whiddon | 1967-1969 | E Love | 1925-1926 |
| | B U Williams | 1965-1967 | E J Siddeley | 1924-1925 |
| | W A Elder | 1962-1965 | H W Whiddon | 1921-1924 |
| | R J Thomson | 1960-1962 | J C Meeks | 1920-1921 |
| | A J Land | 1957-1960 | H W Whiddon | 1919-1920 |
| | R S Jones AOM | 1953-1957 | J H Stone | 1918-1919 |
| Past Life Members | C K E Dennis | 2004 | D A Walker | 1987 |
| | C G Jones | 2004 | H C Ford | 1985 |
| | J Balmforth BEM | 2002 | E G Stockdale | 1970 |
| | P D Richardson | 1996 | R B Clark BEM | 1958 |
| | J Alford | 1996 | H G Whiddon | 1958 |
| | D V Prowse | 1995 | R W May | 1947 |
| | I R Vanderfield AO OBE | 1995 | E J Siddeley | 1947 |
| | R S Jones AOM | 1994 | H W Whiddon | 1947 |
| | P C Murray CBE | 1993 | | |
| Life Members | I G S Blair | W F Hooker | J F Threlfo | |
| | C R Hickey | R I G Richard | C D Walker | |
| | S Hipwell | | | |
| Vice - Presidents | R Anstey | C J Jones | G Price | |
| | J F Crockett | K R Kable | J Price | |
| | P England | H W Lennartz | G Rolleston | |
| | G Heggarty | P Mansford | S Schomberg | |
| | M Howell | P G Mattick | J Staniforth | |
| | G Ireland | R Pontifex | K E Wearne | |

Greenlees Park Bowling Club

Honour Board | Opened 1950



Patrons

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

Chairmen

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

Presidents

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|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| M Laws | 2014-2017 | J Spargo | 1975-1976 |
| W Allen | 2013-2014 | C House | 1974 |
| B Huttly | 2011-2012 | G Durie | 1971-1973 |
| D Coleman | 2008-2010 | T Murphy | 1969-1970 |
| A Cribb | 2005-2007 | R Toogood | 1968 |
| R Arnold | 2002-2004 | N Lowe | 1965-1967 |
| S Lesslie | 1999-2001 | C London | 1963-1964 |
| R Arnold | 1996-1998 | A Giblett | 1960-1962 |
| C Pratt | 1994-1995 | R Wiggins | 1959 |
| A Lee-C Pratt | 1993 | J Henderson | 1958 |
| J Vale | 1992 | C London | 1957 |
| A Lee | 1979-1991 | W Dunlop | 1950-1956 |
| C Piercy | 1977-1978 | | |

Life Members

| | | |
|------------|------------|----------|
| L Coleman | K Free OAM | B Huttly |
| R Buchanan | R Skehan | |

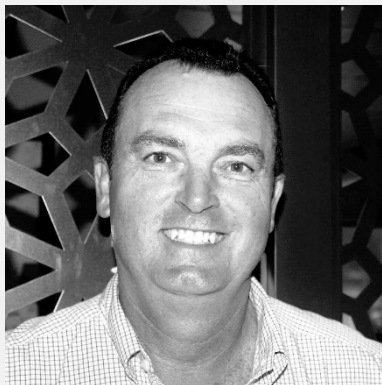
Past Life Members

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

Briars Sports

Chairman's Report

Brett Howle



Briars Sport has just completed its 99th year and I am pleased to report that the club is staying true to its heritage by making sure that the playing and promotion of amateur sport remains at the forefront of our existence. This is especially important as the Club celebrates its Centenary in 2018. Our sports of Senior and Junior; Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Squash and Netball, plus Men's and Ladies Bowls remain well administered and patronised. Our junior sports especially continue to grow each year. We have over 1000 active sporting participants, mostly juniors, throughout our summer and winter sports and we are the largest sporting organisation within the City of Canada Bay. That is a great achievement and something all members should celebrate and promote further.

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Off the field the year has been one of consolidation after major capital works over the preceding years. The club presents as a vibrant and contemporary place to visit and remains well supported by members and visitors alike. I refer you to the Treasurers report for more information regarding the club finances for the 2016/17 year.

During the year our General Manager, Glen Taylor, resigned due to ill health. Glen had been with Briars for over 10 years, joining not long after amalgamation. Glen had been a significant factor in the club's transformation over that 10-year period ensuring that Briars Sport presents as the club of choice for our local residents and sport members. On behalf of all Board members that Glen worked with, and all members, I sincerely thank Glen for his dedication and efforts during this time.

With Glen leaving we welcomed Jason Parle, who joined us from Bexley Golf Club. In the short time Jason has been with us he has put in place strategies to help the future success of the club. Again, on behalf of members we welcome Jason and look forward to his ongoing contribution.

In 2017 we noted the death of long term member Brian Adcock and extend our sympathies to his family and friends.

A quick summary of the achievements of our sports;

Cricket; Another highly successful year with the club retaining the club championship for the 5th consecutive year, unbelievable! With all 4 sides into the finals and premierships to 2nd and 4th Grades.

Junior Cricket; Now totalling 38 sides our largest sport within the club continues to perform strongly with teams ranging from Milo into Cricket (5-7year old's) to Under 17's plus one girls' team.

Hockey; Overall a solid year with several senior and junior premierships. A great new facility at Cintra Park being the envy of many other clubs.

Rugby; A turnaround year for Rugby with the introduction of Lachlan White as coach and a number of other transformations both on and off the field to set a solid foundation to provide for the Rugby's future success, so watch this space.

Junior Rugby; 3 teams of Under 7's, 8's and 9's. A sport still in its infancy but growing and of significant importance to support as one of our foundation sports.

Squash; Good participation numbers for both seniors and juniors with 5 premierships over the spring and autumn competitions.

Netball; In only its 5th year within the club a sport that has exceeded expectations with tremendous participation numbers now of 32 teams.....and still growing in 2018.

Men's Bowls; Another solid year for the bowlers with 3 pennant teams, good and growing overall numbers, competitive roll ups, and lively conversations around the bar post game.

Ladies Bowls; Winners of the Grade 2 Pennants then off to the regional play offs, a great year for the ladies.

As I mentioned at the outset of my report, playing amateur sport is the DNA of our club. I like to describe our club as a sporting club first, with a licenced club attached, not the other way around as is normally the case. It is most pleasing to see all sports having great participation numbers, are financially feasible and are competitive in their respective competitions. Of most importance is making sure that all our players enjoy their sport and stay true to the club's values as set by prior generations. I am confident we are achieving both.

The success of our Sports rest with the respective Chairman or Chairwomen that run their respective sports. All are volunteers, so it is them, their committee, the captain's, coaches and managers etc that do the work to ensure that the players can simply turn up and play. They do it because they put their hand up instead of others and the work never stops during the season. On behalf of all players that enjoy the hard work you put in, thank you. Also, of great importance to our sports are the sponsors. Again, I thank you for your contribution and association with our club as year after year it becomes more financially challenging to run our sports. Thanks too, to the various sporting associations in which our sides compete for their administrative efforts during the year.

During 2017 Briars Sports commenced an association with the Coronation Club at Burwood. We were very fortunate to receive a sponsorship of \$25,000 from the Coronation Club to be dedicated to our junior sports so thanks to Alan Whelpton as President and his Board for this generous donation. Whenever in Burwood I recommend your patronage of the Coronation Club, so why not pop in and have a look around.

2018 marks the Centenary of our club. On 7 August 1918, 14 boys aged 9 to 13 years met and created The Briars Sporting Club. It is amazing to think that 100 years later we will commemorate and celebrate that simple idea. We are a proudly historic and unique club and our Centenary will be acknowledged accordingly throughout the year ahead, so I strongly encourage your participation during these events.

Jason, together with Monique, Ben, Megan, Jack and the entire staff of the club are to be thanked for their work and service during the year. I would also like to thank Tiffany, Adam and their staff for their work in The Backyard during the year.

The club is lucky to be in the City of Canada Bay and I thank both former Mayor Helen McCaffrey and current Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, and all Councillors for their ongoing support. Gary Sawyer recently retired as GM and we are grateful for his support over the years. Thanks also to all the council staff that prepare our fields and the like each week.

After years in the planning, The Ted Stockdale Pavilion finally opened at Rothwell Park. Congratulations to The Briars Foundation, Chairman Paul Price, and their benefactors in providing this wonderful facility which will be a lasting legacy for the future generations of cricket and rugby players of the club. Since the late 1940's we have continually played sport at Rothwell Park, being rugby in winter and cricket during summer. It is our spiritual home.

I would like to thank the Board for their contributions throughout the year. We have strong sports competing under the Briars banner and a vibrant and relevant club premises so thank you for your efforts and participation during the year.

Briars is a unique club with a memorable history to be celebrated during 2018. I thank all members and sport players for their contributions over the last year and look forward to a very special year ahead as we celebrate our Centenary

Treasurer's Report

Matina Moffitt | FCA - Treasurer



It is with great pleasure I present to you the treasurer's report for the year ended 30 September 2017. The profit for the year is \$9,598, down from prior year results of \$172,026 profit. This year was a tough year for the club, but I am happy to say that the club's cash flow remains strong which saw a continued reduction in our loan balance from \$551,100 to \$446,102.

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This year's profit was impacted by the decrease in revenue from prior year across both bar and poker machine. We saw a decline in both poker machines net clearances of 7.8% and in bar sales of 7.6%. We also saw an increase in expenses mainly contributed to staff costs and rental expenses.

In addition, this year's profit, does not recognise the profits made by the sports of approximately \$86,995, these amounts were carried forward to 2018 to assist the sports with their upcoming seasons. This is a change in our policy from prior years.

As always, we continue to support our sports, overall funding to our sports was \$138,000 for the year (this amount excludes the funding of the Bowling Green's up keep).

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Jason Parle, as newly appointed General Manager who in a short time has settled in well. A big thank you to Glen Taylor, for his huge contribution during his time at the club, we wish him the very best.

Vale

BRIAN ADCOCK

Brian joined Briars in 1946 coming from Fort Street Boys High School to play cricket starting off in the 3rd XI and moving up the grades and by 1950 played in the A Shires premiership side in 1950. He was also selected in the Combined Shire team the same year. It was noted he was an excellent fielder.

Brian also played hockey for Briars alongside the great Bruce Trevenar winning numerous premierships in his hockey days playing 1st and 2nd grade hockey.

In 1956 against Epping, Brian batting with Bruce scored 133 for the ninth wicket partnership in B Shires. This is a record for all grades and still stands today. Brian scored 89.

Not only did Brian play sport for Briars but his contribution off the field was also significant. He ran the line for rugby with Ted Stockdale in his first year. Brian was on the club rooms subcommittee, the cricket subcommittee, Chairman of cricket in 1952/1953, the hockey committee as well as Honorary Assistant Treasurer of The Briars.

Brian's other claim to fame was a unique double, nearly, in 1959 B Juniors, Brian scored 491 runs and took 51 wickets.

Brian was also a contributor to Half Time which is today's Focus. The other interesting fact is Peter Neary, greenkeeper at Briars for the past 17 years, is Brian's son-in-law.

The Briars Foundation

President's Report

Paul Price



Over the past twelve months the Briars Foundation completed their greatest achievement when The Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park was officially opened in July.

Years of hard work went into the Ted Stockdale Pavilion. The Briars Foundation, in particular John Price should be very proud of this achievement.

When I took over the Presidents role 8 years ago Col Dennis said this project would be an incredible legacy for the Foundation, well we got there! We now have a first-class facility for both Rugby and Cricket teams to enjoy for years to come.



Directors:

Peter Dunlop, John Price, Warwick Williams, Phil England, Paul Mattick, Brett Howle.

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When I took over the Presidents role 8 years ago Col Dennis said this project would be an incredible legacy for the Foundation-well we got there! We now have a first-class facility for both Rugby and Cricket teams to enjoy for years to come. The Foundation contributed \$220,000 towards the \$1.6m project with Federal, State and Local council contributing the balance and once again we thank each government body for supporting this wonderful project. As mentioned earlier, a huge thank you to John Price who has done an amazing job working with the various government bodies in organising the funding for this project.



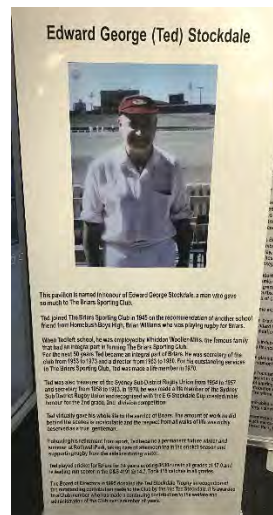
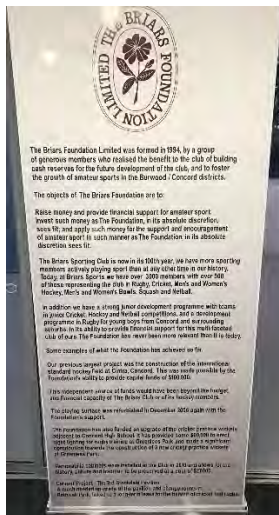
Now that the Ted Stockdale Pavilion is completed the Foundation will look towards our next project. One of those we are considering is a scholarships programme for the various sports and we will focus our fundraising on that during 2017/18. The details of these scholarships will be made available soon, the goal being to enhance the development of our juniors and coaches within the club.

The Statement of Financial Position for The Foundation to the year ended 30 June 2017, shows net assets of \$149,874 compared with \$140,271 for the 2016 year.

Ten 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 \$3,786 (June 2017) on behalf of the Foundation for future Capital Projects, the previously held funds have been utilised for the Rothwell Park project.



As well as the \$220,000 contributed to the Ted Stockdale Pavilion, over the past 9-10 years the Foundation have donated over \$12,000 to Hockey for a new electronic scoreboard and security cover at their home ground 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 12 senior and 36 junior teams. The Foundation was formed in 1994 and over the past 23 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 2017/18.

At the back of the Annual Report is a full list of contributors to the Foundation and we thank you all for your generosity and support.

Burwood Briars Cricket

Chairman's Report

Gerard Price



Achievement Summary

1st Grade

Semi Finalists for the 7th Year in a row

2nd Grade

Grand Finalists for the 4th year in a row and PREMIERS

3rd Grade

Semi Finalists

4th Grade

Minor Premiers and PREMIERS for 3rd year in a row

5th Grade

Briars Maroon and Briars Brothers Semi finalists

Under 24's

3rd in their group

Club Championship WINNERS (5th Year in a row)

Presentation Night award winners

David Walker Trophy (Services to Cricket)
David Jamieson

Ted Watt Trophy (Best New Talent)
Harrison Green

Richard Tregeagle Trophy (1st Grade Players Player)
Max Squire

Gerard Price Trophy (2nd Grade Players Player)
Diren Reddy

Another season completed and another successful year for the mighty Burwood Briars.

As we have said many times it is very difficult to make semi-finals let alone win a Premiership but this season we won 2 more to add to the collection. Many Clubs have not even been able to play a semi in any grade and so our performances are incredibly outstanding and something every player is very proud of. To add to the Premiership success, we were also able to win the coveted Club Championship trophy for the 5th year in succession. That achievement is one that only one other Club has ever achieved, and we have now done it twice!!

Every year we are challenged by the other 13 Clubs who seem to have one goal, that being to beat us! This was a challenge for the Club every week and we are very pleased to say that challenge was met each time and the results were justified.

The season began well for us with plenty of early wins across the grades and a dominant lead in the Club Championship at Xmas. All sides were well placed at this stage but then we lost our way a little. The 1st grade only managed one win after Xmas and with a few losses in the lower grades the pressure started to build. But, we managed to hold on and make the semis in the top 4 grades as well as the semis for 2 of our 5th grade teams being the Maroon team and the Brothers team.

The 1st grade team again led the way for the Club to reach the semi-finals for the 7th year in succession.... outstanding. The 2nd grade team finished second before the semi-finals, the 3rd grade

were also second, the 4th grade were Minor Premiers, and the four 5th grade teams finished in the top 12 of a 22-team competition.

The Club suffered plenty of rounds when guys were unavailable for a variety of reasons but we somehow managed to put some competitive teams on the field each week. To this end we are grateful to the many former players who helped when needed to fill a gap somewhere and this is one major reason that we are successful. Those players know who they are, and I can assure you that as a selector it is reassuring to know that we have this group of guys to call upon. Thank you.

This season proved to be a very interesting season in that we fielded 4 x 5th grade teams for the second time. This consisted of our usual Maroon and Gold teams as well as teams called Briars Rivals and Briars Brothers. These guys had previously only played in 20/20 competitions and so the step up to 40 over/side cricket took a while to get used to. They are a great group of people who we hope will be with us for years to come.

Anthony Clarke Trophy (3rd Grade Players Player)

Ben Van Den Nienwenhof

Peter Mansford Trophy (4th Grade Players Player)

Elliot Ralph

Will Hood Trophy (5th Grade Players Player)

Michael Taberner

Paul Price Trophy (Under 24's Players Player)

Chris Iaquinto

Bill Hooker Trophy (Masters/Classics Players Player)

Charlie Degura

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

We never take our success for granted as it is so difficult to win but we certainly crave that winning feeling as a Club.

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 and know that it will take a very strong and dedicated Club to beat us.

The 1st grade team played some fantastic cricket prior to Xmas but then seemed to lose momentum. Unfortunately, they could only win one game after Xmas prior to the semis and bowed out in a very game performance to the eventual Premiers.

The 2nd graders were outstanding. In the Qualifying Final they completely outplayed Lindfield by scoring 130 and dismissing them for only 108. We then scored 7/169 before the game was called. The semi-final against Epping was completely washed out as the big wet hit Sydney and no game was played anywhere.

The Grand Final proved to be an extraordinary game of cricket. Our bowlers continued their fine form to have Warringah 7-13! They recovered slightly to score 55 before

we batted and were 4-68 before losing our last 6 wickets for 6 runs. Warringah batted again to declare at 7-152 leaving us 58 overs to bat for a win. We managed to do this, just, finishing at 7-91 and the game being played till the last over of a 2-day game, simply incredible and a credit to both Clubs on the way the game was played. These 2 teams have contested the last 4 Second grade Grand Finals. On a personal achievement note Ben Van den Nienwenhof took 12 wickets for the game to grab the Man of the Match medal.

The 3rd grade team finished in 2nd position and were one of the dominant teams in the competition. Unfortunately, we lost the Qualifying Final and with the higher placed Auburn also losing this meant the end of our season.

The 4th grade team finished as Minor Premiers again and played some incredible Finals cricket to win their games including the Qualifying Final where they were sent in and went on to score 291! They easily dismissed Epping for only 74 to advance to the semi-final which unfortunately was washed out.

On to the Grand Final. With Sydney's big wet continuing and Rothwell still waterlogged we decided to be pro-active and request that the game be moved to Ron Routley Oval which was in a better condition to play. Many thanks to Canada Bay City Council and the groundsmen for their assistance in getting the game on (if we were washed out we were the Premiers!). The ground and wicket were prepared superbly well, and we batted first to score 197. The bowlers were yet again far too good and dismissed Strathfield for only 74 to clinch our 3rd Premiership in this grade in succession and with 3 different captains as well.

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.

The teams this year were very well led by the skippers being Jason Holley(1st), Rob Nandi(2nd), Gareth Robson(3rd), Paul Simpson(4th), Brett Howle/Anthony Clarke(Briars Maroon), Mark Smyck/Michael Taberner(Briars Gold) and Declan Kennedy(Under 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 Luke's Oval. The groundsmen do a wonderful job each week with James, Jeff and Fernando in charge at the respective grounds. Rothwell Park was once again voted in the top 2 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 returned to playing this year serves on the Shires Rep Committee and assisted in many other odd jobs,

Brett Howle for his incredible efforts each week with covers and trolley repairs and whatever else was needed to ensure all teams got to play,

Gareth Robson for his invaluable help each week in organizing covers and keeping our website up to date as well as taking care of behind the scenes paperwork and sorting out any Mycricket issues, 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 and for providing any statistics on past players when requested on occasions, Ben Critchley, Paul Simpson and David Young for the organization of the Horse Tipping Competition which was not only fun but a Fund Raiser for cricket as well, Orry Kirkham for his efforts at our pre-season training sessions, and finally to Greg Long who also helped manage the Under 24's. A big thanks also goes to Rose Taberner who organized our afternoon tea every Saturday across the grades and ensured they were delivered on time each week. 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;

- Khalkho Financial Services
- Go Pro Automotive
- Grosvenor Management Consultants

We thank you for your support.

Throughout the season there seems to be plenty of occasions when we need a fill in player to assist us in 1 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 we 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 and a reason why Briars are the Club we are.

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 available to play for us in our 1st grade team. This year we completely dominated Epping yet again to retain the trophy.

On behalf of all the cricketers I would like to thank the staff and management of Briars at Greenlees for their assistance and service to all the cricketers during the season in particular Glen, Ben, Monique and Megan. We appreciate your ongoing support.

At the end of the season we held our Annual Presentation evening at the club and with over 100 past and present players including some partners and we had a very enjoyable evening. Amongst some of the ex-players were the sons of the late Ted Watt, David and Michael who we really appreciate their efforts to attend such an important evening and Elaine Walker, the wife of the late David Walker

We are very thankful that the 2 Briars legends in David Walker and Ted Watt have allowed their names to be used for the 2 main awards on this evening. There were also plenty of former players who were in attendance including John Crockart, David Blair, Warwick Giblin, Wayne Grimson, Peter Mansford, Terry Murphy, Jim Neale, Kevin Price and Richard Tregeagle to name a few. It was fantastic to catch up with them all and we hope to see them as regulars in future years.

It was also great to have Kate Jamieson there to represent her family to accept the David Walker Trophy on behalf of the late David Jamieson, and, also fantastic to see Elaine Walker in attendance as well.

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

1st Grade

Jay Holley | Captain

Individual highlights.

Batting

Marc Seymour
12 innings for 483 at 48

Max Squire
12 innings for 416 at 52

Bowling

Marc Seymour
14 games 25 wickets

Stephen Davis
10 games 17 wickets

Daniel McLaughlin
4 games for 15 wickets

Firstly, congratulations to Ninj (2nds) and Simmo (4ths) on winning the comp, a fantastic year once again. Special mention to the 4th grade side on winning 3 years in a row.

To all the other team captains throughout the year congratulations and thank you for the awesome effort you all put in both 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 Oval, without doubt the best ground all year and I congratulate you on your efforts.

To my team, we didn't have the season we would have all hoped for, but I guess our amazing run over the past 7 years had to come to an end at some point.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone at Burwood Briars for the past 7 years, I have enjoyed my time at the Club immensely and have forged great friendships over that time. Thanks to Gerard and PP for persisting in chasing me to play as it certainly is a great club.

Finally, I would like to thank all our sponsors for supporting our great club and I look forward to your continued support in 2017/18.

There is only one Burwood Briars!

2nd Grade

Rob Nandi | Captain

Individual highlights

Batting

Harry Giddy
347 Runs at 28.92

Chris Laquinto
276 Runs at 30.67

Declan Kennedy
265 Runs at 20.38

Bowling

Ben Van Den Nieuwenhof
20 Wickets at 12.65

Diren Reddy
19 Wickets at 13.74

Jack Kovacic
18 Wickets at 14.29

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Now to the team and to the season. We didn't have our best start, but we seemed to time our run really well and gained momentum at the right time of the year finishing second on the ladder. Our bowling, as always, was strong and this resulted in us winning 7 games on first innings and one outright win. We did really well to make the Grand Final and after a great toss win, we managed to bowl Warringah out for 55 with young Ben Van den Nieuwenhof blowing Warringah away with figures of 7 for 18! Most thought the game would be over at that point, however, unfortunately we were dismissed late on the first day for 74 and had to fight our way to the end of day 2. We managed to hold on for the win and were 7 wickets down at stumps. It was an excellent character building performance and a couple of the young team members Declan Kennedy and Chris Laquinto came of age as cricketers batting with great maturity to secure us our grand final success.

| Player | MAT | INN | NO | 100s | 50s | 0s | 4s | 6s | Mins | HS | RUNS | AVE. | STR. |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|----|------|-----|----|----|----|------|-----|------|-------|------|
| Catalovski, Peter | 7 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | | | 14 | 30 | 10.00 | |
| Andrews, Craig | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | | 9 | 13 | 4.33 | |
| Rose, Tim | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 18 | | | 73 | 124 | 41.33 | |
| Nardo, Simon | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | | | 42 | 42 | 42.00 | |
| Van den Nieuwenhof, Ben | 6 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | 6 | 14 | 3.50 | |
| Dickeson, Corie | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 1 | | 54 | 64 | 12.80 | |
| O'Connor, Cormac | 9 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 12 | | | 50 | 196 | 19.60 | |
| Eichholzer, Albert | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 0.50 | |
| Price, Damian | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | 6 | 9 | 9.00 | |
| Sculley, Brad | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | 11 | 11 | 11.00 | |
| Giddy, Harry S | 11 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 34 | 7 | | 60 | 347 | 28.92 | |
| Khalkho, Sanjiv | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | 28 | 64 | 21.33 | |
| Smith, Guy | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | 22 | 72 | 12.00 | |
| Young, Dave | 9 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | | | 24 | 129 | 11.73 | |
| Kovacic, Jack | 8 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | 5* | 11 | 3.67 | |
| Kennedy, Declan | 11 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 1 | | 113 | 265 | 20.38 | |
| Kalic, Luka | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | | | 33 | 89 | 11.13 | |
| Jackson, Tom | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | | 17 | 52 | 10.40 | |
| Davis, Stephen | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | 25* | 40 | 40.00 | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|---|---|---|---|----|---|----|-----|-------|
| Vendrasco, Karl | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 2* | 2 | NA |
| Nandi, Rob | 13 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 1 | 53 | 224 | 17.23 |
| Pannuti, Paul | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | 19 | 25 | 6.25 |
| Towells, Mick | 6 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 39 | 89 | 89.00 |
| Rogers, Jack | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 21 | | 63 | 135 | 33.75 |

| Player | MAT | O | M | R | W | 5Wi | 10Wm | BBI | AVE. | STR. | ECN. |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|----|-----|----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Van den Nieuwenhof, Ben | 6 | 104.2 | 27 | 253 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 7/18 | 12.65 | 31.30 | 2.42 |
| Reddy, Diren | 10 | 92.3 | 20 | 261 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 4/19 | 13.74 | 29.21 | 2.82 |
| Kovacic, Jack | 8 | 98 | 18 | 243 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 6/17 | 14.29 | 34.59 | 2.48 |
| Andrews, Craig | 4 | 66 | 10 | 240 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 7/113 | 18.46 | 30.46 | 3.64 |
| Catalovski, Peter | 7 | 55 | 12 | 130 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 2/7 | 10.83 | 27.50 | 2.36 |
| Pannuti, Paul | 6 | 80.5 | 20 | 210 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 3/32 | 17.50 | 40.42 | 2.60 |
| Khalkho, Sanjiv | 5 | 53 | 16 | 145 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 4/19 | 14.50 | 31.80 | 2.74 |
| Iaquinto, Christopher | 9 | 54 | 15 | 171 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4/37 | 19.00 | 36.00 | 3.17 |
| Towells, Mick | 6 | 61.1 | 12 | 193 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 3/16 | 21.44 | 40.78 | 3.16 |
| Nandi, Rob | 13 | 22.4 | 6 | 55 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3/6 | 6.88 | 17.00 | 2.43 |
| Rogers, Jack | 4 | 41 | 12 | 130 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3/11 | 16.25 | 30.75 | 3.17 |
| Price, Damian | 4 | 31 | 3 | 103 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2/36 | 34.33 | 62.00 | 3.32 |
| Davis, Stephen | 2 | 28.5 | 8 | 72 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2/23 | 36.00 | 86.50 | 2.50 |
| Kennedy, Declan | 11 | 5.1 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1/10 | 10.00 | 31.00 | 1.94 |
| Nardo, Simon | 1 | 7 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1/13 | 13.00 | 42.00 | 1.86 |

| Player | MAT | CATCHES NON WK | CATCHES WK | STUMPINGS | RUNOUTS ASSISTED | RUNOUTS UNASSISTED |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Nandi, Rob | 13 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pannuti, Paul | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moffitt, Tom | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Khalkho, Sanjiv | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Smith, Guy | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Young, Dave | 9 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| O'Connor, Cormac | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Eichholzer, Albert | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Price, Damian | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Sculley, Brad | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Giddy, Harry S | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kovacic, Jack | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kennedy, Declan | 11 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kalic, Luka | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson, Tom | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| Towells, Mick | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rogers, Jack | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Laquinto, Christopher | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Reddy, Diren | 10 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

3rd Grade

Gareth Robson | Captain

While not the brilliant result for Third Grade as in the previous season, it is great to reflect on another Club Championship season for the Briars. It's a huge effort to turn out four competitive teams each week – plus two fifth grade sides – and Gerard Price was yet again the driving force behind the best club for a fifth consecutive year.

Third Grade finished the regular season in second place, a considerable 20 points behind Minor Premiers Auburn. The remainder of the top six were Warringah, Epping, Georges River and Strathfield.

Our season started with six two-day matches. In Round 1 we took on Lindfield, and 1/0 was not an ideal start to the year. We struggled to 6/82 before Orry Kirkham played the innings of the match with 75, to post a modest but competitive 201. Lindfield were never in the chase, with Greg Metcalfe striking at regular intervals with 5/37 from 16 unchanged overs, and they were all out for 67. Damien Price chipped in with 2/0 with his only four balls in the innings, and was given the new ball as Lindfield followed on. Out a second time for 47, Damien took 6/21 from 8.4 overs. A second outright victory against Roseville in Round 2 was built on an excellent total of 296 from only 55 overs, Scott Brennan opening with 66, before Luka Kalic scored 71 and Karl Vendrasco added a hard hitting 47 on Shires debut. Wickets were shared as Roseville were out for an even 100 in their first innings, Ben Van den Nieuwenhof taking 4/7 from 6 overs on his return to the club. Ben troubled all their bats in the second innings with 4/50 off 16 overs, many through or over slips. However, Roseville showed more application, batting into the 60th over and within both 10 runs of making us bat again and the shadow of stumps, before Greg strangled a batsman down the legside for a great win. In Round 3 we hosted last season's grand final opponent Epping. Sent in to bat, they fought hard to bat 70 overs though only posting 150, Sanjiv Khalko taking 5/38 from 21 overs. We were in early trouble before Sanjiv and Karl (top scoring with 46) steadied us, and Tom Moffitt and Diren Reddy finished the chase 6 wickets down. We celebrated our only century of the season in Round 4 against Macquarie University, when Tom Jackson was unbeaten on 123. I was lucky to share a 100-run partnership with him before being out for 60. We toiled into the 61st over to dismiss them for 101, Diren taking 6/30 while shouldering a tough 16 over spell. In Round 5, Lane Cove were out for 46 after 31 overs, Mick Towells taking 5/18 from 14 overs, and Damien 3/1 from 1.5. Our declaration at 8/156 was built on Dave Young's 57. Again, we were made to work hard on day 2, Lane Cove batting 60 overs before being all out for 85. Damien took 4/31 from 19 overs, while Greg was entirely without luck for 15 overs, taking 3/5. All Briars knew the significance of Round 6 against Georges River to the club championship, so we were hugely disappointed at 6/42. Albert Eichholzer (top scoring with 43) and Gerard Price then started a great fight back, with Greg and James Webb also scrapping hard to the end to find 121 runs. Gerard then caused havoc in the opening overs (4/30 from 16 overs), and Declan Heels bowled a sustained, hostile spell (6/31 from 20 overs) to roll them for 79. Scott was unbeaten on 71 when the match was called. The last round prior to Christmas, a one-dayer against North West Sydney, was washed out.

The new year started with a one-day match against first placed Auburn. We made a solid 201, with Orry top scoring with 49 in a good partnership with Brad Whitfield. Two good partnerships from Auburn, particularly for the seventh wicket, saw them home with 5 balls remaining. Round 9 was another one-day match against Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts. Peter Catalovski took 5/20 as we knocked them over for 104. A good chase secured a bonus point, Scott leading the way with 40. Round 10 was a two-day match against club championship contender Warringah. We were sent in on a green track and were 3/19 before some solid scoring in the middle order set a target of 266. Karl top scored with 84 and I was able to cash in on some tired bowlers with 52. Warringah never appeared interested in the chase, holding on for the draw at 9/193 after 80 overs. The final one-day match was against Balmain South Sydney who we rolled for 84. Ben was again the pick of the bowlers with 4/9 from 8 overs. We chased the runs 5 wickets down in 22 overs. No play was possible on the first day of Round 12 against traditional rivals Strathfield, and we were able to send them in on a damp Bark Huts wicket on the extended second day. Ben was unplayable, otherwise all the bowlers contributed as we had them out for 108 after 34 overs. Our opponents were motivated by needing to win to play finals, but our chase was simply very poor – out for 91. The final Round 13 against Pennant Hills was an extraordinary 2-day wash out.

In the Qualifying Final we won the toss and batted at Ron Routley Oval against Georges River. Our score of 111 from 63 overs was only possible through a fighting tenth-wicket partnership of 66 by Damien Price (34) and Elliott Ralph (29). When Georges River were 6/39, 7/56, 8/98 and then 9/98 it seemed we could still get our nose in front. However, a fine innings of 42 not out from their number 8 took them to 125 after 82 overs. All the bowlers were impressive, led by Gerard with a colossal 31 overs, 18 maidens, 6/21. Other than a cameo from Mick, our attempt to set a total never got started, and we were left with a lead of 39 runs in which to dismiss Georges River a second time. The resolve in the team to try was genuine, and when they'd slumped 6/16 a most unlikely victory seemed possible. While Georges River steadied to win the match, Burwood Briars had played to the end with great spirit. Always leading the way, Gerard bowled unchanged in the second innings, 14.2 overs, 9 maidens, 3/14. Unfortunately, while players from both teams remained talking about what had been a great match, we received word that Strathfield had defeated first placed Auburn and our season was at an end. Georges River went on to contest the Grand Final and were defeated by Warringah.

Indicative of the many changes our line up went through during the season more than our end of season struggles, only one batsman passed 200 runs for the season - Scott Brennan with 219 at 24. Damien Price took the most wickets with 23 at 9.9 (from 103.2 overs, 34 maidens), while Gerard took 20 wickets at 13 (151.5 overs, 55 maidens).

Gerard's leadership of the club is loyally supported by the captains, well deserved congratulations to Rob Nandi and Paul Simpson for their premierships in Second and Fourth Grades. Farewell to Jason Holley who has led First Grade with distinction. It's impossible not to mention Brett Howle who continues to make a tremendous effort for cricket off the field. We are very fortunate to have some phenomenal facilities, and particularly lucky to have Ron Routley Oval which is easily the best ground in the lower grades.

Finally, a big thank you to the players' partners and families who make it possible for us to take the field with our mates.

There's Only One Burwood Briars.

4th Grade

Paul Simpson | Captain

Players

Surya Sriram: *Played an outstanding innings in the Qualifying Final against Epping batting for almost 80 overs in scoring 60 on a slow outfield.*

Jamie McCleod: *Was promoted from 5th grade. Jamie batted very well and finished up as 4th Grades leading run scorer. Jamie has excellent technique, and will no doubt play higher grades next season.*

Jacob Murphy: *Chipped in with the bat on several occasions. Can also bowl some tidy off-spin however did not get the opportunity to bowl regularly.*

Greg Long: *Was his usual aggressive self and chipped in on several occasions with the bat.*

Alex Peters: *A batsman who likes to hit the ball hard. He top scored in the Grand Final with a typical hard-hitting knock. Alex also took several outstanding catches throughout the season.*

Another unbelievable year for the club with a fifth successive club championship and another 2 premierships.

Congratulations to everybody involved and, in particular, to Rob Nandi and 2nd Grade who defeated a very good Warringah side in the Grand Final to claim a well-deserved premiership. Thanks for all the support from the other Captains, in particular Gareth, who given the closeness of our teams was very supportive with selections. Well done to Brett Howle, Anthony Clarke and Michael Taberner who did an outstanding job in looking after the 5th Grade sides, which as we all know provide a pathway, for the younger players in particular, into Shires Cricket.

Personally, big thanks to Gerard Price who made my job a lot easier with all his support and advice. Gerard is the heart and soul of Briars Cricket and everybody associated with our club is extremely fortunate to have somebody such as Gerard providing the necessary drive and leadership that make our club the best club in Shires Cricket by a long way. Outstanding mate!

Fourth Grade in 2016/17 finished Minor Premiers and Premiers. This was the third year in a row that we have won the Fourth Grade Premiership – an outstanding achievement. It is a very difficult grade to win given the turnover of players every week in fourth grade, so it is a testament to the depth in the club that we can put out a competitive team every week.

Harry Peters: Took on the job of keeping, taking 5 catches in an innings against Epping. He also likes to hit the ball hard and played a valuable innings under pressure in the Grand Final.

Greg Metcalfe: Bowled with aggression and guile. A very handy cricketer who gives his all. Thanks for your efforts.

James Webb: Picked up 12 wickets in the match against Lane Cove and produced a man of the match performance in the Grand Final taking 5 for 15.

Elliot Ralph: Took 46 wickets across the grades and deservedly won the Fourth-Grade players player award. Elliot took 7 for 26 vs Auburn and 5 for 17 against Macquarie Uni.

Declan Heels: Fourth Grade were fortunate to have a bowler of Declan's quality, he bowled an outstanding spell in the Grand Final taking 5 for 38 off 21 overs.

Michael Gordon: Turned several games in our favour this season with vital wickets. Still at school, Michael has shown he has the dedication to develop into a very good cricketer.

Sam Tregeagle: Has good pace with the ball in hand and will develop into a front-line bowler in Shires in the years to come.

Also batted:

A Shepherd 2-81, S Brennan 1-53, A Eichholzer 1-51, M Towells 1-44, D Young 1-27, H Fisher 2-26, N Chowdury 2-22, A Clarke 1-19*, A Agarwal 2-10, A Hogg 2-8, N Bhuiyan 3-8, K Barton 2-7, S Shaikh 2-6, M Taberner 1-3, K Eswaran 1-1, O Kirkham 1-0

Also bowled:

N Bhuiyan 9-85, O Kirkham 3-26, M Towells 3-37, K Kancharla 2-21, A Clarke 2-52, H Fisher 1-1, K Eswaran 1-28, K Barton 1-30, M Taberner 0-12, A Hogg 0-32

The season started slowly losing our first game comprehensively however from that point on we only lost 1 more game and that game was lost with only a few overs to go on day 2. We were a very even side with no real stand outs with the bat or ball. Our strengths were our ability to hang in and win the close games with tight bowling and to run through opposition with the ball which resulted in 3 outright victories. We won the minor premiership by 1 point which proved pivotal given all the rain around come finals time.

We saved our 2 best performances of the year for the finals. In the Qualifying Final we lost the toss and were sent in to bat. We lost a wicket in the first over and then proceeded to bat for almost 150 overs before finally being bowled out for 291 on a very slow outfield. We then bowled the opposition out for 74 to record a dominant win.

The constant rain around finals time resulted in our Semi Final being washed out. Due to some excellent results throughout the season we were able to progress to the Grand Final due to our higher place on the ladder and be able to host the Grand Final.

I was very proud of the efforts in and around the hosting of the Fourth Grade Grand Final. Despite the fact we were the higher placed team the Club went to extraordinary lengths to ensure the game was played. We were scheduled to play at Rothwell Park however come the Wednesday morning it was clear that Rothwell would not be ready in time due to all the rain. A decision was made to transfer the game to Ron Routley around lunchtime on Wednesday.

A big thanks to Brett Howle, Anthony Clarke and Gerard for all the work behind the scenes in making this possible. One example of this help is that we had people down at Ron Routley at 7pm on the Wednesday with the super sopper removing all the excess water off the covers after another downpour to help the groundsmen with the preparation of the wicket the next day. It certainly says a lot about our club and what we are about.

On to the Grand Final against our neighbours Strathfield. Ron Routley was a picture with the pitch in great condition given all the rain about.



A big thank you to the groundsmen who did an outstanding job in getting Ron Routley in the condition it was. We lost the toss and were sent into bat. We batted very well and were dismissed late on day 1 for 197. We had 9 out of 11 batsmen reach double figures and batted for almost 80 overs which was a great effort in a Grand Final after being sent in on a wicket that certainly had some life about it.

We still had 16 overs left in the day and knew a big effort with the ball late on day 1 would go



a long way towards winning the game. We ripped through their top order to have them 5-30 odd at stumps. It did not take long to finish them off on day 2 dismissing them for 76. With that another well-deserved Premiership for Fourth Grade. Congratulations to everybody that played on the day and to several other players who played a significant role in winning this premiership. A big thank you also to everybody who came down to the ground to support us in the Grand Final – it certainly helps seeing a lot of familiar faces lending their support.

Batting and Bowling Analysis

| Name | M | Inn | NO | Runs | HS | Av | O | W | R | Av | Best |
|-------------|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|-------|----|-----|-------|------|
| J McLeod | 8 | 8 | 1 | 227 | 79 | 32.43 | | | | | |
| S Khalkho | 3 | 4 | 1 | 212 | 124* | 70.67 | 31.5 | 9 | 57 | 6.33 | 3/16 |
| P Simpson | 13 | 11 | 1 | 204 | 65 | 20.40 | 37.2 | 12 | 82 | 6.83 | 3/5 |
| J Murphy | 9 | 9 | 1 | 181 | 71 | 22.63 | 3 | | 29 | N/A | N/A |
| H Peters | 12 | 10 | 1 | 176 | 37 | 19.56 | | | | | |
| A Peters | 9 | 7 | 0 | 151 | 74 | 21.57 | 3 | | 23 | N/A | |
| G Long | 7 | 5 | 0 | 122 | 44 | 24.40 | | | | | |
| L Ralph | 7 | 7 | 0 | 118 | 33 | 16.86 | | | | | |
| M Smyck | 4 | 4 | 2 | 107 | 63* | 53.50 | 11 | 1 | 33 | 33 | 1/23 |
| P Fraser | 6 | 7 | | 106 | 35 | 15.14 | 11 | 3 | 37 | 12.33 | 3/12 |
| E Ralph | 10 | 9 | 3 | 78 | 19 | 13 | 119.3 | 30 | 295 | 9.83 | 7/26 |
| J Webb | 8 | 8 | 1 | 68 | 14 | 9.71 | 94.5 | 27 | 245 | 9.07 | 7/32 |
| D Heels | 6 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 99 | 16 | 135 | 8.44 | 5/38 |
| M Gordon | 9 | 5 | | 27 | 7 | 5.4 | 62.2 | 16 | 255 | 15.94 | 3/17 |
| G Metcalfe | 8 | 6 | | 63 | 15 | 10.50 | 67.1 | 13 | 201 | 15.46 | 3/26 |
| S Tregeagle | 8 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 4* | 4.50 | 78.1 | 8 | 271 | 33.88 | 2/15 |

5th Grade Gold

Michael Taberner | Captain

One of the many indications of a club's strength is its ability to field competitive lower grade sides and the 2016/2017 season was no different!

Burwood Briars was represented by 4 different teams in the Tim Creer Cup - Burwood Briars Maroon and Gold, as well as the Rivals & Brothers teams.

Briars Gold used close to 40 players this season, underlying the ever-changing nature of the team's week to week.

A huge amount of credit needs to go to the guys who were constantly available, making the life of a selector easy. Consistent and improving performers such as Colin Taylor (9 wickets - the unluckiest

bowler in the club!), Heath Warman (25 wickets), Will Studley (16 wickets), Jamie McLeod (211 runs) all made the season a very enjoyable team to captain and play in. The silver lining of playing in 5th grade is the rare opportunity to play with guys who go on to play higher grades - it's always a great opportunity to learn from these guys, and are always a welcome addition to the team as they show the guys what it's all about to play for the Briars!

A special thank you needs to go to the selectors, including Gerard Price, Brett Howle and Anthony Clarke for tirelessly working to ensure all Briars teams competed with 11 players each match - never an easy job and efforts largely unseen by many. The XI players picked on a Wednesday night would often be 5 or 6

players different come Saturday morning more often due to changes in higher grades and the flow on impacting us down in 5th grade.

Another thank you to the co-captains - Mark Smyck, Safwan Shaikh and Greg Long. Without the help and teamwork between us, the team would have not been as competitive as it was. While the results may not have always come our way, teams always knew they were in for a competitive match with Briars Gold. The balance of sides was always very difficult to manage, and we always tried to follow a 'let everybody contribute to the match' mentality, a fundamental approach to how 5th grade should be managed. I also wish to congratulate Harrison Green on his award, Ted Watt Trophy for Best New Talent this season. The award in recent years has been awarded to players who are now representing the club in 1st grade, so he is in some great company. His improvements this year were exceptional, and his enthusiastic approach to the game was very contagious - a very deserved recipient. Keep going!

Onwards and upwards for 2017/2018!!

5th Grade Maroon

Anthony Clarke | Co-Captain

Individual highlights

Alex Peters 127* v Briars Rivals

Alex & Harry Peters 54 each V Mounties

Michael Taberner 5/17 v Briars Gold

Anthony Clarke 4/12 v North West

Brett Howle 51*v Epping

Koushik Ganesh 83 v Pennant Hills

Dave Young 52 v Balmain SS

Saurab Ganguly 96 v Balmain SS

Tristian Stansfield 55* v Lindfield

Andrew Hogg 4/1 v Lindfield including a Hat Trick

Anthony Clarke 4/7 v Lindfield

Brett Howle 50*v Lindfield

Andrew Hogg 5/46 v Briars Rivals

Luke Kayani 85 v Georges River

Luke Kayani 77 v Auburn Green

Tom Threlkeld 4/17 v Auburn Green

Luke Kayani 434 runs @ 25.53

Jamie Mc Leod 277 runs @ 27

Brett Howle 229 runs at 34.1

Michael Taberner 34 wickets @ 22.12

Anthony Clarke 26 wickets at 11.19

Andrew Hogg 26 wickets @ 13.96

Full stats for the season can be found on the competition website, "Tim Creer Cup"

The 2016/17 season will be remembered as a successful season for the side for many reasons, even though a premiership did not eventuate.

Firstly, the side was competitive throughout the season only to bow out in the qualifying final against Burwood Brothers. More importantly however was the introduction of quite a few new young players into Briars Cricket.

The competition consisted of 20 teams playing 40 over one dayers over 22 rounds. The Season started better than the previous season with 8 wins in the first 10 rounds leaving the side near the top of the ladder. Many a Friday was spent trying to confirm 11 players let alone a competitive side with an appropriate balance of batsman and bowlers. With a number of washouts and losses we finished the regular season on 95 points in 5th spot. 48 players were used during the year. The regular season finished with 13 wins 6 losses and 3 wash outs.

Into the qualifying final vs Burwood Brothers. They won the toss and batted to finish at 9/184 with Sam Tregeagle taking 3/45 and Angus Shepherd 2/31. We lost two quick wickets to have us 2/11, we had a good partnership with James Simpson 32 and Jacob Murphy 34 to see us to 70 but again two wickets lost. The partnership of 30 (Howle & Stansfield) had us in a good position but once they were dismissed we were eventually bowled out for 147 in the last over, thus the season over.

Overall the side could be well pleased with its season. The club's main aim for 5th grade is to be a nursery for the new and young players and to introduce them into Briars cricket but also provide a platform to perform and move up the grades in the years ahead. Generally, we had a side of extremes with the few old heads of me, Brett Howle and much of the side still teenagers or just early 20's. My thanks to Brett as co-captain and to Michael for assisting throughout the season both on and off the field, and of course thanks to all the other players that contributed throughout the year.

My congratulations for their respective results also extend to the other captains and teams. Thanks also for the many hours doing selections during the year. Again, the club can be extremely satisfied with the results of having all 4 shires teams into the finals series, another club championship and 2

premierships, simply yet another an amazing effort to which other clubs aspire to get close too let alone achieve.

Of course, a special mention to Gerard Price whose untiring efforts remain the foundation of the club's success. You will also read many other tributes to Gerard in the other cricket reports, all of which are totally deserved.

So, ends another season with a lot of the players back and playing during 2017/18 for hopefully another successful year.

Under 24's

Declan Kennedy | Captain

Season 2016/17 saw the retirement of Guy Smith, the spiritual and physical leader of the team since the departure of Captain Squire. Building from last year's campaign, numerous youngsters were again given the opportunity to impress and put their hand up for what was shaping to be a very promising campaign.

We were quick out of the blocks with a stunning batting performance by Luka Kalic (82*), Cormac O'Connor (68) and debutant Jacob Murphy (64) which put North West Sydney's attack to the sword. This was backed up by Declan Heels (0/23 from 10) and Diren Reddy (4/28 from 10) seeing us secure the bonus point in style.

Unfortunately, this batting performance thwarted us for the rest of the year. But in true Briars fashion our bowlers stood up, which saw us pick up another bonus point against Strathfield in round 2. Reddy (4/26) and Van den Nieuwenhof (3/17) being the chief destroyers on a typically docile Rothwell.

Disappointing losses to Georges River and Mt Pritchard Southern Districts compounded the team's frustration after picking up two bonus points in our opening two games. Positives to come out of these games was the emergence of debutant Elliot Ralph, who picked up 4 wickets in his 24's debut against a strong Mt Pritchard side. These two games also demonstrated the skill set of Chris Iaquinto, who picked up valuable wickets and a gutsy 50.

We finished off the season with a bye and two wins against Balmain South Sydney and Auburn. We returned to some form as a batting unit with multiple contributors getting us to a competitive 208 against South Sydney. Elliot Ralph again impressed with 4/44, and tight bowling from the returning Jack Kovacic resulted in an unlikely 4 run win over a resurgent South Sydney side. Our bowlers yet again took charge in the final round of the season resulting in bowling Auburn out for 53. Diren (4/6), Elliot (3/18) and Benny (2/9) the chief destroyers. A true briars batting performance followed with us crawling over the line, losing 5 wickets in the process.

Finishing in third spot in our pool saw our campaign come to an end, and ultimately poor batting displays against the eventual grand finalists being our downfall. Many thanks must go to our team of managers and mentors Michael Towells, Jason Harris and Simon Nardo and Gerard Price for organising extra training days, scoring and selection meetings. No doubt this seasons campaign puts us in great stead for a shot at bringing Frankie back to Briars in 2018

| Player | M | I | R | NO's | 50's | 100's | HS | Avg | 4's | 6's |
|-----------------------|---|---|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|-----|-----|
| Iaquinto, Christopher | 6 | 6 | 155 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 55 | 25.8 | 7 | 1 |
| O'Connor, Cormac | 6 | 6 | 140 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 68 | 23.3 | 4 | |
| Murphy, Jacob | 6 | 6 | 123 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 64 | 20.5 | 3 | |
| Moffitt, Tom | 4 | 4 | 105 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 52.5 | 5 | |
| Kalic, Luka | 4 | 4 | 90 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 82.1 | 30.0 | | |
| Kennedy, Declan | 6 | 6 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 10.5 | 3 | |
| Shephard, Angus | 3 | 3 | 31 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26.1 | 31.0 | 2 | |
| Price, Damian | 3 | 2 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17.1 | 22.0 | 1 | |
| Gordon, Michael | 4 | 3 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 5.7 | 1 | |
| Webb, James | 1 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 14.1 | NA | | |
| Peters, Harry | 3 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 3.7 | | |

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Tregeagle, Samuel | 4 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3.0 |
| Ralph, Elliott | 3 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4.5 |
| Reddy, Diren | 5 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2.0 |
| Van den Nieuwenhof, Ben | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1.0 |
| Heels, Declan | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 |
| Kovacic, Jack | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

| Player | M | W | Mdns | R | 5WI | 10WI | Avg | SR | ER | BBI | Overs |
|-------------------------|---|----|------|-----|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Reddy, Diren | 5 | 13 | 9 | 144 | 0 | 0 | 11.1 | 20.85 | 3.19 | 4/6 | 45.1 |
| Ralph, Elliott | 3 | 11 | 2 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 8.9 | 14 | 3.82 | 4/36 | 25.4 |
| Iaquinto, Christopher | 6 | 10 | 1 | 120 | 0 | 0 | 12.0 | 17 | 4.36 | 3/25 | 27.3 |
| Van den Nieuwenhof, Ben | 3 | 6 | 3 | 83 | 0 | 0 | 13.8 | 24 | 3.46 | 3/17 | 24 |
| Kennedy, Declan | 6 | 4 | 0 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 17.0 | 27 | 3.78 | 2/26 | 18 |
| Tregeagle, Samuel | 4 | 4 | 2 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 35.0 | 47 | 4.52 | 2/16 | 31 |
| Gordon, Michael | 4 | 2 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 21.0 | 23 | 5.48 | 1/3 | 7.4 |
| Price, Damian | 3 | 2 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 43.0 | 39 | 6.62 | 1/9 | 13 |
| Webb, James | 1 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 29.0 | 30 | 5.80 | 1/29 | 5 |
| Kovacic, Jack | 2 | 1 | 3 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 46.0 | 90 | 3.07 | 1/26 | 15 |
| Heels, Declan | 3 | 1 | 4 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 73.0 | 156 | 2.81 | 1/13 | 26 |

| Player | M | C | C Wk | RO | St |
|-------------------------|---|---|------|----|----|
| Shephard, Angus | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Murphy, Jacob | 6 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Iaquinto, Christopher | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tregeagle, Samuel | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Van den Nieuwenhof, Ben | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kennedy, Declan | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reddy, Diren | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| O'Connor, Cormac | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kalic, Luka | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ralph, Elliott | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Moffitt, Tom | 4 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 |

Briars Masters

Greg Matchett | Captain

The Burwood Briars Masters (Over 40s) had their best season for many years after finishing a very credible 5th, with six wins and three losses.

Our batting was solid with regular batsmen Andre Berenger, Warwick Hayes, Jim Dimas, Greg Matchett and Mark Ridge all produced scores above 40. We were very grateful for our new players and cameos producing outstanding performances when required. Greg Shahmatov in his initial season scored two sparkling 40s before a season ending shoulder injury. Paul Cimadori in his limited appearances also due to injury doubled with a 40 no and 3/9 v Roseville and another 3/19 v Old Ignations. Another first timer Daniel Bowcock showed his class with 2 x 40 nos and 4/32.

Charlie Deguara (player of the year) continues to improve and was important to us with bat (1x40 no) and his opening swing bowling. Leg spinner Rob Vilensky always found ways to collect wickets (4/41 v Collaroy Plateau) and hence became our leading wicket taker. Bowling stat of the season was Paul Pannuti who in his only game bagged 6/19 v Roseville Navy in a fine performance of outswing bowling. David Johnson (4/25 v Lindfield) produced another excellent swing bowling performance from one of our non-regulators.

We thank all others for their participation and we hope to see everybody back again this season with more games from our new boys and non-regulators.

Masters Best Batting Performances

| Player | Matches | Innings | Aggregate | Not outs | Highest | Average |
|------------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Hayes, Warwick | 7 | 7 | 157 | 3 | 41 | 39.25 |
| Berenger, Andre | 8 | 8 | 148 | 1 | 43 | 21.14 |
| Macky, Andrew | 6 | 6 | 110 | 0 | 34 | 18.33 |
| Deguara, Charlie | 8 | 5 | 108 | 3 | 44 | 54.00 |
| Matchett, Greg R | 9 | 9 | 108 | 2 | 41 | 15.43 |
| Bowcock, Daniel | 4 | 3 | 95 | 3 | 43 | 95.00 |
| Cransie, Paul | 7 | 7 | 89 | 1 | 28 | 14.83 |
| Shahmatov, Greg | 3 | 3 | 85 | 2 | 42 | 85.00 |
| Ridge, Mark | 4 | 4 | 76 | 1 | 40 | 25.33 |
| Cimadori, Paul | 3 | 3 | 53 | 3 | 40 | 53.00 |
| Dimas, Jim | 5 | 2 | 40 | 1 | 40 | 40.00 |

Masters Best Bowling Performances

| Player | Matches | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average | Economy Rate | Best |
|------------------|---------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|--------------|------|
| Hayes, Warwick | 7 | 48 | 7 | 117 | 12 | 9.75 | 2.44 | 3/17 |
| Vilensky, Rob | 6 | 27 | 2 | 152 | 11 | 13.82 | 5.63 | 4/27 |
| Deguara, Charlie | 8 | 63 | 9 | 200 | 9 | 22.22 | 3.17 | 2/21 |
| Pannuti, Paul | 1 | 7.3 | 1 | 19 | 6 | 3.17 | 2.53 | 6/19 |
| Cimadori, Paul | 3 | 9 | 1 | 28 | 6 | 4.67 | 3.11 | 3/9 |
| Bowcock, Daniel | 4 | 14.4 | 1 | 62 | 5 | 12.40 | 4.23 | 4/32 |
| Rous, Steve | 7 | 52.4 | 8 | 231 | 5 | 46.20 | 4.39 | 3/18 |
| Johnson, David | 1 | 9 | 1 | 25 | 4 | 6.25 | 2.78 | 4/25 |

Briars Classics

Stuart Lind | Captain

The Burwood Briars Classics (Over 50s) started and ended the season losing matches that were quite winnable. The first half of the season can only be described as miserable and disappointing, not chalking up a victory over 5 matches.

Post-Christmas with the injection of many players closer to 50 saw our fortunes change, winning 3 out of 5 fixtures. Players including Andrew Blakie, Charlie Deguara and Luke Magee helped turn the fortunes of the team around. Highlight of the season was a victory over the much-fancied Mosman side, chasing down 175 with one over to spare. Other wins were against Western Suburbs & Sri Lankan Lions.

Overall the team finished in 12th position in a 16-team competition. The side fielded 25 different players throughout the summer.

Players Player Charlie Deguara the star for the side in scoring 167 runs over 5 innings without being dismissed, with the new ball in hand Charlie captured 10 wickets at an average of 9.4. Other key performers, Paul Alice, the ever-young Jeff Matchett, Mark Ridge when available.

Briars Classic Best Batting Performances

| Player | Matches | Innings | Aggregate | Not outs | Highest | Average |
|----------------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Deguara, Charlie | 5 | 5 | 167 | 5 | 46 | 167.00 |
| Ridge, Mark | 3 | 3 | 95 | 3 | 35 | 95.00 |
| Blaikie, Andrew J | 4 | 4 | 93 | 2 | 31 | 46.50 |
| Matchett, Jeffrey P | 6 | 6 | 84 | 2 | 31 | 21.00 |
| Karmakonda, Sadanand | 6 | 6 | 82 | 1 | 29 | 16.40 |
| Henry, John C | 5 | 5 | 81 | 2 | 31 | 27.00 |
| Alice, Paul | 7 | 7 | 78 | 1 | 31 | 13.00 |
| Hayes, Warwick | 2 | 2 | 76 | 2 | 46 | 76.00 |
| Magee, Luke | 6 | 5 | 73 | 2 | 28 | 24.33 |
| Kershaw, Terry R | 4 | 4 | 69 | 0 | 27 | 17.25 |

Briars Classic Best Bowling Performances

| Player | Matches | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average | Economy Rate | Best |
|----------------------|---------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|--------------|------|
| Deguara, Charlie | 5 | 40 | 10 | 94 | 10 | 9.40 | 2.35 | 3/13 |
| Karmakonda, Sadanand | 6 | 31 | 1 | 126 | 7 | 18.00 | 4.06 | 3/35 |
| Magee, Luke | 6 | 18 | 2 | 61 | 6 | 10.17 | 3.39 | 3/14 |
| Vilensky, Rob | 1 | 5 | 0 | 21 | 4 | 5.25 | 4.20 | 4/21 |
| Hayes, Warwick | 2 | 15.3 | 1 | 53 | 4 | 13.25 | 3.42 | 2/17 |
| Henry, John C | 5 | 21.3 | 1 | 81 | 4 | 20.25 | 3.77 | 3/9 |
| Lind, Stuart E | 4 | 12 | 0 | 47 | 3 | 15.67 | 3.92 | 2/19 |
| Fernando, Gus W | 5 | 17 | 3 | 68 | 3 | 22.67 | 4.00 | 2/17 |
| Alice, Paul | 7 | 46 | 5 | 175 | 3 | 58.33 | 3.80 | 1/21 |
| Kirk, Brian A | 4 | 17 | 0 | 47 | 2 | 23.50 | 2.76 | 1/10 |
| Matchett, Jeffrey P | 6 | 24 | 1 | 108 | 2 | 54.00 | 4.50 | 1/17 |

All team members would like to thank Skipper Brian Kirk for his patience and understanding throughout the season. Unfortunately for Brian his season was cut short with health issues. On the flip side Brian is back this summer in full health.

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

Concord Briars Cricket

Presidents Report

Chris Burt



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It gives us great pleasure that we had over 400 kids involved in cricket this year!

In total there were 38 Concord Briars Junior cricket teams for the 2016-17 season. They were:

8xU8s, 8xU9s, 6xU10s, 4xU11s, 2xU12s, 4xU13s, 2xU14s, 2xU15/16s, 1 U16/17 and one girls' team.

The majority of these teams (U8s to U12s) played in the Inner West Harbour Junior Cricket Association, which also has a Tri - cricket (sat arvo/Sunday Morning) competition for U12s and 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 Inner Sydney Combined Cricket Competition.

The club also had 2 Seniors District / Park teams (mainly the dads/coaches) in the Inner West Harbour Cricket Association.

Another highlight for season 2016-17 included many teams travelling to Canberra to play in the Kookaburra Cup

When you grow to over 400 players – going from just playing Saturday mornings to now playing back to back games on Sat mornings for u8s/u9s, also playing Sat 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 that 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 2016-17 season!

The Club is well into the 2017-18 season and enjoying another sensation year of kids enjoying cricket!

Jnr. Cricket U8 Maroon

Chris Malone & John Allen | Coaches

The 2016/17 season represented another enjoyable experience for the members of 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 also. Most importantly, the boys enjoyed their time together and always supported each other. They played some entertaining cricket. The members of the team included: Jack Allen, Riley Campton, Angus Green, Max Hensley, Talan Irving, Aahaan Mahtha, Hamish Malone, Ryan Nagaram, Oscar Ritchie and Brady Watson.

The team received tremendous support from the parents. We would like to thank them for their assistance and scoring. Our thanks also go to the team manager Cath Watson for her regular

communication and organisation and Chris Hensley and Luke Campton for their coaching and umpiring assistance.

We would also like to express our gratitude for the tireless work of the Committee members, they do a great job indeed.

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

Jnr. Cricket U8 Reds

David Evans & Bree Halliday | Coach & Manager

The mighty U/8s Reds had a great season. First and foremost, we had fun, and every player developed their cricketing skills throughout the year - whether it be bowling, batting, fielding. Even calling "yes" or "no" when batting was starting to happen by the end of the season! On the field it was a raging success - 12 games played, 10 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss - and although we weren't playing for points, this was a great achievement and one the boys should be proud of. Everyone contributed at some point during the season and there was great support from the parents - whether it be offering to assist with training, scoring or providing good company and laughs each Saturday morning. Hopefully all will be back next season!

Players: Aden Evans, Charlie Halliday, Peter Gianonne, Michael Quan, Jake Avakoumides, George Avakoumides, Alessandro Battaglia, Kian White, Patrick Foley.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Black

John | Coach

A great season for the U/8 Black. It was the first season of cricket ever for all the boys, and it was a real joy to see the development of the skills, and their love of the game, increase over the course of the season. The boys' enthusiasm for training also increased throughout the course of the season, as the boys all got to know each other and became friends.

The team was Eamon Turner, Lachlan Gacitua, Henry Perkins, William Gibson, Aidan and Ryan Scullion, Jude Kalotheous, Mattias Doherty, Miles White and Tom Knight.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Grey

Rajesh Puranik | Coach

The under 8 Grey had a fantastic season with great participation and performance from all members. There was major skill development in all aspects. The matches were competitive and some great team synergies were created. The scene has been set for a great season ahead to consolidate on the current season. We were blessed to have Reneta as our ever-efficient team manager, Nikhil as the perennial "9th man" and a wonderful bunch of parents who helped coach and support on the weekends.

Team members were: Pulkit Mishra, Nathan Carvalho, Krishan Puranik, Matthew Sanderson, Mark Everett, Vishwa Jaiganesh, Xavier Tavano and Leo Barre.

Jnr. Cricket U8 White

Steve Maronese & Mark Kelly | Coach & Manager

Fabulous team spirit was a feature of this team of young cricketers who came together for the first time to represent Briars. The team consisted of wonderful batters like Alexander Kelly, Charlie Roberts, Will Evans, Luis Gilroy, Archer Guilly, and Lucas Burnicle and fantastic bowlers like Luke Maronese, Ashton Tullipan, Oliver Lucas and Matthew Sarlas. The parents provided much support and encouragement throughout the year to our future cricket stars!

Jnr. Cricket U8 Blue

David Wood | Coach

Most of the boys started the season never having played cricket and had great fun. The boys improved with each training session and game. I am sure that, as long as the boys are involved with cricket, they will continue to improve and become ambassadors of the game. The members of the team were: Vihaan Shah, Lachlan Foster, Henry Toemoe, Ethan Toemoe, Patrick Wood, Aayush Parikh, Angus Gill, Kai Guelfi and Hayden Reeves.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Green

Ashish Wadhwa | Coach

The team had an enjoyable season. For all players, it was their first year playing cricket, so learning the rules and how to bat, field and bowl was very exciting. They all improved during the season and are looking forward to coming back next season. The members of the team were: Cameron Muter Thomas Colreavy Akira Howard, Lloyd Hall, Lukas Peat, Lachlan Pate, Henry Joyce, Vivaan Wadhwa, Edward Huynh and Patrick Coulton.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Black

Eric Guilly & Christine Bushell | Coach & Manager

It was a pleasure to see how the team developed over the season and, in particular, how much their friendships grew as the season unfolded. For some of the team it was their first season playing and I have to commend Jess, Matt, Toby and Rory on their efforts at training as well as on the field. To see them really apply themselves and improve with every game was satisfying as a coach. I wanted to make a special mention to Isaac for outstanding bowling through the season and his batting improved with every game. For Luke, Dash, James, Matt Q and Lorenzo, you all impressed me with the passion, eagerness to learn and how you applied yourself, particularly Lorenzo who wanted to bowl even though his leg was in a cast. Congratulations to our Best and Fairest Matt B, well deserved. Finally thank you to Christine who was fabulous as a manager and to the parents who helped at training or encouraging the team from the boundary!

Jnr. Cricket U9 Maroon

Anthony Stuart & Matt Del Popolo | Coach & Manager

The Under 9 Maroon had a fantastic and enjoyable season in 2016-2017. Our squad consisted of the following members, with some of their individual highlights including:

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|--------------------|--|
| Will Bertie | Batting avg of 20.6 and a best bowling of 3/7. |
| Lucas Biscotto | Bowling avg of 8.3 and a best bowling of 2/6. |
| Jeremy Burrows | 5 wickets for the season and a best bowling of 1/6. |
| Anthony del Popolo | 161 runs for the season and a best bowling of 4/8. |
| Rafferty Kitching | Best batting of 21 runs and a best bowling of 3/0. |
| Andrew Rae | 116 runs for the season and a best bowling of 2/2. |
| Aiden Sen | 121 runs for the season and a best bowling of 1/9. |
| Jaiden Sivapirabu | 125 runs for the season and 16 wickets for the season. |
| Nicholas Stuart | 130 runs for the season with a highest score of 23. |

The key to the players development was the fact that we had access to nets (by training early) throughout the season for the team to focus repetitively on the basics. We also spent between 15 to 20 minutes fielding & catching every session; with either a ball each or a ball between two and the team took some quality catches and affected some amazing run-outs.

A number of the boys will leave Briars and hopefully continue their cricketing careers through their schools next year. We wish them all the best. A huge thanks to our Team Manager Matt del Popolo. His passion and organisational skills were greatly appreciated. Massive thanks also to Lizzie Buckley and Cassidy Morris for filling in for a number of games this season when some of the boys were unavailable. We hope you enjoyed playing for the Under 9 Maroon and your cricketing journey continues next year.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Green

Will Padman | Coach

The U9 Green team regrouped in 2017 after a very successful year in 2016. Whilst the weather was not as kind to us this season the boys braved searing heat, gentle drizzle and torrential downpours on different occasions. Without exception everyone in the team grew and developed their skills this year and matured in the way they played as a team.

This was evident in our final game in which Balmain required only 15 runs in the last four overs to win the game. Gritting their teeth, the boys produced wickets, catches and run outs holding the opposition scoreless in a passage of play that kept all spectators riveted. It was an outstanding effort reflecting the commitment the boys have developed in their game.

There were some outstanding performances this season. Callum Padman, Xavier Foster and Louie White top scored this season with averages of 33, 17 and 14 respectively.

The team scored almost 1400 runs in 12 outings winning 9 of those games. Our leading wicket takers were Callum Padman, Sam Johnstone, Louie White and Luca Sattout.

In the field the safest pair of hands belonged to Callum Padman who took 14 catches.

The team consisted of the following players: Callum Padman, Akash Shaw, Xavier Foster, Sam Johnston, Christian Laurens, Josh Robinson, Louie White, Luca Sattout, Xavier Gibbs and Max Sharp. A special thanks to the parents who assisted every week at practice and on game day. Their passion and enthusiasm for the game was certainly reflected in the boys' performance.

We look forward to seeing you all again next season.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Gold

Rob Maniscalco | Coach

As cricket coach for the U9's Gold team, I am proud of my boys and what they accomplished over the 2016/17 cricket season. I love their passion, enthusiasm, commitment and most importantly the fun they have out on the field. They all did superbly throughout the season and I really look forward to coaching them again in the 2017/18 season. Congratulations to Issac Perkin, Hamish Turner, Lachie Maniscalco, Lachie Wodson, Hugh Gacitua, Josef Valtwies, Gabriel Encina, Oliver Moore, Samuel Butler and Tiger Bocking on a top season of cricket. Each of these boys have their own unique way of playing the game with the ball and bat but when they come together they are a very exciting team to watch. The boys did exceptionally well winning 10 out of 12 games (with 4 washouts). The two games they lost were to the same team and were close. It was fantastic to see such an improvement in everyone as evidence shows in the stats below.

They scored a total of 1,998 runs at an average of 166.5 per innings, scoring at 6.94 per over

They only conceded 759 runs at an average of 63 per innings, bowling at 2.64 per over

There was a number of sixes hit, along with some amazing catches and run outs

The bowling was awesome, and it needs to be mentioned that Tiger took a hat trick in the last game which is an amazing effort. DRS footage shows the second ball clearly going between the stumps after the first wicket had moved them out of position. The third was also bowled. In addition, both Sam and Gabriel took 3 wickets in 4 balls without getting that elusive hat trick.

Jnr. Cricket U9 White

Charlie Merhi | Coach

The team had an enjoyable season. The players worked hard to improve on their skills during the season.

The team members were: Noah Merhi, Noah Capaldi, Liam Ross, Dylan Grainger, Arush Abrol, Ayden Bova, Aryan Mirzan, Francesco Mazza, Arjun Varmani and Andrew Morozoff.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Blue

Matt Witt | Coach

The team had an enjoyable season. The players continued to improve on their skills during the season.

The team members were: Jack Witt, Dhruv Dawar, Luca Beckford, Luke Ellison, Samuel Nixon, Daniel Ho, Daniel Biasi, Noah Searl, Nicholas Donnellan and Benjamin Busetto.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Red

Simon Thorne | Coach

The team had an enjoyable season. The players continued to improve on their skills during the season.

The team members were: Zachariah Thorne, Liam Goldsworthy, Dev Subbanna, Alexander Marshall, Darcy Yates, Ayaan Ahmed, Christian Chessari and Tanishq Shah

Jnr. Cricket U9 Grey

David Metcalf | Coach

The team had an enjoyable season. The players continued to improve on their skills during the season.

The team members were: Anton Caruana, Matthew Salinger, Alex Tsirimiagos, Aaron Siva, Kiran Siva, Arion Kalotheos, Pablo Doherty, Isaac Fitzpatrick, Aaron Xiong and Zac Sewell.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Maroon

John Allen & Chris Malone | Coaches

The 2016/17 season was another enjoyable experience for the boys of the U10 Maroon team. The boys have developed into fine young cricketers who were very successful in the application of their skills during the season. The bowling accuracy and all-round batting talent was of a high standard. In addition, the fielding featured many classy run outs and impressive catches. The boys have become real students of the game and exhibit a great thirst to learn about the tactical nuances of the game. As a result, they were precocious in their approach to run accumulation and fielding. They played some outstanding cricket and earned their place in the Grand Final. Unfortunately, that match was abandoned due to the rain and the Maroon team finished a creditable second place.

Most importantly, the boys enjoyed their time together and continued to strengthen their friendship. The members of the team included: William Allen, Charlie Gray, Cooper Green, Luke Hill, Joshua Malone, Noah Ming, Max Palmisani. Oliver Quinn, Angus Riley, Jedd Sheehy, Oliver Stitt and Oliver Sullivan.

The team received tremendous support from the parents. We would like to thank them for their assistance with scoring. Much praise and gratitude should go to the team manager Matt Hill. He always had us organised for each event and stepped up to coach and umpire when required. Thanks for your fine efforts Matt.

We would also like to express our gratitude for the tireless work of the Committee members, they do a great job indeed.

It was a pleasure to coach the boys of Under 10 Maroon again this season. We hope that they continue to enjoy their cricket long into the future.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Blue

Evan Hannah | Coach

Under 10 Blue put in a great season to finish in the final, but didn't get to put the ladder leaders to the test due to a washout – so we ended second overall in the Adam Gilchrist Division.

A core set of players from last season's Under 9s were joined by a great bunch of newcomers, making a happy and friendly team. Our best batsman (and best in our whole division) was Jamaal Tuman, who scored more than 200 runs, and retired not out after passing 25 five times. Our best bowler was Liam Moussa, who took the most wickets and took 4/5 in one game. Most improved was Jess Townley, who had barely picked up a bat before the season and ended with wickets, runs, and did well behind the stumps. Also, terrific behind the stumps was Aiden Iliadis, while our best fielder for run-outs was Nick Callanan, and our most improved bowler was Michael Sanderson, who took 8 wickets with some good swing bowling. Our leading all-rounder was Ben Hannah, taking the second-highest wickets (8), and

third-most runs (104). Fletcher Netting improved too, particularly tying down batters with his spin and in his keeping skills, and inspired all with his never-say-die approach after copping some fearsome blows. Our best run stealer was Keelan Fischer, scoring 111 runs, with more than half of them in 1s and 2s. Matt Zeederberg emerged as an outstanding spin bowler, and Connor Jorgenson bowled the most maidens of all the team. Matt Johnston improved in all areas, and was the undoubted team leader on the field, setting a great example of sportsmanship in his respect for opposition players.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Gold

Adam McCall | Coach

Under 10 Gold had a great year finishing the season as Premiers having only lost 1 game through the regular competition. All the boys continued to improve and develop their cricketing skills during the year and played well together as a team. Well done boys.

Team members: Alex Au-Yeung, Logan Barry, Zac Carter, Billy Cosmas, James Kelly, Oliver Lockington, Callum McCall, Matthew Morozoff, Matthew Plunkett, Harshil Vora

Jnr. Cricket U10 White

Chris Thuell | Coach

The Briars U/10 white team had a great season. We all improved our skills - in particular our bowling and fielding through the season. In one game we effected 5 run outs!

The boys' enthusiasm for cricket was always showing in games and training every week. The team created a supportive and inclusive environment for all players with everyone getting equal opportunity, and always playing in great spirit and fairness towards their opponents.

We had 5 wins and 5 losses and came within half a win of making the finals, a great effort and we couldn't have asked for more. We hope to see all of you back next year. The team members were: William McKiernan, Joseph Lombardo, Jack McAndrew, Kane McKenzie, Tom Huber, Satvik Prasad, Luke Broadbent, Liam Roche, Curtis Bowhill-Hayes, Ashton Toemoe, Kai Thuell and Lachlan Sinclair.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Black

Shazley Saed | Coach

While the results didn't necessary go our way, this season the boys will look back on the season as a real learning experience. All the boys improved throughout the season and they always played with enthusiasm. The team members were: Ryan Michel, Benjamin Ronan, Raed Sayed, Harry Mayne, Dylan Celegon, Thomas Charles, Ben Gainsford, Harrison Bunting, Thomas Jansen, Vaibhav Puttagunta, Jesse Witt and James Glastras.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Blue

Evan Hannah | Coach

At the end of the regular season the team finished second on the ladder with solid performances throughout the year from all players. We enjoyed an excellent semi-final win against Leichhardt Wanderers. Unfortunately, due to wet weather we were not able to play the grand final and the minor premiers were awarded the championship. Overall, I am very proud of the team's performance. Well done to all the boys. The members of the team were: Matthew Zeederberg, Jamaal Tuman, Liam Moussa, Fletcher Netting, Keelan Fischer, Michael Sanderson, Ben Hannah, Matthew Johnston, Connor Jorgenson, Nick Callanan, Aiden Iliadis and Jess Townley.

Jnr. Cricket U11 Gold

Uma Umapathy | Coach

I would like to congratulate Briars U11 gold team for their commitment towards playing cricket. Over the season the team became fitter, faster, stronger and smarter in their game. The team continues to demonstrate that they are improving their cricket skills. The boys played remarkably well over the season to be in the finals with the top score. It is a testament to U11 gold team's handwork and dedication that they were successful in their group. I would like to thank the players and their parents for supporting me as a coach over the season. I learned a lot! Keep up the good work next season!

The team members were: Garry Young Jnr, Riley Cooper, PJ Goth- Towney, Zac Morgan, Roan Fahy, Edward Newton, Jayanth Kumar Bhoopalan Padua, Seyon Umoathy, Nate Wuromus- Hilzinger, Luke Evtushenko, Viren Parikh, and Gabriel Sainsbury.

Jnr. Cricket U11 Black

Jason Burriss | Coach

Another season of fun and skill improvement in U/11 Black. The team are growing quickly and so is their ability to play cricket! It was a pleasure to coach such an energetic team. So close to making the semi-finals this year! Onwards and upwards next year!! Thanks Jason

The team members are: Mitchell Burriss, Moran Abou-Anton, Zack Narayan, Sonia Kalachian, Joseph Kalachian, Sebastian Chessari, Dhillon Jagdev, Jonathon Fernandes, Aidan Dolan, Anthony Smith and Odin Zakarija.

Jnr. Cricket U11 Maroon

Greg Harris | Coach

While the results didn't necessarily go our way, this season the boys will look back on the season as a real learning experience. All the boys improved throughout the season and they always played with enthusiasm. The members of the team were: Ibrahim Iqbal, Vijay Ratnavel, Jack Harris, Matthew Broadbent, Taj Thorne, Aman Shaw, Sachinpal Nagra, Callum Robinson, Ra'id Shehzad Sheikh, Marco Iacovitti, Jeaan Christian.

Jnr. Cricket U11 White

Damian Chase | Coach

The team struggled in this competition but never lost their enthusiasm in playing cricket each week. The boys improved each week and, although only winning 2 games during the season, the team spirit and camaraderie between the players was exceptional. The team members were: Mason Daly, Benjamin Chase, Mark Masesa, Matthew Gibson, Jack Roberts, Nicholas Shehata, Nate Tucker, Lochlan Demark, Jake Fastiggi, Bailey Leighton, Sebastian Chartres, Matthew Mavrelis and Patrick Udovicic.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Tri Maroon

Rob Wodson | Coach

U12 Tri Maroon had a fabulous season and were involved in many close games across all of the 2-day, 1 day and T20 formats. Going into the last round we needed to win the last game to be eligible for the finals and we just snuck in. The grand final versus Balmain was played for 99 out of a possible 104 overs, where, batting second, Briars won the final by 3 wickets in the dying overs. Owing to a firm rotation policy, across the season from a squad of 14 players we had 9 opening batsmen, 8 wicket keepers and 14 opening bowlers. Fabulous stuff! Every single one of the boys are to be congratulated for their improvement, sportsmanship, skills and bravery.

Well done to Archer Gray & Damian Ryan (co-captains), Matt Peruzzi, Joshua Wodson, Joshua Lo Surdo, Sam Pearson, Vibhu Karthikeyan, Hari Kangatharan, Alex Colreavy, Jack Buchanan, Peter Pisano, Henry Hewson, Andrew D'Addona & Justin Ryan.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Gold

Simon Mansfield & Paul Pannuti | Coaches

We had a great season with significant improvement by all our players in all the skills areas - batting, bowling and fielding. It was satisfying for Paul and I, to see the hard work in training pay off on the field in the matches.

Especially pleasing for us was that we created 3 opportunities to secure outright wins and came very close on 2 occasions.

Finishing 4th on the ladder we played the top team in the semi-final, in which both teams batted out their 52 overs, we came second on the day and played very well pushing our opposition to play at the highest level.

A great group of boys to coach, looking forward to further success in the 2017-2108 season.

The members of our team were: Toby Cohen, Tyronne Pannuti, James Hewgill, Callum Mansfield, Oliver Cohen, Matthew Carr, Matthew Wollen, Angus Gray, Tom Barton, Harry Geoghegan-Leech, Lachlan Begg and Will Cellucci.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon

Ben Cummins | Coach

The 2016/17 season of Under 12 Maroon was a very rewarding one. From a slow start to the season, the boys continually developed and improved their game and finished the season with a host of wins, only to have their Grand Final match rained out.

The team came together in September with a host of new players introduced to the team and by March the boys had all formed friendships and there was a great camaraderie that was evident for all to see.

The boys had some good contests throughout the year and it was tremendous to watch them play the way they did. There was always someone within the team who would step up and play well when the team really needed it. The parents were given some lasting memories to take away from their son's efforts.

Thank you to the boys for the effort that you have put in throughout the year. You are a pleasure to coach! A big thank you to Rob Penwill for coaching the boys and assisting in developing the boys' skills. Your contribution to the team is very much appreciated. Thanks to Darren Chiswick for being Manager and organising the team. Thanks to Aasawari Redcar for scoring every week. Finally, thank you to all the parents who turn up most weeks and support their children and the team by doing the little things that also contribute to the running of the team i.e. warm-ups, field boundaries, morning teas, etc.

I encourage the boys to continue enjoying their cricket and playing the game in the spirit that it should be played. You have exemplified what cricket is all about and I hope to see you all again next season.

U12 Maroon team members are Liam Penwill, Raj Johnston, Patrick Cummins, Hamish Gordon, Mark Chiswick, Awhil Powar, Shivam Wadhera, Rameez Vu, Jordan Craus, Yuvraj Dalvi, Christian Furfaro and Daniel Righi.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Girls

Steven Winstanley | Coach

Briars U/13 Girls Cricket Team was made up of 11 girls that had little to mainly no cricket experience. All the girls have dedicated themselves to our team, the club and to cricket; they have trained and competed with such team spirit, and, also within the spirit of cricket.

After only winning 1 game last year, the girls returned early this year to compete in the U/13 Girls Thunder League Summer Comp, where they went undefeated until the final game which went down to the wire only losing by 5 runs. The girls have shown a real love for cricket and are sure to return again next season for Briars.

The team members were: Sonya Kalachian, Brianna Winstanley, Elizabeth Buckley, Elizabeth Broadbent, Isabella Goth-Towney, Georgia Durnford, Ayla Ali, Amelia Nicotina, Brooklyn Hill, Lily Hancock and Cassidy Morris.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Gold

Mark Eccleston | Coach

The under 13's Gold had an outstanding season showing great team spirit and improvement by every one of the boys. We finished second after the regular season and fell slightly short in the final, the boys should be proud of their efforts and achievements throughout the year, as coach I am very proud of what they achieved this season.

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| Reyhan Tuman | Our captain a hard hitting attacking batsman who tore many bowling teams apart and a handy bowler as well. |
| Ned Arnold | Our Mr Cricket he bats, bowls, fields, the ultimate team player. |
| Jack Eccleston | A great all-round cricketer and a valuable keeper taking great catches and scoring runs when needed. |

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| John Melia | Tough all-rounder, he is a great attacking cricketer in all areas of the game and is always super competitive. |
| Kaif Khan | A well-respected all-rounder and a game changer with either the bat or ball when needed had a very solid season. |
| Reuben Linton | A great attacking batsman and an outstanding bowler also a skilled fieldsman. |
| Gabriel Steel | Nickname "The Rock" will bat all day and frustrate all bowling attacks, bowls the way he bats with grit and determination. |
| Anthony Ciancio | A determined and committed player, a very deceptive bowler and a player who has improved greatly in all areas over the season. |
| Joshua Smith | Outstanding season and has improved vastly with bat and ball, he was razor sharp in the field taking some great memorable catches. |
| Prantipal Nagra | The quiet achiever of the team, very skilful with the bat and deadly accurate with the ball, highly valued member of the team. |
| Matthew Tzoukos | A very gritty and determined player who bowled leg spin and was dangerous in attack also very sharp in the field taking some key catches. |
| Khush Pershad | A solid and handy cricketer, a must for every team, always putting his hand up and contributing to the team in every way with his batting and bowling. |

Jnr. Cricket U13 ISCC Gold

George Papathanasiou & Jeremy White | Coach & Manager

The U13s ISCC Gold team had a core of returning players but also a number of new players. The team performed well, enjoying some good wins including consecutive nerve-jangling victories by one and two runs in the second part of the season.

We won more than we lost (just!) and made the semis – a terrific achievement given the number of new players and the absence of rep players for a few rounds – but we fell victim to the weather and didn't progress beyond week one. The boys played with a great team spirit and their behaviour and attitude on game days and at training was spot on.

Team members – Karthik Anand Kumar, Jeffrey Badrous, Ben Brooks, Jack Curren, Jai de Lisser-Howarth, William Deller, Harry Groth, James Hardiman, James Hawkins, Tom Mackie, Louis Manenti,

Jnr. Cricket U13 ISCC Maroon

Darren Morris | Coach

The under13 Maroon had a solid season and finished in second place. Unfortunately, the team lost their semi-final. I am very proud of the achievements by all the boys during the season.

The members of the team were: James Hraiki, Jivan Naganathan, Mufaddal Baquari, William Johnson, Alexander De Popolo, Cooper Morris, Johnathan Stuart, Adrian Biscotti, Alexander Turner Jensen, Zubin Thukral, Ronnie Rastogi, Matthew Ibrahim and Harrison Buckley.

Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon

Matt Threlkeld | Coach

Concord Briars U/14 Maroon had a successful season with 5 wins, but unfortunately missed out on playing three games due to wash outs and a bye. The boys showed improvement throughout the season with a number of personal bests, and enjoyed the Briars team spirit. The team finished fourth and earned a position in the semi-finals, but with both days washed out were denied an opportunity to make another grand final. The season had finished on a high with the team defeating the eventual competition winners in the final round, following an enthusiastic display in the field.

The team members were: Jack Bakker, Jack Boachoam, William Deller, Liam Gordon, George Kosmas, Ethan Marshall, Thomas Moussa, Manesh Rajendran, Tynon Scroggie, Kogulan Senthurchelvan, James Threlkeld and Jordan Tornatore.

Jnr. Cricket U14 ISCC Maroon

Gerard Buchanan | Coach

The Under 14 Maroon team had a successful 2016/17 season just missing out on finals.

The team developed nicely throughout the season with each member of the team contributing to the season. Our batting was led by a number of talented batsmen including Finn Gray and Tom Buchanan who both made over 250 runs for the season!! Finn scored his maiden century, and both scored numerous fifties. The fact they both contributed with the ball and in the field, highlight the talent of these two. Adam Brooks, Anton Demark and Anthony Carbo had good all-round seasons scoring vital runs and taking wickets when we needed them highlighting their talent. The new ball was taken regularly by Jack Benchoam who never gives the batsman an inch. His strength is his incredible consistency in line and length. Thomas Allsopp continues to develop as a cricketer. His tight technique and accurate bowling made him a handful for all opposition. Jayden Merhi, Riley Fitzroy and newcomer Reece Miller contributed valuably to the team. One of our strengths was our spinners which was led by Luke Abraham who is "Warne" like in his knack of hitting a length. These boys were a pleasure to be involved with and always played with true Briars spirit.

Jnr. Cricket U16 Maroon

Roland Stanmore | Coach

These boys have been playing together for a while and had another very enjoyable year. There were a number of both batting and bowling highlights throughout the season, including a century to Aidan Gardner and a 5-wicket haul to Jack Garbutt. There were also a number of other personal best batting & bowling performances from many of the boys. This combined with fielding led us to many wins and 3rd on the table and the finals. Unfortunately, wet weather washed all the semi-finals out. The boys enjoyed the season so much that nearly all of them have returned for the 2016-17 season, which has started well.

The team members are Vrishank Pendyala, Max Trapnell, Aidan Gardner, Jared McKenna, Trent Stanmore, Rohan Whitting, Nick Kosmas, Jack Garbutt, Ely Corliss, James Arrow, Blaise McKee, Lochlan Lee, Kaan Eyvaz and Luke Antoniadis.

Jnr. Cricket U16/17 ISCC Maroon

Neil Brooks | Coach

The team worked hard but had a tough season. Particularly, the team was unable to have a consistent group of players throughout the season. However, it was pleasing to see the improvement in individual skills. As a team we worked on developing a team environment. The team members were: Joshua Hamilton, Jacob Mossin, Tommy Brooks, Saarangan Arvind, Ryan Miklich, Sam Cullen, Mahana Bhogadi, Ashton Whitting, Alexander Deller, Matthew Booth, Patrick Braithwaite, Alif Chowdhury and Liam Ferrier.

Briars Senior Rugby

Chairman's Report

David Lannan



This year we set about building the club for a return to First Division and to prepare for the Briars Centenary in 2018. There were lots of exciting things happening with the recruitment of a new coaching team, the formation of a Rugby Restoration Board, the opening of the new Ted Stockdale Pavilion, and a pre- season tour to Orange.

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Getting ready for the 2017 season

The planning for season 2017 started soon after the end of the 2016 season. With the resignation of Damien Johnson from the Head Coach role, an opportunity arose to bring in a new coaching team and continue building the club towards a goal of First Division. The Rugby Committee and Briars Board agreed to form two groups of volunteers to focus on the long-term success of Briars Rugby by forming the Rugby Restoration Board to bring in change; and the Rugby Management Committee to oversee the ongoing management of the club.

The Rugby Restoration Board (RRB) was chaired by Brett Howle, Briars Club President, and included a mix of Old Boys and current players in Chris Walker, John Slender, Kerry Constanti, Andrew Hogg (Snr), Aaron Boyter, Ash Simpson and David Lannan.

The Rugby Management Committee (RMC) consisted of the committee volunteers elected at the Briars Rugby AGM. This included David Lannan (Chairman), Rebecca Burton (Secretary), Andrew Hogg (Snr) (Treasurer), Alex Gonano (Registrar), Kerry Constanti (Gear Marshall), Jules Boyter (Junior Rugby), Aaron Boyter (Board Representative) and general volunteers Dante Finlay Melville (Schools Recruitment), Luke Sinai, Lachlan Cameron, David McDougal, Andrew Hogg (Jnr), David Lewis, Greg Black, and James Black.

Recruitment of new coach - Lachlan White

The RRB's initial focus was on the recruitment of a new coach. With a number of applications and a tough interview process, Briars Rugby welcomed Old Boy and 2006 Grand Final winning prop, Lachlan White, to the Head Coach position.

Lachlan has advanced his coaching expertise since those playing days, now the Director of Rugby at Trinity College and NSW Schools Head Coach. Lachlan also brought a star second grade coach in David Munnoch, also a Trinity coach and links to the club through his son Adrian.



Cronulla Beach Fives

Early January saw a new pre-season event hit the shores of Cronulla with the Beach 5s. As it was still the off-season for most players, Briars pulled together a mix of players looking for an early run hosted by NSW Waratahs.

We had a bus trip down King Georges Rd to North Cronulla Beach where an inflatable field had been set up just above the tide line. With eight men's teams and eight women's teams from across Sydney competing the goal was to survive the sand and win a game or two! The boys played well winning one game and losing two— unfortunately to the Grand Finalists, although giving them both a run for their money! Briars Rugby Facebook page live streamed the event.

Pre-season 2017

Briars Rugby commenced preseason training in February 2017. With the new coaching staff for 1s & 2s, we also welcomed our 3s coaches, Old Boys, Tim Entwisle & Scott McGill.

Our off-season recruitment efforts were as successful as in previous years, with a good number of new players coming to the club. Briars lost players from 2016 mostly through retirement or injury, plus the Merrylands players had headed back to their club after a 12-month suspension. Briars offset these losses by recruiting a number of new players. A strong recruitment drive in the U21s age group saw us field some excellent players in Year 12 from local schools with a big thanks to Andrew Hogg (Jnr). We were looking good for a Colts team in 2017!

Orange trip and pre-season games

The preseason plans included a trip to Orange to play the Emus and trial games against Drummoyne & Harlequins at Drummoyne; UNSW, Lane Cove &

Merrylands for a rare trial at Rothwell; and St Ives for the traditional Walker Cup; plus, the Subbies Sevens' event. Unfortunately, due to horrific wet weather through March in Sydney our trial days at Drummoyne, Rothwell & the Sevens tournament were washed out meaning we only got two trial games in.

The 2017 season

About Division 4

In 2017, Briars Rugby remained in NSW Suburban Rugby Division 4. Our competition in Division 4 is diverse and drawn from across Sydney: Blacktown,

Canterbury and Rouse Hill in the western suburbs, Macquarie University in the north, Harlequins and Sydney Irish in Sydney's east and a new introduction in

2017 of old rival Oatley in the southern suburbs.

Season launch

The season was launched with a social event at the Concord Bowling Club, with a large contingent of new players coming along to get to know everyone. A number

of games occurred throughout the evening raising funds for future social activities throughout the season.



Season results

Unfortunately, our teams didn't make any Finals games in 2017, for the first time in a long time. 1st Grade finished the year in 6th position on 23 points (4W, 10L, 7BP), 2nd Grade finished the year in 6th position on 30 points (5W, 9L, 10BP) and 3rd Grade finished in 6th position on 21 points (4W, 10L, 5BP). Our Colts team didn't get off the ground either, playing 2 games but numbers were not strong and filtered those players into the senior grades.

Presentation Night

The season ended with our Presentation Night in the Ted Stockdale lounge at Briars Sports, celebrating the efforts of the players in 2017 and thanking the volunteers for their efforts to make 2017 a great year of Rugby.

Social events

Briars Rugby held a number of social events with seven home games at Rothwell.

Ladies Day

Ladies Day raised funds for the Breast Cancer Network and First Grade wore pink socks in support of the cause. This coincided with the opening of the Ted

Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park attracting an attendance of 1918 people as announced by our regular game day announcer and DJ Anthony Deep.

Old Boys

Briars didn't have a specific Old Boys Day in 2017, but on five of our seven games we invited players of earlier eras who had played in grand finals back to Rothwell to pay tribute to these former players of the club.

Back to Briars Day

Back to Briars Day was held as our last home game which 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.

Rugby Lunch

Briars Rugby also hosted a Rugby Lunch at Briars Sports, packing out the place with 150 attendees. Some excellent speakers were in attendance with the MC duties being provided by Fab Fenton and an interview with Australia's oldest living Wallaby, Eric Tweedle. Fundraising from the event went towards Briars Rugby.

McLean Medal—Ash Simpson

A big congratulations to Ash Simpson who was awarded the McLean Medal at the NSW Suburban Rugby Awards. A true reflection of his effort as a player, 1st Grade Captain and Club Captain in 2017.

Thank you to our volunteers and supporters

Throughout the season the canteen was staffed by the Lannan & Constanti families who were continually praised for the quality of the food and friendliness of the service. We appreciate your help very much. 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.

A final big thankyou to all players, coaches, physios, wives, girlfriends, family, Old Boys, fans and Briars Sports for their ongoing support of Briars Rugby in 2017.

With the celebration of 100 years of Briars in 2018, we look forward to another amazing year of rugby.

Rugby Captains Report

Ash Simpson



Whenever I am mentioned as the club captain of Briars Rugby Union I feel a strong sense of pride. For this I would like to thank the playing group for having me as their leader and voice for 2017—I would not want any of you to be any different, you are a unique and talented bunch of lads and ladies.



Our step-up season

In 2016, Briars Rugby started to put a few balls in the air, so to speak, and in 2017 they were being kicked through the goals. With the formation of the

Rugby Restoration Board and the continuing strength of the Rugby Committee, structurally, we were sound. Thank you to the members of these committees for their hard work for the players. But it was now up to the players of Briars to step up ... and step up we did!

Pre-season is always a little daunting and tough, especially when the majority of us continued to spend time with each other in the off-season in an extremely good paddock!

The new coaches

When greeted by a fresh set of coaches at the first pre-season session, there were murmurs of worry and hesitation throughout the players. However, it was not long before the anxiety and worry subsided after experiencing new head coach, Lachlan White's, training methods. Whitey's coaching technique is a great fit for the direction in which Briars Rugby is travelling. It is not an easy thing as a coach to gain respect and admiration from a playing group that has bonded over a quite a few seasons, but Whitey and his coaching team (David Munnoch coaching Seconds; Tim Entwisle and Scott McGill coaching Thirds and Mitchell Paish coaching our Colts in pre-season) managed to genuinely earn it. I speak on behalf of all the playing group and wish Munnors all the best coaching in Italy (bring me back a bottle of Lemoncello). I would also like to emphasise the excitement of having Whitey back next year as club and 1st grade coach. The foundations were laid this year and it is really exciting to think what 2018 will bring.

Sand, sand and more sand

With most of our trial games washed out, sand seemed to be the theme of the 2017 pre-season. Briars competed in the inaugural Waratahs Beach 5's

Tournament and we also "enjoyed" a Wanda Sand Hills spew session. But not to worry, we managed to visit Northies for a few refreshments.

With little match fitness due to the wash-outs, some may have thought we would come into the season a little under-cooked. This was far from true, with an opening round clean sweep that included a 93-7 victory in 1st grade. California was sung loud and proud at Rothwell!—a few old boys even felt a little movement that day ...

The Briarhood

We continued to shock oppositions with our determination and patterns of play. Winning games and narrowly missing others against strong competition.

Unfortunately injuries were unwelcome and all too familiar in the second half of the season and the results show this. However, with that said, the ticker shown by the lads on the field, sometimes playing in all three grades on the same day, was enough to make any rugby associate proud. I know Sam Pelicano certainly was!

The 2017 off-field scene was amazing. The term 'Briarhood' was thrown around and hash-tagged many times and it could not be more accurate. The Briars family truly is ... the BEST family and I would not want to be a part of any other.

Focus on the players in 2018

A rugby club can not survive without rugby players. I will say that again ... a rugby club can not survive without rugby players. For 2018 we need to put a lot of focus into our playing group. These are the men and women putting in everything they can for not only the club, but each other.

Awards

There were many individual awards won at the end of the season, but no award was more special than being nominated for club of the year at the NSW subbies Rugby Presentation Night. We only took one medal home that evening, but I can tell you that the bloke who won it ... only won it because of the support he has had from his brothers and sisters of the Briars Rugby club.

2018 can't come soon enough!!

Season's Results – Division Four

First Grade Results | McLean Cup

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|-------------------|----|----|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Briars | 93 | 7 | Rouse Hill | Rothwell Park |
| Oatley | 24 | 5 | Briars | H. V. Evatt Park |
| Sydney Harlequins | 26 | 7 | Briars | Waterloo Oval |
| Briars | 18 | 22 | Blacktown | Rothwell Park |
| Macquarie Uni | 10 | 39 | Briars | Macquarie Uni Sports Fields |
| Briars | 25 | 29 | Sydney Irish | Rothwell Park |
| Canterbury | 34 | 11 | Briars | Wills Ground |
| Rouse Hill | 0 | 28 | Briars | Forfeit to Briars |
| Briars | 22 | 55 | Oatley | Rothwell Park |
| Briars | 19 | 44 | Sydney Harlequins | Rothwell Park |
| Blacktown | 59 | 10 | Briars | Grantham Reserve |
| Briars | 65 | 12 | Macquarie Uni | Rothwell Park |
| Sydney Irish | 48 | 22 | Briars | Latham Park |
| Briars | 15 | 48 | Canterbury | Rothwell Park |

Second Grade Results | Grose Cup

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|-------------------|----|----|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Briars | 67 | 0 | Rouse Hill | Rothwell Park |
| Oatley | 26 | 22 | Briars | H. V. Evatt Park |
| Sydney Harlequins | 48 | 17 | Briars | Waterloo Oval |
| Briars | 5 | 55 | Blacktown | Rothwell Park |
| Macquarie Uni | 15 | 36 | Briars | Macquarie Uni Sports Fields |
| Briars | 7 | 31 | Sydney Irish | Rothwell Park |
| Canterbury | 26 | 19 | Briars | Wills Ground |
| Rouse Hill | 7 | 87 | Briars | Kellyville Park #3 |
| Briars | 14 | 15 | Oatley | Rothwell Park |
| Briars | 30 | 19 | Sydney Harlequins | Rothwell Park |
| Blacktown | 17 | 15 | Briars | Grantham Reserve |
| Briars | 51 | 5 | Macquarie Uni | Rothwell Park |
| Sydney Irish | 60 | 21 | Briars | Latham Park |
| Briars | 14 | 47 | Canterbury | Rothwell Park |

Third Grade Results | Walker Cup

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|-------------------|----|----|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Briars | 28 | 0 | Rouse Hill | Forfeit to Briars |
| Oatley | 57 | 0 | Briars | H. V. Evatt Park |
| Sydney Harlequins | 55 | 12 | Briars | Waterloo Oval |
| Briars | 5 | 45 | Blacktown | Rothwell Park |
| Macquarie Uni | 12 | 8 | Briars | Macquarie Uni Sports Fields |
| Briars | 24 | 38 | Sydney Irish | Rothwell Park |
| Canterbury | 31 | 10 | Briars | Wills Ground |
| Rouse Hill | 17 | 50 | Briars | Kellyville Park #3 |
| Briars | 5 | 80 | Oatley | Rothwell Park |
| Briars | 28 | 0 | Sydney Harlequins | Forfeit to Briars |
| Blacktown | 29 | 17 | Briars | Grantham Reserve |
| Briars | 19 | 7 | Macquarie Uni | Rothwell Park |
| Sydney Irish | 34 | 12 | Briars | Latham Park |
| Briars | 0 | 45 | Canterbury | Rothwell Park |

Club Championships

| Club | Points |
|----------------------|--------|
| Canterbury | 2240 |
| Blacktown | 2160 |
| Oatley | 2044 |
| Sydney Irish | 1866 |
| Sydney Harlequins | 1372 |
| Briars | 992 |
| Macquarie Uni | 462 |
| Rouse Hill Renegades | 158 |

Club Coach's Report

Lachlan White



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as an educator, a rugby administrator and a coach have significantly changed the way I am and the way I relate to the Briars Rugby Club.

With this theme of change in mind, Briars Rugby continues to have an established name in the community. While rugby results have been mixed over recent seasons most people are still respectful of the reputation of the Briars Rugby Club. This is something that we need to build on by ensuring that those who come and play for the club understand the significance of those that have played before them in the gold jersey. New players should learn about our past and embrace some of the values and cultures from our proud history.

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Developing an 80:20 culture

As the current custodians of the Briars culture, the current playing group embarked this year on ensuring that the proud name of the club was maintained. After our preseason trip to Orange, players sat down and developed some markers that they can abide by for the upcoming season.

Documenting this “code” developed by players meant that there was something that all within the club could refer back to and collectively keep each other accountable for.

The one pillar that received the greatest acknowledgement was “80/20”. As an explanation, the perception was that of the 100 people that were part of the club in 2016, only 20 of them were working for the benefit of the club with the other 80 being passive in the role and functioning of rugby. 20% were doing 80% of the work. Hence the concept of turning these numbers around to be a club where 80% of the people share the work so it becomes only 20% of the work for each

individual. At the end of the season, how we would rate ourselves on this concept was questioned but it is a start in ensuring that club members change for the better in maintaining standards.

The success of the Juniors

One very notable achievement for me and a pleasing change for the better of rugby is that the club has started Juniors. This is a long-term investment in the success of the Senior club, hopefully reducing the pressure and need to recruit young players with this pathway made visible to them from the Juniors to the Seniors. It was pleasing to see that a number of Seniors from the club attended Juniors training and games to assist with this link and pathway creation. Even more important was when our Juniors joined us for our last home game and created the tunnel for the First Grade team to run through. Congratulations to all involved with the Juniors club on developing this base, a very important job. Keep up the good work.

Womens Rugby

Womens rugby has started at Briars with a core group of women keen to develop a team to play in Sevens competition. This is a big step for the club and something that is very important for women. The girls were assisted by the New South Wales Women's development officer and gained confidence in the way to play rugby.

More girls are needed for this team to be viable and competitive for the future.

Improved performance

Change is what seems to have happened over the last season within the club in terms of playing and attitude towards performance. Another of the pillars for the club was to “become a better person”, by adhering to this, the players decided that they would try to improve themselves and subsequently, their performances.

As part of this process, the club entered the preseason with improvements in numbers at training and the outcome of attendance at training. Significant learning took place, with a game style that relied on players improving their skills, learning systems of play that gave cohesion across the grades and changes in approach to the games.

Training saw the involvement of former professional boxer Garth Woods as part of a preseason that looked at embracing the change. While results on the field were mixed, the general feeling around the club is that the changes taking place on the field will take some time to “bear fruit”; will be for the long-term benefit of the club and have created improved performances on the field.

Further, Chris Malone (Waratah assistant coach) attended training in the second half of the season, casting his eye over the club and giving some advice. His tutorial with some of our goal kickers was invaluable.

Pleasingly, the players were able to be more competitive on the field, with games rarely blowing out and being one sided. By training as a club in nonspecific ability groups on a Tuesday night, all players got an opportunity to improve skills and knowledge, giving an opportunity for all players to be coached by all coaches, assisting in identifying talent and exposing players to variety of coaching styles.

Thank you for your support

It is appropriate that I take time to acknowledge the support networks that I have around me as Head Coach. The coaches, David Munnoch, Tim Entwisle, Scott McGill, Mitch Paish and, at times, Luke Sinai, have been great to work with in preparing players for games. The support, dedication, friendship and professionalism of these guys, always with the consideration to give the best rugby experience at the forefront, is appreciated.

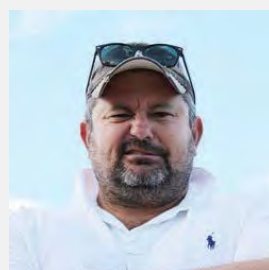
I would further like to thank the support of the Briars Rugby Committee, by always considering and assisting me in my requests to have the players rugby experience improved, along with the clubs financial viability.

I would particularly like to thank David Lewis for his support each week on sideline assisting with game management for the club. More people like David are needed for the future so take his lead and get involved.

Congratulations to Jules Boyter on winning Clubman of the Year Award, something that can only slightly acknowledge and recognise the huge, long-term contribution this lady has made to the club, benefiting almost everyone who wore a Briars uniform this season.

The support of Old Boys and sponsors is greatly appreciated. Many past Briars were able to come to games, with an opportunity to mix with the current playing group with a few light refreshments at Rothwell while first grade was being played. Please keep coming as the links to the past are so important for the current players.

Finally, thank you to all within the committee for their support and leadership. To put your hand up and volunteer for a role within the club is what keeps sporting clubs alive and is why players and coaches can get their rugby experience each weekend.. Please keep working together so that we can keep change happening and moving forward as a club and sporting organisation.



Briars First XV

Lachlan White | Coach

Stretched is probably the word or theme to sum up the season for the First XV. Over 30 players wore the first team shirt for Briars this season, something that is a little alarming. Though this number is high, it is worth considering that it was due to a number of serious injuries to players. This tells me that the guys who took the field gave it their all, often putting themselves second and the team first. This is well represented by Andrew Arquilla, who played a game with a detached and broken finger against Blacktown. Knowing that there was something wrong with his finger, he refused to come off the field. Some may say he was crazy but I like to think he was out there to not let his team and club down. A number of season ending injuries that were not preventable really stretched the depth of the club.

While finishing in the bottom half of the ladder was not the plan at the beginning of the season, every team that played the Briars knew that they were in for a tough game. The eventual winners of the competition, Canterbury, were completely shocked when visiting Rothwell, with nothing to play for other than pride, the first-placed opposition were stretched by the men in gold. At least five games this season the team were in the hunt against some more favoured opposition, going very close to causing a major upset in the competition.

This improvement in competitiveness meant that players were stretched in their understanding of how to play the game. This meant that players were given accountability for areas of the game, stretching their ability to understand, lead and execute the game plan. Our game plan threatened opposition, with a new-found respect for the Briars being established. Winning is a habit and it is something

that this side will get used to in the future. Too often though, our inability to control possession meant that our defense was always under threat. Despite significant time spent on this skill and system, opposition teams stretched our defense too often, scoring and placing Briars on the wrong side of the ledger.

There is a lot of promise in the team with a number of young players being given an opportunity to play the top grade, with a long-term view for the future of the club considered when making selections. This meant that at times player who were young were given an opportunity to gain experience, often stretching their exposure and skill level. In particular, congratulations to the players who made their First-team debut this year. 11 players for the team of 30 who took the field for the team this year were under the age of 22, with some of them still at school, meaning we have lots of prospects for the future.

The players are thanked for their efforts for the team and club; it has been great to get to know and understand this team as they learn each week and try to improve. In particular Ashley Simpson is thanked for his commitment in leading the team— starting every game during the year as captain. I look forward to working with you all again in 2018 when we are going to rock it out for our centenary year.

Andrew Hogg—a new player to the club who has considerable potential playing as a prop. He was, unfortunately, hit with sickness which cruelled his developing game mid-season just at the time he was getting fit and strong and starting to show his ball carrying strength. In the first round against Oatley he showed great courage in taking the ball up against some wiley opposition. After his return from illness and back to some sort of fitness, he formed part of a devastating scrum that took apart the opposition, winning multiple tight-head scrums against Sydney Irish and Canterbury. A big off-season from him and who knows what the upcoming season as a Briar could hold for him.

Adrian Fiatarone - was one of the fastest learners in the team, quickly understanding the game plan and structures and leading others when they needed clarification. Had a very good game against Macquarie University in Round 1 with some hard defence and enthusiasm around the paddock. Developed responsibility for being part of the best lineout in the competition with some good throwing.

Unfortunately battled injury in the back part of the season which prevented him finishing completely on top of his game. His try at Rothwell against Macquarie University was the completion of one of the freakiest bits of skill during the season.

Alex Gonano - what a privilege it was to present this player with his 100th cap in the first round with him playing a great game in his milestone game. Alex became the team's sneaky lineout bail-out option, winning at least one lineout per game. Playing as a prop, Alex has a strong running game where his ball carry is strong. If he can develop some leg drive in contact he will break the tackle and provide an awesome platform to attack from. A natural leader he is great man to have in the

team, locked down now after getting married at the end of the season. Well done Alex!

Sapate Leaaetoea (Buddy) - came to the club later in the season in a return to the Briars. Though he was late to join, he proved to be the experience and power in the pack the team was looking for. Absolutely devastating carrying the ball;

his run against Sydney Irish at Rothwell provided one of the season highlights by disposing of opposition defenders like they were mere bumps in the road. Powerful scrummager who destroyed opposition scrums in the last three rounds and the catalyst for gaining physical dominance in the pack.

Praveen Shanmugalingam - a club stalwart who managed to play his part in almost every game. It was obvious that he was very enthusiastic and passionate about being a Briar, thriving in his role as second row. Playing in this hard position, doing the "dirts" became part of his trademark game, hitting rucks to provide quick clean ball was his responsibility. His passionate speeches at training showed that he was willing to put himself second in order for the team to flourish.

Aaron Boyter - it was a pleasure to have this club legend back playing. His experience and drive for high standards was infectious, he proved to be the leader in the pack that players were looking for, calling the best lineout in the competition. His try against Sydney Irish in round 1 of the competition at Rothwell, provided the spark for the team in what was the highest standard game of the season. Aaron must have won more lineouts than any other player, dominating this part of the game. Retiring this year, he will be a massive hole to fill in the seasons ahead.

Stacey Howcroft - joining the team in the later part of the season, this very passionate rugby man always gave his best, wanting to be in the contest at all times. Stacey would play until he could no longer put one foot after the other, playing himself to a standstill, wanting to do all that was asked of him from the coaches. A big off-season so that he is highly mobile could see big things in 2018.

Alex Kuo - to say that Alex is a courageous and athletic player is an understatement. While he did not play the whole season, Alex was always strong in contact, low in his tackles and courageous over the ball. Two pieces of play during the season will remain with me for a long time: stealing the ball at number 2 in the defending lineout and then having the presence of mind to quickly throw the ball back to Hooker Fiatarone to score a try was spectacular; plus his commitment to taking the kick off against Canterbury, leaping high in the air with only eyes for the ball when the forward pack were hunting hard "wanting a kill" after a Briars try.

Matt Syron - Originally not in the First XV, Matt made his way into the side through impact from the bench. He has had a massive year with numerous high class games playing as Number 8. His relentless hard running has put opposition defences under threat, regularly getting across the gain line and providing "line bend" for the team. While his leg drive is impressive, Matt also was strong in defence, making an impact with his front on tackle. Further, Matt was nominated by his peers as the "Players Player", arguably the greatest accolade for a player.

Ashley Simpson - As captain of both the club and first grade, Ash had a lot on his plate this season. Playing as half back, he touches the ball more than any other player, giving direction to the team's attack and reading opposition defences. He has had a great year, willingly leading his team to develop standards and playing a positive style of game. Scoring a number of tries, showed his attacking threat with the the ball. His good season has been confirmed by his award of the McLean Medal at the NSW Suburban Rugby Awards as chosen by the referees each week in their points for the game.

Will Wan - What a courageous player! For a person who is quite small in stature, Will played well above his weight, carrying the ball with conviction, eluding defenders with deft footwork and passing with speed, accuracy and width.

Opposition teams tried to target him when they attacked though Will showed great technique and brought big opposition players down with low chop style tackles.

Week-in-week-out he played his heart out winning the respect of players within the team with his all-out attitude at the games. A popular man off the field, he is also congratulated on winning the Player of the Year Award.

Lachlan Cameron - had a good back up the season from his debut year, playing on both the wing and fullback. When playing with confidence, Lachlan possesses speed and evasion, shown by two cracking tries against Macquarie University in round where he both finished off the teams' set play with conviction while also scoring a brilliant counter attack try under the sticks. Development of explosion off the mark and a kicking game will see this guy smash the competition next year.

Grant Isles - coming to the Briars later in the season, his impact was shown immediately with some excellent performances. A very powerful runner, Grant often overpowered his opposition playing in the centres. His skills when carrying the ball were not outdone by some good skills passing to his outside players. This boy from the bush was a great addition to the team and one that will have a great season in the future now that he is developing combinations with other players.

David Pavihi - 2017 was a great year for David, learning significant amounts about how to play rugby after coming to the Briars from a rugby league background. Playing initially as an outside centre and later as a winger, David was ever reliable and a constant threat. His footwork pre-contact always made him a hard player to tackle, along with a strong presence in the contact areas of the game meant that the opposition always knew they were in for a battle when up against this guy. Further, I congratulate him on being named as the Rookie of the Year for the club! Well done David.

Kim Taulani - another quality player that arrived later in the season coming from rugby league. It took some time to understand where was the best position to play Kim, eventually ending up on the wing after dabbling at playing centre. Possessing a wicked step and strong ball carry, Kim took some time to learn to not overplay his hand and trust his teammates: maintaining possession and recycling the

ball being paramount to team success. His try at Rothwell against competition heavyweights Blacktown in round one was spectacular. Big hopes for him in 2018!

Dave Ananin - it was great to get this very experienced player out of retirement and come and play again. Having spent his off season in the USA he came back a little underdone though his ability to organise the team with excellent communication gave the team the direction that it was lacking. Possessing a decent kicking game as well, he enabled the team to play less in their own half and gain some valuable field position, allowing our lineout to go to work. It was a great privilege to get Dave and his two brothers on the field at the same time in the last game, showing that Briars Rugby is a true brotherhood!

Tim Gorman - the “find-of-the-year” had a spectacular season playing as both wing and fullback. Once this Irishman crossed the white stripe onto the field a switch flicked and he went into complete game mode. He is a passionate man who improved each game before tragically breaking his leg in Round 2, ironically against his countrymen, Sydney Irish. His goal-kicking continued to improve, possessing a sweet strike of the ball, developed from his career in Gaelic Football. He is congratulated on winning the Most Improved Player of the Year award.

Doug Paish - has had a great first season at the Briars and showed good technique and skill playing in the back row. As a colt, he provided some energy to lift the team and was an alternative option at the front of the lineout. Pleasing was the passion he displayed after the game against Sydney Irish in Round 2 of the competition, showing that he puts everything into each of his games. Unfortunately, was injured the last few games cutting his season short.

Andrew Arquilla - another of our more senior players, Andrew made a difference each time he took the field. Unfortunately, too often he spent his time on the sidelines. Most pleasing is the intensity and courage that Andrew plays the game, physical at all times and with high energy. In round 2 against Blacktown, Andrew played most of the game with a broken finger (which later required surgery and was much worse than first thought), refusing to come off the field and let his team down. He was missed when he was not playing as the combination with Alex Kuo would have been a devastating back row.

Michael Ly - it was great to welcome Michael back to the club in 2017 where his strong, hard-running in the centres was a feature of his play. A well liked club man, Michael produced some excellent performances, in particular his courageous games against Oatley and in particular Canterbury in Round 1 of the competition where he was up against some big physical opposition.

Samuel Roache - had some spectacular games in the gold shirt, playing on the wing. His robust and powerful running finished off some special play from the backline. Often Samuel would break opposition defences and give the team some significant penetration with his runs. His games at Rothwell sit in the memory for many reasons, unfortunately serious injury ended his season.

Isi-X Fililitonga - a highly experienced player, with the versatility to play both back and forwards, “X” played in the back row, often in a roving role in attack and often hard on the ball in defence. Coming back to the club late in the season, his try at Rothwell against Blacktown kept the Briars in the game. Unfortunately injury and personal matters prevented him from playing out the season.

Thomas Brooker - the youngest player in the club at the beginning of the season, our resident Pommie became an instant hit when he turned up to the club pub crawl in “tight and bright” when there was no theme! His trip to Orange will go down in folklore with performances in the nightclub outdoing his man-of-the-match performance on the pitch. His impact on the field during the season was excellent, often giving his all from the back row, playing well above his 18 years, giving plenty of advice to the opposition as well as the referees.

Sean Kinnane - our other Irish player who was recovering from a previous injury from playing in New Zealand. Only available for the first five rounds Sean gave it his all in the centres, hitting hard in defence with some confronting tackles. No surprises he was an Irishman who loved a beer, drinking two to most people's one!

Matt Carew - played a few games for the team in the back row. His energy, passion and enthusiasm were infectious, always wanting to be in the action points of the game. Unfortunately, he severely injured his bicep and pectoral, needed to take time to recover and develop his gluteal muscles.

Other starting players

Emanuel Siaosi - played a handful of games on the wing, with a spectacular individual try in the opening round he has great footwork and is a potent finisher.

Peter Ananin - played the last round in the centres, pulling off a ripping hard tackle which was wrongly yellow carded for playing too hard!

Apinesa Matairavula - played the opening weekend in the back row, always hard on the ball in the breakdown.

Briars First Grade Team 2017

Standing (left - right):

Stacey Howcroft, Grant Isles, Aaron Boyter, Alex Gonano, Adrian Fiatorone, Andrew Hogg, Tim Gorman.

Kneeling (left to right):

Will Wan, Michael Ly, Dave Pavihi, Ash Simpson, Doug Paish, Praveen Shanmugalingam, Matt Syron



Briars Second XV

David Munnoch | Coach

For me to coach Briars second grade during 2017 was a wonderful experience. The players and those working in the background were incredibly supportive and made the season an enjoyable time. With this in mind I thank the other coaches Lachlan, Tim and Scott who spoke openly and clearly about the teams and areas of deficiency as a group. This discussion I found valuable because it is good to hear opinions about things I may be missing as coach.

Coaching second grade can have its difficulties. I think it was very rare to have the same side on the paddock each week. This being due to players being taken to play first or players from seconds being dropped to thirds due to movement from above. Our policy this year was that players who didn't front for Thursday

training would not be selected to play. This, too, each week had an impact on team selections, a policy in my view correct and necessary.

The core of players who were the second grade "regulars" did not see a different side each week as a negative, they saw solutions not problems, working with whoever was available. This developed an ethos of how we wanted to play as "the seconds", an ethos soon passed on to players who joined the ranks. This made them work hard for each other, rising to the challenge to become better players.

Our results during the years were mixed. There were matches that should have been won but not having the killer instinct saw those games fall from reach.

However, as the season progressed that killer instinct started to develop and the team meshed as they fought to the end not allowing scores to blow out

greatly. Fitness was also an issue and I hope next year the players will take more responsibility in this area. Another achilles heel was defence. To win games, defence is crucial to protect one's line and a potent weapon to let the opposition know we mean business. Poor defence too often let the side down as I know they are a better team than some of the results had during the year.

I wish Briars all the best for 2018. The centenary year will be a special occasion for Briars Rugby, one which I hope is not missed by the playing group. To play for a club that has been around for a hundred years is a rare experience and should be savoured by all those involved. To be in existence for a hundred years means Briars Rugby is a club built on history, community and continuity. A continuity driven by

those who see the value, camaraderie and sense of belonging that drives a club like Briars. All the best for 2018.

James Ashton-Maxwell (C)—Affectionately known as JAM, he led the side with enthusiasm and action. Scrummaged very well and worked hard to improve his skills (especially in defence) during the year.

Adam Woolaston—Adam played for colts at the start of the year and soon became a regular in the senior grades. Adam is strong and versatile and a player for the future.

Michael Taberner—Michael was rock solid in the scrum and line out. As the year progressed his ball carrying was outstanding which allowed us to get in behind opposition defence.

Mark Nelson—Mark was deservedly voted Players' Player for 2017. His running of the lineout was exceptional which was a hard task considering the constant changes of the side each week.

James Shehadie—James arrived in the side part of the way into the season. A wonderful acquisition for our lineout and also an amazing ball runner.

Nick Alvaro—Known as "Intensity" played as his name suggests. His enthusiasm was infectious as he hit the line hard with the ball in hand and tackled with venom.

Nathan Taru—This year's Most Improved winner, Nathan quietly played a stunning role within the team. Playing as a Year 12 student at senior level is no mean feat but I had confidence in him knowing he would give 100% to the match. His ball running was incisive and defence outstanding.

David McDougal—"Daddy" when fit is a dangerous rugby player. He hits the line hard and defends with determination. Off the field a character but knows what is required mentally when he crosses the white line.

Andrew Kuo—Andrew was generous as a player, always placing the needs of the team first. He swapped this year between number 9 and 10, filling roles as the moment required. He did this without question and gave 100% on the field.

James Luu—James was the smallest player on the team but at times the most potent. Number 10 is the link between the forwards and backs and touches the ball more than any player in the field. James' vision was outstanding, choosing the right moments to pass or run and on the moments score some well deserved tries.

Miles Cheetham—Miles was another product of the Colts team who ended in the senior competition. Miles has a natural flair and ability to make something out of nothing, spinning out of tackles without fear. His lack of fear impressed me greatly and he would place the team first not considering his own well-being.

Jake Kamire—A mountain of a man who joined the Briars ranks late in the season. Jake can play in the forwards and backs and when he runs he is hard to stop.

Nicholas Tawa—Nicholas another quiet member of the side, played with vigour and enthusiasm. He hit lines well and showed skill when shifting the ball. Defensively, Nicholas was solid.

Tom Entwisle—Tom started the year at 9 and moved out wider in the backs; he did this as the need arose. Tom is a talent for the future but I see him more as a 9. He worked hard on his passing and defence which shows his mind set towards the game and commitment to self improvement.

Jordan Woodward—Jordan was rock solid as fullback. A wonderful set of hands and a powerful kick which placed the team in better field position when under pressure. Jordan reads the game very well and a talent for the future if he can develop a greater sense of self belief.

Brent Paish—Brent brought to the team years of experience. He used this to bring structure and confidence to the team. His talk on the field was invaluable as he guided players in attack and defence.

Manuel Oramas—Manuel started the season full of enthusiasm and vigour. Unfortunately injury stalled his season but it was good to see him in the back end of the season, locking the scrum and running hard with the ball.

Joseph Elias—Joseph played selflessly throughout the year. He was willing to play wherever necessary and when he did it was with vigour and enthusiasm.

Apenisa Matairavula—Api is a cult figure at Briars and an inspiration to us all. He brought energy and experience to the team and would be often found during matches at the bottom of rucks fighting for the ball.

Toni Gesovski (inj)—Toni was a tremendous asset to the team until injury cut short his season. He was vigorous in his play and his level head and experience came to the fore when matches proved tight. I hope next year is a positive one for him.

Charlie Davies (inj)—Charlie was developing well as a winger until an ankle injury cut short his season. He ran hard with the ball and was starting to develop good sense in terms of working with his other winger and fullback. Often he was his own harshest critic.

Jonathon Kuo—Jonathon played a handful of matches towards the end of the season. It would've been wonderful to have had a player of his skill and toughness for the whole season. Certainly he would be a great acquisition for Briars for 2018.

Briars First Grade Team 2017

Standing (left to right):

James Lu, Peter Ananin, Andrew Kuo, James Shehadie, Jake Kamire, Nathan Taru, Miles Cheetham, Jordan Woodward, Adam Woolaston

Sitting (left to right):

Tom Entwisle, Mark Nelson, James Ashton- Maxwell (captain), David Munnoch (coach), Michael Taberner, Manuel Oramas, Nick Alvaro



Briars Third XV

Tim Entwisle & Scott McGill | Coaches

Over the players' entrance at Wimbledon there is a quote from Rudyard Kipling: "if you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two imposters just the same". This could be the best summation of the 2017 season for the gentlemen of the Third XV.

We had some easy wins over Rouse Hill and some heavy losses against Oatley and the Irish. However we let Macquarie Uni beat us away in the first round but had our revenge at home. Through the wins and losses we kept getting up and getting on with it, exactly as Kipling would have had us do. There were times that we played great rugby but there were more times when we did not. However,

we ended up with a slightly better chance at the finals than the other grades just through our perseverance.

With help from the committee and the players we always managed to pull players out of the woodwork even when the club had a large injury toll mid-season.

Ironically, for the last game of the season we had a full bench for the only time—a testament to the improvements over the year.

It is also important to acknowledge the selflessness of the players as they were often required to play out of position for the benefit of the team. At one point the team was fielding three halfbacks, six flankers, no centres and no fullback so some creative team selections were necessary. So thank you too **John Slender** for playing at centre (while we nodded unconvincingly to claims of that being his natural position), to **Robert Hamilton** and **David Meiklejohn** for playing on the wing and to all the flankers who were privileged with playing in the backline; although, fortunately there was no need to play either **Daddy** or **Manager** at fly half.

David Lannan—Plan X for 3rds was to get Schmoo to within 30 cm of the line and let fate take its course; it is a tactic still to reach fruition.

Mitch Warner—the most deserving of the Best-and-Fairest Award—the unvociferous but passionate nature of our hooker sustained the forwards' defensive fire.

Manuel Oramas—much more vociferous than Mitch, and an important player for us in the latter half of the season, provided some expert scrummaging.

Adrian Pijoo—a strong player in the loose with prop potential; accidental dedentification and alleged spousal approbation saw his season cut short.

Greg Black—having played with Methusaleh in the Under 110s, he brings the enthusiasm of a man much younger to the games (his son, James).

Robert (The Who) Hamilton—the big man of Briars; always unmissable at training except when he wasn't there when he was; love your guitar work.

David Meiklejohn—often on call as our specialist rugbyologist at 2nd row but as part-time winger he proved a reasonable general practitioner.

Derek Henderson—Derek the Destroyer, this year was always champing at the bit to get back on the field to destroy his ribs yet again.

David McDougall—our smoking number-eight cum inside centre; heavily- doctored photographs supposedly prove Daddy was at training on at least three occasions, whereby he was straightaway selected in 1s.

Matthew Smith—Manager's aspirations to play fly half were unfulfilled but as a staunch front rower and on field leader we missed him while he jaunted off to the cape.

Jack (the new Grom) Klummp—Most Improved Player and the club's most diligent trainer, provided many insights into how thirds should be coached.

Benny Edwards—Players' Player for 2017, captain and passionate on field leader at Number 10; when he was injured we were a lesser team.

Mick Gallagher—played out of position for most of the year, a fearless hipster in the backline with great potential as a flankster. 2018 to be his year.

David Fatseas—came to help when we really needed him; a great tackler in the back line; we look forward to seeing him play all next year.

Tony Elias—out for a lot of this season we were lucky that Munnors didn't spot him as he is a hard runner with the ball and scored some great tries.

Joseph Elias—often playing in second grade he was a great loss to our back line with his hard running and hard tackling—too many trips to China!

Dante Finlay-Melville—an important member of third grade, a great clubman and the only renaissance poet in the team (quote: "get up, defeat your breathlessness with spirit that can win all battles if the body's heaviness does not deter it").

Biv Lombardo—our most reliable non-trainer; training attendance late in the season caused skies to open and a chorus of alleluia to be heard; is on record as promising to train every week next year! Looking forward to that.

Michael Tarrant—(Senior) strong in the forwards with some stalwart appearances in the backline, providing stability playing out of position; great to see father and son in combination against Harlequins.

John Klummp—making a late-season debut as he joined the ranks of the 3rd Grade Dads' Army; referee error blamed for giving an innocent man a yellow card.

Ra Tawhiti—forgiven for being a kiwi, Ra always dug deep when we needed him and gave more structure to the backline. Also forgiven (for being from NZ) **Reuben and Luke Sinai** for their cameo appearances.

Special mentions also to: **Richard Minter** who played a few games but injury cut short his season; **Matt Schwartz** for helping us out and shining at full back; **Stacey Howcroft** for his one stint as captain; **Apenisa Matairavula** for making himself available for us without complaint; **Matt Quirk** for propping up the front

row when we needed him; **Kim Taulani** and **Jake Kamire** for their end of season support, **Joe Walsh** for his early season passion; **Matthias Kimari** as elusive off the field as on; **Kina Moala**, **Sifa Lea**, **Michael Accatino**, **Andrew Arquilla**, also **Tony Gesovski** (also captained), **Ian Pond**, **Jay Stephenson** and **Nac Kinikini**. Also thanks to **Ezra**, **Frankie** and **Jacob** wherever you are.

Also some thanks: to all the other grade players who helped us out with cameos or on their way back from injury or retirement (especially **David Ananin** who captained and played several games); to all the players of Briars in making this a rewarding year for the coaches; to all of those who had to play out of

position for too much of the season—it was not that you were the least talented to win your spot but that you were the most able to play out of position.

Special mention to **David Lannan** who struggling with injuries this year managed to play his 150th game for Briars.

There is no denying that winning is important for us as a team and as a club but there is some consolation in the proof of character seen in continuing to get up every time you are knocked down. Lets see you all back for the centenary season when we aim to see more triumph than disaster.

Briars Third Grade Team 2017

Standing (left to right):

Scott McGill (coach), Apenisa Matairavula, Nick Alvaro, Tony Elias, Greg Black, Joseph Elias, Ra Tawhiti, Derek Henderson, Reuben Sinai, Mitch Warner, Michael Gallagher, David Fatseas, John Klumpp, Robert Hamilton, Jake Kamire, Tim Entwisle (coach)

Sitting (left to right):

Luke Sinai (on ground), Dante Finlay-Melville, David Meiklejohn, Ben Edwards (capt), David Lannan, Jack Klumpp, Manuel Oramas, Kim Taulani



Briars Rugby - Annual Events

Briars Rugby Lunch

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Guest included Tim Richards (President SRU), Richard McGrath (President Colleagues RUFC), Dan Moore (SRU Patron and Petersham RUFC Director), Mick Ellem (Wallaby and Briars Coach), Teki Tuipulotu (Tonga, Briars and Penrith RUFC Coach) and others from various rugby clubs including West Harbour and Lane Cove.

At the conclusion of the lunch approx. Fifty attendees adjourned to the new Ted Stockdale Pavilion for a trial opening where adequate beverages were provided. The evening finished at approx. 8:30pm.

2018 Lunch

Our objective is to repeat the lunch in 2018 at our Club Rooms with a target of 20 tables (up from 15). The key is for the identification of reliable table captains and for them to ensure their 10 guests attend and pay.

Table captains for 2018 who did an excellent job in 2017 include:

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| Jim Barrett | 10 from the 60s | Neil Coyte | 10 from the 90s |
| Chris Walker | 10 from the 60s | Ian Richard | 10 various |
| Rod Smith | 10 from the 70s | John Slender | 10 from the 200 |
| Warwick Williams | 10 from the 70s | Aaron Boyter | 10 from the 2000s |
| Andy Craig | 10 from the 90s | | |
| Brett Howle | 10 guests and Board Members | | |
| Coaches & Guests | 10 included Rugby O.B. sponsorships | | |
| Players | 20 including Rugby O.B. sponsorship | | |

Briars Rugby Presentation Night

Aaron Boyter



Introduction to the evening

Briars Rugby presentation night was held on 26th of August in the Ted Stockdale lounge at Briars Sports.

The event was well attended with a crowd of over 60 made up of wives, girlfriends, parents, coaches, volunteers and present and past players. Ample drink and food was provided of which a thank you should go to the Backyard at Briars for catering the event.

The evening started on a sore point (for the Australians present) with the All Blacks snatching a 35-29 Bledisloe win from Wallabies in the dying moments of

what can only be described as a pulsating thriller in Dunedin.



Dave Lannan presented the Chairman's year in review celebrating all the highs and lows and thanking all the volunteers, coaches and players.

Ash Simpson presented the Club Captain's year in review of which the all players found both moving and touching. Ash ended his speech by announcing that he is stepping down from Club Captain in 2018. There is hope that he will continue into 2018 where we celebrate our 100th year.

Attendees old and young were then treated to a beguiling address from Dave Lewis on what being a Briar means to him.

Player milestones

The following players were recognised for passing significant playing milestones

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| James Ashton-Maxwell | 50 Games |
| Mark Nelson | 50 Games |
| Ash Simpson | 50 Games |
| Andrew Kuo | 50 Games |
| Nick Alvaro | 100 Games |
| Alex Gonano | 100 Games |
| David Lannan | 150 Games |

Award presentations

The following awards were then presented. These awards represent how much time and effort each individual put in this year both on and off the field, truly showing the character of each recipient as well as a reflection of how much love, passion and pride they have in being a Briar!

Ladies

Presented by Rebecca Burton

Best & Fairest Grace Entwisle

3rd Grade

Presented by Tim Entwisle and Scott McGill

Best & Fairest Mitch Warner
Most Improved Jack Klumpp
Players Player Ben Edwards

2nd Grade

Presented by David Munnoch

Best & Fairest James Ashton- Maxwell
Most Improved Nathan Taru
Players Player Mark Nelson

1st Grade

Presented by Lachlan White

Best & Fairest Will Wan
Most Improved Tim Gorman
Players Player Matthew Syron

Rookie of the Year

Presented by Lachlan White

David Pavihi

Toby Crisp U21 Award

Presented by Lachlan Cameron

Andrew Hogg

Clubman of the Year

Presented by Aaron Boyter & David Lannan

Jules Boyter

As a finale there was a presentation mash-up of 2017 highlights (and lowlights) with special video messages from those whom were overseas and could not make it.

Massive thanks to Andrew Hogg, Lachlan Cameron and Anthony "DJ" Deep for supplying the footage and editing skills.

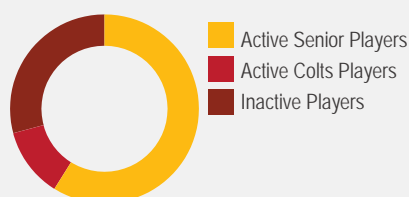
With the official part of the night complete, hilarity ensued with a backing track by resident DJ, Anthony "DJ" Deep who once again managed to one-up the amount of audit visual equipment used this year.

Treasurers Report

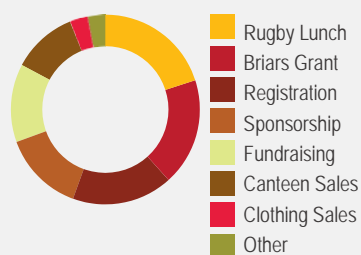
Andrew Hogg

I would like to report that the 2017 Rugby Season proved to be a satisfactory year financially—yielding our best financial result in the last ten years.

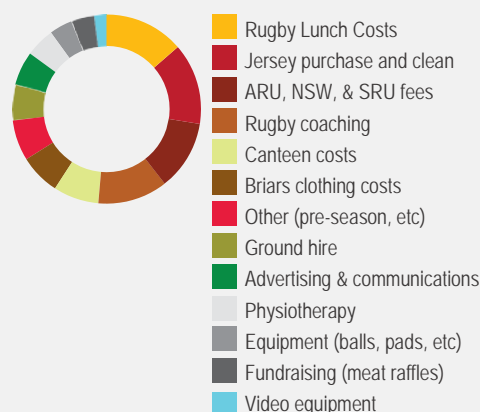
Briars Rugby – Registrations 2017



Briars Rugby – Income 2017



Briars Rugby – Expenses 2017



Overview

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| Income | \$ 108.2 K | (includes \$20K Briars Sports Club Grant) |
| Expense | \$ 83.7 K | |
| Net Profit | \$ 24.5 K | (includes \$20K Briars Sports Club Grant) |
| True Profit | \$ 4.5 K | |

Income

The management team had great success collecting registration fees (raising \$18.2K) as well as in fundraising (raffles) which was run by the playing group (raising \$14.3K). I would like to acknowledge that both these income streams would not have been achieved without the significant support from the coaching group led by Lachlan White, supported

by the Management Committee Members specifically Aaron Boyter, Alex Gonano, Andrew Hogg Jr, Dan Holt, Wayne Comber and all the players who ran and supported the raffles week on week.

Sponsorship was down on budget by \$5K caused by the withdrawal of one sponsor for economic reasons and the inability to secure further sponsorship throughout the 2017 season. This is an area that requires significant attention in 2018.

The successful Rugby Lunch in June 2017, which was co-ordinated by Andy Craig and Chris Walker, raised a net profit of \$10K to the Briars Rugby Account and \$3.7K deposited into the newly formed Rugby Old Boys Account controlled by Chris Walker, John Slender and Brett Howle.

The Rothwell Canteen revenue opportunity was slightly affected with all pre-season home games washed out, and the delayed opening of the Rothwell Pavilion (net profit of \$5.7K in 2017). I would like to thank the Lannan and the Constanti families for their support and dedication in running the rugby canteen for home games over the 2017 season.

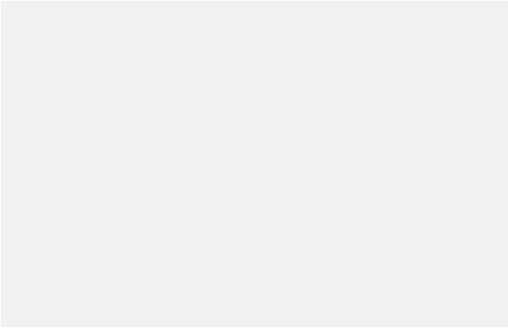
The club purchased clothing (hoodies & scarves) for sale in 2017—sales fell short of expectations. The club is holding \$5K of revenue raising stock for sale in 2018.

Expenses

Jersey purchases and cleaning expenses were above budget affected by the unbudgeted purchase of training singlets with sponsors logos \$2.8K provided as part of the sponsorship agreement.

Recommendations for 2018 season

The 2017 season identified areas which require improvements and the implementation of better controls and accounting practices. The Rugby Board has been working with Jason Parle, the General Manager of the Briars Sports Club, and Martina Moffit, the Briars Sports Club Treasurer, to improve these processes. Improvements include:

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- Restructuring of accounting practices across all sports
 - Strengthening the current business systems and cash controls
 - Adding electronic banking systems in the new Rothwell Pavilion
 - Providing a debit card for Briars Rugby to improve controls over purchasing.

Briars Junior Rugby

President's Report

Jules Boyter



2017 saw another year of growth in Junior Rugby within Briars taking an even bigger step with our first step into the Sydney Junior Rugby Competition with our Under 10s. This was on top of continuing to field 3 teams in the Inner West Minis Competition.



The Minis this year consisting of Under 6's, Under 7's and Under 8's saw us with strong playing numbers at the start of the season, and continued to grow in the first couple of rounds bringing the total number of kids playing in this to 29 across the 3 teams. Our Juniors started the season with 13 players, but unfortunately the 2nd half of the season declined down to 12 which resulted in some tough games playing with no reserves

Our Under 6's played the season with multiple reserves and showed a lot of determination to the game. In their first years as rugby players they learnt the basic skills and towards the end of the season had mastered running forward with the ball. The team worked well together and some great friendships were formed between the players.

The Under 7's was a mix of returning players to the club along with some new players, the kids continued to work on their passing skills throughout the season and by the end, we actually saw some great passing phases happen on the field.

Under 8's consisted mostly of returning players, as well as a few new additions. It didn't take long for the new additions to fit straight into the team. This age group also started tackling and we saw that despite their lack of listening skills at training, they were actually able to do as instructed on the field.

Under 10's was our first foray into the real competition that is Junior Rugby. The whole team put in an unbelievable amount of effort to make it all the way through to the Plate Grand Finals, unfortunately they didn't walk away winners that day, but their effort is to be commended. This competition also saw us need to provide a playing field which was Rothwell Park on Sunday mornings. The kids in the team loved being able to play on their own home ground, and with the opening of the Ted Stockdale Pavillion it made the Sundays even more enjoyable.

The Juniors thoroughly enjoyed participating in the senior club's Back to Briars Day in August, which is becoming a yearly tradition. The kids had a great time running through the tunnel of players prior to the main grade, and joining the end of the tunnel for 1st grade to run through. At half time, all the kids were able to run on the field and have a quick game between themselves soaking up the atmosphere at Rothwell Park.



We celebrated the end of the season with a Presentation Day held at Briars Sports in early September, which was enjoyed immensely by both the players and their families. We had a great number of parents willing to step up and help with coaching requirements, and I'd like to thank **Michael McGrath, Tony Kerle, Tony Jenkin, Aaron Boyter, Malcolm Buchan, Sean Toomey, and John Tassopoulos** for all their hard work during the season.

Looking forward to 2018, we hope to maintain our existing teams and endeavor to add yet another team to our club. It is our short term mission to shore up our 2018 Under 11 and Under 8 numbers and hopefully fill the remaining gap by fielding a Under 10s.

In early 2018 we will be holding some "Try-Rugby" clinics to introduce rugby to a wider base. Hopefully, this will assist in allowing us to reach our goal of 5-6 teams in 2018 for Briars Centenary Year.

Jnr. Rugby Briars U10

Sean Toomey | Coach

The Briars U10 team had an outstanding first year of competitive rugby in 2017. Like last year, the boys played all season with no reserves and showed Great Spirit and resilience to make it through to the Plate final in their division. The team developed into a well drilled cohesive unit, playing with pride and passion all year and although beaten by very good Ryde side in the final, they held their heads high, throughout the highs and lows of the season. Coaches, support staff and parents all were extremely proud of this team.

The highlight of the season was our win in the preliminary final against Hunters Hill, with a determined, come from behind victory to secure a spot in the final. The team showed their strengths in controlling possession, continuity, defence and goal kicking prowess, to holdout for the win. Most importantly the Briars scrum dominated all comers throughout the season, which is a great sign for the future for both club and county

Cristian Sassine had an inspiring year as Captain and showed maturity beyond his age as a leader of the team both on and off the field. **Jack Callaghan** proved himself again as the most consistent performer on field and also developed his goal kicking and drop out skills, which were instrumental to the team's achievements this year.

Our success this year was undoubtedly off the back of our scrum. **Dominic Toomey** and **Kabir Lockhandwala** won the upfront battle, allowing the scrum to dominate against every opposition this year. Newcomers to rugby, **Markus**

Petreski Burneikis and **Christopher Gittani**, showed incredible natural talent for our game. Their continued improvement and determination throughout the year inspired the team throughout the season and into the finals series.

Oscar Dillion was outstanding at Number 8 and a real up and coming star. At only nine years of age and with an impeccable defensive technique, an elusive ball runner and keen ability to contest the ball in the rusk, he is one to watch.

Liam Donegan was in everything this year and showed great versatility, playing at both hooker and halfback. Liam's reliability and no-nonsense attitude was a key influence on the team's success.

Christian Tassopoulos also proved his versatility, playing at halfback and five-eighth. Christian's scintillating running went to new levels this year and he was again the highest try scorer in the team.

Our back-line also improved massively throughout the year. **Lucas Rosato** found his groove as a hard running inside centre, providing great go forward off the set pieces. **Peter Krsticevic** at outside centre was great in both attack and defence. **Dhruv Dawar** was another highly versatile and valuable player again this year, playing throughout the backline and chiming into the forwards when needed.

As coach of this team I could not be prouder of the ways the boys played rugby this year. They faced into the challenge in every game, with a positive, never give up attitude and played rugby in the true spirit of the game. I look forward to running around again in U11s next year.

Jnr. Rugby Briars U10 Team 2017

Back row (left to right):

John Tassopolous (Assist Coach), Sean Toomey (Coach)

Middle row (left to right):

Jack Callaghan, Lucas Rosato, Christian Tassopoulos, Peter Krsticevic, Oscar Dillon, Markus Petreski, Zac Toomey

Front row (left to right):

Liam Donegan, Dom Toomey, Christian Sassine, Kabir Lockhandwala



Jnr. Rugby Briars U8

Aaron Boyter | Coach

Retaining the core of the team from 2016's Under 7s, 2017 was always going to be exciting with the team building on the skills from the previous year.

Moving into full contact for the first time, we could concentrate on tackle and tackle contest at training which saw us stand out amongst our opposition teams. Training also continued to build on our catch and pass skills with which the team continue to improve.

All the hard work at training throughout the season came together in the last few rounds with the team displaying all the skills both in defence and attack resulting in thoroughly entertaining rugby. I hope all the Under 8s are as proud as I am of what they achieved this year.

Big thanks to **Malcom Buchan** and **Kevin White** for their exuberant assistance, both at training and game day. A big thank you also to **Sean Toomey** for all his help both running the sideline and nominating the player of the round on game day.

Well done to all the players for their efforts and looking forward to a strong Under 9's in 2018.

Harley Buchan: Harley understood quite early in the season how to use his size over his opponents, quickly developing a sizable fend. Took the whole season for the concept of going to ground and cleaning out from an onside position – but when it clicked – wow!

Jack Witt: When not being exhausted from walking on the field, Jack took to his first year of rugby with great enthusiasm. developing all the skills and started to grasp all the rugby concepts later in the season.

Kian White: Self-proclaimed captain and our halfback. Kian craved to be always involved, often fearlessly taking on much bigger opponents. One to watch in the future with his speed off the mark and obvious handle on all aspects of the game.

Luke Dunn: Luke took his skills with ball in hand to the next level this year. Many of Luke's tries were scored carrying more than one of the opposition over the try line. Always polite and a pleasure to coach.

Lukas Petreski: In his first year of Rugby, Lukas took to it like a duck to water. Despite being one of the lighter players, Lukas was consistently the best tackler, taking on players twice his size.

Max Portelli: The team suffered a massive loss when Max broke his arm at school mid-way through the season. Max was starting to dominate at 5/8th with his sweeping runs, impressive side steps and improving passing skills.

Sebastian Moussa: Despite always seeming to need a mid-game shoe lace tie, Sebastian enjoyed another amazing year, pulling off some crunching tackles and solid carries straight up the centre.

Shannon Donegan: Shannon was once again a stand out performer. Great listener at training and on game day. Shannon is constantly able to find space, crossing the try line on most carries.

William Boyter: Will grasped the idea of the ruck quite early with unstoppable cleanouts over the ruck, leaving clean ball for his team mates. Developing some positional play later in the season, Will also managed some devastating runs with ball in hand.

Zac Toomey: Zac's killer side step left most opposition players for dead. By far the best at placing the ball for his team mates post tackle. Future break away in the making, always working around the field in both attack and defence.

Jnr. Rugby Briars U8 Team 2017

Back row (left to right):

Harry Chilcott, William Boyter, Aaron Boyter (Coach), Luke Dunn Jack Witt, Harley Buchan

Kneeling (left to right):

Shannon Donegan, Lukas Petreski, Zac Toomey, Kian White



Jnr. Rugby Briars U7

Tony Jenkin | Coach

Thin on numbers, the Under 7's were shored up by a few younger players who stepped up an age division. The team played hard throughout the season and were always in good spirits.

With a mix of new and returning players from 2016, the team worked together and before long were playing like they had been together for years. Showing great improvement towards the end of the season, the training emphasis on ball handling and defensive skills started to pay off.

Thank you to **Mick McGrath** for helping out at training and game day on top of his Under 6's duties.

We are hoping for an influx of players next year as the team moves into contact with most of the team most likely repeating a year in Under 7s. It would be very disappointing not to allow the older players to move up. Looking forward to seeing the whole team again in 2018.

Harry Horwood's first year into rugby was a great success, he modelled his playing style from watching the Wallabies and loved a step and running as close as he can down the sideline.

Toby Boyter always showed great skill in both defence and attack, loved to keep score of the teams tries and kept everyone updated throughout the game.

Aiden Rimes continued to improve in his 2nd season of rugby, he mastered passing the ball before being tagged, very supportive of all his teammates.

Yuveer Dawar returned to Briars for another season, and continued to improve on his skills. Great defender, not letting the opposing team through our line.

Ranveer Minocha joined the team after a few games, and took to it like a duck to water, always moved forward in attack.

Josh Jenkin showed great defence and a strong runner of the ball, always quick to be the first responder to get the ball.

Felix Nash was another lover of the sideline dash towards the try line, showed great improvement in defence throughout the season.

Hayden Witt the smallest on the team who had the biggest heart, always there early on game day and super keen to play. Great in both attack and defence

Jnr Rugby Briars U7 Team 2017

Standing (left to right):

Felix Nash, Hayden Witt, Ranveer Minocha, Tony Jenkin (coach), Harry Horwood, Toby Boyter, Josh Jenkin, Yuveer Dawar



Jnr. Rugby Briars U7

Michael McGrath | Coach

What a fantastic year for our budding rugby stars. It's not often you finish a season with more players than you started with, however we built from 8 players to 11 by season's end. As a coach, this year was easily the most fun I have had guiding a team in any sport. Our under sixes were easily the youngest in the competition, with only one of the eleven not eligible for under 6's again next year.

We started as individuals running a hundred different directions, with a love for holding the ball and occasionally holding hands as well. By the back end of the year we had a defensive line that moved forward together and had nominated wings and fullbacks in both defense and attack. The boys had become a team, were running angles, identifying holes and just hungry to run. They looked like rugby players, had built lots of new friendships and were even succeeding with phase plays complete with short passes off the hip that led to many a try.

Aaron Dolan: Ran like the wind, straight ahead especially when defending and was regularly the first to get to the opposition. Aaron turned his pace into some great long range tries at the end of the season as well.

Brent Schultz: Very tall and very fast, especially in attack. Scored some memorable length of the field tries and always tread a fine line down the touch line.

Felix Farah: Just got better and better throughout the year. Equally enthusiastic in attack and defense and ran fantastic angles to weave in and out of the opposition. Always there in attack and defense ready for the next play

Fergus Sinclair-Kydd: Renowned for suddenly appearing from a drink break to successfully stop an opposition try. An awesome defender and never short of a smile. A great team player with a positive attitude to everything on and off the field

Jacob McGrath: Built like a rugby player (and occasionally tackled like one too). Ran dynamic angles, love finding the try line and could always be counted on to know exactly how many tries each team mate got, both teams totals and also update the sideline on the latest Super Rugby results

Hugo Chilcott: Always ran with determination, with a great upright stance and the ball tucked under his arm. I'm sure he would have a great fend too if required. Hugo was also a constant reminder to me "Coach Mick, who brought the oranges today". Loved his rugby and loved just being around his team mates as well.

Hugh Kerle: Just loved rugby and being among his team mates. His passion for Briars rugby even extended to his family chanting "1,2,3 Briars" over the dinner table. Always enthusiastic and loved training

Kye Games: Our youngest, most enthusiastic player. Kye loved running with the ball equally as much as acknowledging his family on the sideline. Always keen to train and play, and already had a great love of the game and the skills to match.

Liam Raftery: Really understood how to read the opposition defense. Liam would invariably take a pass, pause, assess the best hole to run to and take off. Not a game went by where he did not score a runaway try through analysis and speed.

Levi Buchan: A real team player, Levi had hidden speed and could throw a mean short pass. Levi also could be counted find our defensive holes by himself and knew enough about the game to tell his mates where to move as well.

Thomas O'Neil: Was always first there in attack and defense, and loved throwing and taking a short pass to duck under the other team to score on many occasions. Tom was an excellent trainer and really took new skills we practiced into the next game.

I'd like to close by thanking Tony Kerle and Tony Jenkin for all their help training and coaching the under 6s and 7s as well as Aaron and Jules Boyter for their tireless efforts in making the club what it is. Thank you also to the many, many families and friends for supporting your kids throughout the year. I will be back next year and I hope you all will be too!

Jnr. Rugby Briars U6 Team 2017

Standing (left to right):

Michael McGrath (Coach), Tony Kerle (Assistant Coach)

Liam Raftery, Aaron Dolan, Hugo Chilcott Jacob McGrath, Hugh Kerle, Fergus Sinclair-Kydd, Levi Buchan, Thomas O'Neil, Kye Games, Felix Farah



Briars Hockey

President's Report

Emma Ratcliffe



Whilst our women's teams didn't have the success on the field that we would have liked, our men impressed across all grades from Masters right through to 1st grade and to see so many teams make the first week of finals was a real pleasure. Congratulations to all our men's teams who won Premierships in 2017. Our juniors also had a cracking year with 2 minor premierships and a number of grand finalists with our littlest Briars, our U11B's winning their Grand Final by a whopping 11-0!

It is amazing how quickly season 2017 came and went. It feels like only yesterday we were starting training and putting together teams and now here we are at the backend of the season celebrating our successes.

Whilst our women's teams didn't have the success on the field that we would have liked, it allowed us to identify some central failings in our setup and come up with a plan on how to build a much stronger women's club in 2018.

Our men impressed across all grades from Masters right through to 1st grade and to see so many teams make the first week of finals was a real pleasure. Congratulations to all our men's teams who won Premierships in 2017. Our juniors also had a cracking year with 2 minor premierships and a number of grand finalists with our littlest Briars, our U11B's winning their Grand Final by a whopping 11-0!

Our club wouldn't be as successful as it is without the help of a number of people – firstly our committee, I cannot thank each and every one of you enough for your hard work and dedication this year.

As always we would like to thank our major sponsor, Gary Bieser from Mortgage Choice Concord. Gary has been our major sponsor for a number of years now and has continued this support constantly which we cannot thank him enough for. Not only is he a wonderful sponsor he is also our unofficial photographer and has captured some great moments throughout the season.

To Wal, David Ratcliffe, John Price, Michael Imer and Kylie Norris – thank you for your varying and ongoing support with running hockey. You are all integral to the success of this club and your longevity and commitment to the Briars club is an inspiration to all.

To Jason, Monique, Ben, Megan, Tiffany and all the staff at the Club and Bistro. Thank you for your ongoing support of the hockey club and for allowing us to hold events at the club throughout the year. We are very lucky to have such great Homebase facilities and will continue to enjoy a meal and beer there over the offseason.

To all our coaches and managers, particularly those who took up a new role this year, thank you for all your hard work and dedication and finally to the players, thank you for being a part of what is a great legacy.

We look forward to a successful and exciting 2018 season with lots of new initiatives such as our partnership with Fitness Local to push our emphasis and focus on holistic training and club culture as well as injury prevention and wellbeing. We will also be putting more energy into our junior player development pathways to assist with talent identification as well as transition from juniors to seniors.

Hockey Briars Women's 2nd Grade

Kylie Beckhouse

2017 was a tough year for 2nd Grade women's. We started the year with nine players and no coach and ended with 15 players.

A one all draw was the teams on-field highlight of the year, we came so close to the win only to fall short. Coming off the field, though, you'd have thought we had won.

The challenge for me going into this, knowing that we weren't going to be fighting for a place in the finals was building cohesion and resilience among the playing group. This group of women upon all adversity would show up each week to train, even in the rain, to play, even if sometimes drunk and do it with a smile on their face.

We fought hard and by no means left embarrassed, whilst a loss is a loss, only five games were lost by more than one goal whilst four of those games we lost by a larger margin were to the eventual grand finalists.

The true highlight however was the teams' ability to turn up week in, week out and play for each other. As a player, I understand how hard it is to show up each week knowing that a loss is likely, but to show up each week and not mope, not whinge and to just be keen to get stuck in and play is what I want to see as a coach.

For that I thank you, ladies. I also want to thank Kylie and Joe for their unwavering support and management, which is lucky because I probably would have done the wrong thing by SWHL given their email, fax, alphabetical, phonetical, numerical - impossible instructions! And to Emma Ratcliffe, thank you for approaching me with the opportunity to coach these ladies, whilst my time playing for Briars was short I am proud to call myself a Briar at heart.

Hockey Briars Women's 3rd Grade ML3

Dane | Coach

Unfortunately, ML3 finished in 10th position this year with 1 win and 2 draws. The competition is always tough in the ML3 grade with a mix of 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade club teams to compete against. The team had many close games – 6 losses were by only one goal. The team were competitive through-out the matches and created scoring opportunities but just could not snatch the win. To their credit, they played with as much or more vigour toward the end of the season as the start and had a never-give-up mentality. A great sign for next year's season

Throughout the year we had many mighty BRIARS players helping us out, seven 4th grade girls subbing up for us on several occasions and four 2nd graders subbing down to help us out of a pinch, a big thanks to these girls.

Also, a big call out to our coach Dane, for his positive attitude, constant support and his very complicated training drills that the ML3 girls just couldn't get.

ML3 awards

Most consistent and improved player is a player whose field position, passing and personal skills continually improved throughout the season.

Congratulations **Rebecca Temperley**

Best and Fairest is a player who played her heart out every game and saved us on many occasions. She loves her hockey and we loved her attacking style, even if she comes out of the goals a lot.

Congratulations to **Anke Vermeulen**.

Player's Player, this Player has been out in front all season, was always at training putting in her best and bringing a great positive and uplifting attitude to every game. After a fantastic season back in the game with an outstanding performance.

Congratulations to **Nicola Skinner**.

Hockey Briars Women's 4th Grade ML5

Corry Allsop

2017 was a year that could have gone better for ML5. Some very good early promise, such as beating eventual grand finalists Glebe and putting 6 past Hills Strikers were unfortunately not backed up with similar performances against weaker opponents. 5 or 6 draws against teams we should have beaten, including three draws where we conceded on the buzzer knocked the wind right out of our sails, and we found it hard to get it back.

We played up against the better teams in the competition going down fighting against eventual winners Mosman Harbourside in both rounds and pushing Glebe right to the end in the last game of the year.

Unfortunately, we tended to also play down to the level of the weaker teams, only getting away with draws against basement dwellers Macquarie Uni and letting Manly get their first win against us in 3 years.

Despite consistency not being our strong suit, this season the team played every game with a lot of heart and commitment to each other.

ML5 is a good team with a great bunch of people in it and despite 4 or 5 head in hands moments; they have been an absolute pleasure to coach. A lot of players picked up new skills this season and I saw a lot of positive improvements on the pitch that hopefully can be developed further in seasons ahead.

Hockey Briars Women's 5th Grade ML6

Chris Hallett

With plenty of new faces in the team it was going to be a season of learning to play together and picking up new skills. While results didn't always go our way, the girls put in great efforts all season long. A difficult few weeks in the middle of the season when holidays and injuries took their toll had the team working extra hard to perform on game day and they consistently managed to put in impressive performances with no substitutes.

Having lost our goalie after last season plenty of the girls stepped up and put on the pads to help the team out, credit also goes out to Deb and Jess from ML5 for helping-out in goals from time to time. While it wasn't the best season in terms of results there was lots to be proud of and all the girls were able to step up and improve their skills throughout the season.

Hockey Briars Men's 1st Grade

Season Report

The 2017 season was the most successful in the last 5 years. Finishing 5th after the full two round home and away series the team contested the final series for the first time in 5 years.

Whilst losing in the first round of the final series was disappointing it was to eventual winners Sutherland (we had beaten them in the first round of matches).

The 2017 squad was bolstered by the return of Josh Miller and Aneesh Kesha. Both experienced players they made great contributions in assisting the team develop. Special mention to Josh for his leadership and support.

The way the group played as a team with a strong focus on passing and supporting each other made the team competitive each week. There were many strong performances during the year especially against the more "fancied" teams.

We did struggle at times to score field goals but did end up with a positive goal difference for the first time in a long while. Our leading goal scorer, Oliver Flack, scored 17 goals including only 1 field goal.

The commitment to defense was crucial to the improved result.

Players playing first grade in 2017 included:

| Name | Games | Goals | Name | Games | Goals |
|------------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Andre Di Filippo | 16 | 10 | Oscar Quix | 18 | 1 |
| Aneesh Kesha | 18 | 0 | Reuben Koorey | 14 | 2 |
| Ben Ferguson | 17 | 6 | Rhiley Carr | 20 | 7 |
| Dane McIlveen | 18 | 2 | Scott Garner | 20 | 0 |
| Joshua Miller | 20 | 7 | Tom Budden | 19 | 2 |
| Lain Carr | 15 | 3 | Kael Webster | 12 | 0 |
| Matthew Magann | 18 | 1 | Lee Brady | 6 | 2 |
| Nathan Woellner | 13 | 0 | Maceij Paech | 5 | 0 |
| Nic Candido | 6 | 2 | Michael Tran | 1 | 1 |
| Nick Hill | 21 | 4 | Rashil Jetley | 1 | 0 |
| Oliver Flack | 21 | 17 | | | |

A winning first grade requires a large squad to cover injuries and rep duties.

A huge thanks to Michael Imer for his faultless management and sideline support each week.

To the club in general the players are grateful for your ongoing support and the team enjoyed nothing more than singing the club song at Cintra after a win with a good crowd in ear shot.

Team Award Winners

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Players player: | Josh Miller |
| Coaches Award: | Dane McIlveen |
| B&F: | Oliver Flack |

We will miss Dane next year as he enjoys a UK work experience. He has been a great contributor to first grade and club over many years.

Hockey Briars Men's 3rd Grade PL3

Jimmy Fordham | Coach

2017 was a tough year in PL3 with UTS playing their 1st grade scoring 114 goals and conceding only 34, Bankstown with 5 Under 18 players (90 goals) compared with our 61 goals. This was represented by Briars coming in equal 5th on 34 points, one point behind Ryde in 4th spot. It was a very tight 3rd spot to 10th spot competition with only 11 points separating the 7 teams this year.

Briars started the season fairly average and we lost 4 and drew 4 matches we could have won. The team only lost 3 matches and strung together 6 straight wins in the 2nd half of the season showing some real grit and ability to compete in this competition. Whilst I don't believe any team will beat UTS in the GF this year, Briars was a leading contender from the genuine PL3 teams in the competition and hopefully SHA will ensure a fair competition policy for PL3 in 2018 where I would expect Briars be right up there fighting for a GF spot.

I was super proud and always believed in this team. A solid group of players, and great bunch of guys off the field. Our younger players really stepped up this year and did a fantastic job. Specifically, Nadz, Suley & Ian played above and beyond their prior years this year, and earned the respect from their more senior team mates.

Players Player this year was Corry Allsop (just ahead of David Ratcliffe, Andrew White & Matthew Nadzion), B&F was David Ratcliffe and Most Improved went to Matthew Nadzion. Gratz to the three lads this year - as the entire team received points throughout the season, and the tally was closer than expected all round.

I am really looking forward to 2018 for PL3. I expect them to improve and be a real GF contender.

Hockey Briars Men's 4th Grade

Alan O'Connell & Gary Bieser | Coach & Manager

2017 was another great season for the Men's 4th Grade Team, building on improvements from last year with a result of 16 wins from 22 games, with 4 draws and 2 losses. The Premier League 4 competition was very tight especially amongst the top four teams with each of the top four in the running for the minor premiership up until the last round. Our 4th grade side worked hard to reach the top of the table at the end of the first round by 1 point and pulled ahead in the last two rounds of the season to finish as Minor Premiers on 52 points, 4 points clear of second place and a goal difference of 49 (69 for; 20 against). It was only a few short years ago in 2014 that the team didn't win a game at all! This was a great result for a team with a good mixture of old heads and young and upcoming players.

The season got off to a great start with a 9-1 defeat of Moorebank. Another highlight was the round 6 win over GNS (11-0), however, throughout the season the team did well to grind out wins or draws against the top teams and were not complacent and scored goals against the teams that weren't as strong.

The understrength team pulled off an extraordinary come back in the Major semi-final to come back from a 4-0 deficit against second placed UNSW. The side levelled the score just before full time and went on to win the game 5-4 in the second period of extra time when they were down to 7 v 7.

Unfortunately, the side lost in the grand final qualifier to the dark horse of the competition, Sydney Uni, who made a surge towards the end of the competition in a tight battle succumbing 1-0 in regular time. There is a small consolation in the fact that Sydney Uni went on to win the competition, but the side has

learnt a fair bit about finals hockey and will take the lessons learnt into next season and come back stronger for it.

While it was disappointing for the side not to make the grand final and of course take out the title, this season was hugely successful, cementing the side as a serious contender in this division and building the belief within the team that they have what it takes to take out the competition.

Best & Fairest – Tom Vastani

Tom has had a great season and really enjoyed his hockey this year. Tom used his individual skill to close out his own opportunities and score many goals, but more so Tom consistently demonstrated his ability to find his teammates and create further opportunities throughout the season. His game constantly tested the opposition, even in the tightest of games. Congratulations Tom!

Players' Player – Tom Vastani

Tom was the runner-up leading goal scorer with 11 goals during the main season. However, his ability to tackle the opposition, or get into a great position to receive the ball and quickly turn around the play to put the side in a great attacking position and create opportunities for the side speaks volumes to his ability and the esteem he has earned from his teammates. Well done Tom!

Coach's Award – Jarrod Scanlon

Jarrod has gone from strength to strength and has really grown this year after coming up from 5th grade last year. Jarrod has truly earned his place in the side and has grown throughout the season in both his defensive work in the halves and occasionally in the backs, through to injecting himself aggressively in the attacking half, supporting a strong offensive line up. Congratulations Jarrod!

Leading Goal Scorer – Jeremy Rose (17)

Jeremy has shown his hunger and focus on scoring goals throughout the season. His passion for the game and his energy to get the job done has been outstanding and as a result he has outshone his defensive opponents on many levels. His acceleration on receiving the ball has beaten the best defenders in the competition and he is likely to be the top goal scorer in the competition, not just 4th grade. We wish Jeremy the best for next year as he moves to the US to pursue his next life opportunity and we will miss him. Great work this year Jeremy!

As always, the team manager is such an important role for any team and special thanks go to Gary Bieser for being there throughout the season to allow the coach and team to focus and play hockey on game day. Thanks for all your work throughout the season Gary!

A special note of thanks and congratulations to Alan O'Connell who stepped in and has coached 4th Grade for the third year in a row. He is clearly doing a very good job!

A truly great year for 4s this year, something to be proud of and to build on for the future ahead.

Hockey Briars Men's 7th Grade

Mike Denniss | Captain

Playing in the same division as 2016, but with a revamped team, we weren't sure how we would go. Pretty early on it was obvious that Macquarie Uni were the team to beat and they ended being undefeated Minor Premiers.

We started the season well, with some solid wins, had an ordinary game to lose to UTS and a solid game to lose to Macquarie Uni 2-0. The second half of the season followed the same pattern, with us performing well against most teams, except for a bad loss to Ryde and 4-1 loss to Macquarie Uni.

We ended up second on the ladder and played Macquarie Uni in the major semi – we started slowly and were 3-0 down after twenty minutes, with all three goals being considered "soft". We played better in the second half to end up 4-1 down. We easily accounted for Ryde in the prelim 3-0 and were up for a rematch against Macquarie Uni in the Grand Final. We played good structured hockey from the start and completely shut down the Macquarie Uni attack. We scored early in the second half to take a 1-0 lead and Macquarie came back hard but could not convert any of the small number of chances they were able to generate, so we were able to hold on for a tough 1-0 victory to take out the premiership.

There was quite a change in personnel this year, with Remco Prins and Pyke Gunning moving up to 5th grade, Derk van Ogtrop and Don Ball taking a year off due to injury and Mathjis van Nederveen moving back to the Netherlands. We picked a number of new players this year: Jarred Grek, Lyndsey Chan, and

Callum Golding were new to the club and Dave Hayward, Dave Slater and Adam Schasser dropped down from 6s and Mark Williams returned after a year off.

Again, we had a few sixth and eighth grade players (and the occasional 5s player when they had a bye) help us out during the year. Thanks to Cameron Chew, Murray Green, James Marshall, Michael Brock, Andre Coleman, Joel Osmond, Danny Palmer, Steve Strain, Pat Ryan, Alex Wagner Simon Bergfield, John Denniss and Viv Paul. A special mention to Simon Bergfield, Viv Paul and John Denniss who covered for injured players during the finals.

Mark Williams was our Players' Player. Mark played predominantly up front and gave us a great target, being second in the goal scorers for the team. Best and Fairest was Dave Shury, who was solid as ever in the centre – we are a much more composed team when Dave is playing. The Coach's award went to Dave Hayward, who started the year in 6s and drop down to 7s. Dave always gives 100% and was one of the few players across the club to play every week of the season. Hidde van Erven Dorens was the highest goal scorer with 11 during the regular season.

Thank you to Ian "Brownie" Brown for the awesome job he does managing the team year in and year out, and, also to James Fordham, Adam Schasser and Greg Dunn who all contributed to coaching the team.

Finally, a special mention to Brownie who is taking a sabbatical from playing and managing to enjoy retirement in Penang.

Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2017 – 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 in 2017.

Hockey Briars Men's 8th Grade

Simon Bergfield | Manager

Result: 6th on ladder with 5 wins, 2 draws and 9 losses

This season was a big turn-around from the last (1st down to 6th). The loss of several key players to higher grades and inter-state hit hard. We were also not helped by a player roster that dropped from 14 at the start of season to 12 players early on. With help from other teams, we were able to put together the numbers and construct a competitive effort with the players available.

As it turned out, we were not that far out of the semis. All the guys who played put in a big effort and, if a few things had gone our way, draws and narrow losses would have been the other way around. Looking forward to next season.

Congratulations to this season award winners – all well-earned!

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| Best & Fairest | Viv Paul |
| Players Player | Paul Monaro |
| Coaches Award | Hugh Lister-Baker |

The guys who played for 8ths during the season were:

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| Daryl Baihn | Hugh Lister-Baker | David Paul |
| Rennie Colaco | Paul Monaro | Giacomo Paul |
| Kealan Coleman | Esper Olesen | Viv Paul |
| John Denniss | Keiran O'Shea | Simon Bergfield |
| Joe Ferrer | Danny Palmer | |

There were also a number of players from Masters and other grades who helped out by making up the numbers on occasion. Likewise, several of our players also helped-out the higher grades when some of their players were not available.

Hockey Briars Masters (Legends Division)

Mike Denniss | Captain

The 2017 season was more challenging than previous years, with two teams (Northern Districts and Easts) being significantly stronger than last year. We were not able to repeat either our minor or major premierships from last year, going down 2-0 in the Grand Final to a strong Northern Districts team.

We finished third on the table, two points behind Easts (2nd) and four behind minor premiers Northern Districts. We had ten wins, two draws and two losses, both losses to Northern Districts.

We retained all but one of our players from 2016 with John Clark hanging up his stick. We picked up Ken Struthers (Briars 5th grade player from 2010) who returned to the club after an absence and was a great addition to our defense.

Ken Struthers was our Players' Player and Best and Fairest on his return to hockey. Ken was a rock in defense.

Nick Carter was awarded the Coach's Award. Nick contributes in both attack and defense and always gives 100%. Nick was runner up in both the Players' Player and Best and Fairest awards.

Congratulations to our major goal scorers: Stephan Richartz (8), Shah Alam (6) and Jesse Borthwick (5).

Congratulations also to the following representative players: Mike Denniss (Sydney 55s Div2 and Tasmania 55s Div2), David Osmond (Sydney 55s Div 2 and ACT 65s), Dave Paul (Sydney 65s) and Simon Bergfield (Sydney 55s Div 2).

Thank you to Ian Brown for the great work he did organising the team week in and week out (from his retirement getaway in Penang in the last month or so of the season), and Mike Imer for filling in on those occasions when Ian was unable to be there.

Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2017. Congratulations on the results and the effort put in. It was a very enjoyable season though we didn't bring home the premiership. Hope to see you again in 2018.

Briars Squash

Chairman's Report

Anthony Rex Thomas



Cuskelly & Pilley Exhibition & One80TC Golf day powered by USANA.

The event raised \$1200 towards One80TC's Women's drug & alcohol rehab clinic based in Sydney.

We had 70 people attend the coaching clinic & exhibition & 6 teams of 5 for Ambrose Golf.

This day was significant as it secured our sponsor USANA and aligned us with charity one80tc who do great things for the local community.



Photo from the Coaching clinic, golf day / Exhibition match.

Overview

Briars Squash has seen a growth in all areas from juniors to Senior Pennants, and the launch of the new talent development squad that was proposed last year. We have run 8 successful advanced camps with all our junior participants seeing great value in the program. We have an amazing buffet of coaches to use including former world Champion Michelle Martin, former top 15 Adam Schreiber, & more recently former top 50 and MAJART Cup winner Matt Kawalski to name a few.

We have applied for funding from the Coronation Club Funds to the amount of \$6,600. This is to go towards our 2018 junior initiatives;

- Cover part of the cost of coaches of the camps
- To lower the cost of travel to tournaments throughout NSW with the hire of a mini bus and take our first Briars junior travel squads. Two events in particular. The Country Age Championships in Cardiff and the NSW Junior Titles in Coffs Harbour.

What has happened in 2016 - 17

- NSW Briars Talent Development Squad training on Sundays for 3 hours once a month.
- The group on deal that had created 220 new customers to the club 2 years ago is back along with the shop-a-docket promotion.
- 75 Participants in the Club Championships
- Working with local schools at fund raising events to gain exposure
- Working with Matina to get a transparent system for Briars Squash accounts
- Aligned with a drug and alcohol Charity One80TC allowing further positive exposure in the community and displaying corporate social responsibility which can leverage a stronger position with government grants and sponsors.
- Working with two other clubs to establish an international level tournament in Sydney Harbour foreshore
- Briars Open in Feb 17 with 104 entries biggest Sydney non PSA event in 2017.
- Took the inflatable court to the Cub Scouts Group in 2016 at East Ryde, with exposure to 1000 kids and approximately 90 participating through the day.
- Built relations with sports car world as a sponsor of the club

Briars Squash tour to Melbourne in August 16 to collect Club of the year award 2015



The second Briars tour squad of 10 members travelled to Melbourne to represent Thornleigh Squash at the SA awards dinner in which we were the recipients of the 2015 club of the year and our club won 4 of the raffle and silent auction prizes making us the biggest winners of the night. Many clubs and associations envied us, and we were the talk of the town.

- In negotiations with Jaxx Tyres for sponsoring the club for \$2500
- Had 5 of our Briars juniors represent in the state team Pat Hart, Mitchel Black, Maja Maziuk, Tara Black, Haani Qureshi
- 3 applicants of the RB Clarke sponsorship - Pat Hart, Mitchel Black, Maja Maziuk

Award recipients 2017

Doug Vanderfield – James Herbert

Fantastic supporter of the club. He has attended every Briars event and has been a tremendous team captain. He is one of Thornleigh Squash's longest running members and shows nothing but love and respect for everyone that he plays and meets on and off the court.

Anne Gleason Award – Mitchell Black

Mitchell has made the NSW State team for the second year running. He has always been the underdog that has come out on top through sheer tenacity. He has been competing in junior and senior pennant, with an excellent record and his rating on the increase every month. He now has his eyes set on being in the Australian team in 2020.

Junior Pennant Results

2016-17 Season

Summer Pennant 2016

| Division | Team | Placing |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Division 1 | Briars 01 | 2 nd |
| Division 1 | Briars 02 | 1 st |
| Division 3 | Briars 03 | 4 th |
| Division 7 | Briars 04 | 2 nd |
| Division 9 | Briars 05 | 4 th |
| Division 10 | Briars 06 | 4 th |
| Division 10 | Briars 07 | 6 th |

Winter Pennant 2017

| Division | Team | Placing |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Division 1 | Briars 01 | 2 nd |
| Division 1 | Briars 02 | 3 rd |
| Division 2 | Briars 03 | 2 nd |
| Division 6 | Briars 04 | 3 rd |
| Division 7 | Briars 05 | 3 rd |
| Division 11 | Briars 06 | 4 th |

Senior Pennant Results

2016-17 Season

Spring Pennant 2016

| Division | Team | Placing |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Sydney 1 | Briars 01 | Winners |
| Division 1 | Briars 02 | 5 th |
| Division 2 | Briars 03 | Winners |
| Division 2 | Briars 04 | 4 th |
| Division 4 | Briars 05 | 4 th |
| Division 5 | Briars 06 | 4 th |
| Division 8 | Briars 07 | 6 th |

Autumn Pennant 2017

| Division | Team | Placing |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Sydney 1 | Briars 01 | 2 nd |
| Sydney 3 | Briars 02 | 2 nd |
| Sydney 3 | Briars 03 | 3 rd |
| Division 2 | Briars 04 | 3 rd |
| Division 11 | Briars 09 | 4 th |
| Division 12 | Briars 10 | Winners |
| Division 14 | Briars 11 | 6 th |

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| Division 10 | Briars 08 | Winners |
| Division 11 | Briars 09 | 4 th |
| Division 13 | Briars 10 | 3 rd |
| Division 15 | Briars 11 | 3 rd |

Briars Netball

Presidents Report

Anne Burt



2017 Briars Netball Premiers



Congratulations U10 Topaz team.



Congratulations U11 Corals team.

We entered our 5th season this year and it was yet another successful one for Briars Netball.

The club registered 28 junior teams and 4 senior teams as well as 26 Summer teams into the Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association.

There were 95 Netstar participants registered (aged 5-7 years) in our Friday afternoon program at Briars Sports. The youngsters enjoyed learning the basic skills of netball. We thank everyone who assisted with the program. We also thank the parents and families, most new to Briars who supported the club and bistro each week.

The club would not be successful if it was not for the 18 committee members all of whom made significant contributions throughout the season. Some of the many roles and responsibilities included recruitment, registrations, team management, umpiring, canteen and bbq duties, trivia night, photo day, uniforms and equipment, and many more roles undertaken by dedicated volunteers.

The 34 Briars netball games that occurred each week required an umpire. We simply could not play the games without the amazing support of the junior players, parents and supporters who all pitched in to ensure we had an umpire for each game. Many of the people who umpired reached their association and national umpire accreditation due to the help of the umpire convenor and her team.

All our club coaches were offered support and opportunities to learn through on line courses and we can proudly say that all our coaches received accreditation during 2017.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of our players, volunteers, umpires and sponsors who collectively helped to form the 32 committed teams participating each week in the IWSNA Competition.

Briars play in a competitive competition and whilst we like to win our club values participation, inclusion and playing with friends above trophies. This is the reason we grow each season and why we will always remain a club that will open our door to any young girl wanting to play netball.

We also thank our families, particularly parents who have endured cold winter mornings, so their daughters were able to play netball. Thank you for your cheering, your motivational pep talks and, particularly, thanks for your support on bbq's and in the canteen. Your continuous support to your daughters and to Briars Netball is greatly appreciated. The commitment and generosity of all our club sponsors has not gone unnoticed. Our sponsors have assisted our club in a number of ways, in particular our gratitude goes to our major sponsor, Crust Pizza at Concord. Jim and Kate Stevis have been with us since day one and we appreciate all the pizza nights, their financial contribution and importantly their support at games and social events. We also thank the Briars



Congratulations U11 Rubies team.

board for their financial support this season and the staff at Briars who continually support Briars Netball.

Well done to the 6 teams who fought their way into the grand finals and congratulations to the 3 teams who became 2017 season premiers. A special mention must go to the Under 11 Corals for finishing their season undefeated.

Finally, the enthusiasm of the families associated with the club and the eagerness of parents and players to assist the young girls to be the best they can be is what separates Briars from the rest.

Thanks to everyone involved and we look forward to another successful season of Briars Netball.

Greenlees Park Bowling Club

Women's Bowls

Presidents Report

Margaret Truesdale



Congratulations to the Ladies Bowling Club, who have had a very successful year in 2017, winning Grade - 2 Pennants and the regional play-offs, held at Canton Beach Bowling Club. The team unfortunately did not make it to the final winning circle, but what an experience we all had. Many thanks to Briars for their help and support.

District President Evelyn Redaelli & secretary Fay Laney, presented gold medals to the Pennant side.

This year we had one new bowls member, Therise Cutrupi join Greenlees Park Women's Bowls.

Presidents Day was held on the 29th June, it was low key with everyone having an enjoyable day.

Veterans Day was held on the 29th September, we had Concord RSL Bowling Club and Denistone Bowling Club celebrate with us. Thank you to Canada Bay Council for sponsoring the day.

On Friends Day we welcomed Concord RSL, Denistone, Brush Park and Marrickville Bowling Clubs.

We would like to thank Tiffany, Adam and the staff at the Backyard at Briars for the lunches and wonderful meals they provided on the special function days.

We were sorry to hear that Concord RSL Bowling Club is closing and welcome the ladies who have decided to join Greenlees Park Ladies Bowling Club and look forward to having them as part of the team for many years to come.

The lady's bowlers would like to wish the following Members all the best in their health;

- Joan Fitzgerald who is now staying with her daughter
- Shirley Duckworth who has been put into care.
- Helen Burton who can walk again with the aid of a walking stick, we admire Helen's 'never say never' attitude

2017 Greenlees Park Women's Bowls Results:

| | Winner | Runner-up |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Major Singles | M. Truesdale | R. Caccavo |
| Minor Singles | M. Picone | Forfeit |
| Pairs | D. Cooper D.Barber | V. Waring J. Cooper |
| Triples | J. Cooper | V. Waring |

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| | M. Truesdale G. Barnes | J. Thurston D. Barber |
| Fours | J. Thurstan J. Cooper M. Truesdale G. Barnes | G. Bonett S. Smith M Watson R. Caccavo |
| Consistency | A. Hyem | G. Barnes |
| District Pairs | G. Barnes & M. Truesdale made the semi-finals. | |
| District Triples | J. Cooper, M. Truesdale & G. Barnes were runner's-up. | |

Many thanks to the Bowls Committee for their help and support throughout the year. Thanks to Peter Neary, the green keeper for keeping the greens in excellent condition and maintaining the surrounding gardens and Jason, Monique and Megan for their administrative support throughout the year. Lastly, thanks to Ben and the bar staff who are always helpful and ready with iced water to quench our thirst, after a hot day out on the green.

Men's Bowls

Presidents Report

Michael Laws



It is with pleasure that I forward to you the Men's Bowls report for 2017.

The year has brought a few changes to bowls thanks to the hard work of the Bowls Committee that has ensured Bowls Events have run smoothly. More importantly we have recruited new bowlers which allowed us to field 3 pennant sides. We are in a position for 2018 to increase our pennant sides from 3 grades to 4 grades due to a constant influx of new members.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support throughout the year. I would also like to thank the Club LTD for their ongoing support of Bowls.

A lot of planning for 2018 is well underway which will hopefully see us continue to build on the successes of 2017.

2017 Club Championship Results:

| | Winner | Runner-up |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Major Singles | Ray Coombes | Ben Williams |
| Minor Singles | Luke Dobbie | Terry O'Kane |
| Major Pairs | Ray Coombes Paul Reynolds | Mick Laws Ben Williams |
| Minor Pairs | Luke Dobbie Bob Inman | Ronan Coombes Steven White |
| Triples | John Houteas Tom Lagreca Eddie Truesdale | Terry O'Kane Bob Inman Paul Reynolds |
| Fours | Tom Lagreca Kevin Bolger Paul Reynolds Ray Coombes | Steven White Daniel Ackary Glen Dobbie James Archer |

Zone 10 Fours Champions



Tom Lagreca, Kevin Bolger, Paul Reynolds & Ray (Tiger) Coombes

Zone 10 Rookies Competition



Luke Dobbie



Briars Sports Trophies

J H Stone Trophy

Not awarded this year

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

The Ted Stockdale Trophy

Awarded to Leanne Hewgill

Leanne Hewgill is the Secretary of Concord Briars Junior Cricket, a position which she has held for the past 5 years overseeing tasks such as registrations, team manager & coach enquiries, uniforms, coordination of photo & presentation days, tour guide for the annual Canberra Kookaburra Cup & last but not least broader community enquiries. Leanne joined the club as a volunteer when her boys started junior cricket over 10 years ago, initially as a team manager, a role which is still enthusiastically undertaken today. Leanne joined the club committee in 2010 as assistant secretary. Since 2012 junior cricket team numbers have experienced growth from 26 teams to a present number of 42. It's Leanne's dedication that has allowed junior cricket to be a continued success, clearly entrenching Leanne as an integral part of Concord Briars.

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.

R B Clark Scholarship

Not awarded this year

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.

Cricket Memorial Trophy

Awarded to Paul Simpson

Simmo has been with the Club many years and continues to be involved where needed. Last season he accepted the tough role of 4th grade captain a week before the competition started and led the team to an amazing Premiership. He made many sacrifices

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 |

surrounding work to ensure he was available to play on Saturdays and his dedication was much appreciated. He also involved himself in our fund raising and assisted at training and he made valuable contributions on the field as well.

A worthy winner. Well done Paul.

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Neatness of dress | 10 points |
| Total | 100 points |

Gerard Price Jnr. Cricket Trophy

Awarded to **Finn Gray**

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.

A J Robinson Shield

Awarded to **Emma Ratcliffe**

As chairwoman, Emma is a tireless worker to ensure all facets of Hockey are looked after, and, as such, she is a worthy winner of this trophy.

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 as a team 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 |

R D Vanderfield Trophy

Awarded to **Patrick Vastani**

Patrick has been a member of Briars for a number of years and this year in particular we have seen his club involvement grow in leaps and bounds. If he wasn't on the hockey field himself playing for his junior, men's or representative teams, he was coaching our younger junior teams, umpiring, helping in the canteen or watching another Briars team play. Patrick is a reliable and dedicated member of the Briars family, as well as being a talented hockey player, and we look forward to his involvement and contribution in the club for many years to come.

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.

Anne Gleason Jnr. Trophy

Awarded to **Mitchell Black**

Mitchell has made the NSW State team for the second year running. He has always been the underdog that has come out on top through sheer tenacity. He has been competing in junior and

This trophy is awarded to a Briars Junior Squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general and exemplifies the dedication by Anne Gleason to voluntary work with Squash. Involved with Briars Squash for over 25 years, Anne represented Briars at NSW State level both individually and as a ladies team member. For many years Anne has organised junior squash and Saturday Pennant and as head coach of the juniors.

senior pennant, with an excellent record and his rating on the increase every month. He now has his eyes set on being in the Australian team in 2020.

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 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 |

Geoff Archibald Trophy

Awarded to **David Pavihi**

In his first year at Briars, David has become a great asset to the club. From the outset David was welcomed into the playing group and worked his way up into the 1st Grade side through strong commitment to training, learning and adapting to the team plus helping out around the club with any task without question.

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.

Gordon Bevan Shield

Awarded to **Jules Boyter**

A long-term member of the Briars family, Jules has gone above and beyond this year running the Juniors program, but also putting in as much effort with the Seniors too. Jules was fundamental in ensuring our Ladies Day and Ted Stockdale Pavilion opening were a great success. Jules is friendly with all new people who come down to watch Briars games and welcomes them with open arms. Without Jules, Briars would not be as fun a place to play and watch Rugby!

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 |

Doug Vanderfield Trophy

Awarded to **James Herbert**

Fantastic supporter of the club. He has attended every Briars event and has been a tremendous team captain. He is one of Thornleigh Squash's longest running members and shows nothing but love and respect for everyone that he plays and meets on and off the court.

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 |

Anne Burt Trophy

Awarded to **Sarah Burt**

The Anne Burt Trophy is awarded to a Senior or Junior Netball player who has contributed most both on and off the court to the sport of Netball. Anne was most influential in

Sarah is a founding junior member of the club and was a key reason for junior netball starting at Briars.

Sarah played netball for Briars since 2013, volunteering as an U11 coach for the past 2 seasons. In 2016 she completed her level 1 foundation coaching course and received an association umpiring badge in the same year.

During the netball season Sarah spends her Saturday at Cintra umpiring, coaching and filling in when a team is short.

Sarah also assisted the club as on court volunteer with the inaugural 2013 Netball have a ball program, 2014 & 2015 Net Set Go Program before moving onto coaching junior teams in 2016.

Sarah's commitment, punctuality and loyalty to her team, peers, club administrators and volunteers is commendable, and she is a very deserving recipient of this award

starting Netball at Briars and has given great service to both Junior and Senior Netball players.

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 Netball Court | 15 points |
| Neatness of dress | 10 points |
| Total | 100 points |

Brian Huttley Trophy

Awarded to Rosa Caccavo

Rosa joined Greenlees Park Bowls in December 2003, and has been on the social committee for many years, currently serving as Chair.

Over the years Rosa has competed as a team member in the Pennants and has won Club Pairs, Triples and Fours.

Rosa's continued hard work and friendly, helpful nature as appreciated by the members of Greenlees Park Ladies Bowls.

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.

Phil McAulay Trophy

Awarded to Michael Laws

Since taking over the presidency in 2014, Michael has transformed the camaraderie and respect for all of the bowlers. He has organised and arranged everything to do with the bowlers and selflessly puts all his time into looking after them. For this he deserves to receive the Phil McCauley Trophy for Bowls.

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.

Appendix A

Financial statements

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

(Formerly Greenlees Park Bowling Club Limited)

ABN: 71 001 029 545

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**SUMMARY OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER, 2017**

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SUMMARY OF
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BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 2017.

NAME OF DIRECTORS

The Directors in Office at any time during the year and up to the date of this report are:-

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| HOWLE, Brett | BLAIR, Ian | NORRIS, Kylie |
| O'KANE, Terrence | MOFFITT, Matina | BURT, Chris |
| JAROSZEWICZ, Michael | BOYTER, Aaron | |

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 |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| B. Howle | Chairman | 12 | 12 | Company Director |
| M. Moffitt | Director/Treasurer | 12 | 12 | Executive Director |
| I. Blair | Director | 12 | 11 | Retired Company Director |
| A. Boyter | Director | 12 | 11 | Engineer |
| C. Burt | Director | 12 | 12 | Manager |
| C. Jaroszewicz | Director | 12 | 8 | Structural Engineer |
| T. O'Kane | Director | 12 | 10 | Disability Support Worker |
| K. Norris | Director | 12 | 8 | Sourcing Manager |

GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager (CEO) is Mr Jason Parle and he has occupied the position since 13th June 2017. Mr Parle has extensive experience in the Club industry.

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>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Full Members | 914 | 892 |
| Social Members | <u>2,417</u> | <u>2,542</u> |
| | <u>3,331</u> | <u>3,434</u> |

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OPERATING RESULTS

The net profit from Trading for the year ended 30 September 2017 (after no Provision for Income Tax) amounted to \$9,598 (2016 - Profit \$172,026) after charging depreciation of \$283,584 (2016 - \$288,693).

DIVIDENDS

The Company is a Non-Profit Organisation and is prevented by its Articles from paying a Dividend.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>%</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Poker Machines Clearances | 1,440,845 | 1,563,240 | (122,395) | (7.83) |
| Bar Sales | 1,017,292 | 1,100,080 | (82,788) | (7.56) |
| Operating & Overhead Costs | 1,278,526 | 1,386,833 | (108,307) | (7.81) |

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 facility is \$1,100,000.00.

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 \$1,482.14 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 is a party for all or part of those proceedings.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION

The Auditor's Independent Declaration for the year ended 30th September 2017 has been received and can be found on page 4 of this report.

Dated at Concord this 19th day of December 2017
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


.....
B. HOWLE - DIRECTOR


.....
M. MOFFITT - DIRECTOR

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED
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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 2017:

- (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 5TH DAY OF
DECEMBER 2017


.....
HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY
Chartered Accountants

GARRY WILLIAM DAY
Registered Company Auditor

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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, 2017. 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 decreased to \$3,598,905 (1.59%) since the prior year whilst operating expenses excluding depreciation, amortization, and borrowing costs have increased to \$3,272,194 (2.92%) resulting in a net profit before tax of \$9,598 (income tax Nil) compared to \$172,026 net profit (income tax Nil) for the previous year.

Individual items that have impacted the 2017 results include:

- Poker machine taxes decreased by \$37,911. (19.93%).
- Entertainment, marketing and promotional costs decreased by \$8,703 (4.94%).
- Depreciation and amortisation expense decreased by \$5,109 (1.77%).
- Employee benefit expenses increased by \$40,820 (4.82%).

Bar sales were down to \$1,017,292 compared to last year of \$1,100,080, while the gross profit percentage increased from 62.04% to 63.49%. Bar net profit decreased to \$187,902 this year from \$235,699 last year.

We saw a decrease in Poker Machine clearances of \$122,395 largely due to a decrease in Poker Machine interest by members. This resulted in a decrease in profit of \$43,785 from \$1,104,314 to \$1,060,529.

Sport income was \$692,407 compared to (\$527,804 - 2016), up by \$164,603.

c) Statement of Financial Position

The entity's net assets have increased by \$9,598 or 0.19% since the previous year consisting of a decrease in total assets of \$131,284 and a \$140,882 decrease in total liabilities.

This increase in net assets for the year is mainly attributed to:

- Increase in property, plant and equipment of \$187,536 due mainly to Club House improvements and purchase of plant & equipment.
- Decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$29,702.
- Increase in other financial liabilities of \$47,258, mainly by an increase in subscriptions in advance.
- Decrease in trade payables of \$83,142.
- Decrease in current assets of \$35,236.

d) Cash Flow Statement

Operating activities provided net cash flow of \$264,431, compared to \$551,840 in the previous year.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$190,155 mainly related to payments for property, plant & equipment.

Decrease in net borrowings of \$104,998 related to the CBA line of credit repayments.

Cash at year end was \$173,359 compared to \$203,061 in the prior year.

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

| | 2017 \$ | 2016 \$ |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenue from the sale of goods | 1,046,303 | 1,116,085 |
| Revenue from the rendering of services | 2,257,513 | 2,224,260 |
| Other revenue from ordinary activities | 295,089 | 316,883 |
| Total revenue from ordinary activities | <u>3,598,905</u> | <u>3,657,228</u> |
| Cost of sales | (384,613) | (417,542) |
| Directors' expenses | (750) | (945) |
| Employee benefit expenses | (887,504) | (846,684) |
| Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses | (167,546) | (176,249) |
| Poker machines licenses and taxes | (158,150) | (196,061) |
| Other expenses from ordinary activities | (1,673,631) | (1,541,731) |
| Total Expenses | <u>(3,272,194)</u> | <u>(3,179,212)</u> |
| Earnings before borrowing costs, depreciation and amortisation | 326,711 | 478,016 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | (283,584) | (288,693) |
| Borrowing costs | (33,529) | (17,297) |
| Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense | <u>9,598</u> | <u>172,026</u> |
| Income tax expense | - | - |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - |
| Total Comprehensive Profit for the year | <u>9,598</u> | <u>172,026</u> |

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

| | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash assets | 173,359 | 203,061 |
| Investments | 154,332 | 151,733 |
| Inventories | 42,651 | 51,107 |
| Other | 110,528 | 110,205 |
| Total current assets | <u>480,870</u> | <u>516,106</u> |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant & equipment | 5,467,307 | 5,563,355 |
| Intangibles | 444,945 | 444,945 |
| Total non-current assets | <u>5,912,252</u> | <u>6,008,300</u> |
| Total assets | <u>6,393,122</u> | <u>6,524,406</u> |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Payables | 333,799 | 370,977 |
| Provisions | 358,799 | 367,582 |
| Other | 174,175 | 715,198 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>866,773</u> | <u>1,453,757</u> |
| Non-Current liabilities | | |
| Other | 446,102 | - |
| | <u>446,102</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total non-current liabilities | | |
| Total liabilities | <u>1,312,875</u> | <u>1,453,757</u> |
| Net assets | <u>5,080,247</u> | <u>5,070,649</u> |
| Members' Funds | | |
| Retained profits | 2,576,052 | 2,566,454 |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | 2,160,358 | 2,160,358 |
| Briars Equity Transfer | 343,837 | 343,837 |
| Members' Equity | <u>5,080,247</u> | <u>5,070,649</u> |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

| | Retained Earnings | Asset Revaluation Reserve | Briars Equity Transfer | Total Equity |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance as at 30 September 2015 | 2,394,428 | 2,160,358 | 343,837 | 4,898,623 |
| Net profit for the year | 172,026 | - | - | 172,026 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | - | - | - | - |
| Total Comprehensive income for the year | 172,026 | - | - | - |
| Balance as at 30 September 2016 | 2,566,454 | 2,160,358 | 343,837 | 5,070,649 |
| Net profit for the year | 9,598 | - | - | 9,598 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | - | - | - | - |
| Total Comprehensive income for the year | 9,598 | - | - | 9,598 |
| Balance 30 September 2017 | 2,576,052 | 2,160,358 | 343,837 | 5,080,247 |

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

| | 2017 \$ | 2016 \$ |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</u> | | |
| Receipts from Member & Guests | 3,763,312 | 3,539,723 |
| Payments to Suppliers and Employees | (3,645,651) | (3,129,043) |
| Interest | 2,954 | 4,566 |
| Rental Income | 144,816 | 136,594 |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities | 265,431 | 551,840 |
| <u>Cash Flow From Investing Activities</u> | | |
| Payments for purchase of investment | (2,599) | (3,919) |
| Payments for Poker Machine Licences | - | (48,000) |
| Payment for Plant & Equipment, Poker Machines | (187,536) | (633,082) |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities | (190,135) | (685,001) |
| <u>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</u> | | |
| Proceeds (Repayment) of Borrowings | (104,998) | 152,028 |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities | (104,998) | 152,028 |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash held | (29,702) | 18,867 |
| Cash at 30th September, 2016 | 203,061 | 184,194 |
| Cash at 30th September, 2017 | <u>173,359</u> | <u>203,061</u> |

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 | 68,615 | 117,896 |
| Cash on Hand | 104,744 | 85,165 |
| | <u>173,359</u> | <u>203,061</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

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 2017. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2017 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 2017, 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 2017 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 19th day of December 2017
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


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B. HOWLE - DIRECTOR
.....
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 2017, 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 2017. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 5th December 2017.

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 2017 is consistent in all material respects, with that audited financial report, on the basis described in Note 1.

DATED AT CONCORD
THIS 12RD DAY OF
DECEMBER 2017


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HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY
Chartered Accountants

GARRY WILLIAM DAY
Registered Company Auditor



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