

# **BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD**



## **1st Annual Report and Balance Sheet 2005 – 2006**

**Presented to Members at the Club Rooms  
Cnr Ian Parade & Wellbank Street, Concord 2137  
on Sunday 25th February 2007**

**Briars at Greenlees Ltd  
ABN 710 010 295 45**

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## **BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD**

### **Patrons**

D A Walker

K Free OAM

### **President**

M Weber

### **Board of Directors**

G Barnes	I Blair	T Cribb	B Huttly
P McAulay	J Price	R Tregeagle	M Weber

### **General Manager**

G Taylor

### **Treasurer**

I Blair

### **Auditor**

Harley, Russell & Day

### **Solicitor**

P Mattick LLB

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G Price	Cricket
G Dunn	Hockey
J Slender	Rugby
G Heggarty	Squash
T Cribb	Mens Bowls
G Barnes	Womens Bowls
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# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

Founded 1918



## PAST PRESIDENTS

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

## PAST LIFE MEMBERS

1947	H W Whiddon
	E J Siddeley
	R W May
1958	R B Clark BEM
	H G Whiddon
1968	E G Stockdale
1985	H C Ford
1993	P C Murray CBE
1994	R S Jones AOM
1995	D V Prowse
2002	J Balmforth BEM

## PATRONS

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

## LIFE MEMBERS

J Alford
I G S Blair
C K E Dennis
C R Hickey
S Hipwell
W F Hooker
C G Jones
R I G Richard
P D Richardson
J F Threlfo
I R Vanderfield OBE
C D Walker
D A Walker

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P England
J H Edmonds
G Heggarty
M Howell
G Ireland
C J Jones
K R Kable
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P Mansford
P G Mattick
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G Price
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S Schomberg
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## GREENLEES PARK BOWLING CLUB



### PAST PRESIDENTS

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

### LIFE MEMBERS

J C Jackson
R Riley OAM
L Coleman
A Fleeton
R Buchanan
K Free OAM
E Knight
R Skehan
B Huttly

### PAST LIFE MEMBERS

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R Wiggins
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A McLeod
J Arantz
A Lee
N Tozer
H C Wicks
M Davis
J Vale



## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

It has been a year of great excitement and hard work for the merging committee of Briars and the Greenlees Bowling Club. This last year ending September 2006 has witnessed the birth of the new entity of Briars at Greenlees Ltd and it gives me great pleasure to report on our progress over this period.

The merger has provided a great base to grow our sporting teams and provide the Canada Bay community with a club that can cater for all their needs. Improvements in the Club to date include the new interior of the Club, new card membership and an upgrade of the audio and visual facilities. The recent purchase of eight new poker machines has assisted in increased turnover and participation within the Club. The Board is still very active in progressing the total refurbishment of the Club and have plans in with Council for approval at the time of writing. This would substantially upgrade all facilities for members and cater for individual Club and personal needs.

On the sporting front, our successful retention of the Cricket Club Championship gave the new club a great boost in our first year. This success spilled over into all sports with increased participation in all areas – bowls, hockey and rugby all saw a renewed vigour. Rugby was ultimately successful in the Club Championship and major grades. (I will leave the sports results and the successes to be aired by the sporting chairpersons in their reports). Undoubtedly the profile that Briars at Greenlees now has in the community will assist further in those positive outcomes on the sporting field.

It has been a major exercise in establishing Briars at Greenlees Ltd - merging all the sports, their individual needs and nuances, providing a new accounting system and implementing financial systems to cover a much larger business. Members should take note in the financial pages of the enlarged business structure. This would not have been possible without the positive attitude of your Board and management. To this end I thank the Board and our General Manager, Glen Taylor, for providing this great base to grow. To all our cheerful staff, thanks for your patience during the year and the great results to come. To all sponsors, thank you for your help in assisting our sporting teams in their great achievements.

Finally, many thanks to all members for assisting positively in this merger and the understanding that we are building a club with great merit. Also thanks to the Mayor and the City of Canada Bay for their continued contribution to the Club's course.

Mal Weber  
Chairman

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I have pleasure in presenting the first Treasurers' Report for the amalgamated club. This report is for sixteen months due to the change of year-end from May 31 to September 30. Comparisons from the previous year are of little relevance as these figures included only the Greenlees Park Bowling Club and not The Briars Sporting Club financials. The Briars Sporting Club financials have been included since January 2006. From this date membership has doubled and significant items of revenue for the year are Poker Machine Net Profit increased 70.8% and Bar Sales Net Profit increased 226.6% with Overhead Operating Expenses increasing by 99.0%.

Another significant area is the increase in cash flow \$387,100 with a balance of \$699,527 and net assets of the Club are \$3,605,493. An independent valuation of the two premises was carried out in November 2006 and will be reviewed for Balance Sheet purposes in the current financial year. The introduction of a point of sale computer system and membership database during the year has provided management with better stock control, pricing percentages, and allocation of grants to the sports. Management is trying to have as many members on email so as to reduce costs and improve information to members.

Finally many thanks to Bill Hooker, Phil McAulay, John Windon and Glen Taylor for their help during the year in consolidating the amalgamation accounts which was not an easy task and installing systems which will provide a sound financial base for future years.

Ian Blair  
Treasurer



# THE BRIARS FOUNDATION LIMITED

## Directors

Colin Dennis (President) Ian Blair. Peter Dunlop. Ken Kable, John Price. Chris Walker. Warwick Williams.

At September 30 2006, there were twenty-one members of The Foundation and total assets stood at \$191,598. There are now three past members, Don Walker, Doug Prowse and Don Way.

Don Way died earlier this year, and is an example of a member who had chosen to apply a codicil to his will to The Foundation's benefit. In this instance an amount of \$25,000. A wonderful gesture from a man who enjoyed sixty-five years of Briars membership.

During this past year the Foundation provided \$10,000 for junior Rugby development, which was well managed by the Rugby committee.

Funds have also been approved for the resurfacing of the hockey field at Cintra, and the Foundation will provide \$150,000 towards that cost.

Perhaps the most important decision taken by the Directors was to explore the possibility of future donations being tax deductible. The benefits would be obvious, and we believe that it would produce new members as well as encourage fresh donations from existing members.

Negotiations have been proceeding all year with the Australian Sports Foundation and, at the time of writing, a Grant Agreement is being finalised, and we are keen to have all of the accounting and administration details in place in the next two months.

On the basis that such a structure could be established, twelve Briars have pledged an amount of \$111,000.

In the coming year, the Foundation is committed to assisting with the funds necessary for major renovations to the clubrooms and to the lights at Greenlees Park, which will be a new training venue for Rugby.

The renovations will provide additional administration space for the management of the various sports, and for the storage and display of trophies and Briars sporting memorabilia.

As is always the case, new Foundation members will be eagerly sought to assist the club with its objective of providing first class sporting facilities for all members.

I appreciate the support and interest of the Directors, and thank John Randle for his work as Treasurer and Keith Wearne for the preparation of the company's accounts.

## Membership List

Ray Ackerman	Bill Hooker	John Singleton
Ross Anstey	Steve Keir	Fai Tsang
Jim Barrett	Bill Marshall	Chris Walker
Ken Bell	Mike Mathews	Tony Wozniak
Andy Clifford	John Price	George Wright
Richard Crookes	Col Rankin	Doug Prowse (deceased)
Colin Dennis	Ian Richard	Don Walker (deceased)
Mal Goldsmith	Laurie Routley	Don Way (deceased)

Colin Dennis  
President



## CRICKET CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Unbelievable! That is one of the few words to describe the season 2005/06. For the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 4 years and for the 9<sup>th</sup> time in the past 13 seasons we have won the most prestigious trophy, the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. As well as this magnificent achievement we were also able to win the 1<sup>st</sup> grade premiership for the first time since 1999/2000 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade premiership for the third year in succession! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade were Minor Premiers (again) but were unable to continue their good form in the semis and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Under 24 teams were both narrowly defeated in their respective Grand Finals. Finally, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade were also semi finalists so you can see that it was a season like no other in that we were in contention to win four Premierships and a Club Championship all in the same season.

To complete our success Rothwell Park, through the efforts of Adam Powell, was voted the Shires Ground of the Year for the second year in succession. What an achievement by everyone and congratulations to all the players who contributed in some way to our success.

Although there was plenty of success on the field it is no doubt a reflection of the efforts of a few members off the field that allows us to continue with the amazing run of outstanding performances.

In no particular order I would like to thank the following people who have assisted me in some way during the past season. Anthony Clarke has once again been outstanding in his efforts in fees collection, helping organising cover repairs, organising the construction of new sightcreens at St Lukes Oval etc, Jason Harris in his assistants role to help out whenever and wherever needed, Damon Smith for his assistance in recruitment in the off season, Brett Hawgood for his role in securing the sponsorship from Mortgagemakers, Scott Brennan for his up to date seasonal statistics, Paul Price for his assistance (and advice!) behind the scenes, Nick Rojo for his ongoing involvement with our major sponsor VENUS PACKAGING, Terry Murphy for his assistance in compiling and updating the very detailed Club stats at the years end and for his attendance at the SCA meeting each month or so in town on our behalf, Wayne Grimson for his management of our Under 24 team for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and to Peter Catalovski for his help in securing our Player of the match sponsor in Favottos restaurant.

Five people who were required to contribute their time each week were the captains in Damon Smith, David Willis, Jason Harris, Greg Wallace and Tom Watson. I would like to thank them and congratulate them for their efforts in organising players, covers, afternoon teas etc, for each game.

As mentioned earlier we were fortunate enough to play on the best ground in Shires in Rothwell Park due to the efforts of the groundsman. We were also able to play on two other very good wickets in St Lukes Oval and Ron Routley and would like to thank the groundsmen there, particularly Adam Evison and the other ground staff who were able to assist.

The playing of sport nowadays is becoming a very costly exercise and as such it is vital that we seek out sponsors to help fulfil any projects we wish to achieve. The involvement of Venus Packaging for the last 7-8 years has coincided with much of the Club's success and on behalf of all the cricketers I would like to thank Ian Venus for his involvement.

Although we play serious cricket and are committed each week there are occasions when we may need a player or 2 to fill in for a game. This happened regularly during the year and I would like to thank the many players who helped us out in any small way.

Each season the Club competes with Epping for the Turnbull/Richardson Trophy and is awarded to the club that secures the most Club Championship points in the matches between the 2 clubs. For the 15<sup>th</sup> successive season we won the trophy. Well done boys.

On behalf of all the cricketers I would also like to thank the staff and management of Briars at Greenlees for their assistance and service to all the cricketers during the season.

Our Annual Presentation evening was held once again at Nudis on the Green and the 100 or so in attendance had an enjoyable night. There were quite a few of the 'older' players in attendance including Peter Mansford, Ian Blair, David Walker and his wife Elaine, and Ted Watt and his wife Ruby, to name a few. As usual there was the presentation of the various awards:

- First Grade Players Player-Ash Squire
- Second Grade Players Player-Wayne Grimson
- Third Grade Players Player-Jason Harris



- Fourth grade Players Player-Derek Welsh
- Fifth Grade Players Player-Warren Clark
- Under 24's Players Player-Ben Chapman
- Masters Players Player-Wayne Erickson
- Ted Watt Trophy for Best New Talent-Andrew Jalalaty
- David Walker Trophy for Services to Cricket-Richard Tregeagle

To all these award winners we congratulate you and thank Paul Price for his efforts in helping organise the evening.

The Club also sent about 30 players/partners to the SCA Presentation dinner at Lidcombe Catholic Club to collect all of our trophies and to also honour and congratulate David Walker on his inclusion in the Shires Hall of Fame. David was unfortunately unable to attend due to being overseas however he has joined two other 'legends' in Ted Watt and the late Doug Prowse with this honour.

There were many wonderful individual achievements during the season however I will leave these to be spoken about in the respective team reports. If there is anyone else I have omitted from thanking, I apologise and extend my thanks to you as well.

Gerard Price – Cricket Chairman

## CRICKET FIRST GRADE - PREMIERS

What a wonderful season we had. After a couple of seasons where we were competitive but just not good enough the Club were fortunate to recruit a group of very good players who were able to combine with our own very talented group of players to win the prestigious 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Premiership. Throughout the season there was only about 15 or 16 different players used in the team and this stability obviously helped the guys to form a very tight unit who completely dominated the big end of season matches.

The team was very slow out of the blocks winning only 1 of their first 4 games before they absolutely decimated the hapless Strathfield team. We dismissed them on a good batting wicket for only 72 with Anthony Raymond, Ash Squire and Hilal Dannaoui destroying the opposition. We then set about scoring some quick runs to finish at 151 before the bowlers once again had Strathfield in big trouble at 3-12 at the days end. Day 2 was a washout when all other grades played. This game seemed to help the team click into gear as they then demolished Roseville with Dannaoui taking 5 wickets and Cameron French 4 in a cameo appearance. Cameron with 44, Ben Crawley (66x) and Sean McKiernan (44x) then finished the game off.

The final game before Christmas was a 1 day game against Macquarie University. We batted first and fought well to score 9/211 thanks to skipper Damon Smiths 74x, Ben Chapman (26), Brett Hawgood (28) and Dannaoui (27). Sean McKiernan, in his first game with the ball then took 5-13 off nearly 10 overs to set up an excellent victory and keep the boys on a roll.

First game back after Christmas was against Auburn who were in the top 2 at the time. Not for long. After being sent in on a wet wicket in a reduced over match the boys smashed their way to 8-259 off only 47 overs with Ash Squire (80), Ben Chapman (41) and Damon Smith (36) leading the way. Auburn were then bowled out for only 217 with Hilly taking another 3 wickets.

Round 9 saw us up against the lowly placed Georges River who were dismissed for 19, Hilly, Sean and Ash all taking 3 wickets each. We were 2-95 overnight when play was washed out the next week!

The next round is one to forget where Pennant Hills scored plenty and beat us easily with Damon Smith scoring 58, Anthony Smith 40 and Craig Parkinson 42. We fared a little better in our 2<sup>nd</sup> innings with Ash (41), Chappo (60) and Damon Smith (49) all batting well.

With the run into the semis now well under way the team seemed to lift in their performances with some very good victories resulting. Against Southern Districts we dismissed them for only 205 with Paul Panutti taking 3 wickets. Some good batting followed as Sean McKiernan (101x), Craig Parkinson (74) and Ash Squire (40) all scored well to set up an easy victory.



Round 13 versus Lindfield saw a very dominating performance from the team as they dismissed Lindfield for only 132 and 95. Dannaoui took 9 wickets for the match and McKiernan took 6 after the batters scored 5-264 off only 39 overs! Squire (81), Hawgood (50) and Anthony Smith (40x) starred.

In the last round before the semis the top spots were up for grabs as we played 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Warringah on a traditionally dodgy Weldon wicket. A brilliant start of 81 between Parko and Squire was alter wasted as we were dismissed for only 161. The bowlers, led by Dannaoui with 4 wickets then had Warringah 9-143 before the last pair scored the required runs in a very close finish in the last over.

**QUALIFYING FINAL vs Warringah** - The rematch of the previous game once again saw us batting first. The batsman played much better this time around as we amassed 276 with Ash Squire (98) and Anthony Smith (63) batting brilliantly. The bowlers then continued their good work to dismiss Warringah for 188 with Dannaoui taking another 4 wickets.

**SEMI FINAL vs Lane Cove** - After losing the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the season to Lane Cove the boys were very keen for revenge and what a performance it was. After having Lane Cove 7-77 at one stage they recovered to score a respectable 214 with McKiernan taking 5-17 off 18 overs! The batsmen then took over as they smashed their way to 2-221 and a wonderful victory. Ben Chapman fell just short of a century with 94 and McKiernan batted his way to a man of the match performance with an unbeaten 71. On to the final.

**GRAND FINAL vs South Sydney** - A game against another of the teams who defeated us in the rounds South Sydney. After winning the toss and batting Souths were soon in strife at 2-8. The wickets continued and we eventually dismissed them for only 152 with Steve Harvey and Ash Squire each taking 3 wickets. The loss of an early wicket kept Souths in the game before Chapman and Ash took the score to 60 before Chapman was out in the last over of the day. The game was poised in our favour overnight but McKiernan and Squire took the score to 100 before Ash was dismissed for 31. McKiernan continued on his merry way later combining with skipper Damon Smith (41) to easily pass the total and then score yet another century and later be awarded the medal for Man of the Match. The score finished at 6-242 before the game was called off and the celebrations began

**Damon Smith** - led the side very well in his return to the club. Scored 558 runs at 55.80 with a highest score of 101x against Epping. Tried to bowl on occasions as well and took 9 catches. Great season.

**Sean McKiernan** - had a sensational season scoring 516 runs at 49.16 including an unbeaten century in the final and a score in the 90's. Also took 30 wickets opening the bowling and was awarded the Player of the final medal.

**Ben Chapman** - including under 24's Chappo scored 923 runs at an average of 51.28. Tops score in 1<sup>st</sup> grade was 94 in the semi final and has stepped up to be a top class player.

**Ash Squire** - was voted Players player by his team mates in a wonderful season. Scored 619 runs including 98 against Warringah in the qualifying Final and also took 17 wickets. A future leader of the club.

**Ben Crawley** - in his first year with the club played well. Scored over 300 runs including 83 vs Souths and 63x against Roseville. Shared the keeping duties with Anthony Smith taking 19 catches.

**Anthony Smith** - another new boy to the club who probably didn't perform to his potential. Came good at the right end of the season with a match winning 63 in the semi vs Warringah.

**Hilal Dannaoui** - Hilly led the bowling attack throughout the season taking 49 wickets off 273 overs. Completely outplayed the Strathfield batsmen taking 5 wickets in the day before the day 2 wash out and regularly took wickets in his opening spell. Excellent season.

**Steve Harvey** - combined with Hilly and Sean to form a pretty lethal bowling attack taking 20 wickets with a best of 5-40. Great team man who rarely batted.

**Peter Catalovski** - his first season in 1<sup>st</sup> grade taking 11 wickets but played his support role very well behind his strike bowlers. Did not bat very often but a good season as well.

**Brett Hawgood** - to his surprise played 11 games in 1's after starting in the lower grades but played a very important role batting in the top order. With 2 scores of 50 he deserved his spot and the premiership cap. Can't bowl though.



**Craig Parkinson** - joined the team later in the season due to work commitments but still able to score over 300 runs. Chipped in with 10 wickets at crucial times as well. Hope to see him more often next season.

**Anthony Raymond** - started the season in 1's taking 11 wickets and scoring a valuable 49 against Souths. was relocated to 2's where he became a key player. Still a bit of life left in him.

We would also like to thank the following players who played a few games throughout the season for their efforts and contributions - Cameron French, Wayne Grimson, Rob Jalalatay, Andrew Jalalatay, Brad Sculley and Paul Panutti.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Overs	Mdn	RunsA	BBowl	5I	10	Avg	Wkt	Ct	St	RO
<b>P Catalovski</b>	12	6	3	7	-	-	6.33	19	97.2	18	319	3-25	-	-	29.00	11	1	-	-
<b>B Chapman</b>	15	14	2	94	3	-	33.42	401	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	5	-	-
<b>B Crawley</b>	15	14	2	83	2	-	25.42	305	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	19	1	2
<b>H Dannaoui</b>	15	11	-	27	-	-	8.73	96	273.5	51	863	5-36	3	1	17.61	49	4	-	-
<b>S Harvey</b>	13	5	4	4*	-	-	12.00	12	160.0	27	573	5-40	1	-	28.65	20	4	-	-
<b>B Hawgood</b>	11	9	2	51*	2	-	23.71	166	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	2	-	2
<b>S McKiernan</b>	16	15	4	103*	2	2	46.91	516	138.2	46	366	5-15	2	-	12.20	30	7	-	1
<b>C Parkinson</b>	10	11	-	74	2	-	27.91	307	70.1	12	257	3-87	-	-	25.70	10	2	-	1
<b>A Raymond</b>	7	5	1	49	-	-	16.00	64	88.3	22	295	4-18	-	-	26.82	11	2	-	-
<b>D Smith</b>	16	14	4	101*	3	1	55.80	558	42.0	7	182	1-18	-	-	182.00	1	9	-	-
<b>A Smith</b>	13	13	2	63	2	-	22.64	249	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	15	3	-
<b>A Squire</b>	16	17	-	98	4	-	36.41	619	99.2	23	400	3-52	-	-	23.53	17	12	-	-

**Also Batted:** C French 3-45, W Grimison 4-28, A Jalatay 1-6, R Jalatay 2-13, P Pannuti 2-9, B Sculley 3-6.  
**Also Bowled:** C French 6-134, W Grimison 0-33, P Pannuti 7-141, B Sculley 4-114.

Damon Smith

## CRICKET SECOND GRADE

Firstly, congratulations to Damon Smith and the 1<sup>st</sup> grade side and to Jason Harris and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade side on their tremendous success in winning their respective finals. I'd like to extend particular thanks to Gerard Price and Brett Howle for their efforts in making my job a lot easier during the season. Also, a big thank you to all of the players that played 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this season, 25 players in total. Every one of these players contributed to the team; their commitment and attitude built a foundation that helped the side claim another minor premiership! It was an honour to captain the side and even though we didn't reach our ultimate goal of winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade final, I think we can be very proud of our season reviewed as follows:

- Minors premiers - finishing on 80 pts, 20 pts clear of 2nd placed South Sydney.
- Contribution of 400 points to the club championship, which we won again by a margin of 51 points over Warringah.
- We recorded three outright wins against Georges River, Pennant Hills & South Districts.
- In our three one-day matches, we won each of these games and gained the maximum of 2 extra bonus pts. These games were against Macquarie Uni, and also Auburn & Warringah (two of the teams that qualified for the semi-finals in 2nd grade).
- We had 3 losses in the rounds, these were against last seasons final-winners Holroyd Hills, who finished 5th this season; Epping, when we were sent in on a soft pitch, then we nearly managed to beat them outright on the second day; and Pennant Hills, who we did eventually beat outright on the 2nd day.
- The turning point of our season was in Rd 4 when, after a slow start to the season, just 1 win from 3 matches, we beat South Sydney. Peter Catalovski in his first and only game for us in 2's, as he was then promoted to 1st grade for the remainder of the season, bowled absolutely superbly to take 6 / 52. Brett Hawgood steered us home with 62 n.o.

Some of our best performers during the season were:

**Wayne Grimson** scored 467 runs @ 38.92, usually batted at no.5, but was very successful as an opener in the one-dayers. His top-score of 128 v Macquarie Uni at Rothwell was a devastating for the visitors, but highly entertaining for his Briars team mates. He also took 12 wickets @ 11.92; with best bowling of 4/4, took 8 catches and effected 4 run-outs.



**Andrew Jalalatay** scored 311 runs @ 25.92 with a top-score of 73 n.o. and, as our wicket-keeper, was very reliable with 27 catches and 2 stumpings. Andrew has a bright future with the club and I expect him to push towards cementing a spot in the 1st grade side.

**Brett Hawgood**, who only played 4 games before establishing a spot in 1st grade, scored 154 runs @ 38.5.

**David Willis** finished the season with 580 runs @ 41.43 with a top-score of 128 n.o. v Strathfield.

**Phil Tregeagle**, scored 250 runs @ 25, with a top score of 58.

**Gerard Price**, claimed yet another 44 wickets this season @ 9.16; his best bowling outing was 5 / 18, plus he weighed in with 220 valuable runs @ 27.5. The Chairman was a stand-out performer, yet again.

**Sarkis Achmar**, 27 wickets @ 18.74: his best bowling figures of 5 / 21; not forgetting his career-best score of 29, he finished the season with the remarkable batting average of 31.5! 'Why wasn't he batting at No.3?' was the most frequently asked question.

**Adam O'Keeffe**, took an inspirational 31 wickets @ 15.32, with his best bowling performance of 4 / 22, plus he starred in the field by taking 13 catches and a run-out.

**Anthony Raymond**, who only played the second half of the season in 2's, managed 19 wickets @ 8.95 and it was a big plus for the side to have his ability and reliability to call on. 'Big Ray' will be sorely missed by the Briars if he doesn't make it on to the pitch in the season ahead.

**Paul Pannuti**, took 18 wickets @ 8.28 from just 5 matches, including the best figures for the season of 6 / 25 v Auburn.

Unfortunately, we couldn't continue our solid form right through to the finals series and we bowed after losing to Auburn and then to South Sydney in the semis. It was important that whilst we weren't playing in a final, the 2nd graders gave some good support to our other grades playing in the finals...sharing in the success, that's what makes this club stand out from the others.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Grimson who was our most loyal supporter throughout the season and went to the trouble of providing lunch for the players on many occasions and a supply of Kleenex tissues for those batsmen, who were visibly upset, each time they threw their wickets away.

Let's make 2006-07 another championship season for the Briars!!

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S Achmar	13	8	6	29	-	-	31.50	63	204.0	53	506	5-21	1	-	18.74	27	5	-	1
S Castle	7	2	-	10	-	-	5.50	11	99.5	26	310	2-45	-	-	44.29	7	5	-	-
W Grimson	11	12	-	128	2	1	38.92	467	70.5	28	143	4-4	-	-	11.92	12	8	-	4
B Howle	14	15	-	55	1	-	17.60	264	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	8	-	-
A Hudson	14	15	1	67	1	-	18.36	257	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	5	-	-
A Jalalatay	13	14	2	73*	2	-	25.92	311	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	27	2	1
A O'Keeffe	14	11	4	34*	-	-	14.86	104	174.5	45	475	4-22	-	-	15.32	31	13	-	1
P Pannuti	5	4	3	24*	-	-	40.00	40	65.1	20	149	6-25	2	1	8.28	18	4	-	-
G Price	14	13	5	50	1	-	27.50	220	196.0	61	403	5-18	1	-	9.16	44	5	-	-
A Raymond	7	6	1	31	-	-	20.80	104	94.1	33	170	4-5	-	-	8.95	19	3	-	-
P Tregeagle	10	10	-	58	2	-	25.00	250	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	4	-	1
D Willis	14	16	2	128*	4	1	41.43	580	18.0	1	54	0-4	-	-	0.00	-	6	-	1

**Also Batted:** S Brennan 3-11, P Hall 1-3, B Hawgood 5-154, D Henschell 4-37, A Jones 2-2, B Khan 1-0, S Khalko 5-122, P Price 1-6, R Sorbello 1-16, M William 2-32, M Yahya 5-114.

**Also Bowled:** P Catalovski 6-52, B Hawgood 1-61, B Khan 0-11, S Khalko 6-129, M William 2-40, M Yahya 9-167.

## CRICKET THIRD GRADE - PREMIERS

After two outstanding third grade premierships the 05/06 season was going to have to be a special one, and again it was. After starting the season with a relatively new side we continued winning until round 8, when we had our first loss. Unbelievably, Briars third grade first loss in thirty-six matches. We needed to bounce back and we did, winning the next three matches outright, playing some incredible cricket. Finishing



second on the table after thirteen rounds and then losing our first semi-final, four experienced members got together and decided that we were going to lead from the front and spring the team into action. In the preliminary final we came across the undefeated and very confident Auburn club. The boys turned on an unbelievable show smashing the minor premiers and marching into yet another third grade grand final. This was on the back of outstanding spells of bowling from Castle, Tregeagle, Woodward and Panutti, setting up a big clash with great rivals, Warringah. History shows another premiership followed with one of the best team performances of the season, giving Briars three consecutive Third Grade Shires Premierships. Burwood 252 def Warringah 189.

I would like to thank Gerard Price for allowing me the honour of being a Briars captain as well as congratulate all the captains on a great club championship win and Damon Smith and his guys for achieving one of the greatest First Grade Premierships.

**Jason Harris (Slats) Captain** – Worked hard to do the right thing by the club as well as the team and enjoyed every part of the 2005/06 journey as captain. 114 vs Southern Districts, 98 vs Warringah Grand Final, 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive grand final for Briars.

**Paul Hall (Mary)** – The linchpin in what was a quality batting line up. His reliability to bat for periods of time won us many matches and his enthusiasm in the field was always noticed. Involved in five 100 plus partnerships.

**Matt William (Prince)** – Outstanding season with both bat and ball lead to Matty being leading batsman in the competition. His experience and support for the captain always appreciated. 120 vs Lane Cove, 120 vs Lindfield

**David Henschell (Henchy)** – Technically best batsman in the competition, David's experience saw us through some difficult stages. The captain, however, had some issues with his sense of humour. A great team character. 60 vs Macquarie Uni, taking the winning catch in grand final, and tormenting the captain.

**Babar Khan (Boobka)** – His first season back for a while with no problems fitting straight back in and becoming one of the key players in the side. He was no doubt in the captain's mind his vice-captain. Thanks Bubba. Highlights – 75 vs Lane Cove, 52 vs Georges River.

**Scott Brennan (Punter)** – Again Scotty left his mark. Strong and aggressive innings throughout the season caused us to win many matches. A special thanks for supporting me off the park with scoring and afternoon teas. Thank you Scotty. 76 vs Lane Cove, 77 vs Georges River and great all round semi-final vs Auburn.

**Andrew Woodward (Roo)** – Off the plane from England and struggling he took his opportunity when selected and never looked back. Along with being competition's leading wicket taker with 41 wickets was also classed as best fielder in the world. An absolute delight to have in the team.

**Adam Jones (Vinnie)** – Also off the plane from England, back on to New Zealand and then back on to Australia, he had an interesting first week in the country. Showed outstanding ability with gloves as well as a solid lower order batsman and a terrific boy. 58 vs Holroyd Hills and his whole season as wicket keeper.

**Scott Castle (Caso)** – After being put down from second grade Scottie lead from the front with some of the best third grade spells of bowling ever seen. Especially 4 for 7 in the semi final vs Auburn ripping their top order apart. As captain it was an honour to win the premiership, finally, with Scottie. 4 for 7 vs Auburn semi-final, 20 wickets in the last five games, and outstanding 3 runs for the season

**Richard Tregeagle (Tricky)** – A big thanks to Richard as he did come out of retirement to not only help us out but also be a major part in winning us this premiership. Can I say to Richard 'It is an honour to have captained him' mainly because of the respect I have for him. 6 for 17 vs Southern Districts, 5 for 20 vs Pennant Hills, and of course, the direct hit run out from 40 metres in the grand final.

**Jack Jardim (Jacky)** – Unfortunately Jack had to go down a grade this season but I'm very confident I will be seeing him back in third grade this season.

**Lloyd Andrews (Gerry)** – Again, like Jack, Lloyd didn't have the best season but did get the honour of captaining one game in my absence. Always good to have him in the dressing room.

**Anthony Clarke (Nobby)** – It was great to see Clarky take his 250<sup>th</sup> third grade wicket this year. He went down to fours and lead them to a grand final spot. Thank old mate for your support.



**Also played** – Max Squire, Paul Panutti, Will Hood, Sanjiv Khalko, Rob Jalalaty, Muhanned Yahya, Andre Berenger, Mark Smyck, Stuart Turnbull, James Hopkins, Derek Welsh, Paul Price, Gerard Price, Max Stuelcken, Phil Tregeagle, George Saleh.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Overs	Mdn	RunsA	BBowl	5I	10	Avg	Wkt	Ct	St	RO
S Brennan	14	13	4	77	4	-	48.89	440	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	11	-	1
S Castle	9	4	3	3*	-	-	3.00	3	150.2	52	289	4-7	-	-	14.45	20	3	-	-
A Clarke	6	2	1	15*	-	-	30.00	30	84.4	22	258	3-5	-	-	32.25	8	2	-	-
P Hall	14	14	1	49	-	-	26.08	339	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	5	-	1
J Harris	14	13	1	114	2	1	37.33	448	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	4	-	-
D Henschell	7	7	1	64	2	-	31.00	186	2.0	-	12	0-12	-	-	0.00	-	2	-	-
J Jardim	9	7	2	30	-	-	17.20	86	80.3	25	219	2-17	-	-	24.33	9	5	-	1
A Jones	14	10	4	58	1	-	23.50	141	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	20	4	3
B Khan	14	10	2	78	2	-	31.62	253	74.0	27	184	2-6	-	-	16.73	11	8	-	-
P Pannuti	3	2	-	29	-	-	20.50	41	40.5	9	132	3-25	-	-	12.00	11	2	-	-
M Smyck	6	2	1	6*	-	-	6.00	6	67.0	16	214	4-56	-	-	17.83	12	3	-	-
R Tregeagle	8	4	2	7*	-	-	6.50	13	135.3	30	339	6-35	2	-	10.59	32	3	-	1
M William	9	9	1	120	4	2	70.12	561	47.0	7	159	2-33	-	-	26.50	6	5	-	-
A Woodward	13	7	1	22	-	-	9.33	56	190.3	46	468	5-42	2	-	11.41	41	6	-	3

**Also Batted:** L Andrews 4-49, A Berenger 1-8, W Hood 2-41, J Hopkins 2-7, S Hudson 2-71, R Jalatay 1-19, S Khalko 3-40, G Price 0-0, P Price 1-3, M Squire 1-35, P Tregeagle 2-98, S Turnbull 2-11, D Welsh 1-3, M Yahya s3-50.

**Also Bowled:** L Andrews 6-48, P Catalovski 7-78, W Hood 0-2, S Hudson 3-88, S Khalko 6-48, G Saleh 1-45, M Squire 1-1, M Stuelcken 1-19, S Turnbull 1-33, D Welsh 6-93, M Yahya 4-60.

Jason Harris

## CRICKET FOURTH GRADE

Burwood 4<sup>th</sup> Grade had a great season. We were minor premiers with a massive 87 points, winning 11 matches including 4 outright, 2 one-dayers with double bonus points, the other one-dayer with 1 bonus point plus 4 regular first innings victories. We had one loss, to Souths, and one despicable draw where the sprinklers were put on overnight against Pennant Hills. In the play-offs we had comprehensive victories against Roseville and Auburn before losing a hard-fought final against Macquarie Uni to finish second. In the final we simply did not bat well enough, nor did we bowl well enough. Hopefully, we will all learn from that for next time. Congratulations to Macquarie Uni who were premiers. It was the first silverware in their club for 10 years, in any grade. So let's not get complacent with our successes. No doubt PP will be able to reel off our results over the past 10 seasons. Something like 7 club championships, 3 first grade premierships, a couple of second grades, at least 3 third grades, a couple of fourth grades, two Under 24s, a Spirit of Cricket and ground of the year a few times. Something like 20 trophies – in 10 years. Let's celebrate our successes and keep them coming.

Now back to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Almost half the club played 4s this season. The season was a mix of experienced players, emerging players, new players and casual players. Many casual players performed well, including Arivind Srinivas with 135 against Strathfield, Paul Simpson with 83no off 20 overs against Macquarie Uni and 50 against Souths, Rob Sorbello with 80 against Roseville, Pascal Wallace with 60s against Southern Districts and Pennant Hills, Mick Towells with two 40s including one against Auburn to ensure a double bonus-point win and Steve Hudson with a couple of 6 fors. In the play-offs every player could bowl or keep - and did; every player could bat - and did; and most of us could field, or at least thought we could.

There were three new players to the club in the finals team: **Max Stuelcken** enjoyed his season, displaying enthusiastic fielding, sky-scraping left-arm spinners and gritty batting including a match-winning 22no against Roseville and inspiring 37 in the semi-final against Auburn. 15 year-old **Max Squire** took a big step-up to Shires and proved a most exciting prospect. His stylish batting impressed most who watched him, whilst his leg spinners proved a real asset to the team. **Rob Jalalaty** can play. His fielding is awesome, his batting shifts from gritty to free-flowing at will, his running between wickets causes chaos for the opposition and his bowling is accurate and deceptive.

4s also had several players who made big advancements in their game this season. **Derek Welsh** shone in his come-back season to Briars after a few seasons off. His massive in-swingers at pace confused many an opposition opener and easily our most lethal bowler taking in excess of 50 wickets in Shires and Under 24s. Derek also proved a very solid and dependable middle-order batsman whilst his fielding, like his cricket,



was always passionate. Congratulations to Derek for winning the coveted players player award. And thank you Judith for raising such a fine son who should continue to enjoy success as he moves up the grades. And you too Ken. Before this season **Andrew Hurst** had scored around eight 40s for Briars without getting a half-century. In game 2 against Holroyd-Hills he crashed through this barrier scoring 93, subsequently cursing those missing 7 runs. Later Andrew scored another two 60s and proved a very reliable opening batsman. Andrew also filled in as wicket-keeper in game 1, then kept keeping all season. **Mark Smyck** improved tremendously this season. Shortening his run-up and developing his rhythm helped Mark add a metre or two to his pace which helped increase his wicket tally in both Shires and Under 24s. Mark's batting proved useful on more than one occasion, his 17 in the final being a huge contribution.

Rounding out the team were players who brought with them much experience:

**Anthony Clarke** continually displayed his passion and never-say-die attitude. He was one of the few bowlers in the competition who could move the ball either way in the air and off the seam, whilst bowling to a specific line and length and working the batsman out. His batting was ever-reliable with an unbeaten 40 through the rounds and smashing a vital 50 in the final when the team was in trouble. Anthony also took many good slips catches and captained the side with success for many games post-Christmas whilst Greg was unavailable.

**Jack Jardim** bowled a tight line with some success and showed his determination with the bat by twice batting through a session in the play-offs, scoring something like 36no in the semi and 28no in the final, including a 75 run 8<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership with Clarkie.

**Dan Haikin** was most reliable with the ball when given the opportunity and always gave his best in the field and with the bat.

**Lloyd Andrews** added spark to our batting, belting a century in the opening game of the season against Lane Cove and later hitting 81 against Roseville in the play-offs. Lloyd also proved a most-useful medium paced bowler regularly taking vital wickets, including 3 to wrap-up the qualifying semi.

**Will Hood** continued his solid batting of previous seasons scoring a well-compiled 70 early in the season and always giving his best with the ball or in the field.

**Greg Wallace** showed his experience in the play-offs, returning from sickness to open the batting for the first time in 2½ seasons and setting a stable base for the team to leverage off. Earlier in the season he used his captain's prerogative to over-bowl himself, taking quite a few wickets.

And finally a few more important things. Congratulations to Damon Smith and First Grade for creating sufficient momentum to achieve a coveted First Grade premiership. We all recognise it took some time for the new team to settle into playing Shires cricket and playing for Burwood Briars but you have all left no doubt that you understand what it is all about now. Well done First Grade.

To Jason Harris and Third Grade congratulations on your remarkable efforts in achieving a 3s-three-peat, three premierships in a row in 3s. Jason's 98 in the final was testament to how much it meant to him personally to lead the team to victory this season. Well deserved 3s. To Dave Willis and Second Grade, congratulations on your impressive minor premiership and commiserations on not going all the way. We know how you feel. And finally, there is only one Gerard Price. As you will no read many times through this report, without Gerard, Briars would lose its extra-ordinariness. He is a Briars treasure.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Overs	Mdn	RunsA	BBowl	5I	10	Avg	Wkt	Ct	St	RO
L Andrews	7	7	2	101	2	1	61.60	308	34.0	7	82	3-24	-	-	11.71	7	4	-	-
A Clarke	10	5	1	50	1	-	31.00	124	107.0	29	274	4-36	-	-	18.27	15	4	-	-
D Haiken	7	3	1	8	-	-	9.00	18	54.0	22	110	3-1	-	-	11.00	10	1	-	2
W Hood	10	9	2	77*	1	-	18.86	132	33.0	15	60	2-0	-	-	15.00	4	3	-	-
S Hudson	4	4	1	38	-	-	25.67	77	55.0	21	94	5-5	1	-	6.71	14	-	-	-
A Hurst	14	13	1	93	3	-	29.92	359	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	9	5	2
R Jalalatay	7	6	1	36	-	-	21.60	108	15.0	5	35	1-2	-	-	8.75	4	2	-	-
J Jardim	7	4	2	48	-	-	54.50	109	83.0	24	169	3-22	-	-	14.08	12	5	-	-
P Simpson	4	4	1	82*	1	-	47.33	142	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	2	-	-
M Smyck	8	4	2	26	-	-	26.50	53	86.0	29	240	4-32	-	-	24.00	10	3	-	1
M Squire	8	7	1	40*	-	-	18.83	113	41.1	4	108	3-25	-	-	15.43	7	4	-	-
M Stuelcken	12	8	2	37	-	-	12.83	77	69.5	15	172	3-34	-	-	28.67	6	7	-	-
G Wallace	12	10	1	60	1	-	22.44	202	88.4	23	284	6-91	1	-	16.71	17	9	-	2
D Welsh	12	8	3	32	-	-	26.20	131	164.4	47	404	5-45	1	-	10.63	38	12	-	1



**Also Batted:** A Berenger 4-58, J Clarke 1-1, D Henschell 1-68, J Hopkins 3-89, S Kent 3-9, S Khalko 2-56, P Price 3-52, R Rosenberg 1-30, R Sorbello 3-90, A Srinivas 2-172, L Stewart 1-0, M Towells 2-77, P Tregeagle 1-89, R Tregeagle 1-3, S Turnbull 2-64, P Wallace 6-167, B Warburton 2-6, M Williams 1-18, A Woodward 3-28, M Yahya 1-48.

**Also Bowled:** P Catalovski 1-18, J Clarke 2-69, S. Khalko 3-39, S Nosworthy 0-17, P Price 1-0, R Sorbello 1-19, A Srinivas 3-40, B Stewart 0-25, M Taberner 2-28, M Towells 4-20, R Tregeagle 1-11, S Turnbull 4-46, B Warburton 3-63, T Watson 2-1, A Woodward 4-47, D Wright 4-33, M Yahya 10-71.

Greg Wallace

## CRICKET FIFTH GRADE

With a whole host of new players and a club championship under the belt for Briars Cricket, the 2005/2006 season was started with a great deal of excitement and anticipation. With a newly landscaped home ground in Ron Routley and a good pre-season, it was clear the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade team had something to play for. Highlights included:

- Paul Pannuti [49] and skipper Tom Watson [26] putting on 76 vs Holroyd-Hills in the team's win in the first game of the season.
- Burwood Briar's 5th Grade triumphantly defeating South Sydney in a 2-dayer with stalwart Nick Beams hitting the winning runs.
- Opening Bowler Brendan Warburton tearing through both the UTS and Randwick-Petersham top orders.
- Skipper Tom Watson's maiden 50 for the club vs South Sydney in a one-dayer and 74 vs Blacktown.
- The 65 to Dave Henschell vs South Sydney in which he uninhibitedly took the bowling apart.
- Great middle-over bowling all year by the two Clarks- Jarrod Clark and Jeff Clarke.
- A great hundred to Dee Rajawat which included 14 fours from 95 balls
- The introduction of Brett Goman as a super-sub against Auburn that included a sharp catch at short leg and his season-long crafty stroke play batting at No.3.
- A flurry of runs from Stefan Ellis despite his shortened season.
- The metronomic Waz Clark who took 29 wickets in the season and was player of the year.

Overall the season did not live up to expectations for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Although, statistically we performed at a good level, with four wins and four losses out of the eight games completed, much more was expected. Clear negatives out of the season were the lack of batting solidarity in middle-lower order and inability to win the 50/50 situations. However with further net sessions and team stability wins will come next season as the foundations have been built. The sun has not gone down at Ron Routley Oval, and, while there is light, there is always hope for Briars 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Sooner than you think, we will all be putting on the Maroon and Gold once again.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Overs	Mdn	RunsA	BBowl	5I	10	Avg	Wkt	Ct	St	RO
N Beams	13	12	7	7	-	-	6.00	30	79.1	11	293	2-9	-	-	32.56	9	-	-	-
K Bhavnagri	7	7	-	19	-	-	7.43	52	17.0	5	56	0-4	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
W Clark	16	16	5	18*	-	-	10.73	118	151.0	14	521	6-54	1	-	17.97	29	4	-	-
J Clarke	11	10	3	13*	-	-	9.57	67	78.0	9	293	3-30	-	-	24.42	12	-	-	1
J Clark	13	14	1	34	-	-	11.85	154	81.0	11	287	4-23	-	-	13.67	21	3	-	-
B Goman	15	13	1	33	-	-	14.58	175	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	11	1	1
M Henderson	14	14	-	41	-	-	12.00	168	1.0	-	10	0-10	-	-	0.00	-	4	-	-
S Kent	11	12	1	34	-	-	12.64	139	9.0	1	64	2-50	-	-	32.00	2	2	-	1
A Marchant	6	6	1	25	-	-	15.00	75	11.0	-	43	1-33	-	-	43.00	1	-	-	-
M Taberner	10	10	-	18	-	-	9.20	92	50.2	7	204	2-52	-	-	34.00	6	5	-	1
B Warburton	9	9	-	22	-	-	11.33	102	86.0	13	305	3-31	-	-	23.46	13	2	-	-
T Watson	14	14	1	74	2	-	23.54	306	81.0	6	329	3-0	-	-	18.28	18	2	-	-

**Also Batted:** S Ellis, 5-108, W Giblin 2-10, D Haiken 1-21, P Hall 1-9, P Hawkgood 1-136, D Henschell 2-83, M Heslop 2-1, R Jalalatay 1-17, N Pandousis 2-22, P Pannuti 1-49, N Rajawat 5-126, R Ramakrishnan 3-7, R Rathore 4-5, A Srinivas 1-61, B Stewart 5-38, D Welsh 1-36, A Wise 3-29.

**Also Bowled:** S Ellis 3-12, D Haiken 7-63, M Heslop 0-21, R Jalalatay 1-17, N Pandousis 0-23, P Pannuti 4-20, N Rajawat 3-103, A Srinivas 1-22.



## CRICKET UNDER 24'S

For the under 24s, this year was going to be a challenging one due to some key players from the past few years being too old to play. With seven new players to the side, we exceeded peoples' expectations by playing very good cricket which lead to us making the final. Unfortunately we were out played on the day and couldn't bring 'frank' home. It was a really enjoyable side to be a part of and a pleasure to captain. A huge thanks to Wayne Grimson for managing the team for the last two years. He made it a lot easier for myself and the guys in the team with all of the off field stuff that had to be done during the year and adding valuable input to the team. Also a big thanks to Scott Brennan for giving up his Sundays to come and score for us this year.

Our first game was against Auburn at Mona Park; we won the toss and elected to bat first. We struggled a bit and ended up finishing at 9 for 147 from our fifty overs. Steve Hudson top scored with 29 and Mark Smyck Batted well for 24 not out. When it was our turn to bowl we had them in trouble at 6 for 54 due to some good bowling from Mark Smyck who ended up with 3 for 34 from his 10 overs and Derrick Welsh who ended up with figures of 3 for 28 from 10 overs. Unfortunately Auburn had a bit of a partnership in the middle order and passed our score with 5 overs to go.

Round 2 was against Strathfield at Rothwell. We won the toss and elected to bat first. We ended our innings bowled out in the 49th over 233. Steve Hudson top scored with a well made 90. When it was our turn to bowl Strathfield were cruising at 2 for 124, until Stewart Turnbull got the ball. He ripped through Strathfield with a fantastic spell of bowling and ended up with figures of 6 for 33 from 9 overs.

Round 3 was against Macquarie University at Macquarie Uni. We lost the toss and bowled first. On a wicket that offered nothing for the bowlers, Mark Smyck bowled well and was unlucky not to pick up a few early wickets. Macquarie ended up scoring 3 for 254 from their fifty overs. When it was our turn to bat we got off to a slow start, and picked the run rate up but it just wasn't enough. After the 50 overs we ended up 5 for 210. Ben Chapman top scored with 83 not out and Steve Hudson scored a well made 67.

Round 4 was against Epping at Epping Oval. We won the toss and elected to bat first. We were in a bit of trouble at early in the innings being 3 for 24, until Andrew Jalalatay came to the crease. He batted superbly scoring his maiden century for the club (121) and was well supported by Dereck Welsh scoring 42. We ended up 9 for 267 from 50 overs. When we bowled we bowled Epping out for 210 in 46 overs. The pick of the bowlers were Dereck Welsh with 3 for 30 from 8 overs, Andrew Woodward 2 for 28 from 8 overs and Will Hood with 2 for 28 off 6 overs. This was a fantastic team win against a very competitive team. This was the game that was the turning point for our season.

Round 5 was against Holroyd Hills at Rothwell. We lost the toss and Holroyd elected to bat first. On a very good batting wicket we bowled them out for 127 in the 39<sup>th</sup> over. The main destroyers with the ball were Andrew Woodward taking 4 for 41 from 8 overs and Stewart Turnbull taking 4 for 17 from 8 overs. When we batted we got the runs 3 down in the 30<sup>th</sup> over.

Round 6 was against Georges River at Rothwell, We won the toss and elected to bat first on what looked like to be a good batting wicket. At the end of the 50 overs we were 4 for 366. Andrew Jalalatay batted well scoring 89 and Ben Chapman scoring 163\*. We bowled Georges River out for 161 in the 34<sup>th</sup> over. The wicket takers were Steve Hudson with 5 for 48 from 10 overs and Brendon Warburton bowled well taking 2 for 20.

Round 7 was against South Sydney at Alan Davidson Oval. We lost the toss and Souths elected to bat first. Due to some excellent bowling from Dereck Welsh 4-17 from 9 overs and Mark Smyck 2-26 off 10 overs, we bowled Souths out for 160 in 48 overs. We batted, we got the runs in the 32<sup>nd</sup> over, thanks to a well made 49 from Andrew Jones and Ben Crawley making 30. With this win it ensured that we got a home quarter final.

The quarter final was against Epping. With Epping winning the toss, they elected to bat first at Rothwell. We bowled and fielded well and kept them to a reasonable score of 202 off their 50 overs. The standout bowlers for us were Dereck Welsh taking 3 -17 off 10 overs and Steve Hudson taking 3 - 25 of his 10 overs. We thought that this score was very gettable but with some poor batting from our top order, we were bowled out for 119. With Rob Jalalatay showing some fight scoring a well made 28. This was a disappointing result which could have meant that we would have been knocked out of the competition. Luckily for us the results from the other quarter final went our way leaving us to play the undefeated Lane Cove side.



**Semifinal vs Lane Cove:** Lane Cove won the toss and elected to bat first on a wicket that was a bit green. We came out fired up and were all over Lane Cove from the very first ball of the game. We bowled them out for 97 due to a rapid spell of bowling from Dereck Welsh who destroyed their top order taking 3-12 off 10 overs and Steve Hudson 3-23 off 7 overs and Stewart Turnbull 3-3 off 3 overs also bowling beautifully. We came out to bat and we got the runs in the 19<sup>th</sup> over. Ben Crawley didn't muck around scoring 47 not out. This win set up a grand final spot for us.

**Grandfinal vs Epping at Alan Davidson Oval:** This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time we played Epping in 24s this year and it was one win a piece. Epping won the toss and elected to bat first. Some good bowling from Mark Smyck 2-39 off 10 overs, Dereck Welsh 2-31 off 10 overs we kept Epping down to a gettable score off 202 off there 50 overs. With huge support from the 'Parko Stand', we thought we were in for a good chance of getting the runs. It wasn't to be with some good bowling and fielding from Epping they bowled us out for 74 in the 27<sup>th</sup> over. A disappointing result on the day but we did extremely well to make it to the Grandfinal.

I have to thank everyone from the club who came down to the games this year and supported the guys and for everyone turning up for the final. The guys in the team thought it was awesome playing in front of everyone.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	Ct	50s	100s	HS	Avg	Runs
B Chapman	10	10	4	5	2	1	163*	87.00	522
A Jalalatay	9	8	2	6	1	1	121	45.50	273
S Hudson	8	6	-	4	2	-	90	35.50	213
A Jones	10	10	-	13	-	-	49	12.70	127
D Welsh	9	7	2	-	-	-	42	24.00	120
B Crawley	8	8	1	5	-	-	47*	14.86	104
P Wallace	6	5	-	-	-	-	34	12.60	63
M Smyck	10	5	3	2	-	-	24*	24.00	48
A Woodward	10	6	2	2	-	-	15*	10.75	43
S Turnbull	10	5	-	-	-	-	13	8.00	40
R Jalalatay	5	3	-	3	-	-	28	13.00	39
W Hood	3	3	-	1	-	-	15	8.67	26
A Logan	2	2	-	1	-	-	13	9.50	19
R Sorbello	1	1	-	-	-	-	19	19.00	19
A Hurst	2	1	1	1	-	-	17*	-	17
B Warburton	5	3	2	1	-	-	12*	13.00	13
J Hopkins	1	1	-	1	-	-	6	6.00	6

Name	Mts	Overs	Mdn	Runs	5I	10M	Bowl	Econ	Avg	Wkts
D Welsh	9	78.0	17	206	-	-	4-17	2.64	9.81	21
S Turnbull	10	71.0	8	270	1	-	6-33	3.80	14.21	19
S Hudson	8	72.0	13	237	1	-	5-48	3.29	14.81	16
A Woodward	10	75.5	10	342	-	-	4-41	4.51	31.09	11
M Smyck	10	70.0	12	244	-	-	3-34	3.49	30.50	8
B Warburton	5	22.1	1	137	-	-	2-20	6.18	45.67	3
W Hood	3	6.0	-	28	-	-	2-28	4.67	14.00	2
B Chapman	10	25.0	-	124	-	-	1-15	4.96	62.00	2
B Crawley	8	0.1	-	-	-	-	0-0	0.00	0.00	0
R Jalalatay	5	8.0	-	66	-	-	0-26	8.25	0.00	0

## CRICKET - MASTERS

Although the season was a bit of a mixed bag for the side in terms of results, it was nevertheless a very enjoyable season. We won about half our games and in the majority of others were competitive.

The batting was topped by Ken Reid, our English import who came to us on a huge transfer fee (thanks to the players for the whip around). Ken scored 205 runs from 8 innings which included 2 not outs, and was a very accomplished opening batsman. Other batsmen to make their mark during the season were Greg Matchett, 187 runs from 6 innings including 4 not outs, Gus Erickson, 186 runs from 8 innings, and Andy Macky, 169 runs from 6 innings including 1 not out.

Bowling honours were shared around with everyone contributing at various stages during the season. The two spinners, Jeff Matchett and Aldo Cantori, obtained the most wickets with creditable performances from all the bowlers at various stages.

A special mention to two new players we gained, Mark Tudehope (left arm orthodox) and Greg Matchett (batsman), both ex higher grade players with Wests and St George respectively. Both showed their class during the season and we look forward to their performances during the coming season.

Our player's player award went to Gus (pronounced Huus) Erickson, who opened the batting and kept wickets. He was excellent in both departments and was a well-deserved and popular winner.

Sitting down at Rothwell after the game having a drink as the sun is setting, overlooking a lovely playing field, telling your mates how well you batted or bowled, is sheer pleasure. It's a lovely place to play and congratulations to all those involved in maintaining the ground. Thanks also to Stu Lind for his organisation skills and all the players who helped to make it an enjoyable season. I look forward to 2006/7.

Jeff Matchett





## RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**THE TRUTH IS:** First year as Rugby Chairman, I was very disappointed with season 05's results. To win and enjoy success was not only what I wanted but what other Briars had wanted for Rugby for a long time. 2005 comprised of finishing 7<sup>th</sup> in the Club Championship, Seventh in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade bowing out in the final against Epping. At the Briars Annual Dinner, Mal Weber asked Ashley Walsh and I what was needed for Rugby to move forward and we spoke of our ideas. John Threlfro gave examples of successful teams and sports within Briars. Ian "The Beast" Richards told us how to execute them and who could help. He pointed us in the direction of a Briars Great.

**CHRIS WALKER:** I met with Chris the following Tuesday afternoon at Kirribilli and realised after meeting Chris what it meant to be a Briar. That afternoon laid the foundation for the season ahead. The basic principles were to recruit coaches that could recruit players, have coaches for every grade, bring in a forwards specialist coach, raise player fitness to peak levels and play Rugby the way it was meant to be, free flowing and running with the ball in hand.

**ONE GOAL:** The 2006 Club Championship. As a Committee, we agreed in late November, to prepare Briars Rugby to win and that nothing else mattered. Initial concerns were for player morale and the future ahead.

**SUPER LEAGUE:** What would happen to those Briars who had been with the club for a while, loved playing and not at the skill level that our lower grades required for the grand plan? Peter "Indy" Kelly took on the role as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach of Briars Halligan's Cup side, now known famously as "The Briars Superleague". This simple concept proved successful but so important for a club making the jump to the next division by providing a bleeding ground that increases depth for a club, a grade where anybody could get a game but most importantly bring back to rugby those Briars who could not overly commit due to the demands of modern day society. We had to look after these Briars and Superleague was for that purpose.

**UNDER19s:** Had to happen and for our future! Promotion to the next division requires U21 Colts and the devotion by Simon "Punchy" James establishing Briars U19s programme rewarded the Club. Naturally not an easy age group to deal with, the bond that Simon developed between his players and constant emphasis of enjoying Rugby was a sign that our younger Briars have the substance of a new generation. Our concerns were that this grade would struggle and not see the season out. Punchy had to deal with forfeits and short numbers on a few occasions, but reminding his boys what they were capable of had proved that sticking together as mates and playing for each other was what being part of a team is all about. In their inaugural year our Briars U19s had five selected for the New South Wales Suburban Rugby Union's U19s Representative training squad. Andrew Gregson and Luke Sanders went onto represent NSW and the Briars U19s side made the semi-finals. For a group of lads, and for most had never played rugby before, they made us proud of their achievements. Further skill development will see these Briars enjoy U21s Colts and refine their already spectacular style of rugby. Without the efforts of Simon James and Father in law Norm White, U19s would never have happened.

**THE NEW GENERATION:** Was Briars "Slogan", for 2006. As a Committee now with control, we wanted a fresh start for Rugby. Our returning players and new recruits had to realise our "One Goal" and it was made very clear at our joint season launch with the Greenlees Park Bowlers. Introduced to Briars was Teki Tuipulotu who had joined us from Parramatta as Club and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coach, ex Sydney Rooster Grant Hyde as Fitness trainer, defensive specialist and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Coach, ex 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Briar now 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Coach Ben Underhill, and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Coach Robert Walsh (Father of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Hooker Ashley). A fun day was had and new players made welcome at our new home at Briars at Greenlees.

Preseason training started early on the 31<sup>st</sup> January with the 1<sup>st</sup> week comprising of fitness testing and sprint work. Numbers in the first week had increased by 20 over the usual 30 of previous seasons. Many new faces joined the preseason period and the general feeling of training together as a Club, was experienced. Over the four trials planned, three were only played and an exciting one against the Bathurst Bulldogs that Chris Walker had organised against his Brother David's club and reigning country west premiers. Briars in their first outing tamed the Bulldogs, defeating them in all four scheduled trial matches. The final trial against Epping was unfortunately postponed due to a rain soaked pitch.

Our season started with some interesting results and as the season progressed, Briars Rugby began to blossom with convincing wins over the competition. Weakness in our game was observed by the eagle eye of our Briars piers Tony Wozniak, Terry O'Kane, Scott McGill and our in house tactical genius Chris Walker. Their observations and input was vital in our play being corrected, especially Christian Burden who



guided our dominating forward packs. Col Dennis and Chris Walker provided a scouting service in travelling to opposition matches. They collated important data of opposition teams and held briefing sessions on our rained out training nights of what to expect in our next encounters. Towards the end of the season this became crucial as the run for the Club Championship post was a close one. In the final round Briars played Christian Brothers Old Boys whilst Oatley played Blue Mountains at the daunting Lapstone Oval. We had to win two matches with one being at least 1<sup>st</sup> grade to take out the Club Champs, Oatley had to win all four to overtake us. The day of round 18, Briars played CBOBS early with 4<sup>th</sup> grade kicking off at 10am. Bob Stephenson kept in mobile phone contact with Chris and Col who were at the mountains. Chris in his ever-smooth business like manner let the Oatley secretary know at half time during their second grade match that Briars had beaten CBOBS in all four games and our scores.

**HICCUPS & HURDLES:** Discipline was an issue at the beginning rounds with concerns expressed from NSWSRU. Violent encounters against the Oatley and St George clubs were unfortunate. Some testing measures were imposed by the Committee and NSWSRU. Our tolerable limit had been reduced with the likelihood of a 4<sup>th</sup> established offence would have us to show just cause for remaining in the competition. At that time and I did hate to admit it but Briars Rugby was in "Damage Control". I worked out where we had failed. Lengthy phone conversations with Ian Blair and Milton Howell assisted in implementing the necessary measures to ensure Briars remained in the competition. What I had overlooked was the fact that we had a good disciplinary record and merely assumed that the mass of new players would follow suit, and realised that the traditional Briars new member's night (now no more) is a very important tool in educating new players of our traditions and how they should represent Briars. What did the Committee do? We made the players responsible for their actions. From that point we educated them on how discipline had its advantages in playing smarter and how you could turn it into points. We also made the boys aware of the consequences a simple indiscretion could cost the Club and the individual responsible would be made to pay. Other Clubs did find out about the crisis Briars was in and began to bait us. Late tackles in back play and "Cheap Shots", on our players became part and parcel of the game. The composure of our boys weathering the season was outstanding and a credit to them. Failing to retaliate started to upset those Clubs who resorted to un-sportsman like tactics. The return match against Oatley at Evatt Park was the turning point of the season. We had to win this round with all 4 grades to peg back Oatley who were 1<sup>st</sup> in the Club Championship even though we had a round up our sleeve due to a rained out Saturday. We knew it wasn't going to be easy and the coaching staff had prepared us well. Much to Oatley's disgust and frustration, Briars beat Oatley in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and drew in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. We also reminded them who we were by all Briars (including spectators) joining together and singing "California". Evatt Park is in the middle of a valley. The suburbs of Oatley and Lugarno could hear us singing. How sweet it was and also loud!

With the Oatley return game and Club Championship hurdles overcome there was one hurdle in between that gave us the jump on the competition and that being a back-to-back weekend. Due to a Round 9 wash out and being washed out from the make up wash out match, we had to play two rounds in a spare second wash out weekend, CBOBS on a Saturday and Hunters Hill on the Sunday. Although a big weekend of Rugby, the coaches prepared us well again. Ellen Gant from Kevin Ivins Chiropractic treated our injuries as she did all season and old Briar Andrew Craig lent a hand in reducing our soreness by supplying mobile ice baths for our boys. We managed 6 out of 8 matches that weekend.

**GREAT PLAYERS.** I was privileged to play amongst some great Briars this season. Playing beside Chris Lamond a Briar who had 17 years experience with our club captained our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade side to winning the Farrant Cup for the first time in Briars history. "Lahar's", half time talks were always short and to the point. As the "Older Bloke", in the side it was his job to lead by example and Chris did this effectively week in and week out. Members of the 2006 Briars 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Premiership winning side were ex soldier Tony Watts, Daniel Martin, David "Mudguts" Fiorio, Matthew Shepherdson, Peter Etches, Patrick Schramm, Isi Penitani, Lloyd Fatafehi, Ben Tuipulotu, Maka Latu, Shane Boag, Daniel McPhee, Billy Splidias, Sione Vahai, Alex Viane, John Filipana and the ever talented Craig Douglass.

If confidence has something to do with winning it is a by-product of intelligence. Being able to play amongst our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade side against St George gave me insight and reaffirmed my belief that this side had what it took to be premiers. Leadership on the field was not only limited to the Captain Ashley Walsh. Peter Watkins, James Nott, Matthew "Ninja" Want, Lachlan White and Sean Hudson shared the role throughout the season. Overcoming their early 2 match losses Briars 1<sup>st</sup> XV motored through the season getting better and better every game. The cool hands of Adam Dowling at inside centre and speed just wide at 13 of Mirsad Halep combined well. Established wingers Aaron Maloy and Sisi Tuipulotu teamed up with our Fijian Flyer James Lagilola at fullback. Engine Room men Kerri Constanti, Club Captain Aaron Boyter, Charlie Guttenbiel and Andrew Arquilla were instrumental of a winning juggernaut forward pack. The most dynamic player of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and team mate of the Briars pack was James King. Young and with a great



future in Rugby, James King is the best athlete I've seen play for Briars and many senior Briars would agree. A No.8 that can play 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 and with a devastating clearing kick at 15 has a brilliant future ahead of him in our sport if he choose its path. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Briars 1<sup>st</sup> XV's dream of being premiers was answered with a 29-14 victory over Hawkesbury Valley in atrocious conditions. Bob Clarke's trophy "The Holy Grail", returned home to its rightful owners.

Many players who are not named contributed to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades achievements and this is reflected in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades Division 3 results. Our Coaches belief in bleeding U19's, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders by giving them a taste of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade were not only for development of skills but also for rewarding a player for his efforts and talent. What is important from my view is that as a Club all players acknowledged that they contributed to Briars success this season. Individuals did not make us Club Champions.

Achievements are great and victory cannot happen without teamwork. Thank you to: The Briars Family and army of supporters; our Southern Highlands and Invincibles support group of Rex Lamb, Mike Matthews, John Mortlock, John Edmonds, Dave Kerrigan, Bill Leckie, Jim Barrett, John McNicol; Greenlees Park Bowlers; The Briars Administration Committee - Mathew Grace, Gary Reynolds, Matthew Waddington, Aaron Boyter and Ashley Walsh - All players and hard working committee members The Coaching Staff: Thank you to Teki Tuipulotu who let us believe in our own ability as players and for bringing us back to the running game. Grant Hyde for giving Briars the edge with fitness and never say die attitude in defence. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade coach Ben Underhill who persisted with large transient numbers through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Bobby Walsh who not only cared for 4s but also delivered our training gear to every session. Peter "Indy" Kelly for keeping the spirit of rugby alive in Superleague. Simon "Punchy" James for working hard to provide Briars with a future with U19s, and forwards specialist coach Christian Burden who trained us to be powerhouse forwards.

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#### 2006 RESULTS

Briars	NSWSRU Division 3 Club Champions
Briars 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Clarke Cup Premiers
Briars 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	Farrant Cup Premiers
Briars 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	3 <sup>rd</sup> Placed, Campbell Cup competition
Briars 4 <sup>th</sup> XV	3 <sup>rd</sup> Placed, Nicholson Cup competition
Briars U19's	4 <sup>th</sup> Sydney Rugby Club U19s competition
Briars Superleague	Legends

<b>AWARDS</b>	Rookie of the Year - Kerry Constanti	Most Improved Player - Aaron Maloy
	Clubman of the Year - Anthony Kerle	Encouragement Award - Matthew Hollis

#### 1st Grade

Players' Player - Peter Watkins  
Best & Fairest - James King  
Coaches Award - James King

#### 2nd Grade

Players' Player - Tony Watts  
Best & Fairest - Patrick Schram  
Coaches Award - Daniel Martin / Maka Latu

#### 3rd Grade

Players' Player - Robert Jones  
Best & Fairest - Brett Sinclair  
Coaches Award -

#### 4th Grade

Players' Player - Tom Watson  
Best & Fairest - Gary Reynolds  
Coaches Award - Ian Pond / Brett Eather

#### 5th Grade

Players' Player - Alan Huriwai  
Best & Fairest - Jesse Pittard  
Coaches Award - Peter Bezinna / Derek Henderson

#### Under 19's

Players' Player - Luke Sanders  
Best & Fairest - Andrew Gregson  
Coaches Award - Evan Sieff

**IN REVIEW:** I would personally like to thank Chris Walker who opened my eyes to "The Game", and taught us all "Life Skills". You can have many fun times and wonderful memories from playing Rugby, but to know what it's like to start with nothing; set a goal; believe in that goal; sacrifice; work hard together and become Champions is something rare and only few people will ever experience in their life. 2006 has been a learning experience for everyone who proudly wore the Briars jersey.

John Slender - Rugby Chairman



## RUGBY FIRST GRADE - CLARK CUP - PREMIERS

Season 2006 has been a very successful one for Briars Rugby. We have come along way as a Club considering the efforts of previous years. On our journey, we have endured a lot of obstacles that may have ended the season prematurely. But we overcame those obstacles and completed the tasks that were seen as a challenge at the beginning of the year.



**CLARK CUP PREMIERS 2006**

Back Row: Andrew Arquilla, Aaron Boyter (Club Captain), James King, Charlie Guttenbiel, James Lagiloa

Middle Row: Sisi Tuipulotu, Adam Dowling, Aaron Maloy, Mirsad Halep, Sean Hudson, Peter Watkins, Teki Tuipulotu (Coach)

Front Row: Matthew Want, Kerri Constanti, Ashley Walsh (Captain), Lachlan White, Daniel McPhee

Absent: James Knott

A few goals were set at the beginning of the season when I was first introduced to the rest of the coaching staff to the club. Task 1 was to win the Club Championship. Task 2 was get as many grades to the final series. Task 3 was to win the Clark Cup. For me this was a daunting outlook. The reason for this is because I have been just appointed as Head Coach / 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coach. I felt as if I had lost the battle before I started. Bear in mind, this season was my first major role as a coach. To win the Championship, get grades into the finals and to win the Clark Cup was a big 'ask'! Fear of losing was the major issue that concerned me, but the character that I am and many found out during the season was an attitude of never say die, striving for perfection and success. This belief was instilled to the players and the reason I believe Briars success this year.

Briars Rugby has come on in leaps and bounds, but there is still room for improvement in many areas. This year has been a learning curve for me and the rest of the Briars crew. Knowledge, understanding, communication and working hard are all simple but important aspects that were learnt and when combined help in running a successful club. Personnel are also important, if you have the right people, it helps a lot. I won't touch much on the players because the results and the outstanding performances throughout the season speak for itself. The talent that has come through the club is spectacular to watch and a few of them are way too talented for Division 3. But what the players got out of this year is belief and enjoyment amongst their team mates and importantly, enjoying the game we play in heaven.



Many thanks must go to John Slender, Aaron Boyter and Ashley Walsh as they took a lot of responsibilities to make the year a successful one. There were a number of other members that also aided the club through the season but if I had to put it down on paper we will be here for eternity. All I can say to all who helped a long the way is thank you very much for making the year 2006 at Briars an awesome season. Lastly, I would like to thank personally all of the staff, players and supporters of Briars Rugby for making my debut season as a Head Coach an unforgettable experience and one which has put me on the map in coaching terms. Thank you Briars for giving me the opportunity express myself in many areas, some positive and some not so positive. But most importantly, it doesn't matter what you know or who you are, one can never stop learning. Keep up the good work Briars and I wish you all the best for the coming years. To the new coaches for 2007, the challenge is in your hands and my hope is that Briars never falls from 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and you will see them through to 1<sup>st</sup> Division and the glory of Kentwell Cup.

Sateki Tu'Ipulotu - Coach

## RUGBY SECOND GRADE – FARRANT CUP - PREMIERS

When I undertook the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade coach, I found that this Briars team had too long been considered a second class citizen to the all important 1<sup>st</sup> grade side. For many clubs this is fair enough but the coaching staff at Briars wanted to change that, we wanted to make 2<sup>nd</sup> grade a stepping stone for young and inexperienced players to blood themselves, for we all knew that they would be the future for the Briars Club. With the input of Teki and existing coaches we transformed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade very early in the season into a winning unit. We grew and nurtured a professional, winning culture that saw us humble all before us in a wonderful season of flamboyant attacking and gritty defensive Rugby.



### FARRANT CUP PREMIERS 2006

Back Row: John Slender, Peter Etches, Maka Latu, Tony Watts, David Fiorio  
 Middle Row: Jay Stephenson, Matthew Shepherdson, Patrick Schramm, Billy Spliadis,  
 James Ronsisvalle, Ben Tuipulotu  
 Front Row: Shane Boag, Daniel Martin, Chris Lamond (Captain), Grant Hyde (Coach), Cameron Lau  
 Absent: Craig Douglass, Sione Vahai, John Filipana



From the start of the season we noticed that the competition for positions in both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>'s was ferocious. The mix of existing players and new boys gave Teki and myself plenty of options from Fullback to Front Row and to our wonderful relief; injuries were minimal considering the intensity at which all played the game. Established players such as Captain Chris Lamond, Mat Sheperdson, Dave Fiorio, Dan McPhee, Tony Watts, Daniel Martin, Bobby Borsak, Craig Douglas and Johnny Slender were joined by a collection the Pacific Islands could throw at us. There came Greeks, Italians and a multitude of ex-Trinity boys that crawled from their holes in the inner west. The boys quickly merged into a well-oiled machine, combining old with new, black with white. It was a mini ecosystem of multiculturalism right in the very heart of Greenlees Bowling Club.

Over the ensuing four months 2nd grade stamped their superiority on their competition with their relentless fitness, tuned ball skills and doggedness in defense. Their defense was definitely a highlight of the year, I being an ex-NRL Rooster player introduced a series of defensive drills and techniques brought over from the 'evil cousin'. However, no matter how many times these exercises are completed a coach cannot teach the 'mad dog' that my boys fortified their try-line with. The positive, uplifting talk and general desperation to make the hit and not let their team mates down with a miss-tackle was what the whole year was about for me and our loyal fans. This was most notable in the Grand Final display, and for those of you who witnessed that game you will nod your head and smile in agreement.

On the back of a high level of fitness and the defensive 'Berlin' wall we rumbled our way to the Club Championship with a certain arrogance that showed in our game. We believed in ourselves and our teammates standing at our flanks. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade was a force to be reckoned with, nothing could stop us. Finally, at the conclusion of the Minor Premiership, with Brothers attempting to regroup after another 4-0 stomping and Oatley shaking their heads at the year that was supposed to be theirs, the entire Briars Club had finished atop their division. With 11 clean sweeps and 862 points the Briars Club stood alone as Division 3, Club Champions. Task 1 was completed. Club Champions 2006. Task 2 was the Premiership.

When the semi finals were upon us we saw ourselves facing our hated enemy, Oatley, in the major semi at an obscure Oval in Pagewood. We kicked off using a practiced deep, rushing kick. They were rattled from the first 5 seconds when they attempted to clear and Daniel McPhee charged down and scored. They never recovered in the game and were soundly beaten. Oatley's resolve had crumbled as they capitulated the following week to Chatswood and were bundled out of the final series. Too many pies not enough speed work, Oatley!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade juggernaut was driving its way to a Premiership, with one last hurdle. We met Chatswood in the mud on a cold spring day and went to work as usual; they had no answer to our defense. We had done our homework on their best players and their tactics; we negated all they threw at us. But it was a tradesman like display and we crushed them without a point against us. The first time Chatswood had been held to nil in 19 rounds of football. We were just too good all year; our opposition had no answers to our commitment all over the field. We took the title, the first for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade in Briars history; it was a proud day for myself and for all the players who helped us get there. A coach could not ask any more of a bunch of young men who played with the spirit that makes us all good Australians, you were fantastic. To best explain our dominance, statistics are by far the best indicator, for they do not lie. The team averaged 31 points per game with only 7.5 points against. We scored 95 tries in total and only conceded 19 tries for the entire year, a truly amazing feat. We had completed our final endeavour for 2006 when we held aloft the Farrant Cup and roared to the gathered throng, 'California, California'.

I must thank the likes of the Captain, Chris Lamond for his courageous efforts and leadership, Tony Watts for his fearlessness and strength of character and Johnny Slender for bringing me to such a great club. Also, I must say that without the professional and enlightened advice from our tactical guru, Chris Walker, the season may not have ended in such a wonderful result. Thanks mate.

I thank all those that have helped me in my return to Rugby after a 20 year absence and hope we will all be working together again in 2007. Wonderful year boys and it has been a pleasure and an honour to have been involved with you all and I expect to see you back next year to show Division 2 what Briars boys' are made of. See you early February.

Grant 'Raw' Hyde - Coach



## **RUGBY THIRD GRADE - CAMPBELL CUP**

A season of promise, close games and a bitter end, but overall an enjoyable ride. The team of 2006 was undoubtedly talented, but at times struggled to score points. In saying that, we were able to stick together defensively and grind out wins with a justified top 4 finish and an 18-5 win-loss record. The forward pack stood up throughout the season and although not scoring points the block busting runs and damaging tackles from the likes of Rob Jones, crafty lineout wins from Brett Sinclair and Andrew Bates, aggression from Rangi Kerr and all-round play from Gary Reynolds was crucial. Not to mention the tight forwards who continuously punched above their weight giving us great ball from scrums, Mathew Grace, Rob Pascoe, Pat Conroy, Jay Stephenson and Matthew Hollis – well done! The backs were a different story, an enigma to say the least. Turn up one day and score at will, struggle to catch the ball the next. Although not entirely their fault, rucking and mauling was not one of our strengths, so receiving good go forward ball was at times hard to come by. Dave Ananin ran things well until injury, but the constant changing of team personnel wasn't beneficial, James King and Mirsad Halep looked fantastic in 3rd Grade jumpers, but it wasn't until a backline including J Ronsisvalle, Mark Wilkinson, Tony Kerle, Cameron Lau, Manual Tavita and Stefan Ellis did we start putting things together, with late season games against Oatley, St George and Brothers being won well. In trying to play an open style game we were occasionally pressured in to turnovers and unfortunately conceded points from these. The season came down to two bogey teams, Blue Mountains and Petersham, two teams we thought we could handle but failed to beat. Two losses to Blue Mountains and three to Petersham ended our season with the two clubs playing the Grand final out between them. We were one win from the Grand Final, a game I'm sure the boys would have lifted for. Unfortunately things didn't go our way. But hey, Club Champions are not a bad way to finish the season.

I would like to thank Teki Tuipulotu and John Slender for their encouragement, Tony Watts for his constant help on game day and Terry O'Kane who I can't forget for his important input. Cheers to you all. We lost in the final, it could have been worse, but overall an enjoyable ride.

Ben Underhill

## **RUGBY FOURTH GRADE – NICHOLSON CUP**

Fourth grade started the season on a winning run of six from six starts. We were able to maintain the same starting side during our good start. Injuries to players in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade meant losing players to fill gaps. As the season continued core players, Joel Cave, James Allsop, Tom Watson, Brett Eather, Stefan Ellis, Rangi Kerr and Peter Kelly were the backbone of the team for most of the season. As the season continued we maintained second to third place on the ladder. Finals time came and we played Blue Mountains in the major semi but lost in a hard fought match. We then played St. George in the eliminator with full time only seconds away. The bell sounded, score was locked at 20 all. The referee instructed the scrum to set and be played. The bell sounded again. St. George had scored in the corner game over. I would like to thank all 42 players that played in "THE MIGHTY FOURS" and contributed to a great season. I'm looking forward to Rugby Season 2007.

Bob Walsh.

## **RUGBY FIFTH GRADE**

The Superleague didn't contribute a single point to the club championship this year. We were the only team in the club not to make the semis and without any shadow of a doubt, wore the most ridiculous jerseys in the history of any sport. Our coaching staff was inexperienced and generally incompetent, our team manager failed to accept his responsibilities and our paperwork was filled out by the least literate member of the club. Our players were a combination of people who had no idea, or once might have had an idea but were too fat, old or slow to do anything about it. This was compounded by atrocious attendance and commitment at training. The defining features of our play on field were a complete lack of discipline, any perceivable structure, continual show boating, with bickering and complaining the only thing that interrupted the walking between mauls. We played at the worst times, typically on the worst fields and often in the worse conditions. Our referees were unqualified, often unsure of the rules and on occasion more hung over than the 19's after a school formal. We lost games in everyway possible manner: missed conversions from in front, drop balls over the try line, pathetic defense and indeed on three occasions because players on our



team preferred to join the opposition rather than play with us. Despite this the Superleague started a revolution at the Briars, initiated and incredibly supported the committee and club coaches it quickly gained it's own momentum overtaking everyone's expectation. It could be argued that the added depth provided by our players gave 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade the opportunity to get the points that won us the club championship, or that we were a nursery for players who went on to make outstanding contributions to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and helped with their premierships. We more often not that were the guys who helped set up the ground on Saturdays, ran the water for the other grades with a good core of blokes staying to watch all of the other grades. Whilst complimentary to consider these things, they aren't really the point of Superleague and we certainly didn't get 25+ players down every week because of those things. Superleague made rugby fun again at Briars. It flowed through every grade and explained the fantastic support, cameos and assistance we got from all of the grades. Despite their obvious shortcomings, the Superleaguers demonstrated a commitment on the field that exemplifies Briars rugby. They played to win, for each other, and with a passion that was unparalleled. It was why we were one of the most sought after teams to play and in the Halligan's Cup, and why that ridiculous jersey was one of the most proudly worn within the club. Enjoy the off season, half hearted training starts in February.

Peter "Indy" Kelly

## RUGBY UNDER 19'S

No one knew quite what to expect from the under 19's as it had been over 7 years since Briars Rugby last fielded a side in this competition. I still didn't know what to expect on the day of the semi-final after spending the season coaching the side. The year started with a small group of players diligently attending pre-season training. We pursued many opportunities to recruit additional players however entered the season with only about 10 core players with mates helping out here and there. We performed well in the pre-season trials, however lack of numbers led to losses and even a couple of forfeits early in the season. After we had played four games without success, including a 5 – 41 loss to Oatley at home, the question was put to the guys as to whether they had the commitment to continue. To their credit they stuck with it and we played UWS Bankstown at Rothwell with the full 15, the first time that season we had the full compliment. After scoring a nerve racking 17 - 14 win there was a realisation that the team had some talent and potential. Not only from within the team itself but from others within the club. The remainder of the season was much more enjoyable for the coach and also the players. We had some good wins, probably the most memorable was the 10 – 7 victory over Oatley at Oatley Park, the only time they got beaten at home that season. We also gave Canterbury a run for their money losing 20 – 27 to a side that had been beating teams by 30 points or more. Oh yeah we only had 13 players that day, while Canterbury substituted their entire forward pack at half time. During this period we also had Luke Sanders and Andrew Gregson selected in the NSW Suburban Under 19's representative side. Luke was a ball running fly half who directed the team around well on the field, he also had a deft chip kick in his arsenal. Andrew was a 'league' playing in the centres and outside backs and knew how to sniff out a try. A great effort by the two boys to get Briars on the representative map. The regular season saw us finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> position with 6 wins and 7 losses and into the finals series. A match was set up against Hunters Hill who we had beaten once and lost twice to in the regular season. I was confident of a victory, but along with a few players was probably too confident. This led to a relaxed approach to the game and a loss that did not cover the team in glory. A shame as the side had a great deal of potential but just lacked the application to go that next step. However it must be said that it was an achievement to finish the season and reach the semis and I am glad we did for those core group of players that were there all year.

Thank you to Evan Sieff for leading the side and providing a level head on the field and thanks to Andrew Gregson, Jack Ginty, Scott Burnicle, Pat Orme and Tom Treleor. Thank you to John Slender and those coaching staff who provided support and encouragement to the team. I hope we have laid the foundation for an Under 21's side next year. There was not one player in the side who did not have something to offer the club in the future. Thanks boys – welcome to the Briars Family and I look forward to watching you play first grade at Briars one day.

Players Player – Luke Sanders, Best and Fairest – Andrew Gregson, Coaches Award – Evan Sieff



## HOCKEY MEN'S - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As Briars Men's Club Coach, I have summarised below the areas for improvement:

- The blueprint needs to be revisited, and updated – not discarded!
- All coaches and players must understand the blueprint and work within it.
- More commitment to coach's education and training.
- More focus on technical coaching at junior levels.
- Increased effort to close the gap between men and women's sections of the club on and off the field.
- At least one more nights training needs to be booked for the whole club to produce better quality scheduling for training across all grades.
- Make it very difficult for players to be excused from playing club games – look for stability of selections for all teams.
- More specialist coaching – Keepers, strikers and defenders.
- Lift the bar in everything we did this year for 2007.

I appreciated the inputs of Stuart Carruthers and Aaron Omans to the Blueprint development and Coaches Education Workshops. I am happy at what we achieved, the season is over and we can't change any of the results. I am not one to talk much about what we 'might have done'. The facts are that all teams (men and women) could have done a lot better. The real question is 'what are we going to do about it next season?'

My thanks to John Price and Gill Burns and the Club's management for the opportunity to be involved with the Briars Hockey Club season 2006.

Ivan Boulton - Club Coach

### MEN'S TROPHY WINNERS 2006

Grade	Best & Fairest	Player's Player	Most Valuable Player
U/17 B	Adam Imer	Ian Hristoforidis	Daniel Strout
U/17 C	Nic Candido	Ian Hristoforidis	Gilbert Fuller
Vets	David Slater	David Slater	Brent Diprose
8th Grade	Bill Evans	Joe Ferrer	Leon Holloway
7th Grade	Ben Scully	Andrew McInerney	Craig Miller
6th Grade	James Fordham	James Fordham	Mike Denniss
5th Grade	Brian Doughty	Nathan Napper	Nick Carter
4th Grade	Phil Card	Ben Garland	Phil Card
3rd Grade	Sam Candido	Sam Candido	Greg Dunn
2nd Grade	Blake Durance	Blake Durance	Darren Pike
1st Grade	David Bourke	Josh Miller	David Bourke

### Men

- Highest Goal Scorers: Ian McGregor (1<sup>st</sup> Grade) & Andrew Borg (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) - 17 goals each
- Rising Star: Kieran Govers (1st Grade)

### Women and Men Awards

- Most Outstanding Team: Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Col Jones Medals: Garry Fuller, Dean Garland, Leigh Pasfield



## HOCKEY MEN'S FIRST GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
12	8	1	3	25	3rd

(excludes Yates Cup competition)

2006 was a year in which Briars first grade was consistently in the top 2 or 3 teams in the competition all year. The Yates Cup Grand Final was a classic and dour encounter against Glebe with the team losing 2-1 in the last five minutes, probably our best performance in a losing game for 2 years. The season proper saw the team perform consistently and if not for the string of injuries and player unavailability, would have finished in the top two. (If the Yates Cup and season were put together we would have finished 2<sup>nd</sup>). As it were, the team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and came up against an in-form Moorebank team who handled the heat better and overpowered a desperate Briars team. Plenty of players contributed in significant amounts during 2006 and I must pass on my thanks to Alan Charlton, 1<sup>st</sup> grade Captain who performed consistently well again. In the off-season Briars recruited two outstanding players in David Bourke and Kieran Govers, together with Josh Millar, Josh White, Matthew Johnson, Stephen Coombes and the many other junior "stars" at Briars, the future is bright for the 1<sup>st</sup> team for many years to come.

The list of thanks must be continued to include John Price, Allen Chu, Ivan Boulton, Bart Loadsman (chiropractor), Allan Jones (AJ) and the many supporters who stood by this team throughout the year. I would also like to thank the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team who together with the 1<sup>st</sup> team created a stronger bond than in previous years. This team must win a 1<sup>st</sup> grade title, and when they do, I believe we will witness a new domination in Sydney Hockey for many years.

**Stephen Coombes "Coombsy"** – Unfortunate run of injuries provided limited playing time but the team really appreciated his support and attendance at games through the season.

**Stuart Cazyer "Crazy"** – Great season. Started the year as the number 2 goalkeeper and took the most of his chances and surprised many with his consistent year. Another representation in the Defence Force team.

**Alan Charlton "Donga"** – Another consistent year from the Captain. Lead from the front with his ability to perform week-in and week-out.

**Josh White "Whitey"** – This young player continues to impress, so much so, he was selected in an Australian u/21 team. He will only get better as he matures in his hockey knowledge and no-one will be surprised if he has a long and illustrious career. A future leader at this club.

**Adam Bannister "Banners"** – Very reliable defender who played a Mr Fixit role in 2006. Can be played in any defensive position to plug a hole or take advantage of an opposition's weakness. A great season that was stalled by a late season injury.

**David Bourke "Burky"** – Very consistent player that saw him win the teams MVP ('Most Valuable Player') Award and another NSW selection. New recruit at the club who was a great clubman too. Look for Burky to play a senior role for many years to come.

**Ben Hurford "Hurf"** – Almost a "veteran" in this team and showed it with his cool temperament and tactical nous. Was a rock at left half for most of the year.

**Josh Miller "Joshy"** – Very talented forward was rewarded with a selection in the Australian U/21 team and proved his consistency with his 'Player's Player Award'. Showed an increase in his playing maturity and will set the standard in this team for many years to come.

**Michael McCann "Mick"** – A year in which Mick probably played as well as any other year and contributed more, even with his extremely hectic schedule. Leads from the team and places high expectations on himself first and team second. A World Cup silver medal was a well-deserved reward for his efforts on and off the field.

**Kieran Govers "Govers"** – The third player in this team to be selected with National honours. Started the year like a "house on fire" and lead the team in performance in the absence of its more well-known stars. Showed a huge desire to succeed and will be a massive bonus for this club for many years.



**Ian McGregor "Mary"** – Showed an increased level of maturity this year, scored many goals and represented the State in the Australian Hockey League (AHL). A very talented forward who is a great clubman and a model for the Briars Juniors.

**Matthew Johnson "MJ"** – Player who played U/21 State hockey and played in a variety of positions for Briars. Country lad who plays with passion and delivers on a regular basis. Look for MJ to play a more senior role in years to come.

**Adam Imer "Rookie"** – First year 1<sup>st</sup> grader who got his opportunity early and took advantage of it. Has the capacity to learn quickly and is physically one of the fittest players in the team and the competition.

**Nathan Fryer** – Another good year from Nathan with plenty of passion and finesse. Showed the team how to play in tough times and lead with his actions on the field.

Thanks to those great players who supported first grade team on many occasions: Blake Durance ("Blakos"), Andrew Borg ("Borgy"), Paul Sharp ("Sharpy"), Darren Pike ("Pikey"), Sam Everist ("Sammy"), Kurt Miller, Matthew Lyons ("Lyonsy"), Jay Rama ("Jay-bro"), Chris Mosley ("Sugar") and all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team.

Stuart Carruthers - Coach

## HOCKEY MEN'S SECOND GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
12	8	3	1	27	3rd

(excludes Yates Cup competition)

### Second Team Men

The season promised a lot but failed to deliver the expectations. It was my first year with the club and I am very impressed with the depth of player base and the vision for the club. My priority was to get the team to play a consistent style of hockey based on sound defence and teamwork with and without the ball. The record books show that the team finished fourth which is a disappointing result. At times the team showed signs of brilliance on attack and defence but sadly many times the team fell back into old habits of individual effort. There was no doubt about each player's desire to give of their best however there is a lot of improvement in the way we train and prepare for matches, mentally, physically and tactically. The team has spirit and grew as the season progressed however a lot more work needs to be spent on player's mental approach to the game at premier level as well as basic technical skills.

I am not one to single out people in annual reports, however I must say that I appreciated the leadership and commitment to the team that Darren Pike displayed as captain throughout the year. It was great to work with Stu Carruthers and the concept of having both teams training together is sound. However I believe the club needs to allocate more turf time for (All) teams so that each team has more time and space to train tactical hockey and set plays. It is amazing at what goes on behind the scenes to get a team organised for training and matches and my thanks go to Allen Chu the team manager for his quiet efficiency and professionalism. Also my thanks to Allan Jones for always being there and willingly helping coaches and players regardless of the task – a true BRIARS club man. Having so many players in representative teams creates a challenge each week to field a consistent team and causes a huge ripple effect down the grades. I know there is no easy answer to this problem however I felt that at times it was too easy for players not to play although they did not have rep duties. This player "shuffle" had a direct impact on the results of the top three teams in my opinion.

The award winners for 2006 are:

Most Valuable Player - Darren Pike; Player's Player - Blake Durance; Best & Fairest - Blake Durance

Ivan Boulton – Coach



## HOCKEY MEN'S THIRD GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	3	4	11	13	8th

2006 was a year of high expectations for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade commencing the season with huge optimism and a high quality side. Briars 3<sup>rd</sup> grade was a team that had significant experience mixed with some talented and fit youth – an ideal hockey combination. The season started well with some early victories, and we anticipated a possible semi-finals berth, which has been a long time coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, under experienced coach Dave Mike. A lack of intensity and desperation however, cost the team important games resulting in a string of losses in the middle of the season. A change of coach half way through the season (to Mary due to Dave heading to the US), saw the coaching style revert from a European style to a more attacking Australian style of hockey. This met with some mixed success including some brilliant attacking goals from the forward line, with good players such as Navy and Dunny making the most of the opportunities that came their way. The team had a sensational thrashing victory to finish off the season although were unable to make it back into the top half of the competition ladder. Overall, the team improved significantly as the year progressed, in terms of structure, planned attack and skill level. An increased level of commitment and discipline from some of the younger players will have a huge impact on the side next season and bring about the anticipated finals berth that continues to elude the side.

Dave, Mike and I would like to thank Brett Manning for the brilliant job he did as team manager this year. Despite coming back from a near crippling injury, Brett managed the administration and the team lists excellently, and most importantly ensured we had the balls to play the game! Special mention must also go to Captain Greg Dunn – a true leader and is without a doubt thoroughly dedicated to Briars Hockey. He played a major coaching role throughout the year when I was unavailable and played a significant role in helping select the best guys on a week to week basis. So thank you Dunny.

It is also a year which is seeing a lot of long time club veterans and greats of the game retire from hockey after years of service to the club from juniors right through to now. Players such as Wayne "BC" Allsop and Martin "Woody" Wood will be sorely missed, as the fabulous 4 combination of Dunny, Reno, Woody and BC comes to a close. It's been an amazing hockey journey for you boys.

**Greg "Dunny" Dunn (C):** Captain has been inspirational this season. Despite being injured for a significant part of the season and having his first child this season, his intensity remained high, and managed to score plenty of goals as he got on a roll in the second half of the season.

**Chris "Zolly" Zol:** Very beneficial to have on the team. Apart from his benefit as a co-coach from 4<sup>th</sup> grade, his versatility as a player, being able to adjust from a half to a striker was extremely helpful. A very passionate player who helped lift the side when needed.

**Ian "Reno" Reynolds:** Good to see the veteran Briar with his trademark "Reno" drag in form this season. His ability to receive the ball and find our forwards in attacking positions was a tremendous benefit to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade side. Reno's positive and disciplined attitude saw him back in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade often, and made him a pleasure to coach and a real asset to our side.

**Sam "Navy" Coleman:** Mr Fitness - priceless as an inside forward and reliable player who put in 100% and kept running the distance when others fatigued in a game. His dedication showed both in training and games. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> last match, he received bloody cuts resulting in stitches to the leg and face, but pressed on.

**Derek "Dezza" Van Oltropp:** Derek was a consistent striker with an ability to find himself open behind the oppositions defensive lines. His team play and ability to work with other forwards was a real asset.

**Martin "Woody" Wood:** Quality half and fullback who stated he will hang up the boots at the end of the 2006 season. Complete with his full body skins cover, was a picture of playing through injury, and made continuous crucial tackles at vital stages of games to keep us in numerous matches. This short-corner hitting veteran of Briars hockey will be missed, and was a pleasure to coach again this year.

**Sam "Sammy" Candido:** Played significant portion of the season as a crucial attacking centre half. A player with ability to beat players one on one and find a hard ball to our attacking strikers. When he received plenty of ball in the middle of the field, we often dominated opposition – testament to his ability.



**Nelson "Nels" Partlet:** Strong and solid player, beneficial to the side in defense and helpful having him in the half line to make the tackle and give a quick hard pass out of defense. This enabled us to counter opposition sides on a regular basis.

**Andrew "Kila" Kilaziglou:** A joy to coach. Often had an excellent positional awareness and able, both in attack and defense to ensure our goals were covered together in combination with fellow fullback BC.

**Wayne "BC" Allsop:** Defensive machine at the back, another veteran for Briars who has stated he will hang up the boots at the end of this year. Combined well with Kila and Woody to provide a solid foundation from which to attack. An extremely positive player who if goes through with retirement, will be a tremendous loss to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and the club.

**Mark "Shed" Ross:** As a new player to the club, Shed travelled from Newcastle to goal-keep for us every chance he got. Shed maintained consistent form throughout the 2006 season, and with his height and quick hands, kept us in a lot of very close matches.

Ian McGregor - Coach

## HOCKEY MEN'S FOURTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	7	5	6	26	5 <sup>th</sup>

A year of player's personal development for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade squad in 2006. A number of players earned their way up the grades this year and really showcased their skills at the higher level. A number of younger guys were given the chance from the start of the year up from 5<sup>th</sup> grade last year. New members to the Briars club found a grade they could call home and were always more than welcome in.

**Max Mason** – Played left half, wanted to try a winger. I gave him a go and he was my best on field as a winger. But that wasn't enough for Dig. Centre-Half he wanted. Why not? Gave him a chance and the last three games was pinpointed by the opposition as the guy running the show. Back yourself next year Max.

**Mark Holman** – A huge developing year for Mark. Lost 15+kg, refined his excited on field communication habits, saved several memorable strokes and kept some great clean sheets. Good on ya Holman.

**Rob Wood** – Returned to Briars after an absence of 2 decades - not that you could tell physical and a huge wake up call for some of our younger lads. Loved watching Rob improve week to week. Real sharp eye and good knack at reading the play from the back. Heart was never lacking, ultimate team player on and off the field, a gentleman. See you back next year mate!

**Ben Garland** – Centre half, Full-back even Inner, versatility plus. Limited by a continuing groin strain, back problems and a terrible porntash Benny gave his best every time. Let's hope the upcoming wedded bliss doesn't keep him off the pitch!!

**Phil Card** – Welcomed new addition to our club. Brought intensity to every session. Only criticism is that he does too much. Always one of best on a weekly basis. Kicks a mean footy as well (a Sherrin anyway!)

**Brett Manning** – Forget hockey for a minute. I visited Brett at the start of the year in RNS Hospital, flat on his back with 2 fractured vertebrae, millimetres from never walking again. No sooner could he walk again, was down at Briars drinking beer, neck brace and all, looking like the drinking duck off the Simpson's. Not one to sit back and watch, he wanted to be involved with Briars so became 3/4<sup>th</sup> grade manager. Of course he got the playing itch and after the all clear from the doc, was back at it. All results aside for me this was my highlight of the year. Congratulations on your efforts to get back on the field!

**Al O'Connell** – New to the club this year. Defensively sound, times his jabs well. Let's hope the off season doesn't let all the hard yards go to waste in the fitness department.

**Harmeet Sian** – Tenacious tackling and fast breakaways a trademark of his game. Work interrupted the year unfortunately. Hoping Harj can bounce back to full strength in 2007.



**Steve Graham** – Chief. Up from 5<sup>th</sup> grade last year. Trained with 1/2<sup>nd</sup> grade towards the end of year, what a difference those sessions made to the young giant. Deadly back stick and confidence through the roof! Chief proved to me that he wanted to earn his spot in the 4s.

**Matty Small** – Will amaze a defender with random stick skills. The last pass, final shot and early ball, knowing when he has done his part, to give the ball to get a result, makes Matty lethal in the Creation Zone.

**David Ratcliffe** – Ratty ended up being a first choice striker in the 3's in middle of season. Unfortunately for Dave goalkeeping duty was required of him and the old body doesn't move like it could in the glory days! Ended up with a strained muscle in his leg and played on due to lack of numbers in our squad. Beautiful short corner push out, gets tough when a goal is on offer. Inspiring to watch when running at peak fitness. Knows how to score a goal. A sixth grade soldier last year to permanent 4<sup>th</sup> grade fixture to starting 3<sup>rd</sup> grade striker...what's on the menu next year Ratty?

**Gary O'Sullivan** – The Gaz Flick was given the chance to shine this year as a short corner option and it didn't disappoint. Good patience when in possession in attack. A striker through and through. Unfortunately was also hampered by a leg injury that stopped us seeing him in full flight, though did score our only genuine hat trick vs. Mac Uni.

**James Hallet** – Welcomed addition to 4's in later half of year. When playing well there was no stopping him running wild through the defence in inner channels. Maybe a Tommy Raudonikis face slap or two before James runs out might fire him up. James was a super Super Sub.

**Andrew Cain** – Big Andy. Got a call up for last month of season. From a coach's POV Andy is a giant chess piece. You know what he can do and he rarely disappoints. Not the most mobile of fullbacks but solid as 2 outhouses!! Saved at least 4 goals on the line. Even snuck down the field once on a 50m run...classic!

Thanks to all the other guys who contributed on the field to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade effort this year: Lachlan Boa, Andrew Kilazaglou, Scott Fernando, Sean Alexander, Nate Ball, John Goodward, Nathan Napper, Wayne Allsop, Greg Dunn, Martin Wood, Sam Coleman, Tony Stojevski, Derek Van Oltrop and Scott Walmsley. We won 7 games, drew 5 and lost 6. 4 losses by 1 goal. Very competitive all year in every game. Disciplined to respect the umpires. I couldn't praise the boys enough after Round One when the umpire approached me to say he had never umpired such a respectful team and that they were a credit to the club. To hear that from an umpire was something that showed me this team was special.

Chris Zol - Coach

## HOCKEY MEN'S FIFTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	5	2	11	17	7 <sup>th</sup>

The start of the 2006 season was a voyage into the unknown for 5's with the new competition structure. Instead of playing against 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade opposition, we were now pitched against 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams. An ominous form report based on the previous season's outcomes placed the 5<sup>th</sup> graders as most likely candidate for the wooden spoon. However this was a great opportunity for the club to offer its lower grade players a chance to play at a higher level. The first few games the team was on a fairly steep learning curve, with some different thinking required. In our game against NWS 3<sup>rd</sup> grade we learned that turnovers in defence would be punished severely. Luckily with Andy Caine at full back we weren't without experience and also a very solid defensive player. A few matches later we played Sutherland and came home with a win, and feeling that we could do even better. With players like Brian Doughty controlling the midfield and distributing, and Tony Stojcevski in the forwards, the team looked solid and we were optimistic. For the next few games the team was quite settled and we were able to develop some structure in our play. Our UK imports Steve Strain and Nick Carter with their soccer background, understood the structure we were aiming for, with the inners playing as midfielders and always giving the CH a short option. Nick however still felt that 3 forwards was just too attacking for the modern game and often tried to convince us to play 5 across the middle!

The best stretch of our season began when at half time against Moorebank we were trailing 1-0. At this point the team decided that we were simply better than we had been playing, and we went out and scored 4



goals in the second half to win 4-1. One of the goals was possibly the best right wing goals I have ever seen. Nathan Napper commenced his full length dive from outside of the 'D' to connect with a solid cross from Lachlan Boa, making contact with the ball at the spot to deflect it into the goal. Nathan with his extraordinary pace and Lachlan with his skills and penetrating hit were a potent part of our attack, and the team to put 3 wins together in a row. Things however started to come undone. Tony Stojcevski went to have his foot x rayed and found it had been broken and re-broken so many times that it had become infected. Matt Pullen was another impact player from our forward line, and mid season suffered a groin strain so severe that he needed time of work! Injuries up the grade removed several other players from our team and resulted in a form slump. Our goal keeper Joel Osmond had the unenviable task of keeping the team in the game on many occasions. In spite of excellent goal keeping, in a couple of games his role was to keep the score line respectable, not a situation any keeper wants to be in. With a few games to go relief came from a group of junior players who had decided to make the step into the senior grades. Chris Schmidt, Jamie Gallagher, Jake Imer, Sean and Tony Ryan, Ian Hristoforides and Nick Candido all got a few games under their belt. In these last few games we managed another win, but more impressive was the progress the youngsters made in their game. In the last two games we had no breakaway goals, and Jamie Gallagher played well as full back as part of a solid defensive formation. Our last game of the season against the runners up for the season, St. George, was lost by a solitary freakish goal in the opening minute. To lose by a single goal against the runners up showed that maybe with a little more time our juniors could have turned 5's into a formidable unit.

Many thanks to David Slater for managing the team for the year and to Lachlan Boa for his work on Thursday night training. And once again Allan Jones (AJ) and Wal Zol, thanks for all the beer!

Alan Doughty - Coach

## HOCKEY MEN'S SIXTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	2	5	11	11	8th

Playing up a division this year was always going to be tough and it may have looked that way at the end of the season given where we sat on the table, though this was not a true reflection of the hard work and effort put in by all players who took the field. We were affected greatly this year by the fact that most weeks we were unable to field the same team as the previous week. This had a negative impact on allowing us to settle as a playing group and due to a list of things whether it be injuries, unavailability, no shows etc. This resulted in having to use in excess of thirty players throughout the year to put a team on the field every week. It wasn't till the last few weeks of the season that we got some consistency in selections and this was evident that we started to play some really good hockey. This year we had a major problem in games where we tended to have concentration lapses where we more often than not, conceded goals. This either let the opposition back into the game or caused us to lose games that we were right in and going really well. This is a problem that we need to address next year and if we can learn to play 70 minutes of hockey then we will win a lot more games than we lose. Attendances at training were great for the most part of the year. Thanks guys. However, we need to make sure we attend training as this makes it a lot more enjoyable for everyone. It also allows us to take what we work on at training and implement it into a game situation a lot easier.

I would like to thank those who filled in at times when we short on players, especially to Simon Bergfield for putting his head on the line for us while filling in for us for a game (he actually got hit in the head). Congratulations to Matt Hetherington, Jamie Gallagher and Chris Schmitt in playing their first year in senior hockey. We were really impressed with how you played and hope you will be back next year and striving to play in higher grades. You certainly have the ability to do so. Many thanks to Mike and John Denniss, James Fordham, Brent Diprose, Dave Slater, Ian Brown, Dion James and Hidde Van Erven Dorens for their support making it a lot easier for me than what I expected it to be. The team would like to thank the fifth grade goalie Joel Osmond for backing up week in week out and playing for us after Matt broke his arm and who, regardless of whether he had to play before or after our game, still jumped in goal for us. Thanks a lot Joel! Everyone competed well against teams that had played 3 or 4 grade above them last year. I feel we got better as the year went on. To be more competitive next year we need to work on a few areas to improve the way we play; being fitness, concentration, marking, ball control and communication.



Special thanks to Mike Denniss for his work off field with match cards, fee collection and all the other jobs that you do. Thanks Mike.

Lachlan Boa – Coach

## HOCKEY MEN'S SEVENTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
15	8	4	3	28	4th

A season of fluctuating fortunes particularly in first round where a number of games that should have been won, were lost or drawn. If the team was playing to potential, they were quite competitive. This was reflected in defeating the team second on ladder to hold fourth position and move into semis. The semi-final was not so memorable, a disappointing loss. On positive side, 7ths reached semis two years running.

**David Osmond:** Ozzie is one of the vets and an excellent goalkeeper.

**David Paul:** A good fullback from the old school, goes in hard for the ball

**Ben Scully:** The other side of the fullback combination. Reads the game well and takes no prisoners.

**Andrew McInerney:** After a few years out his skills returned quickly. A very good halfback.

**Phil Rogers:** Fitted in well at center-half.

**Geoff Atkins:** Very dependable halfback who can more than hold his own against wingers half his age.

**Glen Briggs:** Joined the team in second round and supplemented an already strong half line.

**Alan Jones:** Plays high and worries the opposition with his un-orthodox style of play.

**Sergio Calcarao:** Skilful player at either half or forward.

**Harj Sandhu:** Re-joined the team in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. A very good striker.

**Steven Lindsay:** Another returning to the game after a break. A handy inside forward.

**Craig Miller:** No matter where he plays in forward line, has knack of being in right place at right time scoring two goals a game at end of season.

**Viv Paul:** Young and fast with good ball skills for a late starter in the game.

**Garth Field:** Stood out in 8ths and stepped up as a solid inside forward or striker,

**Simon Bergfield:** - Chief organizer and utility player. Fills in when required and does an alright job.

Thanks also to those who played throughout season: Sean Bermingham, Joe Ferrer, Trevor Bissaker and Leon Holloway.

Simon Bergfield - Coach

## HOCKEY MEN'S EIGHTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
15	4	2	8	15	7th

It was a tough year for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade as team line-up changes and valuable players being posted in higher grades made it difficult to find form in the 2006 season. In the first few games of the season Garth Field was the team's major attacker, always making the most of the ball whilst in the circle, and meant that we started the season strong winning 3 of the first 4 games of the season. After line-up changes early in the season, 8<sup>th</sup> grade found it hard to find form again and had plenty of draws and losses throughout, but they never gave up, and towards the end of the season really started pulling together and it made for some fantastic hockey played by the guys.

One noted strength of the team was the experienced defence, with plenty of goals being saved by the backs and Sean Birmingham our goal-keeper. If not for such dedication in defence there would certainly have



been a lot more goals scored against. The forward line of the team was young and fast, but unfortunately unable to make the most of a lot of shots on goal and short corners. I feel that more practice on the short corners at next years training sessions will benefit our attacking capabilities. Despite the odds, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade walked away 7<sup>th</sup> on the table at the end of the season, and were able to knock Glebe and Northwest Strikers down the table also. It was a very enjoyable year of hockey for all the boys and whilst struggling on form throughout the year, were able to keep up the spirits, and always remained positive by saying 'We'll get 'em next time'. We might not have 'got 'em' this year, but will certainly make inroads next year, and look forward to the pleasure of your friendship and team spirit next year for the 2007 season.

Leon Holloway

## HOCKEY MEN'S UNDER 17'S

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
13	2	1	10	7	5 <sup>th</sup>

2006 was a year of growth and development not only for the U17 squad but especially the U/17B's. For many of the players their first season in this stepping stone between Junior and Men's hockey was quite a challenge. The first half of the season was played in a combined A/B competition and I must commend the boys on their positive attitude and ability to stay focused even after some crushing 10+-nil losses early in the season. It became clear as the season progressed that everyone was keen to improve and that first win was inevitable. Indeed it was, and in style, with the boys taking apart UNSW 7-0! That moment was a turning point, with the hunger inside them every game was winnable and we had the potential to make the finals. Unfortunately, things didn't go all our way with player shortages, injuries and a lack of umpires marring what might have been a more successful season. But as they say there's always next year and I hope to see these boys return and develop with the same desire and attitude as they exhibited this year.

For all their help during the season and for their exceptional organisational skills I would like to thank David and Sarah Ryan for managing the team. Without them, things would never have run so smoothly. Also thank you to Janet Candido and Andrew Borg from the U/17C's for allowing us to borrow players when necessary and for transport to and from early morning games.

**Nic Candido** - All heart. There was never a moment during the season that Nic didn't stop trying. This was evident with all the grazes and bloodstains he amassed throughout the year. Although quiet, Nic can pick the right moments to inject himself into a game.

**Brendan Churton** - With his physical presence and "tackle 'em 'til they're dead" attitude, no defensive line is complete without Brendan. His commitment to the team couldn't be questioned from day one.

**Jamie Gallagher** - Strong and skilful whether playing defence or midfield, Jamie is an asset to any team. His ability to be calm under pressure saved us many times throughout the year.

**Matthew Hethrington** - Quality goalkeeper who put in a lot of effort to improve technique until a broken wrist ended his season. To his credit, Matt still came to watch remaining games and support the team.

**Ian Hristoforidis** - Hard worker on field. Ian's vision and ability to get involved made him a natural centre half. Always relaxed on or off field with great potential and I hope makes transition into Men's hockey.

**Adam Imer** - Naturally gifted but still committed to improving his hockey in all areas, Adam was sometimes on-field coach, carrying out instructions and executing the game plan regardless of position.

**Jake Imer** - Another young but gifted player who excelled as an inner or outside half. With many years of hockey ahead of him, will continue to develop provided he puts in the hard work.

**Rodger Lee** - Spent most season as utility, playing anywhere from inner to fullback. Even with these varied roles played strongly. Consistent and eager team member who gelled well with his teammates.

**James Ryan** - The cheeky Ryan. James is a confidence player who doesn't know how to stop trying. Spending most of his time at left wing using attacking intuition to provide other strikers with many goal-scoring opportunities.

**Patrick Ryan** - The quieter Ryan. Whilst playing at mostly left inner and always wanting to attack, his quick thinking often caught opposition off guard. With never say die attitude a valuable squad member.

**Chris Schmit** - Strong and reliable left half. If he wasn't so good at what he did in defence, may have had his wish granted to play further up the field! With practice can continue to develop into a very strong player



**Daniel Strout** - Quiet achiever. Sometimes you may not know he was around until he got the ball. As right half created many attacking chances, whilst shutting down many more. Daniel's attitude and commitment at training and during games was always outstanding.

**Ben Tudman** - Extremely fast and agile striker always annoying opposition defence and prepared to use his head. After a minor concussion at beginning of year became first player to wear headgear on field.

A big thank you to players from U17's squad who stepped up to play when we were short. Without the efforts of Shane Ly, Gilbert Fuller, Mitchell Peck and Tim Lihou, we may not have even been able to field a team at times.

Andrew Kilazoglou - Coach

## HOCKEY VETS REPORT

Over the years the club has lost a lot of our senior players, due to family commitments (thus restricting their weekend time), frustrated at trying to keep up with younger up and coming, or various other reasons. I found myself in this position with a young family, that I would not be able to commit to a season of weekend hockey and, after consulting with other players in the club at last year's presentation night, the Briars Vets team was created (with the help of a dozen jugs of beer). The idea was for our senior players to play games during the week against an opposition their own age, have a few beers after and talk about which part of the body doesn't hurt the most. The team had a 50/50 year, some good wins, some shocking losses and we managed to come in at 8th position in B pool. Although if we lost one more game, we would have become minor premiers of C pool and gone into the finals. But that was not our goal; it was all about having fun and we did. In closing, I would like to thank all of my fellow vets players for making it an enjoyable season and I hope to see everyone next year. A special mention to our number 1 supporter Dean Garland for his honest opinions on how we play. One last thing, AJ would also like to thank everyone for boosting the beer sales at the canteen.

**Briars Vets team:** Geoff Atkins, Chris Baldwin, Simon Bergfield, Sean Bermingham, Ian Brown, Mike Denniss, Brent Diprose, Alan Doughty, Brian Doughty, Joseph Ferrer, Michael Imer, Allan Jones, John Lemarquand, David Osmond, David Paul, Adam Schasser, David Slater.

Adam Schasser

## HOCKEY WOMEN'S – PRESIDENT'S REPORT

While Briars Womens Hockey were unlucky not to win any premierships this year, the club had a successful season and experienced a significant improvement on the 2005 season with our lowest ranked teams coming 5<sup>th</sup> and 4 out of our 8 teams making it through to the finals.

1<sup>st</sup> grade (ML1) finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the competition, just 1 point behind the minor premiers. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (ML2) finished 5<sup>th</sup>, which was a great effort after having a rough start to the season. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (ED1) finished 5<sup>th</sup> after a tough season against some very strong teams. 4<sup>th</sup> grade (ML4) finished 5<sup>th</sup> by goal averages and were on equal points to the 4<sup>th</sup> placed team in the competition. 5<sup>th</sup> grade (ED3) finished 3<sup>rd</sup> after a strong start to the season. 6<sup>th</sup> grade (ML6) finished 5<sup>th</sup> by goal averages, and like ML4, were on equal points to the 4<sup>th</sup> placed team. 7<sup>th</sup> grade (ED4) finished 4<sup>th</sup> after a consistent season. 8<sup>th</sup> grade (ED5) finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and were unlucky not to reach the grand final with many player injuries.

Briars would like to congratulate all players selected to play hockey at a higher level. 1<sup>st</sup> grader Samantha Gale gained selection into the Australia A team, and with her teammate Alison Bruce, also gained selection to the Australian Youth Olympic team and the Australian Junior squad. At the State level, Ebony Barber, Alison Bruce, Kasey Cocking, Jessica Esslemont and Samantha Gale represented NSW in Under 21s and Ashley Cocking represented NSW in Under 18s. Finally, Grace Fowler was rewarded for her vast improvement this year by the opportunity to play in the NSW IGGSA Schoolgirl Championships. We would also like to congratulate Gilbert Fuller and Laura Lee on their umpiring achievements this year.

The Womens Committee have again led the club this season but we were unfortunate to lose Penny Mullins as our President early in the season due to a move out of Sydney. Thanks go to the following committee members for their support, effort and spirit throughout this season.



Gill Burns	President, SWHL Representative
Nicola Firth	Club Captain, Uniforms & Equipment
Carol Cassells	Treasurer
Janet Adams	Secretary / Communications
Jo Sikkens	ED Representative
David Ratcliffe	Coaches Co-Ordinator, Selections
Penny Mullins	Umpires Co-Ordinator
Committee	Emma Smith, Kylie Norris, Cindy Goodridge, Leigh Pasfield Mel French, Meg McMahon

This year marked the first season of our merge with Greenlees, and while it began as a challenging transition, it has only made our club stronger. We would like to thank all the staff at Greenlees for welcoming our players and to Paul at Nudi's for providing us with fabulous food throughout the season. We would also like to thank our sponsors Shaw Stockbroking and Firths Compensation Lawyers, and thank Mal Weber and Stephen Firth for your continued support of Briars Womens Hockey.

We would like to thank Alan Jones, Wal Zol and Gary Fuller for their extraordinary efforts this year. Without AJ, Wal and Gary, we would not have the fantastic facilities at Cintra and your contribution and support of the womens club is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Greg Dunn, John Price, Ivan Boulton and the mens club for your support and assistance throughout the year.

Thanks to our coaches and managers for their time, support and advice to our players throughout the season. Finally, thanks to all the players from this season for making Briars such a strong club and continuing to show the Briars spirit at all times. We hope to see you again next year for a bigger and better season.

Gill Burns, Emma Smith & Janet Adams.

## HOCKEY WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE – ML1

**Coach: Aaron Oman - Manager: Gill Burns**

2006 was the season that 'could have been' for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade side. We always knew the year was going to be a challenge with the retirement of three of our top players, Megan Oman, Hayley Burke and Jo Banning. We also lost Sam Gale to the AIS for the entire season and were without Airlie Halliday and Emma Esselmont due to travel and study commitments respectively. Despite this, the girls surprised me by winning their first 9 games of the season. By starting so well, it meant we only needed to win 1 or 2 more games to be guaranteed a spot in the semis. Unfortunately we wobbled our way through the second half of the season and finished the year just behind Western Districts (WD) in 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. I think this was a combination of a number of our representative players being worn-out from a solid year of training and playing commitments, as well as a drop in confidence as we struggled to beat some of the weaker sides. To the girl's credit, they bounced back and put in some very good performances in the last 4 or 5 games. We were only about 10% off our best in the semi finals. Unfortunately, the missing 10% was often in the circle or in front of goal. In the two semis we would dominate the match for long periods, only to miss an opportunity that we would normally have put away. The inability to take these very good chances cost us a spot in the grand final. Something the girls should have achieved when you look at their performances over the course of the entire season.

**Laura Gane:** Captained side and led extremely well. Got a lot more work this year than she has in seasons past. She was the main reason we had only 26 goals scored against us in 20 games.

**Belinda Lewis:** Surprised me with how well she went at the back. She tackles very well, works hard on her game and is one of the toughest girls in the competition. Great skills for a fullback regularly get here out of trouble and sometimes into it. Seemed to lift when partnering Mel at the back.

**Mel Hope:** Formed a very good combination with Belinda at the back. Returned this year, after some time away from metro competition. Great defender and often lifted team with her play under pressure. Also knows how to complement an umpire

**Kerri-Anne Hope:** Annie also returned to Sydney hockey after a year dominating the competition in Orange. Did very well at wing half and has developed into a very promising short corner striker.



**Casey Cocking:** I had planned to play Casey at centre half for the entire season, but things didn't quite pan out the way we expected them to. Casey is a great defender who reads the game very well.

**Rachael Powell:** Last year, I called her "our trusty right half". This year nothing has changed. Very solid, very few mistakes and still improving finer points of game. Would improve out of sight if she stopped wearing her UNSW jumper.

**Alison Bruce:** AB would sometimes look like she was on another planet when you spoke to her. When she steps onto the field however, you always knew that she would make the right decision every time. Has great vision, and never overplays her hand. Ali had her first taste of AHL hockey this season and will no doubt be in the side on a more regular basis next year. Awarded with selection in an under 21's Aussie side after her performances at the nationals. She has bucket loads of ability.

**Amanda Hesse:** Spent a lot of time this year at inside forward and even though still learning how to play the position, showed it may be a position for her in the future. She again improved from last year. As hard as Amanda tried she couldn't get her name on the scoreboard. Maybe she was thinking too hard about it prior to the semi final, as she left her skirt at home.

**Ebony Barber:** Played very well throughout year. Still developing positional play, but as good as anyone I have seen at eliminating players in tight areas. Although she might not feel it, has improved small aspects of her game, making her a better player. Will be responsible for supplying sandwiches at half time next year.

**Ashlee Cocking:** Improved again from last year and played very well. She has the ability to be a fantastic striker or inside forward in the years to come. Most promising girl I have coached.

**Jess Esslemont:** Worked hard all year. Surprisingly quick with ball on her stick, with little trouble eliminating players when she has space. Has developed a great shot on goal, especially on right hand side.

**Gil Burns:** Our most consistent and hardest working team member, always on the ball. She is a huge asset to the club and team. I thank God we have Gil there most weeks, as it is likely we would struggle to field a side without her efforts. The whole team thanks you for your work.

Thanks to the following girls from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who helped out a number of times during the year. As you can see we used a huge number of players in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade side again. Every one of these girls played well when needed in top grade, and also improved throughout the year, thanks to the work done by James (the second grade coach). It was little surprise he took them from the bottom of the table, to just missing the semis in the time he coached them.

**Tina Done:** As hard as we tried, we couldn't convince this STRIKER to become a full time 1<sup>st</sup> grader this year. Great work ethic on the field and has a knack of finding herself in the right spot in the circle.

**Phoebe Robbins:** I had never seen Phoebe play before this year. Phoebe is only new to Hockey, and still at school. Has plenty of speed and good vision. Always looking for feedback on her game and I would expect her to be a quality first grade player in the next couple of years.

**Mel French:** In my opinion Mel is the most improved player in the top 2 grades. Scored in most matches she appeared in. Hindered at times by Cam offering her the wrong advice.

**Anna McGeoch:** Would have played in finals except she decided to flee the country. Anna has also improved out of sight from last year. Very close to becoming a full time 1<sup>st</sup> grader.

**Carol Pearson:** Good skills, great basics, great hockey brain. Rarely out of position. Her positioning on field seemed to have a flow on effect for rest of side. Whenever she was on we seemed to have more structure.

**Charlotte Board:** Despite spending half of the training sessions trying to work out how a drill works, Charlotte improved as the year progressed. A tenacious tackler.

**Julie Prolov:** Extremely solid and from what I saw one of the most consistent 2<sup>nd</sup> graders all year. Jules would have played more games if we didn't have so many defenders.

**Ellyce Loudon:** This is the first time I have coached Elyse. She has a lot of potential as a wing half. Along with Charlotte and Julie would have played more first grade games, but we had an over abundance of half backs.

**Megan Rawle:** Played striker last year, but was converted to a half back this year. This added another aspect to her game and I have no doubt she will improve from the experience.

**Laura Murphy:** Filled in on occasions doing well. Good effort considering played 3<sup>rd</sup> grade start of year. Improved under James' coaching in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Would be surprised if she didn't improve further next year.

**Hayley Burke:** Filled in for a couple of games when rep girls were away. You wouldn't have known she had been hacking it around the field in Bathurst. Dominated in both matches.



**Emma Esslemont:** Minty filled in when we were short on numbers. Took the year off to concentrate on her HSC; hopefully she will be back next year.

Aaron Oman

## HOCKEY WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE - ML2

**Coach: James Robertson - Manager: Cindy Goodridge**

2006 saw ML2 climb from cellar dwellers to realistic finals contenders. When all was done and dusted the difference between playing finals and an early preseason for summer hockey was one game. One more goal scored, one less conceded and the story would have been different. Commitment at training was excellent and through out the season a positive team spirit was developed. There was not one game throughout the season that the team did not fight hard to try and win. No matter the score they displayed a high level of endeavor to try and turn the result Briars way.

ML2 consisted of Charlotte Board, Tina Done, Mel French, Cindy Goodridge, Ellyce Loudon, Anna McGeoch, Kylie Norris, Leigh Pasfield, Carol Pearson, Julie Prolov, Megan Rawle, Phoebe Robins, Laura Murphy, and Bonnie Short. The team was assisted by regular appearances of Sonya Finlayson and Cath Harland and special guest appearances throughout were made by Georgina Cannon, Stephanie DoComo, Kim Moodie, Erin Richards and Alana Tagg. Many ML2 players also saw action in ML1 throughout the season and acquitted themselves ably. In a team where every player worked hard and improved so much throughout the season, awards were given to Tina Done, (Player's Player), Cindy Goodridge, (Best and Fairest), Ellyce Loudon, (Coaches Award). Thanks are extended to Gil Burns for her tireless efforts and support as well as to drivers and supporters of the team who experienced the season just as much as the players. Overall, ML2 was a persistent team with the ability to dominate a game through excellent passing and tight defence. A strong foundation has been laid for 2007.

James Robertson

## HOCKEY WOMEN'S THIRD GRADE - ED1

**Coach: David Ratcliffe - Manager: Emma Smith**

2006 saw ED1 face a tough challenge with a mix of youth and experience. The year started well with great improvement in the first four games. Unfortunately we were outclassed in the second half of the season and finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place. It was a welcome change to see the younger girls having stints in the team. This allowed them to learn from the skill and experience of the older players in the team.

**Janet Adams** – captain courageous, always there and punctual to every game and training. Spent season searching for that elusive goal. Always willing to put in 100% and encourage younger members of team.

**Sue Bush** – the rock at the back. Inspiring the back line to always be strong and solid in defence. An experienced player who was always there to stop the attack in the tracks.

**Lauren Candido** – Lauren had trouble at start of season finding her feet and preferred position, but once settled into half line became a strong and aggressive half. She has listened and learned well from those around her and has a lot on potential to only get better

**Melanie Cochrane** – the Jack Russell of the team. Never gave up on opponent she was put and always striving to get the ball. Her dedication in the games was a strong point for the team.

**Stephanie DoCarmo** – our time challenged goal keeper. Despite the fact that she sometimes only just scraped in to games, Steph has improved significantly from the beginning of the season. She is gaining skills and knowledge that should make her one of the best in years to come.

**Sonya Finlayson** – Superwoman of team - always gave 150%. Her fitness obviously came from running around after her young daughter. She was always all over the field wherever needed and only ever came off when really suffering. Sonya was a deserved runner up in prestigious EDWHA Phoenix Award.

**Cath Harland** – Her experience shone through the year, playing two games a week her experience helped the younger ones in team as she set herself in centre half always thinking of how to gain that extra inch.



**Kim Moodie** – The Riddler. Always questioning why. Kim's skills exploded this year stepping up to every aspect the game could throw at her, cementing her spot in back line. She only has the ability to get better when she returns next year.

**Jenny Prosser** – Jenny's never say die attitude helped push younger members to play their very best. Her experience and willingness to step up when we had our backs against the wall kept our back line focused.

**Mary Rose Roche** – Skills complement her passion for the game. Always finding a positive from a negative pushing the girls around her, Mary always came up with something to make the spectators jaws drop.

**Sally Richardson** – This small power house has so much potential never backing off always walking forward never back. A little too aggressive at times but I don't think we would have wanted it any other way. Sally has proved she has what it takes to be one of the best if she wants it.

**Hannah White (aka Melon)** – Shy and unsteady to start but once Hannah pushed forward was unstoppable passing players like they were standing still. Melon has great stick skill and not afraid to use it. Melon's skills get better with every game and with more experience should be a future star.

Thank you also goes to those who played in the team during the year including Carol Pearson, Megan Rawle, Alice Wilson, Grace Fowler, Soraya Campagna and Jo Sikkens (in her one cameo appearance, which she scored a goal in!). To all the girls of ED 1, you should be happy with the great improvements that you all have made within yourselves and as a team. I hope you all are looking forward to 2007. Also to all the younger girls who have played for us this year well done and we look forward to seeing you and your skills in ED1 next year.

David Ratcliffe

## HOCKEY WOMEN'S FOURTH GRADE - ML4

**Coach: Brett Manning - Manager: Carol Cassells**

A season full of ups and downs, back flips and summersaults. With a great start to the season the girls looked well on their way to being No.1. A few hiccups nearing the end of round 1 saw the girls lose some games and slide down the ladder, and with that went their morale. Some soul searching and a few changes saw a better team emerge into the second round. With it came some great wins, morale went through the roof and enthusiasm was electric amongst the players. We got ourselves back into 4<sup>th</sup> position with some gutsy wins but it was going to be a hard road and that it was. With a few losses and draws at crucial games saw us finish equal 4<sup>th</sup>, but missed out on the finals on goal difference. A heart wrenching end to a season that could have been so much more. I would like to thank all the girls for all their hard work and determination throughout the season. Carol for her help as manager. John for his coaching at the beginning of the season and all those who helped and assisted throughout the season. A big thanks to all the girls who helped out when we were in a jam and needed numbers, it was greatly appreciated.

**Lyndel Spence** - Our quiet little keeper who has stepped up during the season and did a fantastic job. Gaining confidence with every game. Pleasure watching her improve.

**Sarah Sullivan** – Our experienced full back who led the team with solid performances week in and week out. A valuable part of the team.

**Nicola Firth** – Our right half that gave her all when she stepped over the white line. Improving throughout the season with vision and confidence.

**Flavia Neyertz** – Our defensive centre half who never gave up even when we were down. With great vision and experience held the middle with great confidence. Her never ending running made me dizzy.

**Kate Sullivan** – The quiet achiever of the team, our brick wall at left half that let nothing through. Solid defence and creation of lead up play was extremely valuable.

**Lisa Hando** – An all round player, that played well in every position given to her. Guts and determination never failed to show.

**Alana Tagg** – Captain and centre half, a season that could have gone badly was held together by Alana, her dedication and hard work held the team together both on and off the field.

**Rachael Stephenson** – Left inner that has a never say die attitude. Great skill and vision while working well with the girls around her. Her speed and skill did wonders in creating attack and her jab tackle in defence was deadly.



**Mini Richards** – Right inner who is an outstanding player, creating attack and defending like someone possessed game in, game out. Her drive and ability was inspiring to all.

**Anna French** – The highest goal scorer in the team. Anna always seemed to be in the right position at the right time. Improved by the game, her speed and position play was a great asset to the forward line.

**Charlotte Allan**– Worked hard throughout the season, her effort and balls skills helped immensely in build up play.

**Hayley De La Motte** – The youngest player in the team who has speed and ball skills to burn. Her ability to bet players and create attacking plays increased by the game. Has great talent and ability.

**Georgie Cannon** – Our own little speedy Gonzalez. Playing with 110% every game her enthusiasm was infectious. Georgie had the ability to make something out of nothing. She never seemed to stop running and creating.

Thanks to all the girls for the season and all their hard work. It was a pleasure to coach you.

Brett 'Manna's' Manning

## **HOCKEY WOMEN'S FIFTH GRADE - ED3**

**Coach: Nick Lawler - Manager: Jess Robinson**

What a buzz, ED 3 started the season with a cracking 8-0. Collectively they are probably the youngest team at Briars, but showed some mature skills and hockey class. They will develop rapidly and become a big asset to Briars in the future. Mid year saw the loss of Hannah White to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (ED1) which made a big impact in the scoring prowess of the team and also some of the girls had school commitments. This development period made way for huge improvements in the attacking skills coming from Grace Fowler, Jessica Robinson, Soraya Campagna, Madeline Hall and Julia Tissington. Throughout the whole season I was regularly told by parents how much the girls' skills had improved. Lyndel Spence, our goalie, was a champion throughout the season and probably only let a dozen goals through all year. She will continue her representative responsibilities and go far in the game of hockey. It was a pleasure to see such depth in the juniors coming through Briars, especially when they performed so well in the seniors. Some of the names in this team will be around for a long time at Briars and in Metro League before long.

This year's trophies were a super tight competition on points - Most Improved - Madeline Hall, Players Player - Grace Fowler, Best & Fairest - Soraya Campagna.

Ruby Ainsworth consistently broke the opposition defensive line throughout the entire season and showed strong commitment, super fast. Grace Ward-Cullen was tenacious and her stick skills improved greatly with every game, one to watch. Katrina Willebrands - crucial to success of team with her effective and smart defence at all times and well received by her friends when played in the attacking line. Great one Kat. Isabella Barnes and Elly Stone were strong up front, always looking for gaps in the opposition play. Amy and Alice Wilson ("The Wilson Twins" as I call them) what a combination, strong stick skills, read play well, versatile players with even more potential. To have the pair of them working the field, one in attack and one in defence, made a coach's job exciting to watch fruits of labour. Thank you for being so good to watch! Jo Morley, well what a loss when she left due to personal commitments ie marriage. You'd think she could have put that on hold. We lost a crucial player to the team dynamics. Unable to play in semi's and lead the team as she did through the preliminary rounds, she was sorely and 'morley' missed!!

Nick Lawler

## **HOCKEY WOMEN'S SIXTH GRADE - ML6**

**Coach: Annie Hope - Manager: Lyn Stevenson**

What a remarkable season for ML6! The slow start preceded an exciting and power-packed finish. In a distinct change from last year, when team ended season second last, ML6 fought valiantly to finish 2006 in fourth place. Coach, Annie Hope proved to be difference this season. Her quiet, unassuming yet experienced manner, was effective in not only gaining the team's confidence but also in engendering a true loyalty within the team. Annie gave the team voice at half-time with her wise use of the 'who's first' tactic,



followed by her astute and prudent advice on how best could the team play. When they kept that advice in mind the team produced a vibrant harmony culminating in accurate shots on goal and inevitably a win.

Stand-outs this season were Players' Player – Carly MacPherson (back). A wonderful and thoughtful defender, Carly not only maintained a steadfast defence but also a straight line at goal during short corners – perhaps a perfect synchronicity with the gods of the goal! But Carly can only play her exciting game with the aid of her defensive partners Marg Sanders, Katrina Willebrands and Joanne Morley. Best and Fairest 2006 went to Kylie Beckhouse (Centre-half) who played constantly and adeptly to provide the team with its backbone. Kylie and Carly are valuable and essential players in ML6. Both able to read ongoing play, making assessment of what might occur and either directing play or laying off the ball in an imaginative and impressive manner. Kylie was ably assisted by Julia Tissington and the indefatigable 'Chu-Chu Combination' – Chu Yook Liew and Chu Wai Liew. Our Most Improved Award was given to two players, Katrina Badiola (Goalie) and Hetal Patel (Forward/Striker). Kat Badiola is a lithe and nimble player who proved to be gutsy and intuitive goalkeeper. Without fail she bravely puts herself into thick of play and remains a remorseless defender of her goal. Briars Club should feel lucky that Katrina, at 18 years of age, has tilted her cap (or perhaps visor) in its direction as it appears, at least from this humble reporter's view, that she will become a most valuable player long into the future of the Club. Hetal Patel (usually on the Wing) came to the team mid-season, and took little time to garner the respect of her team-mates. Hetal has a quietly optimistic view of the game and is quintessential example of "listen and learn" theory, who can then translate advice into play. Her fast pace along with her development of skills over a very short period surely signals a great player in the future. Hetal also embodies that wonderful quality, humility. She is never thrown by accolades and can accept praise unequivocally and with heart – a shining example of the best of the game. Other forwards, Jo Sikkens (who often sits back in defence), Tiffanie Blandford (Centre-striker/occasionally full-back), Bridgina Mackay (Winger/Centre Striker), Liz Lockley (Winger) and Indiana Sarchi (Winger) all proved their value each scoring during the season. Tiff maintains a huge presence in the centre, and wingers are able to locate themselves with a view to her at all times. Bridgina and Liz showed vast improvement in skills and intuition putting themselves in positive positions at all times. Indiana displayed an improvement in her ability to read play.

View for the future of this team is good. It would be hoped that consistency of coaching would be maintained with Annie Hope retaining her position next season, and that the current line-up be given another shot at premiership next year. Extra practice in "completion" area (that is, ball in net), and perhaps a little more fitness training would assist team in gaining rightful position at top of ladder next season.

The team has asked that I mention their gratitude to players who stood-in at times of need: Janet Adams, Alice Wilson, Jessica Robinson, Carol Cassels, Lyndel Spence, Hannah White, Jenny Prosser and Flavia Neyertz. Lastly, may I take this moment of indulgence to note that the combination of these players makes for a delightful experience, especially for me as manager. They are women from a vast age range, yet are bound by their love for the game – yeah ML6 2006.

Lyn Stevenson



## HOCKEY WOMEN'S SEVENTH GRADE - ED4

**Coach: Darren Pike - Manager: Mel French**

The Briars women's 7's (ED4) had a successful season comparison to their last couple. The girls finished up in 4<sup>th</sup> place, which gave them a chance to play in their first final series. With most of the same faces back, the team was already familiar with each others game making it easier to start concentrating on the game play. Throughout the season the girls were solid in defence and also able to control midfield in most games. This provided attackers with plenty of scoring opportunities to make the most of. Once again, attendance at training and willingness to learn was at a high. This showed as both their team and individual skills improved and, in turn, their position on the ladder. If the majority of the team can stick together with their experience I can see a premiership, if not a grand final appearance next season. They are an enjoyable team to coach as they all display commitment and discipline.

**Katrina Badiola** – Katrina is a young up and coming goalkeeper who was repeatedly called upon to make vital saves to win games. Her potential is definitely up within the top 2 grades. Nice work Katrina.

**Natalie Shiel** – Nat had a solid year, playing most of it at left half. With a strong backstick, Nat kept the left side safe from attacking raids. Good season Nat.



**Hayley Wong** – Hayls stepped up a notch this year and took control of defence. Being her second year as sweeper, able to concentrate on other aspects of her game rather than her positional play. Well done Hayls.

**Chu Yook Liew** – Again proved to be a treasure to team. Every week you are guaranteed 70-minutes out of Chu. This proves particularly useful when in dying parts of a game she is able to lift the rest of the team. Nice work Chu Yook.

**Chu Wai Liew** – Like her sister, Chu Wai was a 70-minute player. Her defence was outstanding as she continually picked off the opposing attackers as the last line of defence. Well played Chu Wai.

**Belinda Merrick** – Started to attack more this year at right half, giving us a great outlet out of defence. Bels ability to step and stop opposition from doing same, created many an opportunity. Nice job Bel.

**Kate Schafer** – Once again led team by example. With her control at centre half, team was always on the go forward. Never lacked in defence, as she was always the 1<sup>st</sup> one back to help out. Another good season Kate

**Jo Bradshaw** – A new player to the team this year. However it didn't take long for Jo to show her strength to the team. Jo was a strong runner of the ball and, if given the ball in space, she would penetrate the opposition circle 9 times out of 10. Good job Jo.

**Brenda Doran** – Brenda was also new to the side and being her first year of club hockey, has shown a great improvement. This has helped her fit in nicely as a left inner. Would never let an opposing player walk over her. Nice work Brenda.

**Georgie Nicol** – Georgie was one of our performers week in week out. With her good ball control and positional play Georgie forever threatened the opposition's defenders. Good season Georgie.

**Josie Nicol** – Josie came back into the side this year after a stint in Lismore and reacquainted herself with the girls immediately. She was a determined attacker up front and used her skills to get around opposing players. Good season Josie.

**Jenny McKellar** – Recipient of best and fairest award this year and thoroughly deserved it. Jenny started the season in defence then was moved up front. With her sound knowledge of the game, was forever helping the girls out. Pleasure to coach Jenny.

**Alicia Nucifora** – Alicia has shown a great deal of improvement this season. Up front Alicia was always harassing the opposition defence. Alicia also made a continuous effort to get to the goal posts and, as a result, was able to put in a couple of goals. Well done Alicia.

On behalf of the girls and myself I would like to thank Mel French who once again did a fine job in managing the side. Scott Merrick, David Ratcliff, The Briars women's Committee, Ivan Boulton, Allan Jones and all the girls who filled in for us this year also deserve a special mention.

Darren Pike

## **HOCKEY WOMEN'S EIGHTH GRADE - ED5**

**Coach: David Ratcliffe - Manager: Meghan McMahon, Emma Smith**

This year was always going to be a challenge, with eight new faces to the team the odds were stacking up, but the girls formed as a team quickly with nobody falling behind; all the old ED5's working that little bit harder to show the girls the Briars spirit and unlock there own talents. Our season started strong, and by the halfway mark we were sitting on top of the ladder, but with the unexpected loss of 4 players the girls were being stretched to their limits. But the girls fought on, and then disaster hit with one of our girls moving to NZ. This left us short, the girls finished strong placing equal first over all but lost out on goal average by one goal. But it didn't end there our leading goal scorer had a knee injury and one week before the finals our full back had a skiing accident ending her season, but the girls kept fighting. The final started well but soon got turned upside down when one of our forwards went down with a sprained ankle, soon after they scored and followed with another quick one to take it to 2-0, then one of the youngest members of the team took a shot to the leg and then minutes later a ball to the head. Half time could not come quick enough, but the girls came off pumped and went back onto the field the same way holding the other team in there own half for 90% of the second half with eight players on the field coming so close so many times but it wasn't enough. In saying that it was more than enough for their coach. They proved that they had heart and Briars spirit to never give up till the end, can't wait for next year girls well done and stay safe and injury free!

**Leanne Best** – The Wall. She proved that age is nothing, out running and out classing girls half her age, always putting everything she had, all the time pushing all the girls to be the very best they can.



**Sophie Cameron** – This was Sophie's first year but what a year, her skills growing every week. She found her spot on the wing pushing that back line and even coming up with a couple of great goals.

**Monica Dawson** – This girl never says die. Always wanting to learn Monica pushed herself to the limits this year, little more work to come but I know she's up for it.

**Beth Edwards** – Beth has so much to give to this team. Her experience and drive on field kept us in every game. I think solid is the word I'm looking for. Won't let any thing or anyone beat her and it shows in her hockey

**Zoë Hart** – One of our youngest but toughest players. She asked to learn to be a back and yes this year she stepped up into that role well. Zoe's skills have improved out of sight and here's looking to a great future.

**Julie Hetherington** – Stepping into the role of Goalkeeper is not easy but Julie did it well pulling out the impossible when needed, while always keeping a smile on our players faces no matter what.

**Melinda Hoddinett** – Mel was new to our club this year, despite almost going across to Sydney Uni. Mel stepped into a solid back role with spirit and determination. Mel took some quality hits this year but never let it faze her. We hope to see her back next year.

**Caryn Maxwell** – Captain of the team. The player you can always depend on. So many times Caryn turned a bad situation around. A strong force in the middle she helped create important goal scoring opportunities as well as taking her share of the scoring.

**Meghan McMahon** – Strong but some times too aggressive, Meg could always be relied upon to do what she was asked. Versatile into all position, she was a useful and strong utility player. She will be sorely missed next year as she leaves us for a year travelling overseas

**Aparna Satchithananda** – Also a first year Briar, Aparna improved dramatically over the season. From a shy and quiet wing, to fast and strong forward who scored her fair share of goals. Aparna's speed was a great asset to her game. We hope to see her return next year and only improve on her performance this year.

**Emma Smith** – Striker. Emma's lust to score goals always overtook the pain of injury throughout the season. When things got tough Emma was always there to try and power through the defense. Even though it didn't always result in a goal, when it did it helped to lift the team's spirit.

**Katie Vesper** – Unfortunately Katie left us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season due to her husbands work commitments in New Zealand. Katie was sorely missed and she was a strong and aggressive player who always held her ground and produced some good tackles. We hope she returns next year.

**Kim Ravn** – Kim joined us mid way through the season. This arrival was met with relief as we were fast running out of players and Kim was a strong, determined and motivated back line player. We hope she returns for the full season next year.

**Chris Hart** – While not a player on the field, this man was an integral part of team. If he could have put a skirt on and come out and helped us win, I think he would have. A strong, defined voice on the sideline at every game, and some training, Chris always motivated the girls. He supported them whether they were losing or winning. He deserves the name our No.1 Fan. Thank you for your support this season.

David Ratcliffe

## HOCKEY – JUNIORS

2006 started off well with the appointment of two chairmen in Alan Dougherty and David Ratcliffe. 2006 was the time Briars has fielded two teams in every age division. Things started off well with teams being in all divisions we nominated for. With a few unfortunate draw decisions things became slightly hectic for player availability. But thankfully with the fantastic coaching staff and committee on hand, we managed to work through any difficulties with relative ease, always fielding a full team and giving 110% in the Briars spirit.

**MINKIES** - This group went well having three dedicated coaches in Shaz, Mark Holman and Jess Robinson. This group is definitely the Briars future elite first grade!

**U/11's** - Having two teams this year made things interesting, but allowed us to challenge all players. The A team had ups and downs, but with every game came a new learning experience, their growth through the season was top rate. The B team was undefeated through the rounds and despite the amazing amount of spirit, was unlucky not to win the competition.



**U/13's** - The A team were made up of a bunch of experienced young players but were unfortunate not to have as good a result as they would have liked this year. The B team was unlucky in the fact that the scheduling of their games made it hard on players to get to every game. Despite this all players gave 110% in all they did.

**U/15's** - The A team was made up of very experienced players with a couple of new faces adding to their strength and speed. This team lead by their coach, Lauren, made it to the finals but was unlucky to go down to Ryde at Ryde in the final. The B team was full of enthusiasm, always pushing 110% in not only games, but in their training, always looking to learn and perfect that one extra skill to give them the edge.

Also, congratulations go to all players who made North Area, Sydney and other Rep teams. Thank you to all the players, managers and parents who work so hard to make this fun and enjoyable for everyone. Without you there would be no hockey. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Finally, thank you to the committee and coaches. These people do a lot of behind the scenes work that goes unrecognized. They kindly volunteer their time for the kids and do a wonderful job. We look forward to striving for bigger and better things in 2007.

David Ratcliffe - Junior Hockey Chairman

## **SQUASH**

Squash, as a sport, saw a dramatic change this year in the way that the pennant sport is played. With the continuing closure of squash courts and dwindling numbers of players, the executive decided to move from an 8 team draw to a 6 team draw. In the past the top four sides, after fourteen rounds, would battle it out for a place in the grand final. Now with the 6 team draw, the top side automatically gets a berth in the grand final and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed sides play off for the other berth. The number of rounds has also been increased to fifteen to allow each side to play the other sides twice. Why the executive decided to change from an 8 team to a 6 team draw is still not perfectly clear. There has been a strong rumour that having 6 teams in a draw reduces the likelihood of byes in a grade and should make the grade, overall, more competitive. Sadly that has not been the case and there is a strong push to return to the 8 team format.

This year has also seen the cementing of the squash matrix as a means of giving every player in the competition a rating. All players that I have talked to use the web based system to get an idea of who they are playing and take great delight in viewing player history. While the Association's executive may not have got the changed competition format correct, they have certainly got it correct with the matrix, and that has generated a lot more interest in the game. ([www.squashmatrix.com.au](http://www.squashmatrix.com.au))

**2006 AUTUMN PENNANT** - Briars entered five teams into the winter pennant played from March to July this year. While we managed to get three out of our five sides into Grand Finals, that was where the excitement ended. While one of the sides was expected to be an absolute shoe-in all three sides lost. It was a most disappointing finish to a great season.



**B1 TEAM** - Racked by injury and unavailability of players the team struggled throughout the competition but did manage to come in second. This put them into a preliminary final for a shot at the top team. Olympic were the third placed side who had beaten Briars twice out of the three rounds, so Briars headed into the preliminary final as underdogs. They got up on the night and then looked forward to playing Wenty Leagues in the Grand final. Briars had beaten the side in round fourteen so it was not totally against the odds for a win. Unfortunately Wenty were too strong and won easily. Best player for the side was Frank Bortolotti, only losing one of his eight matches. Al Browne also went well, winning ten of the thirteen matches that he played.

**B4 TEAM** - This was another side that quite frequently needed to rely on reserves to field a full team on the night. Fortunately the reserves proved very useful and helped the side win fourteen out of fifteen rounds. Needless to say the side were some ninety points ahead of their nearest opposition at the end of round fifteen and the one side that did beat them once had not made it to the finals. If ever there was a side that should have won a pennant it was this side. As history shows, the boys must have had a brain snap on the night and lost badly to the opposition, going down 25-3. Best player for the team was Jonathan Tran. Jonathan had played in the previous comp with Briars, just as a reserve and showed promise. His record for the current comp was very impressive having won fourteen out of the fourteen rounds that he played.

**C1 TEAM** - The best way to describe this side is that it was full of many good players who were just out of form. One of the new players for the club was also wrongly graded into the team and this also didn't help their cause. The team struggled to prove their worth in the grade and finished fifth out of the six teams. Mick Dimonte was the best player for the side and won nine out of the eleven matches that he played.

**C4 TEAM** - This side came together as a mixture of players from above and below this grade from the previous competition and it was a little uncertain how competitive they would be. While the side were never standout champions they proved to be a consistent force and were in first position at the end of the fifteen rounds. The opposition in the Grand Final was Guildford Leagues who had beaten the team twice in the rounds but had lost to Briars in round fourteen, so all was not hopeless. Guildford proved to be far too consistent on the night and had an easy win. Best player for the team was Rob Elliot who lost only one match out of the thirteen rounds that he played.

**D1 TEAM** - Like the C1 team, this was also a side that had impressive credentials for the grade they were playing in but just could not fire as a side. The side finished fifth in the field of six. The team had a couple of new players that had very little pennant squash experience and found the grade a little challenging. Some of the top players in the side were also unavailable at times due to Business commitments and that also led to further frustrations. When looking at the player stats, Ed Moore had the best results winning eight out of the thirteen matches that he played. Glen Tullipan, who was pulled into the side as an emergency reserve, also played well, winning the three matches that he played.

#### COMPETITION STATS

Gr	Pos	Player	Played	W	L
B1	1	Chris Doucas	2	2	0
B1	2	Frank Bortolotti	8	7	1
B1	3	Peter Whitely	10	5	5
B1	4	Chris Leung	9	2	7
B1	5	Alan Browne	13	10	3
B1	6	Alan Cameron	10	4	6
B4	1	Steve Strain	3	3	0
B4	2	Alberto Morello	1	1	0
B4	3	Steve Jones	10	8	2
B4	4	Vincent Truong	14	9	5
B4	5	Jonathan Tran	14	14	0
B4	6	Thomas Stanley	14	11	3
C1	1	Mick Dimonte	11	9	2
C1	2	Greg Mcmanus	13	6	7
C1	3	Mick Jaroszewicz	11	5	6
C1	4	Greg Kelly	11	2	9
C1	5	Dohg-Uk Kim	12	0	12
C4	1	Tony Park	9	5	4



C4	2	Guy Amadee	11	8	3
C4	3	Grant Heggarty	13	10	3
C4	4	Rob Elliot	13	12	1
C4	5	Wally Tullipan	12	7	5
D1	1	Darren Peisley	9	4	5
D1	2	Ed Moore	13	8	5
D1	3	Ron Marshal	9	4	5
D1	4	John Siounis	12	1	11
D1	5	Keir Semmons	7	1	6
D1	6	Glen Tullipan	3	3	0
D1	7	Eric Edoremos	2	0	2

Grant Heggarty



## BOWLS MEN – PRESIDENTS REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to present this my second report as President of Greenlees Park Men's Bowling Club. 2005-2006 has again been a very eventful period in the long history of Greenlees Park Men's Bowling Club, with our amalgamation with Briars Sporting Club coming to fruition in December 2005. This has certainly altered the manner in which we have had to approach the running of both the men's and ladies bowling clubs, now sub clubs along with our new friends and compatriots in rugby, men's and ladies hockey, cricket, squash and netball. Friendship with members of these other sporting groups has been swift, and we look forward to great camaraderie with these new friends and fellow club members, and eventually seeing them become full members of bowls.

For bowls it has meant we have had a shift in major sponsorship with the Club limited to no longer our sole major sponsor, and have had to become more self sufficient in regards to fund raising and running the men's bowling club at a minimum of break square, which with a lot of hard work by our committee and a bit of luck we have some how managed to achieve at our first attempt, my particular thanks to Don Coleman for his assistance and foresight in this regard. As far as bowls is concerned, this has been another full on year. We have gained some dozen new members with minimal loss gaining our first junior for many years, David Mastrobattista. It is great to see you here, David, I just hope we can gain a few more youngsters your age to give you company and we look forward to you being one of our front line bowlers in the very near future.

This year we ran with three pennant sides, No.1, No.3 & No.5 grades. For only the second time in the last 12 years our No.1 side failed to make the state play offs, just missing out on winning their section. Our No.3 side due to player unavailability particularly in the top grade, struggled early but came home strongly to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in their section. Our No.5 side performed very strongly all season winning their section, only to just lose the zone play off in a high quality and absorbing final. To all the players and side managers who made themselves available for pennants this year I thank you very much. This year we were close to fielding four pennant sides, and with the influx of players over the year hopefully we will be able to field a 4<sup>th</sup> side in 2007. We entered one side in the mid week pennants being grade 2 who won the zone, but unfortunately lost the metropolitan play off to the eventual winners. Burwood diggers also won the zone in the no.3 grade but unfortunately had the same result as us losing to the winners. Congratulations to both sides and thank you to the players who made themselves available.

We were not successful in the state championships this year, but in the state presidents reserves we made the zone final in the singles (Paul Homann), pairs (Mark Golby & Paul Homann) and fours (John Houteas, Mark Golby, Paul Homann & Bill Goulding) only to lose all three to Clovelly.

Our in house club championships with the exception of the mixed pairs and major minor pairs are completed, with very strong participation in all championships. Congratulations go to:

Major Singles; Winner Mark Gorlicki, Runner up Garry Chant.

Minor Singles; Winner Tony Mandato, Runner up Tony Monda

Major Pairs; Winners Tony Mandato & Tony Monda, Runners up John Sneddon & Ron Kubyk.

Minor Pairs; Winners Robert (Fluffy) Williams & John Sneddon, Runners up Mark Cooper & Dick Arnold.

Triples; Winners John Brandt, Col Dawson & John Sneddon Runners up John Houteas, Stephen Lesslie & Mario Zanella.

Fours; Winners; Ben Williams, Ron Williams, Wayne Allen & Peter Doherty. Runners up Tony Mandato, Tony Monda, Terry Starr & Ron Kubyk.

Mixed Pairs 2005; Winners Glad Barnes & Don Coleman Runners up Pat Free & Keith Free.

Tournaments held late last year and so far this year have been very successful, with the running of the Major/Minor pairs held in December 2005 in conjunction with Burwood Diggers proving a successful and most enjoyable tournament. This year's winners being Tony Mandato & Ray Coombes.

Two Quick Fill Toners Black Friday pairs were held this year attracting near capacity fields, the winners being January R. O'Grady & R. Harrison Concord RSL and October R. Hall and Bob Spanswick South Hurstville/Greenlees. A special thanks to our sponsors Wayne Allen (Quickfill Toners) and Greenlees Park Men's Bowling Club.



Patron's Day held on Australia Day was very successful with all participating having a great time. This day was also sponsored by Quickfill Toners, thank you Wayne.

The Trevor Lee & Sons Shield was held on Good Friday, the format being versatile fours, with 38 bowlers competing and was a great success. The winners on the day being Freda Chan, Garry Chant, Jessie Loveridge and Don Coleman. A special thanks to our sponsors for this day - Trevor Lee & Sons.

The Greenlees Park Winter turn around triples was held June long weekend, attracting 28 sides. The tournament is still in its fledgling period but appears to be growing. Hopefully we will have a full field in the next year or so. Winners were Gavin Starr, Tony Cribb & Don Coleman. A special thanks to the sponsors of the day Burwood RSL Club and Greenlees Park men's bowling club.

Burwood Diggers hosted two tournaments - Golden Slipper and Melbourne Cup days, both successful and enjoyable. Winners - Golden Slipper - Bill McHendry & Tony Crib; Melbourne Cup - Bob Millard & Ray Coombes. Special thanks to Burwood Diggers, particularly Barry Remington, Alan Graham and Kevin Brady for the organisation, and Graham Green & Garry Chant for running the Calcuttas.

In January we hosted part of the test series between NSW and Victoria Juniors. This test series, even though costing the club to put on, is very important in the development of young Australian athletes both boys and girls. Our organising of this series drew nothing but praise from the players and officials involved, and hopefully will lead to our gaining bigger and better state events in the future. A special thanks to all involved in the running of this event, most notably Burwood RSL Club for making their bus available for two days of the tournament, to Barry Remington and Kevin Brady for transporting the players and officials to and from their motels, Garry Chant for driving the hire bus and picking up the Victorian side from the airport, our ladies Glad Barnes, Marj Smith, Shirley Alford and Shirley Duckworth for their assistance, Don Coleman, Paul Panutti, the bar staff and all others who assisted.

We hosted the Pete Kay test series between NSW and Tasmania in August which was another huge success even though the weather was not so kind. A special thanks to Glad, Marj and the rest of our ladies for their time and assistance on this day.

The two social days with our rugby boys, were both successful and enjoyable. Hopefully we can get the other sports more involved in the future as these social days are most important in bonding our sporting members into one close knit club.

Our involvement with Burwood Diggers continues to be a huge success with Wednesday social bowls regularly drawing 30 plus players and, hopefully, we will be able to find a way of getting Sunday morning social bowls up and running. A special thanks to Burwood RSL board of management, President Barry Remington and Dick Knapp who has been Burwood's delegate to our meetings where his input has been most valuable.

Saturday social bowls outside tournament weekends have also been a big success this year with over 30 and up to 40 bowlers regularly attending. Thanks bowlers for your support.

As all the sports should be aware our grant from the Club Limited is based on a user's pay system, where what the sports put behind the bar comes back proportionally to that sport. The men's bowling club is at the moment benefiting substantially from this system, so I must thank our members for their considerable thirsts (this demanding sport requires a big thirst). Keep up the good work bowlers and stay thirsty.

As the bowlers would be aware, we are doing a major renovation of green No.2 where we are returning it to the original Greenlees Couch. This will be a major improvement and return this green to the best in the state. My thanks to the board of directors for giving permission for this major work. To our greenkeeper Peter Neary and your staff thank you for a marvellous job yet again, our greens and surrounds continue to gain nothing but rave reviews.

To our sponsors, Quickfill Toners (Wayne Allen), Attic Ladders (John Stewart), Trevor Lee & Son, ANZ Finance and Briars at Greenlees Club Ltd through their grant system, I thank you very much for your support, and hopefully look forward to a long and fruitful association.

To my committee thank you for your continued support. It has been a pleasure working with you all and your assistance particularly without a bowls secretary has been invaluable.



To Don Coleman, for the running of Wednesday Social bowls and the numerous bits and pieces that probably go unnoticed to most other than myself, thanks very much Don.

To the board of directors of Briars at Greenlees Club Limited, thank you very much. Without your support, we would not have been able to achieve any of the things we have done.

To Glen, Tess, Melissa and the kitchen and bar staff, thank you for your assistance during the year.

To our patron Keith Free, thank you for your time and occasional quiet word.

To our umpires, Col Dawson, Dick Knapp and Col Hodges, thank you for giving up so much time during the year to officiate at the many events and to Morri, thank you for your many years in the important role of returning officer.

To the members, thank you for your patronage during the year and allowing me to represent you as your president. I will be standing again next year and look forward to representing you again if that is your wish.

Tony Cribb  
President

## **BOWLS WOMENS – PRESIDENTS REPORT**

### **2006 District Achievements:**

- Triples: I Speechley, G Barnes, S Gurewitz
- Fours: I Speechley, H Burton, G Barnes, S Gurewitz
- James Wall Shield: L McAulay, E Openshaw, D Barber, R Caccavo
- Wolinski Shield: I Speechley, H Burton, G Barnes, S Gurewitz

### **Club Championships 2006:**

- Fours Winners: I Speechley, H Burton, P Free, S Gurewitz
- Runners-up: E Openshaw, S Duckworth, W Mashman, G Barnes
- Major Singles Winner: H Burton
- Runner-up: P Free
- Pairs Winners: H Burton, P Free
- Runners-up: E Openshaw, R Caccavo
- Triples Winners: L McAulay, H Burton, P Free
- Runners-up: I Speechley, G Barnes, S Gurewitz
- Minor Singles: Not yet played.

The State President, Mrs Tricia Part, was in attendance at our President's Day and 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2006, which was a great success.

We would like to congratulate our 2006 Club Champion, Mrs Helen Burton, as winner of the Major Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. It is the first time this has been achieved in our Club. We are pleased also to advise that at our AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2006, Gladys Barnes was nominated for and given Life Membership.

### **Office Bearers 2006-2007**

<b>President:</b>	Shirley Alford	<b>Vice-Presidents:</b>	Shirley Duckworth, Patricia Free
<b>Secretary:</b>	Gladys Barnes	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Janet Cooper
<b>Committee:</b>	Marjorie Smith, Lorraine Willis, Denva Barber		
<b>Match/Selection:</b>	Helen Burton (Chairperson), Gladys Alderton, Enid Openshaw		
<b>Social Committee:</b>	Alison Balfour (Chairperson), Mary Anderson, Rosa Caccavo, Billie Brandt, Wynne Mashman		
<b>Catering Committee:</b>	Jean Warmoll (Chairperson), Joan Fitzpatrick, Leonie McAulay		
<b>Publicity Officer:</b>	No appointment made		
<b>District Delegates:</b>	Marjorie Smith, Mary Anderson		
<b>Patron:</b>	Doss Lothian		

Shirley Alford  
President



## TROPHIES

### J H STONE TROPHY

The trophy is named after the first President of The Briars Sporting Club, the late John Stone. This trophy can only be won by a club member under 25 years of age who has made an outstanding contribution to the club's welfare during the year.

The winner for this year is Ashley Walsh who was captain of the winning Clark Cup side (First Grade). - Ashley was an inspiration on and off the field and also served on the Rugby Committee.

### THE TED STOCKDALE TROPHY

This trophy has been donated by the Board of Directors in recognition of the outstanding contribution made to the Club by Ted Stockdale. It is awarded to a Club member who has made a continuing contribution to the welfare and administration of the Club over a number of years.

This year's winner is John Slender. John is Football Chairman and the great motivator for Briars Rugby success this year. John also played in the winning Second Grade side. Well done John.

### CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II. The trophy was donated by the late H G Whiddon. The basis of arriving at the winner is as follows:

Value to team as a cricketer	-	35 points
Conduct	-	15 points
General keenness	-	15 points
Value to Club as a member	-	25 points
Neatness of dress	-	10 points
		100 points

The winner of this award is Greg Wallace.

Greg was captain of the Fourth Grade cricket team which was narrowly defeated in the Grand Final. Greg led the team very well during the season even though his team changed nearly every week due to changes in the grades above and was able to perform very well himself. Greg showed his commitment to the club by missing a couple of games late in the season due to a serious operation but was able to return to the field in time for the semi finals. He was also able to organise the very popular Ashes Fantasy Cricket fundraiser and our thanks go to him.

A long serving Briars cricketer and a deserving winner



## **A J ROBINSON SHIELD**

The Shield was donated by the late A J Robinson ("Robbie") in 1958 and is won by the hockey player obtaining the most points in the following manner:

Value of team as a member	-	35 points
Value in Hockey Administration	-	20 points
Value to Club other than Hockey	-	20 points
Conduct on field of play	-	15 points
Neatness of dress	-	10 points
	-	100 points

This year's winner is Janet Adams. Janet is the Secretary/Communications person for Women's Hockey and is also on the Social Committee. Janet is the captain of Third Grade.

## **GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY**

The Geoff Archibald Trophy is awarded to the Rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing rugby for the Club.

This year's winner is Derrick Henderson. Derrick played fourth and fifth grade and always helped out on home games to set up the field and support the higher grades.

## **GORDON BEVAN SHIELD**

The Gordon Bevan Shield is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has done the most towards football and the Club in general. It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. The criteria for selection is as follows:

Attendance at training	-	20 points
Value to the team	-	20 points
Most improved player	-	20 points
General keenness	-	15 points
Value as a Club member	-	15 points
Neatness of uniform	-	10 points
		100 points

Aaron Boyter is this year's winner. Aaron played in the victorious Clark Cup, First Grade and was an inspirational Club Captain.

## **R D VANDERFIELD TROPHY**

The R D Vanderfield Trophy is awarded to a member of Junior Hockey who has contributed most to the junior teams. This award carries the name of a past President who showed interest in the formation of junior teams.

This year's winner is Gilbert Fuller. Gilbert plays in the Under 17s and was the winner of last year's trophy as a member of the Under 13s. Gilbert has acted as ball boy for First Grade and umpired lower grades.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE 16 MONTHS ENDED  
30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2006**

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your Directors present their report on the Financial Statements of the Company for the sixteen months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006.

**NAME OF DIRECTORS**

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

BARNES, Gladys	RITCHIE, Francis	BARNETT, Robert
CRIBB, Anthony	HUTTLY, Brian	McAULAY, Phillip
CHANT, Garry	BLAIR, Ian	PRICE, John
WEBER, Malcolm	TREGEAGLE, Richard	

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal continuing activity of the Company consisted of: Maintaining a Licensed Sporting and Bowling Club for Members.

**MEMBERS**

The number of Members of the Company registered in the Register of Members at the date of this report is:

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Full Members	1077	175
Social Members	<u>688</u>	<u>674</u>
	<u>1765</u>	<u>849</u>

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

During the year, there was no significant change in the nature of the principal activities of the Company.

**OPERATING RESULTS**

The Net profit from Trading for the sixteen months (after no Provision for Income Tax) amounted to \$128,149 (2005- Profit \$20,662) after charging Depreciation \$153,244 (2005 - \$121,855).

**DIVIDENDS**

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

**REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

Movements in significant items of Revenue are as follows:-

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>	<u>%</u>
Poker Machine Net Profit	640,942	375,296	265,646	70.8%
Bar Sales Net Profit	181,755	55,642	126,113	226.6%
Overhead Operating Expenses	936,118	485,595	450,523	92.78%

The reduction in operating Profit before tax of the Company has resulted partly from increased overhead operating expenses.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS**

During the year a significant change occurred in the state of the financial affairs of the Company in that the Company amalgamated with Briars Sporting Club Limited and acquired their real estate and investments.

**DIRECTORS INTERESTS**

The Company does not have a Share Capital nor does it have any related corporations, hence no Director has an interest required to be declared by Section 307 (c).

**ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

The Company's operations are subject to various environmental regulations under both Commonwealth and State legislation.



The Directors are not aware of any breaches of the legislation during the financial year which are material in nature.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

A total renovation of the current club house is anticipated to commence in May 2007. At this point in time tenders have not been called and we cannot estimate the cost of the capital commitment.

Also the club acquired eight new Poker Machine entitlements in October 2006, the cost of these entitlements was \$284,400 and the cost of the machines were \$105,523.

#### **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 in subsequent financial years.

#### **INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS**

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Meetings Called</u></b>	<b><u>Meetings Attended</u></b>	<b><u>Qualification Attended</u></b>
<sup>2</sup>	M. WEBER	Chairman	17	15	Stockbroking Consultant
	G. BARNES	Director	17	14	Retired
<sup>1</sup>	G. CHANT	Director	2	2	Painter
	A. CRIBB	Secretary	17	17	Salesman
	B. HUTTLY	Director	17	12	Environment Manager
<sup>1</sup>	R. BARNETT	Director	2	2	Project Manager
	P. McAULAY	Director	17	15	Retired
<sup>2</sup>	J. PRICE	Director	15	13	Retail Consultant
<sup>2</sup>	I. BLAIR	Director	17	15	Retired
<sup>2</sup>	R. TREGEAGLE	Director	15	12	Lawyer
<sup>1</sup>	F. RITCHIE	Director	2	1	Retired

<sup>1</sup>Resigned 25.7.2006

<sup>2</sup>Appointed 25.7.2006

#### **DIRECTORS BENEFITS**

Since the end of the previous financial year no Director has received or become entitled to receive any benefit by reason of a contract between the Company and himself or with a firm of which he has a substantial financial interest.

#### **DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS INDEMNIFICATION**

The Company has not, during or since the financial year, in respect to any person who has been an Officer or Auditor of the Company:-

- Indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability as an Officer or Auditor, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- Paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract ensuring against a liability incurred as an Officer or Auditor for the costs or expenses to defend proceedings;

Director's indemnity premiums have been provided for and paid by the Company during the year cost \$1,084.00 for Director's and Officer's Liability Insurance. The insurance is in respect of legal liability for damages and legal costs to a maximum of \$1,000,000 arising from claims made by reason of any omissions or acts (other than dishonesty) by them, whilst acting as Directors or Officers of the Company.

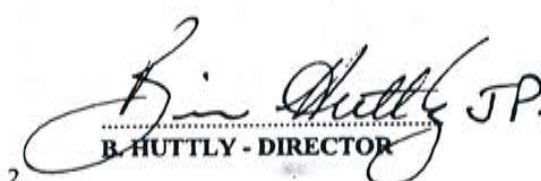
#### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION**

The Auditor's Independent Declaration for the sixteen months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006 has been received and can be found on page 3 of this report.

Dated at Concord this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006  
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors

  
M WEBER - DIRECTOR

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B. HUTTLY - DIRECTOR




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**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 sixteen months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006 there have been:

- (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 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 2006

  
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**HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY**  
Chartered Accountants

**GARRY WILLIAM DAY**  
Registered Company Auditor



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**INCOME STATEMENT**

**For the sixteen months ended 30th September 2006**

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>Trading income</b>		
Net profit- Bar trading	181,755	55,642
Net profit- Poker machines	640,942	375,296
Net Profit -Sports	9,685	3,172
<b>Total trading income</b>	<u>832,382</u>	<u>434,110</u>
 <b>Other Income</b>		
Membership subscriptions	6,056	7,579
Commission- TAB	23,261	11,485
Commission- Keno	19,270	9,052
Interest- Bank	45,713	11,025
Gold Phone	421	396
Rental Income	88,513	-
Other Income	21,031	12,589
GST Rebate	22,912	15,748
Bad debts recovered	400	-
K Free Tournament	-	454
Tobacco Revenue	4,308	3,819
<b>Total Other income</b>	<u>231,885</u>	<u>72,147</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,064,267</u>	<u>506,257</u>
 <b>Less: Expenses</b>		
Operating expenses	<u>(936,118)</u>	<u>(485,595)</u>
 <b>Net Profit/(Loss) from operations</b>	<u>128,149</u>	<u>20,662</u>



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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 30th September, 2006**

	Notes	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash assets	3	383,930	72,427
Investments	4	315,597	240,000
Inventories	5	17,921	18,842
Other	6	34,274	27,725
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>751,722</u>	<u>358,994</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant & equipment	7	2,836,786	608,722
Intangibles	7	338,945	54,545
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<u>3,175,731</u>	<u>663,267</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>3,927,453</u>	<u>1,022,261</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	8	166,409	13,476
Provisions	9	136,111	9,219
Other	10	19,440	26,418
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>321,960</u>	<u>49,113</u>
<b>Non-Current liabilities</b>			
Other	10	-	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>			
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>321,960</u>	<u>49,113</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>3,605,493</u>	<u>973,148</u>
<b>Members' Equity</b>	11	<u>3,605,493</u>	<u>973,148</u>



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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the sixteen months ended 30th September, 2006**

	Notes	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b><u>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</u></b>			
Receipts from Member & Guests		1,903,824	969,326
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(1,772,643)	(884,404)
Commission - Tab & Keno		42,037	20,537
Interest		45,713	11,025
Membership Subscriptions		6,056	7,579
Insurance Recovery & GST Grant		22,912	15,748
Rental Income		194,763	-
Telephone		421	395
Other Income		105,531	12,589
<b>Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>548,614</b>	<b>152,795</b>
<b><u>Cash Flow From Investing Activities</u></b>			
Payment for Plant & Equipment, Poker Machines and Licences		(161,514)	(107,042)
<b>Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities</b>		<b>(161,514)</b>	<b>(107,042)</b>
<b><u>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</u></b>			
Proceeds (Repayment) of Borrowings		-	-
<b>Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities</b>		<b>(161,514)</b>	<b>107,042</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash held</b>		<b>387,100</b>	<b>45,753</b>
Cash at 1st May, 2005		312,427	266,674
Cash at 30th September, 2006	1	699,527	312,427



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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**For the sixteen months ended 30th September, 2006**

	Notes	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b><u>Notes to the Statement of Cash Flow</u></b>			
<b>1. Reconciliation of Cash</b>			
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			
(ii) investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months			
Cash at the end of the year is shown in the balance sheet as:			
Cash at Bank		330,285	45,862
Cash on Hand		53,645	26,565
Deposits at Financial Institutions		315,597	240,000
		<u>699,527</u>	<u>312,427</u>
<b>2. Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Operating Profit</b>			
Operating Profit/( Loss)		128,149	20,662
Non Cash Flows in Operating Profit			
Depreciation Poker Machines		63,240	70,928
Depreciation- Plant & Equipment		70,731	36,536
Depreciation - Buildings		15,579	11,622
Depreciation - Greens & Surrounds		3,695	2,769
Changes in Assets & Liabilities			
Increase in Provisions		126,892	(5,026)
Increase in other Receivables		(5,759)	-
Increase in other liabilities		-	-
Increase in payables		152,933	1,083
Increase in Prepayments		(790)	4,528
Decrease in Inventories		922	(1,299)
Decrease in Advance Membership Fees		5,486	753
Decrease in Other Liabilities		(12,464)	12,405
<b>Cash Flows from Operations</b>		<u>548,614</u>	<u>152,795</u>



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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE SIXTEEN MONTHS ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2006**

**NOTE 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001. The financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) in their entirety. The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

**BASIS OF PREPARATION**

**First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards.**

Briars at Greenlees Limited has prepared financial statements in accordance with the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005.

In accordance with the requirements of AASB 1: First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards, adjustments to Briars at Greenlees Limited resulting from the introduction of AIFRS have been applied retrospectively to 2005 comparative figures excluding cases where optional exemptions available under AASB 1 have been applied. These accounts are the first financial statements of Briars at Greenlees Limited to be prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to IFRS.

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all years presented. Briars at Greenlees Limited has however elected to adopt the exemptions available under AASB 1 relating to AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation, and AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and the Registered Club Act and the Gaming Machine Tax Act.

**REPORTING BASIS AND CONVENTIONS**

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

a) **Revenue Recognition**

*Sales Revenue*

Sales Revenue comprises revenue earned from the provision of catering, beverage, and poker machine facilities to members and other patrons of the Club. Sales revenue is recognised when the goods and services are provided.

*Asset Sales*

The gross proceeds of asset sales are included as revenue of the entity. The profit or loss on disposal of assets is brought to account at the date an unconditional contract of sale is signed.

*Interest Income*

Interest income is recognised as it accrues.

b) **Principal Activities**

The company operates as a Licensed Sporting and Bowling Club.

c) **Property, Plant & Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are included at cost or at an independent valuation. All fixed assets, including buildings and capitalised leases, but excluding freehold land, are depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.



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**FOR THE SIXTEEN MONTHS ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2006**

NOTE 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

d) Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not legal ownership are transferred to the company, are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual value. Leased assets are amortised over their estimated useful lives. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

e) Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis to write off the net cost or revalued amount of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over its expected useful life. The exception is glassware, crockery and cutlery, which is expensed in the year of purchase. Estimates of remaining useful lives are made on a regular basis for all assets, with annual reassessments for major items.

Depreciation of assets is calculated using the straight line/diminishing value methods to allocate their cost or revalued amounts, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

	2006	2005
Buildings	40 years	40 years
Machinery	3-20 years	3-20 years
Furniture, fittings and equipment	5-10 years	5-10 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 7).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, it is company policy to transfer the amounts included in other reserves with respect to those assets to retained earnings.

f) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the club prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

g) Maintenance and repairs

The costs of maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are charged as expenses are incurred.

h) Employee Entitlements

(i) Wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave are recognised and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.



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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
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NOTE 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

(ii) *Long service leave*

A liability for long service leave is recognised for all employees of the club with ten years or more service. No adjustment is made for inflation of wage rates or discounting of expected future payments as the net effect is not expected to be material.

(i) Balance Date

After the amalgamation with Briars Sporting Club Limited that has a balance date as at 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, your Directors have resolved that the balance date after the amalgamation of the two Clubs is to be for the sixteen months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, and then each year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September.



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**2. Operating Profit/(Loss)**

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>a) Operating revenue and expenses</b>		
Operating Profit/(Loss) has been arrived at after including:		
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Poker Machine Takings	827,943	521,648
Bar Sales	780,013	447,678
Members' Subscriptions	6,056	7,579
Commission- TAB	23,261	15,498
Commission- Keno	19,270	10,778
Interest Received	45,713	11,025
Telephone	421	396
Other Income	25,739	12,589
GST Rebate	22,912	15,748
Rental Income	88,513	-
Sports	325,272	3,172
<b>b) Sales of non-current assets</b>		
Profit/Loss on sale of Plant, Property & Equipment	<u>(2,933)</u>	<u>-</u>

**3. Cash**

Bank	330,285	45,863
Cash on Hand	<u>53,645</u>	<u>26,564</u>
	<u>383,930</u>	<u>72,427</u>

**4. Investments**

Deposit at Financial Institution	<u>315,597</u>	<u>240,000</u>
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**5. Inventories**

Inventories comprise of liquor stock on hand as at 30th September, 2006. The stocktake was conducted by the Club's independent stocktaker.

Finished Goods (at Cost)	17,922	14,752
Other Stock	<u>-</u>	<u>4,090</u>
	<u>17,922</u>	<u>18,842</u>

**6. Other**

Prepayments	28,484	22,725
Other receivable	<u>5,790</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>34,274</u>	<u>27,725</u>



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**7. Plant, property & equipment**

<u>30th September, 2006</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Provision</u>	<u>2006 Written Down Value</u>
Building at fair value	400,000	(17,667)	382,333
Land at fair value	1,900,000	-	1,900,000
Club House- Improvements at Cost	467,367	(185,991)	281,376
Greens & Surrounds	110,973	(28,406)	82,567
Plant & Equipment- at cost	463,842	(273,332)	190,510
	<u>3,342,182</u>	<u>(505,396)</u>	<u>2,836,786</u>
Intangibles - Poker Machine Licences	338,945	-	338,945

The fair value of land and buildings at 30A George Street, Burwood valuations based upon an independent valuation undertaken by a registered valuer.

Barry L Russ & Associates undertook a valuation as at October 5, 2004 on an open market basis, being the amounts for which the land and buildings could be exchanged between a knowledgeable willing buyer and a knowledgeable willing seller in an arm's length transaction at the valuation date.

As a result of this independent valuation, the fair value of the land component is now being recognised.

The value carried in the books is the 5 October, 2004 valuation. Subsequent to the balance date another valuation was completed by the same valuer who valued the property as at 8 November, 2006 Land and Improvements to be \$2,300,000.

The value of the Club at Wellbank Street and Ian Parade, Concord was also valued as at 8 November, 2006 which included the Club Building, Three Bowling Greens and car park and which were valued at \$1,240,000. This fair value has not yet been adjusted in the books.

<u>31st May, 2005</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Provision</u>	<u>2004 Written Down Value</u>
Club House- Improvements at Cost	467,367	(170,412)	296,955
Greens & Surrounds	110,764	(24,712)	86,052
Plant & Equipment- at cost	834,974	(609,259)	225,715
	<u>1,413,105</u>	<u>(804,383)</u>	<u>608,722</u>
Intangibles - Poker Machine Licences	54,545	-	54,545



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	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>8. Current liabilities</b>		
<u>Payables</u>		
Trade Creditors	65,193	-
Accrued Expenses	101,216	13,476
	<u>166,409</u>	<u>13,476</u>
<b>9. Current liabilities</b>		
<u>Provisions</u>		
Employee entitlements	27,822	9,219
Other provisions	108,288	-
	<u>136,111</u>	<u>9,219</u>
<b>10. Current liabilities</b>		
<u>Other</u>		
Subscriptions in advance	8,708	3,222
Other payables	10,732	23,196
	<u>19,440</u>	<u>26,418</u>
<b>11. Members' Equity</b>		
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year	973,148	952,486
Total Briar's equity	2,504,196	-
Total changes in equity adjusted in the statement of financial performance	128,149	20,662
	<u>3,605,493</u>	<u>973,148</u>

**12. Members' Guarantee**

The club is a company limited by guarantee. If the club is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$2 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations to the Club. At 30th September, 2006 the number of members was 1,765.

**13. Dividends**

Under the club's Constitution, there is no provision for the payment of dividends.



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**14. Financial Instruments**

**(a) Credit risk exposures**

The credit risk on financial assets of the club which have been recognised on the statement of financial position is the carrying amount.

**(b) Interest rate risk exposures**

The club's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rate by maturity periods is set out in the following table. For interest rates applicable to each class of asset or liability refer to individual notes to the financial statements.

	<b>Floating interest rate \$</b>	<b>Fixed interest maturing in: 1 year or less \$</b>	<b>Over 1 to 5 years \$</b>	<b>Non interest bearing \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>2006</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash on hand	330,285	-	-	53,645	383,930
Cash on deposit	-	315,597	-	-	315,597
	<u>330,285</u>	<u>315,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,645</u>	<u>699,527</u>
Weighted average interest rate		7.60%			3.43%
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Trade creditors	-	-	-	(65,193)	(65,193)
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	(101,216)	(101,216)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(166,409)</u>	<u>(166,409)</u>
Net financial assets (liabilities)	<u>330,285</u>	<u>315,597</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(112,764)</u>	<u>533,118</u>

**Reconciliation of Net Financial Assets to Net Assets**

	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>
Net Financial Assets as per above	533,118	298,951
Inventories	17,921	18,841
Property, plant & equipment	3,175,731	663,267
Provisions	(136,111)	(9,219)
Other	14,834	1,308
Net Assets as per Financial Statements	<u>3,605,493</u>	<u>973,148</u>



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(c) **Net fair value of financial assets and liabilities**

The net fair value of the cash financial assets and financial liabilities of the club approximates their carrying amounts.

2005	Floating interest rate \$	Fixed interest maturing in: 1 year or less \$	Over 1 to 5 years \$	Non interest bearing \$	Total \$
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash on hand	45,863	-	-	26,564	72,427
Cash on deposit	-	240,000	-	-	240,000
	<u>45,863</u>	<u>240,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,564</u>	<u>312,427</u>
 Weighted average interest rate		7.4%		-	5.6%
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Trade creditors	-	-	-	(13,476)	(13,476)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,476)</u>	<u>(13,476)</u>
 Net financial assets (liabilities)	<u>45,863</u>	<u>240,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,088</u>	<u>298,951</u>

	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>15. Remuneration of auditors</b>		
Accounting	3,050	580
Auditing	<u>9,500</u>	<u>7,150</u>
	<u>12,550</u>	<u>7,730</u>

**16. Contingent liabilities**

The directors are not aware of the existence of any contingent liabilities as at the date of this report.



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**NOTES TO THE FINNCIAL STATEMENTS(continued)**

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	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>17. Commitments for expenditure</b>		
There is a commitment for capital expenditure - Poker Machine acquisition at a cost of \$105,523 and entitlement of \$284,400.		
<b>18. Employee entitlements</b>		
Provision for employee entitlements		
Current (note 9)	27,822	9,219
Aggregate employee entitlement liability	<u>27,822</u>	<u>9,219</u>

**19. Related parties**

**Directors**

The names of persons who were directors of Briars at Greenlees Limited at any time during the financial year are as follows: *M. Weber, G. Barnes, G. Chant, T. Cribb, B. Croft, W. Goulding, B. Huttly, R. Barnett, J. Ellem, P. McAulay, and F. Ritchie, J. Price, I. Blair and R. Tregeagle.* No Director received any remuneration or retirement benefit for being a Director.

**20. Events occurring after the reporting date.**

No significant events have occurred since 30th September, 2006 which require disclosure in this report.

**21. Registered Clubs Act, Reporting Requirement**

See separate Reporting Schedule attached to the accounts.

**22. Segment Reporting**

The Company operates predominantly in the hospitality and entertainment industry. The Company's operations and customers are located predominantly in Sydney, New South Wales. The Company provides food, beverage, gaming and other entertainment facilities to members and guests.

**23. Change of Name**

The Company changed its name from Greenlees Park Bowling Club Limited, to Briars at Greenlees Limited, on the 8th September 2004, as per the ASIC Certificate of Registration on Change of Name.



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**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

In the opinion of the Directors of Briars at Greenlees Limited -

- (a) the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
- (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and performance, as represented by the results of the operation and cash flows, for the sixteen months ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Concord this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006  
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors

  
.....  
**M. WEBER - DIRECTOR**

  
.....  
**B. HUTTLY - DIRECTOR**



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To the Members of  
Briars at Greenlees Limited  
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CONCORD NSW 2137

#### AUDITORS' REPORT

##### **SCOPE**

We have audited the financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the financial sixteen months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, including the Directors' Declaration. The company's directors are responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the company.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and statutory requirements, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position and performance as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

##### **INDEPENDENCE**


In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001.

##### **AUDIT OPINION**

In our opinion the financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited is in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001 including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and of the performance for the sixteen months ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

DATED AT CONCORD  
THIS 18TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 2006

  
**HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY**  
Chartered Accountants

**GARRY WILLIAM DAY**

Registered Company Auditor





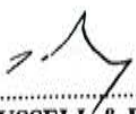
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**DISCLAIMER**

The additional financial data presented on the following three pages consisting of the Detailed Financial Performance, Bar Trading Account, Poker Machine Revenue Account and Administration Expense Account are in accordance with the books and records of the Briars at Greenlees Limited which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the company for the sixteen months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2006. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given.

In accordance with our firm policy, we advise that neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility arising in any way whatsoever to any person (other than the company) in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein, arising through negligence or otherwise however caused.

DATED AT CONCORD  
THIS 18TH DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 2006



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

**GARRY WILLIAM DAY**  
Registered Company Auditor



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**BAR TRADING REVENUE ACCOUNT**

**For the sixteen months ended 30th September, 2006**

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Bar Sales	<u>780,013</u>	<u>447,678</u>
<b>Less: Cost of goods sold</b>		
Opening inventory	18,841	17,543
Purchases	339,213	196,120
Less: Closing inventory	<u>(17,922)</u>	<u>(18,841)</u>
<b>Total Cost of goods sold</b>	<u>340,132</u>	<u>194,822</u>
<b>Gross profit</b>	<u>439,881</u>	<u>252,856</u>
<b>Gross profit percentage</b>	56.39%	56.48%
<b>Less: Expenses</b>		
Bar	4,860	3,663
Repairs and Maintenance	1,975	3,207
Membership Points	2,301	-
Wages	<u>248,990</u>	<u>190,344</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>258,126</u>	<u>197,214</u>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<u>181,755</u>	<u>55,642</u>

**POKER MACHINE REVENUE ACCOUNT**

**For the sixteen months ended 30th September, 2006**

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Net Clearances	<u>827,943</u>	<u>521,648</u>
<b>Less: Expenses</b>		
Poker Machine service	11,279	8,667
Depreciation	63,240	70,928
Duty	69,272	40,306
Monitoring costs	10,370	6,782
Repairs & Maintenance	3,191	9,687
Wages	<u>29,649</u>	<u>9,982</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>187,001</u>	<u>146,352</u>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<u>640,942</u>	<u>375,296</u>



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**SPORTS**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**For the sixteen months ended 30th September, 2006**

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Sport fees	106,537	3,172
Ground Income	106,250	-
Functions	22,311	-
Raffles	9,048	-
Sponsorship	43,889	-
Fundraising	5,326	-
Canteen	31,911	-
	<hr/> 325,272	<hr/> 3,172
<b>Less: Expenses</b>		
Sporting costs	136,516	-
Coaching Fees	21,922	-
Court hire	102,854	-
Ladies' Bowls	3,878	-
Men's Bowls	11,684	-
Bowls Promotion	14,186	-
Cost of Sales	13,635	-
Insurance	10,912	-
	<hr/> 315,587	<hr/> -
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<hr/> <b>9,685</b>	<hr/> <b>3,172</b>



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**ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE ACCOUNT**

**For the sixteen months ended 30th September, 2006**

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
Accounting Fees	7,636	580
AGM Expenses	960	1,711
Advertising & Promotion	36,014	9,322
ATM Rental	4,791	3,680
Audit Fees	12,550	7,150
ASIC fees	122	-
Bad debts	-	270
Badge Draw	6,786	5,850
Bank Charges	4,723	1,299
Bingo Promotion	1,949	-
Briar expenses	(368)	3,757
Bowling Club- Ladies	-	4,237
Bowling Club- Mens	-	(3,550)
Bowls Promotion	-	9,556
Cleaning	36,618	27,614
Club Supplies	18,099	9,634
Computer Expenses	15,847	372
Consultancy	6,950	-
Directors' Expenses	618	-
Depreciation	90,005	50,927
Employee Allowance	3,299	1,800
Entertainment & Members' Amenities	43,929	23,763
Floral	367	185
Fox television	15,590	12,995
Free Drinks	-	1,997
Green Fees expenses	101,621	80,470
Honoria & Bowls	-	2,156
Insurance	49,595	32,929
Inter Club Grant	11,326	-
Land Tax & R E fees	23,518	-
Legal fees	23,379	12,175
Licenses	4,744	5,568
Light & Power	38,587	24,179
Loss in disposal of assets	2,933	-
Printing, Postage & Stationery	21,323	4,188
Plant hire	4,137	-
Rates & Taxes	31,870	17,046
Repairs & Maintenance, Replacements	39,545	20,145
Accrued R/L & LSL Leave	27,300	-
Secretarial Fees	122,366	52,285
Security	13,040	7,189
Sky Channel	8,289	8,054
Sponsorship	9,566	5,454
Staff amenities	4,454	2,282
Subscriptions & Donations	805	142
Superannuation	34,642	24,403
Sundry Expenses	11,945	-
Training	2,704	2,318
Telephone	11,696	6,951
Project Manager fees	23,112	-
Water Consumption	7,136	4,512
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>936,118</b>	<b>485,595</b>

THE REPORTING PERIOD FOR BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED is 01/06/2005 - 30/09/2006

# 1 IMPORTANT NOTES

1.1 The Registered Club Act defines a Top Executive as being one of the five highest paid employees of the Club.

## 2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES IN CONTRACTS WITH THE CLUB - SECTION 41C

2.1 Club members may inspect the original of these disclosures and declarations by making a written application to the Secretary.

2.2 The Registered Club Act requires DIRECTORS who have a material personal interest in matters that relates to the affairs of the club to declare the interest at a board meeting AND display the declaration on the Club's notice board.

2.3 A contract is any commercial arrangement whether written or not.

2.4 In the reporting pe 0 occasions when DIRECTORS reported a material personal interest in a matter that related to the affairs of the club.

## 3 INTERESTS IN HOTELS - SECTION 41D

3.1 Club members may inspect the original of these disclosures and declarations by making a written application to the Secretary.

3.2 In the reporting pe 0 occasions when DIRECTORS reported an interest in a hotel in NSW.

3.3 In the reporting pe 0 occasions when TOP EXECUTIVES reported an interest in a hotel in NSW.

## 4 GIFTS TO DIRECTORS AND STAFF - SECTION 41E AND SECTION 41F

4.1 Club members may inspect the original of these disclosures and declarations by making a written application to the Secretary.

4.2 An affiliated body of the club includes subsidiary clubs, and any body which the club made a grant to within the previous 12 months.

4.3 A gift includes money, hospitality, or discounts.

4.4 A gift valued at more than \$500 must be disclosed; gifts from CONTRACTORS must disclosed if they total more than \$500 from an individual contractor in the reporting period.

### 4.5 Directors

4.5.1 In the reporting pe 0 occasions when DIRECTORS of the club reported receiving gifts from AFFILIATED BODIES.

4.5.2 In the reporting pe 0 occasions when DIRECTORS of the club reported receiving gifts from CONTRACTORS.

### 4.6 Employees

4.6.1 In the reporting pe 0 occasions when TOP EXECUTIVES of the club reported receiving gifts from AFFILIATED BODIES.

4.6.2 In the reporting pe 0 occasions when EMPLOYEES of the club reported receiving gifts from CONTRACTORS.

### 4.7 Value of Gifts

4.7.1 The total value of all gifts that DIRECTORS and TOP EXECUTIVES received from AFFILIATED BODIES in the reporting period is

4.7.2 The total value of all gifts that DIRECTORS and EMPLOYEES received from CONTRACTORS in the reporting period is

## 5 TOP EXECUTIVES - S.41H (1)(b)

5.1 In the reporting period the following TOP EXECUTIVES received total remuneration above \$100,000.

Band	Band	Band	Band	Band

## 6 OVERSEAS TRAVEL - S.41H (1)(c)

6.1 In the reporting period the club incurred the following costs for the overseas travel of DIRECTORS and EMPLOYEES:

Name	Position	Destination	Travel Purpose	Costs paid by club

## 7 LOANS TO STAFF - S.41H (1)(d)

7.1 The Registered Clubs Act restricts the club to providing loans to EMPLOYEES to less than \$10,000.

7.2 In the reporting period, the Club made the following loans to EMPLOYEES:

Loan Amou	Date of loa	Interest Rate	P.A.	Term of Loan

## 8 CONTRACTS APPROVED BY BOARD - S.41H (1)(e)

8.1 The Registered Club Act defines a Controlled Contracts as being a club contract:

8.1.1 > in which a DIRECTOR or TOP EXECUTIVE has a pecuniary interest.

8.1.2 > of employment of a TOP EXECUTIVE of the club.

8.1.3 > for provision of professional advice relating significant change of management structure or governance of the club; significant changes to the financial management of the club, disposal of land, and the amalgamation of the club

8.2 During the reportir 1 controlled contracts, were approved by the Board and forwarded to the Director of Liquor and Gaming of which:

8.3.1 0 such contracts related to contracts in which a DIRECTOR or TOP EXECUTIVE has a pecuniary interest.

8.3.2 0 such contracts related to contracts of employment of the club's TOP EXECUTIVES.

8.3.3 0 such contracts related to the provision of professional advice. These contracts fall into the following advice categories:

8.3.4 0 Significant change of management structure or governance of the club.

8.3.5 0 Significant changes to the financial management of the club.

8.3.6 0 Disposal of club land.

8.3.7 1 Amalgamation of the club.

## 9 EMPLOYEES RELATED TO DIRECTORS AND TOP EXECUTIVES - S.41H (1)(f)

9.1 A CLOSE RELATIVE is defined in Section 41B of the Registered Clubs Act and includes the immediate family.

9.2 In the reporting period, the club employed the following persons who were a close relative of a DIRECTOR or TOP EXECUTIVE of the Club.

Name of Close Re Related to	Total remuneration paid to Close Relative

## 10 PAYMENTS TO CONSULTANTS - S.41H(1)(g) and (h)

10.1 During the reporting pe 13 instances where the Club engaged a consultant.

10.2 The total costs paid by the Club to consultants in the reporting period was \$61,077

10.3 Which included the following instances when consultants were paid more than \$30,000

Consultant	Nature of Consultancy	(\$) Amount

## 11 DETAILS OF SETTLEMENTS PAID BY THE CLUB - S.41H (1)(i)

11.1 In the reporting period there were no instances where the Club made a legal settlement with either a director or staff member.

11.2 The total legal costs paid by the Club for such settlements was which included:

## 12 LEGAL FEES PAID BY THE CLUB - S.41H (1)(j)

12.1 In the reporting period, there were no inst the club paid legal fees for DIRECTORS and EMPLOYEES. This included:

12.1.1 0 instances for DIRECTORS and

12.1.2 0 instances for EMPLOYEES

12.2 In the reporting period the club paid a total of \$nil being for le paid for DIRECTORS and EMPLOYEES.



**13 GAMING MACHINE PROFIT - S.41H (1)(k)**

13.1 Gaming machine profit is defined in the Gaming Machines Tax Act.

13.2 The reporting period is the sixteen month period from Jun1, 2005 to September 30, 2006

13.3 The Club recorded a gaming machine profit \$663,762 in the reporting period.

**14 AMOUNT PAID TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - S.41H (1)(l)**

14.1 Clubs earning in excess of \$1,000,000 p.a. in gaming machine profit are required to make donations to community development and support.

14.2 In the reporting period \$nil pursuant to such requirement.

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