



BRIARS SPORTS



11th Annual Report and Balance Sheet 2015 – 2016

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Cnr Ian Parade & Wellbank Street, Concord 2137
on 26th February 2017**

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD



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K Free OAM

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G Price

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B Howle

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B Howle
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A Burt
C Burt
J Byrne
J Thomas

Cricket
Hockey
Rugby
Squash
Mens Bowls
Womens Bowls
Netball
Junior Cricket
Junior Bowls
Sports Admin

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

Founded 1918



PATRONS

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

PAST PRESIDENTS

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

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

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| 1947 | H W Whiddon |
| | E J Siddeley |
| | R W May |
| 1958 | R B Clark BEM |
| | H G Whiddon |
| 1970 | E G Stockdale |
| 1985 | H C Ford |
| 1987 | D A Walker |
| 1993 | P C Murray CBE |
| 1994 | R S Jones AOM |
| 1995 | D V Prowse |
| 1995 | I R Vanderfield AO OBE |
| 1996 | J Alford |
| 1996 | P D Richardson |
| 2002 | J Balmforth BEM |
| 2004 | C K E Dennis |
| 2004 | C G Jones |

LIFE MEMBERS

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

VICE-PRESIDENTS

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

GREENLEES PARK BOWLING CLUB

Opened 1950



PATRONS

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

CHAIRMEN

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

PRESIDENTS

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

LIFE MEMBERS

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

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Briars Sports has enjoyed another successful year for both our Club and all our sports. On the sporting front, participation and results have never been stronger, whilst the club recorded another solid year financially. I will refer you to the Treasurers report for more information regarding the club finances.

During the year Ian Blair stood down as Chairman but has remained on the Board. Ian was Chairman for some four years and was responsible for overseeing a significant period of growth for the club with improvements including the new poker machine area, new kitchen and bistro and the new Ted Stockdale lounge. On behalf of Board and all members I thank Ian for his efforts as Chairman and look forward to his ongoing contributions.

Two significant capital projects were completed during the year. Firstly the third bowling green was replaced with synthetic grass to provide a family friendly playground. This initiative has been warmly received by members providing a wonderful point of difference for young families to visit our club and enjoy the hospitality on offer. Secondly the bar was demolished and rebuilt to provide a functional and contemporary ambience within the club. Feedback from members has been overwhelmingly positive for both.

In 2016 we noted the deaths of long term members Col (cricket) Jones, John McNicol and Bill Goulding and extend our sympathies to their family and friends.

During the year the club adopted a change in trading name to Briars Sports as part of a wider marketing and rebranding exercise including an updated club logo. The aim of these initiatives is to ensure that our club and our sports remain relevant in our local Concord community and encourage patronage to our club and increased participation for our sports.

A quick summary of the achievements of our sports:

Cricket: Another highly successful year with the club retaining the club championship, all four sides into the final and premierships to Third and Fourth Grades.

Junior Cricket: Our largest sport within the club that goes from strength to strength with growth in participation ranging from under 4's through to under 16's and senior park sides.

Hockey: An unprecedented year with four premierships and runners up to the senior sides and two premierships and runners-up in the junior ranks, plus a new home at Cintra to round off a great year.

Rugby: A good year for Rugby on the field with two from three sides into the semis finals but unfortunately unable to snare a premiership.

Junior Rugby: A sport just starting off with a few junior sides but supported with wonderful enthusiasm on and off the field and with great growth prospects.

Squash: Another resurgent year with solid participation numbers and the clear highlight being Briars at Thornleigh being named National Squash of the Year for 2016 by Squash Australia.

Netball: Another sport growing all the time. Nine teams into the semi-finals and followed up with five premierships.

Men's Bowls: Another solid year for the bowlers with good numbers and competitive games.

Ladies Bowls: Celebrated their sixtieth anniversary during the year and won the grade 3 pennant.

Junior Bowls: This continues to be popular with Concord High as a way to introduce younger players into the sport so congratulations to John Byrne and his team for their ongoing support of this.

Whilst premierships and the like are great, success or otherwise should not be totally determined by on field performance. Importantly, so long as all our teams are competitive, our participants enjoy playing their sport, and reinforce our heritage and culture whilst doing so, to me, is the true measure of success.

The core of our sports rests in the volunteers that contribute before, during and after their respective seasons to make sure Briars Sports remain at the forefront of sport in our local community. From the committees to the coaches and managers and all others that assist in any possible way the club wishes to say thank you for your efforts. A special mention to the sports chairman/women who carry the biggest burdens of running their sports, only you truly know how much time you put in. I also thank the various sponsors that support our sports, your financial contributions are important to our success.

During the year the club appointed Jack Thomas as a permanent part time sports administrator. Jack is studying sports management at part time UTS. This is an investment by the club to help the sports in the ever increasing challenges of running their sports.

In 2018 Briars will celebrate its Centenary and plans are already underway to commemorate this milestone. The major event will be the Centenary Dinner on 7 August 2018 at ANZ Stadium, being 100 years to the day Briars formed.

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

The club enjoys a strong and productive relationship with Canada Bay Council and I would like to thank the Councillors, General Manager Gary Sawyer and his staff for all their assistance during the year to allow our sports to function, especially those that prepare the fields on which we train or play. I also thank the various sporting associations in which our sides compete within for their efforts during the year.

The Briars Foundation remained active during the year with the construction of the Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park well underway. Once completed this pavilion will provide a significant contribution for the benefit of players and spectators for both rugby and cricket. Again thanks to Paul Price, the Board of the Foundation and most importantly to the benefactors who have made this possible.

I would like to single out the contributions during the year performed by John Price. John has dedicated a significant amount of time in dealing with the relevant authorities on two major projects for the club, these being the relocation of the Cintra Hockey complex due to the construction of the West Connex and the building of the new Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park. As a direct result of John's efforts, our sports will benefit from these modern facilities for many years to come so the club wishes to acknowledge and thank John for his contribution.

The Board of our club is functional and united and the results are there for everyone to see. We have modern premises and the ability to support all our sports in their respective endeavours. During the year a grant of \$70,000 was distributed to the sports to assist with their running costs. I wish to thank my fellow Board Members for their contributions throughout the year. Our formula is pretty simple, a strong trading club is able to support the sports, and strong sports, with growing participation, are able to support the club. We have been successful in achieving both during the year.

Lastly to all our members and players, be it sporting, social and our juniors, it is you who make our unique club that special place to visit or to play sport for and I thank you for your patronage and participation during the year and look forward to it continuing in the year ahead.

Hope to see you around the club or the sporting fields sometime.

Brett Howle - Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure to present to you the treasurer's report for the year ended 30 September 2016. The profit for the year is \$ 172,036 which is a strong year but down on the exceptional results achieved in the 2015 year. This result was in line with the Board's expectations and I am happy to say that the Club continues to see a strong patronage.

The revenue is slightly down on prior year and is directly contributed by the decline in the poker machines net clearances by 4% however we have seen a continued increase of bar sales by 8% on prior year. The rental income from our George Street premises has remained steady, but a slight decline from Cintra.

We have continued to invest in capital improvements. The Kid's Green has been replaced with artificial grass at the start of the financial year and the upgrade of the bar at the end of the financial year, the total cost of these upgrades was over \$500,000. Due to the Club's strong cash flow our loan only increased by \$135,000. With a continued strong patronage to the Club, we will continue to upgrade the Club facilities with the addition of a memorabilia and meeting room as well as a new gym and storage facilities.

Overall funding to our sports was \$120,000 for the year (this amount excludes the funding of the Bowling Green's upkeep) and the appointment of a sports administrator to assist the volunteers of our sports.

Look forward to continued strong results in the next twelve months.

Matina Moffitt FCA- Treasurer

VALE

PETER HOTTEN

Peter joined The Briars Sporting Club in 1947 to play Rugby with great distinction. He played in the 1949 Kentwell Cup Premiership side. In 1953 Peter won the Gordon Bevan Shield. He was also a combined Kentwell Cup representative playing front row.

Peter was not only a fine rugby player but also an Honorary Steward, was on the Rugby Sub Committee and an Assistant Librarian at The Briars.

Later in his career Peter played in Burke and Whiddon and coached Burke Cup in 1957.

Peter rowed for the famous Sydney Rowing Club and was selected as a reserve for the Australian Eight team in the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. Unfortunately no-one was injured so Peter did not become an Olympian.

COLIN (CRICKET) JONES

Col joined Briars in 1952 on the recommendation from a fellow Briar, Brian Adcock. Col was playing junior rugby union with Western Suburbs and also tried out with Western Suburbs District Cricket Club with no success. This is where he ran into Brian Adcock who recommended he play for Briars. Col attended that nursery for Briars, Homebush Boys High School.

Col's first year was with C&S and the captain was Bill McLaughlin. As Col was not playing a winter sport, Bill advised Col to come and play rugby with Briars which he did in 1953 playing Burke & Whiddon until he broke his collarbone in 1956 which ended his rugby career.

Col was approached by Bruce Trevenar to play hockey which he did from 1957-1976.

He played many years in A Shires as a spin bowler and was awarded the Cricket Memorial Trophy in 1966. In hockey Col played for over 20 seasons in all grades and was part of the B Grade Hockey Premiership team in 1962.

In his last year 1976, Col played in the same team as his son Peter.

During his time at the Club, Col was also a bar steward. Col became the Honorary Club Auditor in 1964 and held that position for the next forty years. He was also Honorary Club Auditor for the Briars Ski Club for thirty years.

In 2005 Col was made a Life Member of the Briars Sporting Club for outstanding service not only for sport but for his services to the administration.

JOHN MCNICOL

John joined Briars in 1962 playing cricket and rugby, brought to the Club by his long time friend Ray Pontifex.

In cricket John played B Shires winning a premiership in 1965 and later in his career played City and Suburban and C Shires.

In his youth John was an excellent soccer player however on joining Briars, he took up rugby with great success. It was not long before he was playing Kentwell Cup as No.8, a position he held his entire career in the top grade.

In 1964 he played in the famous Kentwell Cup side that won the premiership undefeated and the following year won the premiership again. In 1965 John toured New Zealand with Briars Rugby.

From 1965 to 1969 John was selected to play in the Combined Sub District side. The 1965 rugby combined sub district side was the first combined side to play against a Qld Sub District side. The following year John played at the SCG which included six Briars.

In 1970 John joined the Eastwood Rugby Grade Club and was selected in their first grade.

In 1971 he returned to Briars and played Kentwell Cup again. He then played in the lower grades for the next couple of years before he took up coaching in which he had instant success by coaching the Whiddon Cup side in 1975 to a premiership. Briars have only won the Whiddon cup twice in its history, the other premiership was in 1971.

John was also an accomplished squash player being runner up in the club championship and winning premierships for Briars over a ten year period.

John was one of the finest rugby players in Briars history.

GEOFF TWEEDDALE

Geoff joined The Briars Sporting Club in 1948 to play rugby and cricket from Homebush Boys High School.

Geoff had a distinguished rugby career playing Kentwell Cup from 1948 to 1953. He was captain of the 1952 premiership side and would have been in the 1949 premiership had it not been for injury. Geoff was coach of the Whiddon Cup side in 1955.

Geoff's cricketing career was also rewarding playing in all grades including C&S. He was a medium fast bowler and won a premiership in B Shires in 1955 including a hat trick during the year. In the season of 1957/58 Geoff only played three games in A Shires and took 23 wickets. Geoff was an excellent slips fieldsman.

Due to business Geoff was transferred to Queensland for a period of time and then returned to Sydney. A real character and a great supporter of The Briars for 68 years.

THE BRIARS FOUNDATION LIMITED

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

The Foundation had another solid year across 2015/16.

The Statement of Financial Position for The Foundation to the year ended 30 June 2016, shows net assets of \$143,472 compared with \$168,109 for the 2015 year. The Foundation has now fully contributed our total commitment of \$220,000 towards the Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park and that is why our net assets are down year on year. The revenue for the 2016 financial year was \$128,925, well up on 2015's \$32,341.

Nine years ago negotiations were finalised with the Australian Sports Foundation which created an opportunity for donations to be tax deductible. This outcome has been responsible for the significant increase in membership and donations and a number of existing members have taken the opportunity to upgrade their membership status through additional donations. Members have continued to be very creative in the way they have pledged their support. Some have pledged a monthly amount, others an annual donation, a few one-off payments and some bequests. The Australian Sports Foundation holds \$933 (June 2016) on behalf of the Foundation for future Capital Projects, the previously held funds have been utilised for the Rothwell Park project.

The construction of the Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park commenced in July and at the time of writing this everything is on track and will hopefully be completed by Christmas. The Foundation has contributed \$220,000 towards the \$1.6m project with Federal, State and Local council contributing the balance and once again we thank each government body for supporting this wonderful project. A huge thank you also to John Price who has done an amazing job working with the various government bodies in organising the funding for this project. We will continue to fundraise for this project right up until completion so please contact me if you would like to purchase a brick - the levels range from \$100 through to \$20,000 and each contributor will be named on the plaque when the change rooms are opened.

Once the Ted Stockdale Pavilion is completed the Foundation will roll out a scholarships programme for the various sports and we will focus our fundraising on that during 2016/17. The details of these scholarships will be made available soon, the goal being to enhance the development of our juniors and coaches within the club.

As well as the \$220,000 for the Ted Stockdale Pavilion, over the past seven to eight years the Foundation has donated over \$12,000 to Hockey for a new electronic scoreboard and security cover at their home ground at Cintra Park and even more significantly we donated over \$23,000 to the club for the extremely impressive memorabilia cabinet at the newly refurbished premises. Additionally we donated \$3,800 towards the scanning of all The Briars past reports/records which will allow every member to easily access their past and present administrative and sporting achievements online. More recently we donated \$2,255 to Rugby for goal post pads and we committed \$35,000 towards the new cricket nets which have been built next to the club and will be used by the clubs 12 senior and 30 junior teams. The Foundation was formed in 1994 and over the past 22 years we have been responsible for some \$3.3m in projects for the club.

A big thank you again to our treasurer Bill Hooker who did a fabulous job again on the administration and finance side this year - thanks Billy! Thanks also to the Directors for their support and constructive advice and we look forward to an exciting 2016/17. Below is the current list of Voting Members of the Foundation. We thank all our contributors for their donation to the Foundation.

Ross Anstey
Jack Balmforth BEM (Decd)
Ian Blair
Andy Clifford
Richard Crookes
Colin Dennis (Decd)
John Edmonds (Decd)
Philip England
Garnet Green (Decd)
Mal Goldsmith

Bill Hooker
Steve Keir OAM (Decd)
Ken Lockery
Greg McPhee
Peter Mansford
Mike Mathews
Doug Prowse (Decd)
John Price
Col Rankin (Decd)
John Richards

Laurie Routley (Decd)
John Singleton
Cec Stevens (Decd)
Kerry Trollope
Matt Waddington
Chris Walker
Don Way (Decd)
Warwick Williams
Tony Wozniak

Paul Price - President

CRICKET CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As the most successful cricket club in the history of Shires we are always now regarded as the benchmark for others. As difficult as this can be it also provides us with the new challenge each year to match or better our previous years achievements. This season was no different and the guys responded in the best possible way by winning the coveted Club Championship for the fourth year in succession. Some clubs have never won this and many have not reached a grand final so to have our top four grades all playing in the Grand Final is an achievement that is almost impossible to comprehend. We have now done this in three of the past four years!!

The season began well for the Club with plenty of wins across the grades and we were able to maintain a top three spot in the Club Championship for most of the season. The Club suffered plenty of rounds when guys were unavailable for a variety of reasons but we somehow managed to put some competitive teams on the field each week. To this end we are grateful to the many former players who help out when needed to fill a gap somewhere and this is one major reason that we are successful. Those players know who they are and I can assure you that as a selector it is reassuring to know that we have this group of guys to call upon. Thank you.

This season proved to be a very interesting season in that for the first time ever we fielded four x Fifth Grade teams. This consisted of our usual Maroon and Gold teams as well as a team from the Western Suburbs Club called Wests/Briars and finally a new group of players who called us looking to join with us called Briars Rivals. These guys had previously only played in 20/20 competitions and so the step up to 40 over/side cricket took a while to get used to. They are a great group of people who we hope will be with us for years to come.

There was a time just after Xmas when we were in second position in the Club Championship but we played the club above us and won that round convincingly to take the lead and eventually win by 67 points. We never take our success for granted as it is so difficult to win but we certainly crave that winning feeling as a Club.

To make the semi finals is difficult enough in any grade but to make semis in the top four grades is outstanding! We also made the semis in two of our Fifth Grade teams in an outstanding season by all concerned.

We know all other clubs try to match or copy us and they are all very determined to beat us. We take that as a compliment and a challenge that we are used to now and know that it will take a very strong and dedicated club to beat us.

As a result of the incredible performance to win the Club Championship again we were also to finish Minor Premiers in Third Grade and Fourth Grade, second in First Grade and fourth in Second Grade before the semis started.

The First Grade played their sixth Grand Final in succession which is another remarkable achievement as many clubs struggle to even have one team contest semi finals let alone play or win a Grand Final! Unfortunately they were not able to win on this occasion going down narrowly to Strathfield.

The Second Graders probably saved their most disappointing performance for the Grand Final and were only able to score 117 and being defeated convincingly by Warringah for the second year in a row.

The Third Grade team finished Minor Premiers and were the dominant team in the competition. Unfortunately we lost the Qualifying Final but we had earned a second chance. Previous finals experience ensured that we were able to win the semi final by a narrow margin of just three runs to progress to the GF for the second year in a row. A long and hot first day saw us chasing over 250 and we had lost three wickets before the end of Day 1. Day 2 saw an absolutely amazing performance from the batsmen who never gave Epping a chance to win for the loss of only four wickets. What a win!

The Fourth Grade team also finished as Minor Premiers and played some incredible finals cricket to win some close games including the Qualifying Final but three runs on first innings before winning outright. The semi final against Warringah was a very convincing victory before advancing to the GF. This game went down to the wire on Day 2 after we won by five runs on the first innings. Some tough cricket then followed and a win by four wickets late on Day 2 saw the celebrations begin yet again. What a weekend.

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

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

In summary:

1st Grade..... Grand Finalists - Sixth Year in a row
2nd Grade..... Grand Finalists - Second Year in a row
3rd Grade..... Minor Premiers and PREMIERS
4th Grade..... Minor Premiers and PREMIERS
5th Grade..... Briars Maroon and Wests Briars Semi Finalists
Under 24's..... Fourth in their group
Club Championship..... WINNERS - Fourth Year in a row

The teams this year were very well led by the skippers being Jason Holley (1st), Rob Nandi (2nd), Gareth Robson (3rd), Lloyd Andrews (4th), Brett Howle/Anthony Clarke (Briars Maroon), Mark Smyck (Briars Gold) and Guy Smith (Under 24's). This can be a very difficult task with the teams usually not able to be selected until Wednesday at the earliest and many times being finalised late on a Friday however their patience was constantly tested and their goals were to ensure all grades were selected fairly. Well done guys for your time and effort throughout the season.

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

Off the field there are many guys who assist in the cricket administration throughout the year and in no particular order I will mention them. Anthony Clarke who although retired, serves on the Shires Rep Committee and assisted in many other odd jobs, Brett Howle for his incredible efforts each week with covers and trolley repairs and whatever else was needed to ensure all teams got to play, Gareth Robson for his invaluable help each week in organizing covers and keeping our website up to date as well as taking care of behind the scenes paperwork and sorting out any Mycricket issues, Paul Price for his regular 'advice' and feedback on all issues and regular updates each Saturday of the Briars Facebook page, Terry Murphy for his representation of the Club at the various SCA meetings in town each month and for providing any statistics on past players when requested on occasions, Ben Critchley for his organization of the Horse Tipping Competition which was not only fun but a Fund Raiser for cricket as well, Orry Kirkham for his management of the Under 24's team and for his efforts at our pre season training sessions and finally to Greg Long who also helped manage the Under 24's when Orry was called away from work earlier than expected. A big thanks also goes to Rose Taberner who organized our afternoon tea every Saturday across the grades and ensured they were delivered on time each week. To anyone I have failed to mention I apologise but your efforts are much appreciated.

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

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

- * Sydney Markets Foundation
- * Khalkho Financial Services
- * Go Pro Automotive
- * Grosvenor Management Consultants

We thank you for your support.

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

Each season the Club competes with Epping for a trophy called the Turnbull/Richardson Trophy and is awarded to the club who receives the most Club Championship points in that round. For the first 21 years we had won this trophy and I know how much it meant to Peter Richardson to be honoured on the trophy in this way. We were

very fortunate as well during this round to have Peter's son Tim available to play for us in our First Grade team. Unfortunately, the weather was ordinary and only the Second Grade were able to play meaning whoever won this game won the trophy. We won ... again.

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

At the end of the season we held our Annual Presentation evening at the club and with over 110 past and present players including some partners and we had a very enjoyable evening. Amongst some of the ex players were the sons of the late Ted Watt, David and Michael who we really appreciate their efforts to attend such an important evening and Elaine Walker, the wife of the late David Walker

We are very thankful that the two Briars Legends in David Walker and Ted Watt have allowed their names to be used for the two main awards on this evening. There were also plenty of former players who were in attendance including Barry Cardwell, Anthony Raymond, Gerard Abood, Steve Schomberg, Garry Schomberg, Ian Blair, Paul Toner, Peter Lucas, Peter Wallace, Scott Castle and Peter Mansford to name a few. It was fantastic to catch up with them all and we hope to see them as regulars in future years.

The various award winners were:

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|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| David Walker Trophy | Services to Cricket | Paul Simpson |
| Ted Watt Trophy | Best New Talent | Declan Heels |
| Richard Tregeagle Trophy | 1st Grade Players Player | Marc Seymour/Jack Kovacic |
| Gerard Price Trophy | 2nd Grade Players Player | Rob Nandi |
| Anthony Clarke Trophy | 3rd Grade Players Player | Michael Towells |
| Peter Mansford Trophy | 4th Grade Players Player | Greg Metcalfe |
| Will Hood Trophy | 5th Grade Players Player | James Webb |
| Paul Price Trophy | Under 24's Players Player | Declan Kennedy |
| Bill Hooker Trophy | Masters/Classics Players Player | Warwick Hayes |

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

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

Gerard Price - Cricket Chairman

CRICKET FIRST GRADE

Firstly, congratulations to Gareth (3rds) and Lloyd (4ths) on winning the comp, a fantastic year once again.

To all the other team captains throughout the year congratulations and thank you for such an awesome effort you all put in on and off the field, the Club's success (Club Champions) can be attributed to each of you.

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

For some of us this was our sixth GF appearance in a row, a fantastic achievement.

To my team, we came very close to winning the comp four years in a row but in the end we were beaten by a better side over the two days when it counted. In the end what cost us was basically the story of the year, a lack of runs collectively as a side to give our bowlers something to defend. As you will see from the statistics below, to have one player to score over 500 runs for the year was clearly not good enough. On the other hand, our bowling was what kept us in the contest every game, outstanding years by Kova and Seams and backed up by Gibbo and Arky, it was a pleasure to watch.

Some individual highlights:

Batting

Marc Seymour - 19 innings for 523 at 32.5

Jay Holley - 16 innings for 311 at 22.0

Brett Bastow - 17 innings for 249 at 14.5

AJ Jalalaty - 17 innings for 247 at 19

Chris Hart - 21 innings for 243 at 12.7

Bowling

Jack Kovacic - 14 games 66 wickets at 11.14

Marc Seymour - 14 games 64 wickets

Ian Gibson - 10 games 25 wickets at 11.08

Arkashan Akora - 13 games 20 wickets at 16.00

A special mention must also go to our wicket keeper Andrew (AJ) Jalalaty who took:

* 51 catches and 3 stumpings (W/K)

Finally, I would like to thank all our sponsors for supporting our great Club and I look forward to seeing everyone at some stage in 2016/17.

| First Grade | M | In | Aggr | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Avg | Best | C |
|--|----|----|------|------|-----|-------|-------|----|----|-----|-------|------|------|
| A Arora | 13 | 18 | 162 | | 29 | 9.53 | 127 | 20 | 20 | 320 | 16 | 3/10 | 3 |
| B Bastow | 14 | 17 | 249 | | 44 | 14.65 | 97.1 | 23 | 16 | 300 | 18.75 | 3/18 | 6 |
| C Beames | 12 | 15 | 203 | | 26 | 14.50 | | | | | | | 10 |
| I Gibson | 10 | 11 | 42 | | 12 | 4.67 | 98.4 | 27 | 25 | 277 | 11.08 | 5/8 | 2 |
| C Hart | 14 | 21 | 243 | | 36 | 12.79 | | | | | | | 6 |
| J Holley | 13 | 16 | 311 | | 52 | 22.21 | | | | | | | 13 |
| A Jalalaty | 14 | 17 | 247 | | 30 | 19.00 | | | | | | | 51/3 |
| J Kovacic | 14 | 13 | 62 | | 21 | 20.67 | 271 | 66 | 66 | 735 | 11.14 | 7/26 | 6 |
| S Nardo | 6 | 6 | 100 | | 54* | 25.00 | 53 | 5 | 9 | 202 | 22.44 | 3/34 | 3 |
| M Seymour | 14 | 19 | 523 | | 94* | 32.69 | 290.2 | 80 | 64 | 712 | 11.13 | 6/19 | 7 |
| G Smith | 10 | 14 | 180 | | 74 | 15.00 | | | | | | | 9 |
| B Whitfield | 6 | 5 | 87 | | 38 | 17.40 | 33.3 | 5 | 7 | 155 | 22.14 | 3/39 | 2 |
| Also Batted: C Andrews 2-10, S Davis 1-0, T Jackson 4-93, D Kennedy 3-5, D Loth 3-25, C O'Connor 3-57 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also Bowled: C Andrews 1-49, S Davis 1-32, C Hart 0-3, J Holley 4-56, D Loth 1-42 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Jay Holley

CRICKET SECOND GRADE

This season we were looking to avenge our grand final loss to Warringah the previous season and to win the competition for what would be the third time out of the last four seasons. Unfortunately we were unable to lift the coveted competition trophy and lost to Warringah in the Grand Final again. It was a great effort by the team to make its fourth Grand Final in four years but unfortunately we fell short at the final hurdle again. I would like to congratulate every single player involved on their efforts throughout the year. I would also like to congratulate our great Chairman Gerard Price and all the members of the club on winning another club championship! Congratulations to Gareth Robson and third grade who managed a great competition win, and to Lloyd Andrews and the fourth grade boys who won the premiership as well.

Personally I would like to thank Gerard, Jason Holley and the other team captains, Gareth Robson, Lloyd Andrews, Mark Smyck and Brett Howle for their strong support throughout the year. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank the ground staff for producing such excellent facilities and the club committee for their support throughout the season.

Now to the team and to the season. We played a good solid style of cricket. We batted first on most occasions and batted for longer periods than we had in previous years. Our bowling, as always, was strong and this resulted in us winning nine games on first innings and having only two first innings losses. The weather and a lack of outright wins resulted in us only finishing fourth on the ladder, but the cricket played for the season was of a high standard. We did really well to beat Epping at their home ground in the Qualifying Final and hold on against Georges River in the Semi-final to make the Grand Final, unfortunately we just couldn't put it together in the Grand Final again and we only made 117 which Warringah passed three wickets down.

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

Rob Nandi - 45 runs at 37.08

Brad Sculley - 259 runs at 21.58

Cormac O'Connor - 249 runs at 24.90

Tom Jackson - 214 runs at 23.78

Bowling: This was the area we really excelled in throughout the season. The main contributors in this department were:

Peter Catalovski - 30 wickets at 14.73

Paul Pannuti - 28 wickets at 11.86

Steve Davis - 16 wickets at 15.94

Doug Loth - 16 wickets at 18.06

Well done to everyone on these performances. It has to be said that these performances could not be achieved without the entire team performing well on the field. Even though we are a slightly older/slower team, everyone still managed to hold on to the majority of our catches.

So thanks to everyone involved with the team during the season. There was a strong determination and spirit throughout the year and our team contributed greatly to our fourth successive club championship. We are lucky to be part of such a strong club and the season would not have been possible without Gerard, the cricket committee, the other team captains, the ground staff, and the sponsors support throughout the year. Thanks also must go to the many supporters who watched our games throughout the season.

Hopefully we will go one better in 2016/2017.

| Second Grade | M | In | Aggr | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Avg | Best | C |
|--|----|----|------|------|------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|------|------|---|
| P Catalovski | 12 | 9 | 48 | | 10 | 9.6 | 194.2 | 56 | 30 | 442 | 14.7 | 4/70 | 4 |
| B Critchley | 5 | 4 | 37 | | 14* | 12.33 | | | | | | | |
| S Davis | 6 | 5 | 54 | | 20 | 27.00 | 118 | 37 | 16 | 255 | 15.9 | 6/32 | 2 |
| A Eichholzer | 8 | 9 | 154 | | 50 | 19.25 | | | | | | | 2 |
| D Heels | 5 | 3 | 10 | | 5 | 3.33 | 49 | 9 | 8 | 113 | 14.1 | 4/43 | |
| T Jackson | 8 | 9 | 214 | | 64 | 23.78 | | | | | | | 2 |
| D Kennedy | 13 | 14 | 172 | | 51 | 14.33 | | | | | | | 9 |
| O Kirkham | 8 | 7 | 93 | | 25 | 13.29 | 44 | 13 | 7 | 100 | 14.3 | 3/15 | 2 |
| D Loth | 10 | 10 | 128 | | 31 | 12.80 | 108.4 | 19 | 16 | 289 | 18.1 | 3/14 | 5 |
| R Nandi | 15 | 15 | 445 | 1 | 100* | 37.08 | 38.1 | 11 | 7 | 83 | 11.9 | 4/10 | 7 |
| S Nardo | 6 | 7 | 111 | | 31 | 15.86 | 30.3 | 2 | 6 | 105 | 17.5 | 3/27 | 3 |
| C O'Connor | 11 | 11 | 249 | | 59 | 24.90 | | | | | | | 3 |
| P Pannuti | 10 | 8 | 33 | | 8.1 | 6.60 | 154.2 | 56 | 28 | 332 | 11.9 | 5/42 | 2 |
| D Reddy | 6 | 4 | 101 | | 39 | 33.67 | 29 | 6 | 3 | 91 | 30.3 | 1/13 | 1 |
| T Rose | 5 | 6 | 56 | | 16 | 11.20 | | | | | | | 5 |
| B Sculley | 12 | 12 | 259 | | 73 | 21.58 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 40 | 13.3 | 3/12 | 2 |
| D Young | 6 | 6 | 39 | | 20 | 6.50 | | | | | | | 7 |
| Also Batted: C Dickeson 5-109, D Fraser 1-0, H Giddy 1-0, R Kapoor 1-18, S Khalko 1-9, A Mahajan 3-61, K Messia 1-4, G Smith 1-21, T Threlkeld 1-10, M Towells 2-25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also Bowled: B Critchley 0-8, A Eichholzer 0-5, D Fraser 1-12, R Kapoor 0-37, D Kennedy 1-12, S Khalkho 1-10, C O'Connor 0-7, M Towells 2-35 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Rob Nandi

CRICKET THIRD GRADE

Defending 132 to make the grand final and chasing 252 to win it was a special way to end the season for the third grade team, and hopefully softened the memory of coming up three runs short for the six players who'd also contested the previous season's decider.

Third grade finished the regular season seven points clear of second placed Macquarie University, with just six points separating the remainder of the top six, Warringah, North West Sydney, Georges River and Epping.

Our season started with an outright victory against Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts, Tom Threlkeld taking 5/34 in the second innings and nine wickets for the match. Auburn made us work for a first innings victory in round 2, with solid contributions by several players in a dour match. After the first day of round 3 against Warringah was lost to rain, Sanjiv Khalko's 68 set up a declaration on the extended second day, however our opponents were impressive in making light work of the 195 run target. Round 4 against Balmain South Sydney was an extraordinary two week wash out. We were 3/10 against Strathfield in round 5, so it was fortunate Tim Rose made the highest score of any player in the third grade competition for the season. His 151 not out was tough and disciplined as Strathfield took wickets consistently, with our innings in the balance at 6/124 before Corie Dickeson and Gerard Price provided Tim great support. He really opened up on the Strathfield bowling once a large score was secured and we were able to declare at 9/291 late in what had been a great day's play. Strathfield took the game to us on day 2 with spirited batting, but ultimately our bowlers only let two of their players get away – Tim getting back into the action to hold the catches for both key wickets. After such a memorable match, belting Pennant Hills outright was anticlimactic, though Surya Sriram played an excellent innings of 88. In the final match before Christmas we were given a lesson by a defiant Lindfield, though some great batting from Corie with 59 and Harry Giddy hitting 41 on one leg had provided a winning target.

The season recommenced with Roseville mowed down for 55 in a one day match, Michael Towells with 5/10 and extras top scored with 25. Epping Oval was under water for round 9. Macquarie University won the toss and batted in round 10, their number 4 reeled off an excellent hundred after being dropped on zero. However, our

bowlers were well on top of the others and we dismissed Uni for 169. With quite a few overs left in the day, we were in early trouble before Albert Eichholzer took control of a winning chase with a lovely 95. Our third outright of the season was secured against Lane Cove in round 11. They were dismissed for 100 before Harry's 77 and Ben Critchley's 58 secured first innings points on day 1, permitting a declaration at 7/225 on day 2. They were all out for 110 in their second innings, Declan Heels impressive with 4/29 from 15. With the finals approaching and the club championship to be won, round 12 against Georges River was a key match. Surya and Scott Brennan got us off to a good start, before a spectacular collapse was barely but significantly steadied through a guest appearance by Simon Watson. When he was out at 8/118, Atul Mahajan and Gerard defied Georges River to reach 160, before Matt Roper helped Gerard bring the total to 197. Michael removed one their openers that evening, and struck again with the first ball of day 2. His 3/18 from 17 overs and Gerard's 4/7 from 12 were the difference, as they were all out 137. In the final round 13, we sent finals contender North West Sydney in to bat in a one day match, and let them off the hook at 8/86, as they rallied to be all out for 128. Diren Reddy's 5/20 was the pick of our bowlers. As their opening bowler's match figures were 7/20, it will be no surprise that we were again in all sorts of trouble at 6/24. Dan Fraser's 36 threatened to scrape together the required runs, but we ended 20 runs shy.

This less than ideal preparation for the finals was mirrored when, having elected to bat in the qualifying final against Epping at Ron Routley Oval, we were all out for little more than 100, despite some good resistance from Surya and Ben. While able to dismiss most of the Epping line up, their core of experienced players seemingly had the better of us and we slumped to an outright loss.

Now the bottom team, we met Macquarie University at the Northern Oval. We were sent in and Scott and Dan were the only top order batsman to make contributions. Harry's 38 batting at number six would prove to be crucial, as was Gerard's staunch defence while those runs were made. However, all out for 132 after 65 overs was not a significant improvement on recent form. 1/0, then 2/3, and the century maker from the round game gone at 3/24 was the start we needed, before a partnership steadied Uni to be 3/57 at stumps. Gerard took two wickets in his spell on the morning of day two, while the score reached 5/81. Each partnership edged them ever closer, before Mick caught and bowled the remaining threat with the bat, leaving them 8 wickets down at lunch but needing only 5 runs to end our season. Atul took a wicket with the second ball after play resumed, before Mick with his eleventh dot ball after the break sealed a memorable win, Uni all out for 129.

Having easily chased 204 to defeat North West, Epping hosted the grand final at North Epping Oval. It seemed a good toss to lose, as they were 4/16 on an absolute belter – Gerard with the first three wickets – before their number 4 led a great recovery. Out after lunch for 75, sharply caught by Diren, his was the only wicket to fall in the second session, as Epping reached 6/202 at tea. Their number 7 scored 59 and number 8 a well made captain's knock of 46 – both dismissed by Gerard. Epping were entitled to believe their 252 was a winning score, particularly when we lost a wicket in our first over, were 2/35 after 10 overs, and a dreadful run out left us 3/51 at stumps.

On Sunday morning, Critch played yet another vital grand final innings, his counterpunching 44 had us moving at 4/117 after 36 overs. Harry then joined Dan at the crease and together they took us to the premiership with an unbeaten 140 run stand. This feat was of course far from easy against Epping's experienced and persistent bowling. The weather also intervened, when at 4/175 after 52 overs, rain forced a halt to play for two hours. After play resumed at 2:30pm, a further 29 overs were required to make the remaining 80 runs, before Dan hit two boundaries in the eighty-first over and brought some very happy Briars to their feet.

Harry was struggling a little coming into the finals, that he turned it round so emphatically with 74 not out was brilliant to watch. Typical of the leadership he invariably shows, Dan's essentially chanceless 96 in a grand final was worth every run of a hundred.

GP took five wickets in the grand final, among his 33 wickets for the year. He let some of the others bowl a bit more this year, 'only' getting through 168 overs. At the other end Towellsy took 30 wickets, knocking out 141 overs himself. For two years in a row GP and Mick have basically averaged 10 with the ball. Mick also took out the Anthony Clarke Medal for our players' player.

It's customary to profile each player, but if you're still reading, firstly thank you, and I'll simply list the winning team: Brad Sculley, Surya Sriram, yours truly, Dan Fraser, Ben Critchley, Harry Giddy, Diren Reddy, Gerard Price, Atul Mahajan, Mick Towells and Declan Heels (honorary twelfth man Scott Brennan).

It's an understatement that it takes a lot of effort to get our teams on the park each week. Gerard Price is the main reason this happens and it was fantastic to watch him receive the J B Hollander Trophy for the third grade premiership. Thanks and commiserations to Jason Holley and the first grade team, six successive grand finals and three premierships illustrates their dominance. Maintaining perspective is difficult due to the club's hard earned expectation of success, so no doubt Rob Nandi and the second grade team were frustrated to miss out again in the grand final – but as with the first grade guys we all shared a great night when it was over. Congratulations to Lloyd Andrews for leading fourth grade to a premiership at his first attempt, and a successive

win for the team. Mark Smyck and Raj Kapoor did well with the young Briars in Gold, and congratulations to Brett Howle on a fantastic season with he and Anthony Clarkes' Maroon fifth grade side. It's no co-incidence that the guys in that team were the best trainers all season. Everyone in the club has to thank Charlie for his tireless efforts for cricket off the field.

| Third Grade | M | In | Aggr | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Avg | Best | C |
|--|---------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|----|
| S Brennan..... | 10..... | 12 | 181 ..... | ..... | 40..... | 16.45..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 |
| B Critchley..... | 7..... | 8 | 165 ..... | ..... | 58..... | 23.57..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| C Dickeson..... | 6..... | 5 | 130 ..... | ..... | 59..... | 32.50..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 |
| D Fraser..... | 4..... | 4 | 158 ..... | ..... | 96*..... | 52.67..... | 37.3 | 6 | 7 | 83..... | 11.9..... | 3/30..... | 1 |
| H S Giddy | 9..... | 10 | 281 ..... | ..... | 77..... | 31.22..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 |
| D Heels | 6..... | 5 | 18 ..... | ..... | 14*..... | 4.50..... | 79.3 | 21 | 13 | 255..... | 19.6..... | 4/18 | |
| G Long..... | 6..... | 6 | 114 ..... | ..... | 42..... | 19.00..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 |
| A Mahajan..... | 8..... | 6 | 92 ..... | ..... | 29..... | 18.40..... | 103 | 19 | 17 | 263..... | 15.5..... | 3/7..... | 1 |
| T Moffitt..... | 5..... | 5 | 58 ..... | ..... | 44..... | 14.50..... | 21.1 | 2 | 2 | 69..... | 34.5..... | 1/1..... | 6 |
| D Price | 5..... | 4 | 52 ..... | ..... | 24*..... | 26.00..... | 54 | 8 | 7 | 143..... | 20.4..... | 2/9 | |
| G Price | 13..... | 10 | 145 ..... | ..... | 38..... | 36.25..... | 168.2 | 55 | 33 | 297..... | 9..... | 5/45..... | 1 |
| D Reddy | 7..... | 7 | 32 ..... | ..... | 14..... | 4.57..... | 42.5 | 5 | 11 | 138..... | 12.5..... | 5/20..... | 4 |
| G Robson | 14..... | 15 | 172 ..... | ..... | 40..... | 12.29..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 22 |
| T Rose..... | 2..... | 2 | 182 | 1.. | 151*..... | n/a..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 |
| S Sriram | 12..... | 14 | 245 ..... | ..... | 88..... | 17.50..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 |
| M Towells..... | 9..... | 7 | 56 ..... | ..... | 20*..... | 11.20..... | 141.1 | 36 | 30 | 325..... | 10.8..... | 6/28 | |
| Also Batted: C Andrews 2-47, P Catalovski 1-12, S Davis 0-0, A Eichholzer 1-95, S Ganguly 1-0, L Kalic 1-2, R Kapoor 1-9, O Kayani 3-49, S Khalkho 3-76, O Kirkham 1-16, K Messia 1-15, G Metcalf 1-0, J Rogers 1-0, M Roper 1-9, B Scully 1-4, V Sharma 1-9, P Simpson 1-10, G Smith 1-24, T Threlkeld 1-3, B Van den Nieuwenhof 1-0, S Watson 1-31, D Young 1-3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also Bowled: C Andrews 0-29, B Critchley 2-18, H Giddy 0-16, M Roper 1-28, S Khalkho 0-51, O Kirkham 0-18, K Messia 0-46, G Metcalfe 2-31, V Sharma 0-16, G Smith 2-9, S Sriram 0-34, B Van den Nieuwenhof 0-39, S Watson 1-31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Gareth Robson

CRICKET FOURTH GRADE

Well what a year from the club, congrats to all the skippers on another great year. To Gman well done on your teams Grand Final win and to Jason and Ninj on a great year and playing in the Grand Final. I couldn't be any prouder of the Fourth Grade team with the young kids we had playing. We finished Minor Premiers and took the Premiership with three outright wins, seven 1st innings wins, two draws and one loss, finishing with 74 points. A hard fought GF that needed Briars to take 20 wickets to which we did, our batting was a let down but that's the Club we play for, whatever we get with the bat our great bowling team would defend it.

And ... We won the shield we won the shield.

Dylan Powell: The youngest team member who opened the batting for us, for a young kid he has a good technique, hitting a good 26 against a good George's River team.

Saurabh Ganguly: Hard hitting opening batsman who had a good year for us, not the best runner between wickets, scored 191 runs at an average of 21.22

Greg Long: Aggressive batsman who likes to look at sky sometimes when he is batting, gives 100% sometimes but normally plays at 90%. Scored 171 @ 17.10

Tom Moffitt: Tommy has all the skills to play higher grades solid with the bat good runner between wickets and good in the field. He also likes to have a chat on the field, took a couple of key wickets in the finals, scored 119 @ 39.67.

Osman Kayani: Osman had a tough year with the bat, has the ability to be a higher grade player if he puts his head down. I know he can do it, let's say his average was not good this year.

Luka Kalic: Always knew Luka could play the game very good batsman who can rip an attack apart. Scored a beautiful 100 against Lane Cove which was the highlight. He is a 1st grader in the making, scored 175 @ 35.

Damian Price: What can I say about Damo heart of gold for the club gives 110% everything he steps on the ground. Damo dug deep in the QF batting for over two hours for 10, and his year went from strength to strength. Damo took 15 wickets @ 16.40 best 3/18.

Greg Metcalfe: The best bowler in the 4th grade shires competition. Took 52 wickets for the season and whenever he got the ball the wickets just fell, always puts in for the club although two balls an over are down leg. Man of the Match in the GF, 52 wickets @ 9.23 best 5/7.

Matt Roper: A very good young bowler who bowled a very good in swinger, angry man for a young guy, put his heart and soul on the field every time, handy with the bat, 25 wickets @ 14.20 best 3/12.

Asif Ahmed: The old man of the team, injury prevented him from having a big year but always put the club first, 19 wickets @ 12.79 best 6/31.

| Fourth Grade | M | In | Aggr | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Avg | Best | C |
|--|----|----|------|------|------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|------|------|----|
| A Ahmed..... | 10 | 7 | 41 | | 12 | 8.20 | 91.3 | 18 | 19 | 243 | 12.8 | 6/31 | 2 |
| L Andrews..... | 13 | 14 | 324 | | 81* | 24.92 | 48.5 | 11 | 12 | 163 | 13.6 | 4/26 | 12 |
| N Chowdhury..... | 6 | 6 | 145 | | 54 | 24.17 | | | | | | | 2 |
| S Ganguly..... | 7 | 9 | 191 | | 57 | 21.22 | | | | | | | 12 |
| L Kalic..... | 7 | 8 | 175 | 1 | 101* | 35.00 | | | | | | | 1 |
| O Kayani..... | 9 | 10 | 56 | | 19 | 5.60 | | | | | | | 2 |
| G Long..... | 8 | 10 | 171 | | 52 | 17.10 | | | | | | | |
| G Metcalfe..... | 13 | 11 | 142 | | 45 | 15.78 | 218.3 | 71 | 52 | 480 | 9.23 | 5/7 | 6 |
| T Moffitt..... | 3 | 4 | 119 | | 61* | 39.67 | 22 | 8 | 4 | 54 | 13.5 | 2/12 | 3 |
| D Powell..... | 11 | 13 | 112 | | 26 | 8.62 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 88 | 88 | 1/38 | 3 |
| D Price..... | 9 | 9 | 75 | | 24 | 10.71 | 101.5 | 27 | 15 | 246 | 16.4 | 3/18 | 1 |
| M Roper..... | 11 | 7 | 83 | | 44 | 20.75 | 154 | 37 | 25 | 355 | 14.2 | 3/12 | 1 |
| Also Batted: C Andrews 2-79, S Brennan 3-174, D Cullen 3-98, D Fraser 6-131, P Fraser 3-23, H Giddy 1-80, W Grimson 2-23, J Harris 3-21, D Heels 1-0, A Joshi 2-73, R Kapoor 1-3, S Khalkho 1-18, A Mahajan 1-4, R Patel 2-42, T Rose 2-67, P Simpson 1-10, M Singh 2-4, M Smyck 1-0, S Sriram 2-33, B Stoneham 1-2, T Threlkeld 1-10, M Towells 2-43, S Tregeagle 1-0. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also Bowled: N Chowdhury 1-30, D Cullen 1-20, H Giddy 1-11, W Grimson 0-27, D Heels 4-26, L Kalic 0-3, O Kayani 1-16, S Khalkho 0-11, A Mahajan 0-13, R Patel 0-24, B Stoneham 1-12. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Lloyd Andrews Captain

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE GOLD

A few weeks prior to the start of the 2015/2016 season, I was approached by Gerard and asked if I wanted to captain 5th grade this season. I felt it was a great opportunity to take proper charge and control of a team, something I had done as under 24's manager a few years back, except for any on-field decisions. I also had the help of Raj Kapoor as co-captain who assisted in the running of the team when I was unavailable.

Throughout the season we used a total of 50 players, a large number of them under the age of 19 and with very limited turf experience. I was hoping by the end of the season these young kids got comfortable with playing on turf and what it was to be a Briar. With the core group of youngsters who played most of the season with me, I felt most of them were still yet to show their full potential and abilities and I was hoping that as their captain they could continue to develop their skills at training and give them the opportunity each weekend to continue and develop into better cricketers. Unlike the Briars Maroon team, lead by both Brett 'Charlie' Howle and Anthony Clarke, which I felt they had plenty of youngsters already showing their capabilities, I knew this was going to be a tough season and replicating the success of Briars Cricket in years past was going to be a tough challenge.

At the end of season we finished in 16th place with 31 points. The team only managed four wins for the season but we had many heartbreaking finishes which saw the key moments not go our way. We even had two tied matches against Epping and Georges River which showed that we were close to pulling off those close matches. I knew these results would hurt the desire shown by these kids, but I knew it was going to make them and myself much stronger for success in future matches.

I am very proud for what the boys had done that season. I watched many of them grow and improve right through the season. Even though the results didn't go our way this season, and many of them are still young, I know that if they can continue playing at Briars, their desire for success and recognition to grow and playing better will see them go up the grades. Being amongst the captain's conversations and hearing players from my

team get mentioned is a great a feeling knowing that they are being noticed for their efforts on the weekend and also during training bowling and batting against higher graded players.

There are some players I'd like to mention and their efforts throughout the season:

Jamie McLeod: Being his first season at Briars and also on turf, he was a handy top order batsman who made many decent starts getting the team off to a good start. It was more of a shock when he got himself out cheaply. He was the top scorer for Briars Gold for the season with 252 runs and the highest score of 42. He was unable to get himself a 50 but he will no doubt improve and continue to get better in coming seasons.

Michael Gordon: A very quiet kid with a very unorthodox run-up. A leg spinner who, with a little tweak and improvement in that run up of his, will be a fantastic bowler who can already get plenty of turn and trouble many batsmen. He was our leading wicket taker taking 17 wickets with the best figures of 3/8 in three overs. Can't wait to see him make his way up the grades.

Cameron Durrant: In most cases, he could have been called a veteran in the team even though he's been at the club for only a couple seasons. I've always appreciated someone who gives it their all even if they're not the best out there. But Cameron has surprised me with some of his efforts on the field whether its putting the ball over the infield when the rest of the team struggled to or when he'd take a blinder at gully. He took the most catches as a non-keeper with six catches.

Will Studley: Probably the quietest kid I've met who improved right throughout the season and I felt he was very different bowler from the beginning of the season to what he ended up to be at the end. He had a rough start being wicket less through most of the season but took most of his wickets towards the end with his best figures being 4/11 from 6.2 overs against Epping. I'm hoping the upcoming season will see him go from strength to strength with the ball and many more wickets.

I want to congratulate Premiership Captains Gareth and Lloyd and their respective Third and Fourth Grade teams for their success last season. These teams continue to stay strong and competitive and we know that there will always be pressure from Fifth Grade players to fight their way into your grades.

Commiserations to Jay and Rob for their respective First and Second Grade teams for making it to the Grand Final but unfortunately losing at the final hurdle.

Lastly, I want to thank Gerard Price for the opportunity to captain Fifth Grade. Being part of the captain's team selections and spending most of the time listening to Ninj make up his mind about his team has been very enjoyable for all of us. Availabilities in Fifth Grade was a weekly battle between Charlie, Clarkie and myself for both Maroon and Gold.

I am looking forward to what the season 16/17 has in store for Briars Cricket. I am sure many surprises, but also plenty of success.

| Fifth Grade | M | In | Aggr | 50s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Avg | Best | C |
|-------------------|---------|---------|----------|--------|----------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|------------|-----------|----|
| A Ahmed..... | 4..... | 2..... | 26..... | ..... | 22..... | 13.00..... | 27..... | 8..... | 5..... | 91..... | 18.20..... | 2/14 | |
| C Alcorn..... | 7..... | 4..... | 24..... | ..... | 13..... | 6.00..... | | | | | | | |
| J Burt..... | 4..... | 3..... | 42..... | ..... | 27*..... | 21.00..... | 25..... | 1..... | 3..... | 76..... | 25.33..... | 1/14..... | 2 |
| A Clarke..... | 15..... | 8..... | 51..... | ..... | 14..... | 8.50..... | 96.4..... | 25..... | 31..... | 224..... | 7.23..... | 4/3..... | 7 |
| C Durrant..... | 14..... | 11..... | 50..... | ..... | 15..... | 5.56..... | | | | | | | 6 |
| P E Fraser..... | 8..... | 8..... | 194..... | 1..... | 53..... | 32.33..... | 21..... | 1..... | 2..... | 98..... | 49.00..... | 1/12..... | 1 |
| K Ganesh..... | 8..... | 8..... | 88..... | ..... | 16..... | 11.00..... | 22.2..... | 1..... | 4..... | 102..... | 25.50..... | 4/6..... | |
| S Ganguly..... | 4..... | 4..... | 134..... | 2..... | 71*..... | 44.67..... | | | | | | | 2 |
| M Gordon..... | 16..... | 11..... | 15..... | ..... | 5..... | 2.14..... | 75..... | 10..... | 17..... | 289..... | 17.00..... | 3/8..... | 1 |
| J Haikin..... | 4..... | 4..... | 71..... | ..... | 36..... | 17.75..... | 19..... | 1..... | 4..... | 57..... | 14.25..... | 3/17..... | |
| B Howle..... | 15..... | 14..... | 319..... | 2..... | 76..... | 22.79..... | | | | | | | 8 |
| K Kancherla..... | 11..... | 6..... | 19..... | ..... | 11..... | 4.75..... | 71..... | 15..... | 10..... | 240..... | 24.00..... | 3/18..... | 2 |
| R Kapoor..... | 6..... | 5..... | 24..... | ..... | 3..... | 4.80..... | | | | | | | |
| L M Kayani..... | 5..... | 4..... | 28..... | ..... | 13..... | 7.00..... | | | | | | | 4 |
| O Kayani..... | 9..... | 8..... | 91..... | ..... | 26*..... | 22.75..... | 35..... | 10..... | 9..... | 75..... | 8.33..... | 3/8..... | 3 |
| H Lee..... | 8..... | 8..... | 63..... | ..... | 27*..... | 9.00..... | 17..... | 2..... | 5..... | 50..... | 10.00..... | 3/10..... | |
| S McIntosh..... | 11..... | 11..... | 87..... | ..... | 26..... | 8.70..... | 10..... | 2..... | 2..... | 55..... | 27.50..... | 2/20..... | 1 |
| J McLeod..... | 16..... | 15..... | 288..... | ..... | 42..... | 19.20..... | | | | | | | 11 |
| J Murphy..... | 13..... | 11..... | 92..... | ..... | 26..... | 10.22..... | 34.4..... | 9..... | 12..... | 129..... | 10.75..... | 4/19..... | 8 |
| S Naganathan..... | 9..... | 7..... | 78..... | 1..... | 53..... | 15.60..... | 34..... | 4..... | 6..... | 125..... | 20.83..... | 2/35..... | |
| R Patel..... | 4..... | 3..... | 37..... | ..... | 19..... | 12.33..... | 19..... | 0..... | 5..... | 78..... | 15.60..... | 3/25..... | |
| D Powell..... | 8..... | 8..... | 114..... | ..... | 31*..... | 16.29..... | | | | | | | 1 |
| J Purnell..... | 6..... | 6..... | 45..... | | 17..... | 7.50..... | 1..... | 0..... | 0..... | 8..... | | | |
| E Ralph..... | 12..... | 6..... | 19..... | | 13..... | 4.75..... | 70..... | 15..... | 15..... | 194..... | 12.93..... | 4/28..... | |
| S A Shaikh..... | 8..... | 7..... | 115..... | | 37*..... | 19.17..... | | | | | | | |

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|---|---------|---------|----------|--------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|------------|------------|-----------|----|
| A Shephard..... | 16..... | 15..... | 291..... | 2..... | 62..... | 19.40..... | 22..... | 5..... | 7..... | 56..... | 8.00..... | 2/0..... | 4 |
| J Simpson..... | 17..... | 15..... | 77..... | 17* | 5.92..... | 8..... | 2..... | 2..... | 24..... | 12.00..... | 2/22..... | 6 | |
| P Simpson..... | 11..... | 9..... | 218..... | 1..... | 60..... | 24.22..... | 36.4..... | 5..... | 8..... | 132..... | 16.50..... | 2/15..... | 6 |
| M Singh..... | 6..... | 5..... | 68..... | 1..... | 50* | 17.00..... | 31..... | 3..... | 5..... | 80..... | 16.00..... | 2/15..... | 1 |
| M Smyck..... | 14..... | 10..... | 89..... | | 24..... | 8.90..... | 44..... | 8..... | 6..... | 127..... | 21.17..... | 1/5..... | 2 |
| T Stansfield..... | 19..... | 16..... | 106..... | | 20..... | 8.15..... | | | | | | | 14 |
| W Studley..... | 11..... | 8..... | 9..... | | 6..... | 1.29..... | 57.2..... | 5..... | 7..... | 239..... | 34.14..... | 4/11..... | 1 |
| J E Tomkins..... | 7..... | 5..... | 53..... | | 23..... | 10.60..... | 40..... | 4..... | 8..... | 122..... | 15.25..... | 2/9..... | 2 |
| S Tregeagle..... | 12..... | 5..... | 8..... | | 5* | 8.00..... | 66.5..... | 10..... | 15..... | 177..... | 11.80..... | 3/4..... | 2 |
| J Webb..... | 12..... | 7..... | 72..... | | 18..... | 12.00..... | 77..... | 16..... | 30..... | 196..... | 6.53..... | 4/12..... | 1 |
| A Younes..... | 4..... | 4..... | 12..... | | 8..... | 3.00..... | 12..... | 1..... | 2..... | 35..... | 17.50..... | 1/10..... | 1 |
| Also Batted: L Anchique 2-21, C Andrews 2-4, A Berenger 1-23, L Channell 1-1, D Cullen 2-15, K Currie 1-12, B Davis 2-12, N Fernandes 1-0, D Fraser 1-47, H Giddy 2-42, D Heels 0-0, S Hitendra 1-38, L Kalic 1-2, R Kapoor 1-13, S Khalkho 3-37, O Kirkham 1-16, G Long 1-14, A Macky 1-8, G Metcalfe 1-2, T Moffitt 2-38, S Nardo 1-41, D Price 1-16, B Quinn 2-15, D Reddy 2-13, G Robson 1-5, M Roper 1-0, V Sharma 1-44, G Smith 1-33, J Smith 2-3, T Threlkeld 1-0, M Towells 2-43, P Towells 1-31, R Tregeagle 1-0. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also Bowled: C Alcorn 0-11, D Cullen 1-15, B Davis 1-21, D Fraser 0-15, L Kalic 2-8, R Kapoor 2-16, A Macky 2-17, G Metcalfe 1-8, T Moffitt 3-28, S Nando 0-25, D Powell 0-28, D Price 1-26, J Purnell 0-8, M Roper 2-19, V Sharma 0-18, T Threlkeld 1-14, R Tregeagle 1-17. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Mark Smyck

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE MAROON

The 2015/16 season will be remembered as a successful season for the side for a number of reasons, even though a premiership did not eventuate. Firstly the side was competitive throughout the season only to bow out in the semi-final. More importantly however was the introduction of quite a few new young players into Briars Cricket. With most still at school, these players including James Webb, Elliot Ralph, James Simpson (son of Paul), Jacob Murphy, Pat Fraser, Angus Shepherd, Sam Tregeagle (son of Richard) and Tristian Stansfield, post-Christmas, provided the basis of side throughout the season. Hopefully these players have enjoyed their time with the club and will continue to play for many years ahead as they are all capable of moving up the grades.

The competition consisted of 20 teams playing 40 over one dayers over 22 rounds. The season didn't start too well for the team recording only two wins in the first nine rounds leaving the side languishing near the bottom of the ladder. As is the nature of Fifth Grade any changes or unavailabilities to any of the Shires teams above will result in changes to our team. This seemed the regular occurrence in the first half of the season whereby it was quite common to have five to six player changes from one game to the next. Many a Friday was spent trying to confirm 11 players let alone a competitive side with an appropriate balance of batsman and bowlers. However once the team settled then we were able to perform to our potential winning the next 11 from 13 games to finish the on 88 points (incl 10 bonus points) in third spot. 47 players were used and the regular season finished with 13 wins four losses and five wash outs.

Some individual highlights during the season were:

Saurabh Ganguly 56 v Epping, Lachlan Channel 4/18 v Ryde, Anthony Clarke 4/10 and Koushik Ganesh 4/6 v Briars Gold, Brett Howle 54 v Warringah, Pat Fraser 53 v Lindfield, James Webb 4/12 v Mounties Black, James Webb 4/15 and Anthony Clarke 4/3 v Mounties Gold, James Webb 4/18 v Auburn, Paul Simpson 60 v Auburn, Anthony Clarke 4/20 v Georges River, Brett Howle 76 v Georges River, Anthony Clarke 4/19 v Epping, Angus Shepherd 55 v Epping.

Brett Howle 319 runs at 22.8, Angus Shepherd 291 at 19.4, Paul Simpson 218 at 24.2, Pat Fraser 200 at 28.6. Anthony Clarke 31 wickets at 7.3, James Webb 30 at 6.5, Sam Tregeagle 15 at 11.8, Elliot Ralph 15 at 12.9. Full stats for the season can be found on the competition website, Tim Creer Cup.

Into the qualifying final vs Easts at St Lukes. They won the toss and batted to finish at 96 with wickets shared. Our batsman then finished the job passing them four down in the 31st over, Pat Fraser 32*. Into the semi-final vs second placed Mt Pritchard at Mona 2. We won the toss and sent them in and dismissed them for 150 in the penultimate over. Elliot Ralph 4/38. This was certainly a gettable target for the side however we fell short by failing to build partnerships to be all out for 108, Angus Shepherd 26 and so our season was over. The team during the finals was Angus Shepherd, James Simpson, Brett Howle, Pat Fraser, Paul Simpson, Jacob Murphy, Tristian Stansfield (wk), Anthony Clarke, James Webb, Sam Tregeagle and Elliot Ralph. But of course thanks to all the other players that contributed throughout the year.

Overall the side could be well pleased with its season. The Club's main aim for Fifth Grade is to be a nursery for the new and young players and to introduce them into Briars Cricket but also provide a platform to perform and

move up the grades in the years ahead. Generally we had a side of extremes with the few old heads of me, Anthony Clarke and Paul Simpson providing the “experience” and the majority of side still teenagers or just early 20’s. My thanks to Anthony as co-captain and to Paul for assisting throughout the season both on and off the field. James Webb was a voted a worthy winner of the Player’s Player Award for the season.

My congratulations for their respective results also extend to the other captains and teams. Thanks also for the many hours doing selections during the year. To me, Mark Symck deserves special mention as a fellow Fifth Grade captain for his efforts with Briars Gold and the associated challenges. Again the club can be extremely satisfied with the results of having all four Shires teams into the final, another club championship and two premierships, simply yet another an amazing effort to which many other clubs aspire to get close too, let alone achieve.

Of course a special mention to Gerard Price whose untiring efforts in the administration of cricket remain the foundation of crickets success. It is most pleasing to see his efforts rewarded with two premierships, another club championship and the culture and understanding of what it means to play cricket for Briars well and truly entrenched in the playing group. You will also read many other tributes to Gerard in the other cricket reports, all of which are totally deserved.

So ends another season with a lot of the players back and playing higher grades during 2016/17 for hopefully another successful year and that Fifth Grade Premiership.

Brett Howle - Co-Captain

CRICKET UNDER 24S

After losing a number of players due to age restrictions at the end of the 2014/15 season, this year was a chance to rebuild and give a handful of up and coming young players a chance playing against opposition of all ages and skill levels. The guys couldn’t have had a better start to the season with a comprehensive bonus point win over Strathfield. Unfortunately the winning feeling wasn’t experienced again until the final round with another strong victory over North West Sydney. A number of promising young players put their hands up for future roles in the side including Declan Heels who finished with 11 wickets at an average of 11.1 from 54 overs.

Round 1 – Briars VS Strathfield

T Moffitt 65*, C O’Connor 41

D Heels 2/12, D Reddy 2/15, B Whitfield 2/25

Round 2 – Briars VS MT Pritchard-Southern Districts

G Smith 56, C O’Connor 42

D Reddy 3/32

Round 3 – Briars VS Georges River

D Kennedy 36, T Moffitt 33, C O’Connor 29

J Kovacic 3/25, D Kennedy 3/41, D Heels 2/25

Round 4 – BYE

Round 5 - Briars VS Balmain South Sydney

D Kennedy 45

B Whitfield 3/23, J Kovacic 2/26

Round 6 – Briars VS Auburn

C O’Connor 57, D Kennedy 38

D Heels 2/17, D Kennedy 2/24, B Whitfield 2/33

Round 7 – Briars VS North West Sydney

L Kalic 55, B Whitfield 49, D Kennedy 32, G Smith 26

D Heels 4/16, J Kovacic 3/7, D Reddy 2/25

| Under 24s | M | In | Aggr | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Avg | Best | C |
|------------------|---|----|------|------|-----|-------|------|----|----|-----|-------|------|---|
| N Chowdhury..... | 6 | 5 | 68 | | 22 | 13.60 | | | | | | | 1 |
| D Heels | 6 | 5 | 10 | | 4 | 2.50 | 54 | 13 | 11 | 122 | 11.09 | 4/16 | 2 |
| O Kayani..... | 3 | 3 | 38 | | 22 | 19.00 | | | | | | | 3 |
| D Kennedy | 6 | 5 | 156 | | 45 | 31.20 | 22 | 0 | 5 | 87 | 17.4 | 3/41 | 3 |
| J Kovacic..... | 6 | 5 | 17 | | 16* | 4.25 | 49.1 | 11 | 11 | 128 | 11.64 | 3/7 | |
| T Moffitt..... | 3 | 3 | 98 | | 65* | 49.00 | | | | | | | 1 |
| C O’Connor..... | 6 | 6 | 192 | | 57 | 32.00 | | | | | | | 4 |
| D Price | 6 | 5 | 18 | | 15* | 4.50 | 25.2 | 0 | 1 | 180 | 180 | 1/75 | 2 |
| D Reddy | 6 | 5 | 10 | | 6* | 2.50 | 44 | 5 | 9 | 159 | 17.67 | 3/32 | |
| G Smith | 6 | 6 | 101 | | 56 | 20.20 | | | | | | | 2 |
| B Whitfield..... | 4 | 3 | 62 | | 49 | 20.67 | 30 | 2 | 8 | 103 | 12.88 | 3/23 | 2 |

Also Batted: D Cullen 1-0, P Fraser 1-5, L Kalic 2-62, T Threlkeld 1-1, B Van den Nieuwenhof 1-0, M Singh 1-4
Also Bowled: T Threlkeld 1-19, B Van den Nieuwenhof 0-12

CRICKET MASTERS

The Masters continued their improvement last season finishing ninth from 19 teams with a record of four wins, three losses and two rain affected draws.

Charlie was again the stand out bowler this season finishing with 12 wickets at 13.08 including a PB of 3/8 in our loss against Ryde-Hunters Hill. John Carlos Henry was a surprise packet and picked up a five for (25) in the season's opener against Roseville White. He finished with nine wickets at an excellent average of 9.11. Other bowlers to take three or more wickets in an innings were Rob Vilensky 4/31 v Roseville Navy, Charlie 3/23 v Lane Cove White, Mark Ridge 3/10 v Epping, Greg Matchett and 4/36 v Old Ignations.

While the batting on the whole was ok, it let us down in the games we were defeated – 109 chasing 140 v Roseville Navy, 47 v Ryde-Hunters Hill and 99 chasing 108 v Epping. Obviously the standout batsman was Warwick Hayes whose three innings totalled 111 including scores of 41 no in our win against Lane Cove White and 40 no in our victory over Kenthurst. Other batsmen to have a score of 40 plus including Greg Matchett 47 no v Roseville Navy and 41 no v Lane Cove White, Andre Berenger 40 no and Andy Macky 40 no in our win over Old Ignations.

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

Although The Masters have a harder draw for the current season we still look forward to an increased win/loss ratio.

| Masters Best Batting Performances | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|--------------|
| Player | Matches | Innings | Aggregate | Not Out | Highest | Average |
| Matchett, Greg R..... | 7 | 7 | 165 | 3 | 47 | 41.25 |
| Hayes, Warwick | 4 | 3 | 111 | 2 | 41 | 111.00 |
| Berenger, Andre | 7 | 7 | 91 | 1 | 40 | 15.17 |
| Macky, Andy..... | 2 | 2 | 71 | 1 | 40 | 71.00 |
| Macky, Andrew R..... | 3 | 3 | 33 | 1 | 25 | 16.50 |
| Cramsie, Paul G | 4 | 4 | 60 | 0 | 30 | 15.00 |
| George, Thomas | 5 | 4 | 44 | 1 | 19 | 14.67 |
| Deguara, Charlie | 7 | 4 | 37 | 1 | 24 | 12.33 |
| Brennan, Scott..... | 1 | 1 | 29 | 0 | 29 | 29.00 |
| Masters Best Bowling Performances | | | | | | |
| Player | Matches | Overs | Wickets | Maidens | Runs | Average Best |
| Deguara, Charle | 7 | 55 | 12 | 11 | 157 | 13.08 3/8 |
| Henry, John C | 5 | 27 | 9 | 3 | 82 | 9.11 5/25 |
| Vilensky, Rob | 5 | 23 | 7 | 2 | 98 | 14.00 4/31 |
| Matchett, Greg | 7 | 17 | 6 | 4 | 55 | 9.17 4/36 |
| Hayes, Warwick | 4 | 29 | 5 | 7 | 88 | 17.60 2/17 |
| Ridge, Mark | 2 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 27 | 6.75 3/10 |
| George, Thomas | 5 | 24 | 4 | 1 | 73 | 18.25 2/16 |
| Macky, Andrew..... | 3 | 10.2 | 3 | 0 | 22 | 7.33 2/12 |
| Mitchell, Simon..... | 2 | 12.1 | 3 | 1 | 26 | 8.67 2/6 |
| Lind, Stuart E..... | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2.50 2/5 |

CRICKET CLASSICS

Season 2015/16 opened with great expectations after a strong off-season recruiting drive saw the inclusion of several new team members. Round 1 at home we experienced a narrow loss on run-rate against Roseville after the heavens opened half way through the run chase with Briars in a seemingly strong position. Round 2 against competition newcomers Pennant Hills provided us with the first of our five victories throughout the season. Unfortunately the local derby against Ashfield in Round 3 was washed out, always an enjoyable competitive

game with plenty of banter amongst the players. Put bluntly the team performed poorly in Rounds 4 and 5 before finally improving our game in the last match prior to Christmas, falling just short in a 207 run chase posting 9–197 at the end of our allotted overs.

Post-Christmas is where the team finally delivered on our potential in securing four excellent wins against Georges River, Lane Cove, Lindfield and Kur-ing-gai. The only blemish was a close fought loss to Warringah.

Overall the team managed five wins, one wash-out along with five losses. Overall we finished eighth in a 14 team competition, a considerable improvement from previous seasons.

Congratulations to Warwick Hayes who also took out the Classics Player award in scoring 157 runs for the season including four occasions for a 30 retired along with being our leading wicket taker with 13 wickets at an average of 7.92. Warwick brought great enthusiasm and a competitive edge to the team.

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

| Classics Best Batting Performance | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Player | Matches | Innings | Aggregate | Not Out | Best | Average |
| Hayes, Warwick | 5 | 5 | 157 | 4 | 36 | 157.00 |
| Lucas, Steve W | 10 | 10 | 131 | 2 | 30 | 16.38 |
| Matchett, Jeffrey P | 7 | 6 | 78 | 1 | 22 | 15.60 |
| Trewin, Dave | 4 | 4 | 75 | 2 | 30 | 37.50 |
| Cantori, Aldo | 8 | 7 | 75 | 1 | 34 | 12.50 |
| Karmakonda, Sadanand | 7 | 5 | 69 | 1 | 34 | 17.25 |
| Fernando, Gus W | 9 | 8 | 65 | 2 | 16 | 10.83 |
| Schwartz, Mark | 9 | 8 | 64 | 5 | 30 | 21.33 |
| Martin, Ross | 4 | 3 | 54 | 0 | 25 | 18.00 |
| Kirk, Brian A | 10 | 5 | 50 | 3 | 19 | 25.00 |
| Classics Best Bowling Performance | | | | | | |
| Player | Matches | Overs | Wickets | Maidens | Runs | Average Best |
| Hayes, Warwick | 5 | 29.2 | 13 | 0 | 103 | 7.92 4/11 |
| Fernando, Gus W | 9 | 41.4 | 11 | 10 | 112 | 10.18 3/7 |
| Matchett, Jeffrey P | 7 | 28.5 | 8 | 1 | 140 | 17.50 3/9 |
| Lucas, Steve W | 10 | 71 | 6 | 7 | 224 | 37.33 2/13 |
| Ridge, Mark | 2 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 59 | 14.75 3/46 |
| Cantori, Aldo | 8 | 16.3 | 3 | 1 | 49 | 16.33 2/12 |
| Martin, Ross | 4 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 78 | 26.00 2/27 |
| Kirk, Brian A | 10 | 43.3 | 3 | 5 | 142 | 47.33 2/15 |

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

CRICKET JUNIORS

A stellar season of cricket for the Briars Junior cricketers this season! Record participation in all age groups from the littlies of Milo (U4-U6's), our U8's through to the U16's with a couple of men's park cricket teams thrown in for good measure.

The Briars Junior cricketing community has swelled to 33 teams, spread across three cricketing associations involving over 375 players actively participating week in week out through the cricketing season. Our numbers have increased by over 25% in real terms from last season demonstrating that cricket is truly on the rise in Concord. Our Milo programme involving 100 kids both boys and girls rose by 20% last year and is continuing to grow leaps and bounds year on year ably co-ordinated by the indefatigable Louise Hewson and her team of young helpers from the Briars Junior Cricket Club.

I have genuinely felt that judging the success of our cricket club is not by the trophies stored in the cabinet but by the number of players and parents that return the following year. Based upon the above mentioned statistics it is clear that this growth has exceeded even our wildest expectations. Having stated this it would be remiss not to mention that out of our 19 junior teams that played competitive cricket this season we had six that reached semi finals, with three of these progressing to grand finals only to stumble at the final hurdle. Nonetheless our cricketers can be very proud of their achievements and it certainly augers well for the following seasons ahead.

Achievements in brief include Level 1 coaching courses made available to all coaches, six teams venturing to the ACT participating in the Kookaburra Cup, over 100 cricket coaches and managers get-togethers at Briars, official scoring course organised by Cricket NSW and of course our traditional team photo day, an event within itself.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the tireless efforts of the Junior Cricket Committee with special mentions to Gerard Buchanan (Equipment Manager), Matina Moffitt (Treasurer) and Leanne Hewgill (Secretary) for without them there would certainly be no Junior Cricket at Briars and for this on behalf of all players and their families we are all extremely grateful for their magnificent contributions to our great club.

The Junior Cricket Club is in good hands and we would like to thank Glen Taylor and the Board of Briars for their ongoing and unwavering support of junior cricket, and we very much look forward to our truly only national sporting code growing in the Concord District in the seasons ahead.

Chris Burt - President Briars Junior CC

UNDER 8 WHITE

For most of the team, this was their first real season of playing cricket and every member embraced the game with passion, enthusiasm and a desire to succeed. Coming together from different schools to join the Briars Club, the team very quickly formed a bond and comradeship that carried them through the season. Every member of the team improved throughout the season and developed their all-round skills in the game from batting, bowling and fielding. As confidence built, the team were able to squeeze extra runs from every ball faced and set some challenging targets for the opposition to face. Communication in the field and backing up behind the wickets were real strengths enhanced by real depth in the bowling attack.

Whilst the success of the team speaks for itself in finishing the season with 15 wins from 16 starts the real joy comes in the way that each member improved, were gracious in their competitive spirit and proud of their achievements as a team. Members of the team were: Callum Padman, Xavier Foster, Akash Shaw, Joshua Robinson, Christian Laurens, Mark Everett, Matthew Sanderson, Luca Sattout, Sam Johnstone and Xander Lapins.

UNDER 8 GOLD

Lachlan Maniscalco: Has been a very committed and dedicated player. An excellent all-rounder with great technique with the bat and ball.

Hamish Turner: Has been a great asset to the team. He has improved immensely with his balling. Is great at batting and running between the wickets.

Hugh Gacitua: Is an awesome all-round player. Loves to hit sixes and his technique out in the field, especially his catches, are first class. His respect for the coach and manager has been greatly appreciated.

Issac Perkins: Is another great all-round player. Experienced with batting. Bowls some serious pace for his age and a running machine between the wickets.

Joe Valtwie: Has improved immensely especially with his bowling. Great team player who loves playing with his mates.

Oliver Moore: Is clearly the most improved player for the season. His bowling, batting and catching has improved greatly.

Hamish Gough: Contributed well to the team with both bat and ball and continues to improve his cricket skills.

Lachlan Wodson: Top season! He is a great bowler and very reliable with the bat. Always supported his team mates when wickets were taken.

Sam Butler: Has a rocket arm and always loves getting out there and having a good hit! Very good runner between the wickets.

Gabriel Encina: Another ripper all-round player! Great at taking wickets and smashing fours with his pull shots.

UNDER 8 RED

Many of the boys in U/8 Red were in their first year of playing organised cricket and our main objective was to see our children have fun and fall in love with the game. We'll have many fond memories of taking our first wicket, or hitting a first boundary. The biggest improvement was around bowling - everyone in the team made huge strides over the season in being able to get the ball down the middle of the pitch with one bounce - the negative to that was that as we got faster and more accurate, the opposition batsmen were increasingly able to hit the ball further...

I'm pretty sure that every child was able to take a wicket during the season, most of the team hit a boundary, and a couple were able to hit a six! Next year's focus will be on taking catches, but we're keen to see everyone back for more runs and more wickets and particularly for more fun. Thanks to everyone in the team for a great season. Members of the team were: Dhruv Dawar, Jaden Gargya, Eshaan Khan, Luca Beckford, Jack Witt, Ryan Scullion, Hugo Farrell, Luke Ellison, Samuel Nixon and Danial Ho.

UNDER 8 BLACK

The 2015/16 season represented the first experience in an organised cricket team for each of the members of the Under 8 Black Briars. It was wonderful to see the improvements in the technical aspects of their respective

games. A vast improvement in throwing, bowling accuracy and batting, on both the front and back foot, was a demonstrable effect of their commitment to training. By walking in with the bowler and backing up the thrower they displayed their progress in tactical awareness also. Most importantly, the boys enjoyed their time together and always supported each other. They played some entertaining cricket. Members of the team included: Jack Allen, Luke Bushell, Riley Campton, Angus Green, Talan Irving, Lorenzo Luzzan, Aahaan Mahtha, Hamish Malone, Oscar Ritchie and Brady Watson.

The team received tremendous support from the parents. We would like to thank them for their assistance, scoring and providing morning tea. Our thanks also go to the team manager Cath Watson for her regular communication and organisation. Thanks for your fine efforts Cath.

We would also like to express our gratitude for the tireless work of the committee members who do a great job indeed. It was a pleasure to coach the boys of Under 8 Black. We hope that they continue to enjoy their cricket long into the future.

UNDER 8 BLUE

Most of the boys started the season never having played cricket and had a fun season. The boys improved with each training session and game. I am sure as long as the boys are involved with cricket they will continue to improve and become ambassadors of the game. Members of the team were: Gurleen Nagra, Liam Goldsworthy, Savindu Ranasinghe, Dev Subbanna, Alexander Marshall, Darcy Yates, Zach Thorne and Zack Kristallis.

UNDER 8 MAROON

The team had an enjoyable season. For all players, it was their first year playing cricket, so learning the rules and how to bat, field and bowl was very exciting. They all improved during the season and are looking forward to coming back next season. Members of the team were: Aaron Siva, Oliver St George, Kavin Sivapirabu, Jaidan Sivapirabu, Ace Sharma, Aaorn Patel, Alexander Germanos, Ryan Jamil, Andrew Rae and Jared Arnold.

UNDER 8 GREEN

The team came together for their first season. They had a great season and enjoyed their time. They improved with every game and looking forward to continuing their journey in junior cricket. Members of the team were: Noah Merhi, Arush Abrol, Dylan Grainger, Ayden Bova, Aryan Mirzan, Noah Capaldi, Francesco Mazza, Arjun Varmani, Andrew Morozoff and Liam Ross.

UNDER 9 MAROON

The 2015/16 season was another enjoyable experience for the boys of the U9 Maroon team. They developed into fine young cricketers and were very successful in the application of their skills during the season. The bowling accuracy and all-round batting talent was of a high standard. In addition, the fielding featured many classy run outs and diving catches. The boys have become real students of the game and exhibited a great thirst to learn about the tactical nuances of the game. As a result they were precocious in their approach to run accumulation and fielding. They played some outstanding cricket. Most importantly, they enjoyed their time together and continued to strengthen their friendship. Members of the team included: William Allen, Cooper Green, Luke Hill, Joshua Malone, Noah Ming, Max Palmisani, Oliver Quinn, Angus Riley, Jedd Sheehy and Oliver Stitt.

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

UNDER 9 GREEN

I was very lucky to have a great bunch of boys that took what they learned in training and applied it really well in games, always in the spirit of the game. Having coached the boys the year before it was very easy to pick up where we left off. The fact that they won most games was an added bonus as they really enjoyed playing with one another. Members of the team were: Matthew Zeederberg, Joseph Bouantoun, Thomas Bouantoun, Jamaal Tuman, Liam Moussa, Fletcher Fischer, Michael Sanderson, Ben Hannah and Peter Alexioiu.

UNDER 9 RED

The team was predominately new to the game, with three returning players. However the boys showed real enthusiasm and eagerness to learn the game. With each week all the boys improved.

Members of the team were: Uvindu Ranasinghe, Luke Broadbent, Kane McKenzie, Hugh Kiernicki, Charlie Kiernicki, Callum Begg, Rohit Dixit, Sabastien Garzaniti, Lachlan Sattout and Kiran Siva.

UNDER 9 BLUE

All players were new to the game of cricket. They had a great season and enjoyed their time. They improved with every game and are looking forward to continuing their journey in junior cricket. Members of the team were: Anthony Alam, Sienna Quinlan, Sienna Maroun, Ameya Shrestha, Sabastian Chatres, Justin Ryan, Hugh Hutton, Luka Raspudic and Archie Leanfore.

UNDER 9 WHITE

This was the second year for the team. The boys had a fun year and continued to improve their cricketing skills. Look forward to next season. Members of the team were: Jack Roberts, Isaac Bushell; James Prichard, Satvik Prasad, Liam Roche, Nicholas Shehata, Patrik Udovici, Ben Chase, Mason Daly and Joseph Lombardo.

UNDER 9 BLACK

The team was in their second year together and started to improve as a team. They had a great year and each player improved. Look forward to next season. Members of the team were: Ryan Michel, Benjamin Ronan, Raed Sayed, Harry Mayne, Dylan Celegon, Thomas Charles, Benjamin Gainsford, Harrison Bunting and Thomas Jansen.

UNDER 9 GOLD

The team was an amalgamation of players from two prior year Under 8 teams. The players worked really hard during the season and had a great season. Team members were: Matthew Plunkett, Billy Kosmas, Alexander Au-Yeung, James Kelly, Logan Barry, Tyeson Hunt, Matthew Morozoff, Liam Dortpinar, Dashiell Guilly and Harshil Vora.

UNDER 10 MAROON

The boys had a great season culminating in a 5th place finish. After a slow start they began to gel together and steadily develop and improve their cricketing skills while learning how to compete as a team. They had a fantastic attitude and were a pleasure to coach. Well done and congratulations boys. Team members were: Matthew Broadbent, Aidan Chan, Christian Furfaro, Jack Harris, Ibrahim Iqbal, Callum McCall, Vijay Ratnavel, Daniel Righi, Aman Shaw, Aneesh Sriram and Taj Thorne.

UNDER 10 WHITE

U/10 white had a great season. The boys played their cricket with high energy and celebrated every wicket. They gave their coach, manager and parents a lot of joy throughout the season. Keep up the practice in the off-season boys!

Zack Narayan: Bowled well again this season and took plenty of wickets. Good pace and bounce.

Moran Abou-Antoun: Left handed batsman that scored plenty on the leg side, started to develop his drives toward the end of the season.

Lachlan Rail: Excellent Wicket keeper that also scored plenty of runs. A great timer of the ball. Bowls fast and has a great throwing arm.

Cassidy Graham: Continued to develop as an all-rounder. Took key wickets and made some impactful innings with the bat.

Aidan Dolan: Again took plenty of wickets in 15/16. His right arm spinners getting the batsman in trouble.

Mitchell Buriss: Much improved bowler in 15/16. Worked hard on his action and is taking more wickets. Bats like a T20 big bash star.

Nate Ticker: Our best bowler in 15/16. Took plenty of wickets with his accurate bowling. Good runner between wickets and made plenty of runs.

Anthony Smith: AJ was our most improved player in 15/16. His batting has come along nicely and he made plenty of runs. Bowling improved too.

Dhillon Jagdev: New player in 15/16, and made a big impression. Made the representative side for his fast bowling and hard hitting with the bat.

Ethan Stefas: New talent in 15/16 that worked hard on his bowling and batting. Took some handy wickets and developed his pull shot.

Bailey Leighton: Fast, accurate bowler. One of our best bowlers in 15/16. Batting improved in every match he played.

Joseph Kalachian: Cricketing skills improved with every game. Energetic in the field and didn't give up his wicket easily when batting.

UNDER 10 BLACK

While results didn't necessarily go our way, the boys will look back on the season as a real learning experience. All boys improved throughout the season and always played with enthusiasm. Members of the team were: Edward Newton, Jvanth Bhoopalan Padua, Luke Bromfield, Christopher Oen, Kavin Maran, Seyon Umaphathy, Anthony Corso, Christian Wansey, Thomas Bird, Lochlan Demark, Grisham Ravindranath and Christopher Hogan.

UNDER 10 GOLD

At the end of the regular season the team finished in fourth spot. Unfortunately we were knocked out in the semi-final. Overall the team had a strong year, improving with every game. Team members were: Finlay Mitchell, Harry Phillips, Charlie Gray, Matthew Gibson, Damian Arrow, Je Doyle, Henry Hewson, Luka Petelevitch, PJ (Peter John) Goth-Towney, Harrison Bamford, Riley Cooper and Garry Young.

UNDER 11 BLACK

U11 Black welcomed six new players to Briars and the team gelled quickly. The boys' enthusiasm and determination shone through time and time again, particularly with many outstanding bowling and fielding performances throughout the season. The team had great success finishing the regular season 3rd out of 14 teams. Unfortunately due to competing school cricket commitments we had to forfeit the semi-final. Despite this the boys should be very proud of their efforts as they have a great season to look back on. A fabulous team effort by: Archie, Alex C, Alex H, Andrew, Benny, Damian, Jack, James, Josh L, Josh W, Matt, Peter, Sam and Tom. Awards: Best Batsman Damian Ryan, Best Bowler Jack Buchanan, Coaches Award Matt Peruzzi.

UNDER 11 MAROON

Under 11 Maroon enjoyed a successful season winning the minor premiership. Unfortunately they bowed out of their title defense in Week 1 of the Finals. Throughout the regular season the team won more games than any other team in the competition. A highlight of the season was the improvement of many players in all facets of their play. Team members got along together and the boys were fantastic to coach.

Well done boys! Members of the team were:

Joseph Bouantoun - Joseph's bowling again improved this year and you could see him enjoy his cricket more as a result.

Mark Chiswick - Mark is a very talented player who was a joy to coach. A very powerful batter, very consistent with his scoring and very accurate with his bowling.

Toby Cohen - Toby is a very good player who is a true all-rounder. He contributes so well in all facets of his game – batting, bowling and fielding.

Patrick Cummins - Patrick keeps striving to improve and he is regularly landing more deliveries and taking wickets. He loves his team and playing every week with his mates.

Hamish Gordon - Hamish is maturing with his batting and is a very busy runner between wickets. He is a natural slip fielder and fills in at keeper admirably when required.

James Hewgill - James continues to show his knowledge of the game and ably assists other players with field placements. A fast scorer who can quickly build up some high scores.

Raj Johnston - Raj's bowling is improving every week and his swinging of the ball gets him many wickets. A pleasure to coach.

Tyrone Pannuti - Tyrone has a great all round game, has improved so much with his batting and will grow into a very accomplished cricketer.

Liam Penwill - Liam is a very consistent cricketer who works tirelessly on his game. He has been a regular rep player and leads by example with his captaincy of the team.

Akhil Powar - Akhil's first year was one of improvement. A talented leg spinner who just loves his cricket.

Rameez Vu - Rameez showed his abilities behind the stumps and has grown into a very good keeper. Loves his fielding and is growing into a good team player.

Shivam Wadhwa - Shivam is a quiet achiever who goes about his business in a very workmanlike fashion. A talented batter and much improved fast bowler.

UNDER 11 GOLD

Whilst results didn't necessarily go our way, the boys will look back on the season as a real learning experience. They steadily developed and improved their cricketing skills while learning how to compete as a team. Members of the team were: Oliver Cohen, Callum Mansfield, Lachlan Begg, Dylan Bunting, Matthew Carr, Ivan Alexander, Angus Gray, Matthew Wollen, James Egan, Roan Fahy, Nicholas Bazouni, Zac Morgan and Harry Georghegan-Leech.

UNDER 12 BLACK

U12 Briars Black started out with only 11 players most of whom had not played competitive cricket before. Despite this the team won two games and drew one during the season and almost made it to the final series. The team spirit and camaraderie between the players was exceptional. Every player supported their mates whether batting, bowling or fielding. Every player played every position during the season and some discovered hidden skills they never knew they had. The parents, manager and coach are very proud of the team's courage and determination. Go the mighty BB's. Members of the team were: Archer Gray, Benny Brooks, Damian Ryan, James Vertannes, Joshua Wodson, Andrew D'Addona, Jack Buchanan, Tom Mackie, Alexander Hutton, Alexander Colreavy, Matthew Peruzzi, Peter Pisano and Josh Lo Surdo.

UNDER 12 GOLD

The team had a solid year and finished the regular season in fourth spot. Unfortunately we were unable to win our semi-final against Briars Maroon. The boys improved throughout the season and well down for the season. Members of the team were: Jack Eccleston, Pranitpal Nagra, Ronnie Rastogi, Ned Arnold, Reuben Linton, Christopher Alexiou, Joshua Smith, John Melia, Anthony Ciano and Kaif Khan.

UNDER 12 MAROON

At the end of the regular season the team finished on top of the ladder with solid performances throughout the year from all players. An excellent semi-final win against our other club team Briars Gold. Unfortunately we were unable to keep up our winning way and lost the grand final. Overall I am very proud of the team's performance. Well done to all the boys. Team members were: Jeffrey Badrous, Ben Casey, Nicholas Malakellis, Blake McKenzie, Jordan Michas, Jake Narayan, Rian Surti, Dane Wells, Daniel White, Darcy Cohen, William Deller, Brayden Bowhill-Hayes and Alexander Pizzinga.

UNDER 12 BLACK (TRI)

After starting the season slowly the boys developed their skills and won a number of games. The boys worked hard to develop their skills and finished the season with great enthusiasm. Members of the team were: James Hraiki, Jivan Naganathan, William Johnson, Alexander De Popolo, Johnathan Stuart, Adrian Biscotti, Declan O'Brien, Alexander Turner Jensen and Harrison Buckley.

UNDER 12 GOLD (TRI)

The team struggled in this competition but never lost their enthusiasm in playing cricket each week. The boys improved each week and finished the season. Despite this the team won two games and drew one during the season. Team spirit and camaraderie between players was exceptional. Members of the team were: Ben Brady, Tom Dredge, Jack Curren, Oliver Udovicic, William Perkins, Louis Menanti, Charles Cooper, Matteo Guerra, Nicholas Enno, Jude Robinson, Isaac Cunningham and William Inkpen.

UNDER 12 MAROON (TRI)

The team had a solid year, finishing the regular season in third place just missing out in a spot in the final. The team improved throughout the season. The boys worked hard to improve their individual skills and were always enthusiastic. Members of the team were: Finn Gray, Tom Buchanan, Adam Brooks, Matthew Cassar, Anton Denmark, Riley Fitzroy, Kian O'Neill, Anthony Carbo, Thomas Allsopp, Riyann Khan, Jayden Merhi, Fabian Di Mento and Luke Abraham.

UNDER 13 MAROON

The under 13 Maroon had a solid season and finished in fourth place. The team had an excellent semi-final by defeating the minor premiers and progressing to the grand final. Unfortunately the team could not reproduce their semi-final performance and were defeated. I am very proud of the achievements by all the boys during the season. Members of the team were: Jack Benchoam, Thomas Moussa, James Threlkeld, Liam Gordon, Nick Kennedy, Jack Bakker, Mahesh Rajendran, Jordan Tornatore, Kogulan Senthurchelvan, Ethan Marshall, George Kosmas and Jacob Ali.

UNDER 14 MAROON

The U14 Maroon was a combination of players from the previous two U13 teams. What was pleasing was how well they all got on and supported one another and were enthusiastic at training and games. From a tough first game of chasing 240, the boys really improved their bowling and fielding throughout the season and in one game knocked a team over for only 26. There were also a number of batting highlights throughout the season – which combined with improved bowling and fielding led us to many wins and third on the table and the finals. The end of season team dinner was also a highlight and I'm sure the boys will back again next season! Team members: Vrishank Pendyala, Trent Stanmore, Marti Zenos, Anhad Lamba, Jet Wells, Blaise McKee, Aidan Gardner, Kaam Eyvaz, Luke Antoniadis, Rohan Whitting, Lochlan Lee, Jared McKenna, Jack Garbutt and Nick Kosmas.

UNDER 14 MAROON (TRI)

The U14 Maroons had another extremely enjoyable and successful season. It was pleasing to see improvement in individual skills. We had a season theme of working in partnerships whilst batting and bowling and contributing to the team. We worked hard on players supporting their teammates through actively sharing information on opponents, assistance during tough times and moderation during the good. The boys embraced the philosophy, and all benefited and saw the value in it. In keeping with our philosophy of enjoyment, we started each session with a team huddle and a joke! A testament to the qualities and decency of the team was that our final pool match was a last ball loss to a team who enjoyed very few wins. Our Briars boys appreciated what the thrilling result meant to our opponents and heartily and genuinely congratulated them. We were well beaten in the final by Ryde Hunters Hill. Congratulations to them.

After some five years together, this team is disbanding due to rep opportunities, school commitments, golf and change of priorities. I know I speak for Georgie Arrow, Steve Maronese and all the helpers and parents when I say it has been a pleasure to have been part of their cricket and life journeys. We all wish you well with your cricket and hope it gives you a lifetime of enjoyment. Leave the game better than you found it. Members of the team were: Mathew Maronese, James Lopes, Trent Stanmore, Jakob Turner-Jensen, Connor Barry, Joshua Lee, Tom Winters, James Arrow, Adam Angelis, Saarang Arvind, Jared McKenna, Nick Cullen, Arya Thakur and Tom Sidgreaves.

UNDER 16 GOLD

The team worked hard but had a tough season. However it was pleasing to see the improvement in individual skills. As a team with a number of new players we worked on developing a team environment. Team members were: Harrison Green, Alfonso Costa, Madhav Sunderram, Ryan Miklich, Mihir Razdan, Jacob Mossin, Michael Gordon, Benjamin Wood, Rahil Ajmera, Miles Cheetham, Sanjan Naganathan and David Moraitis.

UNDER 16 MAROON

The team had a solid final season, finishing in fourth place. They progressed to the semi-final but unfortunately lost. A number of these boys have now completed the junior cricket with Briars and I wish them all the very best. Members of the team were: Joshua Hong, Jai Surti, Kiran Surti, Thileeprahul Ramesh, Billy Smith, Ashton Whitting, Dylan Jenkin, Charles Prentice, Bryson Hart, Liam Ferrier, Mohana Bhogadi and William Christie.

A AND B GRADE MEN'S CRICKET

Concord Briars entered two teams in the Seniors Inner West Harbour Cricket Association 2015-16 competition - in the A and B grade competitions. While the two successful premierships of the 2014-15 season could not be repeated, the players had another enjoyable season. The A grade team was again successful in making the finals and having a number of personal highlights along the way. This included both Matthew Plunkett and David Sirt notching another two centuries each and finishing second and third on the aggregate run scorers for the association. While B Grade didn't make the finals they welcomed a number of new players to the team and notched up various wins throughout the season.

RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In 2016 Briars Rugby remained in Division 4. Our competition in Division 4 is diverse and drawn from across Sydney: Blacktown, Canterbury and Rouse Hill in the western suburbs, Macquarie University in the north and Harlequins and Irish in Sydney's east.

Briars Rugby commenced preseason training in February 2016. We were pleased to retain our 2015 coaching staff and welcomed two new members to our coaching staff, Andrew Bate (Second Grade) and Luke Sinai (Third Grade). Our off-season recruitment efforts were as successful as in previous years, with a good number of new players to the club. Briars lost players from 2015 with retirements, Shute Shield recruitments and movements to other clubs. Briars offset these losses by recruiting a number of new players, many who hadn't played before in a very long time.

The preseason preparations included trial games against St Pats, Drummoyne and St Ives, and the Subbies Sevens' event. The season was launched with a social event at the Bath Arms Hotel in Burwood, with a large contingent of new players coming along to meet the rusted on players.

Briars Rugby held a number of events throughout the season, with Rothwell Park hosting seven games in the season. Ladies Day raised funds for the Breast Cancer Network and First Grade wore pink socks in support of the cause. Old Boys Day paid tribute to the former players of the club. Back to Briars Day was held as our last home game which is focused on the family side of the club. It brought our new Junior Rugby players down for the day, who ran out onto the ground with First Grade and enjoyed the jumping castle. 2016 also saw the return of the Briars Annual Dinner, hosted by Rugby. The Concord Function Centre was packed out with Old Boys, Current Players, families and supporters. A big thanks to our Old Boy MC Arran Coughlan and speaker for the evening, Gordon Bray.

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

The season ended with an exhibition game against the Singleton Army side at their base in Singleton. Players from all grades joined together to play and enjoy a break in the Hunter Valley together. As the second year of this end of season game, it is the start of another tradition, where Briars and the Army will play an exhibition game each year, alternating between grounds.

Awards for the season were as follows:

| Awards | First Grade | Second Grade | Third Grade |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Best and Fairest | Luke Schofield | Matt Carew | Mark Nelson |
| Most Improved | Ben Highham | Andrew Hogg | Rob Hamilton |
| Players Player | Lachlan Cameron | Leafa Namulauula | Luke Sinai |

Club Awards:

Toby Crisp Award for U/21 of the Year - Lachlan Cameron

Rookie of the Year - Luke Schofield

Clubman of the Year - Greg Black

2016 saw a strong year for Briars Rugby financially with an almost break-even budget without a grant from the Sports Club, well in front of the expected budget figures at the start of the year. The continued turnaround of the financial standing of Rugby was achieved through a number of new sponsors, a strong canteen intake, the collection of 97% of the rugby fees and the due diligence of the committee to cut costs and monitor spending.

We would like to acknowledge all the volunteers who pour their own time in above and beyond their professional and family time every week of the year to run the club, game days, organise each season and do their best to make Briars a successful Rugby club. The committee consisting of Kerry Constanti, David Lannan, Rebecca Burton, Alex Gonano, AJ Fiatarone, Luke Sinai, Ash Simpson, Dan Holt, Dante Finlay Melville and Damien Johnson should be commended for their continued effort. Additional volunteers to be acknowledged are the Lannan and Constanti family who ran the canteen, David Lewis for managing our game sheets, Greg & James Black for their recruitment and game day support, Anthony Deep for providing music and MC activities at the game and all Old Boys and Supporters who turned up to the games to cheer on the teams and continue the Briars spirit.

2017 will produce new challenges and opportunities for Briars Rugby. The Committee and Supporters are looking forward to a successful year ahead with the support of the Briars Club, and other sports, as we work together to be the best sporting club for our players and members.

RUGBY FIRST GRADE

Played: 14 Won: 4 Loss: 10 Table: Fifth of 7 Points: 205 For - 603 Against

Award Recipients:

Best and Fairest - Lachlan Cameron

Players Player - Luke Schofield

Most Improved - Ben Higham

Suffice to say season 2016 was not one of our best and somewhat challenging to say the least for our first graders. On reflection there could be many an excuse made for the season's results however that is not what this team was about and not what they will be remembered for. Week in and week out our core group of first graders fought tooth and nail for their teammates and the club, they broke bones, dislocated limbs and tore muscles all in the pursuit of elusive wins and whilst those wins were few and far between this season the group never gave up and kept fighting to the very last round.

A highlight of season 2016 was the first grade debuts of some outstanding new Briars, the emergence of some future first grade legends and the long awaited debuts of some outstanding clubmen, it is always a special moment for both the club and the player alike when there is a first grade debut and 2016 featured many memorable debuts.

On behalf of all those who wore the first grade jersey in 2016 I would like to take this opportunity to express our immense gratitude to the following individuals who contributed so much this season on the paddock and stood proud week in and week out in challenging circumstances - Ash (El Capitano), Dave (DA), Ian (Cheesy), Jay, Luke, Benny H, Benny D, Daddy, Alex and last but by no means least Lachlan (Sunshine).

I would like to make special mention of Mr Ben Manion. Ben is without question one of the finest coaches in rugby. Ben's unparalleled ability to simplify the complex and drastically improve players of all abilities has contributed greatly to both the club and individual players alike during the season.

Looking ahead to Season 2017 I sincerely hope that our core group sticks together and achieves the future success they truly deserve, at the core of this squad is a championship winning team however such success will not come easily and certainly will not come without hard work and sacrifice.

Finally on behalf of first grade I would like to express our sincere appreciation to, Schmoo and the Committee for their tireless efforts this season, Benny, Batey and Lukey for their valuable coaching contributions, Dave our manager extraordinaire, our wives, girlfriends, children, friends, mothers and fathers for their unwavering support, Mr and Mrs Lannan and Mr Constanti for subbies best canteen and last but by no means least those who came out and supported the team on the sidelines home and away throughout the season.

Damien Johnson - First Grade Coach

RUGBY SECOND GRADE

Played: 14 Won: 9 Draw: 1 Loss: 4 Table: Second of 7 Points: 382 For - 255 Against

Award Recipients:

Best and Fairest - Matt Carew

Players Player - Leafa Namulauula

Most Improved - Andrew Hogg

The season commenced with a narrow lost to Sydney Irish away, this narrow defeat displayed many traits, which define this team talented, resilient and threatening. The team developed throughout the season to become a ruthless and exciting team to watch, playing a brutal and thrilling brand of rugby. A diverse group of characters, ages and personalities which worked well on the field, a strong will to win ensured the boys constructed a number of great victories and a couple of narrow bonus point defeats.

With a strong core group of leaders, new and young players I hope to see them all return for next season as I have no doubt with another season together and hopefully more trainings sessions together cannot just advance to the grand final but take it out. The team and club suffered a high number of injuries this season, which often force guys to play out of position or play with injury.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who played second grade this season and assisted the team in anyway. Finally on a personal note I'd like to express how much I enjoyed my first time as a coach and this was due to the quality of the guys in the team.

Andrew Bate - Second Grade Coach

RUGBY THIRD GRADE

Played: 14 Won: 7 Draw: 1 Loss: 6 Table: Fourth of 7 Points: 239 For - 297 Against

Award Recipients:

Best and Fairest - Mark Nelson

Players Player - Luke Sinai

Most Improved - Rob Hamilton

Third Grade was a pleasure to coach this year and with plenty of support from the committee and coaches made my job a lot easier, Damo, Batey and Ben huge thanks. I am very blessed to be part of an excellent culture and comradeship at the Briars.

The Third Grade playing group had a great mix of youth and age, new faces and old. The year was up and down winning just over half our games and drawing one, however with great determination and guts the boys finished fourth on the ladder gearing up for finals. Even though falling short the boys showed great conviction in our second half resurgent against Sydney Irish at their home ground in the wet.

Special mentions to both Adrians' who were standouts on defence. Ricky our Flyhalf who lead the boys around the park week in week out. Schmoo and Blackie for standing up against some very large and experienced forward packs.

Well deserved awards to Mark Nelson who stood up for captain duties when needed and was by far our Best and by far Fairest on field. Big Rob Hamilton what can I say but HERE WE GO BOYS! Awesome on field and getting better and better and earning his most improved award. A huge congratulations to Greg Black for his clubman award. Truly a legend in our club. Puts all the young guys to shame.

All in all a pleasure and an honour to play and coach. On the Briars 2017.

Luke Sinai - Player/Coach

RUGBY CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank not only the playing group, but also the Briars Committee and Board for giving me the privilege of being club captain again this year, a position I value greatly! 2016 saw many challenges arise for the Briars players. However the determination from a core group of players wanting to Make Briars Great Again, saw 2016 become a successful, enjoyable and memorable season.

No moment is more memorable than the three peat final round of the regular season. In front of a big crowd at the sacred Rothwell Oval and up against a strong rival club in Sydney Harlequins, we knew we were in for a hard day. The weather produced a great day for running rugby and we kicked it off with a fantastic 17-5 win from Third Grade. Second Grade followed this with a solid and well deserved 29-12 victory. The success of the day thus far and the crowd still building, the men of First Grade were fired up to beat the pointy end of the table for the first time this year. From the kick off, you could tell Briars were there for business and with credit going to our forwards defence and speed out wide, the Briars could look their first graders in the eye and be proud of their 22-15 WIN!

Special mention must also go to our players social committee for bringing the players of 2016 together. Many events at Greenlees were a contributing factor to a strong on field bond. The annual game against the Singleton

Army Lions saw team bonding at a maximum level and some new Briars traditions were introduced. If only Sam Pelicano could talk...

Whilst Briars is a professional outfit, a social focus is very important in recruitment and for 2017 this will be a big focus.

A successful season all in all with two out of three grades playing finals rugby and only losing in grand final spot playoffs to two very quality sides. A credit also to the number of supporters and first graders who travelled to show their support.

I have personally played for many clubs over the years, but I can honestly say I wouldn't want to be anything but a Briar.

Ash Simpson

RUGBY JUNIORS PRESIDENT REPORT

Following on from our successful first year as part of the Inner West Mini Competition, Junior Rugby added a third team to the roster.

This year saw us with Under 6's, Under 7's and an Under 9's teams. Although we started the year short one of two players in a couple of teams, our numbers grew quickly in the first few weeks of the season.

Our Under 6's played the entire season down a player, however, they put as much commitment to the games as any full team of players. Despite a few alterations being required to the jerseys to stop them looking like nightgowns, the Under 6's shone in Briars gold wearing them proudly.

The Under 7's started the season with eight players, but quickly grew to 11 players after the first few rounds including Briars Rugby first female member. Some real talent is starting to bloom with some names to watch in the future.

Under 9's started the season with the required ten players, however that dropped to nine after an unfortunate injury early in the season. This was followed by another addition taking numbers back up to ten.

With a growing player base, we relocated our training sessions from the back green at the clubhouse out onto Greenlees Park on Thursdays evening under lights to accommodate. This allowed for greater drills and activities for all involved.

We had a great number of parents willing to step up and help with coaching requirements and I would like to thank Matthew Crippa, Aaron Boyter, Gerard Dillon, Sean Toomey and John Tassopoulos for all their hard work during the season.

Looking forward to 2017, the current Under 9's team will move into the Sydney Junior Rugby Union Competition which is played on Sunday mornings as to not clash with school sport. We hope to host our home games at Rothwell Park in front of the new pavilion.

In early 2017 we will be holding some Try-Rugby clinics to introduce Rugby to a wider base. Hopefully, this will assist in allowing us to reach our goal of five teams in 2017 from Under 6's through Under 10's.

Jules Boyter – President Junior Rugby

RUGBY UNDER 6S

The under 6's had a great first year of rugby. All the boys played the game in great spirit and began to develop the building blocks that will see them well into their careers as future Wallabies. Core attacking skills such as passing, dummy passing and side stepping improved significantly throughout the year, as did the boys ability to defend as a team.

Aidan Elali: Powerhouse runner of the ball, excellent evasive skills and always close by in support.

Aiden Rimes: Improved consistently throughout the year and always contributed to the team camaraderie.

Yuveer Dawar: The speedster of the team with an excellent turn and pass.

Toby Boyter: Super keen, always active in both attack and defence. Top (sideline) try scorer.

William Boyter: Helped out the under 6's all year, great club spirit and played nicely with the younger boys.

Josh Jenkins: Excellent at training and paid dividends come game time. Solid defender and good runner of the ball.

Daniel Crippa: Loved playing the game. Used the dummy and step well to make space in attack.

Matthew Crippa - Rugby Under 6s Coach

RUGBY UNDER 7S

Building from a solid base built in Under 6's, the Under 7's continued to perfect the skills they had been working on in 2015. Most training sessions concentrated on draw and pass with varying drills aimed at developing this skill. It took almost all season, but the final games saw it finally start to sink in with the players. As such, we were rewarded with seeing some entertaining rugby and great teamwork.

Big thanks to Gerard Dillon for his assistance both at training and game day. Managing the bench at times looked more daunting than managing those on the field.

Well done to all the players for their efforts and looking forward to a strong Under 8's in 2017.

Zac Toomey: Consistently happy and carefree. Always listening to coaching instructions and happy to share the ball with others despite his obvious ability and talent.

Angus Dillon: Craves the ball and able to create with the ball in hand. Angus' enthusiasm will see him thrive in 2017 as we move into full contact.

William Boyter: Excelled once working out that rugby is a game of inches and best played by running forward, not backwards. Will benefit from the move into contact in 2017.

Felix Beckford: Outstanding team player. Listens intently at training, always with a smile on his face. A real rugby thinker.

Shannon Donegan: Shannon took to Rugby in her first year as if she was born to play. Brilliant attacker and great listener. Absolute pleasure to coach.

Max Portelli: Elusive with the ball and able to anticipate in defence. Excelled in emptying his parents pockets after the promise of 1 dollar per try.

Beckett Graham: Always keen to take the field with an uncanny ability to keep score. Continued to improve throughout the season.

Sebastian Moussa: Consistently best defender - cover defence extraordinaire. Always dangerous with ball in hand.

Harry Chilcott: Future five-eight and leader in the making. By far top passing statistics of the season. Intent listener and pleasure to coach.

Harley Buchan: Able to commentate and play at the same time, then repeat the play after the fact just in case you missed it. Consistent improver, player to watch in the future.

Luke Dunn: Joining the ranks half way through the season, Luke managed some damaging runs and some interesting defensive techniques at fullback. Showed real potential and should do well in the years to come.

Aaron Boyter - Rugby Under 7s Coach

RUGBY UNDER 9S

Briars U9 had an outstanding year in 2016, going from strength to strength throughout the year. Despite playing every game without any reserves, the boys never once gave up and there was never a shortage of players wanting to run the ball or make a tackle. This team is rapidly developing into cohesive and spirited rugby team.

The boys finished the year with some great wins against sides that were more dominant in the previous season. The key to their success has been their bravery, teamwork and comradery, along with the development of their core rugby skills and knowledge of the game.

Jack Callaghan followed up his great U8 season by taking his enthusiasm to new highs and demonstrating David Pocock like skills pilfering ball in the rucks and mauls. Jack also took on the Captain's duties with great composure and maturity.

Dominic Toomey also improved with his tearaway ball running proving difficult for all defensive outfits.

Luca Beckford came into his own at half back. In this position Luca provided good clean ball all season which was critical to the team's success.

Christian Tassopoulous backed up again as the highest try scorer in the team. This year Christian's speed was even more lethal, attacking from third phase play thanks to great lead up work from his forwards.

Liam Donegan was devastating in the rucks and mauls, stealing ball and in everything. Liam also stepped up his running game which added new depth to the team.

Aidan Boustani was fearless in defence and attack, showing bravery beyond his age and size.

Dhruv Dawar was again a real stalwart in the pack. Dhruv was tireless in the rucks and mauls allowing the team to build strong attacking platforms all season.

Lucas Rossato joined the team this year, transferring from league. Lucas brought a much-needed boost in defence, as well as his no nonsense straight running which also gave the team a new dimension in attack.

Christian Sassine also joined Briars this year and as a well-seasoned rugby player brought great experience and composure to the side.

Oscar Dillion took to his first season of Rugby in 2016 like a duck to water. At only seven years of age at the start of the season, Oscar showed he has a big future in the game with superior aggression and speed to the breakdown.

Oliver Boyd, another debutant in 2016, brought another dimension of speed, size and agility to the team and was outstanding in both attack and defence and was always positive.

Sean Toomey - Rugby Under 9s Coach

HOCKEY PRESIDENT REPORT

What a season 2016 has been - six teams with Minor Premierhips, ten teams making the Finals Series, eight teams making the Big Show on Grand Final Day and six of those converting this in to a Premiership. What a great result across the club. I had the pleasure of being out at a number of the Grand Finals across that weekend and the quality of hockey that was being played by our Briars teams was something to be proud of – our juniors remain a force to be reckoned with and our men, despite some of them taking the games down to the wire, showed real strength and determination to make it across the line.

All of this would not be possible without the enormous effort of our 2016 committee:

Vice President and Men's and Juniors Coaching Co-Ordinator - Alan Charlton

Secretary – Andrea Casteriano

Treasurer – John Denniss

Junior Co-Ordinator – Clay Scanlon

Junior Secretary – John Clarke

Registrar and Umpire Co-Ordinator – Chris and Georgie Coombes

Uniforms – Janine Hannigan

Club Captains – Alysha Brady and Tom Budden

Media Manager – Andrew Borg

Social Coordinator – Greg Smith

I cannot thank each and every one of you enough for your hard work and dedication this year.

There are a few non- committee members that I must thank for their work within the club. As always we would like to thank our major sponsor, Gary Bieser from Mortgage Choice Concord. Gary has been our major sponsor for a number of years now and has continued this support constantly which we cannot thank him enough for.

Wal Zol and David Ratcliffe for their tireless works on maintaining and running Cintra – with a new field to work out this year it was a huge step for them and they have come out the other side now knowing how we are going to function there for many years to come. I would also like to make mention of a number of people who stepped up and helped tirelessly in the canteen this year – the Ferrer family, Andrea Casteriano and James Marshall.

John Price for his unwavering support throughout the process of negotiating, building and completing our new Cintra Complex. We are very lucky to have received a world class facility down there and without John this would never have been possible.

To Glen, Monique, Ben, Megan, Tiffany and all the staff here at the Club and Bistro. Thank you for your ongoing support of the hockey club and for allowing us to hold this and other events here at the club throughout the year.

Kylie Norris for always representing hockey at Board level and being our conduit to the greater Briars Sport club. The club has always, and continues to support hockey and we really appreciate it so much. Thank you also to Brett and the extended Board for their continuing support of Hockey through the Cintra development process.

To all our coaches and managers, particularly those who took up a new role this year, thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Good coaches are hard to come by and this year I have seen a number of new coaches who have been fantastic.

Finally to you the players, thank you for being a part of what is a great legacy. Briars Hockey was established in 1946 and in 2016 we celebrated our 70th year which is a great achievement. Our first premiership was in 1950 for our men and our women took out a premiership in their first year of competition in 1977 and here we stand in 2016 still striving high and taking home the silverware. The fact that you choose to represent the gold and maroon is wonderful and I encourage you to keep it doing it in 2017.

Looking to 2017 I can sense it is going to be another great year, we are thriving across all facets of the club, we are now in Year 2 of the new field which will see it start to settle down and really feel like home and if we continue on the back of our success in 2016 then we have no option then to be the best in 2017.

Emma Ratcliffe - President

HOCKEY WOMEN THIRD GRADE ML3

The ML3 Women started the season with a win and a draw, however they were not able to continue this run to make the finals. They finished in eighth position with three wins and four draws. In a grade that has a mix of first second and third grade club teams, they certainly held their own and had some quality performances through the year. Due to numbers in higher grades some past ML3 players were given the opportunity to step up into the top grades. Consequentially this was a great opportunity for the club to introduce some of the younger players to the third grade side. It was difficult to keep a consistent team throughout the season. One reason for this was that two players picked up season ending injuries just past the half way part of the season. All players had to move positions regularly, which was especially challenging for the younger players. Despite facing relegation after losing to the last placed team the girls stayed strong and persistent, going on to beat some of the better sides. The team was very youthful in attack, with the older heads mostly taking up the defence – moving players to get this balanced led to more success in front of goal.

Players Player was Tegan Neowhouse, Best and Fairest went to Olivia Ferrer and Coaches Award to Celeste Dao.

This team definitely belong in this grade, however they will need an exceptional year to challenge the first and second grade teams they play against in the future. Well done on a solid year in this difficult division.

HOCKEY WOMEN FIFTH GRADE ML6

ML6 had a rough start to the year as the team adjusted to a few new players and a new coach. After several weeks of hard work at both training and in the games the team finally saw some reward for their efforts with a dramatic late draw against Glebe followed by a couple of wins and some more hard fought draws. Throughout the whole season players were given opportunities to play a variety of positions across the pitch which they seized upon to learn and grow into better hockey players. Overall there was improvement in skills across the board off the back of all that hard work at training and in the game, special mentions to Jessica Perkins and Maeve Kelaher for making huge bounds in improving their game and sharing many players player votes between them. I hope that all of the players enjoyed the season and got something out of it and will look forward to an even better 2017.

HOCKEY MEN SECOND GRADE

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Troy Prescott (Coach), Mark Flack (First Grade Coach) and Michael Imer (Manager Extraordinaire). Without the tireless work of these very committed guys we wouldn't have had the season we did.

To the season, 2016 is probably best summed up as the 'year that finally was'. After four consecutive years of preliminary final heartbreak the second grade guys finally got the job done. New Cintra didn't have to wait long to get a trophy in the cabinet!

2016 was a year of inconsistency largely at the beginning. Dropping points to lower ranked clubs and losing sight of the top two, finishing the first half of the season in a reasonably good position considering. Preso was big on having fun and getting back to basics, not letting past disappointments put unnecessary pressure on the team. The team displayed that on their day not many clubs in Sydney would be able to match it with them, playing some absolutely incredible hockey throughout the year (for up to 60 minutes).

After what felt like a very long season (17 round games), which consisted of ten wins, three draws, four losses (two to eventual grand final opponents Sutherland), 60 goals for and 34 goals against, the finals series saw us first play arch nemesis Sydney University in a replay of the previous year's heartbreaking golden goal loss in the preliminary final. On this occasion the Briars were 5-2 victorious over the reigning premiers in a game that the score line probably didn't reflect the closeness of the contest.

Next up, we took on a red hot (second placed) Ryde, a team that Briars had 5-1 in the very first game of the season and a 3-3 draw. The Briars took a great deal of confidence in to the match having won their last four games, eventually winning a very close and gripping encounter 2-1 against a very talented team that would have felt very unlucky to have not progressed.

And finally to the Grand Final against Sutherland who previous beat us comfortably (4-2 & 4-1) in both encounters.

Past results mattered little in the big one, second grade got the job done in one of the most absorbing and intense grand finals I have seen or been lucky enough to be involved in, eventually winning 3-2 (Goals to Derryn Allsop, Laine Carr and the evergreen Adam Bannister) being pushed till the final whistle by a very talented and hard running Sutho. Congrats boys, About time!!!!

GRAND FINAL TEAM

Blake “Blakos” Durance: MVP and one of the players of the GF, what more can you say about the old bloke!

Michael “Tranny” Tran: Unbelievable hand eye coordination, as good at trapping a bouncing ball as he is at sniffing out commission on the Good Guys showroom floor!

Nathan “Nate-dog” Woellner: The save of the Grand Final, in one moment completely erased everyone’s memory of his own goal earlier in the season.

Laine “Big Dog” Carr: Any more relaxed on the ball he would be asleep, great young player with a huge future ahead of him, players-player by the length of the straight.

Nic “The Cat” Candido: Like a runaway train, quick as lightning and can beat the best defenders given the smallest amount of space, bit of a headless chook on the ball but as dangerous on the ball in the comp as anybody.

Chris “Cunz” Coombes: Three-time premierships winner Mr Reliable hasn’t slowed down at his old age... he’s always been a log.

Reuben “Roobs” Koorey: Phar Lap, Crowded House, Pavlova, Russel Crowe and now Rueben Koorey has just been added to the list of things New Zealand gave us and we gladly accepted, not bad for a Kiwi ginger.

Adam “B” Bannister: Bringing up his 1000th senior game for the club in the Grand Final was the perfect scenario for him to not only score a goal, but to play a starring role and finally win a premiership. B mustered all of his experience, being the only player on the field to play a senior match on grass whilst avoiding the offside trap, one of the best on ground in the GF, a true club legend!

Derryn “Dezza” Allsop: The fastest 30+ year old guy in the southern hemisphere! White lightning on the ball and scored a cracker in the GF, the perfect way to get off the nudey run!

Lee “Marsha” Brady: Forever living in his brother-in-law’s shadow, the man they call Marsha finally made a name for himself with selection in the aging Aussie team, it pains me to say this, he can actually play a bit.

Xavier “Xav-Xav” Dao: One of real characters in the team, the Samoan international would talk under water with a mouth full of marbles! Very smart hockey player too, had a great season that he should be very proud of.

Pete “Sneaky Pete” Barber: When he is not crunching numbers, he is crunching backboards, the pride of Albury, another guy who will talk your ears off!

Andrew “Goal scoring machine” White: Scored the two best goals of 2016, not bad for a guy who only scored two goals all season.

Oscar “Waffles aka Oscar Chi” Quix: Good things come in small packages, they don’t get any better (or smaller) than Waffles, and he was great in 2016!

Jake “Jakos” Imer: May not be an Olympian, but has two senior SHA premierships medals, BEAT THAT ADAM!

Andrew “Borgie” Borg: Just about cost the team the win with an air swing in the GF, cheers Nate for cleaning up the mess!

Thank you to all the players who contributed throughout the season (hopefully nobody has been overlooked): Donga, G, Ratty, Fergy, Corz, Seb-Seb, Bairdy, TJ, Fishdog and Rash.

2016 AWARD WINNERS

Second Grade: SHA Premier League 2 Premiers and Briars Hockey Club Team of the Year

Blake Durance: Blake Durance Award AKA Most Valuable Player

Laine Carr: Players Player and Briars Hockey Rising Star

Andrew White: Most Improved, Goal of the Season vs Norwest Strikers (Rd12 Pennant Hills Park)

Lee Brady: SHA Second Grade leading goal scorer

Finally thank you to Emma and your amazing the committee for your work.

Andrew Borg

HOCKEY MEN THIRD GRADE

This was a season of what could have been for our third grade men. We were a very different looking team to previous years with the introduction of some 15, 16 and 17 year old players mixed in with some more experienced ones.

After a rough first two games we started to get a bit of a roll on and we were not beaten in the next 13 games. The way that SHA had changed the top four grades meant that we were not only playing third grade teams but some other clubs second grade teams and in a few instances first grade players but each week we turned up, ran hard for each other and kept on getting the results we wanted.

Due to representative commitments during the middle of the season the side was quite unsettled with at least two to three of our youngens' away either representing SEHA or NSW as well as myself away coaching NSW but once again the guys stuck together and did the best they could.

We finished the season in sixth with eight wins, five draws and four losses with a goal difference of +10. The competition was that close that up until three weeks to go anyone could finish first or second and leading into the finals I was quite confident, as we had beaten every team in the top six convincingly.

We played against Ryde in our elimination semi-final and after a rough start we were down 2-0 after 10 mins. From then on we had more ball and created more chances but just couldn't finish. And we went down 2-1.

To show how much third grade improved this year, last season we came second last with four wins, two draws and ten losses with a goal difference -21, I think that is an amazing turn around.

This season we had a tie for leading goal scorer with 6 or 7 players on 4 goals each.

Without going on about everyone in the team there are a couple of players I feel deserve a mention.

Our Goalkeeper, David Radcliffe who only put the pads on again late last season had an outstanding year with the least amount of goals against and the passion for his team and club is second to none.

Jack Baxter came to us this year from Penrith, he is only 16 (maybe 17, either way he is young) and showed true commitment to his new club week in week out even missing his Penrith Grand Final to play for us in the elimination final.

Rashil Jetley another one of our young kids playing in his first year of seniors, it took him two games I think to get up to the pace difference between men's and juniors and since then dominated his older opponents.

There are at least four kids in this team that will either be playing second grade consistently next season or pushing the guys in there to keep their spot. Sebastian Saunders, Jack Baxter, Rashil Jetley and Pat Vastani I hope will go a long way in our club.

I could go on about everyone in this team but I won't. I'm really proud of what this group accomplished this year, disappointed we didn't take it further but that's sport.

Alan Charlton

HOCKEY MEN SL1 FIFTH GRADE

2016 saw a revamped SL1 line with only three of 2015 SL1 players in the team (Al O'Connell (Capt), Paul Stephens and William Haigh). The new line up consisted of long time players returning to the game (Ian Reynolds, Greg Dunn and Michael Frost) and two new club members (Chris Hallett and Alex Wagner) in addition to a combination of 2014 fourth grade players (Dion James (highest goal scorer - 10) and Nathan Napper) and rising young-gun Jarrod Scanlon. Troy Jullierat returned to Briars in goals to start the season but was called out to sea (Navy) and Marcus Fung stepped into the role. Rounding out the team was Chris Schasser who was outstanding year this.

Unlike many of the other Briars teams, this WAS the consistent team for 2016. We essentially played with 13 men the full year and when players were unavailable we had Gary Lea (who helped us through the semi and grand final) and Greg Smith help out on the bench.

Our SL1 team were solid all year and narrowly missed out on the minor-premiership having beaten the minor premiers towards the end of the season. SL1 went on to beat the minor premiers in the major semi and then beat Ryde in an exciting penalty shootout in the Grand Final after score was locked following the extra time period. Nathan Napper slotted the winning goal to give Briars a much deserved win!

Fifth Grade attended every training session throughout the year in strong numbers which reflected in the overall results. We trained alongside 6s, 7s and 8s all year.

I would like to thank my PIC Greg Smith for running Wednesday night training when I was away playing Vets and the senior members for contributing to the development of the younger and new players across all teams.

Players Player this year was VERY tight and just pipping the second running by a point was Nathan Napper. Best and Fairest, equally tight also went to Napper. This reflects an awesome consistent performance by Napper throughout the year. Finally, the Coaches Award went to Chris Schasser who was top three in other two awards and got better and better each week and put in 100% all year.

Jimmy Fordham - Coach

HOCKEY MEN SIXTH GRADE

With the addition of a new men's team in 2016, Sixth Grade was made up of a mixture of last year's Fifth and Sixth Grade, some of last year's juniors playing their first year of seniors and a couple of vet players coming back to play weekend hockey.

We finished fifth on the table with nine wins, three draws and six losses. Going into the last round we were fourth on the ladder, two competition points clear of the team below us, UNSW, who we played in that last round. We ended up losing 4-3, after getting out to a 3-0 lead in the first 20 min, we found out later they had stacked their team with only four of the team who played us being eligible to play in the semi final a week later (which they lost). Our best game of the season came in round 10 (unsurprisingly when we had all but two of our squad playing with no fill-ins). It was against UTS who had beaten us two weeks prior 4-2, we got our revenge and scored a 4-1 victory with most goals coming from great build up through the middle of the field.

This year's team consisted of Steve Strain (captain), Joel Osmond, Adam Schasser, James Marshall, David Hayward, Michael Brock, Gary Lea, Jesse Borthwick, David Slater, Clay Scanlon, Luke Gallagher, Patrick Ryan, Luke Dawson, Lincoln Dale, Chad Martin. Due to a number of reasons including work, personal, suspension and holidays, I don't think I had the full squad listed above for any of the games during the season.

A thank you must go out to all the players who helped us out this year. From memory they were Alan O'Connell, Paul Stevens, Nathan Napper, Jarrod Scanlon, Chris Hallett, Alex Wagner, David Osmond, Mike Denniss, Mathijs Van Nederveen, Dave Shurey, Jayden Mills, Pyke Gunning, Remco Prins, Hidde Van Erven Dorens, Nash Weragama, Lennon White, Keith Lemon, Jeremy Saunders, Michael Imer, Jason (U17bs) and myself on two occasions when we were short. This brings my playing roster of this year to 36 players, far too many to get consistent performances week in and week out.

Gary Lea took out both Players' Player and Best and Fairest. Coming down from Fifth Grade and moving into an unfamiliar role at fullback, he was invaluable in both defence and setting up attack. The Coach's award went to James Marshall, who at first struggled with confidence playing men's grades rather than juniors. About a third of the way through the season he found his feet gaining several votes in both Players' Player and Best and Fairest throughout the rest of the season and I believe he played in all but one game this season a rare thing for this team. Luke Dawson played about six games and was the leading goal scorer for the team with eight of the 43 we scored in total.

Thank you to Mike Dennis and Ian Brown for all their help managing not only this team but the other three teams as well. Thank you to James Fordham for taking the majority of the trainings and helping on the sideline when he was around.

Greg Smith - Coach

HOCKEY MEN SEVENTH GRADE

With the addition of an eighth men's team in 2016 and a slight restructure of the competition, the bulk of the team that played Sixth Grade for the last few seasons ended up as Seventh Grade, and in the equivalent division to that we had played in the season prior to 2015 (and a division lower than in 2015). Therefore, we expected to have a successful year.

This proved to be the case with us securing both the Minor Premiership and Premiership. We were understrength in the major semi, going down 3-4 to Macquarie Uni in a tight game. With the full squad available, we defeated Ryde 4-1 in what was an at time spiteful game. The Grand Final was a rematch against Macquarie Uni and we were confident that with a close to full squad (we lost Hidde van Erven Dorens to a fractured thumb courtesy of Ryde) we could get the job done, running out relatively comfortable 3-0 winners.

We started off the season with some solid wins, including 5-1 against Ryde, the 2015 premiers in this division. We won our first five games, then were punished for an ordinary performance, going down 2-1 to a reasonably strong Sutherland side. We didn't lose another game in the regular season, except for a forfeit in the last game, where due a variety of reasons, we only had six fit players. We didn't like forfeiting, but with the minor premiership wrapped up and with other Briars teams having critical games in the last week, we made the hard decision.

While the core of the team remained unchanged (Remco Prins, Pyke Gunning, Derk van Ogtrop, Hidde van Erven Dorens, Ian Brown, Dave Shurey, Don Ball and Mike Denniss) we had a number of changes in personnel this year. Last year's Coach's Award winner, Luis "Frenchy" Barguno returned to Europe for work, Jeremy Saunders and Gary O'Sullivan both decided to concentrate on Masters and Joel Osmond, Dave Hayward, Michael Brock and Adam Schasser remained in 6s. Joel's father Dave "Ozzie" Osmond returned to fill the extra keeper spot generated by the addition of a team. Other new players were Mathjis van Nederveen (keeping up our average of one new Dutch player a year), Stephan Richartz, Nash Weragama and Jayden Mills (who made the step up from Juniors).

Again we had a few sixth and eighth grade players help us out during the year. Thanks to Steve Strain, Michael Brock, Dave Hayward, Jesse Borthwick, Simon Bergfield, John Denniss, Keiren O'Shea, Kealan Coleman and Jamie McLeod.

Pyke Gunning was again both our Players' Player and Best and Fairest. His contribution to the team is invaluable, as he is (usually) the epitome of calm and control, and steps up to play which ever position is best for the team on the day. The Coach's Award went to Hidde van Erven Dorens, who polled highly in both the Players' Player and Best and Fairest votes, and was second highest goal scorer (behind Remco) with eighteen goals. Remco was highest goal scorer with 21 during the regular season and four in the finals.

Thank you to Ian Brown for the awesome job he does managing the team year in and year out, and also to Greg Smith, James Fordham, Adam Schasser and Al O'Connell who all contributed to coaching the team.

Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2016 – it was great playing with you guys. Congratulations on the outstanding results and a very enjoyable season and I hope to see you all back in 2017.

Mike Denniss - Captain

HOCKEY MEN EIGHTH GRADE REPORT

Result: First on ladder with 14 wins, one draw and three losses

Last season 8ths improved and made the semis. This season we took it a couple of steps further, topping the ladder and reached the grand final. Unfortunately, after a hard fought game, we fell at the final hurdle going down 2-3 to Wests.

The team is an interesting mix with players ranging from juniors to some "seasoned" Masters players. Somehow we have managed to make it work and developed in a reasonably cohesive unit.

Over the last two seasons we have been helped by and helped develop two young players – Jason Ius and Jamie McLeod. Next season they will move on to higher grades and will be missed in the player ranks. We will start again and encourage the next "generation" to join us.

Congratulations to this season award winners - all well earned!

Best and Fairest - Jason Ius

Player's Player - Jamie Pottie

Coaches Award - Jamie McLeod

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

Daryl Baihn, Rennie Colaco, Kealan Coleman, Chris Costin, John Denniss, Jason Ius, Jamie McLeod, Paul Monaro, Keiran O'Shea, Danny Palmer, David Paul, Viv Paul, Jamie Pottie, Jeremy Saunders, Simon Bergfield.

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

Simon Bergfield - Manager

HOCKEY MEN MASTERS - LEGENDS DIVISION

Our 2016 season was an excellent follow up from 2015. We regained the Minor Premiership after letting it slip last year and retained the Premiership, which we have now won three years running. This year we didn't have to rely on the lottery of a shoot-out, winning 1-0 in normal time. We finished on top of the table, three points clear of new team Penrith with ten wins, two draws (both against Penrith) and two losses (both when we played with the bare eleven).

We were consistent throughout the year, except for minor lapses when we were short of players, with our for and against being 45/10, a vast improvement on 2015 (33/20).

We retained all but one of our players from 2015 with work commitments limiting Don Ball to weekend hockey. We picked up Jeremy Saunders who was a more than adequate replacement for Don in defense.

Nick Carter was our Players' Player and Best and Fairest again in 2016 after also picking up both these awards in 2015. He was again invaluable in both attack and defense.

Stephan Richartz was awarded the Coach's Award. Stephan adds a large degree of composure to the defense, but is also an important attacking weapon with the best drag flick in the comp.

Congratulations to our major goal scorers: Shah Alam, Stephan Richartz and Mike Imer, who all scored seven goals in the regular season.

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

Thank you to Ian Brown for the great work he does organising the team week in and week out, and Mike Imer for filling in on those occasions when Ian was unable to be there. Thanks also to Adam Schasser, James Fordham and Greg Smith for their coaching support during the finals. Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2016. Congratulations on the outstanding results and a very enjoyable season and we will see you again in 2017.

Mike Denniss – Captain

HOCKEY JUNIORS

This has been a big year for the club. It is not very often that a club has to relocate and has new field built. Most people will agree the move went relatively smoothly. The new field has been an upgrade on the old. I hope everyone enjoyed it. The club house started the season very barren, unfamiliar and uncomfortable. It is now starting to look more lived in and (well) like a club house. Further developments in the off season will help further. Special mention must be made of the teams of volunteers who staffed the canteen. In particular to the Ferrer-Beckhouse family who helped Wal Zog in the running of the club house and canteen. The club survives on the time that volunteers put in. On the field, our junior teams performed well. Five of the seven teams made it through to finals. Three teams were minor premiers (U11C, U13C and U15C) with three teams making it through to the Grand Final (U11C, U15A and U15C). The U15C won their Grand Final 2-1 against Mosman. The U11C won their Grand Final 2-1 in overtime against GNS. The U15A team lost their Grand Final to Sutherland 4-5 in the second period of sudden death overtime.

The club now has over 30 junior players playing at representative level at the Hockey NSW state titles for Sydney East and other associations. Of these, ten are on state squads or teams. Two junior players for the club have represented Australia on U16 teams. I hope everyone enjoys the off season and see you back again in 2017.

John Clarke

| Team | Competition | Season | Finals Result | Coach | Manager |
|---------|-------------|--------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| U11C | North Area | 1st | Grand Final Winners | Marcus Fung | Sarah Sen |
| U13A | North Area | 3rd | Preliminary Finalist | Troy Precott | |
| U13C | North Area | 1st | Preliminary Finalist | Lochlann Oag/Jack Bieser | |
| U15A | Metro | 2nd | Grand Final Runners Up | David Ratcliffe | Kylie Beckhouse |
| U15C | North Area | 1st | Grand Final Winners | Tom Vastani | David Paul |
| U17A | Metro | 5th | | Tom Budden | Jan Masciantonio |
| U17B | North Area | 6th | | | |
| Minkeys | | | | James Fordham | |

POINTS TABLES

Under 11 - C

| Team | P | W | L | D | B | F | A | +/- | Points |
|--------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|--------|
| Briars 1 | 15 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 36 | 7 | 29 | 55 |
| GNS Blue 2 | 15 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 5 | 24 | 47 |
| UTS/KL | 15 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 17 | 9 | 42 |
| Ryde Lions 3 | 15 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 22 | -8 | 32 |
| ND White 3 | 15 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 38 | -26 | 23 |
| BHills Red 2 | 15 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 31 | -28 | 21 |

Under 13 - A

| Team | P | W | L | D | B | F | A | +/- | Points |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----------|
| ND Gold 1 | 15 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 42 | 17 | 25 | 46 |
| Ryde Panthers 1 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 19 | 12 | 42 |
| Briars 1 | 15 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 29 | 0 | 41 |
| Manly 1 | 15 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 14 | 51 | -37 | 18 |

Under 13 - C

| Team | P | W | L | D | B | F | A | +/- | Points |
|----------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----------|
| Briars 2 | 15 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 39 | 14 | 25 | 47 |
| ND Maroon 4 | 15 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 34 | 18 | 16 | 47 |
| UTS/KL | 15 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 31 | 27 | 4 | 37 |
| Ryde Jaguars 4 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 35 | 36 | -1 | 34 |
| BHills Red 2 | 15 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 17 | 31 | -14 | 29 |
| GNS Blue 2 | 15 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 41 | -30 | 23 |

Under 15 - A (Metro)

| Team | P | W | L | D | B | F | A | +/- | Points |
|-----------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----------|
| Sutherland | 15 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 76 | 20 | 56 | 37 |
| Briars 1 | 15 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 38 | 31 | 7 | 26 |
| ND Metro 1 | 15 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 32 | 28 | 4 | 22 |
| Glebe | 15 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 38 | -9 | 22 |
| Ryde Panthers 1 | 15 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 52 | -24 | 16 |
| Manly/GNS | 15 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 55 | -34 | 5 |

Under 15 - C

| Team | P | W | L | D | B | F | A | +/- | Points |
|----------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----------|
| Briars 2 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 62 | 15 | 47 | 47 |
| ND Maroon 4 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 59 | 14 | 45 | 44 |
| Mosman | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 50 | 15 | 35 | 44 |
| ND White 3 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 29 | 1 | 30 |
| GNS Blue 2 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 51 | -40 | 26 |
| Ryde Jaguars 4 | 12 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 33 | -19 | 25 |
| WGHS | 12 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 78 | -69 | 17 |

Under 17 - A (Metro)

| Team | P | W | L | D | B | F | A | +/- | Points |
|-----------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----------|
| ND Metro 1 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 47 | 14 | 33 | 28 |
| Sutherland | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 31 | 14 | 17 | 24 |
| Ryde Panthers 1 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 26 | 33 | -7 | 17 |
| Glebe | 12 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 26 | 41 | -15 | 11 |
| Briars 1 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 38 | -28 | 5 |

Under 17 - B

| Team | P | W | L | D | B | F | A | +/- | Points |
|---------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----------|
| Ryde Tigers 2 | 15 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 54 | 17 | 37 | 49 |
| BHills Gold 1 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 37 | 20 | 17 | 45 |
| Sydney Uni 1 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 25 | 10 | 42 |
| ND Blue 2 | 15 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 21 | 21 | 0 | 33 |
| GNS Red 1 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 43 | -25 | 28 |
| Briars 2 | 15 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 51 | -39 | 21 |

AWARD WINNERS

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 11C | | 13A | |
| Most Improved | Abby Sen | Coach's Award | Martin Pedersen-Clarke |
| Highest Goal Scorer | Ryan Hannigan | Most Consistent | Henry Tyree |
| Team Player | Lachlan Jeffery | Players' Player | Joseph Boyle |
| NA Encouragement Medal | Fritz Smith | NA Encouragement Medal | Karl Smith |
| NA Encouragement Medal | Sanjana Krishnan-Iyer | NA Encouragement Medal | Rian Surti |
| 13C | | 15A | |
| Best and Fairest | Liam O'Brian | Most Improved | Max Trapnell |
| Most Improved | Georgina Kyneur | Most Consistent | Kevin Wu |
| Players' Player | Juliette Tricas | Best and Fairest | Sophia Ferrer |
| NA Encouragement Medal | Jamie Mercieca | | |
| NA Encouragement Medal | Jazmine Allsop | | |
| 15C | | 17A | |
| Best and Fairest | Todd Dale | Best and Fairest | Rashil Jetley |
| Most Improved | Bianca Vianello | Best and Fairest | Julia Bradley |
| Most Consistent | Katia Nastasi | Most Consistent | Wilson Wu |
| NA Encouragement Medal | Anton Villas | | |
| NA Encouragement Medal | Alexia Lorenzato | | |
| 17B | | | |
| Best and Fairest | Jason Ius | | |
| Most Improved | Claire Colletta | | |
| Most Consistent | Lincoln Dale | | |
| NA Encouragement Medal | Laura Hooper | | |
| NA Encouragement Medal | Ben Murrey | | |

MINKEYS

Following a successful 2015, this year saw 16 little future hockey stars show up eager to learn and play. Subsequently, we ended up fielding an U7 and U9 team this year which was great. Similar to last year, it was a 60/40 split between girls and boys which is healthy. The greatest challenge was trying to accommodate so many new players as well as advance the ability and skills of the second and third year players - but thought overall, got the best balance possible. And playing most of our games at Pennant Hills, Ryde and Kur-ring-gai am each Saturday (thank god for coffee)...

Parents were really helpful this year assisting me with interchanges and it seemed that all kids (and parents) enjoyed 2016. Results were similar to 2015 for U7s only losing one game, drawing 2 and winning the rest. U9s had a strong year and had more tough games than last year due to other clubs improving and growing - which was a good introduction to what lies ahead for them as they move up the age divisions.

We will see three to four U9s kids move up to U11s next year which is exciting for them. They go forward with an awesome foundation based on skills and knowledge of the game.

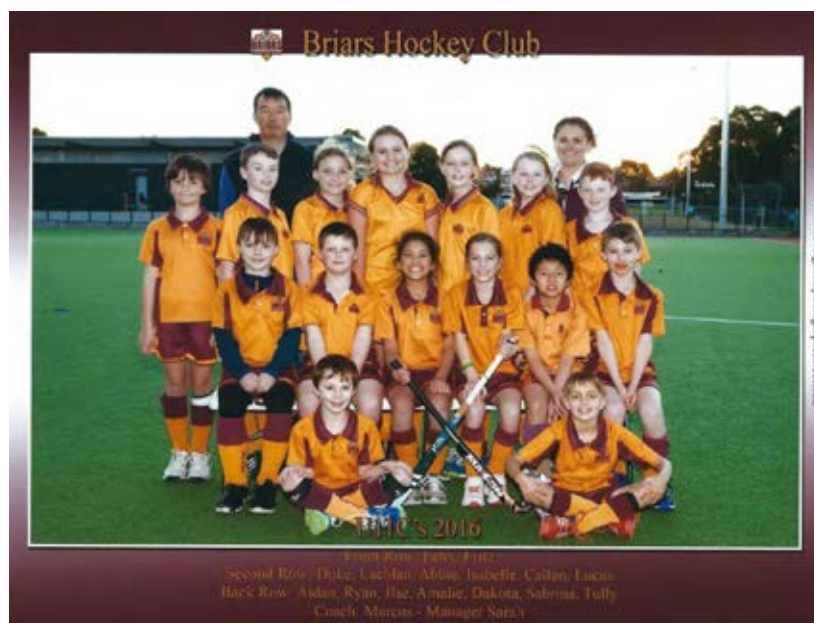
I fielded a strong number of requests for 2017 from new parents and kids to the club, so seems 2017 will get bigger and better. My only request is an additional coach or assistant for 2017 as it's quite a job looking after 16 little ones between two teams - however, I genuinely enjoyed coaching a great bunch of kids who will shape the Briars of the future. My predictions are that 70% plus will represent by U13s if they stick with the game.

A special THANK YOU also to ALL the parents who presented me with a surprise gift @ junior presentation. Not necessary, but sincerely appreciated.

U7s - Ashton, Lolo, Sebastien, Aurora, Payten, Tabitha and Adelaide

U9s - Axel, Milo, Emelie, Dakota, Amy, Maddy, Sam, Molly and Jimmy Fordham - Coach, Manager and Parent

UNDER 11C - PREMIERS



Herding cats is the most accurate description I can think of when reflecting back on coaching the U11Cs. One thing they do not lack is enthusiasm. Rain, hail or shine they were out on the pitch training or playing. We had a large influx of first time players and it has been great to see them take up the sport we all love and every player has improved throughout the season.

We have had a successful year earning the minor premiership with a game in hand and that does not happen without strong teamwork. Win or lose in the Grand Final the most important thing is the kids had had fun.

Marcus

UNDER 15A - MINOR PREMIERS

The Briars Under 15 Metro team coached by David Ratcliffe enjoyed another successful year of hockey. We comfortably finished the season in second place with minor premiers and Sutherland meeting us in the grand final undefeated.

Throughout the season we played close games with Sutherland and we knew that we had the strength to match them. A goal from a short corner on full time saw us level at 3-3 and we went to sudden death extra time with drop offs. Finally, with Briars down to six players on the field, Sutho prevailed and took out the premiership with a late goal. Many spectators commented it was one of the most exciting games of hockey watched and certainly it was played at the highest level - and amazing to think these kids are all still under 15! The team was led by Captain Sulaiman Syed Mehmood. Suli not only demonstrated great individual talent but showed determination and commitment all season. He played through injuries, consistently attended training and was a great team player.

Kevin Wu and Sofia Ferrer provided strong and consistent defence throughout the season. Always calm under pressure, they both showed great ability to cover the field and get the team out of danger. And when the defence line faltered, Tegan Neowhouse was ready - throughout the season she exhibited agility, co-ordination and flexibility and pulled off some wonderful saves. There is no doubt that Tegan is a goal keeper who will go through the representative ranks in the future.

Max Trapnell, Claudia Tyree and Tom Mowatt all developed their skills and fitness throughout the year, demonstrating both versatility across the field, great improvement and commitment.

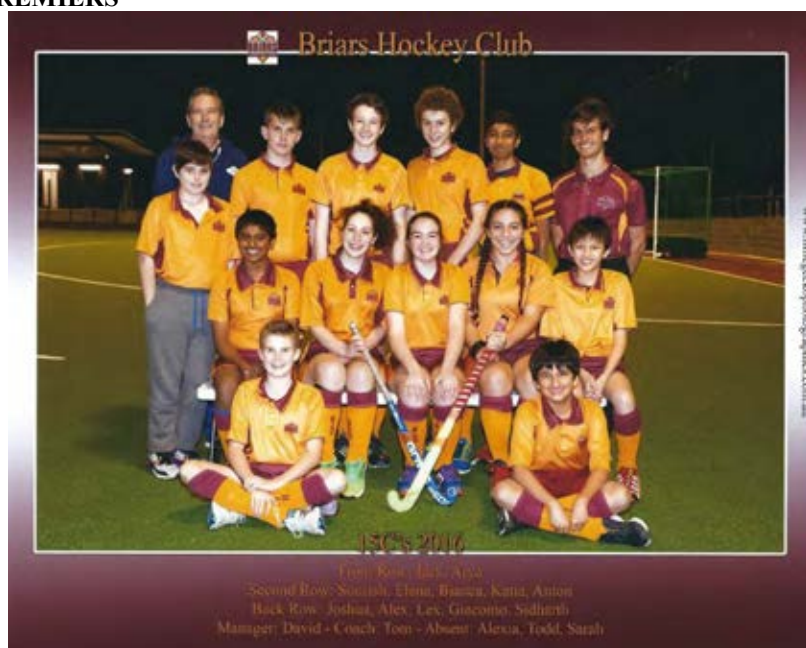
The team was bolstered by the skills of the very talented Patrick Vastani, Miles Davis, Rashil Jetley and Ronan Shiels. These boys consistently demonstrated individual talent, speed and skill and will all be players to watch in the future. Miles Davis was our top goal scorer and Rashil Jetley followed closely behind thanks to his well-developed drag flick.

Martin Pedersen Clarke and Bailey Scanlon both up and coming under 13 players, joined the team aiming to develop their skills by playing at a higher level. Both boys showed what future talents they are – Bailey always reliable and a great reader of the game, and Marty tenacious and hungry for goals.

This is a talented Briars team that includes a range of players who successfully represented NSW or made State squads throughout the year (Tegan Neowhouse, Sulaiman Syed Mehmood, Brandon Potts, Patrick Vastani, Miles Davis, Rashil Jetley, Bailey Scanlon and Ronan Shiels). Their representative commitments also led to a range of absences and we were thankful to have back up from players from other teams to assist. A special thanks to Giacomo Paul, Brandon Potts and Sourish Iyengar for filling in regularly – we could not have made it through if it wasn't for their assistance and capability to step up when required – indeed both BK and Sourish finished the season on the field for us.

Congratulations to all of the players for a strong season of hockey. There is no doubt that you will be hearing more about these players – they are the hockey stars and Briars of the future.

UNDER 15C – PREMIERS



The U15Cs had a fantastic season in 2016, finishing as minor premiers and were undefeated in the finals series, winning the premiership with a 2-1 win over Mosman. In total the team scored 67 goals, with only 16 against, by far the best in the competition. Two of the scoring highlights were multiple 10-0 wins, and hat-tricks scored by at least five members of the team.

In terms of our defence, not having a proper goalkeeper allowed every player the chance to hop into the kit and try it out, a tactic which had the team excited and somehow worked in our favour.

One of our two team highlights would have to be playing Northern Districts 4 for the second time, and pulling off a fabulous win, after having our only loss of the season to them earlier in the year. The other highlight would be the grand final win, because although the team didn't play at their best, a win is a win, and winning a premiership is once in a lifetime.

Thanks to all the parents for their support of the team, by getting the players to the games and watching on the sidelines, and especially for their support of me, despite being a beginner coach (although, maybe you were just thankful you didn't get Jack and Lochlann). And finally, a huge thanks to David for managing the team, because I think we all know it would've been a mess if I had had to do it. Also thanks to the team for brightening my week at training and games, I actually enjoyed your company (surprisingly).

Player Profiles:

Alexia Lorenzato: Starting as one of our many strikers this year, Alexia carved out a niche as a striker whose accurate hits and quality deflections left a lasting impact on the scoreboard in many of our games. Her goal scoring ability was no better seen in none other match than the grand final, where she scored the winning goal.

Alex Darling: I enjoyed having Alex around this year, as he was the only person to listen to me at training! All jokes aside, Alex improved at an astonishing speed, and my personal highlight was when he scored his first goal

of the season, and ran back to halfway looking bemused at how excited we all were. His stick skills improved and that allowed him to fulfil a role as a striker with good vision and ball movement.

Anton Villas: Anton was a very consistent performer for the team this year, as opposed to some players, whose improvements could be seen in leaps and bounds, Anton's attention to detail to the finer points of his game turned him into a much more efficient and intelligent hockey player capable of mixing it with the best of them.

Arya Thakur: Arya unfortunately couldn't make it to many games towards the end of the season, but his attitude to playing hockey was a feature of his game this year. His ability to listen and implement my suggestions as well as play wherever I asked him too lead to a marked improvement in his game.

Bianca Vianello: Bianca came from having never played club hockey before, to an established member of the team. Her improvement this year was impressive, and more so when you consider I had her in the wrong position at the start of the year. Her improvement showed with a player of the match performance in the semi-final, making countless last player tackles, saving almost certain goals each time.

Elena Piazzolla: Elena improved at an incredible rate as a striker this year, and despite not playing as a striker in the grand final, we unearthed a hidden talent for goalkeeping, and she was clearly the player of the match where she made countless saves.

Giacomo Paul: Starting out as an inner, and slotting into the defensive centre-half position, Giacomo played with high intensity, and turned into a major asset to our team in the second half of the season.

Jack Mercieca: Jack was a brilliant reliable defender, making what looked like impossible tackles many times, he always managed to end up with the ball. His vision and passing greatly improved and were essential to link our defence and attack.

Josh O'Brien: Josh was great fun to have around during games and training, always asking questions and trying to trick me. In our second game against Northern Districts 3, Josh played one of the best halves of hockey that I'd seen anyone in the team play.

Katia Natasi: Katia was Ms Dependable at fullback for us, a great tackling ability followed with blistering pace allowed her to beat almost every striker we came across. Without her, our defensive record would not be the same.

Lex Martin: Lex was one of those players who I could always count on to go wherever I put him, and do a fantastic job, however I don't think anyone will forget when he forgot his stick and had to borrow mine.

Sarah Jones: Sarah was the one striker I've met who didn't enjoy playing centre-forward, however her persistence to both score goals and pressure defenders made her a valuable forward. Her ability to beat defenders double her size and get on the post and create many opportunities for us this season.

Sidharth Krishnan-Iyer: Regardless of Sidharth's dislike of playing on the left side of the field, he had the drive to play as an inner this season, and consistently did his job well, supplying the ball to the strikers and beating defenders with some slick skills.

Sourish Iyengar: Despite not being able to play for many games during the season due to filling in for the U15As, Sourish was a valuable part of our forward line-up and showed commitment to our team by racing off to Pennant Hills to play our grand final, right after the 15As had played theirs, where he filled in.

Todd Dale: Todd played as our attacking centre half this year and was the highest goal scorer in the team. His speed and skills allowed our team to control the midfield for most games this year, which was integral to winning many of our harder matches.

UNDER 17A

This team had a tough year with only one win and two draws for the season. While not uncompetitive against most teams in the competition, they could not control the strong players from opposition teams. This left them chasing goals in most games. A tough ask in this competition with the strongest junior teams in Sydney. Their coach Tomas returning to Argentina following an injury towards the end of the season also didn't help. A special thanks to Tom Budden and Dane McIlveen for stepping in for the last month of the season. Having a tough season did not divide the team. This is no real surprise. Some of them have now been playing on teams together since under 11s. They know each other well. They have had good seasons and not so good seasons together. For some of them (Alanah, Jarrod, Olivia and Matthew) they have now walked off the field after playing their last game as juniors for the club.

They now had to move on and have their men's and women's teams to play for.

John Clarke and Clay Scanlon

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Baird, Angus SEHA U18 Boys
Baird, Calum SEHA U15 Boys
Boyle, Joseph SEHA U13 Boys
Bradley, Julia SEHA U18 Girls
..... U16 Aust
Davis, Miles SEHA U15 Boys
..... U15 State U16 Aust
Ferrer, Olivia SEHA U18 Girls
Ferrer, Sofia SEHA U15/U18 Girls
Hannigan, Aodhan SEHA U18 Boys
Hannigan, Ryan SEHA U11 Boys
Ius, Brendan SEHA U13 Boys
Ius, Jason SEHA U18 Boys
Jetley, Rashil SEHA U15/U18 Boys
..... U15 State
Krishnan-Iyer, Sanjana SEHA U11 Girls
Mallon, Toby SEHA U11/13 Boys
Mehmood, Sulaiman SEHA U15 Boys
Mowat, Tom SEHA U15 Boys
Mukkati, Vyas SEHA U18 Boys
Najdzion, Aidan SEHA U11 Boys
Najdzion, Lydia SEHA U13 Girls
Najdzion, Matthew SEHA U18 Boys
Neowhouse, Tegan SEHA U15 Girls
..... U15 Blues

O'Brien, Luke SEHA U13 Boys
O'Reilly, Thomas SEHA U18 Boys
Potts, Brandon Nepean U15 Boys
Pedersen-Clarke, Ian SEHA U18 Boys
Pedersen-Clarke, Martin SEHA U13 Boys
Scanlon, Bailey SEHA U13 Boys
Shiels, Ronan SEHA U15/U18 Boys
..... U15 State
Smith, Annabelle SEHA U13 Girls
Smith, Karl SEHA U13 Boys
Smith, Oskar SEHA U11 Boys
Southan, Alanah SEHA U18 Girls
Surti, Rian SEHA U13 Boys
Taweel, Gemma SEHA U13 Girls
Tha, Lily SEHA U18 Girls
Thuell, Dakota SEHA U11 Girls
Thuell, Scarlett SEHA U13 Girls
Tyree, Claudia SEHA U15 Girls
Tyree, Henry SEHA U11 Boys
Vastani, Patrick SEHA U15/U18 Boys
..... U15 State
Ward, Jack SEHA U13 Boys
Wu, Kevin SEHA U15 Boys

BRIARS SKI CLUB

The ski season started later than usual with good snowfalls towards the middle to end of June. Skiing conditions were excellent through July and August and September provided spring snow and weather. The season ended on the long weekend in October with members still enjoying top to bottom skiing.

Two very large eucalyptus trees were uprooted in a violent storm in July and this proved a real bonus because now the view from our lounge room has been much improved. Great for us but not so good for the tree huggers.

The Briars Ski Club offers members of Briars Club a 15% discount on visitor rates. Ski club members have preferential booking rights up to 31 March but non-ski members are welcome to book accommodation after that date. Bookings for times other than the ski season can be made at anytime.

Andy Clifford

SQUASH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Looking through the past four Annual Reports, for which I have been Chairman of Briars Squash, I can see that each year there have been significant improvements on and off the court. Yes we have come a long way from the days of 2012, when the Briars Squash Club was only two players and we could not form a Briars Pennant team so Greg McManus and I joined our local Concord Squash Club.

I am proud to report, during the past year, we have grown significantly as a leading club in NSW and at the National level. Our success on the court was rewarded in December when Briars@Thornleigh Squash won the NSW Premier League to become the top team in NSW. Congratulations to the team led by Anthony Rex Thomas. I thank our sponsors Briars Sports and Majcon.

Although hard to follow such an achievement this was eclipsed in August at the Squash Australia Awards Dinner in Melbourne. Here, Briars@Thornleigh Squash was voted the Best Club in Australia, amazing!! Being part of the touring group of players to accept this most prestigious Award in its inaugural year was very special.

The success has largely been due to the incredible efforts of our organising committee, players and coaches from senior to junior levels, in particular our club manager Anthony Rex Thomas. Rex has been the stalwart of the club on and off the court. His enthusiasm and passion for squash is second to none.

In recognition of the success of the union of Briars and Thornleigh Squash we have formed the MAJART Cup which will be awarded annually to the Club Champion for years to come. See also our manager's report for the latest on the MAJART Cup.

Our junior programme has gone from strength to strength. Recently we have formed the Briars NSW Talent Development Squad, which has a number of past world class players and world champions as coaches. Our goal is to have players from this squad representing NSW and then Australia, as we strive to progress squash into the Olympic Games in 2024.

With new facilities, we are in the process of presenting a proposal to the newly appointed combined local Council. This is for nine new squash courts which will bring squash back into Canada Bay.

At the national level of squash, I have been very fortunate to attend a number of major events as a Director of Squash Australia. Recently I was at the Commonwealth Games Australia AGM on the Gold Coast and the unveiling of The Queen's Baton for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in 2018. This was a very exciting and emotional occasion bringing together 1700 people at Jupiter's Casino. What a coincidence The 2018 Commonwealth Games coincides with our 100th year of celebrations. The journey of the Queen's Baton, with the Queen's message, travels 230,000 Km through 70 countries and finally arrives in Australia in 2018. It is on this last leg of the journey that I encourage all our sports to get involved with the Queen's Baton Relay. Of our six sports, five are represented at the Commonwealth Games, so we have a great incentive to participate in the Baton Relay and when better to do so than in our 100th year.

In addition to our squash activities, we have partnered with the charity ONE80TC. Our first event was a Golf Day in August at Avondale Golf Club. This was to raise funds for the rehabilitation centres for young men and women with drug and alcohol addiction. We were fortunate to have Australian PSA players Cameron Pilley and Ryan Cuskelly join us for the day of golf and then they backed up for their exhibition match at our Thornleigh centre that evening. An exhilarating match watched by a big, enthusiastic crowd. Going forward with ONE80TC our Div. 2 squash player Alex Jaroszewicz participated in the Sydney to Hunter Cycle Challenge in October. It was an awesome effort by the cyclists over the two days and as a group they raised over \$300,000.

At the last AGM I was elected a Director of Briars at Greenlees and I thank all of you who supported me. As such I have relinquished my Chairmanship of Squash back to the capable leadership of Greg McManus. I would like to thank The Briars Board, Sports Management Committee, Glen Taylor and his team at Briars HQ, Briars members and the social squashes at Thornleigh who have supported me over the past four years. In particular, I thank the support from The Briars Foundation during our initial year with Thornleigh and their continuing support since. We have come a long way in a short time and I am confident we will continue to grow and be a major leader of squash in NSW and Australia.

Mick Jaroszewicz

MANAGERS REPORT

Briars @ Thornleigh has seen some tremendous achievements for 2015-16 period. The biggest is being named Club of the year at the Squash Australia annual awards dinner which has boosted the clubs profile in local and social media platforms.

The Briars premier team helped solidify our club of the year status by becoming the premier champions in the last season of 2015 taking out Willoughby Squash club in the Grand Finals.

Traction has started with the proposed development at Five Docks new sports district with the possibility of a 9 court multipurpose indoor centre being built there. Everything is progressing positively and the year of 2017 could mean bringing squash back to Canada Bay region with the combined network of Briars Sports, Squash Australia, NSW Squash and Briars @ Thornleigh.

The Briars Club Championships had a fantastic turnout with 72 players entered in their respective grades, hosted on 22nd October - World Squash Day. In keeping to the tradition of our championships, we headed back to Briars Sports Club in Concord for dinner and the awards ceremony afterwards.

The MAJART Cup in commemoration of the Briars and Thornleigh alliance formed by Michael Andrew Jaroszewicz and Anthony Rex Thomas is an award that goes to the Club Champion. This year it went to Matt Karwalski, former world No.50. Matt is a club volunteer, coaches our future PSA players and plays internal competitions for Briars.

All matches were played with Great Spirit and truly showed that the club is not only alive, it is thriving!

Juniors - AJC 2016

We hosted the Australian Junior championships @ Thornleigh this year. We had nine Briars juniors compete in this competition. Although our juniors have only been playing for two to three years they put in a fantastic effort

in gaining experience against seasoned players. They played with determination, pride and purpose. Well done and keep up the hard work.

Another positive step for the upcoming year is the Briars NSW talent development squad which will commence from the 27th November. This will be led by:

Adam Schreiber - Current head state teams coach and former world No. 32

Michelle Martin - Former World No.1

Matt Karwalski - Former World No.50, NSW Squash Board member current NSW No. 2

Anthony Rex Thomas - Level 2 Squash Coach, Premier League player

Scott Butcher - Level 1 Coach former top 100 player, Premier League Player

Briars NSW Junior Academy

This will be a fortnightly academy, limited to 16-20 invite only juniors in Under 15's, 13's and 11's. The main purpose will be to nurture this talent into Australia's future champions using the amazing resources available to us at this present time. This program will allow Briars to be major player in the development of squash's future led by the best Australia has to offer.

TOURS

Melbourne Australian Open Tour

We had ten Briars attend the Australian Open and Squash Australia awards dinner. After watching some ferocious Squash in the semi-finals we retired early on the first night as we had a big day of wine tours, grand finals and the awards dinner ahead of us. The dinner was a memorable occasion as the raffle and silent auction winners all appeared to be Briars making us the talk of the night, when everyone thought we couldn't win anymore we took out Club of the year 2015.

An organised challenge vs Westerfold's club in Greater Melbourne was on the cards the next day, with the host being Rex Hedrick current World No.48. We battled hard but appeared to be outmatched on the day with a few feeling worse for wear after the 18 hours of taste testing the day before. Overall it was a fantastic trip and we look forward to our long haul Briars tour in 2017. Possible locations are: Hong Kong, Burma, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore.

Our committee currently consists of:

Greg McManus - President

Anthony Rex Thomas - Club Manager

Mick Jaroszewicz - Secretary

Kristen Mansfield - Tour Co-ordinator

Joel Luca - Junior Development

Alex Jaroszewicz - Web Services

Kieran Ryan - Marketing & Communications

Mitchell Black - Junior Captain

We are looking for new committee members to assist in the rapidly expanding Briars Squash.

A meeting will be held in December to discuss the 2017 endeavours.

Anthony Rex Thomas

SPRING PENNANT 2015

Spring 2015 we had teams in two major leagues and ten pennant sides for a total with total of three Pennant winners. Those in winning sides are Premier, Craig Brann, Anthony Thomas (captain), Nick Janicaud, Anna Kimberley, Matt Bridle, Shaun McErvale, Scott Makin, Ben Hornibrook, Martin Kimpton, Cameron Simpson, Bruce Geary, Greg McManus, Mick Jaroszewicz, Ram Sharma and Nick Jaroszewicz.

PREMIER

Briars@Thornleigh – 95 points – finished 1st place – and won Grand Final

Briars@Thornleigh – 166 points – finished 4th place



L to R: Rex Thomas, Summer Thomas, Nick Janicaud, Mick Jaroszewicz,
MAJCON sponsor Craig Brann

PENNANT

Briars @Thornleigh 1 – 310 points – finished 1st place – and won grand final
 Briars @Thornleigh 2 – 167 points – finished 2nd place – and lost grand final
 Briars @Thornleigh 3 – 99 points – ended season in 6th place
 Briars @Thornleigh 4 – 244 points – finished 2nd place – lost in semi final
 Briars @Thornleigh 5 – 188 points – ended season in 4th place
 Briars @Thornleigh 6 – 173 points – ended season in 5th place
 Briars @Thornleigh 7 – 206 points – ended season in 4th place
 Briars @Thornleigh 8 – 290 points – finished 1st place – and won grand final
 Briars @Thornleigh 9 – 175 points – ended season in 5th place
 Briars @Thornleigh 10 – 159 points – ended season in 5th place

PREMIER LEAGUE

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

Craig Brann (played 5 and won 1)
 Nick Janicaud played 6 and won 3)
 Most Valuable Player: Nick Janicaud
 Most matches won: Anthony Thomas

Anthony Thomas (played 6 and won 5)
 Anna Kimberley (played 3 and won 3)
 Most Improved: Nick Janicaud

Sydney 1

Finished 4th with 7 wins

Joel Luca (played 10 and won 8)
 Matt Bridle (played 11 and won 4)

Anthony Thomas (played 13 and won 6)
 Bryan Knight (played 13 and won 9)

Additional players who helped out include Jayden Wadd (2), Shaun McErvale (4), Scott Makin (1) and Adam Brooks (1)

Most Valuable Player: Matt Bridle
 Most matches won: Bryan Knight

Most Improved: Joel Luca

Briars M01, Division 1

Matt Bridle (played 12 won 11), Shaun McErvale (7 and won 3), Scott Makin (12 and won 11), Ben Hornibrook (12 and won 11), Martin Kimpton (14 and won 12) and Cameron Simpson (5 and won 3)

Photo

Finished: First rounds and won GF

Ultra-competitive season, finishing 96 points ahead of second place

GF was not close Matt won against Geoff Davenport (3 – 1) Scott (defeated ex Briar Michael ‘Forrest’ O’Flynn) and Marty won 3 nil over Spencer Walden.

Most Valuable Player: Matt Bridle

Most Improved: Martin Kimpton

Most matches won: Martin Kimpton (12, yep, and didn’t we all hear about it))

Briars M02, Div 2

Adam Champion (14 and won 5), David Osie (11 and won 7), James Herbert (14 and won 5), Brett Stretton (13 and won 7), and reserves (5)

Finished: 2nd and won 7 matches but lost GF

They were the best of the rest this season behind the all-conquering Macquarie Uni side. They had a good solid base of four players to choose from with all players registering good wins. It’s tough at the top in Div 2 as we can see with Adam and James season with slightly better results at 3 and 4. Seriously competitive team as always.

Most Valuable Player: Brett Stretton

Most Improved: David Osie

Most matches won: Brett Stretton (7)

Briars M03, Div 4

Sach Sinnayah (3), Alex Jaroszewicz (2), Kristen Mansfield (14 and won 3), Mark Dickson (15 and won 7), Nodoka Nakamichi (12 and won 3), Lachlan Cameron (6) plus 8 reserves

Finished 6th with 1 win (the last round).

Obviously struggled with numbers with number 1 and 2 playing a combined 5 matches. Mark doubling up 4 times but still winning nearly 50% of his matches. Kristen and Nodoka doing the same and struggled for wins playing higher in the team on many occasions.

Never had numbers 1, 2 and 3 play on the same night. A big thank you to the many reserves who helped out during the second half of the season.

Most Valuable Player: Mark Dickson

Most Improved: Mark Dickson

Most matches won: Mark Dickson (7)

Briars M04, Div 6

Mark Trotman (16 and won 11), Kieran Brown (3), Douglas Macarthur (14 and won 7) and Mark Shaw-Taylor (16 and 9)

Finished: 2nd with 10 wins. Fell away towards the end of the season.

It seems everybody in the team performed well but they didn’t have the consistent team numbers, using 10 reserves all season. Must have been some sort of super human effort each week to perform so well. Congratulations to Mark Trotman on a very good season and not missing one game.

Most Valuable Player: Mark Shaw – Taylor

Most Improved: Mark Trotman

Most matches won: Mark Trotman (11)

Briars M05, Div 7

Martin Anderson (15 and won 8), Richard McLean (6 and won 3), Paul Smith (12 and won 6), Oliver Jaroszewicz (13 and won 5) and Ian Bell (14 and won 2)

Finished: 4th 188 points and 7 wins

Richard missing the second half of the season put a dent in their hunt for the semis. A dismal ending in rounds 14 and 15 meant they were umpiring. Martin had a very good season at 1 with Paul and Richard both winning at 50%. Oliver moved up the grades and learnt quite a lot only 1st year out of juniors. Ian, what’s doing?

Most Valuable Player: Richard McLean

Most Improved: Martin Anderson

Most matches won: Martin Anderson (8)

Briars M06, Div 10

Kieran Ryan, (10 and won 9), Warren Schaffer (12 and won 6), Peter Robson (8 and won 3) Martin Langford (16 and won 3), and Peter Cameron (13 and won 3)

Finished: 5th with 5 wins

Stand out season for Kieran which was the start of his meteoric rise through the grades. Losing only once, and yes, it was in a 5 setter. Warren had a good season, 50 %, but 5 of those matches were at number 1. The rest were not so great.

Most Valuable Player: Warren Schaffer
Most matches won: Kieran Ryan (9)

Most Improved: Kieran Ryan

Briars M07, Div 11

Benny Manuel (5 and won 2), Elliot Kara (16 and won 6), Michael Maziuk (10 and won 4), Simon Begg (16 and won 11) and Ankur Badhwar (11 and won 7)

Finished: 4th (missing the semis by 3 points) 7 wins

Mainly our Box and Saturday players lined up for a season in Pennant. Very slow start to the season cost them dearly winning only 21 points in their first 3 matches. Also covered more kilometres than most visiting Elanora four times. Great season by the bushranger Simon and Ankur. Every player in this team had multiple wins against players ranked higher than them. They're a very competitive bunch.

Most Valuable Player: Ankur Badhwar
Most matches won: Simon Begg (11)

Most Improved: Elliott Kara

Briars M08, Div 12 - Winners

Bruce Geary (15 and won 14), Greg McManus (13 and won 13), Mick Jaroszewicz (11 and won 8), Ram Sharma (14 and won 4) and Nick Jaroszewicz (5 and won 2)

Finished: 1st with 12 wins (the last 11 in a row)

This was nearly as comprehensive as Division 1. Bruce (93%), Greg (100%) and Mick (73%) all having great seasons. Especially Bruce who found another gear this season and playing all but one match. Both Nick and Ram had good wins throughout the season.

Most Valuable Player: Mick Jaroszewicz
Most matches won: Bruce Geary (14)

Most Improved: Bruce Geary (a staggering 23 points)



Briars M08, Div 12 - Winners

L to R: Bruce Geary, Mick Jaroszewicz, Greg McManus , Ram Sharma (Nick Jaroszewicz absent)

Briars M9, Div 14

Kelvin Cameron (10 and won 3), Nathan Davidson (11 and won 10), Derek Mapoli (13 and won 6), Shane Cole (13 and won 5) and Ronald Visser (12 and won 2)

Finished: 5th with 3 wins

Looks like quite a close comp with our team winning rubbers in every match. Nathan has had a standout comp winning 91% of his matches and will surely move to a higher grade, whilst Derek and Shane showed good form. Another outstanding point about this team is that they used 1 reserve all comp. They also found the Squash matrix app. It seems that Shane bought the drinks 3 times this comp. I want to be in this team.

Most Valuable Player: Kelvin Cameron
Most matches won: Nathan Davidson (10)

Most Improved: Nathan Davidson (a massive 27 points)

Briars M10, Div 16

Brian Sandercock (10 and won 7), Anne Redfern (11 and won 7), Anne Choy (9 and won 2), Nicki Bispham (10 and won 4), Liz Starling (9) and Hella Stratton (10)

Brian's harem had an OK sort of season. Shared around their matches quite evenly, a skill for a six person side and good winning seasons for Brian and Anne. The one thing I notice about this team is that they seem to have a very good time in a somewhat social grade.

Finished: 5th with 4 wins

Most Valuable Player: Brian Sandercock

Most Improved: Anne Redfern

Most matches won: Anne Redfern and Brian Sandercock (7)

AUTUMN PENNANT 2016

Autumn 2016 we had 1 Premier Leagues and 10 Pennant sides for a total of 2 Pennants.

Those in winning sides are Ben Miller, Alex Jaroszewicz, Mark Trotman, Steven Vasilescu, Douglas Macarthur, Ram Sharma, Michael Little, Kelvin Cameron, Derek Mapoli and Shane Cole

PREMIER LEAGUE

Autumn pennant we have finished in 5th position (2 wins in 10 rounds). The team this year dominated and consisted of:

Craig Brann (played 2)

Darcy Evans (played 4 and won 1)

Nick Janicaud (played 9 and won 5)

Anthony Thomas (played 11 and won 3)

Rachel Donald (played 6 and won 4)

Premier

Briars @Thornleigh 1 – 109 points – finished 5th place

Pennant

Briars @Thornleigh 2 – 199 points – finished 4th place

Briars @Thornleigh 3 – 186 points – ended season in 3rd place and lost in GF

Briars @Thornleigh 4 – 188 points – finished 5th place

Briars @Thornleigh 5 – 274 points – finished 1st place and won GF

Briars @Thornleigh 6 – 226 points – ended season in 2nd place and lost in GF

Briars @Thornleigh 7 – 170 points – ended season in 4th place

Briars @Thornleigh 8 – 127 points – finished 6th place

Briars @Thornleigh 9 – 240 points – finished 3rd place and won GF

Briars @Thornleigh 10 – 55 points – ended season in 6th place

Briars M02, Division 1

Greg Old (played 3), Scott Makin (16 and won 10), Ben Hornibrook (10 and won 4), Martin Kimpton (12 and won 3) and Adam Champion (13 and won 9)

Finished 4th with 7 wins

The loss of Greg Old after round 3 was a telling blow, but they all muscled up. Adam and Scott winning over 60%. Scott, Marty and Ben all playing a role and filling in at number 1 throughout the comp.

Most Valuable Player: Adam Champion

Most Improved: Scott Makin

Most matches won: Scott Makin (10)

Briars M03, Div 2

Cameron Simpson (2), David Osie (11 and won 4), James Herbert (15 and won 6), Brett Stretton (13 and won 9) and Martin Luke (12 and won 10)

Finished: 3rd with 7 wins

Finished 3rd after the regular season and had a close win over MAASH in the Preliminary final to line up against Willoughby in the Grand final. Split the rubbers two each but lost by a couple of games. Good win on the night for David and Martin.

Really strong season by Martin winning 83% of his matches.

Most Valuable Player: Brett Stretton

Most Improved: Brett Stretton

Most matches won: Martin Luke (10)

Briars M04, Div 5

Mark Dickson (15 and won 8), Kristen Mansfield (14 and won 5), James Hubbard (13 and won 5), Martin Anderson (11 and won 6) and Nodoka Nakamichi (12 and won 4)

Finished 5th with 5 wins

Certainly looked like a good season when you beat your teammates in round 1, close, but a win and then a 28 zip win in round 2 but then it fell away sharply after that. Mark Dickson had another very good season followed by Martin, Kristen, James and Nodoka.

Most Valuable Player: Mark Dickson
Most matches won: Mark Dickson (7)

Most Improved: Mark Dickson

Briars M05, Div 5 Winners

Ben Miller (16 and won 14), Alex Jaroszewicz (12 and won 8), Mark Trotman (16 and won 13), Steven Vasilescu (3) and Douglas Macarthur (14 and won 6)

Finished 1st with 10 wins and won GF

It seems everybody in the team performed well. A tardy start but good wins in round 5 then hammering the other Briars @ Thornleigh side set them up for 7 wins in a row. Ben Miller was just excellent at 1, 88% winning percentage and missed just one match. AJ, Mark and Douglas all performed very well. Congratulations.

Most Valuable Player: Ben Miller
Most matches won: Ben Miller (14)

Most Improved: Ben Miller (25 points)



L to R: Douglas Macarthur, Mark Trotman, Rex Thomas (Manager), Alex Jaroszewicz, Mick Jaroszewicz, Ben Miller

Briars M06, Div 7

Kieran Ryan (16 and won 7), Richard McLean (14 and won 8), Mark Shaw-Taylor (16 and won 10), Paul Smith (15 and won 7), with Colin De Silva (3) and Ian Bell (2)

Finished: 2nd with 6 wins

Secured a finals position with good consistent results. Had a very good win against Lane Cove in the Preliminary final (4 nil) to face North's in the Final. They went into to the final hoping for a good result having beaten them in round 13, but it wasn't to be, losing 3 rubbers to 1 with Kieran the only winner on the night.

Most Valuable Player: Richard McLean
Most matches won: Mark Shaw-Taylor (10)

Most Improved: Kieran Ryan

Briars M07, Div 10

Warren Schaffer (13 and won 2), Greg McManus (16 and won 8), Mick Jaroszewicz (7 and won 2), Peter Robson (10 and won 4), plus Richard Hayman (8 and won 3), Gavin Carr (2), Ben Williams (2) and Shaun Lorentz

Finished: 4th two wins (so far behind 3rd and had to umpire the final, you would have thought we knew what we were doing)

Short of numbers with our number 1 pulling out before the season and found this grade too strong. Only had our first win in round 8. As it turns out, this was to be Mick Jaroszewicz last comp as dodgy knees and other ailments are taking over. I've played with Mick for over 25 years and never played with a guy with more will to win than Mick. His time is now taken up with administrative duties in the form of ringing and texting and sending emails in CAPS. Good luck Mick.

Most Valuable Player: Warren Schaffer
Most matches won: Greg McManus (8)

Most Improved: Greg McManus

Briars M08, Div 11

Ian Bell (12 and won 7), Martin Langford (12 and won 5), Michael Maziuk (11 and won 2), Nathan Davidson (12 and won 3) and Peter Cameron (13 and won 2)

Finished: 6th with 2 wins

On paper this team should have performed better than just 2 wins but there were some pretty savage defeats when number 1 was out. Only Ian was above 50% and poor seasons by Michael and Peter.

Most Valuable Player: Ian Bell
Most matches won: Ian Bell (7)

Most Improved: Ian Bell

Briars M9, Div 10

Ram Sharma (10), Michael Little (8), Kelvin Cameron (14 and won 3), Derek Mapoli (14 and won 6), Shane Cole (12 and won 5) with Ronald Visser (2), Bobbi Lesser (2), Angus Nelson (1) and Travis Ireland (1).

Finished: 1st with 10 wins (with the last 7 in a row)

This was a very good result from this newly created team. It's hard to single one person out, at 1, Ram won 70% of his matches, Derek went well winning 10 matches and Michael won 75% of his matches. There were also a number of occasions that required player to play twice on the night including Kelvin and Shane. Congratulations on a good win.

Most Valuable Player: Michael Little
Most matches won: Derek Mapoli (10)

Most Improved: Michael Little

Briars M10, Div 15

Brian Sandercock (12 and won 3), Bobbi Lesser (12 and won 2), Anne Redfern (9 and won 1), Nicki Bispham (10 and won 4), Liz Starling (7) and Hella Stratton (9)

Finished: 6th with no wins

Very tough comp this time. New blood joining with Bobbi spending some time in our country but without luck. Brian again performed admirably winning half of their games

Most Valuable Player: Brian Sandercock
Most matches won: Anne Redfern and Brian Sandercock (7)

Most Improved: Hella Stratton

JUNIOR REPORT

This year Briars@Thornleigh show a massive jump in the number of junior members playing at the club, taking part in NSW training squads, actively playing in Sydney and regional tournaments and competing in the Australian Junior Championships held at Thornleigh.

2015's Club Championships saw Oliver Jaroszewicz defend his title against fellow junior member Haani in a thrilling 3-2 victory.



Club Champion 2015-2016 Matthew Bridle



**Squash Junior Club Champion 2015-2016
Oli Jaroszewicz. Runner Up Haani**

NETBALL JUNIORS

The 2016 season was yet another successful year for Briars Netball. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our players, volunteers, umpires and sponsors who collectively help to form the 21 committed teams participating each week in the IWSNA competition.

We also thank our families, particularly parents who have endured cold winter mornings just to get their daughters down to play netball. Thank you for your cheering, your motivational pep talks and in particular, thanks for your support on barbecues and in the canteen. Your continuous support to your daughter and to Briars Junior Netball Club is greatly appreciated. The commitment and generosity of all our club sponsors has not gone unnoticed. All our sponsors have assisted our netball club in a number of ways. In particular our gratitude goes to our major sponsor Crust Pizza at Concord, for your constant support. We also thank the Briars staff and the Board for their efforts to assist our committee and players.

We registered over 200 players in our junior and senior competitions and 74 participants in the Friday night Net Set Go Program. These groups could not have been formed without the dedication of the club committee and the hundreds of volunteers who came out each week to assist the club through thick and thin, wins and losses, everyone supporting each other. Thank you to all of our umpires this season. Whether you umpired one game, or ten games, your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the seven teams who fought their way to the Grand Finals and congratulations to the five teams who became 2016 Season Premiers. A special mention must go to the young Cadets who took out the IWSNA Best Team Defence Award. Also to Jasmin Maronese and Zara Tallipan who represented Briars in the IWSNA Representative U11 team in 2016.

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

We are all ready for our next season of Netball with Briars

Anne Burt - President

C1 CHAMPIONS BRIARS SHIRAZ



TEAM: Susie Beshara, Elizabeth Burn, Jenny Colazzo, Alison Collier, Kate Crawford, Carli Dunche, Ann Goldwater, Amanda Hope, Jackie O Connor, Natalie O Connor, Lara Michell, Arianna Rizzi

Briars Shiraz had an exceptional 2016. After a few lean years with an ever-changing team and wins very hard to come by, we managed to hang onto a core group who were really keen to improve. We were also able to recruit some new players who were all fantastic additions to our team.

We had our most successful season to date, going through undefeated and then winning the Grand Final.

We also laughed a lot and really supported each other; an absolutely wonderful group of ladies and most will return in 2017. We can't wait!

Amanda Hope Captain

UNDER 12 GOLD DIV 2 CHAMPIONS



UNDER 14 PEARLS DIV 4 CHAMPIONS



UNDER 15 DIAMONDS DIV 4 CHAMPIONS



CADET CHAMPIONS DIV 3 CHAMPIONS



BOWLS WOMEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year is drawing to a close. I cannot believe how quickly it has flown.

Ladies Bowls had one new player join this year, Maureen Piconie.

This year's Presidents Day was special as we celebrated the Ladies Bowls Club's 60th Anniversary, Day of Affiliation 21 June 1956 – 2016. We welcomed State President Robyn Proctor and Macquarie District President, Fay Langdon and District Secretary Fay Laney. All District Clubs were represented and a great day was had by all.

Merit badges were presented in recognition of all the hard work carried out by Veronica Waring on the social committee and Margaret Truesdale, President of Greenlees Park Ladies Bowls. The Merit Badges are one of the highest awards in the ladies bowling fraternity.

Friends Day was a happy and enjoyable day. Bowlers and non-bowlers from Concord RSL and Denistone joined us.

When schools resume in 2017, students from Concord High will once again take part in the junior bowls program that the Club offers in terms 2 and 3. Unfortunately John Byrnes who is the Schools' Bowls Co-ordinator will be leaving the Club and moving to Kiama. I would like to thank John for all his work and many hours he has contributed to the school's program and I would also like to thank all the bowlers who got involved and coached the students this year.

The Ladies Pennant Players were successful in winning the Grade 3 Pennant flag and will be playing in Grade 2 in 2017. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful in the region play offs.

The presentation of pennant badges and the flag unfurling was held on Thursday 7th July. District President Fay Langdon and District Secretary Fay Laney attended.

2016 LADIES BOWLS RESULTS

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| Club Major Singles | Winner: M Truesdale Runner-up: G. Barnes |
| Club Pairs | Winners: M Truesdale and G Barnes Runners-up: D Cooper and D Barber |
| Club Triples | Winners: D Cooper, D Barber and G Shirvington Runners-up: A Hyem, M Piconie and N Watson |
| Club Fours | Winners: D Cooper, D Barber, R Caccavo and G Shirvington Runners-up: M Piconie, V Waring, N Watson and A Hyem |

Members who are unwell:

- Joan Fitzgerald is out of hospital and staying with her daughter Julie.
- Shirley Duckworth has been unwell for a few months.
- Gladys Barnes is in Balmain Hospital after a car accident. She is hoping to be home soon.
- Helen Burton is still in care but has improved remarkably. Helen can now walk with the aid of a walking frame. Keep up the good work Helen.

All the lady bowlers wish them well and hope that their health improves in the future.

Many thanks to Gwen Barnett and Sandra Smith for helping at the Concord Carnival Briars stall and to Peter Neary the green keeper for keeping the competition greens in excellent condition.

Ladies Bowls would also like to thank Tiffany, Adam and their catering staff for the lunches and great meals prepared for the functions held by Greenlees Park Ladies Bowls and lastly, thank you to Glen, Monique and Megan who are always there to assist and help when needed.

Margaret Truesdale – President

BOWLS MEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I forward to you a report of Men's Bowls for 2016.

The year has brought many changes to bowls and thank you to the Club Limited for your continued support of Lawn Bowls.

More importantly we have recruited new bowlers and yes lost a few. We are however still in a position for 2017 to increase our pennant sides from two grades to three grades.

Our bowls committee this year undertook extra duties to ensure bowls events ran smoothly. A great result which clearly shows members interests are alive and well for the coming year.

A lot of planning and submissions for 2017 were conducted during the year where we should start to see the results as early as January–February 2017 right through to November–December.

The number 3 green has undertaken a major renovation this year. Thank you to Club Burwood RSL and our Club Limited.

OFFICE BEARERS 2017

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| President..... | Michael Laws |
| Vice President | Ben Williams |
| Coordinator | Wayne Comber |
| Treasurer | Andrew Hogg |
| Chairman of Selectors | Ray Coombes |
| Selectors | Eddie Truesdale and Steven White |
| Chairman of Games Committee | Steven White |
| Games Committee..... | Terry O'Kane and Dan Ackery |

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

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| Major Singles | Winner..... | Ben Williams |
| | Runner Up | Bryan Coulthart |
| Major Pairs | Winners | Wayne Comber and Bryan Coulthart |
| | Runners Up | Anthony Stuart and Eddie Truesdale |
| Minor Singles | Winner..... | Tony Hyem |
| | Runner Up | Glenn Dobbie |
| Fours | Winners | Bryan Coulthart, Mark Leslie, Wayne Comber and Ben Williams |
| | Runners Up | John Houteas, Lachlin Koziolleck, Eric Frankil and Eddie Truesdale |
| Triples and Mixed Pairs to be completed. | | |

Michael Laws - Men's Bowls President

BOWLS JUNIORS

SCHOOL ACTIVITY / INVOLVEMENT

This was the second year that Greenlees Park Bowls has run the junior bowls program on a Tuesday for students from Concord High School.

Students attending the Junior Bowls Program:

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| TERM 2 ... Year 8 0 | TERM 3Year 8.... 10 |
| Year 9 16 |Year 9.... 12 |
| Year 10.. 14 |Year 10.. 8 |
| Total 30 (4 girls) | Total 30 (6 girls) |

In term 3 there were ten students who had also attended term 2, demonstrating enthusiasm for bowls.

A competition was run for each term with 1st and 2nd placegetters awarded a voucher to the Backyard at Briars bistro. These awards were presented on each occasion by the Club President Brett Howle.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Brett and Briars Sports for their participation and putting up the awards. I would also like to thank Bendigo Bank Homebush who contributed to the junior bowls program and Glen, Monique and Megan for their continual support on the organisational side.

After running the term 2 and 3 junior bowls program, two to three students from Concord High School have indicated their interest in taking their involvement further in lawn bowls with the club. These students will be contacted and offered free coaching and the chance to compete in junior bowls competitions.

I have informed Concord High School that a combined high schools' competition is conducted each year in the sport of lawn bowls. The school has shown an interest and is considering entering the competition in 2017. Greenlees Park Bowls will be assisting the school in team selection and coaching for the combined high school competition. This will be a great opportunity to expose the school, the club and the sport to the wider community.

CURRENT ACTIVITY / INVOLVEMENT

Since the commencement of this program in January 2015 we currently have seven students registered with the Club as junior bowlers: Ronan Coombes, Robert Polito, Lachlan Koziollek, Josh Thomas, Blake Coulthardt and Alex Duck.

All except for Blake are regularly attending coaching, private practice sessions, club competitions, zone junior programs and junior competitions. All the junior bowlers are showing great promise and enthusiasm for bowls. A few of our junior bowlers played Pennants with us this year and we hope that they continue competing in the 2017 pennants season which is in March, April and May. Lachlan Koziollek competed in the "Rookies" competition conducted by Bowls NSW and conducted himself admirably.

I would like to acknowledge our two Club coaches, Eddy Truesdale and John Houteas who have put in a lot of time and effort in coaching the junior bowlers who have joined the Club.

Although I am stepping down as the schools' bowls co-ordinator, Eddy Truesdale has volunteered to continue in my role. It is Eddie's intention to run the school program again next year as it has been a very successful program in introducing young players to lawn bowls and increasing the junior bowls membership of the Club. I wish Eddy all the very best.

Finally, I would also like to acknowledge the support shown for the junior bowls program by both the men's and lady's presidents and bowlers in general.

I would particularly like to mention and thank the following bowlers who generously donated their time and effort each Tuesday in helping and coaching the Concord High school students: Margaret Truesdale, Eddy Truesdale, Gladys Barnes, John Houteas, Wayne Comber, Gerry Donovan and Terry Starr. Without their help the junior bowls program would not have been possible.

John Byrne - Schools Bowls Co-ordinator

TROPHIES

J H STONE TROPHY

The J H Stone Trophy named after the first President of The Briars Sporting Club, the late John Stone, was first awarded in 1950. The name of John Stone's home was called "The Briars". This Trophy can only be won by a club member under the age of 25 years who made an outstanding contribution to the club's welfare during the year.

Not awarded this year.

THE TED STOCKDALE TROPHY

The Ted Stockdale Trophy was donated in 1995 by the Board of Directors in recognition of the outstanding contribution made to the Club by Ted Stockdale. It is awarded to a Club member who has made a continuing contribution to the welfare and administration of the Club over a number of years.

This year's winner is **Anthony Rex Thomas**. Since the amalgamation of Briars and Thornleigh Squash Club, Rex has been responsible for implementing procedures in coaching, player participation, juniors and tours. Anthony captained the winning team this season in the NSW Premier League.

R B CLARK SCHOLARSHIP

R B (Bob) Clark, the founder of The Briars Sporting Club, bequeathed money on his death to the Club. This bequest is to help young Briars with their education for those members 21 years and under.

Not awarded this year.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Cricket Memorial Trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II and was donated in 1946 by the late H G Whiddon. The basis of arriving at the winner is as follows:

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

This year's winner is **Brett Howle**. Brett returned to Cricket after a few seasons out of the game and helped captain a fifth grade side. The young players in the side benefitted from Brett's experience. Brett also assisted with a lot of work behind the scenes during the year to help make Cricket highly successful.

GERARD PRICE JUNIOR CRICKET TROPHY

The Gerard Price Junior Cricket Trophy was donated by the Board of Directors in 2012 in recognition of the outstanding contribution by Gerard Price over many years as Cricket Chairman of Briars. The Trophy is awarded to a member of Briars Concord Junior Cricket who has contributed to junior teams.

This year's winner is **Ashton Whitting**. Ashton has been a Briars junior cricketer since he joined the Milo In-2-Cricket program. In his final year as a junior cricketer, Ashton had a wonderful year averaging 55.2 with the bat, with a top score of 115 and a bowling average of 16.2, with 9 wickets at a strike rate of 28. We wish Ashton all the very best with his cricket, and hope it gives him a lifetime of enjoyment.

A J ROBINSON SHIELD

The A J Robinson Shield was donated in 1958 by the late A J Robinson ("Robbie"). The Shield is awarded to the hockey player who has contributed the most to Briars Hockey during the year and which is determined by the most points in the following manner:

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

This year's winner is **Emma Ratcliffe**. In 2016 Emma undertook a number of roles off the field including president, summer comp coordinator and field and bookings manager. She was also captain of the women's 3rd grade team and assisted with the transition to the new field.

R D VANDERFIELD TROPHY

The R D Vanderfield Trophy established in 1973 is awarded to a member of Junior Hockey who has contributed most to the junior teams. This award carries the name of a past President who showed interest in the formation of junior teams.

This trophy is awarded to **Sofia Ferrer**. Sofia was a clear winner of the RD Vanderfield Trophy in 2016 both for her efforts on and off the field. An enthusiastic member of both our Women's 2nd grade and our 15 Metro team, she also took the field at representative level including for SEHA. Her dedication off the field was outstanding particularly her commitment to helping out in the canteen each week as well as mentoring our younger Briars members throughout the season.

ANNE GLEASON JUNIOR TROPHY

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

Points are awarded as follows:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------|------------------|
| Value as a team member | - | 20 points | |
| Value as a member of the Club | - | 20 points | |
| Keeness as a player | - | 20 points | |
| Improvement as a player | - | 15 points | |
| Conduct on the Squash Court | - | 15 points | |
| Neatness of dress | - | 10 points | Total 100 points |

This year's winner is **Dan Godwin**. Dan started Squash about two years ago and has showed tremendous passion and drive, not only in the way he trains but in the way he has immersed himself in the culture of Squash and what it means to be a Briar. Dan has turned up to every game he could physically play, and was always the last to leave.

GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

The Geoff Archibald Trophy is awarded to the Rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing Rugby for the Club. This Trophy was first awarded in 1984.

This year's winner is **Luke Schofield**. Luke joined Briars in 2016 as a mature player moving over from Merrylands Rugby. Luke fitted straight into the 1sts and was a key player throughout the season. Luke was always at training and assisted around the ground without being asked. This award is well deserved.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

The Gordon Bevan Shield was first awarded in 1938. It is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has contributed the most during the year towards Rugby and the Club in general. It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. The criteria for selection is as follows:

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

This year's winner is **Greg Black**. Greg played across all grades during the season and supported the club in many aspects throughout the year. Greg supported players young and old with his experience and enthusiasm. Well done Greg.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

The Doug Vanderfield Trophy was donated in 1970 by the late R D Vanderfield who was instrumental in commencing Squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport. The Trophy is presented to the squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general.

Points are awarded as follows:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------|------------------|
| Value as a team member | - | 20 points | |
| Value as a member of the Club | - | 20 points | |
| Keenness as a player | - | 20 points | |
| Improvement as a player | - | 15 points | |
| Conduct on the Squash Court | - | 15 points | |
| Neatness of dress | - | 10 points | Total 100 points |

This year's winner is **Kieran Ryan**. Kieran is one of the newest committee members and has assisted with the integrating new communication systems in the club. Kieran moved up two divisions and captained the Briars Division 5 team in the Spring season and they fell just short of making the semis. Keiran has been an integral part of 2016 and is truly an asset to the Briars Club.

ANNE BURT TROPHY

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

Points are awarded as follows:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------|------------------|
| Value to a team as a member | - | 20 points | |
| Value as a member of the Club | - | 20 points | |
| Keenness as a player | - | 20 points | |
| Improvement as a player | - | 15 points | |
| Conduct on the Netball court | - | 15 points | |
| Neatness of dress | - | 10 points | Total 100 points |

The inaugural award is given to **Georgie Arrow**. Georgie was a founding member of the committee that established the junior netball club and was key in administration and development of coaching and umpiring for the club. Georgie volunteered as a coach for several junior teams, as well as performing umpire duties when available. Georgie spends every Saturday at Cintra ensuring all teams are able to play their respective games with no hiccups. She has also been instrumental in establishing the skills program (5 to 7 year olds) that is run on Friday nights at Briars Sports Club. We thank Georgie for all the hard work she has put into the club.

BRIAN HUTTLY TROPHY

The Brian Huttly Trophy was donated in 2006 by Brian Huttly who for many years has been involved in Bowls at Greenlees Park as an administrator and player. The Trophy is awarded to a lady bowler who has given meritorious service in a voluntary position to Womens Bowls over the year. The award can only be won once in a lifetime.

This year's winner is **Deanne Cooper**. Deanne joined Womens Bowls in 2010 and has served on the social committee as social chairperson. Deanne makes all the baskets for our Father's Day and Mother's Day raffles, is very supportive of all our new bowling ladies and is greatly appreciated.

PHIL MCAULAY TROPHY

The Phil McAulay Trophy is awarded to a male bowler who over the year has given meritorious services to Men's Bowls in a voluntary role. Donated by Phil McAulay, who has been involved in Bowls at Greenlees for many years as an administrator and player, this award can only be won once in a lifetime.

This year's recipient is **Eddie Truesdale**, our longest serving active bowler. Eddie has held several positions on committees over the years, is currently a selector and has taken up the role as Junior Bowls Coordinator.

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**SUMMARY OF
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER, 2016**

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 2016.

NAME OF DIRECTORS

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

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| BLAIR, Ian | * HICKEY, Craig | HOWLE, Brett |
| BURT, Chris | NORRIS, Kyle | MOFFITT, Matina |
| # JAROSZEWICZ, Michael | BOYTER, Aaron | O'KANE, Terrence |

* Resigned 28 February 2016

Elected 28 February 2016

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal continuing activity of the Company consisted of maintaining a licensed sporting and bowling club for members.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

| Name | Position | Meetings Called | Meetings Attended | Qualifications |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| B. Howle | Chairman | 12 | 12 | Company Director |
| M. Moffitt | Director/Treasurer | 12 | 10 | Executive Director |
| I. Blair | Chairman | 12 | 12 | Retired Company Director |
| K. Norris | Director | 12 | 7 | Sourcing Manager |
| C. Burt | Director | 12 | 11 | Manager |
| C. Jaroszewicz | Director | 8 | 7 | Structural Engineer |
| C. Hickey | Director | 4 | 4 | Marketing Consultant |
| T. O'Kane | Director | 12 | 9 | Disability Support Worker |
| A. Boyter | Director | 12 | 11 | Engineer |

GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager (CEO) is Mr Glen Taylor and he has occupied the position since 2 March 2006. Mr Taylor has extensive experience in the Club industry and is also General Manager of the Company.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is Ms Matina Moffitt and was appointed on 23 February 2014. Ms Moffitt is a Chartered Accountant.

MEMBERSHIP

The Company is a company limited by guarantee and is without share capital. The number of Members of the Company registered in the Register of Members at the date of this report is:

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Full Members | 892 | 784 |
| Social Members | <u>2,542</u> | <u>2,014</u> |
| | <u>3,434</u> | <u>2,798</u> |

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OPERATING RESULTS

The net profit from Trading for the year ended 30 September 2016 (after no Provision for Income Tax) amounted to \$172,026 (2015 - Profit \$279,408) after charging depreciation of \$288,693 (2015 - \$291,705).

DIVIDENDS

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

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>%</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Poker Machines Clearances | 1,563,240 | 1,629,005 | (65,765) | (4.04) |
| Bar Sales | 1,100,080 | 1,018,804 | 81,276 | 7.98 |
| Administration Expenses | 1,386,833 | 1,329,900 | 56,933 | 4.28 |

OBJECTIVES

Short term

Providing for members and guests a social sporting club with the usual facilities of a club and to assist generally in the promotion and promulgation of amateur sports.

Long term

To sustain and enhance our position as a leader in the assistance to selected amateur sports, to provide a quality environment and to provide assist to the Concord and nearby communities.

Strategies for providing the objectives:

Principal strategies include:

1. Maximise advantage from our investments and property holding;
2. Maximise advantage from marketing activities;
3. Maximise advantage by those sports that have as their fundamental ethos the support and promotion of amateur sports;
4. Maintain high customer service standards.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal continuing activity of the Company consisted of maintaining a licensed amateur sporting club for members.

How these activities assist in achieving the objectives:

The activities assist in generating revenue to fund the sporting activities and the promotion of amateur sport.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Performance is assessed regularly against relevant internal and industry benchmarks enabling assessment as to whether strategic initiatives have been effective in achieving the Company's short and long term objectives

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EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the economic entity. The line of credit with the Commonwealth Bank was increased from \$399,071 to \$551,100.

INDEMNIFYING OFFICERS OR AUDITORS

During or since the end of the financial year the company has given an indemnity or entered an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows: During the year the company has paid premiums of \$1,482.14 to insure all directors against liabilities for the costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the Company, other than conduct involving a willful breach of duty in relation to the company.

OPTIONS

No options over issued shares or interest in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report as the Company is limited by guarantee.

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company for all or part of those proceedings

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION

The Auditor's Independent Declaration for the year ended 30th September 2016 has been received and can be found on page 4 of this report.

Dated at Concord this 19th day of December 2016
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


.....
B. HOWLE - DIRECTOR
.....
M. MOFFITT - DIRECTOR

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that during the year ended 30th September 2016:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

DATED AT CONCORD
THIS 5TH DAY OF
DECEMBER 2016


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

GARRY WILLIAM DAY
Registered Company Auditor

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DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) General

This Summary of the Financial Statements has been derived from the full financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September, 2016. The discussion and analysis is based on those financial reports and is provided to assist members in the understanding of financial statements.

A copy of the full financial report and audit report thereon will be made available to any member upon request to the General Manager.

b) Statement of Comprehensive Income

The entity's total revenue has decreased to \$3,657,228 (0.4%) since the prior year whilst operating expenses excluding depreciation amortization and borrowing costs have increased to \$3,179,212 (3.7%) resulting in a net profit before tax of \$172,026 (income tax Nil) compared to \$279,408 net profit (income tax Nil) for the previous year.

Individual items that have impacted the 2016 results include:

- Poker machine taxes decreased by \$23,170 (10.57%).
- Entertainment, marketing and promotional costs decreased by \$16,712 (8.66%).
- Depreciation and amortisation expense decreased by \$3,012 (1.03%).
- Employee benefit expenses increased by \$122,779 (16.96%).

Bar sales were up to \$1,100,080 compared to last year of \$1,018,804, while the gross profit percentage increased from 59.70% to 62.04%. Bar net profit increased to \$235,699 this year from \$222,587 last year.

We saw a decrease in Poker Machine clearances of \$65,765 largely due to a decrease in Poker Machine interest by members. This resulted in a decrease in profit of \$35,795 from \$1,140,109 to \$1,104,314.

Sport contributed a negative result again this year of approximately \$98,037. Sporting income decreased by \$66,207 while other Sporting income and expenses remained constant.

c) Statement of Financial Position

The entity's net assets have increased by \$172,026 or 3.52% since the previous year consisting of a increase in total assets of \$415,774 and a \$244,748 increase in total liabilities.

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

- Increase in property, plant and equipment of \$351,569, due mainly to Club House improvements and purchase of plant & equipment.
- Increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$18,867.
- Increase in other financial liabilities of \$115,165 mainly the Bank line of credit.
- Increase in trade payables of \$95,088.
- Increase in current assets of \$17,205.

d) Cash Flow Statement

Operating activities provided net cash flow of \$551,840, compared to \$753,807 in the previous year.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$685,001 mainly related to payments for property, plant & equipment.

Increase in net borrowings of \$152,028 related to the CBA line of credit.

Cash at year end was \$203,061 compared to \$184,194 in the prior year.

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

| | 2016 \$ | 2015 \$ |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenue from the sale of goods | 1,116,085 | 1,029,429 |
| Revenue from the rendering of services | 2,224,260 | 2,361,611 |
| Other revenue from ordinary activities | 316,883 | 281,461 |
| Total revenue from ordinary activities | <u>3,657,228</u> | <u>3,672,501</u> |
| Cost of sales | (417,542) | (417,270) |
| Directors' expenses | (945) | (726) |
| Employee benefit expenses | (846,684) | (723,905) |
| Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses | (176,249) | (192,961) |
| Poker machines licenses and taxes | (196,061) | (219,231) |
| Other expenses from ordinary activities | (1,541,731) | (1,511,465) |
| Total Expenses | <u>(3,179,212)</u> | <u>(3,065,558)</u> |
| Earnings before borrowing costs, depreciation and amortisation | 478,016 | 606,943 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | (288,693) | (291,705) |
| Borrowing costs | (17,297) | (35,830) |
| Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense | <u>172,026</u> | <u>279,408</u> |
| Income tax expense | - | - |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - |
| Total Comprehensive Profit for the year | <u>172,026</u> | <u>279,408</u> |

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

| | 2016 \$ | 2015 \$ |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current assets | | |
| Cash assets | 203,061 | 184,194 |
| Investments | 151,733 | 147,814 |
| Inventories | 51,107 | 51,596 |
| Other | 110,205 | 115,297 |
| Total current assets | <u>516,106</u> | <u>498,901</u> |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant & equipment | 5,563,355 | 5,211,786 |
| Intangibles | 444,945 | 396,945 |
| Total non-current assets | <u>6,008,300</u> | <u>5,608,731</u> |
| Total assets | <u>6,524,406</u> | <u>6,107,632</u> |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Payables | 370,977 | 275,889 |
| Provisions | 367,582 | 333,087 |
| Other | 715,198 | 600,033 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>1,453,757</u> | <u>1,209,009</u> |
| Non-Current liabilities | | |
| Other | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total non-current liabilities | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>1,453,757</u> | <u>1,209,009</u> |
| Net assets | <u>5,070,649</u> | <u>4,898,623</u> |
| Members' Funds | | |
| Retained profits | 2,566,454 | 2,394,428 |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | 2,160,358 | 2,160,358 |
| Briars Equity Transfer | 343,837 | 343,837 |
| Members' Equity | <u>5,070,649</u> | <u>4,898,623</u> |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

| | Retained Earnings | Asset Revaluation Reserve | Briars Equity Transfer | Total Equity |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance as at 30 September 2014 | 2,115,020 | 2,160,358 | 343,837 | 4,619,215 |
| Net profit for the year | 279,408 | - | - | 279,408 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | - | - | - | - |
| Total Comprehensive income for the year | 279,408 | - | - | 279,408 |
| Balance as at 30 September 2015 | 2,394,428 | 2,160,358 | 343,837 | 4,898,623 |
| Net profit for the year | 172,026 | - | - | 172,026 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | - | - | - | - |
| Total Comprehensive income for the year | 172,026 | - | - | 172,026 |
| Balance 30 September 2016 | 2,566,454 | 2,160,358 | 343,837 | 5,070,649 |

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

| | 2016 \$ | 2015 \$ |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</u> | | |
| Receipts from Member & Guests | 3,539,723 | 3,527,715 |
| Payments to Suppliers and Employees | (3,129,043) | (2,912,389) |
| Interest | 4,566 | 4,804 |
| Rental Income | 136,594 | 133,677 |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities | 551,840 | 753,807 |
| <u>Cash Flow From Investing Activities</u> | | |
| Payments for purchase of investment | (3,919) | (12,290) |
| Payments for Poker Machine Licences | (48,000) | - |
| Payment for Plant & Equipment, Poker Machines | (633,082) | (178,322) |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities | (685,001) | (190,612) |
| <u>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</u> | | |
| Proceeds (Repayment) of Borrowings | 152,028 | (534,000) |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities | 152,028 | (534,000) |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash held | 18,867 | 29,195 |
| Cash at 30th September, 2015 | 184,194 | 154,999 |
| Cash at 30th September, 2016 | <u>203,061</u> | <u>184,194</u> |

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flow

1. Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of this statement of cash flows, cash includes:-

- (i) cash on hand and in "at call" deposits with banks or financial institutions.

Cash at the end of the year is shown in the balance sheet:

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash at Bank | 117,896 | 130,218 |
| Cash on Hand | 85,165 | 53,976 |
| | <u>203,061</u> | <u>184,194</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

I. Summary of significant Accounting Policies

The summary financial statements have been prepared from the audited financial reports of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2016. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2016 is available at request from Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the entity's functional and presentation currency.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the summary financial statements have been derived from and are consistent with the full financial statements of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The summary financial statements do not, and cannot be expected to, provide a detailed understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied, Briars at Greenlees Limited are consistent with those of the financial year in their entirety.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of Briars at Greenlees Limited declare that the summary financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 30 September 2016, as set out on pages 1 to 10.

- a) Complies with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 1; and
- b) Is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 30 September 2016 and has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Concord this 19th day of December 2016
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


.....
B. HOWLE - DIRECTOR


.....
M. MOFFITT - DIRECTOR

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED
(Formerly Greenlees Park Bowling Club Limited)
ABN: 71 001 029 545
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TO THE MEMBERS OF
BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the summary statement of financial position as at 30 September 2016, the summary statement of comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2016. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 5th December 2016.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

Director's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report on the basis described in Note 1.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2016 is consistent in all material respects, with that audited financial report, on the basis described in Note 1.

DATED AT CONCORD
THIS 23RD DAY OF
DECEMBER 2016


HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY
Chartered Accountants

GARRY WILLIAM DAY
Registered Company Auditor

BRIARS FOUNDATION AS AT JUNE 2016

DONOR MEMBERSHIP

CLASS 1 (\$500,000 +)..... PLATINUM

CLASS 2 (\$250,000 - \$499,999)..... GOLD

CLASS 3 (\$100,000 - \$249,999)..... PATRON

John Singleton

Walker Family

CLASS 4 (\$50,000 - \$99,999) LIFE MEMBER

Steve Keir OAM (Decd)

CLASS 5 (\$25,000 - \$49,999) VICE PRESIDENT

Don Way (Decd)

Richard Crookes

CLASS 6 (\$2,500 - \$24,999) VOTING MEMBER

Ross Anstey

Peter Mansford

Jack Balmforth BEM (Decd)

Mike Mathews

Ian Blair

John Price

Andy Clifford

Doug Prowse (Decd)

Matt Waddington

Laurie Routley (Decd)

Colin Dennis (Decd)

John Richards

John Edmonds (Decd)

Cec Stevens (Decd)

Garnet Green (Decd)

Kerry Trollope

Mal Goldsmith

Warwick Williams

Bill Hooker

Tony Wozniak

Ken Lockery

Philip England

Greg McPhee

Col Rankin (Decd)

CLASS 7 (\$500 - \$2,499) NON VOTING MEMBER

Jim Barrett

Bill Marshall

Paul Mattick

John Metcalf

Doug Guest (Decd)

Fai Tsang

Ken Kable

Geoff Tweeddale (Decd)

Bob Kersey

David Brown

Ian McGregor

Mal Weber

David Scoble

David Guille

Scott Brennan

Scott McGill

Terry Kershaw

Keith Wearne

Lance Brooks

Paul Price

Peter Unwin

George Wright (Decd)

Ray Ackerman (Decd)

Dr Roger Vanderfield AO OBE (Decd)

Ken Bell

Robert England

BEQUESTS

Mal Goldsmith

Ian Richard

John Randle

Chris Walker

John Threlfo