



1918 - 2018

Celebrating 100 Years

The Tradition Continues.....

13th Annual Report & Balance Sheet

2017 - 2018

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Office Bearers 2018

Briars at Greenlees Ltd.



Patron	K Free OAM C Walker	
Life Members	T Cribb P Doherty G Price	
Chairman	B Howle	
Vice Presidents	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 J Slender J Boyter I Bell A Burt R Stanmore 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



Past Chairmen	I G S Blair B Huttly	2010-2016 2006-2010	M Weber	2005-2006
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The Briars Sporting Club

Honour Board | Founded 1918



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 | *Founded 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

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		

Past Life Members

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	

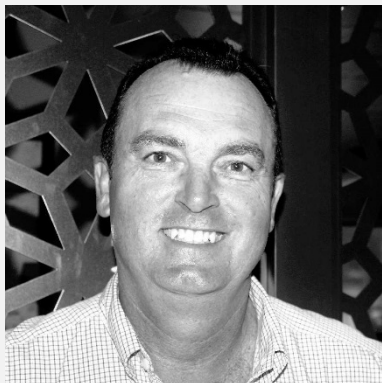
Life Members

L Coleman	K Free OAM	B Huttly
R Buchanan	R Skehan	

Briars Sports

Chairman's Report

Brett Howle



In 2018 Briars Sport celebrated its centenary year. A wonderful achievement for our Club.

In August 1918 a dozen or so young boys aged around 9 to 13 gathered in Appian Way Burwood to form what was essentially a boy's club which they called The Briars Sporting Club. From that initial gathering they graduated to playing cricket within a few years, then rugby union a few years later.

Mateship and sport were always at the forefront of their endeavours. Never in their wildest dreams could these boys have imagined that the club they formed back then would still be around 100 years later and going stronger than ever.

It is a pleasing tribute to these formation members and to all those members since, that the Briars has stayed true to its initial mantra of the playing and promotion of amateur sport.

Over these 100 years, it is important to note first up that two men stood above others during this time. It was their work over decades which was pivotal in allowing Briars to celebrate our Centenary this year. Bob Clark was a founding member and crucial in the early decades of the Club's existence. He was a long-term secretary of the Club and ensured the Club's good fortune throughout the depression period and second world war. Ted Stockdale joined the Club and had a long-term association especially during the 1950s '60s and '70s in various roles. Ted was the most respected Briar ever. The contributions and legacy of Bob and Ted will be remembered for years to come.

Over the course of 2018 the Club celebrated many events to celebrate our centenary. These included;

- City of Canada Bay civic reception to acknowledge Briars' 100 years of sport within the inner west community.
- Centenary Dinner in August attended by 600 people.
- Each of our sports held their individual centenary day to acknowledge the occasion.
- Visit to 7 Appian Way, Burwood, the "birthplace" of Briars.
- Centenary golf day held at Concord Golf Club in November.

The Club was also presented with two accolades at the City of Canada Bay Sustainability Awards Dinner, those being the prestigious Partnership Award, along with a Business Recognition Award to celebrate our 100-years' service to sports.

The club can be well satisfied with the celebration of its Centenary. The centenary committee of Brett Howle, Greg McPhee, Ian Richard, David Lewis, Ian Blair and Ronald Cardwell spent many hours ensuring that 2018 was the celebration it deserved to be. My thanks for their contributions.

During the year the Club noted the passing of John Crockart. John joined the Club in the late '60s playing cricket and hockey. He was a Director and Treasurer for a period. Our condolences to John's family.

Financially the Club enjoyed another successful year, facilities within the Clubhouse were upgraded and we have seen a significant reduction in the line of credit that funded prior works. This was achieved despite the one-off costs of centenary expenses encountered through the year. Our sports enjoyed another significant grant from the club to assist in their operational budget with the aim to keep fees low. That said, the Board remains aware of competitive threats to both our sports and the Club. The Board will do all as is required to make sure our Club remains the Club and provider of sport for the community. Please refer to the Treasurer's report for more detailed information.

Our junior sports remain grateful for the continued financial sponsorship of the Coronation Club. For example, this allows our junior sports to send coaches to courses and support their other development initiatives.

At the core of the Club's existence are our sports, and a short summary of their season is noted below;

Cricket: A record-breaking season as cricket secured its sixth successive club championship within the Shires competition. Fourth grade also secured its fourth successive premierships whilst three sides lost the final. Gerard Price is now approaching some 30 years as chairman.

Junior Cricket: Another fun year for the cricketers with many season highlights including finals appearances.

Rugby: A year where expectations didn't meet reality whereby no sides made the finals. Importantly, implementation of a colts side for the first time in six years which needs to be built upon for success in future years. Off field administration has improved significantly again.

Junior Rugby: An additional team this year with five in total. Under 11s losing the final. Strong and growing numbers and a sport being well run and supported by the parents.

Hockey: A premiership for the men's masters side with quite a few teams making the semi-finals. Several men, women and junior Briars representatives playing at Sydney and State levels.

Squash: Good results this season in both the autumn and spring comps. A successful sport for the Club with good participation numbers especially for the juniors.

Netball: Another great year for netball with record numbers, 10 teams into the final and a premiership.

Men's Bowls: Runners up in grade 3 Pennants and winner of the President's Zone 10 in the Fours and Pairs.

Ladies Bowls: Another enjoyable year for the ladies with the addition of some new players.

In our 100th year it is most pleasing to report that our sports are going better than ever. The table below shows participation numbers are stronger than ever and our teams remain competitive in their respective competitions.

	Snr Players	Jnr Players	Total	Snr Teams	Jnr Teams
Snr Rugby	100		100	4	
Jnr Rugby		50	50		5
Hockey	195	169	364	8 & 6w	13
Squash	75	24	99	15	6
Snr Cricket	100		100	10	
Jnr Cricket	40	413	453	2	38 & 4 girls
Netball	27	333	360	3	39
Men's Bowls	150		150		
Ladies Bowls	39		39		

Junior Development Programs

Milo Cricket	70	70
T20 Blast	30	30
Net Stars	95	95

Our Club has some 2000 active sport participants of which some 1200 are juniors. This is a wonderful reflection of what our Club strives to be, that is, the sporting Club of choice within our local community.

Jason Parle is now well settled as our General Manager. Jason commenced in mid-2017 and hit the ground running and quickly adapted to the tasks involved. Jason has embraced the uniqueness of our Club and our various sports and is well supported by his senior team of Monique, Megan, Ben and Jack and all staff. Our thanks for their efforts during the year. Our Club facilities remain vibrant and relevant, catering for both our sporting and social members and for our local community.

At the AGM in Feb 2018 Chris Walker was appointed Patron of the Club, joining Keith Free in this role. Chris's family first became involved in Briars in the 1930. Chris, meanwhile, has graduated from ball boy,

player, administrator and now Patron in a deserved recognition of his lifetime of contribution and involvement within the Club.

The highlight of our year was the Centenary Dinner held at Waterview function centre in Bicentennial Park on 4 August. With 600 in attendance a wonderful night of old friends catching up and reminiscing took place. My thanks to all those who organised tables and got the people to come along. On the night a special recognition was given to all life members. A great night was had by all and thanks to Gordon Bray for his emceeing duties and Robert de Castella for speaking on the night. Special acknowledgment to Greg McPhee and Anthony Deep for their work on the audio-visual presentation of interviews throughout the evening. Jason Parle and Monique Laaper worked hard to ensure the night was the success it deserved to be.

To celebrate our Centenary, a book was commissioned to reflect on 100 years of Briars. "Boys, Briars and a Continuing Sporting Tradition" was written by Ronald Cardwell and launched at our Centenary Dinner. Ronald spent a great deal of time researching our history, especially the people and events that make up our Club. A limited-edition book was also published. Thanks to Ronald for his efforts and thanks too to John Singleton for his foreword.

On Sunday 12th August a morning tea was held at the Birthplace of Briars at 7 Appian Way, Burwood. Current owners Helena and Graham Britt graciously hosted a morning tea. John Faker, Mayor of Burwood, was accompanied by councillor Heather Crichton. A bronze plaque was unveiled in the footpath to commemorate the Centenary of Briars. A street march then followed to the Cenotaph at Burwood Park to remember the 16 Briars that lost their lives in World War II. The day concluded by reminiscing with a few quiet drinks back at the original clubhouse at 30a George Street, Burwood.

Importantly, a Club does not exist for 100 years without the hard work of the volunteers who run our respective sports. This was the case 100 years ago and is more relevant now than ever given the complexities, challenges and costs in running a sport in 2018. All sports are well led by their respective chairman or chairwoman and their committees. The reward for this work is the enjoyment and success that each player, be it senior or junior feels when putting on the Briars uniform. A special mention to Emma Ratcliffe, who has retired as Hockey chair after some 10 years in the role. Emma, husband David and their children have spent countless hours both running hockey and at the St Luke's Hockey Complex ensuring the smooth operation of the facility.

The Briars Foundation had a relatively quiet time this year. However, the Foundation continues to play a vital role in the future success of our sports in their ability to fund larger scale capital projects and the like. I encourage your support of this initiative.

The Club is most fortunate to enjoy a great relationship with all levels of government. We are grateful to Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Peter Gainsford, General Manager, the councillors and staff of Canada Bay Council for the facilities that our sports enjoy. John Sidoti, State Member for Drummoyne and Craig Laundry, Federal Member for Reid, are also great supporters of our Club and we thank them for their ongoing contributions.

Our thanks again to Adam and Tiffany and their staff at The Backyard for their hard work providing the dining facilities within the Club.

The success of any Club rests with those willing to put their hand up and make a difference. This is true of our sports and of our Board. I would like to thank my fellow seven directors for their contributions throughout the year. A special thanks to Matina Moffit in her role as Treasurer and ensuring the Club remains on a solid financial platform. Both our sports and the Club limited remain well administered, relevant and respected within our community. Our challenge is to make sure this continues.

2018 can be reflected upon as a year of great significance and achievement for our Club. Our future is bright and in our own hands. For so long as we never lose sight of our long-established heritage and culture, we will ensure that the Club remains relevant well into the future.

I thank all our members for their contributions during 2018 and look forward to another successful year ahead.

Treasurer's Report

Matina Moffitt | FCA - Treasurer



This was a significant year for the Club as we celebrated a major milestone, 100 years. This milestone was celebrated with numerous celebrations and a release of the Briar's centenary book. These activities resulted in additional expenses for the Club but despite this, we still had a strong year. I am happy to say that the Club's cash flow still remains strong which saw a continued reduction in our loan balance from \$ \$446,102 to \$200,000 with capital works and additions amounting to \$305,000.

It is with great pleasure I present to you the Treasurer's report for the year ended 30 September 2018.

The profit for the year is \$111,128, compared to the prior year result of \$9,598.

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In addition, this year's profits do not recognise the profits made by the sports of approximately \$120,053 compared to \$86,995 last year. These amounts are carried forward to 2019 to assist the sports with their upcoming seasons.

As always, we continue to support our sports with overall funding to them amounting to \$151,000 for the year (this amount excludes the funding of the Bowling Green's up keep).

I would like to acknowledge the Coronation Club for their support of junior sports with their grant of \$25,000. These funds have been provided to our junior sports to assist with the development of our volunteers and players.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jason Parle, our General Manager, the Briars management team and my fellow directors for their huge contribution throughout the year.

Vale

Simon Pollard | 1975 - 2018



It is with great sadness to report that Briar, Simon "Pylon" Pollard, passed away peacefully on 17th August 2018 after losing his battle with amyloidosis.

Simon joined Briars in 1998 and quickly took to the Briars spirit contributing significantly on and off field.

A quote from the Briars 1999 annual report perfectly sums up Simon's attitude towards life "His attitude and aggression (*which needs to be controlled occasionally*) are exactly what all players should carry with them out onto the field. ... If we had a team of Simon's, no-one would have beaten us."

Simon is survived by his children Max (12), Nate (11) and Summer (9) and his partner Justine. Pylon will be sadly missed by the Rugby fraternity. Our condolences go out to his family.

Vale

John Crockart

John Crockart joined The Briars Sporting Club in 1967 playing cricket and hockey.

Playing cricket, John was a left arm spin bowler. John had great success with his bowling taking 5-11 and 6-17 in his early days. Although not a hat-trick John took three wickets in one over with the opposition Pennant Hills all out for 76.

In 1975 John played A Shires and the team needing 26 runs for the last wicket John with Ian Blair achieved this total for a memorable win. Not only did John play cricket but he was also a hockey player mainly in B Grade at inside right.

John's administrative skills shone out. He was a bar steward, on the hockey subcommittee and house committee and in 1972 became honorary treasurer, a position he held for six years. In 1983 John was appointed to the board, a position he held for 11 years.

John was meticulous in his financial presentations on board, preparing each month a detailed record of income and expenditure.

John's other claim to fame was he could keep score in his head while the opposition were batting which was a great help to the captain of the day.

John is sorely missed through his distinctive laugh and administrative skills, a true Briar.

The Briars Foundation

President's Report

Paul Price | President



After a huge 2017 where we opened the Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park the Briars Foundation took a back seat to Centenary celebrations in 2018. The Statement of Financial Position for The Foundation year ending 30 June 2018, shows net assets of \$144,746 compared with \$149,874 for 2017. The loss for the 2018 financial year was \$5,128, compared to a profit in 2017 of \$9,603.

Eleven 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 several 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.

Directors:

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

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The construction of the Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park was a long-term project and the Briars Foundation can be very proud of the \$1.6m showpiece now being enjoyed by both Cricket and Rugby. Currently, the Foundation doesn't have a major project. Our next fundraising drive will be determined by the needs of the various sports and we will be guided by them.

As well as the \$220,000 contribution for the Ted Stockdale Pavilion, over the past 8-10 years the Foundation has 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 club. 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 funds to Squash, \$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 40 junior teams. The Foundation was formed in 1994 and over the past 24 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 2018/19. A current list of Voting Members and donors is provided in this report and we thank all our contributors for their generous donation to the Foundation.

Burwood Briars Cricket

Chairman's Report

Gerard Price



Achievement Summary

1st Grade

Semi Finalists for the 8th Year in a row

2nd Grade

Grand Finalists for the 5th year in a row and PREMIERS

3rd Grade

Semi Finalists

4th Grade

PREMIERS for 4th year in a row

5th Grade

Briars Rivals and Briars Brothers - Grand Finalists

5th Grade

Briars Maroon and Briars Gold Semi Finalists

Under 24's

Minor Premiers in their group and Runners Up Club Championship – Winners (6th Year in a row)

Presentation Night award winners

David Walker Trophy (Services to Cricket)
Barry Cardwell

Ted Watt Trophy (Best New Talent)
Alex Vendasco

Richard Tregeagle Trophy (1st Grade Players Player)
Marc Seymour

Gerard Price Trophy (2nd Grade Players Player)
Karl Vendasco

After the success of the previous season where we won 2nd grade, 4th grade, and the coveted Club Championship for the 5th year in succession we were prepared once again for a tough season where all Clubs would be satisfied with their season if they beat us in any game. Our challenge was to do something no other Club had ever done in Shires history...to win 6 Club Championships in succession. To win ONE is a very difficult task as you must be the best Club over 5 different grades and so to win it multiple times, well that is extraordinary!

As we have said many times it is very difficult to make semi-finals, let alone win a Premiership but this season we won another to add to the collection and played in 5 other Grand Finals as well! Many Clubs have not even been able to play a semi-final in any grade and so our performances are incredibly outstanding and something every player is very proud of.

The season began well for us with plenty of early wins across the grades and a lead in the Club Championship at Xmas and all sides were well placed. We proved to be very consistent even though we had plenty of players unavailable at various stages for reasons such as holidays, work, weddings, exams, and music festivals!!!!

The 1st grade team again led the way for the Club to reach the semi-finals for the 8th year in succession....outstanding and were eventual Minor Premiers and runners up. The 2nd grade team were also Minor Premiers and runners up, the 3rd grade were also second and semi-finalists, the 4th grade were Minor Premiers and PREMIERS, and the four 5th grade teams finished 1st and 2nd in their respective divisions. Unbelievable.

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 and long may it continue.

This season proved to be a very interesting one in that we again fielded 4 x 5th grade teams for the third time. This consisted of our usual Maroon and Gold teams as well as teams called Briars Rivals and Briars Brothers. These guys improved on previous seasons and both were Minor Premiers and eventual runners up in their competitions. They are a great group of people who we hope will be with us for years to come.

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.

Anthony Clarke Trophy (3rd Grade Players Player)

Atul Mahanjan

Peter Mansford Trophy (4th Grade Players Player)

Harry Peters

Will Hood Trophy (5th Grade Players Player)

Jason Tran

Paul Price Trophy (Under 24's Players Player)

Alex Palmer

Bill Hooker Trophy (Masters/Classics Players Player)

Greg Shahmatov

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

The 1st grade team played some fantastic cricket again this year under the leadership of new skipper Marc Seymour to not only finish with the Minor Premiership but again play in a Grand Final. The qualifying Final against Auburn proved tough as we dismissed them for only 98 with Seems taking 6 wickets. We scored 175 with the usual contributions across the whole team before Auburn wacked a score of 187 to leave us with 111 for outright victory. We did this only losing 1 wicket.

The Semi Final again saw us dominate against Strathfield who could only muster 81 with all the wickets shared. We batted for a long time to finish with 235 after a last wicket partnership of 68 between Declan Heels and Ben Van Den Nieuwenhof before Strathfield surrendered.

The Grand Finals proved so close and yet so far. We dismissed the highly fancied Mount Pritchard for 81 with Jack Kovacic taking 5-18. Their bowling proved very tough as we only could manage 118 but a lead none the less. Some key moments went against us with Mounties then scoring 194 to set us about 160 to win. Unfortunately, Adam Coyte took his 2nd 8 wicket haul for the game to dismiss us for 89. A great effort from a pretty young side.

The 2nd graders were outstanding. In the Qualifying Final where they outplayed Georges River in typical finals cricket by scoring 198 and dismissing them for only 184 in a tight game. The good teams win the close ones.

The Semi Final showed how good the guys could play by scoring a massive 417 with Declan Kennedy batting for many hours to compile 138 and Karl Vendrasco and Chris Iaquito also scoring half centuries. We then dismissed Auburn for only 85.

The Grand Final proved to be an extraordinary game of cricket yet again against Warringah. We were sent in on a bowler friendly wicket and were dismissed for only 116. The team fought hard though and but for the efforts of one opposition player who scored 94 we would have won the game. They passed us 9 down in scoring 137 before we went out to rack up a quickfire 6/105 setting them about 90 to win. They did this with ease losing only 2 wickets.

The 3rd grade team finished in 2nd position and were one of the dominant teams in the competition yet again. We played Warringah in the Qualifying Final and only managed to score 142 before Atul Mahanjan came out to rip though the opposition taking 7-42 to dismiss them for 118. We batted again to score 216 and then had Warringah 8-102 before they conceded with new boy Matt Dwyer taking 6-48.

The semi-final proved to be a disappointment in that we didn't play to our potential. We only scored 92 after being sent in on a softish wicket and then dismissed Epping for only 112. We had another bat to declare at 8-133 before they easily scored the runs to advance to the Grand Final. Even though we were the highest placed team we were forced to play at a neutral ground due to the fact the we were hosting finals in all grades and obviously did not have enough home grounds. An amazing effort that once again has never been done before in Shires.

The 4th grade team finished as Minor Premiers again and played some incredible Finals cricket yet again. Unfortunately, due to lack of available grounds we were to play Auburn at their home ground even though we were the highest placed team. We were sent in on a difficult wicket and batted for a long time to score 153 with Harry Peters the star scoring 50. We bowled superbly to dismiss them for only 55 before we batted again to score 1-110.

The semi-final was against Strathfield and again even though we were the highest placed team we played at their home ground. We batted first and again were outstanding to score 237 with Kale Barton scoring an excellent half century. Strathfield were then humbled for only 113.

On to the Grand Final. We were very fortunate to be able to play at Hurstville Oval against Minor Premiers Georges River. We bowled and fielded very well to dismiss them for 148 and some early positive batting set up the game. We batted well in to day 2 to finish at 3-151 with Harry Peters again scoring a half century and the celebrations began. A fourth Premiership in 4 years!

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 Marc Seymour (1st), Rob Nandi (2nd), Gareth Robson (3rd), Lloyd Andrews (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. Much appreciated.

The club is fortunate to be able to play on some of the best turf wickets in Shires being Rothwell Park, Ron Routley Oval, and St Lukes Oval. The grounds men do a wonderful job each week with James and Jeff in charge at the respective grounds. Rothwell Park was once again voted the top ground and was constantly praised by opposition teams who enjoyed playing on such a good ground and wicket and a new amenities facility. 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 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 organising 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, and Michael Towells and Simon Nardo who helped manage the Under 24's. A big thanks also goes to Rose Taberner who organised 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
- 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 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. 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 Sports Club for their assistance and service to all the cricketers during the season. Jason, Ben, Jack, 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. We are very thankful that the 2 Briars legends in David Walker and Ted Watt who 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 Ian Blair, Warwick Giblin, Peter Mansford, Terry Murphy, Anthony Farinola, Geoff Gorton, Warren Partington, Claudio Orlando, Kevin Price, Steve Schomberg 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 the Cardwell family there to see Barry accept the David Walker Trophy and fantastic to see Elaine Walker in attendance as well.

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

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

1st Grade

Andrew Jalalaty | Captain

The start of a new season of cricket

Our season began with a bonus point win over Epping in exciting circumstances in the Richardson / Turnbull trophy. We bowled well to have them all out for 199, to which we raced to victory in the 29.5 overs with Chris Hart hitting consecutive sixes to secure victory and a bonus point on the final ball.

This was the catalyst for an aggressive season, where we were comfortable defending any total, or chasing down whatever the opposition set us.

Firstly, I would like to thank Gerard Price and rest of the Captains, Rob Nandi, Gareth Robson, Lloyd Andrews, and Declan Kennedy on an incredible season which resulted in our 7th Consecutive club championship and 4th grade Premiers.

The mighty Briars had another successful season with all four Shires teams and our Frank Gray team making the finals and 4 teams competing in the Grand Final. Seasons like this are down to the commitment and support of the Board, our legendary Chairman and every cricketer who is part of our great club.

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In the second game, Mac Uni battered for 88 overs to set us 270, which we chased down in 60 overs thanks to big innings from Max Squire (68) Seb Blaszczyk (47) and smart innings from Chris Hart (38) and Harry Giddy (27*) to steer us home at the end. The importance of this game was the positive roles played by our younger guys in their first season in 1st grade contributing to winning games.

This continued as the season progressed the runs shared amongst the group, led by Seams scoring 688 runs at 19 with a high score of 173 and 49 wickets at 22.4. Max scored 433 at 30.5, Chris Hart scored 380 at 31.7 and Seb Blaszczyk scores 393 at 26 and Simon Nardo scored 391 at 28, scoring his first, 1st grade hundred in round 5. Our batting culminated in us scoring 3110 runs for the year with the highest quotient 1.6336 and only losing 109 wickets for the entire season.

No doubt our biggest strength has been our ability to win games with our fielding and bowling, our success over the past 8 years has been built upon restricting runs, taking regular wickets and being relentless in the field.

Wickets were shared amongst our front three with Marc Seymour taking 49 at 22, Jack Kovacic taking 43 at 27 and Ben Van Den Nieuwenhof taking 37 at 23 in his debut first grade season. These boys were ably supported by Declan Heels 23 wickets at 24 and Alex Palmer snaring 18 wickets at 27 and Simon Nardo taking 11 wickets. As a bowling group we took 148 wicks for the year.

1st grade had a strong start losing after Christmas, losing 1 competition game and having comprehensive victories over all our opposition adding 2 outright victories in succession. This highlighted our ability to bowl teams out for low scores. We knocked over Warringah for 46, Lindfield for 52 and 140 Roseville for 103 and 79. This showed effective bowling plans and great discipline to remain focus on our team goals.

The Qualifying final we played against Auburn, we won the toss and sent Auburn in on a good wicket, we knocked them over for 98 with Seams taking 6/24 off 16 overs and Benny V taking 3/32, in reply we were 6/97 with Palmer and AJ settling in and putting on a 65-run partnership to put us firmly ahead of the game. We were eventually bowled out for 175. Auburn came out and batted well to post 187 off 37 overs meaning we needed to score 110, which we did with ease losing one wicket Nards (44*) and Seb (52*) getting the job done.

The Semi-final was always going to be a tougher assignment, playing against our local cross suburb rivals Strathfield. We lost the toss, and Strathfield battered first, we bowled them out for 81 with Seams taking 4/31 and Kova 2/12 and Benny V taking 3/21. In reply, we were cruising at 2/83 before we lost

regular wickets to be at 9/167 and the game firmly in the balance. At the crease was Declan Heels (46*) and Benny V (24) battered magnificently to take the game away from Strathfield and put on a 68-run partnership for the last wicket and booking our spot in the Grand final for the 9th time in 7th time in 9 years.

The Grand final was against last season's premiers and the two best teams in the competition. We won the toss and sent Mount Pritchard into bat on a tough deck with Jack Kovacic producing one of the best spells of bowling in Shires Grand final history to take 5/18 (at one stage had 5/5) and Declan chipping in with 3/8 to have Mounties all out for 81. Our bowlers were equally supported in the field with some incredible catches taken by Max and Tim Rose which pushed our momentum put our opposition under intense pressure.

With a few gremlins still in the wicket, we began our innings tentatively and had moved to 4/81 before losing a flurry of wickets to be bowled out for 118 with Max the pick of our batsman scoring a tough 46 in difficult conditions. With lots of cricket still to be played, Mounties were aggressive and posted 194 leaving us needing to chase 157 for the win. Unfortunately, we didn't bat as well as we have done all season, and were eventually bowled out for 89.

Our season was successful, and we thank all those involved who supported and helped us in our journey to give ourselves the best chance to win the comp.

We would like to thank our scorers and the ground staff who give us the opportunity to play on the best ground in Shires Cricket.

Again, and most importantly we thank all those involved in Briars in constantly working to improve our facilities, especially noting that Season 2017/18 was extra exciting with the building and opening of the Ted Stockdale pavilion at Rothwell Park. This is an amazing project and all credit to those involved in the club in making this happen. We are privileged to be Briars!

There's only one!

Player	MAT	INN	RUNS	100s	HS	AVG	O	M	W	R	AVG	5Wi	10Wm	BEST	C	RO	ST
Craig Andrews	1	1	0		0	0.00	19	1	5	61	12.20	1		5/61			
Seb Blaszczyk	13	16	393		60	26.20									13		
Stephen Davis	3	3	11		6	3.67	35	10	2	115	57.50			1/26	1		
Harry Giddy	1	1	27		27*	NA									1		
Chris Hart	13	13	380		78	31.67									5		
Declan Heels	10	9	73		46*	18.25	92	21	23	291	12.65			4/24	1		
Christopher Iaquinto	10	8	184		67	23.00	9		1	30	30.00			1/30	3		
Andrew Jalalaty	13	13	210		47	19.09									25		1
Jack Kovacic	15	12	78		17	7.80	199	47	43	548	12.74	1		5/18	3		
Atul Mahajan	1						8		1	39	39.00			1/39			
Simon Nardo	13	16	391	1	144	27.93	93	9	11	326	29.64			3/21	8		
Cormac O'Connor	13	16	243		51	17.36									2		
Alex Palmer	13	13	211		71*	19.18	81.2	4	18	389	21.61	1		5/108	5	1	
Diren Reddy	3	2	20		13	10.00	25	5	2	71	35.50			1/21	2		
Sam Rooney	1	1	6		6	6.00	3			17	NA						
Tim Rose	6	8	123		50	15.38									6		
Marc Seymour	14	16	688	2	173	49.14	183	47	49	512	10.45	2		6/24	13		
Guy Smith	1	1	2		2*	NA											
Max Squire	13	14	396		90	30.46	22		2	111	55.50			1/3	9		
Ben Van den Nieuwenhof	14	11	60		24	12.00	142	18	37	481	13.00			4/10	6		
Karl Vendrasco	4	4	118		54*	39.33									4		
Brad Whitfield	1	1	14		14	14.00	14	4	1	42	42.00			1/42			

2nd Grade

Rob Nandi | Captain

Individual highlights

Batting

Karl Vendrasco
560 runs at 56

Tim Rose
325 runs at 36

Rob Nandi
317 runs at 29

Dave Young
309 runs at 26

Declan Kennedy
302 runs at 20

Tom Moffit
290 runs at 483

Bowling

Diren Reddy
39 wickets at 13

Steve Davis
30 wickets at 10

Sam Tregeagle
20 wickets at 15

Alex Vendrasco
18 wickets at 18

They say you must lose a game to win a premiership. We were all determined to prove that wrong this year, but it looks like they were right!

We went through the season undefeated until the Grand Final game, but unfortunately, we were not able to lift the trophy. We played against Warringah for the 6th year in a row and they fought hard as always and beat us in a tight fought Grand Final. The last 7 premierships in 2nd grade is now 4 to Warringah, 3 to Burwood. An amazing achievement by both teams and both clubs should be very proud of this achievement.

Thanks to the team for another great season, to take it this far and for every club member that had some involvement. I'm extremely proud of the team and the club.

Big Congratulations to Lloyd Andrews and Fourth Grade who managed another great competition win, and all the members of the club on winning another club championship!

Thanks to our legendary Chairman Gerard Price, Marc Seymour and the other team captains, Gareth Robson, Mark Smyck and Brett Howle for their strong support throughout the year and finally thanks to the ground staff for producing such excellent facilities and also to the club committee for their support throughout the season.

Player	MAT	INN	RUNS	100s	HS	AVG	O	M	W	R	AVG	5Wi	10Wm	BEST	C	RO	ST
Andrew Adams	8	4	6		5	2.00	100	24	13	254	19.54			3/25	2		
Craig Andrews	1	1	19		19	19.00	13	3	6	22	3.67			3/11	1		
Peter Catalovski	1						10	1	1	41	41.00			1/41	1		
Douglas Cullen	1	1	13		13	13.00									1		
Stephen Davis	10	5	68		28*	68.00	142	41	30	311	10.37	2		7/32	2		
Mathew Dwyer	2	2	19		15	19.00	18	5	3	46	15.33			2/21		1	
Albert Eichholzer	3	3	25		19	12.50										1	
Harry Giddy	3	3	91		50	30.33									3		
Declan Heels	4	1	9		9*	NA	47.5	10	12	113	9.42			4/27	1		
Christopher Iaquito	6	6	126		54	25.20	14	3	4	51	12.75			2/20	1	1	
Declan Kennedy	15	17	302	1	138	20.13	25.3	9	1	67	67.00			1/20	15		
Sanjiv Khalkho	2	2	9		8*	9.00	23	6	5	37	7.40			2/6	1		
Atul Mahajan	5	5	53		24	17.67	71.5	12	9	214	23.78			3/48			
Jamie McLeod	4	4	71		39	17.75									1		
Tom Moffitt	15	13	290		96*	48.33									40	4	2
Rob Nandi	14	14	317		88	28.82	64.1	15	11	146	13.27			3/1	12	1	
Cormac O'Connor	3	4	113		44	28.25									2	1	
Paul Pannuti	2	2	0		0*	0.00	45	16	6	106	17.67			3/16	1		
Alexander Peters	5	6	51		25	10.20									6	2	
Diren Reddy	13	9	98		46	12.25	182	45	39	524	13.44	2	1	6/36	6		

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Jack Rogers	1	1	12		12	12.00	3	2	1	2	2.00			1/2			
Tim Rose	9	10	325		94	36.11	1			8	NA				8		
Brad Sculley	1	1	0		0	0.00											
Tashaffi Shams	5	3	111	1	107*	55.50									1		
Guy Smith	1	1	31		31	31.00											
Max Squire	1	2	37		35	18.50	12	4	3	35	11.67			2/11	1		
Mick Towells	1	1	17		17	17.00	15	5	3	29	9.67			3/29			
Samuel Tregeagle	6	4	20		9	5.00	107	21	20	309	15.45	1		5/22	4		
Alex Vendrasco	9	7	104		47*	20.80	104	19	18	319	17.72			4/26	1	1	
Karl Vendrasco	12	13	560	1	115	56.00	16	2	3	38	12.67			3/9	1	3	
James Webb	1	1	0		0*	NA	15	2	2	40	20.00			1/18	1		
Dave Young	12	14	309		92	25.75	1			4	NA			0/4	3	1	

3rd Grade

Gareth Robson | Captain

The start of a new cricket season.

The season got away to a rough start for third grade with Epping piling on 6/366 in a one-day match at Epping Oval. Despite an entertaining 102 from Terry Aili in his first match for several seasons, we were soundly beaten.

We hosted Macquarie University at St Luke's in Round 2 and posted a competitive 253 thanks to Alex Peters' 90. Mick Towells took a pair of 5 wicket hauls as we secured 10 points.

Disappointment at defeat in a semi-final is likely a luxury that comes with the Briars' hard-earned expectation of success. It's a great undertaking of time and effort to put four winning teams on the field each week – plus our highly competitive fifth grade sides – and the greatest share of the credit goes again to Gerard Price. Six consecutive club championships need no further explanation.

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Lane Cove was asked to bat on a sporting wicket at Kingsford Smith Oval in Round 3 and were out soon after for 36, with Gerard Price taking 5/13 and Mick 4/18 in their opening spell. After Jamie McLeod scored 85 and Michael Cohen 78, a late declaration at 4/202 probably cost us the opportunity of an outright victory, as Lane Cove slumped to 5/14 from 15 overs, with rain resulting in no play on the second day.

Round 4 was a cracking game against eventual premiers Georges River at Ron Routley. We dismissed the visitors for 81 after Paul Panutti took 4/20 and Elliott Ralph 4/16. Georges River fought hard to take regular wickets and despite game and sensible batting from Gerard and Paul we were dismissed for 77. With plenty of overs left in the match, Gerard fought from the front as always with 5/18 from 14 overs, with Elliott taking another 4 wickets, to have Georges River out a second time for 93. A bright start of 1/40 from 8 overs increased the disappointment of rain having the final say in the match.

North West Sydney were dominated in Round 5. Dismissed for 52 in their first innings, Mick leading the bowlers with 4/10, we raced to 7/125 declared to set up the outright. North West were out for 95 from just 25 overs to seal the win, with the wickets shared.

Albert Eichholzer scored 105 as we amassed 9/345 declared against Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts at Ron Routley in Round 6. Bewildered by Gerard's 5/29 with the new ball, their lower order found some fight with rain approaching, its arrival leading to a frustrating draw.

It turned out that this was Gerard's last game in 2017/18, even for the amazing competitor we all admire, it had really been quite a season. After six rounds, GP had bowled 97.2 overs, with 41 maidens, and taken 26 wickets at 7.2, with three five wicket innings. When he took five in the second innings against Georges River, Gerard set a new bar of 1,144 wickets for Briars, fittingly surpassing Ted Watt, another Briars' legend.

Auburn's opening bowler was on a hat-trick after the first two balls of the Round 7 match at Dave Tribolet Oval. Sanjiv Khalko entered the game at 4/34 and was not dismissed until 8/188 after a magnificent 117

and a 100-run partnership with James Webb. James then went on to lead the team to a competitive 235. Tight bowling from all proved too much for Auburn on day two, out for 119 with the wickets shared.

The final match prior to Christmas was a one dayer against great rivals Warringah. After a late start to the match and to third grade for the season, Atul Mahajan was far too wily for the young Warringah side, his 6/28 reducing them to 77 in the twenty-second over. Albert's 29 steadied a fast chase inside 18 overs.

Another one-day match in Round 8 against Balmain South Sydney started the new year, and Ben Critchley's 33 and Matt Dwyer's 35 were vital as we scrambled to 175. All the bowlers were effective, but Sanjiv outclassed his opponents with 5/18 from 9 overs.

After a steady start from Saurabh Ganguly with 42 and Kale Barton-Bissaker with 55, Strathfield fought back with regular wickets to limit our total in Round 10 to 175 from only 44 overs. After showing a lot of promise and effort in previous games, Matt's 18 overs, 9 maidens, 6/24 was well deserved. Dismissed for 98, Strathfield took to the field for a second time with a lot of intent, but Albert saw us safely to the first innings win.

Matt was again in the wickets in the Round 11 one day match, taking 5/14 as Pennant Hills were out for 64 at Ron Routley. Atul appeared to be in a hurry, taking 3 wickets in 4 overs, before the rush continued with victory after fourteen overs of batting.

We were greeted with a swamp at Acron Oval in Round 12, and a Lindfield team seemingly uninterested in rectifying the problem of a leaking tap in the outfield. Briars toiled to clean up the mess, before bowling beautifully to dismiss Linfield for 97. Sam Tregeagle led with the new ball, taking 6/14. We declared at 9/195, Alex with a fluent 51, and despite Andy Adams taking 4/7 in a hostile spell, the overs lost in the match allowed an undeserving Lindfield to celebrate holding off the outright loss.

The highlight of the final Round 13 against Roseville at Ron Routley was an entertaining partnership between Michael Cohen (85) and Brad Sculley (83). Declaring at 9/284 after just 55 overs, an attack of Panutti, Tregeagle, Mahajan, Khalkho and Catalovski shared the 20 wickets required for the outright, dismissing Roseville for 159 and 124.

After finishing second in the minor premiership to Georges River by a single point, we were joined in the top six by Epping, Strathfield, Warringah and Auburn. Our Qualifying Final opponents were Warringah at Ron Routley. They fielded a stronger team than during the round match and having won the toss they asked us to bat. After early wickets fell, opener Jamie McLeod and Albert settled in and took the score to 76. Wickets then fell regularly until Matt scored a valuable 26 at number 8, and both Atul and Andy added valuable runs at 10 and 11 to set a modest 142. Though they made him work far harder, Warringah were again unable to overcome Atul's skill with the ball. Bowling 21 of the 52 overs, his 7/42 was the difference as Warringah were dismissed for 118. Our batting was far better in the second innings, reaching 216 from 62 overs thanks to Tashaffi Shams' 63 and Mick scoring 42 at number 9. Warringah attempted to chase a very unlikely victory, calling the game at 8/102 after 15 overs, but not before Matt had taken 6/48.

Our Semi Final opponents were Epping at Auburn's George Parry Oval. We were asked to bat and unfortunately a total of 92 was unlikely to ever be enough. We were passed 5 down, however, we were not yet defeated. Epping's 6/96 quickly became all out for 112 after 50 overs. Matt took 4/32 from 16, Mick 3/14 from 10, and Atul 2/27 from 14. Saurabh's aggressive 57 allowed a declaration at 8/133 and made Epping better their first innings score. To their credit, they set out for victory with a positive approach. At 2/85, we were disappointed to concede defeat but satisfied we had tried our best to stay in the match. Epping went on to contest the Grand Final and were defeated by Georges River, the minor and major premiers.

Gerard leads a club well-served by its captains and other leaders, I must mention Anthony Clarke, Ben Critchley, Jason Harris, Brett Howle, Declan Kennedy, Rob Nandi, Paul Price, Marc Seymour, Paul Simpson, Mark Smyck, Michael Taberner and Mick Towells who as always made tremendous efforts for our club. Special congratulations to Lloyd Andrews leading Fourth Grade to a fourth consecutive premiership. We are very fortunate to have superb grounds on which to play, and particularly lucky to be home at Ron Routley Oval, easily the best ground in the lower grades.

Alex Peters was the leading batsman in third grade, with 258 runs from 13 innings, Jamie McLeod with 252 and Albert Eichholzer 247 from only 9 innings. Mick Towells took 37 wickets at an average of 10, Gerard Price 26 at 7 and Atul Mahajan 23 at 9. Atul was deservingly voted the Anthony Clarke Medal for players' player.

On a personal note, nine seasons as part of this great old club, the last seven as a captain, has truly been my pleasure. We've won a lot of games in that time, but the laughs were worth a lot more and I

can't wait to be part of what happens next at Briars. Finally, great thanks to the families who make it possible for us to take the field with our mates.

There's Only One Burwood Briars.

Player	MAT	INN	RUNS	100s	HS	AVG	O	M	W	R	AVG	5W	10Wm	BEST	C	RO	ST
Andrew Adams	5	4	27		11	27.00	41	5	11	90	8.18			4/8	2		
Terry Aili	6	7	154	1	102	22.00											
Kale Barton	3	4	96		55	24.00									1		
Scott Brennan	3	3	28		27	14.00											
Peter Catalovski	1	1	1		1	1.00	15.5	1	4	69	17.25			2/32			
Michael Cohen	8	9	233		85	33.29	7	1		40				0/36	2	1	
Ben Critchley	3	3	77		33	25.67	4			49				0/49	2	1	
Douglas Cullen	2	3	135		83	67.50											
Mathew Dwyer	5	7	106		35	17.67	73.2	21	21	191	9.10	3		6/24		1	
Albert Eichholzer	7	9	247	1	105	35.29									2		
Saurab Ganguly	10	13	224		57	17.23									4	1	
Harry Giddy	3	4	62		29	20.67	1.4	1		7					2		
Sanjiv Khalkho	7	8	210	1	117	26.25	59.5	14	8	117	14.63	1		5/18	1		
Atul Mahajan	6	6	77		22.1	25.67	85	19	23	206	8.96	2		7/42	1		
Philip Maxwell	2	2	16		11	8.00	4	1		8					1		
Jamie McLeod	11	15	252		85	19.38									1		
Greg Metcalfe	4	3	6		6.1	3.00	39	11	9	101	11.22			3/12	2		
Jacob Murphy	1	1	19		19	19.00											
Paul Pannuti	3	2	31		18	15.50	51	11	8	114	14.25			4/20			
Alex Peters	10	13	258		90	25.80	2			7					8		
Harry Peters	2	2	19		12.1	19.00									3	1	
Damian Price	2	2	9		9.1	9.00	8	3		12				0/0	1	1	
Gerard Price	7	4	10		6	3.33	97.2	41	26	186	7.15	3		5/13	2		
Elliott Ralph	6	6	65		26	10.83	63.5	16	15	220	14.67			4/16	3		
Gareth Robson	14	14	115		21	8.21									27	3	2
Brad Sculley	5	5	101		83	20.20	13.2	3	1	67	67.00			1/2	3		
Tashaffi Shams	4	6	70		63	11.67	2	1		1							
Paul Simpson	2	3	31		23.1	15.50	3	1		2				0/2			
Guy Smith	1	1	17		17	17.00											
Mick Towells	13	11	120		42	15.00	154	45	37	396	10.70	2	1	5/20			
Sam Tregeagle	5	3	28		25.1	28.00	78.1	17	19	205	10.79	1		6/14	1		
James Webb	4	3	68		45	68.00	45	8	11	153	13.91			3/38	1	1	
Brad Whitfield	1	1	27		27	27.00	5		2	31	15.50			2/31	1		

4th Grade

Lloyd Andrews | Captain

Players

Kale Barton: Hard hitting opening batsman who got us off to a good start in most games. Kale's season would have been better but was hit with an injury that put him out for some time. His HS of 50 in the SF Vs Strathfield. 194 @ 27.7

Brad Sculley: A competitive cricketer that does not like to lose, never took a

Congratulations to the club for winning its 6th club championship. What a fantastic effort from all involved.

To Marc and Rob congratulations on making the GF, and Gareth on making the Semi Final. Unfortunately, it was not your year but as I know I'm sure we will be fighting for the title next year.

The year started off well for the 4th grade team.

Round 1

Knocking over Epping's 118 with Greg Metcalfe 3-36 and Paul Simpson 3-18 and scoring the runs easily 3 down 119 with Scott Brennan 42 and Kale Barton 20*

backwards step and always happy to help me with the field placing, A top cricketer and even better bloke, HS of 64 in the QF Vs Auburn. 227 @ 32.4*

Michael Cohen: *New to the club Mick had a fantastic year with the bat, scoring runs most times he went out in the middle and looking forward to seeing Michael have an even bigger year next year. Let's just say fielding is not his strength. HS of 117* in round 10 Vs Strathfield. 372 @ 62.0*

Harry Peters: *What can I say about Harry, very good wicket keeper batsman, scored 2 gritty 50's in the QF and GF to get us home. Had a fantastic year and I'm sure it's the last time I see him in 4th grade. HS 71 in round 10 Vs Strathfield. 364 @ 30.3 with 22 Catches*

Paul Simpson: *Absolute clubman loved playing week in week out with this Briars legend, although not his best year, his is supporting the future young Briars. Always happy to help when needed HS 32. 146 @ 16.2 and 13 wickets @ 11.1 Best 5-20*

James Webb: *Team man who will do anything to win a game of cricket in true Briars spirit. He gets very fired up when he has the red ball in his hand, moves them both ways, and a very handy lower order batsman. Numbers will be a lot better with a solid year. 16 wickets @ 12.8 Best 3-12 R13 Vs Roseville*

Greg Metcalfe: *In 4th grade you give Greg the ball and he will get you a wicket. We had a saying: he had 2 bad ones and 4 good ones, but the 4 good ones there was normally a wicket, always wanted the ball great clubman, well done Greggy. 21 wickets @ 10.3 Best 6-62, R4 Vs Georges River*

Damian Price: *Damo has come on leaps and bounds and in my opinion, he needs to play higher grades. He is becoming very good cricketer with ever year he is playing. Bowls his heart out and is good with the bat and in the field. 26 Wickets @ 12.7 Best 4-30 R5 Vs North West*

Matthew Roper: *Started playing 4's in round 9, A very talented left arm bowler who can swing the ball in and*

Round 2

We had Paul Simpson take over as skipper Vs Mac Uni and the boys picked up 10 points with Jack Rogers taking 8 wickets and scoring 64 runs for the game, Harry Peters hitting 47.

Round 3

We had 10 points slip out of our hands. We batted 1st scoring 239 with Alex Vendrasco 45 and Asher Zuckerman 37. We then bowled Lane Cove for 104 with Elliott Ralph taking 5- 37 but could not take 20 wickets to get the outright only taking 5 wickets.

Round 4

Was the only loss of the year with the team underperforming. We were unable to score the 193 set to us. With the ball, Greg Metcalfe 6-62, and with the bat, Asher Zuckerman 21 and Matt Dwyer 38. Was a game to forget.

Round 5

Was another 10 Points handing North West a cricket lesson scoring 6-305 dec, Saurabh Ganguly 106, Lachlan Ralph 48, Deepak Verma 47. We went through them like a wild bull knocking them over for 18 with Alex Vendrasco 6-5 and then taking 5-26 in the 2nd inns also Damian Price taking 4-30.

Round 6

Was the only draw vs Mounties knocking them over for 144 but we were unable to chase the runs with rain calling off the last couple of hours of play finishing at 6-124.

Round 7

Was a tough game vs Auburn scoring 259 with Gordon Barlow hitting 74 and Corie Dickeson 38. We then had a bit of a fight trying to knock them over in true Briars spirit with Damian Price 4-32 helping as take the chocolates.

Round 8

Was a 1 dayer vs Warringah. Bowling 1st we knocked them over for 166, Paul Simpson had them in a spin taking 5-20. We then batted well though the middle order with Michael Cohen 42 and Harry Peters 34 batting well before the tail got us home that game through Greg Metcalfe 14*and Damian Price 10*.

Round 9

Was another easy game with the boys performing well knocking South Sydney over for 116 thanks to Peter Catalovski 4-12 and Paul Simpson 4-17. We made light work of the runs with Kale Barton 45* and Brad Sculley 56* knocking the runs off.

Round 10

Was a very good performance by the team hitting a very good 6-300 dec with Michael Cohen hitting his 1st 100 for the club (117*) and a great innings by Harry Peters 74. Our bowling unit kept the pressure on to bowl them out for 102 with the older boys of the team taking the wickets Peter Catalovski 4-18 and for the one game he played in 4's Robin Nandi taking 4-12.

Round 11

Sent in on a wet wicket we managed to score 204 with Jake Balnave scoring a free flowing 44 and the ever-reliable Harry

bowled a lot of unplayable balls. If he keeps in a good head space, he will be playing higher grades before you know it took out the MOM in the GF with bowling figures of 3-3 off 13 and took 24 Wickets @ 8.5 Best 5-40 R13 Vs Roseville

Elliott Ralph: *Whenever I gave Elliott the ball, he bowled his heart out. He has very good control for how young he is and is the future of the club in higher grades and a handy lower order bat to 19 Wickets @ 11.2 Best 5-37 R3 Vs Lane Cove*

Peters 42. With the ball young lefty Matthew Roper took the game away with 4-27 and chipping in the get us home was Jake Balnave 3-34 rolling them for 82

Round 12

Was a 4 Innings game Vs Lindfield. Bowling 1st we had them in all sorts knocking them over for 70 with Matthew Roper's 4-13 and 2 Wickets each for the other 3 finished them off. Briars put 182 on the board with Gordon Barlow 50 and Michael Cohen 79 the pick of the bats. Brad Sculley put on a bit of a show with a hard hitting 31 off not many balls.

Round 13

We finished the year with an outright win Vs Roseville. Bowling 1st and knocking them over for 92 with Elliott Ralph's 4-28 and James Webb 3-12 the pick of the bowlers. We got off to a good start with the bat, but a middle order collapse saw us needing 9 runs to win with one wicket in hand. In stepped Elliott Ralph and Damian Price hitting a record 102 run partnership to take us clearly passed their score. Our bowling unit bowled fantastic in the 2nd innings bowling them out for 91 with Matthew Roper 5-40 and James Webb 3-35 ripping thought them. A great way to finish the rounds.

We finished 2nd with 81 Points meaning we would face Auburn at their home ground at Mona Park.

Qualifying Final

Sent in on a wet wicket we got off to a good start but then slowly started to lose wickets but one of the best gutsy innings from a young player that I've seen in Harry Peters of 50 put us in a good position to post 153. In reply our bowling unit all worked together to roll them for only 51 thanks to Elliott Ralph 4-18, and 2 each to Matthew, Greg and James. After being sent back in to bat our batsman put on a show ending the game at 1-110 with Brad Sculley 64* and Michael Cohen 28*.

Semi Final

We won the toss and batted and in a good team effort we managed to score 237 with Kale Barton 50, Michael Cohen 46 and the tail combining for 100 runs. Another great bowling performance from the boys dismissing them for 113 with Matthew Roper 4-23 and Greg Metcalfe 3-25 A great game with bat and ball from the Briars.

The Big Dance – Grand Final

Playing the undefeated Georges River at Hurstville Oval they won the toss and batted and as we have done all year our bowling unit turned up and performed as a unit dismissing them for 148 with Matthew Roper 3-3 off 13 (also taking Man of the Match), Greg Metcalfe 3-20 off 8.1, and Elliott Ralph 2-32.

In reply we finished the day well on top at 0-28. Day 2 started and went over the day, gutsy batting by all helped us get the result we wanted all year. Kale Barton 15, Brad Sculley 24, Michael Cohen 31, and a finishing partnership of 61* between Harry Peters 52* and Lloyd Andrews 22* bought 'Harry' back to the club for the 4th time in a row.

PS: Gerard Price I told you we were going to win 4th grade this year, and when I say this, I mean it WE won it, the effort you put into the club is unbelievable, you are a champion cricketer and a legend of a bloke, A mate for life.

Player	MAT	INN	RUNS	100s	HS	AVG	O	M	W	R	AVG	5Wi	10Wm	BEST	C	RO	ST
Lloyd Andrews	14	13	153		45	12.75	11	1	1	43	43.00			1/17	7		
Jake Balnave	2	1	44		44	44.00	18.1	5	4	59	14.75			3/34			
Gordon Barlow	6	8	171		74	24.43									1		
Kale Barton	8	9	194		50	27.71									2		
Scott Brennan	4	4	66		42	16.50									1		
Peter Catalovski	7	3	21		21*	21.00	67.5	29	13	114	8.77			4/12	2		
Nasif Chowdhury	1	1	11		11	11.00											
Michael Cohen	7	8	372	1	117*	62.00									1		
Douglas Cullen	2	2	58		34	29.00	2	1	1	4	4.00			1/4			
Corie Dickeson	1	1	38		38	38.00											
Mathew Dwyer	5	2	56		38	28.00	61.2	10	5	132	26.40			2/32			
Alex Favotto	5	5	76		32	15.20	1			4	NA			0/4	1		
Patrick Fraser	2	2	14		10	7.00	5	1		15	NA			0/15			
Saurab Ganguly	1	1	106	1	106	106.00											
Harrison Green	1						12		1	26	26.00			1/9			
Luke Kayani	1	1	7		7	7.00											
Sanjiv Khalkho	1	1	0			0.00	14		3	43	14.33			3/43			
Philip Maxwell	6	6	55		29	13.75	24	7	3	64	21.33			2/16	2	1	
Greg Metcalfe	7	4	43		28	14.33	91.1	25	21	216	10.29	1		6/62	2		
Jacob Murphy	3	3	24		12	8.00									1		
Rob Nandi	1	1	31		31	31.00	13.4	8	4	12	3.00			4/12			
Harry Peters	14	14	364		71	30.33									22	4	
Damian Price	11	8	96		39*	19.20	142	47	26	329	12.65			4/30	1		
Elliott Ralph	7	5	95		56	23.75	90.3	24	19	213	11.21	1		5/37		1	
Lachlan Ralph	1	1	48		48	48.00											
Jack Rogers	1	1	64		64	64.00	23		8	45	5.63	1		6/30			
Matthew Roper	8	5	57		29	19.00	100	45	24	203	8.46	1		5/40	2	1	
Brad Sculley	7	9	227		64*	32.43	20	2	2	76	38.00			1/6	4		
Tashaffi Shams	3	3	85		37	28.33									1		
Vijay Sharma	1	1	22		22	22.00	2			10	NA			0/10	1	1	
Angus Shephard	1	1	0			0.00									1		
Paul Simpson	13	11	146		32*	16.22	57	9	13	144	11.08	1		5/20		2	
Jason Tran	2	1	2		2*	NA	14	4	2	30	15.00			2/12			
Samuel Tregeagle	1						6		2	16	8.00			2/16			
Alex Vendrasco	4	2	62		45	62.00	80	17	21	199	9.48	2	1	6/5			
Deepak Verma	7	7	177		47	29.50	4.5		1	18	18.00			1/0			
James Webb	7	5	41		26	8.20	76.1	12	16	205	12.81			3/12	2		
Asher Zukerman	4	2	58		37	58.00	41	3	2	122	61.00			1/12			

5th Grade Gold

Mark Smyck | Captain

Highlights

With the bat we had a few highlights.

Our top scorer was Gordon Barlow 339 runs for the season with a top score of 102 started with us then played the 2nd half of the season in 4th grade.

Three seasons ago, I was asked and given the opportunity to captain a newly formed 5th grade side. With the number of new and younger players joining the club, as well as from our Briars Junior ranks, the club had the opportunity to have 2 fifth grade sides in the Tim Creer Cup competition. This was an opportunity for me to know the younger guys coming into the club, but also for them to recognise what it was to be a Briar, how to play like a Briar, and win like a Briar.

We struggled that first season with only 4 wins, the 2016/2017 season saw us finish in the middle of the table with 9 wins.

Not far behind was Alex Favotto with 312 runs for the season with the high score of 133. He was also moving between 4th and 5th grade throughout the season.

Osman Kayani was the 3rd highest aggregate with 274 and the high score of 68. He had many starts but was only able to score one half century for the season.

With the ball, it was hard to pass by newcomer Jake Balnave who took 27 wickets with 5/28 his best figures. He never missed out with the ball, taking at least a wicket every time, he bowled, and on most occasions, he was just too good for the batsmen.

Our next best bowler was Colin Taylor with 14 wickets and best figures of 4/14. That bowling effort came when we needed it the most, against the Briars Rivals who were undefeated until Round 21 and had rolled us for just 75 in the 1st innings. His late inswingers bowled 4 of the top 6 batsmen taking 4/0 in the space of 2 overs with 5 maidens in his 8 over spell. This effort made a big impact as we bowled out Rivals for just 46, a result I am very proud of. Another highlight of the season was of our new import Alex Palmer whose first, and last game for 5th grade, resulted in a bag of wickets taking 5/29.

The season of 2017/2018 saw us finish in 2nd behind our other Briars team, Burwood Briars Rivals, make the qualifying finals and eventually go down to the eventual winners of our division. It's been great to see the team continually grow and succeed with each passing season and I hope to see that continue into the new season.

As with last season, myself and Michael Taberner co-captained the Briars Gold team. We finished the 2017/2018 season with 13 wins and 5 losses. Always with 5th grade sides we tend to use quite a lot of players, but when you use over 40 players in a season, it shows the amount of shuffling, availability and unavailability of players from both the grades above, but also in our lower grades. On many occasions our side was finalised on the Friday night and on a couple occasions even on the Saturday morning! I must thank people like Dan Haikin, Seb McIntosh & Luka Kalic who accepted our lifelines to have one match cameos when we struggled to get our full team.

With the large number of players being used due to promotion or availability, it meant that only a handful of players played more than half the season for our side with Ritesh Desai playing 17 of the 23 games we played (including the QF). It was a shame he wasn't able to play the last few games of the season due to work as he was someone, I could rely on to keep it tight with the ball.

The team performed very well right throughout the season with some facts to prove it. We lost the least number of wickets as the batting side than any team and took the 3rd most wickets when bowling. Our bowling proved to be tight as runs conceded was the 3rd lowest. Our own batting efforts were a little off as the 5th highest in total runs, but having our stronger batsmen making waves in higher grades this was bound to happen. Plus, we have always been a more dominant bowling team, as with most other grades. But stats like these always mean a lot when it comes to how you stack up against the opposition.

I had always made it a fact to keep a positive mindset when it comes to captaincy. Whether we had a heavy defeat or close loss, screaming or giving off negative vibe to our youngsters is not going to get you anywhere. It might even deter a youngster to continue playing. Fielding mistakes dropped catches and batting brain fades all accumulates to negative body language on and off the field, but at our level of cricket the solution to most of our problems is practice. I made a note of it many times to my players how important training is, not just rolling your arm over in the nets, not just hitting what you see while batting, not just taking catches; but how you plan to bowl to the batsmen, how to approach each bowler when batting, how your fielding and throwing techniques can improve when you put it into practice making it second nature to you. All of these different aspects, while kept simple, make such a huge difference.

I want to thank the other captains, Marc Seymour, Rob Nandi, Gareth Robson and Lloyd Andrews in the top four grades, to Anthony Clarke and Brett Howle from Briars Maroon, as well as Michael Taberner who co-skippered with me in Briars Gold. The amount of effort put into selecting teams each week is very stressful and opinionated, especially when it headed towards the pointy end of the season. For both 5th grade sides, the stress is multiplied, whether you have many to choose from or you are well short of players, each week is a different challenge for both teams.

I want to thank the man himself, Gerard Price, whose countless hours of work behind the scenes to make each week happen shows the passion he has for this club. With recent health issues meaning he had to step back from all (most of) his duties, there was no shortage of hands that went up to take the weight of responsibility off his shoulders. This shows what Briars spirit is all about and what Gerard has meant to this club.

Season 2018/2019 shapes up to be another exciting year for this club as it celebrates its centenary anniversary.

Player	M	I	NO's	50s	100s	HS	RUNS	4s	6s
Barlow, Gordon	11	11	1	1	1	102	339	11	0
Favotto, Alex	7	7	0	1	1	133	312	17	1
Kayani, Osman	13	12	1	1	0	68	274	28	4
Smyck, Mark	15	13	4	0	0	31	145	20	0
Maxwell, Philip	6	4	1	1	0	69	138	5	0
Cullen, Doug	2	2	2	1	0	85*	133	11	1
Balnave, Jake	11	8	3	0	0	27	114	7	0
Durrant, Cameron	10	9	0	0	0	37	75	6	0
Lee, Harrison	7	7	1	0	0	40	74	2	0
Howle, Brett	2	2	1	0	0	39*	71	5	0
Naganathan, Sanjan	6	4	3	0	0	34*	68	8	0
Shepherd, Angus	1	1	1	1	0	66*	66	6	0
Murphy, Daniel	5	5	3	0	0	26*	63	5	0
Kayani, Luke Man	4	4	0	0	0	38	58	2	0
Martyn-Hempill, Oliver	2	2	1	0	0	36*	55	2	0
Rogers, Jack	1	1	0	1	0	51	51	5	0
Desai, Ritesh	16	8	3	0	0	17*	48	0	0
Ganguly, Saurab	2	2	0	0	0	47	47	0	0
Verma, Deepak	1	1	0	0	0	40	40	0	0
Taberner, Michael	8	4	0	0	0	32	40	0	0
Sharma, Aniket	3	3	0	0	0	21	36	3	1
Mirza, Zeeshan	11	6	0	0	0	11	35	2	0
Chowdhury, Nasif	1	1	0	0	0	33	33	3	0
Gordon, Michael	10	5	1	0	0	20*	33	1	0
Joshi, Sandeep	1	1	0	0	0	27	27	2	0
Stansfield, Tristan	1	1	1	0	0	25*	25	0	0
Palmer, Alex	1	1	0	0	0	22	22	0	0
Kalic, Luka	1	1	0	0	0	20	20	2	0
Haikin, Daniel	1	1	0	0	0	17	17	3	0
Murray, Dave	4	1	0	0	0	14	14	1	0
Fraser, Patrick E	1	1	0	0	0	13	13	2	0
Fisher, Hamish	1	1	0	0	0	12	12	1	0
Taylor, Colin	12	6	3	0	0	4*	9	0	0
Murphy, Jacob	1	1	0	0	0	7	7	0	0
Gohel, Dhruvil	9	3	1	0	0	6*	6	0	0
Studley, Will	7	2	0	0	0	5	6	0	0
Robson, Gareth	2	1	1	0	0	3*	3	0	0
Ralph, Lachlan	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
McIntosh, Sebastian	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green, Harrison	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Price, Paul	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ralph, Elliott	1	1	1	0	0	0*	0	0	0

Player	M	Overs	Mdns	Runs	W	5W/I	B/B
Balnave, Jake	11	67.1	9	223	27	1	1-May
Taylor, Colin	12	74	17	244	14	0	1-Apr
Desai, Ritesh	16	37.5	2	158	11	0	2-Oct
Mirza, Zeeshan	11	60	11	211	11	0	3-Jul
Maxwell, Philip	6	41	3	147	10	0	3-Aug
Gordon, Michael	10	38.2	2	184	9	0	1-Mar
Studley, Will	7	43	6	117	7	0	2-Dec
Taberner, Michael	8	23.4	1	103	6	0	1-Mar
Naganathan, Sanjan	6	36	3	121	6	0	1-Mar
Palmer, Alex	1	8	0	29	5	1	1-May
Murray, Dave	4	29	2	75	4	0	1-Feb
Kayani, Luke Man	4	4	0	24	3	0	1-Mar
Gohel, Dhruvil	9	17.2	0	103	3	0	1-Jan
Ralph, Elliot	1	7	0	24	2	0	1-Feb
Green, Harrison	2	15	8	27	2	0	1-Dec
Vendrasco, Alex	2	10	3	32	2	0	1-Dec
Lee, Harrison	7	17.2	4	45	2	0	1-Feb
Cullen, Douglas	2	8	0	49	2	0	1-Feb
Kayani, Osman	13	20	2	54	2	0	1-Oct
Hogg, Andrew	2	1.4	0	10	1	0	1/0
Rogers, Jack	1	8	2	18	1	0	1-Jan
Shepherd, Angus	1	4	0	21	1	0	1-Jan
Favotto, Alex	7	5	1	23	1	0	1-Jan
Smyck, Mark	15	15	1	78	1	0	1-Jan
Fisher, Hamish	1	4	2	2	0	0	-
Roper, Matthew	1	5	1	7	0	0	-

5th Grade Maroon

Brett Howle & Anthony Clarke | Captains

Season Summary

The 2017/18 season will again be regarded as a successful season notwithstanding that the side lost in the first preliminary final.

Brett Howle and Anthony Clarke again shared the responsibility of captaincy during the season. With over 60 years of cricket experience for the Club between them the aim was to welcome both new comers and young players into the fold, teach them a few bad habits, and encourage their participation in the higher grades should they be worthy.

During the season 47 players were utilised, with only 9 playing 9 games or more. Thanks to those who made themselves consistently available to play. 22 players played 2 games or less as is the nature of 5th grade.

After 22 rounds the side finished the regular season in second place on 97 points, with 14 wins, 7 losses and a draw just 4 points shy of our cousin's, Briars Brothers in first place. Season highlights included;

- Matt Dwyer 57 vs Brothers,
- Angus Sheppard 56 vs Mounties, 4/24 vs Brothers, 64 vs Ryde.
- Saurabh Ganguly 63 vs Mounties, 51 vs Balmain,
- Hamish Fisher 4/19 vs Mounties, 4/13 vs Mounties,
- Harry Green; 4/12 vs Mustangs,
- Lachlan Ralph 49* vs Mustangs, 52 vs Auburn, 47* vs Strathfield, 50* vs Auburn, 48 vs Balmain.
- Jason Tran; 4/20 vs Auburn, 4/17 vs Strathfield
- Jacob Murphy; 6/20 vs Balmain, 73 vs Lindfield,
- Tristian Stansfield; 47* vs Lindfield, 87 vs Auburn, 45 vs Lindfield, 54 vs Mounties,
- Nasif Chowdhury; 62 vs Mustangs, 94 vs Auburn, 54 vs Georges River,

- Will Studley; 4/11 vs Auburn, 5/19 vs Lindfield,
- David Murray; 5/9 vs Auburn

In the qualifying finals the side played Mounties black at St Luke's Oval. Winning the toss, we batted first and accumulated 4/135 from our 40 overs, being a bit below a par score. At 7/61 the game was ours to lose which we then managed to do getting passed 7 down in the 38th over.

Unfortunately, the minor premiers also lost their qualifying final affording them a second chance meaning our season was over. This was a disappointing way to exit the season particularly given the sides generally consistent performances throughout the year. That said, the new and young players within the side will have benefitted from the season and should aim to play higher levels in shires for next season.

Congratulations to all players within the Club on another Club championship. This success reflects the camaraderie and spirit within our Club. Well done to all sides on their performances during the year. Thank you to Anthony Clarke for his duties as co-captain and also thanks to all the other captains for the countless hours doing selections most weeks. As usual, special thanks to Gerard Price in his role as chairman. The success our Club enjoys is a direct result of the effort by Gerard.

In his first year with the club Jason Tran was awarded the Will Hood Players Player for fifth grade.

So, ends another season and we again look forward to 2018/19 and welcoming the new and young players into fifth grade and to Briars cricket.

STATISTICS

Minimum of 10 games

	Mt	Inn	no	HS	Runs	Ave	Overs	Mai	Runs	Wkts	Best	Ave	Cat
B Howle	16	3	4	29	152	16.9							5
T Stansfield	17	14	1	87	385	29.6							10
J Tran	17	6	2	5*	16	4	103	19	339	30	4/17	11.3	0
L Ralph	15	15	4	52	381	34.6							11
A Shepherd	14	13	0	69	249	19.2	56	8	214	14	4/24	15.3	9
A Clarke	14	5	3	12	18	9	96	20	293	20	3/21	14.7	7
N Chowdhury	9	9	2	94	267	38.1	12	2	68	3	2/25	22.7	3
H Fisher	14	10	0	23	89	8.9	62	7	222	25	4/13	8.9	7
W Studley	9	4	2	7	17	8.5	51	1	168	15	5/29	11.2	4

5th Grade Brothers

Asita Galappatti | Captain

Season Summary

The 2017/18 season saw the Burwood Brothers ascend Everest only to be felled by some controversy at Hilary's Step, in sight of the peak.

Last season was the inaugural year for a split Tim Creer Competition. Slotted into A Division, the Brothers went into the season knowing that the competition would be tougher and the need for consistency stronger.

The season started with a loss to fellow Club members Maroon, we fought back with a string of consecutive wins against some of the tougher sides in the competition before letting ourselves down against some of the weaker ones. The Brothers batting proved to be our Achilles heel with a string of batting performances failing to breach the 100-run mark. The bowlers tried valiantly to fight back, but there was just not enough runs to bring home the wins.

Fortunately, it was a pattern that plagued all of the other top contenders in the Division. Our efforts were, in the end, enough to secure us the Minor Premiership on 101 points, 14 wins, and 7 losses. Congratulations to all of the boys for the achievement. Congratulations to Maroons who finished close behind us, by less than a win. The rivalry between the Burwood sides will continue for many years to come.

The finals were, akin to the season proper, a see-sawing affair. The first round of finals saw the Brothers struggle against the defending premiers from the season before, Ryde-Hunters Hill. Despite limiting Ryde to a score of less than 200 on a small ground, our batting woes returned in an untimely fashion and we fell short by 48 runs.

The next game saw the Brothers matched against Strathfield. Unfortunately, yet again, our batting let us down, dismissed for a measly 93 runs. What was to come was nothing short of spectacular. Our left-arm quick JP opened up the account with 3 quick wickets backed up solidly by the speedy VP at the other end. The wickets continued to tumble, and Strathfield fell short scoring only 55. This is one of the best bowling and fielding performances of not only this season but ever for the Brothers.

The grand final saw the defending champs Ryde-Hunters Hill against the Brothers. The final took place at Boronia Oval in Hunters Hill and the ground was heavily water affected. Our bowling form continued, and we kept Ryde to 7/148. Unfortunately, the curse of the Brothers batting returned, and we only managed to post 116 in reply, gifting Ryde with another Tim Creer premiership.

All in all, it was a great season for the Burwood Brothers and we hope that next season sees us take that final step and claim the premiership.

Finally, congratulations to the other grades and the Club for another stellar season.

5th Grade Rivals

Vivek Thangaswamy | Captain

Individual Highlights

Batting

Vivek Thangaswamy
505 runs at 28.06

Vinod Iyer
254 runs at 36.29

Vinod Iyer
111* against Briars Gold

Vivek Thangaswamy
91 against Georges River and 70* against Lane Cove

Santhakumar Muthupandiyan
55 and 54* against Pennant Hills Panthers

Vijayasekar Jagadeesan
57 against Roseville

Bowling

Santhakumar Muthupandiyan
36 wickets at 9.72

Satheesh Ravichandran
27 wickets at 12.52

Abhijit Nagaraj
24 wickets at 11.92

2017/18 has been the best season for Briars Rivals, yet, in the short span we've been playing this format of the game.

Let me start with congratulations to the 4th grade team on winning the Premiership. Kudos to all the other teams as well, for the tireless efforts gone in.

This year has been an excellent one, both to the team and individuals, finishing up as the Minor Premiers and Runners-up. We, as a team, have come a long way in the three years - from being new to the format, just winning a couple of matches in the first of our season, 2 years back, to finish up in the middle of the points table last year, to remain unbeaten for 20 games this year (we had our first loss of the season in the Round 21 game against Briars Gold). On behalf of the team, would like to thank the club and Gerard, who have been nothing but extremely supportive to the team.

Talking about the performance this year, though we started a bit tentative in the batting department, we gained confidence with the wins under our belt and made some impressive improvements, including few very good half centuries and an unbeaten century. Bowling has been our strength throughout the last seasons and this year too, ended up with the greatest number of wickets and lowest aggregate runs against.

With the great run we had in the league rounds, our finals performance doesn't do any justification. Nevertheless, it was a good experience for the guys to learn from our mistakes and to come back stronger, next season!

Under 24's

Declan Kennedy | Captain

Highlights

Alex Palmer scoring 90's against Mount Pritchard Southern Districts and Georges River, both of whom were in last year's Grand Final.

Tom Moffit, Diren Reddy and Jack Kovacic seeing us home on Duck Worth and Lewis in a rain affected round one matchup.

The Under 24's had our most successful campaigns of recent times. With just one loss during the rounds we progressed to the semi-final where we defeated Lindfield in a low scoring affair. This took us into our first grand final in some years. Unfortunately, our superb bowling effort was let down by the poor innings that followed with the bat.

Many thanks to go to Michael Towels and Jason Harris for all their efforts throughout the year managing the team for the second year in a row. From selections to hiring blowers and heaters to ensure we would get on. Thanks also to Peter Heels

Brad Whitfield's match winning efforts in the semi-final scoring 60 runs down the order and picking up 3 wickets with the ball.

Ben Van den Nieuwenhof and Jack Kovacic ripping through Warringah's top order in the grand final

Diren Reddy week in week out taking wickets and again finishing with 16 wickets from the 8 games

and Tony Van den Nieuwenhof for scoring throughout the season.

Finally, congratulations must go to those guys who have now finished their 24's careers with me this year. To Jack Kovacic, Brad Whitfield, Cormac O'Connor and Alex Palmer, congratulations on great careers and enjoy all the cricket less Sundays to come.

Name	Mtchs	Inn	Agg	NO's	25's	50's	100's	Ducks	HS	Avg	4's	6's
Palmer, Alex	8	7	229	1	0	2	0	1	94*	38.17	21	13
Kennedy, Declan	8	8	152	1	2	1	0	0	62	21.71	15	0
Shams, Tashaffi	8	8	146	1	3	0	0	1	38	20.86	15	1
Moffitt, Tom	7	5	124	1	3	0	0	0	40	31	2	0
O'Connor, Cormac	8	8	121	0	2	0	0	2	39	15.13	13	0
Iaquinto, Christopher	8	8	94	2	2	0	0	1	25	15.67	11	0
Whitfield, Brad	5	4	89	1	0	1	0	0	64	29.67	6	4
Reddy, Diren	8	6	45	1	0	0	0	1	22	9	2	0
Kovacic, Jack	7	6	44	1	1	0	0	2	32.1	8.8	2	1
Cullen, Douglas	3	3	38	0	1	0	0	1	26	12.67	6	
Heels, Declan	7	3	12	0	0	0	0	2	12	4	2	0
McLeod, Jamie	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	6		
Tregeagle, Samuel	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3		
Van den Nieuwenhof, Ben	6	4	2	3	0	0	0	1	1*	2	0	0
Peters, Harry	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		

	PLAYER	MAT	CATCHES NON WK	CATCHES WK	STUMPINGS	RUNOUTS ASSISTED	RUNOUTS UNASSISTED
1	Van den Nieuwenhof, Ben	6	7	0	0	0	0
2	Iaquinto, Christopher	8	5	0	0	0	0
3	Reddy, Diren	8	4	0	0	0	0
4	Kennedy, Declan	8	4	0	0	0	0
5	Shams, Tashaffi	8	3	0	0	0	0
6	O'Connor, Cormac	8	2	0	0	0	0
7	Kovacic, Jack	7	2	0	0	0	0
8	McLeod, Jamie	1	1	0	0	0	0
9	Palmer, Alex	8	1	0	0	0	0
10	Webb, James	1	1	0	0	0	0
11	Barton, Kale	1	1	0	0	0	0
12	Heels, Declan	7	0	0	0	1	0
13	Whitfield, Brad	5	0	0	0	0	0
14	Cullen, Douglas	3	0	0	0	0	0
15	Peters, Harry	1	0	2	0	0	0
16	Tregeagle, Samuel	1	0	0	0	0	0
17	Moffitt, Tom	7	0	6	0	0	0

	PLAYER	MAT	O	M	R	W	5WI	10WM	BBI	AVE.	STR.	ECN.
1	Reddy, Diren	8	67	19	215	16	0	0	1-Mar	13.44	25.13	3.21
2	Kovacic, Jack	7	55.3	10	214	14	0	0	1-Mar	15.29	23.79	3.86
3	Van den Nieuwenhof, Ben	6	45.2	6	147	10	0	0	1-Apr	14.7	27.2	3.24
4	Iaquinto, Christopher	8	15	4	33	9	0	0	3-May	3.67	10	2.2
5	Heels, Declan	7	59	11	169	9	0	0	1-Feb	18.78	39.33	2.86
6	Palmer, Alex	8	27.1	1	118	7	0	0	3-Dec	16.86	23.29	4.34
7	Whitfield, Brad	5	23	1	84	6	0	0	1-Mar	14	23	3.65
8	Webb, James	1	7	2	16	3	0	0	1-Mar	5.33	14	2.29
9	Kennedy, Declan	8	6.3	0	20	3	0	0	2-Oct	6.67	13	3.08
10	Tregeagle, Samuel	1	7	1	16	2	0	0	1-Feb	8	21	2.29

Briars Masters

David Abood | 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 Ignatians. Another first timer Daniel Bowcock showed his class with 2 x 40 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-regulars.

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-regulars.

Briars Classics

Brian Kirk | Captain

The Burwood Briars Classics (Over 50s) had a mixed season:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Position
11	4	3	4	8 th (16)

Our final position halfway in the competition table was not a true reflection of the competitive nature of the Briars Classics. A good example was the last round of the season, which saw us lose a very tight game against the eventual competition leaders, the Sri Lanka Lions. A win in that game could have landed us in 4th position instead of 8th.

Our 4 winning games were scattered throughout the season (against De La Salle Old Boys, Parramatta Golden Oldies, Pennant Hills and Western Suburbs Cavaliers) and wet weather again played a part forcing 3 draws. Losses should never be losses but that's cricket.

The batting and bowling tables below speak for themselves as far as statistics go. As for effort, all players who turned out on the field put in for the team.

As for last year, the Players Player was Charlie Deguara scoring 228 runs over 9 innings and taking 6 wickets at an average of 35.67.

One member of the team who deserves special recognition is Stuart Lind. Without Stu's tireless efforts to organise the team for each match and for co-ordinating all things necessary on match day the Briars Classics would never make it onto the field. From everybody a big thank you Stu.

Classics Best Batting Performances.

Player	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Economy Rate	Best
Fernando, Gus W	4	18	3	57	9	6.33	3.17	3/9
Lind, Stuart E	10	24.5	1	98	8	12.25	3.95	4/12
Matchett, Jeffrey P	6	25	1	78	7	11.14	3.12	2/15
Hayes, Warwick	4	18	2	51	6	8.50	2.83	3/14
Alice, Paul	5	23	1	92	6	15.33	4.00	4/22
Kirk, Brian A	10	44	4	151	6	25.17	3.43	2/13
Deguara, Charlie	10	58	5	214	6	35.67	3.69	4/38
Karmakonda, Sadanand	5	26	1	107	4	26.75	4.12	2/31
Cordner, Geoff	2	18	4	34	2	17.00	1.89	2/19
Rous, Steve	2	10	1	35	2	17.50	3.50	2/21
Magee, Luke	6	15.2	1	71	2	35.50	4.63	2/11
Lucas, Steve W	8	25	1	121	2	60.50	4.84	1/23

Classics Best Bowling Performances.

Player	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Economy Rate	Best
Fernando, Gus W	4	18	3	57	9	6.33	3.17	3/9
Lind, Stuart E	10	24.5	1	98	8	12.25	3.95	4/12
Matchett, Jeffrey P	6	25	1	78	7	11.14	3.12	2/15
Hayes, Warwick	4	18	2	51	6	8.50	2.83	3/14
Alice, Paul	5	23	1	92	6	15.33	4.00	4/22
Kirk, Brian A	10	44	4	151	6	25.17	3.43	2/13
Deguara, Charlie	10	58	5	214	6	35.67	3.69	4/38
Karmakonda, Sadanand	5	26	1	107	4	26.75	4.12	2/31
Cordner, Geoff	2	18	4	34	2	17.00	1.89	2/19
Rous, Steve	2	10	1	35	2	17.50	3.50	2/21
Magee, Luke	6	15.2	1	71	2	35.50	4.63	2/11
Lucas, Steve W	8	25	1	121	2	60.50	4.84	1/23

As always, both the Master's & Classics teams are very thankful to Briars Cricket, especially Gerard Price for the support he provided throughout the season.

Concord Briars Cricket

President's Report

Roland Stanmore



Season 2017-18 was another sensational season for the Concord Briars Junior Cricket Club with a record number of players across junior cricket, Milo cricket and Blast activities.

The club had 39 teams (*over 400 players*) playing across three different associations. This included two full girls' teams, a real growth area that the club has promoted.

In October 2017, the club sent a record 12 teams to compete in the Kookaburra Cup in Canberra including 2 girls' teams.

The 2017-18 season was highly successful with numerous teams making semi-finals and grand finals and 5 Premiership winning teams. Most importantly, from all reports the players had a very enjoyable season and enjoyed the comradery and mateship of the great game of cricket!

I would also like to acknowledge and thank this year's committee for all their hard work.

The committee members are Leanne Hewgill (*Secretary & Registrar*), Matina Moffitt (*Treasurer*), Gerard Buchanan (*Kit and Equipment Manager*) Tracy Tuman (*Assistant Secretary*), Louise Sidgreaves (*Milo in 2 cricket Coordinator*), Matt Whitting (*Seniors Park co-ordinator*), Tania Peruzzi (*Uniform & Trophy Manager*), and general committee members, Rob Maniscalco, Ben Cummins, Adam McCall and Raman Wadhwa.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Maroon

John Perkins & Will Knight | Coach & Manager

The Under 8s Maroon had a great season. This was the second season that the boys had played together and following a year where they had not won a game, this season the Maroons won all but one game. Of particular note was the enthusiasm shown by all the boys for the love of the game. Also, skills improved significantly throughout the year, With Josh Hannon picking up the most improved award.

The team was Eamon Turner, Lachlan Gacitua, Henry Perkins, William Gibson, Joshua Hannan, Mattias Doherty, Isaac O'Neil and Tom Knight.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Gold

Steve Maronese & Lara Sarlas, Tanya Maronese | Coach & Managers

Under 8 Gold team had a fantastic year with many great moments.

During the season Louis Gilroy, Claudio Luzzani, Ryan Stanmore, Noah Thorne and Anish Sukumaran really improved and produced some great batting and bowling throughout the year.

Matthew Sarlas, Luke Maronese and Flynn Grainger were our most consistent performers with the bat and ball and Aiden Scullion produced some of the biggest shots of the season that impressed the crowd!

The parents of the team were fantastic and very supportive throughout the season and we all look forward to next year.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Red

Phillip Uzunovski & Donna Brown | Coach & Manager

Most of the boys started the season never having played cricket and had a fun season.

The boys improved with each training session and game. I am sure 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: Beau Brown, Raphael Danev, Arham Iqbal, Fraz Iqbal, Jackson Marval, Azlaan Qureshi, Harii Ratnavel, Max Towns and Julian Uzunovski.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Green

Warren Papworth & Matthew Holani | Coach & Manager

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 are Arjun Shankar, Luke Holani, Malcolm MacKenzie, Connor Papworth, Thomas Ronan, Siddharth Babu, Tanish Lee Young and Krish Thumar.

Jnr. Cricket U8 White

Nathan Halliday & Conor Bannan | Coach & Manager

The mighty U8 whites had a fantastic season. With only 2 narrow losses all season (to the same RHH team), it was incredibly enjoyable for not only the players and coaches, but also for the parents and supporters on the sidelines as each week there were lots of runs scored and plenty of wickets.

They trained hard and continually strived to improve and this showed on the field with the results

A huge congratulations to the boys and a big thankyou to all parents for their assistance and support throughout the year.

However, the biggest shout out belongs to the lads who were just awesome, so thankyou to Charlie Halliday, Oscar Halliday, William Malone, Finn Bannan, Rhys Williams, Tyson Stewart, Jack Brandon, and Zachary Muncaster.

Looking forward to next season already.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Blue

Jason Jacobs & Sarah Paleologos | Coach & Manager

It was a fun ride for all of us involved in the U8 Blues team this year.

We had wonderful contributions from all of our players.

Jack Lai & Rohan Dean showed tremendous growth in skill during the season. Dimitri Paleologos was our 'go to' all-rounder.

Jacob Samaan become our feared fast bowler with his long run up from the witches' hat.

Matthew Cassano will be remembered for taking the greatest caught and bowled wicket of the season.

Luke Jacobs showed class on the field with his batting technique.

Luca & Antony DiGori battled it out each week for player of their round with their bowling, fielding and batting heroics.

Special mention for our amazing manager Sarah Paleologos who kept us all informed and on the right grounds, not to mention the 'treat' roster. To all our wonderful parents who helped and really made the season a pleasure. Great work boys and now onto the Under 9s!!!

Jnr. Cricket U8 Black

Michael Beckford & Daniela Celegon | Coach & Manager

Player names: Felix Beckford, Max Celegon, Yuveer Dawar, Finlay Kitching, Hayden Milson, Ranveer Minocha, Leo O'Neill

The events in the Australian national team have been a dramatic contrast to the way our team chose to play its cricket. With this being the first year of competitive cricket for our players, the most important thing for us was to see our players fall in love with the game, and to learn and experience the culture of playing a team sport. Our parents and players can all be proud of the way we carried ourselves, and a big thank you to all of the parents who helped to develop their children's skills over the year as well as for their assistance at games and at training.

It's a thrill as a manager and a parent to see our kids having fun - that can come from hitting our first boundary, or from celebrating our team-mate running someone out with a direct hit. I really hope every player can take away a favourite memory from the year that will stay with them forever - and it'll be great to see everyone back next season for an even better year.

Again, thanks to all the players, to the parents, and to the club and association for everything done behind the scenes to get our kids on the field.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Maroon

Chris Malone, John Allen & Holly Irving | Coaches & Manager

The 2017/18 season represented another enjoyable experience for the members of the Under 9 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 those who assisted with scoring and ground set up. Our thanks also go to the team manager Holly Irving for her thorough communication and organisation. Holly did a wonderful job indeed, she always kept us well informed and organised. Many thanks Holly. Thanks also to Chris Hensley and Luke Campton for their coaching and umpiring assistance. They both offered great support to the players and coaches throughout the season.

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 9 Maroon. We hope that they continue to enjoy their cricket long into the future.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Gold

Grant Goldworthy & Nicole Kavadias | Coach & Manager

This season was filled with learning, development and most importantly lots of fun. For many of the boys in the team, it was their first season playing cricket, so for the first half of the season the boys developed their skills and learned the basics of playing cricket. This hard work paid off in the second part of the season, and it was a pleasure to watch the team confidently displaying the skills learned earlier and playing together as a team. In particular, our bowling and fielding improved dramatically over the season.

It was an absolute pleasure to coach the U9 Gold team, and to watch the boys grow into a fine young team of cricketers. Thanks to our team manager Nicole Kavadias, and all parents for supporting the team. The team members included Nicholas Gee, William Goldsworthy, James Hanna, Christian Majgaard, Harry Smith, Emerson Urbano, Roman Urbano and Michael Kavadias.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Red

David Evans & Jimmy Giannone | Coach & Manager

It was another fantastic season for the U9 Briars Reds. Lots of fun was had both on and off the pitch, and every player showed some signs of improvement as the season went on. We had 6s hit, hat-trick's achieved, classic catches made, and some fantastic run outs performed due to some very accurate throwing.

Players in the team were George & Jake Avakoumides, Alessandro Battaglia, Aden Evans, Patrick Foley, Peter Giannone, Archer Guilly, Michael Quan and Kian White.

A big thanks to the parents for making it such a great team environment and we look forward to seeing everyone back next season.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Grey

Rajesh Puranik & Reneta Sanderson | Coach & Manager

The under 9 Grey had a fabulous season with huge skill development from all players. The matches were competitive, where we clearly were amongst one of the best bowling teams in the comp. I was proud mostly of the fine mateship and awesome spirit in which the games were played. We were again blessed to have Reneta as our ever-efficient team manager and of course a wonderful bunch of parents who helped coach and support on the weekends.

Team members: Pulkit Mishra, Nathan Carvalho, Krishan Puranik, Matthew Sanderson, Mark Everett, Vishwa Jaiganesh, Xavier Tavano, Will Bolton, Nikhil Puranik.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Blue

David Wood & Heidi Penkala | Coach & Manager

Briars Under 9 Blues are a pleasure to coach. The boys progressed very well this year.

They mostly stayed out of the trees and they actually started to listen, which made it a lot easier to coach them.

Their cricket skills improved greatly over the season. One of the major reasons I believe was being able to use the nets. This made it a lot easier for them to practice

They encourage each other when playing on and off the field.

Their greatest battle this year was when the sprinkler system activated at one end of Blackmore oval, this made it difficult to field but they quickly devised a method of running around the spray to field the ball. The sprinklers then stopped, and a cheer went up.

Unfortunately, the middle row of sprinklers then activated, and we had an inch of water across the pitch, the coaches decided they had had enough and didn't want to get wet, so we abandoned the game and the "Inner West Council" was declared the winner.

The team members include Jack Braodbent, Angus Gil, Kai Guelfi, Hayden Reeves, Aayush Parikh, Vihaan Shah, Henry and Ethan Toemoe and Patrick Wood.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Green

Ashish Wadhwa & Bridget Pate | Coach & Manager

There is a lot of effort and commitment which goes behind organising the game and on behalf of our team Under 9 - Green, I take this opportunity to thank Briars Club and its management team for organising another great season of cricket.

It was my second year as coach and it was a pleasure to see all the 9 boys returning as a team for another season which demonstrated their team bonding and enthusiasm for the sport. As a coach, my objective was to keep the boys motivated, ensure that they don't miss on any trainings and we learn the basic skills. It was important for the boys to understand that winning is important and it's equally important that they enjoy the game. It was fascinating to see how the team evolved over the season - From developing bowling action to basics of running between the wickets, from celebrating their wins to consoling and learning from the defeats.

I will like to thank all the parents and our manager Bridget Pate for their support and commitment. The team members include Cameron Muter, Edward Huynh, Henry Joyce, Lachlan Pate, Thomas Colreavy, Vivaan Wadhwa, Patrick Coulton Lukas Peat and Akira Howard.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Black

Keiron Devlin | Coach

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

The team members included Leonardo Angell, Guinness Devlin, Jackson and Tyson Khoury, Abdullah Khurram, Ryan Scullion, Miles white and Nicholas Streeton.

Jnr. Cricket U9 White

Mark Kelly & Kate Kelly | Coach & Manager

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

The team members included Alexander Kelly, Charlie Roberts, Alexander Stewart, Ashton Tullipan, Arush and Aahna Virmani, Aditya and Soorya Anand.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Gold

Justin Grainger & Zubin Mirzan | Coach & Manager

Each Thursday afternoon, the boys of U10 Gold attended training, eager to listen to their Coach and Manager, and learn about the great game of cricket. I can honestly say that each boy improved during the season, and it was really satisfying to see them reap the rewards of their dedication. As cricket is a game that is meant to develop one's character, it was really pleasing to see all the boys play the game in the spirit in which it is intended. Many thanks to the boys for all their efforts, to Zubin our Manager for his incredible cricketing knowledge and dedication to the team, and lastly our brilliant parents, ready to assist in any way to help the team.

The team members include Ayden Bova, Dylan Grainger, Pablo Doherty, Francesco Mazza, Noah Merhi, Aryan Mirzan, Andrew Morozoff, and Aaron Xiong.

Jnr. Cricket U10 White

Will Padman & Jason White | Coach & Manager

In 2017-2018, the Under 10 White team embraced the new form of the game with gusto. Each game was played with passion, enthusiasm and as a team unit they were unstoppable. The team were undefeated throughout the entire season and played each match as though it was their last. The Grand Final was hard fought against Ryde Hunters Hill, but the "Whites" had the edge on the day.

The recipe for success of the team was their focus on tight, well executed bowling, discipline in the field and a never say die attitude in batting. In 15 games, the team scored 2,274 runs and took 147 wickets.

The core of the team has been together now for 3 years and each member of the team grew in skill and confidence throughout the season. Special mention should go to Callum Padman who took 31 wickets (including two "5 fors") and scored 356 runs, and newcomers Kobe Cheung who took 20 wickets and Sam Fernley who scored 192 runs.

Special thanks go to our team Manager Jason White who did an outstanding job throughout the season and every family who supported us at training and on the weekends. This was truly a team effort this year and it took efforts of the entire village to achieve success.

The Team members included: Callum Padman, Akash Shaw, Louie White, Christian Laurens, Kobe Cheung, Xavier Foster, Josh Robinson, Sam Fernley, Sam Johnstone.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Maroon

Anthony Stuart & Christine Bushell | Coach & Manager

The Under 10 Maroon had an enjoyable season in 2017-2018 and played some amazing cricket as well, eventually bowing out in the semi-finals.

Our squad consisted of the following members, with some of their individual highlights including:

- Will Bertie – Will had a HS of 15 with a best bowling of 2/2 off 3 overs. Achieved both in the same match.
- Lorenzo Luzzani – Lorenzo finished with a season total of 120 runs and a HS of 18. Best bowling of 2/4 off 3 overs.
- Lucas Biscotto – Only played half the season but was a dominant player for us. Only dismissed once in 8 matches, whilst hitting 16 boundaries. Amazing best bowling figures of 5/5 off 3 overs.
- Luke Bushell – Great all-round season for Luke. Scored 135 runs and took 21 wickets with a best bowling of 4/3 off 3 overs.
- Matthew Quan – Matthew took 19 wickets for the season and had a best bowling performance of 5/7 off 3 overs. Also had a HS of 16.
- Luke Strmecki – Luke missed a number of matches at the start of the season but quickly settled in. Best bowling of 3/5 off 3 overs and had a bowling ave of 6.4.
- Patrick Maroya – Patrick had a fine all-round season. Scored a total of 129 runs, with a HS of 20. Also had a best bowling performance of 3/4 off 3 overs.
- Rafferty Kitching – Also had an excellent all-round season. Had a best batting performance of 28, a best bowling of 5/20 off 3 overs and took an amazing hat-trick in Rnd 1.
- Nicholas Stuart – Nicholas left arm pace saw a best bowling performance of 4/4 off 3 overs. He also had a HS of 14 with the bat.

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 Christine Bushell. Her organisational skills and support for getting the 'little things' done were greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to Ivan Maroya for his coaching and umpiring on match day.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Blue

Simon Thorne & Greg Marshall | Coach & Manager

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

The team members included Ayaan Ahmed, Liam Goldsworthy, River Lusted, Alexander Marshall, Tanishq Shah, Zaeem Shehzad Sheikh, Ali Smith, Dev Subbanna, and Zachariah Thorne.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Black

Phil Ellison and Scott Nixon | Coaches

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

The team members included Luca Beckford, Daniel Biasi, Dhruv Dawar, Nicholas Donnellan, Luke Ellison, Isaac Fitzpatrick, Raphael La Rosa and Samuel Nixon.

Jnr. Cricket U11 Black

Eddie Owen-Coach & Lynette Au-Yeung | Coach & Manager

In a season which saw a mix of players thrown together – some U10 players playing up a year, a handful of seasoned players, and 3 novices – we had a fruitful season that saw us lose only one game (to a terrific performance from Briars U11 Gold) and draw one game (due to a washout.) Two players (Alex Au-Yeung and Mason Daly) managed to come away with hat-tricks, which was a superb effort!

After a terrific performance in the semi-final (against Leichhardt Black), we progressed through to the grand final against Briars U11 Maroon. In a tightly contested battle we managed to pull through and win with only a couple of overs remaining – one of the best matches I've ever seen! These kids trained hard all season – they were passionate – and the improvement over the course of the season showed this. I am very proud of these boys! Well done!

The team members included Henry Abood, Alexander Au-Yeung, Mason Daly, Aarav Duggal, Jonathan Fernandes, Gabriele Fiorito, Billy Kosmas, Matthew Morozoff, Morgan Owen, Benny Seeto, Will Sims, Kai Tweedie and Harshil Vora

Jnr. Cricket U11 Blue

Rob Mani & Matt Turner | Coach & Manager

As cricket coach for the U11's Blue team, I am proud of my boys and what they accomplished over the 2017/18 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 2018/19 season. Congratulations to Issac Perkin, Hamish Turner, Lachie Maniscalco, Lachie Wodson, Hugh Gacitua, Josef Valtwies, Gabriel Encina, Oliver Moore, Samuel Butler, Liam Lenord, Josh Bolton 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 the majority of their games and finishing in 3rd place on the ladder with 57 points. They came very close to winning in the semi-finals but unfortunately a few things didn't go their way and they lost to The Royals scoring 133 to 151 runs. It was fantastic to see such an improvement in everyone. Please see some stats below:

They scored a total of 1,818 runs at an average of 100.5 per innings, scoring at 3.35 per over. There were a couple of sixes hit, along with some amazing catches and run outs.

The bowling was awesome with the top 3 bowling averages as follows:

- Sam Butler - O: 44, R: 108, BB: 2/3, AVE: 8.31
- Josh Bolton - O: 47.3, R: 163, BB: 3/1, AVE: 11.93
- Lachlan Maniscalco - O: 41, R: 111, BB: 2/2, AVE: 12.33

Top 3 Batting averages as follows:

- Liam Lenord - MAT: 16, R: 156, AVE: 31.20
- Isaac Perkins - MAT: 18, R: 187, AVE: 23.38
- Lachlan Maniscalco - MAT: 16, R: 114, AVE: 16.29

Top 3 Fielders as follows:

- Tiger Bocking - MAT: 17, CTCHS: 11, RUNOUTS: 4
- Hugh Gacitua - MAT: 18, CTCHS: 8, RUNOUTS 9
- Gabriel Encina - MAT: 17, CTCHS: 4, RUNOUTS: 1

Jnr. Cricket U11 White

Evan Hannah & Stephan Netting | Coach & Manager

What a season! The former U10 team welcomed three new players for this season.

We had a bumpy ride, playing against some very good teams, and were unfortunate to not win a few more games. The team had a blast playing together and were a delight to coach.

- The coach's award went to cricket first-timer Luke Ecclestone, who became a reliable run-scorer and was always a troublesome bowler.
- Our best batsman was Ben Hannah (*174 runs*), and tricky leg-spinner Fletcher Netting took the most wickets for us (*9*).
- Our best single batting performance was from Michael Sanderson, who held his end up for 25 long overs, and best single match performance from Nick Callanan, taking 2/5 and hitting 29 runs.
- The best single bowling was by Stephen Kombos who took 3/9.
- Liam Moussa took most catches in the season (*5*), and our most improved was Archie Leanfore, who managed to hit runs, take wickets and pull off one of the coolest run-outs in his first season.
- Apart from contributing with runs Keelan Fischer was again our most dynamic fielder, involved in five run-outs, and Jamaal Tuman again was our fastest bowler and also hit a heap of runs.
- Toughest player was fast-improving leg-spinner Matt Zeederberg, who unknowingly trained and played with a broken arm.
- Our best swing/seam bowler was Connor Jorgenson, who kept taking wickets at critical times and was terrific in the field.

Jnr. Cricket U11 Gold

Shazley Saed & Arno Jansen | Coach & Manager

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 continue 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 in the next season.

The team members included Joyal Biju, Thomas Dunphy, Thomas Jansen, Ethan Martin, Harry Mayne, Ryan Michel, Vaibhav Puttagunta, Luka Raspudic, Benjamin Ronan, Raed Sayed, Christian Steel, Jesse Witt and Thomas Charles

Jnr. Cricket U11 Maroon

Adam McCall & Paul Lockington | Coach & Manager

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

The team members included Curtis Bowhill-Hayes, Luke Broadbent, Tom Huber, Oliver Lockington, Jack McAndrew, Callum McCall, Kane McKenzie, Will McKiernan, Satvik Prasad, Callum Robinson, Lachlan Sinclair and Sean White.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Black

John Allen, Chris Malone & Matthew Hill | Coaches & Manager

The 2017/18 season was another enjoyable experience for the boys of the U12 Black 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, especially considering they were playing in a competition a year above their age and earned their place in the Semi Finals.

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, James Kelly, Joshua Malone, Noah Ming, Max Palmisani, Matthew Plunkett, 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 and setting up the ground. Much praise and gratitude should go to the team manager Matt Hill. He always had us organised for each event. 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 12 Black again this season. We hope that they continue to enjoy their cricket long into the future.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon

Jason Burriss & Donna Harris | Coach & Manager

It was a pleasure to coach a group of young men (Under 12s black) that have a lot of passion for the game. We won a few games, lost a few games but were always competitive. The most important thing is the way the boys created friendships and the endless support that was provided by the parent group.

An enjoyable and fulfilling season for all! The team members include Zack Narayan, Dhillon Jagdev, Ibrahim Iqbal, Joseph Kalachian, Matthew Broadbent, Moran Abou-Antoun, Mitchell Burriss, Christian Wansey, Marco Iacovitti, Aidan Dolan, Taj Thorne, Jack Harris, and Arpan Desai.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Gold

Uma Umapathy & Peter Goth | Coach & Manager

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

The team members included Jayanth Bhoopalan Padua, Ronan Denning, Luke Evtushenko, Roan Fahy, PJ (Peter John) Goth-Towney, Christopher Hogan, Zac Morgan, Edward Newton, Seyon Umapathy, Nate Wuromus-Hilzinger, Viren Parikh, Gabriel Sainsbury and Garry Young.

Jnr. Cricket U12 White

Linc Roberts & Micahel Fastiggi | Coach & Manager

The under 12 White had a great season of cricket and made the semi-finals. The team compiled of various age groups, with several players playing one or 2 years above their age. I was very proud of how the boys played for their mates and played the game in the best spirit possible. The boys improved as cricketers over the season and learnt how to play the game as a team and not as a group of individuals.

The highlight of the year was winning our last game, in the last over, against an undefeated opposition team and the victory was based on all team members contributing positively to the result. Thank you to our Team Manager Michael Fastiggi who ensured all parents were kept up to date and made my job a lot easier. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their Sunday mornings to provide positive support to the boys and assist in coaching during the week.

Team members included: Logan Barry, Isaac Bushell, Lochlan Denmark, Jake Fastiggi, Matthew Gibson, Matthew Johnston, Angus Reen, Jack Roberts, Justin Ryan, Benjamin Tavano, Marcus Lorenzato, Jean Christian.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Girls

Steven Winstanley & Kathy Kalachian | Coach & Manager

This 2017-18 season was a real break out season for the girls after their inaugural season the year before, losing only one game across both spring & summer comps. In the spring the girls finished undefeated.

In the summer, the girls claimed grand final glory yet again, led by their captain Sonya Kalachian, they played the near perfect game of cricket to defeat Eastern Suburbs in the final over. Congratulations Concord Briars U/13 Girls.

The team members included Sonya Kalachian (c), Brianna Winstanley (w/k), Lily Hancock (w/k), Ayla Ali, Georgia Durnford, Alana Winstanley, Amelia Nicotina, Brooklyn Hill, Cassidy Morris, Elsie Gray and Isabella Goth-Towney

This 2017-18 season saw the introduction of a second girls' team for Concord Briars. The Concord / Gladesville team consisted of several girls brand new to cricket.

In the spring comp the girls finished third, while in the summer comp the girls finished fourth. Both efforts were outstanding performances beating a number of teams with much more experience and competing in a number of close encounters including one tied match during the summer comp.

Congratulations Concord / Gladesville U/13 Girls. The team members included Daisy Webster (c) (w/k), Ela Huber (w/k), Elizabeth Buckley, Lola Arnold, Gurleen Nagra, Ruby Turner, Nina White, Lucinda Butler, Evie Anderson, Claudia Carter and Mia Grassia

Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon

Ben Cummins & Darren Chiswick | Coach & Manager

Under 13 Maroon played some amazing cricket in 2017/18. The boys were building from a slow start to the season and were on top of their game finishing 2nd in the regular season before going down by 1 run in a very exciting semi-final.

All the boys were clearly disappointed about their exit from the competition as they had put so much effort into their season. They should take a lot of positives out of the year, including: the way they conducted themselves on the field, their sportsmanship towards each other and their opponents, their continual endeavour to improve their game, their exciting style of cricket, their batting and bowling highlights and, importantly, how they supported each other on and off the field.

We had a couple of new players join the team from last year and both Hugh and Oliver settled in well. We also lost some established players mid-season in Mark and Raj (due to their families moving interstate). Both players have been an integral part of the team over previous seasons. Shivam Wadhwa will also be leaving after this season and we wish him well. Shivam has been a role model cricketer and his improvement in 2018 has been exceptional.

The boys played some great games during the year. Individual performances whether they be batting, bowling or fielding were always celebrated by the team and it was fantastic to see how the boys took great pleasure in seeing their teammates have success. Yuvraj Dalvi received the Coaches Award for the season and some of his catches were unbelievable - genuine classic catches!

Thank you, boys, for the effort that you have put in throughout the year. You are a pleasure to coach!

As with previous seasons, a big thank you must go to Rob Penwill for coaching the boys and assisting in developing the boys' skills. Rob, your contribution to the team is very much appreciated and the boys really value your advice.

Also, thanks to Darren Chiswick and Darren Sims for being managers and organising the team. Thanks again to Aasawari Redcar for scoring every week. You have done this for a couple of years now and it is really appreciated.

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 again exemplified what playing cricket is all about and I hope to see you all again next season.

U13 Maroon team members were: Mark Chiswick, Jordan Craus, Patrick Cummins, Yuvraj Dalvi, Christian Furfaro, Hamish Gordon, Raj Johnston, Oliver Leanfore, Liam Penwill, Awhil Powar, Hugh Sims, Rameez Vu and Shivam Wadhera.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon (ISCC)

Rob Wodson & Tania Peruzzi | Coach & Manager

U13 Maroon (Sunday) joined the ISCC comp with 14 teams between East & IWHJC. Welcoming back a core nucleus of 11 players from the previous year's premiership, plus two new boys to Briars, this competition was a step-up in class with some strong Eastern suburb's teams. The boys responded fabulously to the challenge finishing the regular season 3rd and narrowly being defeated in the semi-final.

For the core group that has been together now for three seasons they have achieved results of finishing 3rd, 1st and 3rd, so clearly the boys have played some wonderful cricket during this time. I was blessed to be their coach. Every single one of the boys are again to be congratulated for their improvement, sportsmanship and skills.

Well done to Archer (captain), Damian, Matt, Joshua W, Joshua L, Sam, Vibhu, Hari, Alex, Jack, Peter, Luke and James.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Gold

Paul Pannuti, Simon Mansfield & Lindy Bunting | Coaches & Manager

The Briars U/13 Gold team had a fantastic year! The boys grew in confidence and improved their skill levels throughout the season. They played with a great spirit and for each other. During the season the boys only lost a couple of close games which worked in their favour, as complacency was never going to be an issue come finals time. In a low scoring affair and with the game in the balance, the semi-final was turned on its head, after a timely hat trick from James Hewgill all but secured us the win. The Grand Final was another story, the boys batted and batted (50's to Angus and Callum) and plenty of other contributions. With Dundas needing more than 200 the boys stuck to their tasks, demolishing the opposition and claiming a well-deserved victory. However, the highlight of the day for myself and Simon was the Umpire's comment that our boys had such a positive attitude and spirit throughout the entire match it was a pleasure for him to umpire the game. Congrats boys, you really earned it!

The members of our team were: Toby Cohen, Tyrone Pannuti, James Hewgill, Callum Mansfield, Oliver Cohen, Matthew Carr, Matthew Wollen, Angus Gray, Gabe Steele, Ra'id Shehzad Sheikh, Dylan Bunting and Will Cellucci.

Jnr. Cricket U14 Gold (ISCC)

Neil Brooks & Kathy Ford | Coach & Manager

This season was not a success looking purely at wins/losses, however I can honestly say just about every player in the team now is a better cricketer now than they were at the start of the season. The boys were very spirited and tried their best and were in with a good chance of winning many of our games up until the last stages. We did manage to win three games and they were great highlights, everybody took great pleasure in winning those matches. Our competition provided very strong opposition in every team we played against and it is my belief that this hard season will pay dividends next year as the boys will have learned some good lessons.

Our best performing batsmen was Ben Brooks who scored 303 runs at an average of 30.3. Our best performing bowler was James Hawkins who took 11 wickets at 18 runs per wicket. Our best all-rounder was John Papathanasiou who scored 290 runs at 22 and took 10 wickets. I hope to see all the boys again next year.

Ben Brooks(c), John Papathanasiou, James Hawkins, James Hardiman, Jai De Lisser-Howarth, Jordan Michas, Jeff Badrous, Jackson Mietzke, Ben Robinson, Harry Ford, Harry Groth, Tom Mackie, Sijarthan Jaseetharan and Abinayan Rajkumar.

Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon

Jack Eccleston & Cameron Arnold | Coach & Manager

The Under 14 Maroon had a very solid season just missing out on the semi-finals in a strong competition. The team developed nicely throughout the season with each player contributing greatly.

The team members were Nicholas Malakellis, Jake Narayan, Prantipal Nagra, John Melia, Anthony Ciancio, Ned Arnold, Rian Surti, Khush Pershad, Reyhan Tuman, Ben Casey and Kaif Khan.

Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon (ISCC)

Darren Morris & Traci St Lawrence | Coach & Manager

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

The team members included Mufaddal Baquari, Adrian Biscotto, Mitchell Brell, Alex De Popolo, James Hriaki, Matthew Ibrahim, William Johnson, Louis Manenti, Cooper Morris, Jivan Naganathan, Johnathan Stuart, Zubin Thrukral and Alexander Turner Jensen.

Jnr. Cricket U15 Maroon (ISCC)

Peter Chrystie & Julie Demark | Coach & Manager

It was a season of frustration for the boys, we had some great performances but could not get enough wins on the board to play finals.

We saw some great batting including a century, some great bowling and quite a few stunning catches, we were competitive all season.

If we had been able to win in the last 2 games, we could have played finals and anything could have happened, but it was not to be.

Thanks to all the boys for their efforts with regular attendance at games and training.

Thanks to all parents for helping with particular thanks to Julie Demark for managing the team and Elly Benchoam and Matt Threlkeld for running training.

I hope the boys stick with their cricket.

The team members included Jack Bakker, Jack Benchoam, Tom Buchanan, Patrick Chrystie, Anton Demark, Nicholas Enno, Jayden Merhi, Manesh Rajendran, James Threlkeld, Alif Chowdhury and Thomas Moussa.

Jnr. Cricket U15/16 Maroon

Roland Stanmore & Peter Gardiner | Coach & Manager

Many of these boys have been playing together for several years & for most it was their final year of junior cricket.

It was a highly memorable year, with many Personal Bests in batting and bowling during the season & many memorable highlights including spectacular catches and an inspirational runout in the semi-final. The improvements in the boys' skills and shared teamwork led us to many wins and all the way to the Grand Final (just lost in a great game played in excellent spirit). While too old for junior cricket the majority of the boys have moved on and are playing regular seniors' level cricket – with many enjoyable seasons ahead!

The team members included Luke Antoniadis, James Arrow, Jack Garbutt, Mitchell Harrison, Nick Kosmas, Vrishank Pendyala, Trent Stanmore, Roham Whitting, Jared McKenna and Ely Corliss.

Jnr. Cricket U15/16 Gold

Matt Threlkeld & Kate Benchoam | Coach & Manager

Concord Briars U/16 Gold had a successful regular season with 8 wins, to finish on top of the table. In the semi-final against Dundas United, the team chased down 115 with some solid batting to earn a spot in the Grand Final. In the Grand Final an excellent bowling and fielding display saw the Hunters Hill Pirates bowled out for 101, and after a hard-fought run chase the Concord Briars U/16 Gold team claimed the Lillee Competition Premiership by reaching the total with three overs remaining. It was an enjoyable season for all concerned and the Premiership was a deserving reward for the boys.

Team:

Jack Benchoam, Jonathon Cremen, Anton Demark, Satya Ganesh, Liam Gordon, George Kosmas, Dominic Lane, Ethan Marshall, Thomas Moussa, Luka Mulcahy, Kogulan Senthurchelvan and James Threlkeld.

Briars Senior Rugby

Chairman's Report

John Slender



It's been a while since I wrote my last report as a Rugby Chairman and one, I hope will get you thinking about getting involved again.

The celebration of Briars Centenary year has allowed us at Rugby to put into perspective where we have been, those who have unselfishly dedicated their time and lives for our sport, and where we ultimately want to be again.

Lifelong friendships that have been forged at Briars has resulted in a few of us old boys returning to the club. The mutual respect and admiration of our forefathers and fellow clubmen who have given their all on and off the field has re-ignited interest to ensure the Briars Rugby legacy lives on.



October 2016 - Like most ideas, starts in a pub with a few mates. Walker, Boyter and Slender.

Aaron Boyter is the modern era heart and soul leader of Briars Rugby who has re-linked the generations. Aaron and wife Julianna are ensuring Briars Rugby grows by creating Briars Junior Rugby. Brett Howle and Chris Walker are the custodians of Rugby by providing us with the Club support we need to move into the next century.

Our chat was brief, to the point and in typical Boyter fashion he said, "I want you both to be involved again!" Chris, Aaron and I took some time to think about it. We reminisced how Rugby grew during the periods we were involved in; the successes we enjoyed and acknowledge the position it was in. We agreed changes where overdue.

Season 2017 was an observation season for me and working behind the scenes in a reduced capacity. It was a contrasting reality for me to understand that younger players of today are very different from when I played. There is socially so many other opportunities on offer; The opportunity is there to work 24/7 to earn big dollars and to make their Rugby experience worse – Sydney traffic just makes getting around that bit more difficult!

At the end of 2017, I made the decision to stand for Chairman. My view was that after a bumpy season of off field politics and observation, consciously the club needed to begin grooming future leaders. Our Rugby committee for 2018 was Mark Nelson (Secretary), Andy Hogg (Treasurer), James Ashton Maxwell (Registrar), Michael Taberner (Sponsorship) with Co-Club Captains Stacey Howcroft and Alex Gonano. It was great to have so many new and young faces keen to help administer Rugby with a few experienced heads. I will admit that it wasn't a smooth-running season with varying differences in opinion however, when asked, the committee re-focused on our Rugby. I am still grateful for the time that you have all donated for the love of Rugby and The Briars. Thankyou Team.

On field we retained Lachlan White as first grade and club coach. Along with Mitchell Paish coaching 2nd Grade, Tim Entwistle coaching 3s with his assistant/friend Scott McGill, and Alex Quo working with our Colts. David Weston assisted Whitey with club skills and Dave Lewis managed our team sheets. For the exception of Mitchell and David Weston, the rest of the squad have all played for our club. Thank you, Gentlemen, for being our coaching team.

In 2018, we repeated something done in 2005; Our young Briars recruited amongst their mates and brought together a very talented group of U21 players. Enthusiastic, energetic, passionate and loving the Briars Family way of sport. Although a simple goal to say and set, this would not have happened without the effort put in by Andrew Hogg Jnr and his mates who took over 700 recruitment cards and distributed them. This season we had 28 Colts registered with an average of 3 consistently starting in 1st Grade and the majority backing up for 2nd and 3rd Grade.

In the senior grades 84 players were registered. One would think with those numbers and Colts backing up, fielding sides wouldn't be an issue. However, on certain rounds we struggled. The subbies ethos of finding a game for each player was impossible on some Saturday's. The Colts competition structure is not aligned with seniors. (U21s in 4th Division is not compulsory) Along with injuries and non-committed players, trying to maintain consistent numbers was a juggling act for the coaches. Basically, one week we would have eight sitting on the bench for 3rd Grade with colts looking for an additional game then the following week we would organise an additional Halligan's match to ensure everybody got a run and due to player related circumstances, we were cancelling Halligans late on a Friday evening. Although disappointing it was a situation I have been in, before we made the jump to Division 2 in 2007. It is a bumpy ride that must be weathered

Our results for this season on paper were not great by any means.

- Sydney Irish won the Div 4 Club Championships on 2130 points. Briars finished last on 854 points
- Mclean Cup 1st Grade – Briars placed 5th
- Grose Cup 2nd Grade – Briars placed 6th
- Walker Cup 3rd Grade – Briars placed last
- Radford Cup Colts – Briars placed 8th out of 10 Clubs

The positives we can reflect on moving forward into next season are:

- 1st Grade side defeated both Grand Finalists in Sydney Harlequins and Sydney Irish
- 2nd Grade side defeated Semi Finalists Sydney Harlequins and competed closely throughout the season with an outstanding win against a tough Blacktown side away.
- 3rd Grade team has worked hard over the past two seasons developing their skills and defeated Sydney Harlequins and beating Macquarie Uni 19-18. 1918 the founding year of The Briars
- Colts are our future and further development of our new generation of Briars is the key to growing our sport. Many of these young lads played 2 games a day (In the first season of playing ever) and enjoyed their Briars Rugby experience.

After a reviewing our club performance this season, we do not want to be in Division 4 any longer. The standard of Rugby is poor and the behavior of some of the clubs we compete against is contrary to good sportsmanship.

How do we win? We all must agree and commit to wanting to win. Preparing to win is hard work and sometimes takes a few seasons to achieve. Winning at Subbies is about getting the basics right. Something the Wallabies could learn from. We all must remain focused and stick to the plan.

Reflecting on this season a lot of work was done off field to give us the infrastructure we only dreamt about years ago. Rugby has a clubhouse on the ground that most clubs wish for. We have infrastructure in place that allows us to operate the canteen with EFTPOS and electronic cashier systems reconciling Saturday sales easier. We now have lights at Rothwell for us to train under too. Thank you to Aaron Boyter, Kerry Constanti Andrew Hogg Snr and Jason Parle for your hard work and making things happen.

On game day the Briars who managed set up – James Ashton Maxwell, Mick Taberner, Stacey Howcroft and Mark Nelson thank you again for doing it professionally. DJ Anthony Deep delivered our match day entertainment whilst father George ran the scoreboard. Many thanks for being part of our family. This season our faithful canteen crew of The Lannan, Constanti and Hogg Families kept us all well fed with the famous Briars Burger. Unfortunately, the Lannan's and Constantis are retiring leaving us with the responsibility of continuing the quality of Subbies favorite burger. Thank you all for your hard work over the past few seasons.

The Club Ltd must also be thanked for their generous support of our sport and in doing so I greatly appreciate the efforts of our Club Chairman Brett Howle and Club Patron Chris Walker. Without you Rugby would be in a tough place.

Due to running my own business I struggled with time towards the latter part of the season and was able to lean on Mark Nelson and Andy Hogg Snr for assistance. Mark was a worthy winner - Clubman of the year. Thank you both for your support and I greatly appreciate your help

What does 2019 have installed for Briars Rugby?

No matter which way we go be it requesting promotion to Division 3 (Due to vacancies) or remaining in Division 4, it will be a tough season and players will need to prepare themselves. I also do hope that our past players and old boys can spare time and can offer a helping hand. I thank Chris Walker and Andy

Craig for establishing and maintaining communications with our old boys and for organising the Rugby lunch which allows us to reunite with our old boys.

The Future of Briars Rugby

We who are involved with Rugby all must aspire to achieving the best we can. The lessons learnt administering the sport and playing it are life management skills. Success is the reward from hard work. Our first challenge is getting everyone to come on board with the main goal and that of winning our way up through the divisions.

I am predicting something very special will occur in 8 years' time. The efforts of Briars Junior Rugby will offer a continued roll over of players into seniors. Some of these young Briars will already have 100 plus games under their belts. They will also be around the ages of 19 and 18. It is senior Rugby's duty to ensure that these young Briars have a club to play for and are able to remain part of The Briars Family. This season's U21 Colts will be the mentors for those 19 and 18-year olds and help foster them into the ranks. We must be well and truly in Kentwell by then. These young old heads will lock us into where we once were. The magic number of 1918 will repeat what those young boys set out to achieve at the chook house.

This year we celebrate 100 years of Briars Sports. In 2023 we celebrate 100 years of Briars Rugby.

We have a lot of work to do!

Rugby Co-Captain's Report

Stacey Howcroft



The 2018 season started with the changing of guard and new faces leading the way for Briars rugby with the older faces setting the foundation on what the club has been built on.

Stepping into a co-club captain role was always going to be a daunting task, not only representing the club in its centenary year but also trying to fill the boots of Ash Simpson who has lead from the front, in the ways he plays and the character he shows for a couple of years now. What made this task doable was something that you don't get to experience all over the world or in any club you may play or have played for, In South Africa we talk about the spirit of "Ubuntu" and this is something I can relate to within this club, Ubuntu being a brotherhood and looking out for each other.

The season got off to a great start with a large group committed to a tough pre-season led by Grant Hyde. As a club we found ourselves with a great problem COLTS and lots of them and also some old heads coming out the woodwork for the big 100.

From there we turned our attention to skilled based approach and some cameo appearances from top rugby brains, Jeremy Paul (*Ex Wallaby*), Chris Malone (*Current Waratah Coach*) and Harry Johnson-Holmes (*Current Waratahs player*). Our first contact session kicked off with the Sydney Beach Fives (The most popular team amongst the Waratahs) and Subbies 7's followed by our regular preseason 15's warm up fixtures.

Throughout the season we came under a lot of criticism and people judging us from their ivy towers about our on field results, saying we don't work hard enough, saying we not good enough and play without purpose, I know that everyone who pulled on the Briars jersey was good enough I know that every one of them put their hearts in it when they ran onto that field, if you walked into a changing room after a loss across any of the grades and look at the faces of our players, you would have known what it meant to them as a team.

I think our results this year speak volumes as a club, yes we are growing and building, that's always been the goal, with more victories across the board this year, 1st grade beating the two grand final contenders, 2s beating 4 of the 6 opposition teams, 3rd grade stringing back to back victories together and almost knocking off grand final contenders Oatley, a Colts team the first in 6 years and of course a ladies team, this in its self shows that Briars rugby is going from strength to strength and I promise you we will get to where we want to be.

Far too often we judge a club purely on talent and not by a combination of talent, passion, determination and heart. To say that the playing group were full of talent would be an injustice to all those players who have represented the Briars this year. Time and time again they proved themselves that without the above mentioned traits, no matter how much talent there is, this won't put points on the board.



What has happened to us as a playing group this season will hopefully live fondly in this current playing squads memories for the rest of our lives. We all had the opportunity of a lifetime-one that not everyone has had, to represent a club on its 100 year and don the jersey on the hallowed Rothwell grounds while making this club, your club.

As a captain I was proud of the playing group and I'm proud to be a part of this club, the players and coaches did not just stand by and watch it happen, they took it upon themselves to make it happen.

We let our blood run thick with all the attributes that Briars are made of for a great season and took a firm grasp of these aspects, because these are the substances that we stand for. There is nothing stopping any of the current playing group getting what they want to achieve in life.

2019 will promise to be another great year on and off the field, as I firmly believed in our abilities as a playing group on and off the field. A strong committee and early recruitments drives paving the way for 2019 and beyond.

I hope to see a full supportive club on Saturdays at Rothwell as we slowly claw our way back to where we belong.

"Once a Briar always a Briar and that's enough".

Club Coach's Report

Lachlan White



Once again, this season was an enjoyable one, coaching the club that I once played for was a great experience. Lots continued to change across the year, most notably was my old playing partner John Slender was back at the helm as President, something which I welcomed to ensure that the top job at the club was not only kept in the forward pack but in the Front Rowers Union!

Briars Rugby continued to change and evolve in the year, working to continue to improve on the well-established name in the community with some new initiatives for Season 2018.

This season new programs of Women's Sevens, reintroduction of a Colts rugby side, a focus on Men's Mental Health for young males and linking the playing group with quality coaching experiences with Ex Wallabies, Current Waratahs etc.

Sporting clubs are becoming the place where young people now collate and spend time together, where there is opportunities to develop programs to ensure that there is engagement, connection and care. Briars Rugby proudly has taken this step forward, with many "check in" sessions regarding players mental health, a response to the alarming rise in male death by self-harm. As an example, Briars Rugby has had a number of cases of "mental health" related issues over the last twelve months, where the "Briars Family" has banded together to look after our own.

While rugby results are mixed for 2018, Briars Rugby club has not only maintained its strong name but enhanced its reputation as place where all comers can come and get a quality rugby experience. This was particularly evident through the injection of youth into the club and the re-emergence of a colt's team. This group of young men, often straight out of school, played their rugby with enthusiasm and purpose, learning each week and improving their skills. This footprint into the u21s market (with follow up on similar recruitment in 2019) will mean that the club has a good footing for the future.

Old Boys have a role to play with these young Colts, as well as the others that are new to the club. Understanding the significance of those that have played before them in the gold jersey and the history of our great club is something that we seek our "elders" to pass on. "Baptism" into Briars Rugby and the greater club of Briars Sports is something that we should make sure happens, newcomers feeling welcomed and understanding the history. Former First Grade Coach John



Hurley attended training during the season as a link to our past in our Centenary Year, John was able to give some stories from the past, advising that once a Briar always a Briar and that was enough.

During our preseason trip away, players sat down and discussed some truths about the club, the current playing culture and how they wanted to take the club forward in the upcoming season. Discussing these topics and developing some rules around the upcoming season, established by the playing group, meant that there was something that all could refer back to, collectively keeping each other accountable on common values. At the end of the season, how we would rate ourselves on these concepts could be questioned though it is a start of ensuring that the club changes for the better of maintaining standards.

Again, it was very pleasingly to see the Juniors growing. Further and ongoing engagement of the Juniors will lead to the success of the Senior club. Now there is a Colts team, the pathway to Senior Rugby is clearer. This will reduce the pressure and need to recruit players to the Seniors over time. This is a long-term strategy and one that still has 5 to 8 years until it bears fruit. It was pleasing to see that regularly, members of the Seniors club, would come to training early and attended Juniors training and games. Assistance from the Seniors will improve this link and pathway creation for young players, will mean more to the Juniors players and develop club loyalty. Congratulations to all involved with the Juniors club on developing this base, a very important job. Keep up the good work.

Women rugby has grown at Briars, with a core group of women developing their skills at training. A team of keen and enthusiastic girls now play in Sevens competitions and stand shoulder to shoulder with the men's team. Integrated training sessions has seen a growing player base and is a market that Briars can continue to grow in as Women's sevens rugby is the greatest grown area in the game. More girls are needed for this team and if possible, a youth team would be a great advancement for the future. Congratulations to David Lannan for driving this part of the program, with the support of others.

As part of preseason, improvements in numbers at training and the outcome of attendance at training meant that significant learning took place with a game style that relied on player improving core their skills. Learning this system of play gave cohesion across the grades and changed the approach to games. Training saw the involvement of former Wallaby Jeremy Paul, working on defence, set piece and attacking structure, as part of a preseason that looked at embracing the change. Further, Chris Malone (*Waratah assistant coach*) attended training working with our attack and backs attack. Chris is a master at working with Rugby players and a valuable time spent with him. Current Waratah player Harry Johnson Holmes attended training after his Super Rugby commitments, giving some valuable advice to the Juniors while being able to subtly assist when the Seniors were in a "Full noise" session.

It is appropriate that acknowledge the support networks that I have had access to support me across the season. The network of coaches, David Weston, Mitch Paish, Tim Entwisle, Scott McGill, and Alex Kuo. The support, dedication, friendship and professionalism of these guys, where the consideration as to what is best for rugby, the player and the club is always considered. I would further like to thank the support of the Briars Rugby Committee, assisting me in my requests with the players rugby experience being considered, along with financial viability being considered. I have enjoyed working with John Slender as President and pleased that the club is still in good hands. I would particularly like to thank Andy Hogg Senior for his support and commitment to the club. Andy has brought in some system

changes that should see Briars Rugby well set up for the future. More people like Andy are needed for the future so take his lead and get involved.

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. In particular congratulations to those who put together the Briars Rugby lunch, another great successful day. To the Old Boys, 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, leadership and most particularly friendship. 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 Briars family remains the best family.

Briars First XV

Lachlan White | Coach

Firstly, I would like to thank those that played for Briars First grade this season, a great crew of guys that showed great intent to improve and play some attacking rugby. One of my season highlights was our game against Sydney Harlequins (the eventual competition winners) at Waterloo oval where we put in a very good whole team performance. Our length of the field try after receiving the reply kick off was an example of the running rugby that we had hoped to play across the season.



Inconsistent is probably the theme to sum up the season for the First XV. The team beat the best teams in the competition with some excellent rugby, though lost to teams that were not as talented as us, which begs the question: Why? Beating teams such as Sydney Irish and fellow Grand Final contenders the Harlequins were great highs, though we had losses to teams below us on the final table was very disappointing. This inconsistent performance is one that gave the coaches plenty of headaches trying to understand the performance.

Again, in excess of 30 players wore the first team shirt of Briars this season, something that is a little alarming. Injury and unavailability in the early rounds to both our 2017 First and Second Grade Half Back and Fly half meant that we were in a significant hole when it comes to game managers, putting us behind the eight ball. Some experimentation with new players at this level, players playing out of position and new personnel got the side through this rough period.

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 tough game. In our final game of the competition against Canterbury, it became very clear that the men in gold were young, never taking a backward step against more physically imposing opposition, giving it their all. On review after the game, 7 players were younger than 22 – meaning that some valued experience was given to youth, looking at creating opportunities for future years. In quite a few games this season, the team had opportunities to win the games against some more favoured opposition, going very close, causing major upsets to the competition on more than one occasion. The Sydney Irish President talked about after our last game that Briars are a “club on the move and one to watch” in 2019.

Though there is promise there 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, it is important that some older players are around to help making key decisions on field and with selections. In particular, congratulation to the players who made their First team debut this year.

This improvement in competitiveness meant that players were challenged in their understanding of how to play the game, learning new skills and comprehension of game strategy. Our game plan threatened opposition, with a respect for the Briars (apart from Oatley) being established. Winning is habit and it is something that this side will get used to in the future. Too often though, our inability to control field position and maintain possession at key times meant that our defence was always under threat. Despite significant time spent on this skill and system, opposition teams stretched our defence too often, scoring and meaning the Briars were on the wrong end of the ledger.

The players are thanked for their efforts for the team and club, it has been great to get to know and understand this team, learning each week and trying to improve. Ashley Simpson is thanked for his commitment in leading the team and my assistant coach David Weston, who was valued help across the season.

Andrew Hogg – Andrew has had a good year playing in the front row, another year in this position of learning the dark arts. When at his best his power game shows a running game that is strong and ability to dominate at scrum time.

Thomas Weber – a great addition for 2018, bringing some much-valued experience from Premiership rugby to the pack. His scrummaging is a strength, along with an ability to keep others calm around him at times of need.

Anthony Nguyen – another great addition for the 2018 pack. Chewy became a favourite of the Rothwell faithful, often showing devastating power running and a physical presence in defence. Some greater consistency in his game should be his work on for the off season.

Adam Woolaston – a great year for Adam, his work rate and effectiveness at breakdown continued to improve over the season. Showed versatility in playing across the front row and even as a lock in our times of need.

Stacey Howcroft – Played as lock, always willing to roll the sleeves and work for his team. Stacey certainly knew that game plan well, helping others with a guiding hand to understand. Dynamic improvements in jump and agility will take his game to the next level.

Jacob Till – Jacob popped up at Briars from a spell with Southern Districts colts and was a welcome replacement for Aaron Boyter. Easily the tallest player in our pack, Tilly dominated our lineout. He was sorely missed when he broke his arm later in the season.

George Corias – easily the pack's best runner, always making inroads into the defence. George has a good understanding of rugby and poses a threat whenever in the action. Some valuable steals at the breakdown were great examples of his strong technique at ruck time.

Troy Tonkin – “Tugs” was a great addition to the club, bringing his experiences from Premiership rugby to the Briars. He was always very difficult to bring down when carrying the ball in the wide channels. His defence on the line in the game against Harlequins was a key to our win.

Matt Syron – “Big Sexy” always carries the ball well, though the addition of some devastating tackling to his game made him a player highly rated each week. This very physical defence was highlighted in the final game of the year against Sydney Irish when Matt led the “bash brothers” this day and went to town on our Eastern Suburb neighbours.

Ashley Simpson – As captain, led the side well again, though a frustrating year for Ash. A broken thumb and tweaked calf precluded him from playing all games and being at the best of his powers. A true Briars leader and a man who will bleed gold for the club.

Will Wan – Unavailability and injury kept Will out of some games this season. Is at his best when attacking the line with square hips, putting those outside of him through gaps. His small stature is nothing compared to his big heart, regularly taking on bigger opponents and bringing them down to their surprise. No funnier man in the club at the post match function.

Grant Isles – A brilliant year for Grant, deservedly winning Best and Fairest. Always putting the team above himself, Grant played both 10 and 12, easily leading the count of the most numbers of metres for carries. Best suited at 12, his ability to get front foot ball over the gain line meant that Briars were in good positions to attack regularly. Highly improved defence meant he was the first picked every week.

Tim Gorman – another disappointing end to the season for Tim, with another bad injury. An absolute pleasure to coach, wanting to always work hard at his skills and do what was right for the team. A very enthusiastic and keen attacker on the wing, Tim also was the goal kicker for the team.

Matthew Schwarz – it was great to have Matt play this year, playing in a number of positions; centre, wing and fullback. He has some great knowledge of the game and is hard on himself in order to drive a standard, something that made him easy to pick in the side.

Miles Cheetham – easily the most improved player for 2018. His step left plenty in his wake, playing as both a winger and fullback. Most pleasing has been Miles' improved defence. Always taking the opposition low, his improvement in this area of the game meant that we were able to defend him closer to the ruck if needed. More game time and knowledge of the game will see this kid be club legend in years to come.

Benjamin Dawbin – a hard direct running centre, “Dawbs” was a no fuss player. His game against Harlequins in round 1, where he was Man of the Match, was excellent where his combination with stand in fly half Isles got the Briars over the line. Ever reliable in defence, opposition always looked to attack elsewhere.

Other starting players

Alex Gonano - a frustrating season for Alex, a foot injury keeping on the sidelines for most of the season

Lachlan Cameron - a great club man whose season was cut short making another of his try saving tackles. Always puts his body on the line.

Matt Carew - a Briars stalwart who never leaves anything in the tank and always puts his body on the line. Developing his lifting skills at Lineout time will make him more potent and easier to pick each week.

Jonathan Chin - what a courageous team man. Pulled on the boots after playing 3rd grade and made a run on debut in first grade. Well respected and gives his all.

Jordan Shaw - answered our call for a few weeks in our half back crisis

Lachlan Koziollek - out and out prospect, new to rugby and will be a quality Briar who will score many tries. Big physical lad that can bend the line and has speed.

Doug Paish - played well in early rounds but needed some time off for most of the year. A greatly respected player who we hope will be back in seasons to come

Max Fiorini - WHEELS! One of our Colts who is a natural finisher and one who is a long term First grade prospect. Always well supported with the fans.....

Henry Naylor - top draw talent but cruelly hurt with another shoulder injury.

Tom Mutton - Tom the Pom version #2, our most recent gappie from Trinity, worked hard to get into the First team for a few games on the side of the scrum.

Alex Peterson - was another stand in half back – who now has an enviable winning record of 100% in the Briars jersey! His game v Oatley in Round 2 was a cracker!

Briars Second XV

Mitchell Paish | Coach

This year there were only seven teams in the competition. Macquarie University had improved significantly from the previous year and short there were no easy games.

Second grade beat four of the six teams at least once. In their second last game they were leading Canterbury at half time and had the first try scoring opportunity in the second half only to fade in the last twenty minutes. If this game was won, second grade would have been in the semi-finals.

This year was a year of missed opportunities through inconsistent form. A greater participation in fitness and attendance at training may well have produced a quite different outcome.

Second grade always had a will to win and the definite potential to do much better if they can improve their preparation as above.

A huge positive for the season was the large number of Colts who played in this team and the attitude and commitment they displayed. There is good reason to expect a marked improvement in the final result for this team in 2019

In review the following players contributed to 2nd grade:



James Ashton-Maxwell: Captain and leader. Managed the referees and team very well and kept them going during some tough games. Not far off from being an aggressive front rower who can wreak havoc. Work hard on your fitness

Adam Woolaston: Young hooker with a lot of potential. Does the tight work well.

Adrian Fiatatone: Experienced player that helped educate the younger Briars. Unfortunate injury affected his season

Chris Habijanec: Quiet achiever with a gutsy work ethic. Doesn't mind making the big hits when it counts and always backed up for 1st grade.

Patrick O'Callaghan: A colt who played the majority of 2nd Grade before returning home to Ireland. A dirty but intelligent line out jumper. Confused his experienced opposition number

Praveen Shanmugalingham: Worked on his fitness that allowed him to get to the breakdown early

Mark Nelson: No fear of sticking his head in a ruck. Unfortunately, an airborne tent took his head out against Oatley. Will make a great No.8 with his strength

Stacey Howcraft: Always good to have an angry South African in a team and motivator. Worked hard on his fitness in 2018

Reuben Stanley: Always made good yards and tackled solidly

Tom Entwisle: Started off the season well. Further skill work and defence around the ruck will give him the confidence needed.

James Luu: Dazzling fly half that can step off both feet.

Daniel Simpson: A colt with a lot of potential. Work on your fitness in the off season and be patient. Let your coaches help you develop your game

Andrew Ananin: Always made good yards in attack and defended solidly. Just watch that shoulder of yours as the Refs were watching you closely

Ili Sorova: Colt that has a beautiful running style. Work on your size on the off-season Ili. It will help your game next year.

Nick Tawa: Another young Colt who has great potential. Hard work and commitment will produce what you are capable of.

Timmy Gorman: A team player that gives 100%. Thank you, Tim for your help this season

The following players contributed to our team either starting or coming off the bench:

Martin Seiuli, John Wame, Travis Pearce, Daniel Shalala, Tom Mutton, Matt Carew, Jackson Le Claire, Ben Dawbin, Antony Di Renna, Lachlan Koziollek, Andrew Coughram, Mitchell Dunne, Michael Ly, Samuel Roche

Briars Third XV

Tim Entwisle | Coach

Confucius says: *A gentleman would be ashamed should his deeds not match his words.*

Third grade as the gentlemen of Briars Rugby enjoy their red wine, a good Brie as well as aspiring to play good rugby. Although we did not get great results this year improvements were made and the deeds of the gentlemen started to match their words after they had built some confidence.

The first half of our season was poor. We struggled to get a cobbled together team on the field and to find back-line players, which meant our defence was



particularly vulnerable to teams that can break tackles, offload and run lines, which was pretty well all of them.

In contrast the later part of the season was much better. The availability of the colts into grade and the return of players from previous seasons gave us the opportunity to field a team where players were playing in their preferred positions.

When we played Blacktown in Round 10 we counted tackles as a performance measure—and the boys tackled like their pride depended on it. We lost 41-0 but a hoodoo was broken—the hoodoo that we couldn't, and wouldn't, tackle.

In Round 11 we played Harlequins. Harlequins were just above us on the table. We either beat them or we would have nothing. It was time to put up or shut up. Two tries to Joe Elias, a try to Honey Soy and a try to Api meant we took the game 26-17. Our first win—a huge confidence boost and a sign that the team had developed some belief over the season. We enjoyed a couple of bottles of mid-priced red, some brie and camembert to celebrate, after singing California for the first time this year.

The following week we played Macquarie University (*Round 12*). We wanted revenge for the first round when they had brought their three, Fijian, first-graders on to steal the game from us. This time Mac Uni scored first but Joe scored back (*at inside centre*). They went another try up but Nick Tawa (also at centre) scored back. Uni got a couple of penalty goals and the score was 12-18. Towards the end of the game we hammered and hammered their line. The referee gave Uni two yellow cards for repeated offending and finally awarded us a penalty try. It was a well-deserved win and we posted the historic score 19-18. Our big moment to celebrate the centenary year!

When I first came to coach Briars last year I was a bit disappointed to see that the whole club had another hoodoo, about Oatley. As far as everyone was concerned losing was a done-deal, while maintaining that Oatley are a bunch of “asses”. It was the same this year. Hence the pre-game message this week: put up or shut up - if you want to insult them you have to beat them otherwise you have to give them your respect. We did lose but we lost in a close and really tough game 5-13. Thor scored a great barging try at the start but Oatley responded with two and we couldn't take it back. Tom E. made a big break downfield but there was no one backing up! The game was a step forward - we believed we could win and we almost took the game. No more hoodoo! Oatley ended up losing the grand final 8 to 15 against Canterbury. We are not that far from the other teams.

What can we say about the season? Not great results with an atrocious for-and-against record. Our defence at the beginning of the season was poor and lacked character. However, we did turn that around and showed that we did have the character to match other teams.

Our achievement is that every week we have turned up and fielded a genuine third grade team. It is unfortunate for us that against some clubs they have run their current first graders out against us. I think that had they not done so we would have had a few more wins. I would also like to acknowledge that there were quite a few training sessions when third grade showed up in the most numbers - well done on that.

Let me give a flavour of the gentleman players of third grade:

Alex Constanti	Versatile, front-row cellar potential
Antony Di Renna	Young but robust
Andy Clark	Cold-climate variety with good finish
Apenisa Matairavula	International gold-medal winner
Ben Edwards	Rare appearances but medalled at shows
Chris Tarlamis	New rising star to improve with age
Christian Lombardo	a rare drop and bruises easily
David McDougal	Big and bold with nutty complexity
Dan Harold	Large, full-bodied with superior quality
Dan Simpson	Non-alcoholic but with big character
Dante Finlay Melville	Performance has been steadily growing
Darcy Kelleher	Great character but rarely seen
David Fatseas	Reliable blend of character and strength

David Lannan	Strong character at the porty end of the flavour spectrum
Derek Henderson	Vintage varietal best served with red meat
Ed Doumit	Still have not uncorked this bottle
Hamish McCrindell	Reliable and consistent workhorse
Ilikini Sorova	Energetic with a sharp finish
Jack Klumpp	Blends easily and is developing well
Jeremy Weber	Savoury with reliable flavour
James Luu	A fine variety not often on the menu
Jackson Le Clair	Strong bodied developing with time
Jonathon Chin	Quality palate difficult to acquire
Joe Elias	Broad range of flavours with bold character
Lachlan Maybury	Good year and expected to age superbly
Lloyd Caetano	Developing strengths in the short to medium
Luke Woods	Green and herbacious with a touch of acidity
Lyndon Carney	Light and zesty with room to develop
Manuel Oramas	Forward palate with strong undertones
Martin Seiuli	Young but developing multiple layers
Mathew Smith	The end of the vintage much disappointing
Mathew Quirk	A popular choice but not widely available
Matthew Maddrell	Effervescent, refreshing and dependable
Michael Gallagher	Range of styles but often unavailable
Michael Ly	Highly finessed variety with aromas of soy and honey
Michael Taberner	Full-bodied and robust with good structure
Mitch Warner	A red variety with strong ginger overtones
Nick Alvaro	Well-aged with an intensity of flavour
Nick Tawa	Late arriver but well-appreciated flavours
Praven Shanmugalingam	Strong and resilient characteristics
Ra Tawhiti	Generous variety from (unpopular) cold-climate region
Robert Hamilton	Full-bodied with rustic tobacco aromas
Roy Elder	Supple but with strong forceful overtones
Ruairi Davis	Combines subtlety with elegance
Sitiveni Delailoa	Late season variety but worth the wait
Tom Entwisle	Underrated flavours but provides good value
Tom McKewn	Noble and robust, short-season variety
Toni Gesovski	Hard to get hold of, but increasing in popularity
Tony Kerle	A long-lived variety with good character

Thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of the captains this year: Kurly, Tabs and Intensity. The players recognised in the awards were Best-and-Fairest, Joe Elias; Most-Improved, Dan Harold; and Players'-Player Api Matairavula (*also with his international caps for the Australian Deaf Wallabies*). Honourable mention to Matt Maddrell whose personality and leadership at 10 contributed to the strong morale and team spirit this year. Also, a special mention of the three Weber brothers who played a game

together in thirds to mark the centenary year. Thanks to the colts who backed up for us - I have named most but not all.

Thanks to Scott McGill for his assistance in coaching the boring bits of the game and for Dave Guille for his advice.

But to all the gentlemen of third grade—it was a privilege to coach you this year. As the season progressed, we did gain the confidence to back ourselves and were able to match our deeds with our words by winning some important games. I look forward to next year.

Briars Colts XV

Alex Kuo | Coach

2018 was a great success for the club, with our first colts team in six years. Our preparation for the season was disjointed and with a short season ahead, the squad had to learn to play with one another very quickly. What the team lacked in preparation, they made up for in enthusiasm. The squad was a pleasure to coach, with everyone keen to learn and improve their game from week to week. They set the platform for the wider playing group with commitment to training, often arriving early and staying late to work on their skills. These efforts transposed into success on the field. Early the season we were often guilty of falling away late in games that we could have won. With continued efforts and greater depth from ongoing recruitment, improvements were visible each week. Our performances continued to build, culminating in a strong win in our final match of the season.



I would specially like to thank a few members of the club who made this Colts season possible. John Slender, Mark Nelson and JAM were a huge help every week to organise games, gear and everything in between. Luke Sinai was a very handy guest/assistant coach whose knowledge of the game was a great influence on the team.

At the start of the season, we were struggling to fill all 15 players for a game each week. By our last game of the season, I had almost 2 full teams worth of players to choose from. It is no secret that depth improves a squad and the ongoing efforts from all the players to recruit meant that we continued to build, which will put us in good stead for the future. The most pleasing part of this was all the new faces to the squad, with this being most of the players first season at Briars.

Our returning players included Andrew Hogg, Miles Cheetham, Jack Klumpp and Nick Tawa, who quickly showed the new players the attitude of a Briar. Jack and Tawa were consistent performers for the colts, with Tawa receiving the most improved award for the season. Hoggy and Miles were often playing for 1st grade but when available, had a noticeable impact with both their performances and lifting the playing group around them. Anthony “Chewy” Nguyen and Jacob till were also 1st grade regulars who were welcome additions to colts whenever available. Our UK recruitments Tom Mutton, Paddy O’Callaghan and Ruari Davis were all key members of the team, providing good experience to our young squad.

Will Caligiore, Edmund Doumit, Andrew Coughran and Lachlann Maybury didn’t always get the accolades each week but were our regular performers whose skills improved with each game and were an integral part of our team’s success. Our two main options at 10, Daniel Shalala and Jake Della Motte, both unfortunately had injury plagued seasons but when available provided great guidance on the field. Due to injury, the number 10 role was thrust upon Daniel Simpson. Despite it not being his favoured position, Casper led from the front, being one of our strongest performers every week. There is no secret as to why his teammates voted him Player’s Player this year, which he thoroughly deserved.

Our enforcers in the forward pack were Martin Seiuli and Antony Di Renna. They were often the players who stepped up and gave us strong go forward, allowing players like Ilikini Sorova, Lloyd Caetano and Max Fiorini to use their pace to expose other teams. Max had an outstanding season and was our Best and Fairest. His great pace and footwork were equally matched by his strong defense and countless try

saving cover tackles. He gained a well-deserved debut in 1st grade and remained a consistent selection for the rest of the season.

Joining later in the season, but quickly assimilating into the squad and improving our performances on the field included Dean Tolhurst, Chris Tarlamis, Jaye-Christopher Laloulu, Chris Elias, Jackson Le Claire and Lachlann Koziollek. Jackson had an immediate impact on our forward pack and his consistent performances led to regular 2nd grade selection and rewarded with 2nd Grade's Most Improved Award. Kozzie had an exceptional first season of rugby. Transferring from soccer I had some reservations initially, but he well and truly showed his toughness throughout the season and was also rewarded with selection in 1st grade, where he continued to have an impact. He was rewarded as the Rookie of the Year.

Finally, we come to our Colt's Captain, Mitchell Dunne. He led the team both on and off the field. He was always first to put his hand up to take and run or first out of the line to make a hit. His passion for the game spread through to his teammates and lifted everyone's performances. His attitude to the game, team and club are exactly what Briars Rugby is about and was justly rewarded with the Toby Crisp Award.

The large colts' squad was a great influence on the rest of the Rugby Club, providing extra depth to push for spots and being very involved in all the club events. They bought into the culture of the club immediately and the coming years for Briars Rugby look extremely promising, as these players are the future. I look forward to seeing them all around next season to continue to build on everything we have achieved this year.





Celebrating 100 Years
The Tradition Continues.....



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PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

BRIARS SPORTS CENTENARY DINNER

My warm wishes to everyone celebrating the centenary of Briars Sports this evening.

What a journey it has been, with humble beginnings that are a far cry from tonight's glittering dinner event.

It would be fascinating to transport ourselves back in time 100 years and listen in to that group of about a dozen boys, aged between nine and 13, as they met on a disused chook yard at Bob's place to inaugurate the club, driven by a love of backyard cricket and rugby.

I'm told the club's first source of revenue was a "swear box" to limit the outbursts of a young member with a rather, shall we say, robust vocabulary. Do not ask me to speculate on how lucrative such a venture would be if it were established at Parliament House.

As everyone at tonight's dinner is aware, the core of the club is family and community. Every team is supported by parents, friends and volunteers, and there's a big emphasis on sportsmanship.

At this important milestone for Briars Sports, I would also like to recognise the 157 members who served in the Armed Forces in the Second World War—sixteen of whom never returned home.

Today, Briars has almost 2,000 active members, including 750 senior sportsmen and women, and 1,200 juniors. This makes Briars one of the biggest sporting clubs in the area, and is a testament to the dedication of each and every member.

Congratulations to all of you who have played a part in the story of this centenary of community sport. I hope those founding fathers—or, more rightly, 'founding boys'—are watching on with pride tonight.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia

4 August 2018

City of Canada Bay Civic Reception
Wednesday, 7th March 2018



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas

Invites you to a Civic Reception
to celebrate 100 years of

BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

Wednesday, 7 March 2018
6.00pm to 8.00pm

City of Canada Bay
Halliday Room
1a Marlborough Street
DRUMMOYNE NSW 2047

Dress: Smart casual

RSVP deadline: 28 February 2018
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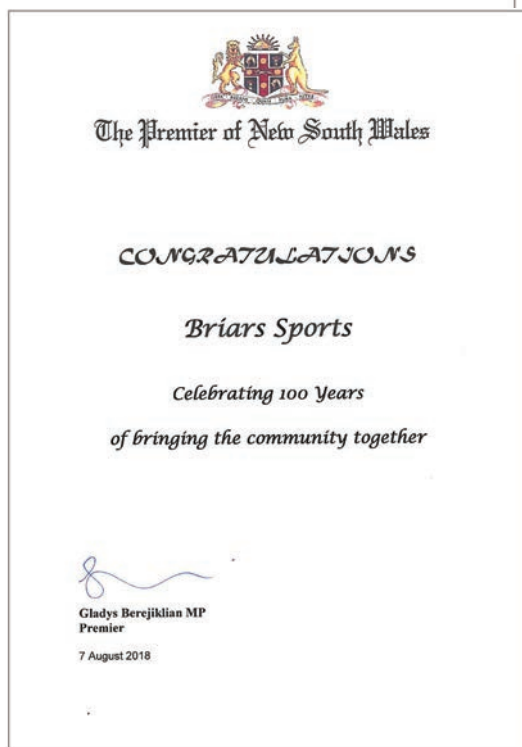
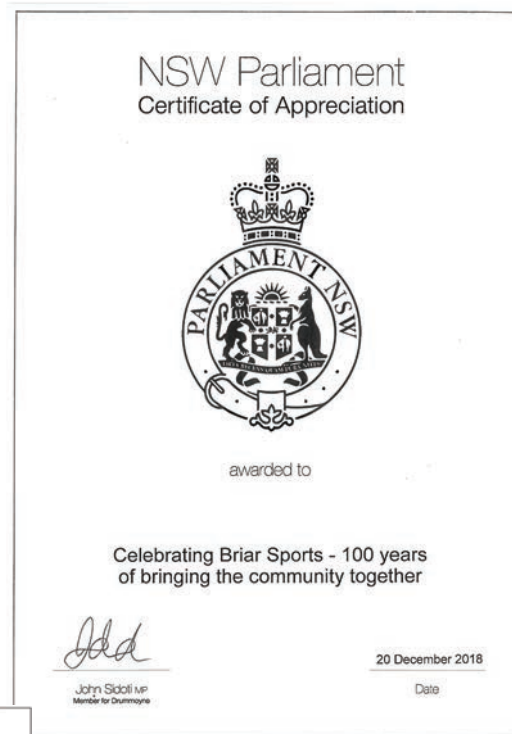


A Centenary of Briars

Back. Waaay back when, after the Dreamtime, but well before Blue Hills started, back in early August 1918 I say, back in Sydney's western suburbs a group of likely lads, aged nine to 13, who delighted in playing street cricket decided to form a sporting club. A sacred meeting thus took place in a chook pen in the backyard of Bob Clark's place, just off the Appian Way, Burwood. Bobby himself became, if you please, the "Honorary Secretary".

What are we going to call it, lads? Well, what about the name of our first "President" Jacko's house? The Stones have a grand house in Kelso St, with its own indoor dunny and everyfink, and it's called "The Briars".

Yes, that's it! "The Briars Sports Club" has a nice ring to it. Initially the lads just ran and swam and played cricket and rugby among themselves.



But in 1922, they entered a Briars team in the local cricket comp and did likewise with rugby a year later. In 1929 – now young men and with a burgeoning membership – they lease a club room in Burwood. Two Briars, Mal Blair and Billy Mann, toured Britain with the Waratahs of 1927–28 and 157 members from a list of 187 served during World War II. Sixteen didn't come home.

The club has produced Wallabies and Olympians, and has 1200 juniors and 800 seniors participating in cricket, rugby, hockey, squash, netball and lawn bowls.

On August 4 at Sydney Olympic Park, Briars is holding a centenary dinner with Robert de Castella as guest speaker. The centenary history of the club is also being launched.

Article by: Peter Fitzsimons
The Fitz Files, SMH – August 2018



Briars Centenary Dinner

Saturday, 4th August 2018

Waterview at Bicentennial Park







Centenary Night Speech

By Brett Howle

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Briars Centenary Dinner to celebrate 100 years of the Briars Sporting Club.

Briars is proudly unique in our rich history, heritage, and culture.

That is reflected tonight with 603 of you here to celebrate and commemorate our centenary. I sincerely thank you for your attendance tonight, especially those who have travelled and hope that you catch up with many old friends throughout the evening, because that is what Briars is all about.

Briars DNA is sport. 100 years on, we have stayed true to the club's foundation. The playing and promotion of sport today is as relevant and strong now as it ever has been.

I would like to welcome some of our special guests tonight:

Chris Walker, the clubs Patron. Chris accepted the role of Patron earlier this year. Chris joined Briars in 1957 and has had a lifelong association with Briars. Whilst Chris' father Don and uncle John commenced with Briars in the 1930's.

Unfortunately, our other patron, Keith Free, cannot be with us tonight.

Craig Laundy, Federal Member for Reid, and his wife Suzie. Craig is Minister for Small and Family business, the workplace and deregulation. Craig was instrumental in assisting in the funding to make the Ted Stockdale pavilion at Rothwell happened. Craig is also a regular attendee at our other functions and a half decent mc.

John Sidoti, State member for Drummoyne, and his wife Sandra. John is the Parliamentary secretary to Cabinet. John also assisted in the Ted Stockdale Pavilion and helped the club to be successful in gaining funding through the community building partnerships.

Jodi McKay, State member for Strathfield and husband. Stephen. Jodi is the Shadow Minister for Transport, and Shadow Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

Angelo Tsirekas, mayor of Canada Bay, and Heather Crichton, Councillor for Burwood Council. Angelo is well known to you all and he and Canada Bay Council are wonderful supporters of Briars. This has been shown in their support for the Ted Stockdale pavilion, the lighting, cricket nets and centre wicket at Greenlees park and the old and new Cintra hockey complex and of course all the sporting facilities we use throughout the year.

John Faker, Mayor of Burwood and wife Julie. John and Burwood Council have been most accommodating in their assistance for the Briars centenary March to occur next week.

Peter Gainsford, General Manager of Canada Bay Council, and wife Caroline.

Our club enjoys great support from all levels of government to allow us to do what we do best, and that is play and promote sport. I would like to thank you all for your continued support over the years and look forward to it continuing.



Welcome to Robert De Castella as our guest speaker ... and a thank you to Gordon Bray for his MC'ing responsibilities this evening.

Tonight, we launch our centenary book, Boys Briars and a continuing sport tradition. At over 300 pages, this book recalls some of the wonderful people and events that make up our history and includes some intriguing and previously unknown stories. Ronald Cardwell our author will speak later on. Ronald has spent an enormous amount of time in researching, writing and publishing this book and I sincerely thank him for his efforts. I encourage you to purchase a book while you are here tonight.

Briars was born on 7 August 1918 in Appian Way, Burwood. On Sunday 12 August, 2018, a week tomorrow, we will celebrate that occasion with the unveiling of a plaque in the footpath outside No. 7, Appian Way, to acknowledge 100 years of Briars in the inner-west community. Helena Britt, the current owner of 7 Appian Way, is here tonight. Following the ceremony and a morning tea, a group of Briars will march to the cenotaph at Burwood Park. 157 Briars members from a list of 187 served during World War II. Sixteen didn't come home.

We will finish up with a few beers back at 30a George Street, Burwood. I encourage your participation next Sunday. More details on our website.

I would like to thank the centenary committee of Greg McPhee, Ian Blair, David Lewis, Ian Richard, Ronald Cardwell, Jason Parle, Anthony Deep and Monique Laaper for all the work that has been done to make this centenary dinner happen. A lot of time and effort has gone in to making sure tonight is the night it deserves to be. A special mention in particular to Jason and Monique for their tireless work.

At the conclusion of tonight we have a free bus available to take willing participants back to the club to continue the celebrations. Numbers are limited. The bus will leave at 11 and 11.30pm. So, what does it mean to be a Briar? It's a melting pot of being a team player and selflessness, making the club and your sport better and stronger for the next generation, fairness and fair play. Importantly, it's about mateship and camaraderie on and off the sporting field.

100 years on, I am pleased to say the club remains true to the principles established by our founders and the subsequent generations of Briars who have gone before us. Today, our club is stronger than it has ever been. Our vibrant club premises in Concord support our sporting members and cater to our social members. We maintain ownership of our original club premises in George Street, Burwood. Our sports of cricket, rugby, hockey, squash, netball and bowls are going better than ever. The club has over 2000 active sport participants, with 800 senior players and 1200 juniors competing in summer and winter sports. To my knowledge, we are the largest amateur sporting organisation in the inner west of Sydney.











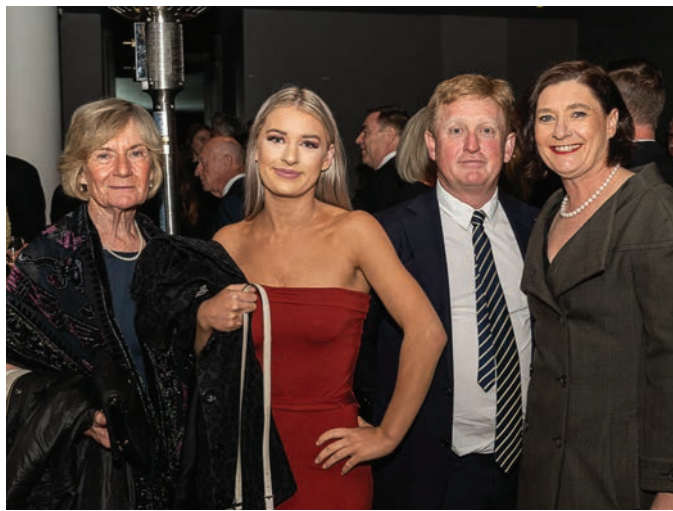


















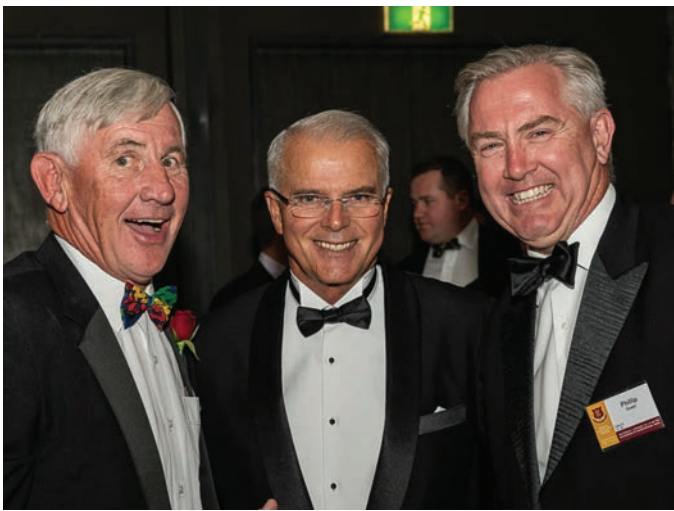
















The Briars Centenary March

*Sunday, 12th August 2018 at 7
Appian Way, Burwood.*

On Sunday, the owners of 7 Appian Way throw open their doors and allows some diehard Briars the opportunity to experience the birth of Briars. Helena Britt has lived at the home of our famous 'Chook Pen' since 1939, when it was purchased from Bob Clarks family.

The house is exactly the same as it was in 1939, except for the addition of a rear balcony.



The yard is almost exactly the same as what Bob Clark and the boys would have enjoyed in the early backyard cricket games.

The old Chook Pen fell into disrepair and was removed some years ago however, the stony foundations can still be seen. It was with a eerie sense of pride that we enjoyed imagining and reliving what those 11 boys experiences back in 1918.

Burwood Mayor John Faker unveiled a plaque on the footpath outside the home to commemorate Briars 100 year anniversary.

Once morning tea was over, the Burwood Police escorted the Briars Brigade down Shaftesbury Rd

where we were met by the Club Burwood Band. Seeming like celebrities, traffic was halted, crowds gathered to wave, cheer and film the march as the Band led us, via our George street Clubrooms, into Burwood Park.

The names of the 16 Briars who died defending our country in World War 2 were read to the crowd whilst Club Patron Chris Walker laid a wreath on the Arches.

Formalities over, it was back to 30a George Street for a few beers, some stair diving and lots of shared stories from The Good Old Days at Briars.

Many thanks to Councilor Heather Crichton, Burwood Council and Burwood Police for making this great Briars Celebration possible.

















The Briars Centenary Golf Day

*Thursday, 22nd November 2018 at
Concord Golf Club.*

Included breakfast, golf and lunch with
special guest speaker Kerry O'Keefe.









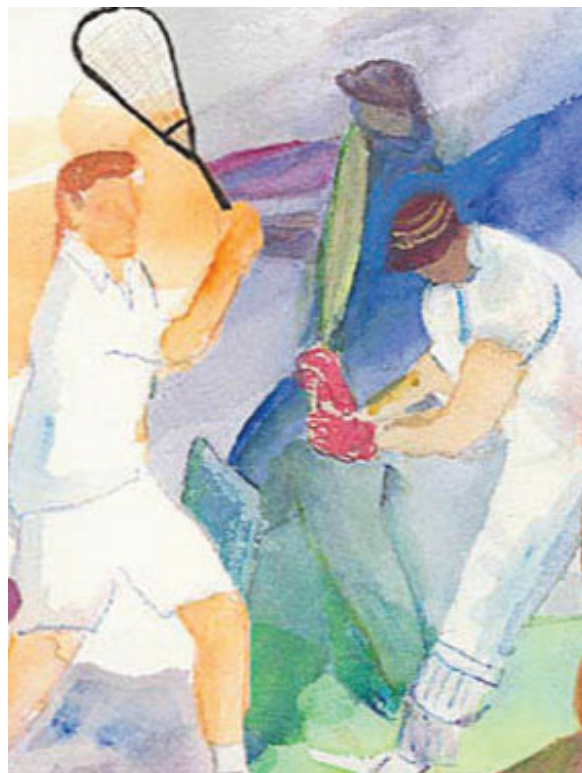






Briars Sports - Centenary Celebrations

Throughout the year each sport held their own Centenary Celebrations.













Tori Scanlon













2018 Sustainability Awards

Monday, 27th August 2018, held at the Phoenix Restaurant in Rhodes.

Briars Sports received the Partnership Award and a recognition award for 100 years of service in the community.



Centenary Dinner - Guest List

Clayton Abel, Bev Abel, Gerard Abood, David Abood, Bob Abood, Sam Ali, Wayne Allsop, Derryn Allsop, Corry Allsop, Nick Alvaro, Guy Amedee, Pat Amedee, David Ananin, Greg Anderson, Lloyd Andrews, Kathryn Andrews, Gabrielle Aoun, Geoff Armstrong, James Ashton-Maxwell, David Baccarini, Matthew Ball, Gladys Barnes, James Barrett, Maris Beattie, Kylie Beckhouse, Ian Bell, Freda Bell, Tai Lei Benson, Steve Bentley, Mell Bentley, Paul Bevins, Gary Bieser, Lyn Blackburn, Ian Blair, Rosemary Blair, Ros Blair, Colin Blair, Barbara Blair, Stuart Blair, David Blair, Peter Bowyer, Caimien Bowyer, John Boyle, Michelle Boyle, Jules Boyter, Aaron Boyter, Peter Brand, Juanita Brand, Cathy Bray, Gordon Bray, Melanie Bright, Helena Britt, Paul Brooks, Margie Brooks, Gillain Burns, Peter Burt, Robyn Burt, Chris Burt, Anne Burt, Simon Burt, Lindsay Callaway, Lachlan Cameron, Rob Campbell, Elizabeth Campbell, Kate Campbell, Aldo Cantori, Ronald Cardwell, Barry Cardwell, Bettina Cardwell, Matthew Carew, Scott Carey, Kylie Carey, Bill Carney, Mira Carney, Ian Castle, Peter Catalovski, Julija Catalovski, Adrian Chan, Anne Marie Church, Anthony Clarke, Andy Clifford, Maureen Clifford, Kara Coffey, Kerry Constanti, Alexander Constanti, Georgia Constanti, Con Constanti, David Cooke, George Corias, Bryan Coulthart, Paul Cramsie, Heather Crichton, Matthew Crippa, Jessica Crippa, Ben Critchley, John Critchley, Kathy Crockhart, Richard Crookes, Lynne Crookes, May Davis, Allen Davis, Stephen Davis, Robert de Castella, Sasha De Melo, Anthony Deep, Matthew Del Popolo, Lisa Del Popolo, Jayne Delmas, Peter Delohery, Maelynn Dennis, Mike Denniss, John Denniss, Keiron Devlin, Natalie Devlin, Belinda Di Fazio, Stephanie Di Pasqua, Corie Dickeson, Sarah Dickeson, Mark Dickson, Heidi Dickson, Cliff Dodds, Patsy Dodds, Peter Dunlop, Greg Dunn, Mitchell Dunne, Blake Durance, Alana Durance, Alex Dyer, Ben Edwards, Jo Edwards, Albert Eichholzer, Linzi Elder, Max Elliott, Ros Elliott, John Elton, Kathy 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Graham Hall, Christine Hall, Rob Hamilton, Cass Hamilton, Daniel Harold, Jason Harris, Dena Harris, Tasmyn Haynes, Peta Haynes, Declan Heels, Grant Heggarty, Bob Hellyar, Connie Hellyar, Derek Henderson, Xuan Henderson, James Herbert, Ellenora Herbert, Leanne Hewgill, Louise Hewson, Gerry Hewson, Grant Hickey, Craig Hickey, Spencer Hipwell, Scott Hipwell, Thos Hodgson, Andrew Hogg, Kevin Holley, Jason Holley, Dan Holt, Will Hood, John Houteas, Steve Howcroft, Jill Howcroft, Andrew Howcroft, Patricia Howcroft, Kim Howcroft, Stacey Howcroft, Dominique Howcroft, Milton Howell, Brett Howle, Brian Howle, Faye Howle, Sherrin Howle, Emily Hunt, Alissa Hunter, Ben Hurford, Annie Hygert, Michelle Ibrahim, Tony Ibrahim, Michael Imer, Kristin Ingleby, Rod Jackka, Margaret Jackka, Andrew Jalalaty, Maree Jalalaty, David Jamieson, Georgia Jaroszewicz, Mick Jaroszewicz, Alex Jaroszewicz, Tony Jaroszewicz, Nick Jaroszewicz, John Jessup, Margaret Jones, Peter Jones, Colin Jones, Martin Jones, Robert 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Briars Women's Rugby

Committee Report

Grace Entwistle



Briars Women's Rugby is a new 2018 sport to the Briars Sports Club.

With a false start in 2017, 2018 has seen the sport grow substantially from 5 players at our initial training session to a squad of 23 players actively training and competing in tournaments and friendly games.

Our 2018 Rugby women's team has come a long way since we began in early April. We had only 5 girls at our first training, with our coach Brad there from the beginning working us hard. All girls were new to the sport and had very minimal knowledge of the game and the rules, but everyone was keen to get started.

Our first tournament was a month later. The Women's Club 7s tournament at Sutherland was our first ever game as Briars Women and as a team who were all new to the sport we managed to pull through and get through three games together, scoring two tries by Jess.

After that tournament Briars women's has gone strength to strength in both numbers, experience and attitude. As we built up our name and confidence we've grown to over 20 active players, with a mix of both brand new players to sevens and women who've had years of experience in rugby. As we go through more tournaments all women have gained a more competitive attitude as we've bonded as a team.

Our tournaments have gone from being games to gain experience to now being games that we want to win. Our experienced players have only had a positive experience on the Briars women by creating a learning environment and helping coach the less experienced girls. A major part of bonding within the Briars Women's team was our first overnight trip to Mudgee to compete at the Mudgee 7s tournament. With one of our players injured early on, we fought through three games with no subs and managed to keep our games relatively tight, which shows just how far we've come as a team.

As a squad we have gone from a few women learning, to a competitive team who are competing in premier competitions across NSW. The main reason for this is through our coach Brad, who has turned us around into a team to watch out for. As his belief in the team as players and ability to push them has enabled Briars to have a thriving women's team. We are looking forward to going into the summer season and winning a few tournaments!

Captain's Report

Bec Clark



2018 saw the beginning of Briars Rugby Women's Rugby 7s. Since mid-year our managers Grace Entwistle and David Lannan have been recruiting through social media, word-of-mouth and every other platform to bring together Briars very first Women's 7's team.

We have assembled a tremendous group of young women who are eager to learn and give anything thrown at them a go. The consistency, dedication and team spirit have allowed the team to improve every week and every tournament.

I would like to thank all these ladies I call my teammates and friends for showing up week in and week out, travelling to tournaments and always giving it their all.

I would also like to thank our coach Brad Sculley for being nothing but patient, informative and approachable for all of us. Putting up with a group of women who love to chat, need working examples for drills (more than once, might I add) and have so many questions, but Brad was nothing but patient with all of us which is a testament to him and his coaching.

A special mention to Lachlan Cameron who assisted Brad in coaching the women's, working us through many drills to get our skills up prior to the summer season starting. I know we are all excited to see this team flourish. A great foundation has been created for these women to thrive and excel in Rugby.

Head Coach Report

Brad Sculley

The growth of Rugby in this country is going from the traditional 15's Private School Model to participation the 7's format, especially within female participation. This inclusive, fast paced, fun and easy to understand format is forever growing throughout the world, even earning Rugby a return to the Olympic Games in 2016.

The great work by the committee at Briars has allowed us to develop a 7's program in the summer. Originally, the ambition was to recruit enough females to commence Briars' first ever women's 15 a side team. We started out with 6 ladies who had never played before, and thanks to great marketing strategies and word of mouth, has grown to 20 registered players who are now competing in competitions around Sydney and regional NSW.

With the growing success of the female 7's program, it has encouraged the men to form their own team in the off season, recruiting individuals who haven't previously played for the club. The combined squad of players is now over 30 and, more importantly, it is a young demographic. This can only be positive for the game itself and future success in continuing the tradition at Briars.

Some of the highlights have been the ladies beating traditional Shute Shield clubs such as Norths, Easts and Gordon, with a fourth place in the Bowral Tournament. This coming from a team whose first couple of outings resulted in over 20 point defeats. The determination, hard work and enthusiasm of these ladies to improve has led to a close bond amongst individuals that would've never met or played the game hadn't it been for the opportunity at Briars.

The men's program is coming along nicely. Although the results haven't been as kind, there is no doubt that the talent is there and a bright future is ahead for Briars Rugby considering their age and lack of experience in this very specific format of the game.

I have to thank a few people who have been very instrumental in getting this program up and running and growing it. From the players perspective our Club Captain, Beck Clark has been very instrumental in the organisation of off and on field essentials that has grown the program. She has been very aptly supported by a core group of players that provide a strong link in communication between the players, coaches and Committee. Mark Nelson has been very active in organising the Men's teams for tournaments and ensuring players keep striving to better themselves.

Within each club there is always an individual who stands out because they go above and beyond to help make a project work. David Lannan is this person at the Briars. He approached me to help out and coach the players and has always been there if I or the group has ever needed something. He organized and booked training facilities, tournaments and trips away and is the model of what Briars is all about and more. I can't thank this man enough for all his work behind the scenes and we are truly lucky to have him in this club.

Being a former player and thankful for all the opportunities my Briars Family has afforded me over the years, I understand when future success is there for the taking. The Briars have a tremendous opportunity now to continue the work of the 15's Program and develop the 7's Program further so that Rugby at Briars stays strong for years to come. Although being a very specific version of the traditional 15's format, it has led players to develop skills that will lead them to growing their skill set and further enjoy the game.

I'd like to thank the Club for the opportunity to continue Lachlan White and his Coaching Staff's great work in the winter and excited to help grow the brand, that is Briars Rugby, through the exciting format of the 7's format.

Women's Rugby

Club 7s

Briars entered the Women's Club Rugby 7s tournament which is organised by NSW Rugby as a monthly tournament on a bye weekend for Women's 15s Rugby.



Briars first tournament saw us play two exhibition games against Cronulla Sea Lice and Hunters Hill at Forshaw Park, Sylvania Waters. Everyone got to learn very quickly against two teams who were also new to the game. Our new Women's Rugby jersey also got a hit out, maintaining the gold main colour with accents of maroon and white.

Our inaugural team was represented by:

Top Row (L to R): Taymarra Hayward, Belinda Difazio, Jess Post, Grace Entwistle

Bottom Row (L to R): Dominique Howcroft, Melanie Bright, Emily Ryan

Not in Picture: Brianna Nestor

Briars continued playing in the Club Rugby 7s tournaments throughout 2018, competing in July at Chatswood Oval (v *Mac Uni*, v *Sea Lice*), August at Malabar (v *East's* 10-15, v *Norths* 17-15, v *Warringah* 5-29) and September at Woollahra Oval (v *East's*, v *Norths*).

Briars also saw their first win ever at the tournament in Malabar, short on numbers and borrowing an opposition player to help boost the numbers, they won a close game vs Norths 17-15!

Friendly Games



The Club 7s tournaments once a month weren't enough for our growing group of players wanting to get out there and play some games! As we got involved in the Women's Rugby community we built some great relationships with other teams who were just starting out as well.

Over the weeks that we had no tournament games we organised friendly 7s games against new teams including Cronulla Sea Lice, Hunters Hill & Sydney Irish.

Ladies Day

Saturday 23rd June 2018, Rothwell Park Concord



Ladies Day at Rothwell for the Mens is always a big day, but this year was special with our inaugural Women's team taking on Hunters Hill in a friendly 7s game prior to the commencement of the First Grade Men's fixture. A lot of excitement built with the team looking forward to playing on their home ground for the first time and the crowd was right behind them as they ran onto the field.

The team hit the field strong, with some good attacking play and some big tackles to get the crowd even more excited. A great try from

Melanie Bright who put Briars on the scoreboard, but the extra experience from Hunters Hill saw them take the day 5-22.

Invictus Games Exhibition Opening Game - Briars v Manly

September 22nd, 2018, Brookvale Oval, Brookvale



The Women's Rugby community is a great network of similar minded clubs, and when Briars reached out for a friendly game in the lead up to the Summer tournament season, Manly invited Briars for 2 exhibition games at Brookvale Oval as part of the Invictus Games Exhibition event. The Manly men's side were playing the Australian Navy as an Invictus Games Exhibition Match, and as part of the warmup, Manly's two women's sides and Briars played a game against each other.



The first game vs the Mermaids B side was a close game, with Briars going down with Manly scoring just before full time. The second game saw our new Briars team up against the Mermaids A side. After playing a game already and not much of a break they were outshone on the day through skill and experience from the top side. A great experience for the team on where they need to work towards to be able to compete at a high level in the game.

Patron for Briars Women's Rugby

Jodi McKay



The Member for Strathfield Jodi McKay MP has joined forces with Briars Sports to become the

inaugural patron of their Women's Rugby 7s team. As the Member for Strathfield Ms McKay has a passion for encouraging women to be involved in their community.

"I am thrilled to be part of a club that actively supports and celebrates the contribution of women in sport" said Ms McKay. "It's refreshing for women in our local community to have a different option to traditional sports."

As Patron for Briars Women's Rugby 7s Ms McKay will be supporting local women to have a go and get outside their comfort zone.

Briars Junior Rugby

President's Report

Jules Boyter



The growth of junior rugby continued again in 2018. This year saw us with 4 teams within the Inner West Minis Competition, and 1 team in the Sydney Junior Rugby Competition.

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I'd also like to thank all the senior players for taking the time to work with the juniors. A big shout out to Lachlan Cameron, Ash Simpson, Andrew Hogg, Tom Weber, David McDougal and Adrian Fiatarone. Also a big thanks for Seniors head coach Lachlan White for including the juniors in some of the senior activities.



The Minis this year consisted of 2 Under 6's, Under 7's and Under 9's, and with strong numbers in every team we rarely played a game short of players. Across the 4 teams, we had 35 players. In our Juniors, we had an Under 11's team, and despite starting the season with no reserves, the team grew and by the end of the season we had 14 players. A total of 49 players across our whole base.

Our Under 6's Maroon Team were all new players to rugby, with ages ranging from 4-6. During their first year as rugby players, they learnt the basic skills and developed strong bonds as a team and by the end of the season were running forward and scoring tries consistently.

Our Under 6's Gold Team were all returning players from the 2017 season. They worked on their existing rugby skills and showed that they were a strong team within the age group.

The Under 7's were a mix of new and existing players to the club. This is the age group where the kids start spreading out across the field, and our team this year really took this on board and their passing phases improved greatly.

Under 9'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.

Under 11's had a great 2nd year in the Sydney Juniors Competition. Despite a tough start to the season with no reserves, the team had some great wins, and with the addition of a couple of extra players, only got stronger. The team made it to the made it through to the finals, but didn't come away with a win, however a great achievement was finishing 3rd place on the competition ladder

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2019 will see us with a definite 2 teams in the Sydney Juniors Competition, and we hope to maintain our team numbers within the Minis Competition. However, we are always looking to increase our numbers.

Jnr. Rugby Briars U6 Maroon

Harvey Sauran | Coach

When signing up my son for rugby at the beginning of the year I hadn't considered that I would also be signing up to coach. However, I'm glad that Jules approached me. Despite the early and cold mornings, I enjoyed being a part of the boys' first year of rugby. They always played with enthusiasm and most importantly, they enjoyed each other's company and being part of a team.

Ethan was a strong and determined defender, enjoying the opportunity to stop the opponents from getting through the defensive line. He ran into space in attack and wasn't afraid of being involved in a collision. As the team progresses into contact, I'm sure that he will thrive, using his strength and gusto to dominate the opposition.



Evan was always motivated and tried his best at every opportunity. He is an excellent ball runner with an evasive step. He consistently made himself available to support his teammates, often finding himself in a good position to receive a pass. In defense, he read the play well, anticipating the direction the opposition would run. Using his speed, he was often able to stop the opposition. He demonstrated a fantastic attitude toward his teammates, training and the matches each week.

Elliot enjoyed defending and chasing down the opposition. He'd often throw his body into the path of the opposition to tip, causing everyone involved to fall to the ground (much like a tackle). In attack he was very calculated, running at gaps in the line and looking ahead to see his running options. The team missed him after his family moved overseas mid-season.

Each week **Gabriel** put in his best effort at training and on game day. He listened to instructions and was always enthusiastic. During the final game he scored a fantastic try. As he neared the try line he was about to be cut off by a defender. He put on a graceful left foot step, avoiding the opposition and redirected himself towards the try line and put the ball down. It was a pleasure to watch.

Jett continuously improved during the season. He showed his potential with the ball in hand, making several impressive runs during the matches. He regularly positioned himself well in the defensive line and was vocal with his teammates, letting them know when to move forward. He was full of enthusiasm, energy and loved being part of the team.

All season **Leo** was motivated and a valued team member. He enjoyed running with the ball and on several occasions made fantastic breaks through the defensive line and found plenty of space. He was regularly the first player to offer support to his team mates. Defensively he never gave up, chasing and putting pressure on the opposition players. He always listened to instruction and was determined to do his best at all times.

Without doubt, **Luca** was the fastest player on the team, he'd give Usain Bolt a run for his money. Luca's speed saw him run around the opposition defenders, scoring countless tries. On several occasions I heard the opposition players complain to their coach that he was too fast. His pace also assisted in his defence, often chasing down opposition players who'd made a break and were destined to score.

As the season progressed so did **Sebastian's** concentration, motivation and involvement. It was exciting to watch him improve and contribute to the team. His first try was unforgettable. Watching him dodge the opposition players so much that he found himself crossing the side-line, scoring on the adjoining field. Without a video referee, the try was awarded, and one very happy boy ran back into the defensive line.

I would like to congratulate Jules and Aaron Boyter on their efforts so far in establishing and progressing Junior Rugby at Briars. They have achieved a lot in such a short time and Briars is lucky to have them volunteer their time, knowledge and dedication. Junior Rugby at Briars is growing and it's in good hands! Lastly, I would like to thank Tony Kerle, Tony Jenkin, Sunshine and Coach Mick for their assistance at training and on game days.

Jnr. Rugby Briars U6 Gold

Michael McGrath | Coach

What another fantastic season for our under 6 gold team. With 8 of last year's team returning this year, it was very rewarding watching the boys step up their skills to the next level by building on their achievements and development of the previous year.

In attack we added a two pass rule and also introduced a scrum half role. The plan was for greater opportunities for all players across the park as the first player to the ruck area was to offload rather than run the ball. The result was some fantastic running rugby off the back of what resembled repetitive phase play that would outdo the wallabies. I believe we were the only under six team that were putting together multiple passes before even reaching the opposition.



By season's end the boys were arranging their own defensive line and calling out which opponent they were going to tag. As a coach it was a proud moment to be able to step out of play while the boys called both the defensive distance and where they would stand in the defence line without direction.

Brent – continued to outrun his opposition this year with every touch of the ball to score countless long range tries. By season's end, Brent had come out of his shell to the point of putting his hand up to call back the defensive line as well. It was great seeing Brent's confidence grow throughout the year to match his running and try scoring skills.

Felix – a confident yet quiet player on the field who loved finding the try line. Felix could read the defensive line, step off both feet and had the pace to make the most of even the slightest gap. Felix was equally skilled in defence, using his pace and straight line running to prevent potential runaway opposition tries.

Hugh – a great team player whose skills continued to develop throughout the year. By the end of the season, Hugh strung together multiple lengthy runs with ball in hand. Hugh always ran straight and loved running the ball back off the restart making the most of the space and gaining plenty of metres for his team to go forward.

Hugo – this year Hugo seemed to increase his speed in both attack and defence. He ran hard and straight with the ball, then could instantly change direction and outpace his opposition to find the try line. His speed and commitment in defence couldn't be faulted, always moving at top speed to stop the oppositions forward progress.

Jacob - oozed enthusiasm and passion across all facets of the game. Jacob developed a goose step and body swerve this year which resulted in many attacking breaks. He always shot out of the defensive line pressuring his opponents and diving on any spilt balls, trying to turn defence into attack in an instant even if it bent the rules slightly to do so.

Kye – our self appointed scrum half who was enthusiastically the first there for the majority of plays. Kye was adept at calling out his runner and hit them with the ball on the run. He would also place himself in the centre of the defensive line, sprinting out to get the first touch. Such was his passion, Kye kept a tally of his touches each week and also provided a running commentary for me throughout each game.

Levi – seemed to take everything learnt at training into the game, and really developed into a knowledgeable rugby player this year displaying a real understanding of the game. An awesome team player and great sportsman who was as happy scoring his own tries as he was when his teammates scored. Levi often offloaded to his teammates for tries when he could have scored himself, such was his selfless nature on and off the field.

Tom – from the start of the season Tom was charged with calling our defensive line. Under his direction, his teammates became solid defenders and looked every part a team. In attack Tom was skilled at identifying openings in the opposition line and setting sail for many a try this year. A very fair and generous player who was always committed at both training and on game day.

A big thank you to Elliott and Luca from Under 6 Maroon for filling in when we were short, to Coach Harvey and Coach Tony for all help with training and sideline support and to Jules and Aaron for offering such a great, family centered club so our boys can enjoy the greatest game of all. Thank you also to all our sponsors, Briars Sports Club and to all the parents and families for supporting our players throughout the year.

Jnr. Rugby Briars U7

Matt Crippa | Coach

The Under 7's had a fantastic season this year.

The main areas of focus were defending as a team and building on our passing and supporting skills by throwing multiple passes each play.

This year also saw the introduction of uncontested scrums and lineouts which the team thoroughly enjoyed.

The team did a great job of executing what they learnt at training and as a result had great success on the field.



Toby Boyter

Toby was an excellent listener at training. His ability to step and pass improved greatly throughout the year, especially with the introduction of his Fluro yellow boots!

Ranveer Minocha

Ranveer was the speedster of the team, great footwork and ability to find his way to the try line.

Harry Horwood

Harry had an excellent season. Great footwork and ability to find the gaps in the opposition defense.

Fergus Sinclair-Kydd

Fergus improved his Rugby skills greatly throughout the season. Always solid in defense and his commitment to attack was rewarded with some great runs and tries late in the season.

Mason McGoldrick

Mason was an excellent runner of the ball, always working his way forward in attack with big runs up the middle. Solid defender.

Felix Nash

Felix was very strong in defense, filling gaps in our line. Excellent runner of the ball and always looking to pass.

Finn Fotheringham

Finn was a key attacker in the side. Very good side steps and a great passer of the ball. Good speed off the mark.

Daniel Crippa

Daniel enjoyed his return to Rugby. Enjoyed running with the ball and throwing dummies in attack. Excellent at staying in the line in defense.

Josh Jenkins

Josh was very enthusiastic around the field. Scored many tries and made great improvements in passing the ball to players in space.

A special mention to **Jacob McGrath** from the Under 6's who helped fill in numbers throughout the year and wasn't out of place playing up in the Under 7's.

Jnr. Rugby Briars U9

Aaron Boyter | Coach

2018 saw the Under 9's move into their final year on the Inner Wests Mini's competition. Some playing from Under 6's, they were finally the "big" fish in the small pond.

Building on what was a successful 2017, the team went from strength to strength, developing into a formidable force.

After a quick refresher, it was clear that those returning from the 2017 season maintained a clear advantage with skills and understanding around the ruck. As such, emphasis at training was placed on maintaining a solid defensive line, draw and pass and spreading the football into a wider channel. Although this saw some initial backwards steps, we ultimately saw some exciting gameplay of levels well above the players years.



Big thanks to Malcom Buchan once again for all his assistance, both at training and game day. That knowing look, when 12 children seemed overwhelming, and offer of help, was greatly appreciated. A big thank you also to Kevin White for all his help with running the sideline.

Well done to all the players for their efforts and looking forward to a strong Under 10's in 2019 as we move into the big pond of SJRU. The players should be extremely proud of themselves for the effort and passion they put into their season. Watch out for them at Rothwell Park next year.

Andre Richmond: New to Rugby in 2018, Andre's pace far out-stripped anyone else in the competition. At inside centre, Andre was only one pass away from streaking away for a length of the field try.

Harley Buchan: Harley took advantage of his height and weight in 2018, always making significant metres up the park. Understanding his role quite early, Harley was in constant contention for player of the day. One to watch.

Harry Chilcott: Only playing the beginning of the season due to school sport commitments, Harry continued to turn up to every training, listening intently and cheering on his mates.

Joel Fraser: Always a massive smile on Joel's face as he turned up as we were about to kick off. Ball in hand, impossible to catch with impressive pace.

Kian White: Kian continues to outshine his opposition player's passion, enthusiasm and technique, easily making up for what he lacks in size. His deft runs from the back of the ruck and growing knowledge of the game will keep him in good stead for the years to come.

Lukas Petreski: Lukas continues to be one of the most natural tacklers I have seen. His confidence with running with the ball kept growing as the season progressed with some damaging runs. Hoping to see him closer to the ball in 2019.

Max Portelli: Max took to the deeper and wider style of play quite quickly this year, unselfishly passing to his outside backs despite a passion to run into the opposition. Ability to run to the line, draw and pass will become a great asset as Max progresses.

Nayel Shayeb: Slow to start, but quickly began developing all the skills and started to grasp all the rugby concepts later in the season. A constant smile on his face regardless of the situation.

Tom Van Veldhuisen: Joining Briars Rugby with only a few games to go at the end of the season, Tom grasped rugby concepts really quickly. Super attentive at training and an absolute pleasure to coach.

Rhys Jones: Rhys's growth from week to week was lovely to watch. Although sometimes a little tentative in contact, when he set his mind to it easily the best player on the paddock.

William Boyter: Will's strong ruck cleaning out and general position attitude continued from 2017. As the coach's son, Will was probably "over-coached" a little, but he took it in his stride and had a solid season continuing to love the game.

Zac Toomey: The most versatile player in the Under 9's. Understands every position is constantly looking up when playing. Zac's passion to go forward and be involved is infectious. Hoping that we can

move Zac into the forwards next year.

Jnr. Rugby Briars U11

Sean Toomey | Coach

The Briars U11 team had another very successful season in 2018. We had plenty of new players joining the club and there were huge improvements at both an individual and team level.

The team made it to the semi-finals but were unlucky to miss out on making it to the Grand Final after a 7 all draw with Hawkesbury, who went through after finishing higher on the Ladder. Hawkesbury went on to convincingly win the Grand Final, so our boys were very close and can only improve from the big game experience.

With many new and talented players joining the team this year, we were able to develop a fantastic back-line, which provided the team with great attacking prowess.



Ben Hannah joined Briars this year for his first season of Rugby and utilised his touch football and Aussie Rules background to become a key play maker in the Scrum Half position.

Matthew Plunket also in his first season, settled nicely into the Fly Half role, bringing a new dimension to the team with his kicking game and strong ball running.

Alex McGrath, also in his first season, was outstanding as a strong running Inside Centre.

Lucas Rosato came into his own this year in the Outside Centre position, forming a great combination in both defense and attack with Alex.

Christian Tassopoulos moved to Fullback this year, where he showed his pace to bring a great kick and chase and was again one of our leading try scorers.

James Kelly, another season debutant, was our most improved in the backs with his strong running, clinical defense and brilliant goal kicking.

Our new-found attacking capability in 2018 was made possible off the back of the strong platform laid by the team's experienced and cohesive forward pack.

Our two Props **Dominic Toomey** and **Kabir Ali** went from strength to strength in their 2nd year of contested scrummaging. Their dominance in the front row and work around the rucks allowed the forwards to control possession.

Christian Sassine had another strong season at Hooker, providing reliable lineout throwing and strong leadership. Our locks were the backbone of the forward pack.

Jack Callaghan played with his usual passion, power and enthusiasm, which was matched only by his partner in crime, **Markus Petreski Burneikis** who was our most improved forward.

Christopher Gittani had another great season, with his strong running and versatility and Lachlan Moore joined us this year as a hard-running experienced Loose Head Prop, adding great depth to our team.

Oscar Dillon was undoubtedly our best player this year. As a "David Pocock" like Number Eight, Oscar was lethal in defense, brilliant at the breakdown and scored many a try from his ever reliable back up play.

This team is developing into a great Rugby side. I am looking forward to coaching them again next year and hopefully going one better to win our first Junior competition for the Briars Club.

Briars Hockey

President's Report

Emma Ratcliffe



Our celebration of the Centenary saw many events including our Junior 100th Birthday Party, Senior Centenary Day with teams of the decade and century named, Briars Annual Luncheon, Back to Briars March and the Centenary Dinner which saw 600 past and present Briars members gather at Waterview Homebush.

What a year 2018 has been – whilst we may not have had the results on the field that we have in previous years with our only Premiership in Seniors coming from our Masters Legends, 2018 has seen a great celebration of Briars 100th year. We also saw great success in our junior ranks with our U7 & U9 program going from strength to strength and 9 of 11 junior teams making it to finals. We also saw the introduction of Flick Kids – a wonderful initiative – that saw us bring in the youngest ever Briars as a program for 2-5-year olds to introduce them to the sport of hockey.

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As per usual, our season would not be able to run as smoothly, seamlessly and successfully without the assistance of a number of people. Firstly, a huge thank you to our committee for 2018:

Alan Charlton	Men's Vice President	Kylie Norris	Volunteer Coordinator
Kylie Beckhouse	Women's Vice President	Josh Miller	Men's Club Captain
Clay Scanlon	Junior Vice President	Jess Martyn	Social Media & Marketing
John Denniss	Treasurer	Janine Hannigan	Uniforms Officer
Mike Denniss	Registrar & Communications	David Ratcliffe	Equipment Coordinator & Cintra Manager
John Clarke	Junior Co-Ordinator	Nicola Skinner	Social Coordinator & Women's Club Captain

To Gary Bieser, our major sponsor and unofficial photographer. Gary has continued to support the hockey club for many years now and over the last few years has become the man behind the lens capturing some fantastic moments on and off the field.

Wal Zol and David Ratcliffe for their constant contributions at Cintra. Wal and Ratty are a near permanent fixture down at Cintra either helping in the canteen, fixing something around the place or just making sure everything is running smoothly.

To Brett, Jason, Ben, Monique, Jack and all the staff at Briars Sports for providing assistance wherever possible for hockey. We are a large sport, who has a large financial impact on the club, so we greatly appreciate the assistance you provide our volunteer base.

The end of the 2018 also sees me competing my 14th consecutive year on the Briars Hockey Committee and the end of my 8th season as Club President. I have seen and been part of some amazing things in my time on the committee, the amalgamation of Men's, Women's and Juniors – Briars was one of the first hockey clubs to do this, premiership success across almost every men's, women's and junior grade, taking over the Cintra canteen, the construction and establishment of the new Cintra at St Luke's Park, the ongoing negotiations and finalisation of the lease for Cintra and finally, the ongoing friendships and emerging families that are established right here within the Briars hockey community.

With all of the above in mind, I have made the decision that 2018 will be my last season on the Briars Committee. I know that we have a great club of volunteers and I know that the club will continue to be

run with the same love, care and determination that I have tried to do it with during my time as President. It has been a true honour to be able to represent this club across the various Associations, during all our dealings with Council and on the hockey field. Whilst I am taking a break from the committee I am sure that as my children come through the junior ranks I will find a way to get back involved. I am looking forward to taking to the field next year and enjoying just playing my hockey. Whilst being on the committee can be a commitment of extensive time and effort, there is nothing better than seeing you all out there enjoying what we work so hard to provide – a family-oriented club where you can make long term friendships and succeed at any level. Thank you to everyone who has helped me in one way or another over the last 8 years, in particular John Price whose advice and support has been invaluable, you have all helped shape the great club we have today.

Hockey Briars Women's 1st Grade

Season Report

This year was a building year for the first grade women, as we had a good core group of girls from our previous year and a good solid structure already in place. So this allowed the team to develop the finer points over the year, instead of trying to concentrate more on what playing style suited the players we had and from the first game I could see that our team would be very competitive and really push the top teams. This was really evident in our match results, in which we only lost to the top teams in very close matches and in most cases only lost the game in the last few mins. This showed a lot of progression from last year, where the team really struggled to take control of the games against the top teams and didn't create many opportunities.

However, our ability to capitalise on our dominant periods throughout the season let us down. As we couldn't find the net when our ascendancy was clear to all our spectators. This then led to drawn games and narrow losses which ultimately cost us spot in the finals. But through speaking with the team after the season had ended, this experience has taught the girls a lot about what it takes to be one of those top teams and we will come back better and stronger next year. Ready to stake our claim in the finals for the top prize.

Lastly, as a coach I would really like to thank each and every one of the girls for their efforts and dedication throughout the year. I know the result wasn't what we wanted, but we can all see that we are a step closer to the goals we have been setting for ourselves.

Awards

<i>Players' Player</i>	Kate Jenner
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Esther Hotham
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Georgia Owers

Hockey Briars Women's 2nd Grade

David Alexander & Danielle Alexander | Coach & Manager

2018 saw a number of changes for Women's 2nd Grade - a new division, a new coach, a new manager and lots of new faces in the playing roster with a mixture of last season's ML2 and ML3 coming together.

Commencing the season with some early promise, notching up our first win in round 2, things were looking up, however as the season progressed, player availability became an ongoing issue along with picking up a few injuries and it became increasingly difficult to field a consistent side each week, which in turn, makes winning difficult.

We would like to thank: Melissa Wales, Elia Leung, Claire Coletta, Kat Ho, Grace Le Marquand, Katie Ellem, Jessica Martyn, Emily Cherie, Milena de Silva, Courtney Pearson, Kylie Beckhouse, Christine Flack & Kate Jolly for all backing up to help us out this season (some on multiple occasions) when we were short.

The final tally saw us finish in 8th place, with 3 wins, 3 draws and 12 losses, with a total of 13 goals scored. We had many games where some strong hockey was played, with a number of games going down to the wire, especially in the second half of the season where we matched it with a number of the top teams for 90% of the match.

We would like to extend a particular thanks to Corry Allsop & Jessica Martyn from Women's 3rd Grade whose ease of communication made it much easier to manage players moving between the grades and we appreciate the support from Women's 3rd Grade throughout the 2018 season.

Womens 2nd Grade Awards

<i>Players' Player</i>	Sofia Ferrer
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Anke Vermeulen
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Stephanie Black
<i>Top Goal Scorer</i>	Sofia Ferrer & Sasha Uher (4 goals)

Hockey Briars Women's 3rd Grade ML4

Corry Allsop | Coach

2018 was a season of building for ML4. It was a step up for the core of last year's ML5 who, despite the increased level, performed competitively throughout the season. The addition of some new and returning players meant that it was a fairly new team and would take time to settle.

The first half of the season was a rocky one with the loss of our fullback to a season ending pregnancy and our right half to severe home sickness. Missing a goalie for the first five rounds was hard too, but the acquisition of 13-year-old Christine Flack for the remainder of the year was fantastic and I'll be looking forward to hearing her chirpy little voice from the back for years to come.

Despite those setbacks and a slow start to the year, eventually the team settled and started to deliver some great performances. Seeing the girls go from a team that had a hard time retaining possession and an even harder time getting out of defence, to dominating the majority of games by playing a possession-based style of hockey was a joy to watch. If the goalscoring had been crisper throughout the year I honestly feel that finals would not have been a stretch.

Players that made up the core of ML4 this year were:

Jessica Martyn, Kat Ho, Alice Wilson, Mel Wales, Elia Leung, Katie Ellem, Jess Cherrie Grace Le Marquand, Emily Cherrie, Katherine Sloane, Milena De Silva, Claire Coletta, Chloe Craig Christine Flack, Emma Radcliffe, Nicole Taylor and Michelle Yu.

Big thanks also to the ML3 and ML5 girls that helped us out throughout the year:

Cindy Goodridge, Nicola Skinner, Kylie Norris, Myra Hamilton, Jess Kirk, Deb Greenwood, Steph Black, Anke Vermeulen and Natasha Homsey.

Looking forward to the seasons ahead.

Hockey Briars Women's 5th Grade ML6

Season Report

Briars Womens 5th Grade hockey team commenced a period of transition and growth in the 2018 season. The team was entered into the Sydney North competition in the B division and was made up of players of varying degrees of ability and fitness. Primarily it was decided that the team would be a 'social' non-training team, in an attempt to attract players of the past who have other priorities which have taken the place of hockey and would like to have a game once a week without the commitment of regular training night. As a whole, this approach was unsuccessful.

We had success in attracting players from the Juniors who were keen to begin their Senior hockey experience, but who perhaps were floundering somewhat in the mixed environment in the C's. Throughout the season, they regularly attended, played and improved their individual and collective hockey skills right through until the end. I am told that the 15C's and 17C's are playing in the finals and their parents have credited their experience in senior hockey with their marked improvement. Imagine what we could achieve with regular training! Food for thought.

Our season began with half a team, pulling players from 3rd and 4th grade to make up a team each week. As the season got underway, and our juniors joined the team, we were able to ask only for 1 or 2 players for most games to help with reserves and to give the girls mentors to look to each week. Unfortunately this season, we conceded losses fifteen(15) times, drawing twice (2) and winning once(1)....an improvement on the previous season! I would however comment that most times goals were scored in the first half, and the team would in many cases regroup, take in the coach's/captain's feed-back and go on to 'win' the second half. I feel that the team needs to work on finishing and scoring tactics, as scrambling and defending have been well practiced.

We scored 10 goals this year, and of the core team, Sophie, Sarah and Adelaide scored a goal a piece, the remainder was scored by players from 3rd, and 4th grade. It is my observation that any time a goal

was scored, morale was lifted and the team as a whole played with courage and conviction to refrain from conceding any further goals against them. I was entirely impressed by their ability to rally.

In summation, the future of this team is bright if we continue to attract and promote Junior participation from the C's and couple it with mentoring from the higher grades and the experience of some of the Briars Veterans. Our season next year would benefit from an allocated training session, whilst allowing new recruits to 'trial' in 5th Grade. Perhaps a MOBS/Master's style fee structure could be considered to recapture our experienced players.

Womens 5th Grade Awards

<i>Players' Player</i>	Katerina Reynolds
<i>Most Improved Player</i>	Isabella Vasta
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Kim Sun and Jess Kirk
<i>Top Goal Scorer</i>	Sophie, Sarah and Adelaide (a goal apiece)

Hockey Briars Men's 1st Grade

Season Report

The 2018 season was a very stop start affair with the season schedule punctuated with byes and other week-ends. Despite the loss of 8 squad members from the previous year at start of the season we were able to remain in the top 6 throughout the season. With a few new additions and few guys stepping up their input finals was always achievable.

Notable victories during the year included a 4-1 victory over Ryde at their home ground after backing up from a match a Sutherland the day before.

Whilst losing in the first round of the final series again was disappointing

The 2018 squad was bolstered by the inclusion from Bankstown of Joe Bradely and Marc Collie. Both experienced players they made great contributions in assisting the team develop. With the retirement of Scott Garner we were able to recruit Logan Hunter to undertake GK duties. Logan had a great year for us and combined with Borgy filling in when required our GKs were able to keep us in many matches. Special mention again to Josh Miller for his on-field leadership and support. Having now announced his playing retirement hopefully he will remain actively involved passing on his knowledge to a new group of players. Whilst the squad has few older players the majority of the squad was under 21 – the debut for Patrick Vastani at 17 was one of the years highlights of course Rashill at 17 playing the full season in PL1.

A winning first grade requires a large squad to cover injuries and rep duties. To really be competitive it needs a greater commitment to training. This is always difficult when players are coming from out of Sydney but the level of commitment from locally based players was enough to finish sixth but not really challenge further. The decision to really commit to being a top 4 team comes from the playing group – coaches and the club can only support this desire.

Our top goal scorer this year was Marc Collie with 10.

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

<i>Players' player:</i>	Rhiley Carr
<i>Coaches Award:</i>	Joe Bradley
<i>Most Consistent</i>	Logan Hunter

Hockey Briars Men's 2nd Grade

Season Report

This year saw some new young faces come into 2nd grade as well as some older new comers who all put in during the pre season and earned their place in the team. Brothers Rahim and Pat Vastani turned up to every session before the season started as did Corry Allsopp and a few others but these guys hadn't had 2nd grade experience and really stepped it up.

We had a shaky start to 2018, with approximately 18 players trying for second grade spots and in week 1 we only had 10 available due to various reasons which saw opportunities open up or a couple of young briars to get a taste and feel for how competitive 2nd grade can be.

This seemed to be a trend for the first half of the season, more often than not we would have guys away but with the depth this group has we managed to start playing as a team and started getting some wins. We had some memorable wins this year specifically against some of the mid range teams that usually are a struggle for us to play against but we managed to out perform them in both rounds. We lost game 1 of the season then game 5 vs Moorebank (minor premiers) then didn't lose another round game all season. That's 17 games without a loss (4 draws though) which shows a strong performance this season placing us 2nd on the ladder coming into finals.

Andrew Borg had another outstanding season in goals saving us on more than 1 occasion. Our defence has a mix of youth and experience and have improved as the season went on led by Adam Bannister & Chris Croker but really strong performances from the young guys Tristan Potts, Xavier Dao and new comer to the club Jarrod Lee.

Our mid field was led by club legend Blake Durance and making his 2nd grade debut (and 1st grade) Patrick Vastani. They controlled the ball coming out of defence and often were involved in setting up our attacking play and getting some goal assists.

Our attacking group had a strong season with goals being shared around with 57 of our 76 goals coming from the front line. We had Lee Brady (21), Jake Imer (14) and Corry Allsopp (14) really stepping it up this year and putting defences under a lot of pressure.

A very special thanks to Michael Imer for managing the PL1 & PL2 sides, he is a great asset to the club and an amazing man.

I could of written something about every member of this squad as everyone has contributed each week to get us into the position we're in now. It's been a pleasure being a part of this team this season.

Team Award Winners

<i>Players' player:</i>	Pat Vastani
<i>Coaches Award:</i>	Blake Durance
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Andrew Borg
<i>Leading Goals</i>	Lee Brady (21)

Hockey Briars Men's 4th Grade PL4

Jimmy Fordham | Coach

4th grade was a very different side from 2017 where we were minor premiers. 2018 saw a wave of young juniors join the team which is essential for future development of them, and the club moving forward.

Unfortunately, results were not fantastic this year. With only 4 wins and 4 draws, ended up 10th in a competition of 12 sides.

The key reason for the result in 2018 was a serious struggle around commitment by player attendance for games throughout the season. The first half of the season, we regularly had up to 5 players out each week, and this didn't improve too much for the second half. For many games we only had the bare 11 for the game with no bench – given we had 16 names in the squad, and 31 players overall throughout the season.

I genuinely believe that if this team turned up week in, week out, they would easily be finals contenders. Not sure how to resolve that for 2019, based on 2018, as it is essential to blood the juniors into senior ranks.

The juniors all lived up to their potential from a playing perspective which is positive for years to come. Again, they need to appear more regularly throughout the season for the team to get results they deserve.

Standout's in 4th Grade this year was Jarrod Scanlon and Jack Bieser who were rock solid in defence and consistence for the season. One of new young players Sourish Iyengar is also a player to watch as a future striker, but again, could only appear in 10 from 22 rounds/games. Additionally, William Haigh who I promoted from 5th Grade early in the year was outstanding in multiple positions throughout the year. Troy Precott (capt and defender) was rock solid as expected.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Gary Bieser for his assistance with managing the side on weekends, and Troy Prescott for the coaching of Wednesday evening sessions.

Players who played in 4th Grade in 2018 included:

Matt Brown	19 games, 0 goals	William Haigh	15 games, 0 goals
Troy Prescott	19 games, 4 goals	Hugh Rimmington	12 games, 3 goals
Jarrold Scanlon	16 games, 0 goals	Martin Peterson-Clarke	17 games, 3 goals
Jack Bieser	19 games, 0 goals	Ian Peterson-Clark	10 games, 0 goals
Chris Hallet	19 games, 2 goals	Jack Ward	9 games, 0 goals
Bailey Scanlon	14 games, 1 goal	Timothy Fishlock	12 games, 3 goals
Max Trapnell	15 games, 1 goal	David Ratcliffe	14 games, 0 goals
Josh Kent	21 games, 2 goals	Sourish Iyengar	10 games, 3 goals
Trent Wilde	9 games, 2 goals		

Team Award Winners

<i>Players' player:</i>	Troy Precott
<i>Coaches Award:</i>	Josh Kent
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Jack Bieser

Hockey Briars Men's 5th Grade

Gregg Dunn | Coach

2018 will go down as an interesting year for Men's 5th grade playing in a competition with only 6 teams we were assured of a top 4 finish by the end of the first round. The team played well all year and in the end we were simply not up to the task of beating Ryde the eventual champions in the final and went down 2-0.

The team itself had the core of the previous two years teams, but some key players moved up to higher grades. So the usual suspects - Fungy, Frosty, Troy and Reno across the back ended up a little broken by the years end and are no doubt enjoying a well earned rest. Our Dutch contingent of Pyke and Remco provided the forward punch and goals as did Kristiane and Andrew. There were some great new additions to the team in Shurey, Bowie and Hardman as well as our juniors stepping up with the quietest men in Briars hockey the lus brothers finishing the year strongly.

Player numbers were a struggle most weeks for not only 5th grade but all the lower grades and as most weeks none of our teams played at the same ground it was a grind - something that needs to be addressed urgently in 2019.

Team Award Winners

<i>Players' Player:</i>	Michael Frost
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Pyke Gunning
<i>Coaches Award:</i>	Jason lus

Hockey Briars Men's 6th Grade

Dion James | Coach & Manager

Result: Competition Runner's Up. Regular season - 4th on ladder with 10 wins, 2 draws and 6 losses.

It was a challenging year for 6th grade due to player numbers and availability. For the first half of the season we only 11 players registered which became 12 at the end of the season. This challenge presented the team's lowlights and highlights for the season. The lowlights being 2 losses against the 2 of the bottom placed teams due to starting with 8 players. The highlight being we beat the 5th placed team contesting the 4th spot with only 10 players. We also had 15 different players from 5th, 7th and 8th grades fill in throughout the season whom I'd like to give general thanks to.

It was a pretty tight run coming into the finals with 4 teams competing for 3rd and 4th positions over the last 3 rounds. The team worked hard and secured 4th spot in the 2nd last round.

First round of the finals saw us playing Macquarie Uni whom we had struggled with and lost both games to previously. But despite a game dominated by them, we got through with a 1-0 win.

The second round of the finals was against St George, both teams having scored a 2-0 win against each other throughout the season. We were able to score an early goal and then held St George off for another 1-0 win and earning us a Grand Final spot.

The Grand Final was against Ryde, who had only lost one game all season – to us in the first round. They scored in the first 60 seconds of the game which rattled the team and saw us struggling to find our rhythm. Ryde played well and despite applying some pressure late in the game, Ryde ended up winning 3-0.

The guys who played for 6's during the season were:

Michael Brock	Jaedan Calder	David Hayward
Dion James	Gary Lea	Philip Maxwell
Alan O'Connell (c)	Brandon Potts	Patrick Ryan
Adam Schasser	Steve Strain	Alex Wagner

Congratulations to this season award winners

Players' Player	Patrick Ryan
Best & Fairest	Adam Schasser
Coaches Award	Brendan Potts

Hockey Briars Men's 7th Grade

Mike Denniss | Captain

Played in the same division as 2018 but without last year's minor premiers (*Macquarie Uni*) we were confident of being competitive. However, Ryde were clearly the best team by a margin and were undefeated Minor Premiers and Premiers. We only lost three games in the regular season, all to Ryde, ending up in second place on the ladder.

We played Ryde in the major semi – they came out firing and scored four goals from as many chances in the first fifteen minutes, to take the game away from us. The rest of the game was pretty even with the final score being 5-1. The preliminary final was against Sutherland, who we had beaten both times during the season. However, they were a younger fitter team than we had played in either of those games and ended up winning a tight game 2-1 to see us miss the grand final for the first time in six years.

There were few changes personnel this year, with Dave Shurey moving to 5s, Adam Schasser to 6s and Stefan Richartz missing the majority of the season due to injury. We picked a number of new players this year: Ken Struthers returned after a few years just playing Masters. Rogier Knottenbelt, Dave Wilkinson and Steve Norris are new players to Briars.

Again we had a few sixth and eighth grade players, and the occasional Masters player) help us out during the year. Thanks to Simon Bergfield, Michael Brock, Jaedan Calder, Elio Cordaro, John Denniss, Greg Dunn, Patrick Facey, Hardev Hansra, Michael Imer, Philip Maxwell, Alan O'Connell, Esper Olesen, Dave Paul, Viv Paul, Adam Schasser, Steve Strain, Alex Wagner and Harry West.

Dave Slater was our Players' Player. Dave stepped up to play the majority of the season at centre half and controlled the middle of the field with aplomb. Best and Fairest was Mark Williams, who creates havoc up front and was our leading goal scorer with eighteen, despite missing the last four games with a broken hand. The Coach's award went to Hidde van Erven Dorens; despite a season interrupted by work commitments, Hidde was our second highest goal scorer with thirteen and polled well in both the

Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2018 – it was great playing with you guys. Congratulations on an outstanding season and enjoyable season and I hope to see you all back in 2018.

Hockey Briars Men's Masters (Legends Division)

Mike Denniss | Captain

The competition structure was changed in 2018 to split the legends division into over 55s and open age. Briars were in the open age division. This was a four team division, so we were guaranteed a finals spot. We finished the regular season in second spot and defeated minor premiers Easts in the grand final. With the scores locked 4-4 at full time, we were able to get up 2-1 in the shoot out.

We struggled for numbers at times during the year as there were absences for work, family and injuries.

For the second years in a row Ken Struthers was our Players' Player and Best and Fairest, proving how valuable he is to the team.

Nick Carter was again 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 and was the team's highest goal scorer.

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

Thank you to Dave Paul for stepping up to manage the team after the retirement of long term manager Ian Brown.

Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2018. Congratulations on the results and the effort put in. The premiership was particularly pleasing as the grand final was against a team we hadn't defeated all year and we played most the game with the bare eleven players – the huge support we received from the very vocal crowd helped us immensely – thanks to everyone who turn up to support us.

Hockey Briars Men's Masters (Premier Division)

Season Report

First I like to thank all the players for their effort this year. We had a much improved season, matching it with the top teams and causing some upsets along the way. The down side is that we will not be taken lightly next year, so we must continue to improve. And with the competition now an open 35's, we also need to recruit a couple of younger players.

But in saying that, this year was an excellent building block for next year.

6 wins, 6 loses and 3 draws. 47 goals for 40 goals against.

Finished 4th after the regular season and only going down in the semi 1 nil, with only 2 minutes and 47 seconds to go. Yes I was watching the clock. It was a hard fought game and everyone gave his best.

Highest goal scorer - Colin Smith 16 goals

Most Games Played - James Fordham, all 15 regular season games and 1 semi.

Worst Beer award - Murry Green for the 30 cans of VB.

Reps:

- Colin Smith - Syd/NSW o'40
- Shane Burke - Syd/NSW o'40
- James Fordham - Syd o'40 NSW o'45
- Tony Stojcevski - Syd o'35 NSW o'45
- Ian McGregor - Syd/NSW o'35
- Lochlan Boa - Syd/NSW o'40
- Nathan Napper - FRNSW opens

Team Award Winners

Best and Fairest	Colin Smith
Players' Player	Matt Brown
Coaches Award	James Fordham

Briars Squash

Chairman's Report

Anthony Rex Thomas



We have been doing well in getting new younger juniors into the club creating a pathway from our training days to the Saturday morning junior comp.

Progression from junior comp into senior pennant has been successful for the ones who have stayed in the area after school. A discounted membership has allowed them to continue as a full member keeping them involved in the club.

Darwin Australian Junior Championships

- Our very own Maja Maziuk won the under 13 girl division, having only just turned 12 this is a great achievement.
- Dan Godwin placed 15th after being seeded 24th in the under 19 boys.
- Briars Talent Squad members Ethan Bird and Haani Qureshi placed top 10 in under 17's

James & Will Slade our double trouble team finished 12th & 13th respectively in their first ever AJC in under 13's. There is a bright future for them. Another Briars super Squad member Jordan Ghattas finished 8th place in the under 13's.

All Briars juniors played very well and conducted themselves in an excellent manner, displaying respect for the officials and their opponents.

Overview

The Briars Centenary year has seen an excellent growth in Squash programs and events.

Briars Squash Open Day (Squash Centenary event)

Briars Squash had a fantastic Open day at the Thornleigh centre, we saw lots of new customers who had seen our marketing and came for their free trials. We had food throughout the day and live music by night. Overall it was a successful event.

Briars Squash Open day was subsidised \$1500 by the Briars club for its centenary year. This went towards marketing, banners, school newsletters and ad campaigns.

Outcome

- New casual players, which have returned since the open day to play.
- 7 new members signed up on the day.
- Several kids parties booked shortly after the open day

New Briars Coach appointed from the UK

A new coach has been employed in conjunction with Willoughby Squash. Ali Jafari from the UK has coached in Qatar, England and Dubai. He is here training with Matt Karwalski and will be with us for 1 – 2 years. The plan is to have him create working Squad programs and establish working holiday programs.

Events Information

- Briars Open in Feb 18 had 85 Entries this year, down on previous year but still a great event, and it was noted the weekend was different to last year which cost us some entries with school holidays.
- Hosted NSW Open with 75 entries. Suggest moving tournament off the weekend Australian Masters is held.
- Organised junior tour to Coffs Harbour and to Parkes to help support junior squash in the country. Briars is subsidising the bus hire and coach.
- Briars junior 1 day event had 8 divisions with 50 kids participating. It was one of our best 1 day Junior events to date.
- Club hosted the CHS Trans-Tasman Series
- Club Championships was once again a big event with 60 entries finished off with live music at the clubs bar.

Australian Club Championships

- The first Club Championships was held at the newest Squash facility on the Gold Coast at Carrara Indoor Stadium. Very proud of our Briars Squash Team at the 1st Club Nationals on the Gold Coast led by Capt.

- Remy with some inspirational performances, TukTuk and Tooley up against international opposition from Denmark and Malta did amazing and had the gallery on their feet with huge applause for every point won. Bambi was the sacrificial lamb; Sunday morning's 9am, 4th match in 3 days and following a team tactic talk on way back from the Casino at 4.30am. Simon Carruthers (former world top 100 player) pulled out his magic 20 year old wood to bewitch his opponent.

Finishing 5th out of 6 overall, we were pleased with the efforts of the team and look forward to taking a bigger squad next year.

2019 - 20 plan

- Increasing junior participation through Squad training and holiday programs and feeding them into the Saturday junior pennant competition.
- Planning a tour to Bangkok for the Jumbo Doubles in April 2019.
- 2020 World Masters in Poland Tour in conjunction with Daisy Hill.
- Briars NSW Talent Development Squad training dates TBA for 2019 and goal setting sessions.
- 2 country NSW tours with junior squads.
- More coaching Squads led by our new Head Coach to help increase players competing in pennant.

Junior Pennant Results

2017-18 Season

Summer Pennant 2017-18

Division	Team	Placing
Division 1	Briars 01	Winners
Division 3	Briars 02	4 th
Division 6	Briars 03	3 rd
Division 10	Briars 04	6 th
Division 11	Briars 05	Winners

Winter Pennant 2018

Division	Team	Placing
Division 3	Briars 01	Winners
Division 4	Briars 02	Winners
Division 9	Briars 04	2 nd
Division 10	Briars 03	Winners
Division 12	Briars 05	Winners

Winter Pennants 2018

Premier Junior Division 01

- Dan Godwin – Winner
- Haani Qureshi – 3rd
- Mitchell Black – 5th

Premier Junior Division 03

- Harry Lu/Sam Smith – 4th
- Mark Woo – 6th

Senior Pennant Results

2016-17 Season

Spring Pennant 2018

Division	Team	Placing
NW Division 1	Briars 01	6 th
NW Division 1	Briars 02	3 rd
NW Division 1	Briars 03	5 th
NW Division 1	Briars 04	4 th
Division 1	Briars 1	5 th
Division 2	Briars 2	6 th
Division 4	Briars 3	2 nd
Division 6	Briars 4	2 nd
Division 8	Briars 5	5 th
Division 10	Briars 6	5 th

Division	Team	Placing
Division 10	Briars 7	2 nd
Division 13	Briars 8	2 nd
Division 13	Briars 9	3 rd

Autumn Pennant 2018

Division	Team	Placing
Sydney 1	Briars 1	4 th
Division 1	Briars 2	5 th
Division 1	Briars 3	3 rd
Division 4	Briars 4	3 rd (<i>runners up</i>)
Division 5	Briars 5	4 th

Division	Team	Placing
Division 7	Briars 6	Winners (<i>runners up</i>)
Division 9	Briars 7	Winners (<i>runners up</i>)
Division 11	Briars 8	5 th
Division 11	Briars 9	3 rd
Division 11	Briars 10	Winners

Briars @Thornleigh

Club Championships

We had 60 entries to the massive 1 day event. In 2017. 2018 will be held on the 1st of December. Below are the winners of each deviation.

Division	Winner
MAJART Cup	Anthony Thomas
Division 1	Nathan Fuller
Division 2	James Herbert
Division 3	Mark Trotman
Division 4	Richard Hayman
Division 5	Adi Srivatsan

Division	Winner
Division 6	Nicki Bispham
Division 7	Genevieve Godwin
Junior Open	Bryn Arnold
Junior A	Mannan Bains
Junior B	Montana Fuller
Junior C	Colum Ryan

Briars Netball

President's Report

Anne Burt



In 2018 we registered 40 modified, junior and senior teams in the Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association. We also registered 80 participants in our Friday night Netstars Program.

This was a pleasing result with substantial growth in both junior and senior numbers.

Briars Netball could not survive or be as successful without the efforts of many parents and players who administer, coach, manage, umpire, score and help out on canteen and BBQs throughout the winter months.

To each and every one of you, thank you.

The most exciting and notable inclusion to this season was the celebration of our Centenary.

Briars Netball held a Picnic Day on the historical Rothwell Park in July to commemorate the Centenary. With sack races, tug-of-war, fairy floss, jumping castles and face painting for the kids. The juniors also had a special visit from NSW Swifts player Maddy Proud

Briars Netball entered 12 junior teams in the Campbelltown Netball Association Gala day. On a cold and windy day we trekked out to Minto and played clubs from all over the South West of Sydney. All players and parents thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The Centenary Dinner in August was a wonderful night of celebration followed up with a visit to the original Briars house in the Appian Way.



Well done Briars!

Senior Netball

Results



Three Senior Teams were entered into the competition, A2, B3 and a C4.

The B3 and C2 teams finished 1st on the ladder with our A2 team 3rd. All made it through to the Grand Finals. Unfortunately none took home the trophy.

We were awarded the IWSNA Senior Netball Club of the Year Award. Congratulations to the ladies who all gave it their best, played in the right spirit, had fun and proudly represented Briars.

Kate Campbell (*Vice President*) and Bindi March-Ali (*Umpires Convenor*) accepting the Senior Club of the year award.

Junior Netball

Results

Congratulations to the U11/5 BlueZircons. 2018 Premiers.



U11 Blue Zircons

Front Row:

*Isabella Giuntoli, Amelia Roufas,
Esther Holding, Sinead McLennan,
Alessia Iacovitti, Riyaa Panchal*

Second Row:

*Natasha Berry (Coach),
Samantha Berry (Coach),
Abigail Greer, Amelia Armstrong,
Josephine Iacovitti (Manager)*

Absent:

Sophia Ferraro

Junior teams-24 Teams across U10-Cadets participated in the IWSNA Competition.

- 2 teams U11/3, U11/5 finished 1st on the ladder
- 5 teams U12/3, U10/1, U10/5, U11/1, U11/2 finished 2nd on the ladder
- 3 teams U13/2, U12/4, U12/5 finished 3rd on the ladder
- 8 teams Cadet 2, U15/1, U14/2, U13/1, U12/1, U10/3, U12/5, U11/2 finished 4th on the ladder
- 1 team U12/3 finished 5th on the ladder
- 4 teams Cadet 3, 15/2 and 10/4, 10/1 finished 7th on the ladder
- 1 team U12/1 finished 8th on the ladder

Modified Netball

13 Modified teams were entered into the competition. They participated each Saturday morning throughout the winter. The modified teams play in a non competitive environment.

- 8 x Under 8 teams
- 5 x Under 9 teams

Netball Summer Competition

Twenty Briars Teams participated throughout the Summer months in the IWSNA Tuesday night competition.

Greenlees Park Bowling Club



Women's Bowls

President's Report

Veronica Waring



Since being elected at the AGM on 19th July, I am enjoying my role as President of the Greenlees Park LBC and hope to fulfil all the duties as President with dedication and professionalism.

The team was unsuccessful in the Pennants Grade 1, but it was a great experience. Looking forward to a more successful year in Pennants in 2019 with additional teams in Grade 2 and Grade 4.



Greenlees Park ladies had a very enjoyable President's Day on the 7th June, where we bid farewell to Margaret Truesdale who stepped down from her presidential duties after completing a 3 year term. There were guests from Greenlees Park Men's Bowls, ladies from other bowling clubs, together with representatives from Macquarie District, Evelyn Redaelli (*President*) and Fay Laney (*Secretary*). A lovely day was had by all.

Another momentous occasion was celebrating Gladys Barnes 90th Birthday on the 23rd August with the Greenlees Park bowling ladies and friends and guests from other various Bowling Clubs. It was a very enjoyable day and a big surprise for Gladys. A wonderful day of celebrations for an icon of ladies bowls at Greenlees Park.



Friends' Day, which was also our Briars Centenary Celebration was held on 20th September. Ladies from Sawtell, Brush Park, Denistone, Kiama, Marrickville, Paxton, Ashfield, Belconnen and Ryde attended together with our bowling ladies and friends. It was a fun, friendly and happy day. Proceeds of the day were donated to the 'Bales for Farmers'.

Volunteers from Greenlees Park Ladies Bowls taught students from North Strathfield Primary School how to play bowls as part of the school sports program. I'm sure most of the boys and girls gained a good insight into the game. Some were very keen and all very well behaved. The parents who came along to watch, appreciated the time that the volunteers spent teaching their children. Each volunteer received a lovely gift and card from the students in appreciation for the fantastic bowls program organised by Greenlees Park Bowls, this was very thoughtful and most unexpected. Thanks to Eddie Truesdale for his role as School Coordinator.

Fourteen Greenlees Park ladies received coaching lessons from Eddie Truesdale and Paul Reynolds which was appreciated by all and will give the women's team an

advantage going into next years' ladies bowls competitions. Many thanks to both coaches.

We have three new members – Helen Whelpton, who joined late last year and Carol Neale and Barbara Webb who joined this year in October. The number of our lady bowlers has now reached 39. We also have ladies come along to join us for a social game from other Bowling Clubs on a Thursday and on special occasions. It is good to see that Greenlees Park Ladies Bowlers are growing!

Greenlees Park WLBC hosted the WBNSW Region 16 State Open Fours Play Offs on the 9th July between Macquarie and Mitchell Districts. It was impressive bowling by the ladies for the Open and Senior Fours. Macquarie District President, Evelyn Redaelli, Macquarie District Secretary Fay Laney and Chair Match, Gladys Barnes were present.

On the 4th August, Margaret, Gladys and myself attended the Briars Centennial Dinner at 'Waterview', Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park and had a very enjoyable night celebrating with members from Greenlees Park.

We wish to thank Jason Parle, Jack Thomas and Monique Laaper for all the help they give us – no job is too big and they always do it with a smile. Also to Ben Williams, Megan Garcia and all the bar staff who are always very helpful and pleasant with our demands. Thank you to Peter Neary, our Greenkeeper who ensures the green is in top condition for the ladies on Thursdays. A thank you to Tiffany, Adam and all the staff in the Backyard Restaurant – always accommodating on our special function days and Thursday lunches. Many thanks to the Briars Sports Club for all the support they give during the year and also to President Michael Laws and the extended bowling members.

2018 Greenlees Park Women's Bowls Results:

	Winner	Runner-up
Major Singles	M. Truesdale	J. Cooper
Minor Singles	N. Watson	L. Keenan
Pairs	M. Truesdale G. Barnes	J. Hartley P. Lawrenson
Triples	L. McAuliffe G. Shirvington M. Kearney	J. Hartley K. Bruce C. Madden
Fours	V. Waring J. Thurstan M. Truesdale G. Barnes	J. Hartley K. Bruce C. Pomroy I. Fonti
Consistency	G. Barnes	A. Hyem
District Pairs	G. Barnes & M. Truesdale made the semi-finals.	
District Triples	J. Cooper, M. Truesdale & G. Barnes were runner's-up.	

Men's Bowls

President's Report

Michael Laws



2018 has brought an increase in numbers with social bowls numbers more than double

Thankyou to the Committee which has continued to ensure all aspects of events have run smoothly. We have for 2018 increased our pennant sides from 3 grades to 4 grades All of which are very competitive.

A Great result which clearly shows the members interest is alive and well for the coming year.

Thank you to the Club Ltd for their ongoing support of Lawn Bowls.

2018 Club Championship Results:

	Winner	Runner-up
Major Singles	Ray Coombes	Ben Williams
Minor Singles	Daniel Ackary	Bob Inman
Major Pairs	John Houteas Eddie Truesdale	Ray Coombes Paul Reynolds
Minor Pairs	Paul Koziollek David Puckeridge	Ronny James Alun Fenton
Triples	Ben Williams Mark Leslie Wayne Comber	Alan Gallagher Rod O'Grady Alun Fenton
Fours	John Houteas Richard Thorpe Rod Ogrady Eddie Truesdale	Tom Lagreca Bob Inman Mark Gorlicki Paul Reynolds
Mixed Pairs	Judith Coulson Wayne Comber	Gladys Barnes John Houteas

Zone 10 – 2018 President's Pairs Champions



Bob Inman and Wayne Comber

Zone 10 – 2018 President's Fours Champions



Guy Mandato, Bob Inman, James Archer, Wayne Comber

Congratulations on reaching the Semi-Finals of the State Playoffs, what a great achievement.

Zone 10 - Rookies Singles Champion



Bob Inman

Zone 10 - Rookies Pairs Champions



Bob Inman & Luke Dobbie



Briars Sports Trophies

J H Stone Trophy

Awarded to **Anthony Deep**

DJ Deep has been an integral part of the Briars Rugby Club for several years, through his work on game day with his AV and announcer duties. In recent years he has helped Briars Rugby with a myriad of communication and marketing projects, which this year flowed through to helping Briars Sports Club with a wide range of Centenary Celebration marketing projects. He has given up a significant amount of time to ensure the professionalism of the marketing content was precise, accurate and of superior quality.

The J H Stone Trophy named after the first President of The Briars Sporting Club, John Stone, and 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 **Gareth Robson**

Gareth has been a vital part of cricket administration over a number of years and a very reliable player. No job is too difficult for him with many of the back-office admin tasks undertaken

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 **Michael Towells.**

Michael has played cricket for the Club for many years and has been a regular contributor to our success on the field, mainly playing 3rd grade. He has also volunteered his time off the field to assist where needed at training or in admin roles as well as giving up his time throughout the season on Sundays as the manager of the Under 24 team, a vital role in the Clubs ongoing development of players.

A well-deserved winner of this award.

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 H G Whiddon.

The basis of arriving at the winner is as follows:

Value to team as a cricketer	35 points
Conduct	15 points
General keenness	15 points
Value to Club as a member	25 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

Gerard Price Jnr. Cricket Trophy

Awarded to **Aiden Gardner**

Aiden has been a long-standing player with Concord Briars Cricket Club. Aiden has developed as a player during his years with Briars. This was Aiden's final year with the Club and his performance was exceptional, a good way to finish his junior career.

Aiden scored 580 runs at an average of 82.86, took 14 wickets at 11.29 and took 11 catches for the season.

We wish Aiden all the very best in the future.

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 **Nicola Skinner**

Nicola returned to the hockey committee after a few years absence and has been a very welcome breath of fresh air. She took on the role of Social Coordinator like a duck to water and made 2018 a year to remember with social events. Her application and effort for all our events this year, but particularly our Centenary Celebrations, were above and beyond anyone's expectations. She was also proactive in assisting in the canteen throughout the year, coming up with the Briars Flick Kids concept and running it on a Friday night at Briars Sports Club as well as playing in our Women's 2nd grade. A very worthy recipient for this notable award.

The A J Robinson Shield was donated in 1958 by 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 **Sofia Ferrer**

This is Sofia's 2nd win of this prestigious award after also taking in out in the 2016 season. Sofia has always, and continues to, show a huge level of dedication to Briars Hockey Club. Not only a very talented hockey player, being part of our 1st and 2nd grade women's teams throughout the year as well as a number of representative teams, she also assisted with coaching a number of junior teams, umpiring where and when required, volunteering countless hours in the Cintra canteen. Sofia is a very special member of our club and we look forward to her

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 one of the most notable of all Briars presidents, who always showed a strong interest in the formation of junior teams.

continued efforts for many years to come.

Anne Gleason Jnr. Trophy

Awarded to **Nick Sinodonis**

Nick has shown a great passion for Squash since starting earlier this year. He comes from a background of top Squash players and is really enjoying the challenges of being a beginner. In his first season he did not miss a round of competition, he won most of his matches and doubled up some weeks because other team mates were ill or were unable to attend.

Nick is highly attentive during the lessons and always gives 100%. He is happy to play with anyone and it is difficult to remove him off the court. We see a great future for Nick and think he has great potential to be a leader and ambassador for Squash.

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.

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 **Lachlan Koziollek**

Lachlan Koziollek joined Briars Rugby this year coming from a background outside the game. He might have started as a new colt trying to learn the game from the wing but he completed the year as our first grade finisher scoring a total of eight tries for the season. Kozi used his impressive speed and ability to bounce out of tackles to inject many game line breaks and some crushing tackles on the defensive end. This coupled with his attitude based around positivity and competitiveness are developing him into a well-rounded rugby player and clubman. As he continues to develop his knowledge of the game there is a bright future in our sport for him.

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 **Mark Nelson**

Taking on the role as secretary in 2018, Mark went out of his way to ensure that Rugby ran smoothly sinking untold hours into the 2018 season. Dealing with the myriad of questions, personalities and unrelenting politics both internal and external is never an easy task. Mark took all this in his stride and continually presents with a smile and positive attitude, both on and off

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

the field being an integral part of second grade. His efforts combined with his nature sees him a worthy recipient.

Neatness of uniform	10 points
Total	100 points

Mal Blair & Bill McLaughlin Junior Rugby Trophy

Awarded to **Jacob McGrath**

Jacob McGrath joined Briars Junior Rugby in 2017 with an enormous amount of enthusiasm, and this enthusiasm is not only saved for games on a Saturday, but also at training.

Always there to help and encourage his team mates, and always supporting the rest of the teams playing after his game.

His support was not only restricted to junior rugby, he is a regular supporter of senior rugby as well, making sure he gets prime position in the tunnels when 1st grade runs on the field.

He is always happy to assist in all aspects of the Club, and not many people can say no to him when he's on raffle ticket duty!

Well done to Jacob in receiving this award.

The Mal Blair & Bill McLaughlin Junior Rugby Trophy is awarded annually by Junior Rugby to a junior rugby player who has contributed most, both on and off the field.

Doug Vanderfield Trophy

Awarded to **Ian Bell**

Ian has been a long serving patron to Squash. Playing pennant for many years and is now President of Briars Squash. He has dedicated his spare time to attend meetings, help develop the Briars Squash club events and voluntarily coached and guided new players in the club with rules, technique and tactics.

As team captain he scheduled his team fairly and developed great comradery within it.

He is a great asset to the game of Squash and we are grateful to have him with us

The Doug Vanderfield Trophy was donated in 1970 by 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 **Bindi March-Ali**

joined Briars Netball Club in 2014. She quickly became an integral member of the club and has maintained the dedication for the past 5 seasons

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 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

through coaching, umpiring and playing.

Along with her participation in the club she has demonstrated her commitment and passion for the club in her role as umpiring convenor. Bindi's mentoring of junior and senior players in developing both their umpiring and coaching skills and accreditations has been integral to the clubs growth. Bindi has also been a member of the netball executive committee for the past 4 seasons and a popular member of our club.

Bindi is very special Briar and a deserving recipient of this award.

Improvement as a player	15 points
Conduct on the Netball Court	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

Brian Huttly Trophy

*Awarded to **Veronica Waring***

Veronica joined GPWBC in July 2013. She has served on the committee since 2016 and was elected Vice-President for 2017/18 and in July 2018 became President of the Greenlees Park Women's Bowls.

Veronica is a keen member who is kind and thoughtful in making new members feel welcome at the club.

Veronica is well deserving of this Award.

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 **Terry O'Kane***

Terry has been on the match Committee for the last 5 years and is always available to assist in the running of tournaments and all general aspects of supporting bowls when required.

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.

Sponsorship

The Coronation Club Burwood

Alan Whelpton AO

Briars Sports would like to thank Alan Whelpton AO and his wife Helen for the wonderful sponsorship by The Coronation Club Burwood of Junior Sports at Briars Sporting Club.

Alan Whelpton is President of The Coronation Club in Burwood and the sponsorship over the last two years has totalled \$50,000.

Included below is Alan's profile:

- Alan has a sporting career which began in 1953 with lifesaving at MacMasters Beach Surf Life Saving Club.
- President Surf Life Saving from 1975 to 2001.
- Introduced female membership and female competitions.
- Australian Surf Life Saving Championships which attract 5,000 competitors, 50,000 spectators and is televised.
- Alan introduced the Surf Life Saving World Championship in 1981 and was the first General Secretary of World Life Saving founded in 1971.
- Chairman of Surf Life Saving Australia Westpac Helicopter from 1973 to 2001.
- In 1982 Alan was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and in 2007 was upgraded to Officer of the Order of Australia (AO).
- In 1992 Alan was honoured with Life Membership of International Life Saving.
- Alan is Chairman of Western Sydney Academy of Sport and Chairman of the NSW Sports Hall of Fame at Homebush providing quality development programs for talented young athletes.



Bequests

R B (Bob) Clark BEM Educational Scholarship | \$40,000

This scholarship is awarded for two years to a Briar to assist in their education. Established by Bob Clark, founder of The Briars Sporting Club, a Life Member and signatory to the Constitution established in 1950. Bob played cricket and rugby for Briars and his contribution was \$40,000.

Ron Thompson Memorial Trust 1967 | \$700

Ron Thompson was President of Briars 1960-1962 and a board member for several years. He was a signatory to the Constitution 1950 and contributed \$700 to this trust. Ron played cricket and hockey for Briars.

John Sheehan Sporting Scholarship 1971 | \$700

John Sheehan, an early member of The Briars Sporting Club, established this scholarship. John played cricket for Briars. He contributed \$700 to this award.

Harvey Ford Junior Development Fund | \$5,000

Harvey was President of Briars 1969-1972. Harvey was on the Briars Board for over thirty years and was a Life Member. He was also signatory to the Constitution in 1950. Harvey played rugby for Briars and contributed \$5,000.

Charles Morgan Junior Development Fund | \$1,000

Charles played rugby for Briars and wrote the Constitution when The Briars Sporting Club received its liquor license in 1950. He wrote this complex document free of charge and contributed \$1,000.

Watt Family Cricket Scholarship | \$5,000

E F Watt was President of Briars 1948-1953 and signatory to the Constitution in 1950. His son Ted was one of the finest cricketers Briars has ever produced - a fine all-rounder. This scholarship was established by Ted's sons who contributed \$5,000.

Appendix A

Financial statements

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

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ABN: 71 001 029 545

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**SUMMARY OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER, 2018**

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SUMMARY OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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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, 2018.

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	11	Manager
M. Jaroszewicz	Director	12	10	Structural Engineer
T. O'Kane	Director	12	11	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 2018. Mr Parle has extensive experience in the Club industry.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is Ms Matina Moffitt who 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>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Full Members	1,017	914
Social Members	<u>2,384</u>	<u>2,417</u>
	<u>3,461</u>	<u>3,331</u>

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OPERATING RESULTS

The net profit from Trading for the year ended 30 September 2018 (after no Provision for Income Tax) amounted to \$111,128 (2017 - Profit \$9,598) after charging depreciation of \$304,220 (2017 - \$283,584).

DIVIDENDS

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

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>%</u>
Poker Machines Clearances Net	1,493,544	1,440,845	52,699	3.65
Bar Sales	1,134,824	1,017,292	117,532	11.56
Operating & Overhead Costs	3,600,295	3,272,194	328,101	10.02

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 \$1,481.96 to insure all directors against liabilities for the costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the Company, other than conduct involving a willful breach of duty in relation to the company.

OPTIONS

No options over issued shares or interest in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report as the Company is limited by guarantee.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company for all or part of those proceedings

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION

The Auditor's Independent Declaration for the year ended 30th September 2018 has been received and can be found on page 4 of this report.

Dated at Concord this 17th day of December 2018

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


.....
B. HOWLE - DIRECTOR


.....
M. MOFFITT - DIRECTOR


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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that during the year ended 30th September 2018:

- (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 12TH DAY OF
DECEMBER 2018


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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, 2018. The discussion and analysis is based on those financial reports and is provided to assist members in the understanding of financial statements.

A copy of the full financial report and audit report thereon will be made available to any member upon request to the General Manager.

b) Statement of Comprehensive Income

The entity's total revenue has increased to \$4,042,675 (12.32%) since the prior year whilst operating expenses excluding depreciation, amortization, and borrowing costs have increased to \$3,600,295 (10.02%) resulting in a net profit before tax of \$111,128 (income tax Nil) compared to \$9,598 net profit (income tax Nil) for the previous year.

Individual items that have impacted the 2018 results include:

- Poker machine taxes increased by \$75,774. (47.91%).
- Entertainment, marketing and promotional costs decreased by \$185,939 (110.9%).
- Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by \$20,636 (7.27%).
- Employee benefit expenses decreased by \$46,968 (5.29%).

Bar sales were up to \$1,134,824 compared to last year of \$1,017,292, while the gross profit percentage decreased from 62.19% to 62.08%. Bar net profit increased to \$341,760 this year.

We saw an increase in Poker Machine Net Clearances of \$1,493,544 largely due to an increase in Poker Machine interest by members. This resulted in an increase in profit of \$216,270 from \$1,060,529 to \$1,276,799.

Sport income was \$862,983 compared to (\$692,407 - 2017), up by \$170,576.

c) Statement of Financial Position

The entity's net assets have increased by \$111,128 or 2.18% since the previous year consisting of a decrease in total assets of \$31,156 and a \$142,284 decrease in total liabilities.

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

- Increase in property, plant and equipment of \$304,239 due mainly to Club House improvements and purchase of plant & equipment.
- Decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$39,833.
- Decrease in other financial liabilities of \$31,968, mainly by a decrease in subscriptions in advance.
- Increase in trade payables of \$120,640.
- Decrease in current assets of \$31,175.

d) Cash Flow Statement

Operating activities provided net cash flow of \$513,929, compared to \$265,431 in the previous year.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$307,660 mainly related to payments for property, plant & equipment.

Decrease in net borrowings of \$246,102 related to the CBA line of credit repayments.

Cash at year end was \$133,526 compared to \$173,359 in the prior year.

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue from the sale of goods	1,197,099	1,046,303
Revenue from the rendering of services	2,445,201	2,257,513
Other revenue from ordinary activities	400,375	295,089
Total revenue from ordinary activities	<u>4,042,675</u>	<u>3,598,905</u>
Cost of sales	(430,302)	(384,613)
Directors' expenses	(821)	(750)
Employee benefit expenses	(840,536)	(887,504)
Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses	(353,485)	(167,546)
Poker machines licenses and taxes	(233,924)	(158,150)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(1,741,227)	(1,673,631)
Total Expenses	<u>(3,600,295)</u>	<u>(3,272,194)</u>
Earnings before borrowing costs, depreciation and amortisation	442,383	326,711
Depreciation and amortisation	(304,220)	(283,584)
Borrowing costs	(27,035)	(33,529)
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense	<u>111,128</u>	<u>9,598</u>
Income tax expense	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Profit for the year	<u>111,128</u>	<u>9,598</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current assets		
Cash assets	133,526	173,359
Investments	157,753	154,332
Inventories	32,595	42,651
Other	125,821	110,528
Total current assets	<u>449,695</u>	<u>480,870</u>
Non-current assets		
Property, plant & equipment	5,467,326	5,467,307
Intangibles	444,945	444,945
Total non-current assets	<u>5,912,271</u>	<u>5,912,252</u>
Total assets	<u>6,361,966</u>	<u>6,393,122</u>
Current liabilities		
Payables	454,439	333,799
Provisions	368,803	358,799
Other	142,207	174,175
Total current liabilities	<u>965,449</u>	<u>866,773</u>
Non-Current liabilities		
Provisions	5,142	-
Other	200,000	446,102
Total non-current liabilities	<u>205,142</u>	<u>446,102</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,170,591</u>	<u>1,312,875</u>
Net assets	<u>5,191,375</u>	<u>5,080,247</u>
Members' Funds		
Retained profits	2,687,180	2,576,052
Asset Revaluation Reserve	2,160,358	2,160,358
Briars Equity Transfer	343,837	343,837
Members' Equity	<u>5,191,375</u>	<u>5,080,247</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

	Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Briars Equity Transfer	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$
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 as at 30 September 2017	2,576,052	2,160,358	343,837	5,080,247
Net profit for the year	111,128	-	-	111,128
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year	111,128	-	-	111,128
Balance 30 September 2018	2,687,180	2,160,358	343,837	5,191,375

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
<u>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</u>		
Receipts from Member & Guests	4,230,310	3,763,312
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(3,879,486)	(3,645,651)
Interest	354	2,954
Rental Income	162,751	144,816
Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	513,929	265,431
<u>Cash Flow From Investing Activities</u>		
Payments for purchase of investment	(3,421)	(2,599)
Payment for Plant & Equipment, Poker Machines	(304,239)	(187,536)
Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities	(307,660)	(190,135)
<u>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</u>		
Proceeds (Repayment) of Borrowings	(246,102)	(104,998)
Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities	(246,102)	(104,998)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash held	(39,833)	(29,702)
Cash at 30th September, 2017	173,359	203,061
Cash at 30th September, 2018	133,526	173,359

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	12,380	68,615
Cash on Hand	121,146	104,744
	133,526	173,359

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

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 2018. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2018 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 2018, 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 2018 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 17th day of December 2018
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


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B. HOWLE - DIRECTOR


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M. MOFFITT - DIRECTOR

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TO THE MEMBERS OF
BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the summary statement of financial position as at 30 September 2018, 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 2018. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 5th December 2018.

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 2018 is consistent in all material respects, with that audited financial report, on the basis described in Note 1.

DATED AT CONCORD
THIS 19th DAY OF
DECEMBER 2018


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HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY
Chartered Accountants

GARRY WILLIAM DAY
Registered Company Auditor



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