



BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD



6th Annual Report and Balance Sheet 2010 – 2011

Presented to Members at the Club Rooms
Cnr Ian Parade & Wellbank Street, Concord 2137
on Sunday 26th February 2012

Briars at Greenlees Ltd
ABN 710 010 295 45

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD



Patrons

D A Walker
K Free OAM

Life Members

T Cribb
P Doherty
G Price

President

I Blair

Vice Presidents

Mayor of Canada Bay
Member for Drummoyne

Board of Directors

I Blair	T Cribb	B Howle	C Hickey
B Huttly	K Norris	J Slender	R Tregeagle

General Manager

G Taylor

Treasurer

I Blair

Auditor

Harley, Russell and Day

Solicitors

P Mattick LLB
Turner Freeman

Sports Management Committee

G Price	Cricket
J Fordham	Hockey
A Craig	Rugby
M Jaroszewicz	Squash
T Cribb	Men's Bowls
H Burton	Women's Bowls
E McPhee	Netball

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

Founded 1918



PATRONS

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

PAST PRESIDENTS

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

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

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

LIFE MEMBERS

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

VICE-PRESIDENTS

R Anstey
J F Crockart
P England
J H Edmonds
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
A C Reid
G Rolleston
S Schomberg
J Staniforth
R Streeter
K E Wearne

GREENLEES PARK BOWLING CLUB

Opened 1950



PATRONS

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

CHAIRMEN

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

PRESIDENTS

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

LIFE MEMBERS

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

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year has been one of transformation of the Club and the building works have made it a most attractive venue.

The deck on the western wall was completed with the help of a State Government grant to pay for the shade sails. This area is now very popular with members and guests able to relax with a drink and a meal overlooking the greens in comfort. The gaming area was moved to the rear of the Club and the main lounge was opened up to more natural light and better offices for the administration staff. These major changes have had the effect of attracting more members.

Thanks must go to Brian, Craig and Glen who spent many hours supervising the project work making sure it came in on budget and on time which it did. Canada Bay Council is to be thanked in the renovation process as the submission of plans to the end result was appreciated by the Board. The bistro is performing well due to the hard work by Albert and Vivian in building up clientele and also shown by the increase in functions compared to last year. In fact, Glen has had to turn away bookings because of the popularity.

The finance of the Club is mentioned in the Treasurer's Report but considering the 'doom and gloom' around the world, the Club is performing well. Our aim for 2012 is to reduce the debt as quickly as possible.

The Sports have had a most satisfactory season. Hockey won seven premierships, two men, two women and three juniors, a record for the Club. Two players, Kellie White and Emily Smith, have been selected in the Hockeyroos Squad for the 2012 London Olympics and Men's Hockey has players selected for the State Squad. We wish them the best for selection and I am sure all the Club will follow with interest.

Rugby had an encouraging turnaround both on and off the field from last season with First, Second and Third Grades making the finals but unfortunately going no further. Andy Craig deserves the credit for the improvement with sheer hard work. May this continue in 2012.

Bowls made the state finals in No.2 Pennants and travelled to Dubbo for the play offs but unfortunately met with strong opposition. Both Men's and Women's Bowls need to attract juniors to give it strength for the future.

Netball, our youngest sport, was well organised again and made the finals but unfortunately could not go further. Ellie McPhee did an excellent job in running the sport.

Squash is still going with two teams in a sport that is virtually dying. Mick Jaroszewicz is trying next season to secure squash courts in the local area and if this can be achieved this should be a lifeline for the sport.

Cricket once again had a most successful season winning Third Grade and being runners up in First Grade. The great winner for Briars Cricket is the integration of juniors who have come from Concord RSL to play under the Briars banner. This was no easy task but Chris and Anne Burt and Gerard Price organised the transition with a minimum of fuss. The benefits are enormous as these young players now have a pathway not only for Cricket but other sports in the Club. Many thanks to Chris and Anne Burt and the parents of Briars Junior Cricket.

I would also like to thank Paul Price and the Foundation who have been most supportive in helping the Club in recording its history by funding the scanning of records of both clubs.

Thanks to Glen, Melissa and staff who have done an excellent job in running the Club, in particular while construction was underway during the year. There was very little disruption to members while the work was carried out over three months.

The Board has decided that a Scholarship scheme be introduced to help young playing members with their education and to be funded by the R B Clark Trust Fund. Bob Clark was founder of The Briars, who bequeathed money on his death. More will be mentioned at the Annual General Meeting.

Thanks to Brian Huttly who was President for the past four years on a job well done.

Finally to the Directors who gave their time generously in a very busy world.

The Club is looking towards a most exciting 2012.

Ian Blair - President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Profits for this year (2010-2011) had 'two speeds' just like the economy. Before the renovation turnover and profitability were below budget and after renovation turnover and profitability were above budget.

As will be seen both the bar profit (up 9% on last year) and gaming profit (up 6% on last year), have been due to the renovations.

The profit overall was less than last year 2011 \$50,881 (2010 \$69,475). With Club renovations taking place it was decided that instead of capitalising the complete renovation, the Board decided to expense items which may have been capitalised. Repairs and maintenance increased by \$25,409 on last year which should be less in 2012 due to refurbishment. Depreciation increased by \$13,683 on last year mainly due to the purchase of poker machines during the year.

Last financial year the Board upgraded the TAB area and this has proven to be successful with commission well up on last year.

Cintra Park had reduced income and also the lease of the ground increased during the year showing a decrease of \$23,000. The Hockey Committee has been most active in increasing rentals over the summer period and this should be shown in next year's accounts.

Utilities such as water and power have increased 12% on last year and the Club is carrying out audits to keep this expense under control. To reduce our dependence on mains water, the Club is in the process of installing rain water tanks assisted by New South Wales Government grants applied for by the Club.

Since the renovations the Club has increased advertising and promotion expense to attract more local people to the Club.

As mentioned in the President's Report, renovations finished on time and within budget. The final cost was \$485,566 and this was reduced by investments redeemed and cash flow thus leaving the amount owing of \$280,755 at 30 September 2011.

Interest on the Club's loan totalled \$10,021 for the year. At the time of writing this report the loan is six months ahead of the repayment schedule and based on our current repayments should be fully repaid by the end of 2013.

The Sporting Chairpersons have to be congratulated for running tight budgets and finishing in the black for each sport.

A new system will be introduced next year whereby all sporting fees can be paid online. This will save an enormous amount of time by the sporting treasurers and hopefully reduce the outstanding sporting fees which become a real problem during their seasons.

The George Street property was fully leased for the year and with Cintra, provide a very important cash flow to the Club.

Jo Sikkens is to be thanked for her first year as our Consulting Accountant and has done an excellent job providing up to date information to Glen and myself.

Glen and his team have done an excellent job in providing monthly, yearly accounts and reports for the Board. This information is vital and allows decisions to be made confidently enabling the Club to grow and prosper.

The Club is trading well for the first two months with bar and gaming up on last year and the positive cash flow helping to reduce our debt ahead of schedule.

Ian Blair - Treasurer

THE BRIARS FOUNDATION LIMITED

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

The Foundation committee has remained the same for the past twelve months.

The Statement of Financial Position for The Foundation to the year ended 30 June 2011, shows net assets of \$231,095 compared with \$229,223 for the 2010 year.

Four 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 lack of a major project has seen the amount of donations and pledges fall over the past few years however that is about to change. The Australian Sports Foundation holds \$56,700.00 on behalf of the Foundation for future Capital Projects.

Over the past 2-3 years the Foundation have 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.

The next year could be our most exciting yet as the club is currently negotiating the potential upgrade of The Rothwell Park changerooms and should this project proceed The Foundation will undertake some major fundraising to assist in improving the facilities for Rugby and Cricket. For various reasons the project has crawled at snail pace this year but we hope to have some developments over the next couple of months and hopefully make some real progress in 2012.

You will notice the new Foundation Board at the club and we thank Greg McPhee for doing such a great job with that.

A big thank you again to our treasurer Bill Hooker who did a fabulous job 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 2012.

Below is the current list of Members of the Foundation. We thank each and everyone of you for your past and ongoing support.

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

Paul Price - President

CRICKET CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another successful season for the mighty Briars with the 3rd Grade victorious Premiers and 1st Grade going down narrowly in the Grand Final. We also had our 2nd and 4th Grades contest the semi finals only to record narrow losses just before the big one.

Our challenge each year is to improve on the previous season as all clubs regard us as the yardstick and definitely lift when they play against us. We have set the standard for many years now but seem to perform brilliantly and for this we must congratulate all the players for the season.

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 four teams in the semi finals and invariably win a Premiership as well.

This season we were fortunate to acquire the services of Jason Holley, son of Kevin. Jason had previously played many years at Sutherland in 1st and 2nd grade and saw joining the Briars as a new challenge. His father had played for the Club in Cricket and Hockey many years before and his brother Darren had also won a 1st grade Premiership in 1999/2000. Jason took over the reins as Club Coach and brought new enthusiasm and skills to our training sessions. His impact was immediate and the fact that all four teams reached the semis and a close second place in the Club Championship, was very pleasing.

This season our 3rd grade team was outstanding in the way they dominated their competition and eventually won the decider. The lads played Warringah who are a very competitive club and we managed only 142 in the Grand Final after batting first with Ben Critchley outstanding with 65. With time still to bowl on day 1 Doug

Loth produced the spell of the season to have the opposition reeling at 4-4. Constant pressure and then some good batting saw day 1 end at 8-127 with a very interesting early session to come on the Sunday. The Briars responded as expected to dismiss the opposition for 138 but there was still plenty of time to lose the game. Once again, our finals experience came to the fore as we eventually batted the day out to be 5-150 with Ben Critchley again the star with 56x. The crowd of supporters erupted when the game was called off and the celebrations began. Well done boys.

On the other side of town at Blacktown the 1st graders were also contesting a Grand Final against Strathfield. This would prove to be a tough one after two very good semi final victories and on a bowler friendly wicket we were sent in to bat. We didn't perform to our potential as we were bowled out for 155. With runs on the board we reduced the opposition to 4-56 but as the wicket flattened out our task became a little difficult. They continued batting on day 2 and just after lunch the game was eventually called off. It was a magnificent performance by the young 1st grade team who surprised many outsiders to reach the Grand Final and they will be a better team for their efforts in 2011/12. Congratulations boys.

The Under 24's promised so much pre season however with so many guys unavailable during the season for a variety of reasons, they did not fulfil our expectations but next season promises to be a huge improvement. The 5th grade team suffered each week with unavailables in the higher grades and fell just short of the semis as well but there are plenty of young players who were given an opportunity who will benefit from their first turf experiences.

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

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

Off the field there are many guys who assist in the cricket administration throughout the year and in no particular order I will mention them. Anthony Clarke, who although retired, served on the Shires Rep Committee, assisted in fees collection and other odd jobs etc. Jason Harris with his help each week with covers and organising new clothing, Paul Price for his regular 'advice' and feedback on all issues, Terry Murphy for his representation of the Club at the various SCA meetings in town, to Scott Brennan for his time and effort compiling/updating the cricket stats on the website which we all take such an interest in each week during the season, Mark Smyck for his general assistance when needed and management of the Under 24's team, and finally to Rob Jalalaty and Lloyd Andrews for their weekly speeches after games at the club. They were very much enjoyed. To anyone I have failed to mention I apologise but your efforts are much appreciated.

To be able to effectively operate a successful club you must also have your finances organised and managed efficiently. For the last decade or so we have been very 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 we as 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 the back of our playing shirts.

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 I thank you all for this. There were plenty who helped throughout the season and will for seasons to come I am sure. Thanks guys.

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 past 19 years we have won this trophy and I know how much it meant to Peter Richardson to be honoured on the trophy in this way. We were very fortunate as well during this round to have Peters son Tim play for us in our 2nd grade. After some hard fought games the Briars once again were victorious and have yet to lose this trophy. Ever!

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.

At the end of the season we held our Annual Presentation evening at the club and with over 100 past and present players including some partners we had a very enjoyable evening. Amongst some of the ex players included David Walker and Ted Watt (Ruby was not well enough to attend). We are very thankful that these two Briars legends 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 Steve Stapelfeldt, Paul Cramsie, Herman Hitipeuw, Steve Schomberg, Bob Streeter, David Wright, Aldo Cantori, Peter Mansford, and Kevin Holley. It was fantastic to catch up with them all and we hope to see them as regulars in future years.

The various award winners were:

David Walker Trophy - Services to Cricket - Aldo Cantori

Ted Watt Trophy - Best New Talent - Adrian Neligan

1st Grade Players Player - Jason Holley

2nd Grade Players Player - Gerard Price

3rd Grade Players Player - Will Hood

4th Grade Players Player - Dan Haikin

5th Grade Players Player - Bray Stoneham

Under 24's Players Player - Adrian Neligan

Masters Players Player - Greg Matchett

To all these award winners we congratulate you and thanks to Paul Price and Scott Brennan 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

It is fair to say that my first season at Burwood Briars will be one that I will look back on in years to come and be very proud of. I could not have asked for a better start to my time with this fantastic club. Season 2010/11 for the 1st grade will go down as the "season we had to have". The side finished second on the table at the end of the home and away season. We were to play North West Sydney in the quarter final which was marred by rain (a ball was never bowled) and we went through to the semi final the following week vs Lane Cove at home. We managed to beat Lane Cove in what was a tough and hard fought contest meaning we were through to the Grand Final against Strathfield the following weekend, which was to be played out at Blacktown over three days. Unfortunately the side saved one of our worst batting performances on a good wicket for this game. With very few players having not had the experience of playing in a 1st grade final before, this loss will be the making of this team and club within the next few years. This side was an extremely young side and the experience they would have gained from playing finals cricket this year will set them on the path to success in the years to come. All players this year who played a part in this team finishing second have every right to have felt disappointed at missing out on not winning the comp but we are a team on the way up and all players should have been proud of their performances, attitude and application all year. In all honesty, if we had won the premierships this year, it would have come too easy!

I firmly believe that you do have to lose a Grand Final to be able to win one – you will appreciate it more.

On an individual level it was great to see players such as Steve Davis, Adrian Neligan and Sunny Khalko lead the way for us this year with ball and bat.

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.

To the ground staff at Rothwell Oval, without doubt the best ground all year and I congratulate you on your efforts.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Gerard Price for continually pestering me for the past 12 seasons to come across and play for this great club. I knew from growing up and speaking with Dad and my brother Darren, what wonderful experiences and opportunities came from playing at Briars and I cannot thank Gerard enough for helping me settle in and being the great friend he is.

To all the players at the club – a HUGE thank you. I have enjoyed every bit of my short stay so far and to be involved and be playing/training with all you guys really is the highlight of my week.

The fellow captains, whilst it isn't an easy job you all did very well leading your teams each week and I know I valued your help and assistance when required, so thank you.

Special mention to Will Hood and his merry men in 3rds – congratulations on winning the Premiership this year, a fantastic effort and well deserved.

Finally, I would like to thank all our sponsors for supporting our great club and I look forward to the 2011/12 season. There is only one Burwood Briars!

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt	Ct
B Bastow	9	8	1	40*	-	-	15.29	107									
B Chapman	8	8	2	31	-	-	12.67	76									
S Davis	16	7	3	16	-	-	12.00	48	185.4	44	510	5-24	1	-	13.42	38	-
J Haikin	6	6	-	59	1	-	15.83	95									
J Holley	15	14	2	113	6	2	61.92	743	93.1	24	267	2-17	-	-	26.70	10	12
B Hurford	8	8	-	28	-	-	12.88	103									
A Jalalaty	13	13	-	36	-	-	13.92	181	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
S Khalko	16	13	2	67	1	-	19.09	210	164.1	38	458	5-15	1	-	14.31	32	2
P Murphy	13	7	4	19	-	-	14.00	42	94.1	18	296	2-12	-	-	19.73	15	2
A Neligan	5	4	1	108*	-	1	74.33	223									
M Seymour	13	13	2	64	3	-	27.45	302	140.3	36	379	6-9	2	-	14.04	27	8
M Squire	16	16	1	82	1	-	27.53	413									
D Welsh	13	10	4	43	-	-	24.50	147	79.0	9	324	2-15	-	-	27.00	12	3

Also Batted: S Brennan 2-76, T D'Apice 4-43, R Jalalaty 2-2, P Pannuti 2-7, D Robinson 3-36, P Simpson 2-27, M Towells 3-44.

Also Bowled: B Bastow 4-89, T D'Apice 7-74, P Pannuti 5-42, M Towells 4-48.

Jason Holley

CRICKET SECOND GRADE

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt	Ct
T Aili	7	8	-	51	1	-	21.62	173									
L Andrews	12	11	2	102*	1	1	25.22	227	25.0	4	97	2-16	-	-	16.17	6	2
S Brennan	12	11	-	35	-	-	11.64	128									
W Grimson	10	10	-	86	1	-	23.00	230	107.2	30	304	8-47	2	1	12.16	25	2
J Haikin	7	8	1	32	-	-	16.71	117									
R Jalalaty	8	9	2	23	-	-	10.43	73									
S Nardo	13	9	8	23*	-	-	57.00	57	114.5	27	416	4-22	-	-	17.33	24	8
A Neligan	7	7	-	118	1	2	46.14	323									
G Price	15	13	6	41*	-	-	23.71	166	182.3	48	454	4-8	-	-	13.35	34	3
T Reitano	6	6	-	33	-	-	12.67	76									
P Simpson	6	6	1	63*	1	-	24.40	122									
M Smyck	8	9	-	40	-	-	9.00	81	52.5	11	187	2-27	-	-	26.71	7	3
M Towells	12	10	1	25	-	-	6.56	59	128.0	25	439	3-21	-	-	19.09	23	9

Also Batted: P Catalovski 5-19, B Critchley 7-84, K Currie 1-7, M Franklin 2-26, C Hart 2-14, B Hurford 2-34, D Loth 1-8, P Murphy 2-32, D Robinson 4-54, M Yahya 3-12.

Also Bowled: B Critchley 0-63, K Currie 3-98, J Haikin 1-18, D Loth 4-25, A Neligan 0-111, P Simpson 3-50, M Yahya 3-103.

CRICKET THIRD GRADE - PREMIERS

A superb season for Briars 3rd grade ended with a well deserved Premiership trophy. The 3rd grade side were only defeated once in the season proper, an outright loss to Auburn, and that was atoned with a classic semi final win against them. The first week of the finals was a complete washout, which as the third placed team resulted in us making the trip over to Auburn to play the hot favourites for the 3rd grade title. The match couldn't have started better for the home side, they had us 4-12 and not long after 9-83. A belligerent last wicket stand between Niaz and Ki Curry pushed the total up to 130. Niaz's 31* was one of the most valuable semi finals innings ever for Briars. The confidence gained from the last wicket stand catapulted us into our fielding effort, and Auburn too were under pressure at 4-12. Some aggressive batting kept them in it but wickets still fell and at 7-66 overnight it was anyone's game. They fought their way past 100 the next morning until Doug Loth struck and we ended up taking the final wickets cheaply to gain a 17 run first innings lead. However, the match was far from over, with more than two sessions left the Auburn boys still had plenty of fight left in them. They bowled us out for 126 which left them a target of 143 from 20 overs. They came out hard with the bat but the Briars held it together and bowled them out for 114. The match was still in the balance until the very end and the victory was extra sweet after two intense days of semi final cricket. The standout performances of the match were the fast bowlers Ki Curry and Doug Loth, Dougie took five crucial wickets and Ki took a massive 10 wickets for the match from nearly 40 overs. A fantastic effort over two consecutive days.

The Grand Final was even more dramatic, the stakes were higher and the game even tighter at the end. After batting first and making 145 we were in an average position considering the opportunities presented to us to make a good score. Fortunately the experience gained the week before gave us the confidence to defend a sub par total. We could not have started better, in the finest spell of fast bowling I have seen in 3rd grade Doug Loth tore the top and middle order to shreds and at one stage had bowling figures of 4-0. This could easily have been 5-0 if not for a very lucky batsmen. Like any good team though Warringah fought back and managed to stagger along to 8-120 overnight. Sleepless nights from both teams were the story of the next morning as 13 nervous players took the field. A couple of half chances slipped by but then a solid grab by Chris Hart put us a wicket away from a grand final win. The opposition skipper then slipped a few runs here and there and it got down to an 8 run difference. The tension was high and it was the Briars who held their nerve. The ball was skied high from the opposition skipper, straight towards the very well liked but not most reputable fieldsman in Vijay Sharma. The ball took an eternity to fall but when it did Vijay took an assured catch that I'm sure is still a picture perfect memory in the minds of the team. This led to rapturous celebration by the players who then quickly turned around and batted out the day to seal the premiership win. The official player of the match was Doug Loth, who took 7 wickets in a damaging spell of bowling. It was an outstanding bowling effort that would have just pipped a tremendous performance by Ben Critchley. Ben scored a crucial half century in the first innings and then backed it up with another 50 to bat out the day in the second dig.

Individually there were some excellent performances in 3rd grade during the season. Mark Smyck scored his first century for Briars in a one day match against Lindfield. Chris Hart also scored 3 half centuries after his return from the UK. The pick of the bowlers was Ki Curry with 40 wickets, Ki started the season slowly but once he got his rhythm he became a real workhorse and led the attack on many occasions. Paul Hicks also did a lot of the dirty work throughout the year and peaked against South Sydney with a dominating 5 for 3 in the first innings and match figures of 8 for 8.

Thanks again goes to Gerard Price for the opportunity to captain the side and for overseeing this great cricket club. The other skippers were also great support throughout the year with Jase Holley, Dan Haikin and Wayne Grimson all providing different input and ideas for us to work with. A particular mention goes to Jase who is a great asset for this club going forward. We all gained a lot of information from him and he was always forthcoming in sharing his knowledge which I certainly appreciated.

Player Profiles

Will Hood: Scored 385 runs @ 32. There is no better feeling in cricket than sharing grand final success with your mates. I will always remember season 10/11 for that reason.

Gareth Robson: 24 catches and 2 stumpings was a great return for the gloveman. Gareth also opened the batting at the end of the season replacing the injured Tony Reitano. Gareth made some very handy contributions with the bat and gloves which is what you expect from a great club man like him.

Mark Smyck: Performed well with bat and ball as usual, scored 248 runs @ 31 and took 7 wickets. Smyck scored his first century against Lindfield and all the Briars were very pleased with his achievement. Smyck contributes to the club in many aspects so the premiership success is very well deserved for his hard work.

Vijay Sharma: Vijay scored 183 runs @ 22.9. He also managed to sneak 3 wickets with limited opportunity. Vijay took the catch which won us the grand final, an achievement that belies his reputation under the high ball. Vijay played a lot of games from someone who was supposed to take a year off. This just shows his passion for the game and the club.

Doug Loth: The grand final man of the match with figures of 7-50 took 24 scalps overall @ 12.7. Doug was particularly filthy we missed out last year and the determination he showed in the finals series typifies what a competitor he is. Doug is off to the UK for an extended stint and we wish him all the best.

Ben Critchley: Ben came to us after spending the first half of the season in 2s. His experience at the higher level was vital and he managed to score 236 runs @ 47.2. More telling was that 3 half centuries came against top dogs Warringah which was vital to us winning those matches. Ben's attitude to cricket is infectious and his teammates are inspired by him.

Ki Curry: A new player at the club Ki started the season with mixed results. By the end he was opening the bowling and staying on virtually unchanged. The stats tell the story, 194.4 overs in 12 matches yielding 40 wickets @ 14.3. Ki will continue to improve and could easily lead more attacks to the premiership presentation dias.

Chris Hart: One of the most talented players I have played alongside I was particularly pleased to have him in my team. Chris scored 284 runs @ 35.5 from 8 matches. Chris is also a superb fieldsman and like Ben has a great attitude towards cricket which boosts his teammates. Not sure we'll see him in 3rds again.

Jason Harris: Jason was the piece of the puzzle I was happy to locate just before the finals. One of the most experienced finals players in the club Jason provided the steel we needed to drive us through the tough periods. He fitted into the team perfectly with his attitude and like he has done many times before, he celebrated success with his teammates. No one deserves it more.

Niaz Bhuyian: Niaz fought his way into the side with some dogged performances with bat and ball. Niaz produced when it mattered and made 31* in the semi final against Auburn. Always producing a crazy sound or silly comment, Niaz is the type of guy that makes us love turning up every Saturday.

Dave Young: Dave was an unknown when he slipped into 3rd grade in round 5 against Lindfield. He impressed with a polished 73 and was the perfect option in the lower order. His fielding in the big games was sensational and he took many great catches during the year. Another guy who is easy to lead and always played for the team. Dave should really succeed in the next few seasons.

Paul Hicks: Hicksy got injured on the eve of the finals. This was unfortunate as he was one of the leading bowlers with 27 wickets @ 15.5. Hicksy contributed heavily in our regular season success and we all felt for him not to play the finals. The fact he travelled to and from Canberra for most of the season showed his dedication to his team.

Tony Reitano: Tony also got injured late in the season. The loss of our opening batsmen was hard to cover as Tony had really made the spot his own with some good performances. Tony supported us through the finals series and hopefully soon he will get a chance to play in the big games with the Briars.

The Other Guys: There were plenty of other blokes who made cameos in 3s during the season and I thank all of you for your contribution.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt	Ct
B Critchley	6	7	2	62	3	-	47.20	236									
K Currie	11	9	3	20	-	-	9.83	59	182.4	42	520	6-30	2	1	15.29	34	3
J Harris	6	8	-	35	-	-	14.88	119									
C Hart	8	10	2	67	3	-	35.50	284									
P Hicks	12	8	5	12*	-	-	11.67	35	109.1	17	395	5-3	1	-	17.17	23	1
W Hood	13	15	4	55	3	-	33.73	371									
D Loth	6	8	1	30	-	-	14.86	104	98.0	30	249	7-50	1	-	13.11	19	-
T Reitano	6	8	1	42	-	-	17.29	121									
G Robson	14	16	-	38	-	-	10.56	169									
V Sharma	8	9	1	39*	-	-	17.50	140									
M Smyck	6	8	-	113	1	1	31.00	248	45.1	10	132	2-10	-	-	18.86	7	-
D Young	8	10	-	73	1	-	16.30	163									

Also Batted: T Aili 3-72, A Berenger 3-10, N Bhuiyan 4-48, S Campbell 3-31, D Cox 2-11, N Franklin 2-145, S Hudson 3-94, R Jalalaty 2-19, D Kennedy 3-3, J McKay 2-28, S North 4-86, P Price 1-9, D Robinson 3-18, G Smith 3-27, M Tahsin 1-30, J Thomas 3-17, M Yahya 2-67.

Also Bowled: N Bhuiyan 6-101, S Campbell 6-95, C Hart 2-47, W Hood 4-69, S Hudson 3-77, J McKay 1-2, S North 5-74, T Reitano 0-17, V Sharma 3-60, G Smith 5-52, M Tahsin 1-14, M Yahya 7-42.

Will Hood

CRICKET FOURTH GRADE - PREMIERS

The 2010-11 season finished at the same weekend as the previous season in the semi finals however instead of being outplayed by the opposition we bowed out being in a strong position in the match thanks to a small wet spot and some very over cautious umpires.

The season started with 4th grade having a new look with a lot of new cricketers at the club. Our first game was against the reigning premiers who knocked us out the year before. We exacted some revenge with a good victory however were quickly put back in our place after suffering a defeat in round 2 being bowled out for 72 by Southern Districts.

We bounced back winning the next 5 matches before the last match before the Christmas break being the first Twenty 20 round. This match saw us play Southern Districts again and again we finished runners up. The match could have finished differently except for some missed chances in the field and some better batting with our last pair putting on 45 to get us with 16 of victory. For me I will remember the match for the old man of Briars, Warwick Giblin, with his run out while we were fielding you would of thought he won the Lotto from his celebration proving Twenty 20 isn't just for the younger blokes.

After Christmas saw us play our 4th grade arch rivals Macquarie University. On a pitch that looked good and winning the toss luckily I decided to bowl and we went through them for 47. This match saw me get a couple of new players to the club coming after the break and this proved profitable for us with Joe McKay making a

superb 71 after we were 2/3 in our chase. I declared at the start of the second day and we were able to secure the outright bowling them out for 108 but not after fighting hard all day and taking 84 overs to bowl them out this time around.

After another win we played Warringah on what must have been the hottest day of the season and we were outplayed in the heat having to field first and had nothing left in the tank to bat and make a competition out of the match chasing 300 being bowled out for 109. This match saw Steve Warren cop a lightening bolt of a delivery on the hand and broke his finger which didn't help matters.

After an outright victory versus Pennant Hills and a narrow loss to Auburn we came to the last game of the round matches against Georges River. Just to prove sometimes a pitch is hard to read I batted on what looked like a belter. We ended up being bowled out for 80. In the end it ended up being more than enough after a brilliant bowling and fielding performances. For those that were in the team for this game we saw what in my mind was one of the greatest catches, if not at this level but possibly at any level of cricket by 'Captain Kirk' Orry off his own bowling. We ended up bowling Georges River out for 41.

We finished the season in 4th spot but with just one extra win in during the season could have finished first with only 5 points separating the first 4 spots on the ladder. After a complete wash out of the first week of finals we came against Warringah in the semi final. Needing to win the match I thought the best option was to bat first and bat we did scoring our highest score for the season 302. Everyone contributed in the top 8 with the tail also doing a bit of damage. Guy Smith made a dominating 74 and Greg Long finally remembered he can bat properly making a patient 49. In what was his second game back against the team that broke his finger, Steve Warren again suffered an injury copping a Yorker first delivery breaking his toe, how he wasn't given out I'm still not sure. We had a bowl at them at the end of the first day but with a dropped chance we weren't able to get a vital break through in the 8 overs we bowled. The next day was interrupted by rain going on and off at least 3 times before the final time saw us out of the finals picture. At the time we had Warringah 4/76 only bowling about 36 overs on the second day of the minimum 96.

Some of the standout performances this season with the bat came from new guys to the club with Guy Smith being the highest run scorer with 368 runs at an average of 61.33 scoring 111* against Souths and two other half centuries. Steve Warren scored 287 runs at 35.88 with a highest score of 96 also against Souths he also scored 2 other half centuries. Joe McKay who started playing with the club after Christmas and played 5 matches with me in 4th grade scored 195 at 32.5 with the highest score of 84. There was one other century scored during the season by another new player to the club, Dave Young against Lane Cove scoring 109*.

On the bowling side of things I personally took 32 wickets at an average of 13 with best bowling of 6/15 against Georges River and 5/25 against Epping. Niaz Bhuiyan took 23 wickets at 10.33 with best bowling figures of 4/11 against Strathfield. Michael Taberner was in and out of the side but bowled well at the right end of the season taking 13 wickets at 13.54 with best figures of 4/24 against Pennant Hills. There was one other 5 wicket haul taken by young Jack Kovacic who unfortunately didn't qualify for the finals 5/37 against Souths and from his 3 matches took 10 wickets at 6.2.

A special mention for Andre Berenger who assisted me greatly by taking the captaincy when I was unavailable for 3 games during the season winning 3 from 3.

Congratulations to the other captains on stellar seasons with Jason Holley taking 1st grade to the final and Wayne Grimson and 2nd grade who unfortunately went out in the semis with us and to Will Hood and his third grade team who won the competition with memorable semi final and final victories. I think this group of guys try to lead from the front with I think Grimmo being the only captain not being players player but that's because he has Gerard in his team.

Of course the biggest congratulations go to Gerard Price who keeps the Briars in a position where other teams only wish they could be not only by his performances on the field but more so by everything he does off it. With Gerard the club would not be where it is today or enjoyed the success it has done over the last 15 to 20 years. Good luck to everyone in this season.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt	Ct
A Berenger	13	13	2	26	-	-	15.64	172									
N Bhuiyan	10	8	3	36*	-	-	21.80	109	115.5	29	260	4-11	-	-	10.83	24	1
S Campbell	11	10	1	8	-	-	2.67	24	58.0	10	256	3-27	-	-	25.60	10	-
D Edwards	9	8	1	17	-	-	9.00	63	61.2	4	222	2-14	-	-	20.18	11	3
W Giblin	13	13	-	18	-	-	7.46	97									
D Haikin	13	10	1	32	-	-	11.00	99	167.0	59	451	6-15	2	-	13.67	33	2
G Long	15	16	1	49	-	-	15.13	227									
J McKay	5	6	-	84	2	-	32.50	195									
G Smith	10	10	3	111*	2	1	54.14	379									
S Sriram	10	10	-	30	-	-	11.30	113									

M Taberner	8	7	4	25*	-	-	16.00	48	51.0	7	176	4-24	-	-	13.54	13	1
S Warren	9	9	1	96	3	-	35.88	287									
D Young	3	3	1	109*	-	1	68.50	137									

Also Batted: R Hewetson 4-1, A Javed 3-24, O Kirkham 5-88, J Kovacic 2-46, L McCarthy 5-82, P Pannuti 3-43, M Tahsin 2-16, J Thomas 3-42, D Vyas 3-14.

Also Bowled: W Giblin 5-64, G Long 2-46, J McKay 3-107, P Pannuti 1-104, G Smith 5-45, M Tahsin 0-37.

Daniel Haikin

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt	Ct
D Edwards	6	5	-	16	-	-	9.40	47	40.0	2	152	1-17	-	-	30.40	5	-
S Ellicott	5	5	1	61*	1	-	30.00	120	38.0	7	118	2-15	-	-	23.60	5	1
B Gersbach	15	10	1	24	-	-	8.11	73	56.1	5	203	5-21	1	-	14.50	14	6
A Goswami	14	10	2	16	-	-	5.00	40	61.5	6	202	4-22	-	-	15.54	13	1
R Hewetson	8	8	2	13*	-	-	4.50	27	26.1	2	93	2-11	-	-	18.60	5	1
S Kreltszheim	6	5	2	23*	-	-	18.33	55	19.1	-	96	4-43	-	-	16.00	6	2
M Molhen	8	8	1	61*	1	-	24.86	174									
B Newton	11	11	2	38*	-	-	17.67	159									
P Orme	10	9	-	16	-	-	7.22	65	57.0	17	151	1-14	-	-	37.75	4	2
B Stoneham	13	12	2	76*	2	-	28.10	281	67.3	13	180	4-13	-	-	12.00	15	2
D Vyas	10	10	1	64*	1	-	21.56	194									
R Welcome	11	8	1	13	-	-	5.00	35									

Also Batted: T Aili 2-40, N Bhuiyan 1-23, K Bowton 2-41, P Catalovski 3-107, D Edwards 5-47, S Ellicott 5-120, A Galea 2-24, L McCarthy 2-9, G Smith 2-28, M Taberner 4-2, B Van Der Nienwenham 3-22, P Variana 5-12, M Vicic 1-18, A Ward 8-1, S Warren 4-84.

Also Bowled: N Bhuiyan 4-44, P Catalovski 3-21, M Molhen 0-13, G Smith 1-31, M Taberner 7-84, B Van Der Nienwenham 8-34, P Variana 0-18, M Vicici 1-1, D Vyas 1-62.

CRICKET UNDER 24'S

This season could not have come quicker as the results of the previous season had reminded us how easy it is for things to get out hand. But we knew that we went as low as we could and that the only way to go now was up. Pressure was certainly upon us to perform this season, and we all knew we had the squad to do it.

The captaincy changed hands once again for this season, with Max Squire taking control of the side. Max's influence to any team and intimidating batting skills made Max the perfect candidate to take over for Tom Dapice who was unable to play the majority of the games.

Player numbers were still high for this season, and with practically all of last season's squad still under 24 and available, this meant a strong team was still on offer to put out on the field along with a few new unfamiliar faces. Unavailabilities were still an issue but we were still able to get decent sides out of the field each round. Our bowling ammunition was one of the best around with 4 top line opening bowlers in Steve Davis, Doug Loth, Ki Currie and Jack Kovacic. But at times weren't able to get the job done. Our batting would also let us down with many inconsistent scores and not enough batsmen getting on with it after getting starts. Like the previous season our bowling and fielding would be successful for the first 15-20 overs with many opposing sides already a few wickets down but it was the issue of closing a match and drying up the runs which was our problem.

But this season, we were able to find some success against Southern Districts and Georges River. Both of these matches showed exactly how we had to play. The match against Southern Districts showed us how to bat with patience, especially with a very achievable total to chase we knew that we didn't need to rush to get the runs. Our bowling was still an issue with many wides being bowled but as the season grew on, wides and other extras became less frequent and the importance of keeping the runs down was high on the agenda. This was none more so evident in our second win against Georges River where we will able to bowl them out for 83, with only 11 extras. This was after the boys had scored 8/261, a score that could have been even greater if it weren't for the very slow outfield.

At the end of the season, we were unable to qualify into the finals. But even with two wins we were always a slight mathematical chance to somehow slip in to the top 6, something that we were keeping at the back of our minds and hoping would happen. It was bonus points that would keep us out of the running.

Throughout the season, there were still many outstanding performances that should be credited. One highlight that I fondly remember was the bowling of Jack Kovacic against Lane Cove with figures of 5/12 off 8.4 overs. His first 6 overs were 4/8 with four of the runs being wides. The opening partnership between Declan Kennedy

and Tom Dapice against Southern Districts of 114 was by far the best batting performance of the season for the squad, a partnership that gave the side its first win for the season.

Adrian Neligan was the top run scorer for the season with 181 runs from 6 matches, with top scores of 58, 45, 31 & 26. But he was closely followed by Declan Kennedy with 180 runs with top scores of 63, 59 & 41.

Steve Davis topped the bowling list with 13 wickets and best figures of 4-24.

One moment that should be mentioned was a mistyped SMS to a couple of players from myself, who were not selected to play an upcoming round, highlighting that “they were dropped due to performance”. This was not the case as more experienced players filled their spots. Hopefully in the future, messages such as these are written with more care and jokes about this moment will be long forgotten.

Season 2011/2012 and future seasons look to be even more promising with Briars now associated with junior cricket, which will breed future stars and will hopefully see them slide up the ranks into the senior sides in the near future. The upcoming season should be an improvement to this year with the players feeling the need to perform and get the side back to where it once was, back on top.

Name	Mts	Inn	NO	HS	50	100	Avg	Runs	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	BBwl	5	10	Avg	Wkt	Ct
K Currie	5	3	-	30	-	-	20.67	62	43.0	2	206	4-52	-	-	25.75	8	1
T D'Apice	3	3	-	42	-	-	25.00	75									
S Davis	7	4	1	15*	-	-	9.00	27	58.0	6	229	4-24	-	-	17.62	13	-
D Kennedy	6	6	-	63	2	-	30.00	180									
J Kovacic	5	4	3	20*	-	-	26.00	26	29.4	3	119	5-12	1	-	10.82	11	1
G Long	5	4	-	10	-	-	5.00	20									
D Loth	5	5	2	25*	-	-	27.33	82	38.1	6	119	3-12	-	-	23.80	5	1
S Nardo	5	3	1	25*	-	-	24.50	49	38.2	9	135	2-50	-	-	22.50	6	1
A Neligan	6	6	1	58	1	-	36.20	181									
M Squire	7	7	-	48	-	-	19.86	139									
J Thomas	7	7	1	41	-	-	18.83	113									

Also Batted: S Campbell 2-13, R Jalalaty 1-8, O Kirkham 3-20, D Robinson 2-3, S Sriram 2-3.

Also Bowled: S Campbell 1-64, T D'Apice 2-57, R Jalalaty 1-18, O Kirkham 0-17, A Neligan 2-103, M Squire 0-12.

Mark Smyck

MASTERS CRICKET

With the completion of our 20/20 match on Sunday March 27 season 2010/11 came to a close. It would be wrong to say we did not enjoy our cricket last summer however most team members would be somewhat disappointed with our overall results having not won a game. The first season ever, having been in the competition since season 1994/95. At least half our games were close and a catch here or run-out there could have changed the result in our favour, however the Masters Competition overall seems to getting stronger or we are just getting older and the gap between us and the stronger sides widening. These things are cyclic and as a team we need to rebuild.

All team members express our appreciation to Greg Matchett for his leadership and patience throughout, the balance in keeping everyone in the game can be difficult to achieve and we would all agree that Greg did this with astute poise. Thanks also to Briars Cricket and Gerard Price for the support availed to our team overall, playing at Rothwell is always a pleasure. There certainly were some positive individual performances last summer and the injection of younger team members, Andres, Stevie Rous, Simon Mitchell and Luke Magee in the later part of the season plus more regular appearances from David Abood, lays the platform for a younger more competitive side in the future.

For many of the team regulars we have been in the Masters for well over ten years and it is well and truly time to step up into the Classics over 50's competition next season. We hope this move will enable a number of past regulars to return to represent the Briars on a more consistent basis, Col Blair, Terry Kershaw, Brian Kirk and Richard Horwood to name a couple.

Notable batting performances last season, Greg Matchett 182 runs at an average of 45.5, David Abood 127 at 21.17 and Dave Trewin with 102 at 20.40. With the ball our best performers were Andres Navascues capturing 10 wickets at average of 13.20 and Steve Lucas 8 wickets at 15.38.

Congratulations to Greg Matchett in winning the Players Player Award for the third successive season.

Stuart Lind

RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

If anyone had said to me at the beginning of the 2011 season we would have First, Second and Third Grades in the finals this year, I would have said the year would be successful. This year Briars Rugby finished fourth position in the Club Championship, 950 points clear of the fifth position and we were the only club to defeat Hunters Hill in First Grade.

This year Rugby had over 50 new players. This helped strengthen all our grades and it was particularly pleasing to see more than 30 Colts playing.

Award Recipients for 2011

1 st Grade	Players Player	Kerry Constanti
	Best and Fairest Forward	Aaron Boyter
	Best and Fairest Back	Taani Kaliti
2 nd Grade	Players Player	Peter Finlay
	Best and Fairest Forward	Tim Rolls
	Coach's Award	Nadeen Obied
3 rd Grade	Players Player	Ben Murphy
	Best and Fairest	Jeremy Lawler
	Coach's Award	Bodine Howea
4 th Grade	Players Player	Brett Eather
	Best and Fairest	Tony Wang
	Coach's Award	John Wang
Colts	Players Player	Richard Minter
	Best and Fairest	Justin Yee
	Coach's Award	Isileli Topou
Clubman of the Year	Mark Rochlitz	
Rookie of the Year	Matt Schwartz	

There are many people to thank for their efforts this year and firstly all the coaches, Mark Gudmunson, John Picone, Reuben Sinai, Damien Johnson and Terry O'Kane. The coaches worked well together and gave me their full support. Mick Liubinskas was one of the main reasons for the teams making the finals as he introduced a great fitness programme pre season and continued it throughout the year. Thanks Mick, I do hope you will be involved next year.

I would like to thank the Rugby Committee – Damien Johnson (Secretary), John Slender (NSW Subbies), Tony Kerle (Canteen), Mick Taberner (Functions), Aaron Boyter (Website), Kerri-Ann Gudmunson (Functions), Shontal Reynolds (Functions), Terry O'Kane (Gear), Ian Blair (Laundry), Ben Edwards (Rugby Clothing), Ali Reynolds (Functions), Nick Alvaro (Fundraising), and Mark Rochlitz (Team Manager).

Most people would not realise the amount of time and effort that John Slender, Damien Johnson and Tony Kerle have given to Briars Rugby. Thank you all for the great assistance you gave me and the Club.

Without sponsors, Rugby would not be able to operate, so thank you to Rams Home Loans, Ready Fence, Unified Security Group, Complete Sign Services, John Slender and Chris Walker.

Over the past 40 years Briars Rugby have only won two Club Championships (Third Division) and three First Grade Finals, two Third Division and one Second Division. There must be reasons why Briars has not been more successful. Some of the reasons are lack of long term management and committee, no planning for future Rugby, no sports administrator, recruitment, financial, and lack of internal coaches and managers. All these issues have been discussed for many years but have not been resolved.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped this year especially the players and I hope to see Rugby improving in 2012.

Andrew Craig – Rugby Chairman

RUGBY FIRST GRADE

The 2011 season was one of the toughest of the five years I have coached Briars. Knowing it would be my last year at the Club, with the quality of the players we had built up at the Club and the expectation we put on ourselves as a team, we looked forward to a very competitive season. It was quick to realise that there was going to be two clubs along with us that were going to be in the fight for a premiership. With forwards like Aaron Boyter and Kerry Costanti leading from the front it gave our backs like Sean Hudson and Taani Kaliti time to weave their magic. We set ourselves big goals this year and throughout the regular season we hit those

marks finishing second on the table. James Ronsisvalle was awesome for the team playing almost every position on the field, Taani Kaliti scored an amazing 30 tries in the season and Sean Hudson chipped in with a nice nine week suspension. Unfortunately finals have been our big stumbling block at Briars and we came up against a big and fast Hunters Hill side that was far too expensive and good. We bowed out the following week against UNSW in a tight contest that could have gone either way.

I would really like to thank John 'General' Picone for coming back and being my partner in coaching this year. I would also like to thank Andy Craig who although copped it from the players, made the club work as well as it did. Also the ever hard working Damo, Kerley and the other coaches Reuben and Terry. Lastly, I would like to thank the players at Briars. This is a great club, but it can only stay great with all the players and old boys help.

Mark 'Guddo' Gudmunson - Coach

RUGBY SECOND GRADE

2011 was a successful season for Second Grade finishing fourth on the ladder. The team showed great improvement compared to the last few years winning 11 games and 14 points clear of fifth position. We had over 50 different players over the course of the year which becomes frustrating for both the players and the coach.

We saw many new players in Second Grade this year such as Greg Buckley, Daniel Halse, Mitch Dodd, Simon Delfino, Rano Lea Luga, Nadeen Obeid, Anthony Mardini and Matt Schwarz. All these players contributed to the improvement of the team.

I am certain we had the best forward pack in the Second Grade competition but unfortunately the back line could not be settled due to injuries, holidays, work commitments and selections.

Award Winners	Players Player	Peter Finlay
	Best and Fairest Forward	Tim Rolls
	Coaches Award	Nadeen Obeid

I would like to thank Peter Finlay, Greg Buckley and Tony Kerle for leadership and commitment to the team. There are many other people I would like to thank, Mark Gudmunson, John Picone, Reuden Sinai, Terry O'Kane, Damien Johnson, Neil Coyte and Mick Liubinskas for their assistance and support. Thanks to all the players who played in Second Grade this year.

Andrew Craig - Coach

RUGBY THIRD GRADE

2011 Third Grade was blessed with a great deal of experience (and personalities) and, although we made it to the semi-final, I can't help feel we let ourselves down. There was no side in the comp better than us on paper or on the field, if we played our best footy. With the exception of the final home game of the regular season against Oatley (definitely our worst performance of the year), every game we lost was by less than a converted try. We were able to avenge our loss to Oatley a week later in the semis but fell short the week after to a St Ives side that ultimately took the title.

There were a couple of remarkable performances during the year where we absolutely dominated the opposition. Stand out games for mine were both times we played Forest, a 52-0 rout of Blacktown at home, 33-0 against Kings at home, and the first half of the match against UNSW away.

The reason for our success was undoubtedly the fact that we had a core group of experienced players that had committed themselves to Third Grade at the start of the year. This did create headaches for team selection in other grades. But to the credit of those players, the majority of them backed up for First and Second Grade when needed, and played a contributing role in both those grades making the finals.

We were blessed with the highest point scorer in the competition. Jeremy Lawlor ended the season with 291 points. Just 8 points behind the highest point scorer in Subbies Rugby this year. Had Blacktown not forfeited against us in the second round, I am without a doubt he would have finished the year with over 300 points. As a result he deservedly won the Third Grade Best and Fairest Award. The other two awards for the year went to our halves, both of whom could play First Grade if they wished, and provided us with the stability and direction all year. Those players were Bodine Hawea (Most Consistent) and Ben Murphy (Players Player). Our go forward was lead by Shane Boag, who showed he could still step like a back when his fitness permitted. Our scrum was one of the most dominant of the grade due to the experience of Mark Rochlitz, John

Slender and Lyle Mclean. Hookers Alex Constanti and Adrian Fiatarone, continued to improve throughout the season, as did the Colts who stepped up during the season to help us out – Pete Ananin, William Wan and Justin Yee. With a combined weight of about 60kg, Ian Pond and Tony Jenkins gave us mongrel, often chopping down players three times their size. Scott Burnicle provided us with speed and consistency out wide. Our second row was forced to change constantly, but it is testimony to the depth of the club this year that we were always able to field players capable of playing in higher grades such as Brett Sinclair, Jeremy Mason, Arran Coughlin, Simon Carew and Rob Borsak.

I want to personally thank every player that played Third Grade this year. The good times far outweighed the bad. As stressful as it can sometimes be, I thoroughly enjoyed coaching and playing alongside you guys and hope to see you next year. We have unfinished business!

Reuben Sinai – Captain/Coach

RUGBY COLTS

New Season – New Team! The season started with uncertainty regarding player numbers. With Andy Craig's connection with Wests Rugby, our numbers increased to give me something to work with.

Lost training sessions due to wet weather restricted the development of the team in the early phases of the season. The enthusiasm that started to be generated didn't diminish even after some early heavy defeats and our numbers stayed up at training when we could train. It was a good indicator for me of the guys strong character. They kept making an effort to improve.

We produced a number of excellent performances during the season. Playing against Forest away in the first round, we got our first bonus point. It showed what we could do with concentration and commitment.

The win away against Hornsby 29-12 also in the first round was due reward for the effort that had been put in previous games. The ability to play some good rugby both in defence and with the ball in hand, resulted in some excellent team tries. It will remain for me one of the best efforts since my involvement in the club started in 1982. As a coach seeing players improve as individuals for the team to benefit is what the game is about. On the last play of the season against Oatley the side scored a try to win our second game of the season 26-24.

To Mick T and Alex Gonano who took over responsibility due to my illness at the half way point of the season, saying thanks doesn't seem enough but it was greatly appreciated by me.

To the other coaches and players thank you all for your support of the side.

The Players

Marcus Hannon – Breakaway: Best summed up by a great attitude to training and the game against Hornsby, lead from the front. You can see why the Irish always play rugby above their weight – attitude!!! Shame he had to return home but made a significant contribution and a really good bloke.

Will Wan – 1st Five/Halfback: Took on the captain's role playing in a pressure position. Never backed down to anyone and will play First Grade at some stage – he has the talent. Consistent player and I enjoyed his humour.

Matt Manager – Hooker: Needs to get fitter but made consistent effort when he played.

Richard Minter – No.6: New to rugby and finished with the Players Player Award. What more can you say about someone who can do that, his improvement was remarkable. Richard will develop as a player and is a future leader in the club. Hardest and most consistent trainer through the season.

Matt Maddrell – Half: Played above his weight and kicked well throughout the season – got the important conversion to win the game against Oatley.

Jo Latu – Prop: Didn't play enough games for a number of reasons but could play – strong runner.

Duncan 'Doogs' Ferenczy – Prop: Capable of playing higher grades. Enjoyed running the ball up to the opposition and prepared to play with injuries. Trained hard and will only get better.

Richard Mulquinney – Fullback: Richie is a smart player whose natural talent and with good direction will continue to improve as a player.

Julian 'Juice' Vanslambrouck – 2nd Row: Juice has the character and toughness to have a genuine impact on a game of rugby. Throw in a great personality and you have a great team man.

Jarryd Chiha – Centre: A serious knee injury cruelly cut Jarryd's season to just four games but he made a contribution when he played.

Philip Haltmeier – Centre: Interrupted season because of niggling injuries but made a positive impact with every game he played. Be confident in your abilities Phil.

David Nguyen – Wing: Limited games because of injury but always prepared to have a go.

Alex Smith – 2nd Row: As with Marcus had to go back to England halfway through the season. Mobile around the field with good skills. Loved competing and with his size will add punch to any team he plays with.

Peter ‘Steps’ Stepsiuk – Wing: Has talent with ball in his hands and with his competitive attitude, means the club will have a solid player when Steps plays next season.

Terrence Tan – 2nd Row/Prop: Terrence has the ability to play higher grades and I see him as a future leader on the field. Played hurt at times and didn’t take a backward step to any opposition player. Needs to get fitter next season and will be rewarded for the effort.

Thien ‘T’ Bui – Centre/No.8: Early injury in trials didn’t diminish Ts enthusiasm but limited his games. On the field and at training worked to improve his game. Playing No.6 or 7 is where he should settle in 2012. Work hard in preseason on fitness.

Isi Toupo – Prop/Hooker/Breakaway: Never said no to any new position I asked him to play. Worked hard and consistently at training on his fitness and the team played better when he was on the field. Coaches Award winner and thanks for your effort.

Cameron Smith – 2nd Row/No.8: Cameron’s form fluctuated at times. Could be distracted at times but in a difficult year stuck at it. His talent and skills will improve with experience.

Mitch Warner – Hooker: What he lacked in size he made up for in determination and effort. Will improve with more games under his belt.

Chris Sheehan – 2nd Row: Chris was one of our most consistent players, an asset for any 2nd rower. I look forward to seeing his development next season.

Michael Van Den Nieuwenhof – 2nd Row No.8: Dutchy is a team man from top to bottom. The Briars need players like him to go out each game and have a go. I rate him highly. Others could look at his attitude.

Joseph ‘Macca’ McDonald – Wing: Macca always had a crack. Determination sums him up along with a good footy brain.

Rhys Gallo – Prop: First season of rugby and grew as a player as his confidence improved. Worked hard to increase his fitness and will improve quickly as he has the size, brains and talent to be a First Grade player.

Jack Saade – 8, 6, 7: Smart footy brain, tough, size and a real competitive attitude. I liked the way Jack played because he is going to be a real contributor in any team he plays in for the Club in 2012.

Alex ‘Greek’ Tzoumas:– Wing/Centre: Alex another 1st year rugby player and started on a steep learning curve which continued through the season. Will continue to get better next season.

Peter Annanin - 13, 10: Pete played well in every position as well as being the creator of our tries. Can read a game far ahead of his years. His physical commitment was there every game and inspired his teammates. High praise but fully deserved.

Justin ‘Chink’ Yee – Wing/Centre: Best and Fairest 2011. Fully deserved this award. Justin played up to third grade and didn’t look out of place. As the opposition and Briars saw, he was totally committed and fearless on the field. He made more tackles than anyone else in the Club. Along with his talents as a rugby player he is a great guy.

Looking forward to 2012, this team will become better and the potential that was shown this season will be realised. I am confident of this. As with the rest of the Club, the goals should be improvement and to make the semis. Working hard at training and with more rugby experience, these will be achievable. Thanks to all the players who played this year. I really appreciated your efforts in what was a difficult season and good luck for 2012.

Terry O’Kane – Coach

HOCKEY PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Briars Hockey club enjoyed its most successful year in 2011. We had 376 registered players in 24 teams across Mens, Womens and Juniors. This year, we had seven teams (two men's, two women's and three juniors) make grand finals and WIN every single one! In addition, we had another two teams make the semi's finals that

unfortunately were not successful. This is a fantastic improvement on 2010 where a number of teams successfully made the grand final but didn't have luck on the day.

The club saw some changes in the Executive this year and as a team we were dedicated to making the club profitable whilst at the same time investing money back into the club where we could. One example of this was where Briars arranged for some of the current Kookaburra (Australian Mens Hockey Team) players to run a clinic for juniors. We had approximately 30 juniors attend and Briars subsidised the cost for each Briars Junior to the tune of 50%. We also purchased junior goal keeping equipment and general equipment (balls etc) for the junior teams. We also arranged for our Briars Minkeys to play an exhibition match before the Australia V Argentina game midyear and they also walked the players out onto the pitch. This was an exciting moment for the kids and their parents who cheered them on. Unfortunately we were unable to field an under 17s junior team this year but are working hard right now to be in a position to submit that team for 2012.

Briars also are proud to acknowledge a huge season for representative honours from Sydney to State through to national level:

Womens:

Hockeyroos – Kellie White (Champions Trophy)

Hockeyroos – Kellie White, Emily Smith (Lanco International Series)

Australian Under 16s All Schools – Tori Scanlon

NSW Arrows - Tamsin Lee, Steph Purdy, Emily Smith, Kellie White

NSW Under 21s – Hannah Burrell, Lauren Chew, Emma Clifton, Jo Rowlands, Emily Smith, Kellie White

NSW Under 18s – Hannah Burrell

NSW Under 16s All Schools – Tori Scanlon

NSW Under 15s – Tori Scanlon

Mens:

NSW Waratahs – Adam Imer, Scott Garner, Josh White, Josh Miller

NSW Under 21s – Mitchell Allen-Waters, Matt Dawson

NSW Under 18s – Matt Dawson

NSW Over 40s – James Fordham

Tassie Over 50s – Mike Denniss

Briars Hockey also saw a number of our umpires improve their skills with the support of the club with the following achievements:

State Championship Umpires:

David Alexander (U18's Girls, Open Men's, O/40's Men's Veterans)

Danielle Quoy (U18's Girls, Open Women's)

Mark Holman (Open Women's)

Umpire Coaches at State Championships:

David Alexander (U13 Girls)

Danielle Quoy (U13 Girls)

Badge Upgrades Awarded:

Danielle Quoy (State B / Development Badge)

Mark Holman (State B / Development Badge)

Briars Hockey enjoyed a series of the usual annual social events - Season Launch, Trivia Night, Derby Says, Annual Luncheon, Ladies Days, Junior Presentation Day and the end of year Presentation Night. All were a huge success and the club were able to achieve budgets for fund raising which greatly contributed to a profitable 2011.

On behalf of the Briars Hockey Committee we would like to thank our sponsors **Mortgage Choice Concord** and **Firths Compensation Lawyers** for their continued support of our club. Without the support of such sponsors, our club would not show such success both on and off the field. The Committee would also like to thank John Price and Paul Monaro Physio for their support and contributions this season.

Briars would not be the successful club we are without the help of AJ and Wal Zol at Cintra. Both gentlemen spend countless hours maintaining and running our home field and their efforts are greatly appreciated. A special thank you must also go to Clay Scanlon, Michael Imer, Ann Sahajdak and Kylie Norris for everything they do for the club, as well as the staff at Briars at Greenlees.

The committee are now already working on filling vacant positions throughout the club and putting mechanisms into place to ensure 2012 will be yet another great year for the Briars Hockey Club.

2011 Briars Hockey Committee

President: James Fordham

Secretary:

Janet Adams

Vice President: Emma Ratcliffe

Treasurer:

Sarah Seaman

Umpires Coordinator: Danielle Quoy
 Social Coordinator: Nicola Firth
 Club Captains: Alana Durance & Blake Durance

Junior Coordinator: Louise Bickerton
 Finance Officer: Jo Sikkens
 Uniform Coordinator: Andrea Stewart

James Fordham - President

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Briars Juniors registered a total of 101 players in 2011, comprising 49 boys and 52 girls divided into 4 age divisions: 23 x U9/Minkies, 28 x U11, 22 x U13 and 28 x U15. As well as our U9 squad, Briars fielded two U11 teams in A and C divisions; two U13 teams in B and C divisions; and two U15 teams in A and C divisions. More focused recruitment efforts in the latter part of 2010 resulted in a jump in registrations of 22 players, mainly girls, which enabled us to field an extra U11 team and a much larger Minkey squad.

Another notable change to our season was the inclusion of our first 15A team playing in the Metro League competition. Although we were not successful in reaching the final series, our rank of 6th was a respectable result for the inaugural season and we intend to improve on that in 2012.

Briars were fortunate to retain the services of most of their 2010 coaches with the welcome addition of Emma and David Ratcliffe and Colin Smith looking after the U13 teams and Clay and Tori Scanlon taking the new second U11C team. All Briars Junior players are to be commended on their commitment and enthusiasm during the season, Briars trust all players enjoyed their hockey and will return in 2012 for more.

Highlights of the 2011 season:

U11 - C Division PREMIERS

U13 - C Division JOINT PREMIERS with GNS

U15 - C Division JOINT PREMIERS with ND

Briars Junior Presentation Day was held on Friday 16 September, straight after three very exciting grand finals in which we were involved. The following awards were presented:

Team	Best & Fairest	Most Consistent	Most Improved	NA & Briars Encouragement Awards
U11A	Patrick Vastani	Sophia Ferrer	Jason Ius	Dimitri Scanlan, Riley Flack; Ned Goodwin, Matthew Pease
U11B	Bailey Scanlon	Scott Hume	Jessica Bettridge	Gwyneth Miller, Sophie-Ann Williams; Isabella Gulli, Madison Lucas
U13B	Jarrold Scanlon	James Marshall	Eliza Gard	Jasmine No, Lauren Shouldice; Liam Birmingham, Olivia Ferrer
U13C	Jayden Mills	Max Evans	Zale Atkins	Sally Adams; Sophie Brooks, Lily Kelleher
U15A	Jessica Stewart	Tom Vastani	Jack Bieser	Tim Trouw, Milena de Silva; Niels Trouw
U15C	Grace LeMarquand	Evangeline Packett	Emma Lorizio	Ben Schimschal, Brian Lucas
NA Umpiring Encouragement	Tori Scanlon			

Briars Junior Goalkeeper of the Year – Jessica Stewart

RD Vanderfield Junior Person of the Year – Tori Scanlon

The following players represented Sydney Junior Hockey Association and are to be commended on this achievement:

U11 – Patrick Vastani, Bradon Holland, Sophia Ferrer

U13 - Jarrold Scanlon; , Lauren Shouldice; Jasmine No.

U15 - Oliver Flack, Matthew Lourey, Chris Schasser, Tom Vastani; Tori Scanlon; Jessica Stewart, Milena de Silva.

Special mention also goes to Tori Scanlon who was selected in the NSW U15 representative squad and was selected in the NSW All Schools team and is a shadow selection for All Schools Australian team; and to Oliver Flack - who was selected in the NSW U15 representative squad.

Briars Juniors would like to thank the many men and women from Briars Senior Hockey for their continuous effort in assisting our financial administration, fundraising, communications, umpiring and coaching and

vocally supporting our teams during the finals. We would like to acknowledge the great contribution of our coaches to the development of our players and thank them for their time and effort. We would like to acknowledge the support of our team managers whose invaluable work is greatly appreciated and finally the cooperation and enthusiasm of all parents who helped out when needed and supported their children's hockey activities in rain, hail or shine!

Louise Bickerton - Briars Junior Liaison Officer

HOCKEY UNDER 13BS

2011 was always going to be an interesting year after we made the decision to run with two U13 teams with a limited number of players. This meant there was quite a bit of doubling up across the two teams – I can not thank the parents and players enough who doubled up each and every week. This team was incredibly strong and should definitely been in the finals but a few weeks where we missed key players and were unlucky to lose by 1 goal put us out of finals contention. We would like to commend our team for their spirit and their ability to encourage each other, on and off the field, throughout the whole season. The skills and ability of this team is outstanding and their development in 2011 has been phenomenal. We lose many of these players up in to our U15's in 2012 but I can not wait to see them playing up there as they will shine.

We would also like to congratulate the whole team for their contributions this year:

Liam Bermingham: Liam was the most versatile player on our field – always happy to play anywhere as long as he was on the field. His prime position was definitely in the goals where his skills kept us in many a game.

Matthew Chapman: Despite suffering a broken arm half way through the season, Matt was one of our stringest strikers quite often putting on in the back of the net when you least expected it. His return to the team for the final game was a much needed boost to the front line.

Olivia Ferrer: Olivia cemented her position as one of our fulltime backs as the combination of her and Sam were often impenetrable. Their ability to work together and strength was a great asset to the team.

Luke Gallagher: Luke was greatly missed for a few weeks whilst overseas but when he was there he was such an asset to our strike power. His strength and determination on the field was greatly admired.

Eliza Gard: Eliza received the teams Most Improved Award this year for a very good reason – her improvement from Game 1 through the the final game was outstanding. Her confidence went through the roof and with that came an improvement in her skills ad strength on the ball. 2012 will be a super season for this strong half.

Jesse James: Another extremely versatile player within the team, Jesse happily shared the role of goalie with Liam. Whether he was on the field or in the goals he always gave 150%. I would encourage him to continue to pursue the position of goalie as he was a great asset for the team when he was defending for us.

Eliza Jones: Whilst Eliza was not the strongest player on our team she definitely had the biggest heart for determination. Never ever giving up, she always did as she was asked and never complained. With a bit more confidence and strength she has to potential to be a fantastic striker.

James Marshall: James regularly stepped in to the role of Centre-Half when Jarrod was away and he never disappointed. He is an extremely strong and smart player always thinking about what was going on before throwing the ball. James will excel in U15's in coming years.

Jasmine No: No doubt that Jasmine was our strongest striker, putting a goal away almost every game. Her strength on the ball always intimidated our opponents. Jasmine will continue to thrive, particularly with the challenge of stepping up to U15's in 2012.

Sam Pipe: Whilst a very quiet player Sam never disappointed on the field in our back line. His tackling style and ability to always get the ball out of the danger zone was impressive. Sam will be a great asset to U15's in 2012.

Jarrold Scanlon: As Centre-Half Jarrod was the most pivotal player on the field. Very rarely having a bad game, Jarrod's ability to see the game and know what was happening is outstanding. He will continue to thrive over the coming years and will only get better in future seasons.

Lauren Shouldice: Unfortunately school commitments meant that Lauren missed out on a few games for the team but when she was there playing for us you definitely knew it. Having Lauren as half gave great certainty that the ball was never going to get near the goals. Her strength on the ball is unmatched and U15's are lucky to have her in 2012.

A big thank you goes to all the parents for supporting the team each week. To our team manager Gavin, for keeping everyone organised and having to bring in players at the last minute to ensure we had a team to take the field. Finally to all the U13C's and U11 players who helped fill in for us each and every week. We look forward to seeing everyone back for an equally successful year in 2012 and we hope that you all enjoyed playing as much as we enjoyed coaching.

Emma Ratcliffe & Colin Smith – Coaches Manager - Gavin Jones

HOCKEY UNDER 13CS

2011 was always going to be an interesting year with the team having to defend the Premiership taken out in 2010 by this team. From the outset it was clear that the players had the talent, skill and determination to do this but the issue would be whether there was enough players. After making the decision to enter two U13 teams in the North Area competition with limited player numbers it was always going to be a juggling act to make sure both teams had enough players at each game. With North Area not giving us a particularly friendly draw at times this proved a challenge but thanks must go to all the parents and players who happily played two games each weekend.

We would like to commend our team for their spirit and their ability to encourage each other, on and off the field, throughout the whole season. Everyone involved were always willing to contribute and be involved and this meant that the season was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved. Even though we came away with a Joint Premiership it was an amazing feat by this great of fantastic kids and they thoroughly deserved it!

We would also like to congratulate the whole team for their contributions this year:

Sally Adams: Sally wasn't sure at the start of the season where she wanted to play on the field but it quickly became obvious that she was meant to be a defender. Her resilient attitude and strong tackle made her unstoppable in the back line.

Zale Atkins: Zale also struggled to find a position that best suited him at the start of the season and after a few starts in various spots it was clear that he was made to play a Left Half just like his dad. Zale's development on the field during the season and we look forward to him returning in 2012.

Bodi Atkins: Bodi had a fantastic season as a striker and always did as he was instructed by standing on the post and slotting the goals where required. His keen attitude was always appreciated on the field.

Teresa Blanks: Tessa started the year very shy and timid and as the season went on her skills and strength on the field got better and better. 2012 will be Tessa's goal scoring season when she returns to play for Briars.

Sophie-Ann Brooks: Sophie was U13C's goal scoring machine. Her ability to run the ball up the field, beat all the defenders and put it in the back of the net kept us in many games. After starting as a striker her move to an inner position helped the team out on the defensive side as well.

Max Evans: Max's go-getting attitude was an absolute pleasure to have in this team. Always ready to go back on the field anytime he was substituted, his drive and improvements in his skill over the year was extremely impressive and I look forward to seeing him back on the field next year.

Olivia Ferrer: Olivia very kindly volunteered to play for both U13 teams full time this season, but more impressively she volunteered to be the U13C's fulltime goalkeeper. She improved out of site throughout the season and I hope she continues to pursue this position in coming years.

Lilly Kelleher: Lilly started out the year with limited confidence and as a very timid player and then one day she just lit up. She was quite often on the field all game and just kept going and going. Having a striker who is willing to run as such as Lilly does is a pleasure.

Phoebe Lawrie: Phoebe was a specialist defensive players. She was our last line of defence before the goalkeeper and we were lucky to have her. Often making a goal saving tackle it kept us in games all the time.

Jayden Mills: Jayden was the most versatile player in our team – always happy to play in whatever position you asked him to as long as he was on the field. Jayden's skills and strength on the ball came leaps and bounds in 2012.

A big thank you goes to all the parents for supporting the team each week. To our team manager Sharon, for keeping everyone organised, and finally to all the U13B's and U11 players who helped fill in for us each and every week in particular Sofia Ferrer, Patrick Vastani and Bailey Scanlon. We look forward to seeing everyone back for an equally successful year in 2012.

Emma Ratcliffe & David Ratcliffe - Coaches Sharon Lawrie - Manager

HOCKEY UNDER 15S METRO

The 2011 Under 15 Metro competition was a new adventure for Briars. The Metro competition is contested by the top under 15 teams across the whole of Sydney with teams from both North Area and Central Area. Competing in the Metro gives Briars juniors the chance to test their skills against the best under 15 players and hopefully further develop.

We entered the competition with the desire to be competitive although how competitive we could be was an unknown. It is fair to say that in the first round of games many of the other teams, all with a long history in the competition, were surprised by the effort and team-work displayed by our team. Rather than being the new kids who struggled the team was able to string together a number of fantastic performances – a draw with Sutherland; for example, who were competition leaders at the time – we led 2 nil at one stage and Sutherland were starting to panic! At the end of first round we were in 5th place on the table from 8 teams and a semi final spot was not an impossibility.

The second round saw the other teams approach their Briars match with new respect and the season definitely got harder. To the credit of all the players they worked hard and competed in every game. The team finished the season in 6th place as a result of a final round loss. Overall for the first season in Metro this was a great effort. More importantly it was the way the team played and competed that was the season highlight.

Players in the 2011 Metro team were:-

Jessica Stewart: A great goal keeping talent who had plenty of work to do each week. Jessica is a great on field communicator and her positive encouragement for her team was highly valued. Jess represented Sydney U15/1s at the 2011 State Championships. Our best and fairest for the season.

Lucas Bickerton: Developed across the season as he became more confident in his ability. When Lucas believes in himself he competes with the best in the competition. A great season and plenty to build on in 2012.

Tim Trouw: A reluctant transition to full back for Tim but he demonstrated great maturity in his play in this position. He read the game well and was able to stop many an attack with fierce tackling.

Niels Trouw: An old fashioned right winger who made many great runs close to the side line. Worked hard to always give support and never stopped trying. A consistent worker all year.

Oliver Flack: the team work horse who covered many metres in every game. Oliver played for Sydney 1s at the State Championships and was selected in the NSW U15 High Performance Squad. Led the team tirelessly throughout the year and was unselfish in his play trying to get all team-mates into the game.

Liam Flack: At just 12 and our youngest team member Liam was always up against faster and stronger kids. He worked hard at all times but the most memorable part of the year for Liam was probably when he got to fill in for the 13s and play against kids his own age!

Christopher Schasser: Gifted with silky skills Chris is slowly but surely starting to work out a quick pass is often the best option. A versatile player he played in the forwards and halves with equal vigour. Chris represented Sydney U15/2s in 2011 at the State Championships.

Jeriah Puckeridge: Jeriah adapted well to playing full back this year and was always a terrier in defence. Torn between Saturday Rugby and hockey saw Jeriah unavailable for some games. Always brought a smile to the game and is a pleasure to coach.

Tori Scanlon: A great talent who is developing into a real team player. Tori worked hard all year to develop her passing game and always gave 100%. Tori also represented Sydney U15/1s at the State Championships and was selected in the NSW U15 Girls High Performance Squad and then as a shadow player for the Australian All Schools team. We will be sorry to lose her for the 2012 season.

Milena de Silva: Another of our Sydney U15 representatives Milena's games improved again this year. With a fantastic eye Milena would track anything within range and her passing and tackling also improved significantly.

Tom Vastani: Another of our great utility players. Tom represented Sydney U15/3s at the State Championships and was particular strong in the games after the State Championships. Tom has the great knack of being able to follow game plans to the letter and had one memorable game when he shut down the opposing teams State player inside forward by constant close marking.

Matthew Lourey: Mat will also be leaving us in the 2012 season and he will be missed. With great speed and ball control Matt made many a long snaking run throughout the season. Matt represented Sydney 15/2s at the

State Championships and also improved on his return. It will be great to see Matt continue to work on his play and test himself in the senior ranks next year. Good luck Matt.

Angus Lawrie: A goal sneek left winger who worked hard all year. Angus played many games with the 15bs and was always willing to ball boy for first grade. I believe Angus is leaving the club to move interstate with his family. He will be missed at the club.

Jack Bieser: Winner of our most improved award and deservedly so. Jack was thrown into the Metro team early in the season and is was great the see how he took to the task. His skills and positional play developed and one of the season highlights was Jack scoring a fantastic goal – we are still not sure who was more surprised Jack or the oppositions goal keeper! Keep up the hard work Jack.

Dyone Betttega: A late season addition to the team Dyone added some great pace to our forward line. With continued hard work Dyone will be a valuable player for us in 2012.

To Louise Bickerton our fantastic manager again a big thank-you for making sure all the paperwork was always under control and managing our changing training program. It is always a pleasure to work with you. To all the other parents who supported their kids and the team your efforts are greatly appreciated.

2011 was a great start for Briars in the Metro competition and we should all look forward to more fun in 2012.

Mark Flack - Coach Manager - Louise Bickerton

HOCKEY WOMENS ML1

After a slow start to 2011 the girls' performances during the middle and latter part of the season saw improvements. With so many new faces it was always going to take some time to understand the different playing styles and patterns and ultimately gel as a team. Without trying to look for excuses the team was disrupted quite heavily at times throughout the year, losing a number of key players during AHL, U/21 Nationals and the NZ National League. The positive of all the disruptions was that it gave other players an opportunity to play in a higher league for the first time; something that will only benefit themselves and the club for 2012 and beyond. Congratulations to these players on making their 1st grade debuts.

Throughout the year we managed to take points off every club in the top four except for eventual deserved winners Esquires. While we showed we can match it with the league's top sides, consistency probably let us down and ultimately costing us a chance to play in the finals series. Obviously the girls were shattered after the last game of the season after leading by more than two goals and only needing a draw to progress through to the finals. I am sure that this will make the girls more determined to succeed next season.

I would like to thank John Price for the amount of time he spent pre-season trying to coax players to Briars. Unfortunately we did not end up where would have liked on the ladder but I think it has placed us well for next season. To Nicola Firth, thank you for organising all of the "off field stuff", it makes my job so much easier. To Pikey and Blake, thanks for the support during training/games throughout the year.

Finally I would like to thank all the players for their efforts throughout the year and as I have said before "if we can just do that little bit more" I am sure we will achieve greater results. Thanks again and I look forward to working with you once more. I will see you all at fitness pre-season training.

Matt Smith - Coach Nicola Firth - Manager

HOCKEY WOMENS ML2

The 2011 Briars Metro League 2 team had another year of up and down results. The girls showed they could mix it with the top of the ladder teams either winning or taking points off three of the top four teams, but then let themselves down with poor results against the lower ladder teams. To be a premiership contender the team needs to consistently take points off both higher and lower ranked teams ranked teams. We seem to have already nailed down one part this year and need to improve next year.

With the Briars Metro League 1's team getting a revamp, the Metro League 2 team followed suit and we saw a number of new recruits join the ranks. The goals for 2011 from the coach's point of view were the players to improve personal skills and develop as a team to press for the premiership and to have players comfortably filling in for Metro League 1's when they were short due to representative commitments. Although we didn't push for the premiership we believe our other goals were achieved as the girls showed plenty of improvement throughout the year. The ML1 and ML2 shared half a pitch for training this year and which proved to be a success as they helped and supported each other all the way through which proved great for the club camaraderie and the development of new skills as there was a sense of healthy competition between the players.

We attempted a new style of game play this year and although it started off slow the girls stayed patient and worked hard on it to get it right and when that happened we saw different players come out of their shell and lead the team. Unfortunately this year again the only thing that really let us down was the ability to find the back of the net. However our ball movement and control of the game improved giving us a lot more opportunities, so hopefully the finishing of the chances isn't far off.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players who played regularly or filled in for us throughout the year as well as Matt Smith (Metro League 1 coach) for his input and assistance. A big special thank you goes to our manager Nicola Firth who this year took on Metro League 1's managing job as well and still found the time to look after us as well. Her presence is so valuable to this team and her effort is so much appreciated.

Airlie Galvin: Natural leader who drives the team week in and week out. A valuable player in midfield who often was the starting point of our attacking sequences.

Maddie Stewart: A new recruit in the role of GK in 2011. Maddie performed admirably and showed significant development throughout the year. Her leadership and direction from the back is a great attribute for her age. Filled in for ML1 and showed she was up to the task.

Cindy Goodridge: Once again Cindy lead our defence from the back with calmness and composure. Her unbelievable tackling ability gave us a lot of confidence when under pressure in deep defence.

Sam Bray: Once again Sam showed improvement throughout the season, her ball carrying out of defence to set up attacking movements is a great asset to the team.

Meegan Jones: A Briars junior, Meegan returned to Briars in 2011 and to the ML2 team. Her ability to play in a variety of positions is a very valuable asset. Meegan is a very talented player and with focus and support will become an important player for Briars senior teams in the future.

Tori Scanlon: Another talented young Briar Tori was selected in ML2 as a newcomer. Her dribbling ability is an asset and with experience and patience she will learn to pick her moments during games and exploit this talent. Showed obvious improvement towards the end of the season.

Helen Sahajdak: Helen's attacking movements showed obvious maturity this year. One of the cleanest strikers of the ball in the team, If she can create more 1 v 1 situations at the top for the circle for herself she will definitely hit the target .

Annie Hope: A fearless player Annie regularly put her body on the line for the team. As one of the dual centre halves she developed a good understanding of the system and links with players around her.

Julie Prolov: Julie moved into the centre half role and excelled here. Her confidence improved and it showed in her performances. She commanded the midfield along with several others.

Hannah White: "Melon" had her best season at Briars in 2011. Her dribbling and positional play were a real asset to the team. She regularly found herself in great positions and put away the goal when it was required.

Maddie Hall: An unorthodox player Maddie regularly played high on the last defenders shoulder and used her blistering speed to beat defenders. Her trapping improved out of sight this year and it showed. Also put away some nice goals as well.

Skye Halliday: Skye's determination in the attacking half gave the team a platform to build on each game. A valuable option at short corners she is also very smart with her leading and when in possession. Another valuable leader of the team.

Steph Black: Steph's commitment to the team shows in her performances. Her ability to play anywhere sometimes works against her, not allowing to develop consistency in a position but understood our reasoning and never let us down. Her improvement over the last few years is very pleasing.

Sonya Finlayson: Mad dog returned for ML2 once again. Another fearless player in the half line, Sonya can always be counted on to get attacking movements going ... always consistent.

Kate Cook: Kate was welcomed back to ML 2 this year, her composure on the ball and skills are a real asset. Can play across defensive midfield and attacking lines, a real skill to have!

Blake Durance & Darren Pike - Coaches Nicola Firth – Manager

HOCKEY WOMENS SN1

This was my first year coaching a women's team and the team's first year in the Sydney North Competition. We were all going into the year not knowing what to expect, thankfully I had a great group of girls to help me survive the year.

In the first half of the season we had only one loss and we continued the second half of the season without losing a game meaning that we finished the season as Minor Premiers. The results were a testament to the girls hard work and team work throughout the year.

As Minor Premiers we were the team to beat in the finals. We played Mosman in the semi final, a team that we had great battles with throughout the year. They managed to beat us in this round which saw us having to face Mirrabooka in the finals. This was a tough match which ended as a draw at full-time. We then went through to the extra time drop off system which was still a draw. As Minor Premiers this saw us through to the Grand Final, one of seven for the Briars club in 2011. This put extra pressure on the girls to perform as they were the last Briars team to play their Grand Final. Once again we faced Mosman and the first half was a battle with us going into half time 1-0 down. The girls rallied at half time as they now had nothing to lose and came into the second half as a different team. They dominated the play and came out with a well fought win. The Minor Premiers had now become the Premiers! The girls were also recognised by the Briars Club being named Joint Most Outstanding Team with Mens 4th grade.

Jessi Stewart: A young up and coming goal keeper. She joined the team in round 6 due to her rep commitments. Jessi was a safe house within the circle. She showed experience and foresight well beyond her years.

Hayley Wong: Wongy stepped up a grade this year and also stepped up with her efforts. She showed endless commitment at improving her game and skills. She was always in the right spot at the right time putting her body on the line.

Flavia Neyertz: Flavs brought maturity and experience to a young group of girls. She is a strong full back and played many of her games with injury and was a major part of the team's success.

Janet Adams: J-Box was a rock and one of the best defenders and made other teams think twice about attacking down their right side. She is a quality player who is able to read and intercept the play.

Charlotte Allan: As one of the clubs top goal scorers, Charlie was an asset to the team especially in short corners. As centre half she had fantastic cover defence and always needed to be beaten two or three times by the opposition.

Greta Davis: Greta was a solid right half in both attack and defense. She always put in 100% and was a consistent player throughout the year.

Kristen Thompson: Kris played at inner this year and improved her skills with every game. This showed on the field as she dominated her opposite player. If she continues to improve she will be in the top grades for the Briars club for many years.

Lauren Candido: Loz is one of the most highly skilled players at the Briars Club. She is a calm and composed player both on and off the field. She has the respect of all her coach, team mates and opposition, this showed as she was awarded players player for the year.

Emma Ratcliffe: Emma was another player to step up this year and showed great knowledge of the game. She has a great ability to read the game and controlled the play, leading from the front.

Ruby Ainsworth: Speed made her a force to be reckoned with. The opposition were unable to keep up with her and she consistently performed as one of the club's top goal scorers. She also put her body on the line many times in defense and was always the first line of defense.

Whitney Lane: Whit is a great leader up front and constantly created leads into open space seeing her with the ball with no one around her and makes strong tackles.

Danielle Quoy: Dani has a good understanding of the game. She is smart in both attack and defense, constantly making the other team go where she wanted.

Megan Wren: This was Megan's first year playing in Sydney. She was very reserved and shy at the start of the year but grew in confidence towards the end of the season. She has great potential and will quickly move up grades as she matures.

Sophie Green: Soph is a very versatile player and was often called upon to play many different positions. Her constant questions at training helped me become better at explaining drills and thus a better coach.

I would like to say a special thank you to Janet for her support and management of the team. Her tireless effort of organising ensured the year ran smoothly. I would also like to thank Andrew and Blake and the ML4 girls for their support and help throughout the year and all the other players from various grades who filled in where needed. Thank you to all the girls in the team for a great year and I hope they enjoyed and learnt as much as I did.

Troy Prescott - Coach Janet Adams - Manager

HOCKEY WOMENS ML4

Briars ML4 had a largely familiar team to last season. In 2011 we welcomed a number of new inclusions that brought both youth and valuable experience. The girls' enthusiasm for training was evident with a phenomenal training turnout sustained throughout the season. Off the field the girls were active contributors to the club. Many of the girls filled roles on the committee and the management of the club as well as the club's social side.

As far as the hockey side of things went ML4 this year had a season of mixed results. Once again the girls were very committed in both training and at games, finishing the season in third place on the ladder and being knocked out of the finals in a close match, probably a fair indicator of where the ML4 team was at this season. An inability to score an adequate amount of goals and maintain defensive concentration for the entire 70 minutes meant many games we should have won we consequently drew or lost. The girls never went down through lack of desire or effort, always working hard for their team mates.

A real hurdle (not to mention a new challenge for the coaches) we came across throughout the year was a large number of pregnancies in the squad, with five falling pregnant at some stage throughout the season and one returning with a newborn meant that we needed to borrow players at stages from the SN1 team who were always willing to lend a hand (thank you).

On behalf of both the coaches we would like to thank the girls for what was yet again a very entertaining, interesting and enjoyable season. The way you girls perform on the field and contribute off the field is extremely valuable to the club, thank you.

Rachael Stephenson: "Players Player" Had a fantastic season. Regularly running herself into the ground for the cause. Had an unlucky season shooting, hitting the post more times than humanly possibly. Her ball control and ability to create opportunities for herself and team mates was valuable.

Briony Tyree: "Most Valuable Player" Supermum had a fantastic season, always pushing the laws of the game to the very limit with her controlled aggression style of hockey made her a very fierce competitor for us and valuable member of the team. Her improved fitness levels were evident in her performances.

Alana Durance: "Best and Fairest" Alana yet again worked extremely hard for the team on and off the field making sure we were all organised (particular the boys). Had a highly consistent season this year and adapted nicely with movements between the half line and into the inside forward channel. Added a new dimension as goal scorer to her game in 2011 as a very valuable short corner option for the team.

Steph Di Val: Showed glimpses of the form that makes us think Steph is capable of top grade hockey, however a lack of attendance at training due to work commitments didn't allow Steph to reach her full potential this season. Unfortunately was subbed in the semi final but took the tough decision well.

Kerrie-Ann Gudmunson: KA or "C Dog" had a stellar season yet again for us. A strong defender that rarely plays a bad game, her ability to dispossess forwards is unrivalled.

Kylie Norris: The inclusion of Kyles to our team was invaluable, her experience and leadership was an asset to the team and in particular to the back line. Kyles is a picture of composure and frequently was able to see the big picture when things were tough. Even played her first finals match!

Nicola Firth: A player with a work rate rarely matched on the field. Nico's work rate was often her tool to lift her teammates. Fearless defender who pulled off several last ditch tackles to prevent the team conceding.

Fiona Gilvear: A new inclusion to the team that improved week in week out. A young player that has a lot to give to hockey and a big future in the game for Briars. Fiona's level of improvement increased dramatically towards the end of the season. Well done!

Kate Sullivan: Kate had another consistent season. A skilled outside half that possesses a nice backhand tackle and a cheeky left to right drag. Her ability to carry the ball on the left flank set up countless attacking opportunities.

Sarah Seaman: Maybe a victim of her versatility in 2011, Sarah had yet another great season filling many roles in the team throughout the season. Equally as useful at centre half as inside forward and defence, which is a real skill to have, the level of improvement from Sarah over the recent seasons is staggering.

Monique Imer: Monique showed glimpses of the scintillating skills and talent she possesses. A pinch of confidence and tenacity would see Monique pushing her way through to the top grades. Monique showed glimpses of her talents with some eye catching shooting and dribbling throughout the year.

Caitlin Bickerton: Caitlin joined the girls this year and just like Monique, with a bit of confidence will reach her true potential. A very skillful and extremely keen young player with a real future in the game.

Jo Wells: Had a fantastic season. When Jo began winding up those long legs down the wing not many halves stood a chance of going with her. Scored some ridiculous goals as well! Jo's development has been fantastic to watch.

Melanie French: We welcomed back Mel when she heard our Pregnancy SOS. A fantastic player who can score from absolutely anywhere in the circle. Her ball carrying ability is second to none and seems to glide through defences with ease. Another member of our pregnancy club.

Katie Ellem: Katie left us half way due to falling pregnant. The team really missed her goal scoring/ creating ability. A deadly striker who rarely plays a game without scoring and maintains pressure on opposition defenders at all times.

Anna Turnbull: Another one of the future mums that we missed a great deal. Her extremely valuable skill as trapper at Penalty Corners was missed along with her goal sneak abilities close to goal. Also showed this year that not only is she more than accomplished at scoring goals she is also very handy at setting them up.

Thanks again to all the girls for their efforts this year. We both hope to see as many of you as possible next year pushing for higher grade selections.

Andrew Borg & Blake Durance - Coaches Alana Durance - Manager

HOCKEY WOMENS SN2

The team performed well for the first half of the season, sitting reasonably comfortable near the top of the ladder. Coaching a 5th grade women's team this year in comparison to 7th grade in 2010, I was expecting a large jump in regards to skill and an improvement to each players drive and determination. In most part my expectations were met and I was happy with the gradual improvement of basic skills and communication within the squad. With a few new players to the squad, it was interesting to watch them improve and gradually piece together a united team structure to grab those much needed goals and to keep those clean sheets. We lost our way during the second half of the season, losing by a fair margin to a team with no goalie and unfortunately we never recovered mentally from that disaster, losing out on our final four berth.

Many thanks to the team. A big thank you to the older members of the squad that proved once again that they have many seasons left. There are also many players that have the ability to play a much higher grade. Not only will this assist the club but individually I believe some players are not reaching their potential by their stance of "just playing hockey" every Sunday afternoon. I advise them all to strive to play at their best ability and wedge their way into higher grade squads, which they all could do.

Coach: Lewis Mike – Coach Kristyn Begnell - Manager

HOCKEY WOMENS ML6

2011 was my second year coaching the ML6 team, and after being Grand Finalists in 2010, there were expectations of big things with the hope of going that one step further and taking out the title. Unfortunately this is not quite how the year turned out. Throughout the season we performed exceptionally well with some good wins, winning by 4, 5, 6 nil as well as some bad losses, losing by 4, 5, 6 nil and as always some frustrating draws in the middle. However consistency in attack and converting goal scoring opportunities was lacking. This inability to capitalise on goal scoring opportunities is something I am yet to master as a coach, and often results in unnecessary pressure on our defence to hold the opposition out.

Other obstacles within the season were the introduction of two new teams to the competition in Manly and UNSW, who finished first and second respectively. These two teams saw the standard of competition lift considerably. Both teams were full of young, fast and skilful players, which tend to intimidate some of the 'more experienced' players in our team. Against these stronger teams we were able to produce some of our best performances and these games were always very close competitive matches. We finished the season in sixth

place and nine points out of the semis, which is nowhere near where this team should have finished considering the mix of experience and potential within in the team.

Jo Sikkens (we're sorry): Jo reluctantly went in goals fulltime for ML6 this year. This was very much appreciated by the team. While definitely not her preferred position Jo consistently produced critical and on-the-line saves. Regrettably Jo has decided to hang up the pads for 2012 and her contributions and dedication have been greatly appreciated by the team and the club and will be sadly missed.

Georgie Nicol (golf wedge: Georgie is a valuable member of the team in defence as well as a clear communicator who can effectively position players around the play. Georgie's ability to relieve pressure in defence with her clearing hits is one of her greatest strengths.

Katrina Willebrands (BP award): Kat was the quiet achiever of the team, she worked hard and without complaint. Consistently reliable in defence and breaking down many attacking raids with well-timed, critical tackles.

Jo Mathews: Jo missed the second half of the year after falling pregnant. Jo was very dependable in defence, producing some great tackles and breaking down play with her deceptive quick pace.

Maddie Brazier (David Copperfield): The winner of this year's 'Player's Player' Award, Maddie's confidence as a player has continued to grow over the last two years, and she has developed in to a very consistent performer. Maddie is a player who I think can be pushed higher up the grades.

Chae Phillips (to-mart-o or to-mate-o): Chae is a dominant and consistent player in the middle of the pitch, with the possible exception of games she plays as captain. Chae has a natural ability to control the speed of the game and thus set up many of our attacking opportunities.

Jean Brazier (Happy Gilmore): Jean loves to enforce her physical dominance on the opposition often intimidating her opponent with aggressive hits. Jean has built herself a fearful reputation of making her younger rival players cry.

Kylie Beckhouse (training participation): Kylie's energy on the field is second to none. She provides inspiration and encouragement to her fellow teammates to put in the extra work even when the chips are down. Many a spectator have been left in awe of her work rate and attitude.

Jo Scanlon (Rookie of the Year): Awarded the 'Best and Fairest' award this season, Jo finished the year as our highest goal scorer with 10 goals. Jo had played fullback for her entire hockey career up until this year, where she begged for the opportunity to play in the forwards. Jo was able to quickly pick up the role of an inside forward and began to dominate providing a lot of control and patience in the middle of the field when required.

Eve Wilson (Freddy Crougar): Eve is player you love having in your team, she gives a 110% every week not just at game but also at training. This level of commitment often meant she copped a few bruises however she was never shy of giving as good as she got. A leader on and off the field, Eve sets an example of the sort of commitment a coach wants in a player.

Jess Eichorn (Homer Simpson under achiever): Jess is by far the most naturally talented player on the team. She is capable of beating any player with ease and scoring some amazing goals. However Jess can at times appear a little complacent and just 'go with the flow'. Jess is another player who needs to be challenged and pushed up through the grades for her true potential to be revealed.

Isabel Brazier (Figure 8): This year the 'Coaches Award' was given to Isabel, another player who would do well to be pushed into higher grades. She is a player who gives 110% every week, always asking for ways to improve her game and looking for ways to best implement any advice provided. Izzy provided a lot of our attacking opportunities in the circle with determined aggressive runs. Izzy was always happy to play any position including a week as a fill-in goalie.

Rachael Haley (Alex Lloyd 'amazing'): New to the team and club this year, Rachael appeared to grow in confidence each and every week. Rachel possesses great skill and ball control with an ability of having a light touch was able to beat players with ease and hold the ball up in attack.

Liz Parker (playing with a straight bat): Liz has been a great team player, with an almost perfect training attendance record and always one of the first to every game. Liz committed herself to the team and the game every week.

Alisha Wormald (Tag Heur watch): Alisha was unable to commit 100% to hockey this year due to many other off field commitments. She showed glimpses of what a valuable team member she could be to the team if she is able to commit in the future.

Big thanks to all the girls and those who filled throughout the year. Thanks to the teams manager Georgie Nicol who kept myself and all the girls organised. 2011 will be my last year coaching and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the players who have been in my teams over the last 4 years for making my job such an enjoyable and rewarding experience and the Briars club for giving me the opportunity to do so. I hope to see you all around the club next year.

Chris Coombes - Coach Georgie Nicol - Manager

HOCKEY WOMENS SN3

This ladies side was crammed full of young talent and had the edge of older heads who were hardened and experienced in battle. This mix was a crucial ingredient to the success of the side with the older ladies leading and setting a great example for younger players coming through. Matthew and I feel that this helped create a culture of learning/development within the team which is very important. As the season developed we had young girls playing like the tough experienced older ladies within the team, namely Annika Dunlop who used her fantastic skills with a developed aggressiveness and take no prisoners attitude to clean up the best strikers in our grade.

For the team itself, where success was achieved, it was not achieved in results, in playoffs or in trophies, unfortunately. Success was achieved through the development of the players within the group. Matthew and I thank the girls for their tireless efforts at training and we both agreed that we haven't personally been involved with many groups of athletes who are as open to learning as to what SN3 were this year. That gave us an opportunity at times to really push the side, both physically and mentally at training, especially from a conceptual and skill-based outlook. We hope that every player in the SN3 team is better off at the end of the season than the start of the season, and that they have all learnt and developed their skills and ideas about hockey which they will take forward into next season when they pull the Briars jersey over their heads once more.

Our major issue with regards to results was our consistency from week to week, game to game, and even half to half on some weeks. When we played well, we tore teams apart including a massive 18-0 victory and we pushed the minor and major premiers in both matches losing 2-1, on both occasions in the last five minutes of the match. Matthew and I both felt that no matter whom we played, how we were playing, or what the scoreboard said the ladies continuously threw themselves at the game and worked ridiculously hard. The ladies would often even find themselves another gear for a second half turnaround after a demanding half time talk from Matthew and I. As a coach that is something you can never be angry about. This lack of consistency meant we spent the whole season flirting with the cut off line and the fourth and final spot into the playoffs. We were given a few lifelines during the season when it looked like we were down and out, namely in the last six weeks which we really failed to capitalise on. To get to a position where we were on the verge of making the playoffs was an exceptional effort after we struggled in the early stages of the season. Ultimately when we had our back against the wall and everything on the line our run into the end of the season was just too tough. We had the four teams who were sitting in the playoff spots, one team we were in direct competition for fourth place and a lower ladder team. In saying this the old saying goes "if you want to be the best then beat the best", we pulled off a few all mighty efforts but couldn't quite get over the line.

A special mention must go to our manager Emma Ratcliffe, who did a fantastic job organising us as coaches and all of her hard work making sure the team was ticking week to week. We appreciate that you gave up your time Emma to be a part of this group, as you were a very important part of the side.

Lastly I hope that the ladies come back next year with the same attitude and added hunger. Matthew and I believe that this SN3 side will not be the same next year as it was this year. We believe that there will be changes with some players moving up the grades and other girls probably joining the group from SN4. Ladies no matter what side you play in next year Matthew and I would like to think that you will continue to immerse yourself in that group and give everything you have week in week out like you did this year. We hope that you all enjoy your summer break and you come back next year for another season of hockey with a such a fantastic club, because both Matthew and I believe Briars is one of, if not the best club in Sydney. So stay with us, keeping working hard and developing.

Reuben Koorey & Matthew Bissett - Coaches

HOCKEY WOMENS SN4

I can't begin to express how proud I was of my team this year, with a mixture of young and old this team bonded together from the get go. This bond was evident on the field from the effort each person put in for the team and not themselves. This year I began the season with the attitude of teaching the skills of basic hockey

and for each and everyone of our team to enjoy the game of hockey. The girls took to the task like a duck to water. Beginning the season in a brilliant fashion by winning their first game together!

After the first few games of the season we found ourselves sitting on the top of the ladder knowing that we had a chance. The belief streaming through everyone in the team, this belief began to shine through in the attitude of the girls at the beginning of each game.

Like all seasons we had our ups and downs and our down began midway through the season with the attack of the school holidays! During this time we lost six team members to the dreaded holiday break. However, through the brilliance of our team manager (yes, the coach was a bludger) we got support from the girls in Briars who came to our rescue to fill out the team during this dark time for SN4. This dark time put a major dent in our Minor Premier charge to get back into the fold with four other teams into the finals race. However, our second last game of the season the girls brought home a 1-0 win which cemented our place in the finals. Through both our Semi Final and Final the team fought hard to win by just one goal in each game. At the start of the Grand Final I told the girls to just stop for a minute and look at the crowd and think about where we were, this was the Grand Final! Enjoy this moment!

Grand Final day was a scorcher and I am pretty sure the girls were sick of their coach fretting over them staying in the shade and drinking enough water to see them bursting at the seams. Worst of all we had one player not able to make their Grand Final due to Duke of Ed requirements and another with an inner ear infection making it hard for her to even stand. Now the teams took the field with the last words I had to offer "This game will be won in the last 10 mins!" As the whistle blew and the game began the girls began attacking the game with a will that spoke to everyone watching - "This game is ours". Jumping to an early 2-0 lead. As the game progressed the heat of the day began to take its toll on both sides with substitutes beginning to roll through every few minutes. Half time came! Any coach would have been proud of the first half effort. They dominated 70% of the possession and played most of the first half in the oppositions half. Excitement was ripping through the team. However, there was still 35 mins to go!

In the second half Northern Districts came out like they had nothing to lose and the game quickly turned into a tug of war, going backwards and forwards each team putting everything into these last 35 minutes of the season. Northern Districts struck back with a goal off a short corner midway through the 2nd half, after that goal was scored a surge of attacks began. Some brilliant saves from our super goalie Deborah Dunn, kept us in the lead! Now as the game started to come to an end, everyone could see both teams really begin to struggle with the heat and that last 10 minutes really showed that the Briars girls wanted it more. Running harder to every ball and putting in more effort to finally secure the win!

Now as a coach the one thing you want from your players is for them to listen and learn what you are trying to teach them. So I say this with all my heart, Thanks Girls! I couldn't have asked for a better bunch to coach. You did everything I asked and put every ounce of effort in each game!

Lee Brady – Coach Cassie Allsop - Manager

HOCKEY MENS 3RD GRADE

To win a grand final in third grade is a hard ask and from previous years the Briars third grade team had struggled to match it with the pace of the competition. As a new coach I realised it would be hard to simply say we would win a grand final so we set a goal at the start of the year to make the top four. The different training sessions worked on the basics and the running play of the fast paced third grade competition and it showed results as the team scored more goals in five games of hockey than in the whole 2010 session. The session started with a couple of heart breakers with the team losing 4-5 after being up 3-0 at the half but we worked on the game and the lads started to gel as a team and by the end of the session the boys proved how far they had come by being one of the only teams to take points off East and then beat both Manly and Grand Final winners Glebe. The turning point was in the Uni New South Wales game where the boys were down 4-0 at half time and came back to win 5-4 in a ripper. We did it! We met our goal and made the four, yes finishing fourth but nonetheless we made the finals. Unfortunately in the words of our captain you trained us to make the finals but you didn't tell us what to do after that with the final not going so well with the boys getting a bit of a spanking by Manly knocking them out. I said in the change rooms after the final that "He who strives to climb a mountain often stumbles at the smallest stone". Well we found that stone, tripped on it and fell off the mountain. The good news was that the boys reached their goals and proved that they have what it takes to match it with the best that grade had to offer. To the boys of third grade 2011 - well done you gave it all and we look forward to the 2012 session.

David Ratcliffe – Coach Janet Adams - Manager

HOCKEY MENS 4TH GRADE

2011 was a year to remember to say the least:

- SHA Division 1 Club Champions
- Minor Premiers (my first ever in 27 seasons)
- Premiers and Joint Briars team of the year for the second year in a row.

The team this year only had a handful of people back up from last year, so after a first round loss little did I think we would win the next 14 in a row and finish the season a few wins clear of the pack.

There are always lots of thanks to hand out to the many and varied people who are responsible for a successful season like 2011. Firstly to Dave Ratcliffe, thank you for running training each week – awesome job. Janet Adams for completing our team sheet each week and having the attention to detail I lack and for Mike Denniss helping out late in the season. To Captain Reynolds and Mick Frost, leaders and brains trust on and off the field - as always a pleasure gentlemen. And last but definitely not least to every player who put on the coloured shirt, crossed the white line and put in for 4th grade in 2011 – thank you for your efforts and getting the job done. In addition to the 14 grand finalists listed below thank you to all of the following players: Lee (Marsha) Brady, Matt (Skinny Blakos) Wilson, Dan Strout, Pete Miliatis, Corry Allsop, Ken Struthers, Nic (Kitten) Candido, Ellison Furneaux-Bate and Ben Tudman.

Marcus Fung: Fungy had a great year and was an integral part of the most frugal defence in both the division and the club. Best and Fairest for 2011 you will never live down not being at presentation night and pre-season target practice is going to be so much fun.

Michael Frost: Frosty is the cornerstone of our defence and despite not training all year he left his heart and various parts of his body on the field in every match. Strong contestant for goal of the year slotting home a cracker in the semi final win. Thanks for being a leader on and off the field - three in a row next year - I know that body can take it!

Troy Juillerat: Troy-Boy, the only sailor I know who never seems to go to sea but at least he got to play in this year's GF after missing out last year. Another key defender in our rock solid back 5 consistent week in week out and also the most inked man in the squad.

Jack Kellaher: Every team needs one (if not more) but Jack ran all day and played his guts out from week to week. Narrowly missing out on Players Player, Jack won the Coaches Award in 2011 and had a grand final to remember and I am sure it will not be his last. Good luck in the future I have a feeling you might be moving on up next season.

Ian Reynolds: The captain and as always the central core of our team owning the middle of the paddock and playing his consistent brand of hockey from week to week. Let's hope season 28 brings us another premiership old man, as I am liking this ride too much at the minute to want to get off. Thank you for your help, short corner trapping and leadership on and off the field.

Murray Green: Muz was another part of the awesome defence that is 4th grade and after a heart breaking loss in 2010 in 5's I know he and others were glad to win the big one. Muz is nothing if not passionate and provides that little bit of hot head you need in the mix, just watch out when he does blow and for the odd stray ball coming your way.

Simon Greenwood: Greeny the ice skating enigma who was another Briars junior at the beginning of his career who has a long way to go. A gifted player with some natural creative flair, Greeny just needs to keep fit and he might not be back in 4's for quite a long time. Well played this year.

Stuart Turnbull: Having successfully transitioned from a career as a GK, the turnstile has become a quality striker and scored lots of clutch goals this year. Impending fatherhood might mellow him but Stu is always a danger in and around the circle and a Briar through and through. Good luck with the little one, you think hockey is a challenge.

Steve Dixon: The Pom was a very, very welcome addition to the team in 2011 winning Players Player and filling left inner beyond all expectations. He missed the first game loss and played more than an idle hand in the next 14 wins. Steve fitted into Briars with ease and I hope to see him around for a few more years. Well played mate you fully deserve the Players Player tag for season 2011.

Nathan Napper: Ah Napper the man who single handedly invented a new term for missing the unmissable goal! While some games it unfortunately became contagious, I won't forget that goal against Ryde in the top of the table clash in round 2. Super fit and always a pleasure to play with Nate is one of our most versatile players and a great club man.

Luke Dassaklis: Luke or was it Jack, no lets settle on Duke. Luke, like Jack and Greeny, made up the very fit and very keen part of our squad that was essential to our success in 2011. Luke runs all day and plays with lots of heart and was another person making the step up from last year's 5th grade team, I am sure he will have a long and successful career at Briars.

Lachlan Boa: Lachie was an experienced and versatile member of the squad this year probably playing in more positions than most but always playing with lots of ticker. Had I known he was faster than Coombsey he might have started more games in striker! Well played all year.

David Ratcliffe: Ratty was always a welcome addition to the team but sometimes restricted by his coaching duties in 3rd grade. A cracking goal in our semi final win and always puts in when he is on the field. Thanks for the coaching and the help.

Greg Dunn: Reno's mate, the very proud 4th grade coordinator and the author and pioneer of the mid week email which made its return this season. If I made you laugh on a Thursday then it was mission accomplished and although we didn't win 23 in a row, it was a fun year so thanks for all the memories and I will see you all back there next year to do it all again.

Bring on 2012, its time for a three-peat!

Greg Dunn - Coach Janet Adams - Manager

HOCKEY MENS 7TH & 8TH GRADES

Results 7ths - 6th out of 8 teams with 4 wins, 4 draws and 9 losses

 8ths - 7rd out of 9 teams with 7 wins and 9 losses

In terms of wins and ladder position, this season was disappointing for both teams.

Briars 7ths started the season well but then entered a period where they would win well one week but lose badly the next. Then there were games that should have been won resulting in draws or narrow losses. Key factors in these games was an inability to maintain possession and lack of conversion when we had the ball.

Briars 8ths had the opportunities to earn the points required to make the semis. In a game early in the season against Sydney Uni (comp winners), Briars had all the possession but could not convert and ended up losing by a goal. In a number of other games, Briars surrendered possession too easily and put themselves under pressure - eventually losing these games.

Both teams had highs and lows. There was an 8ths game - one of those rare games where pretty much everything worked - a 14-2 win ! This is a great bunch of guys who support each other when the numbers are low; who will have a quiet beer after a loss and noisier beer after a win. Unfortunately, there were not enough noisy beers this season. The guys who played for 7ths and 8ths (regularly both) during the season were:

Geoff Atkins	Daryl Baihn	Stephen Begnell	Sergio Calcarao
Martin Campbell	Kealan Coleman	Nick Duignan	Peter Duignan
Joe Ferrer	Trent Hillier	Alan Jones	Anthony King
Joe Lyons	Paul Monaro	Shane Murray	Keiran O'Shea
David Osmond	Joel Osmond	Adam Palmer	David Paul
Viv Paul	Jamie Pottie	Tom Sanderson	Jonathon Sikkens

A number of players from Vets and other grades helped out by making up the numbers on occasion.

Simon Bergfield - Manager

HOCKEY MENS VETS A GRADE

After having a positive and promising season last year, this year was a little deflating. And it can be put down to a few things, losing key players from last year, two long term injuries to other key players and not being able to field a stable side without too many changes was probably the biggest thing. But in saying that, there were many positives that happened as well. We recruited some very good players, Carl "Baby" Young, Harvey "Up & Over" Singh and Brian Copper" Wilson who always gave their all when on the field. Marcus Fung who was our goalie, copped a hammering from the opposition especially UNSW, but kept turning up and made some excellent saves. Clay "Pigeon" Scanlon who started off in the C's and ended up playing all but one game for the A's, really stepped up this year and played well every game. Mike Denniss also was called up into the A's this year and did a good job at the back in defence. The rest of the team, Rob "Doris" Day, David "Slash" Slater, John "Frenchy" Le Marquand, Simon Bergfield, Sunet Jetley and Troy Juillerat, thank you for your efforts this year, you are the core of the team and put in every game tirelessly.

Thanks to James “Jimmy” Fordham who had to take over the running of the team on the field. Great season put in 100% every single game and probably did twice the amount of running than anyone else on the field. Ended the season equal top goal scorer, most games played, Sydney and NSW rep sides, and was no surprise to take the Best and Fairest honours. Lastly a big thank you to all C team players that at times when we were caught short, put up their hands and helped out. To play in the A division is a big ask and your efforts were very welcome and appreciated. And also a thank you to Dunny, Reno and Nate who helped out in a couple of games, I hope in the future we can make you full (old) timers.

Rep Players	Harvey Singh	35's Syd & NSW
	Rob Day	40's Syd & NSW
	James Fordham	40's Syd & NSW
	Adam Schasser	45's Syd
	Mike Denniss	50's New England & Tasmania
Trophies	David Slater	Most Consistant
	Harvey Singh	Players Player
	James Forham	Best & Fairest

Adam Schasser – Co-ordinator

HOCKEY MENS VET C GRADE

Results: 10th out of 10 teams with 1 win, 1 draw and 16 losses

Once again Briars entered two teams in the veterans' competition this year with one team playing in Division A and the other playing in Division C. It was a disappointing year in terms of results. Losing several key players during the year either to injury (Andrew Boutchard) or to moving up to the Division A team (Mike Denniss, Clay Scanlon) to ensure it had sufficient player numbers made succeeding in this year's competition harder than in previous years.

On the positive side, we welcomed to new players to Briars veterans (Shah Alam, Gavin Jones). Thank you to those players who backed up for another veterans season (Geoff Atkins, Daryl Baihn, Chris Baldwin, Sean Bermingham, Gary Bieser, Andrew Boutchard, Ian Brown, John Clarke, Mike Denniss, Joe Ferrer, Mike Imer, Paul Monaro, David Osmond, Dave Paul, Clay Scanlon). Our inability to retain the ball for reasonable periods, efficiently transfer the ball from our quarter into the opposition's territory and mount sustained attacks resulted in our team having to defend for the majority of most games. This had the inevitable consequence of us having few scoring opportunities and the opposition having many. Nonetheless there were games during the year where we did manage to string together a few passes, get shots on goal and make life difficult for the opposition. In particular, a 3–2 loss to the eventual premiers and several other narrow losses showed that we have the potential to compete in this division. Congratulations on your awards and your invaluable contributions during the season to Gary Bieser (Players' Player), Dave Paul (Best & Fairest) and Mike Imer (Most Consistent). Also, congratulations to Shah Alam who scored four goals during the season including two goals in our only win of the season. Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2011 and we will see you in 2012.

Ian Brown – Co-ordinator

SQUASH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Briars M1, Division 8 – Spring Pennant 2011

	Played	Won	Lost	Matrix rating
Greg McManus	12	8	4	145.16
Mick Jaroszewicz	12	10	2	141.82
Steve Wildisen	10	8	2	136.38
Jeff Morgan	10	2	8	89.38
Alex Jaroszewicz	2	0	2	74.13

Finished in 2nd position on 186 points 7 wins and 5 losses

I think we liked our chances moving down to division 9. However after a shock loss in round 1 it would be fair to say we never got going. Our nemesis during the season was our close rivals at Concord. To make it worse there number 1 player is a Briars cricketer – Marc Seymour. We finished in second position but were unable to field a side in the semi-final with Mick suffering a back injury and Greg on an overseas holiday (Mrs McManus has now been told that this type of behaviour will no longer be tolerated). Statistically the numbers look good; Mick (8/2), Steve (8/2) and Greg (8/4), however we were short on players with Jeff moving up and struggling at

number 4 and requiring reserves on a number of occasions and suffering a few heavy losses. However, one of those players was Alex Jaroszewicz, Mick's son. Although losing both of his opening games for the club, Alex showed that he has the determination and will to win and is learning the difference between Monday night practices and comp nights. There are some father son similarities, but they don't include staring at the opponent, walking slowly around the court and arguing with the refs, in fact, I don't recall Alex ever asking for a let!

Briars M1, Division 8 – Spring Pennant 2011

	Played	Won	Lost	Matrix rating (State ranking)
Greg McManus	16	11	5	154.53 (911)
Mick Jaroszewicz	11	8	3	143.99 (1057)
Steve Wildisen	15	7	8	131.06 (1214)
Chris Brumwell	7	3	4	118.19 (1393)
Alex Jaroszewicz	6	3	3	105.66 (1555)

Finished in 3rd position on 253 points 9 wins and 6 losses

We started the season with a full team (Chris Brumwell joining) and a couple of big wins to lead after round 5. But what started with great promise soon ended with Chris succumbing to injury and only playing 7 rounds and the constant search for reserves began. I would like to thank all of them; Adrian Danis (Bodycourt), Jill Long (RELC), Andrew Bentrup (Concord), Warren Mobbs (WLC), Allan Stoker (WLC) and Jeff King (WLC). There was a bit of déjà vu during the season. We welcomed back Luke Phillips (Briars 2004-5) however he too turned up at Concord looking for a game and reserved for us. I would also like to thank Alex for filling in for us so many times (and his own team mates especially Frank and Jeff for covering for him). There were many nights that he played for his own team then backed up for us, sometimes covering many kilometres to do so. This has managed clock up the hours in his quest to get his driver's licence. Promising season from Greg (11/5) and Mick (8/3) but constant elbow problems for Steve hurt his season. We made the semis again however Wenty LC were too good for us last Thursday night. Steve went on first and went down 3 -1, Alex lost 3- 1 which meant we were walking the tightrope. Greg had an up and down match winning 3-2 which meant Mick needed to win 3 nil. He lost the first game which was game set and match. What we need is what we have needed for a few years, a couple more players to play on a consistent basis.

A big thanks to Mick for his efforts throughout the past year.

Greg McManus

Briars M2 Div 11 Spring Pennant

After the initial loss of a player and also during the competition we lost a couple more we marched on like the proverbial 'Christian Soldiers'. The comp brought mixed results for us and eventually we found a regular sub from one of our opposing teams funny enough. So I'd like to make a special mention here to thank Todd Harford for filling in for us on more than one occasion - shame we couldn't afford the transfer fee otherwise he would have become a permanent team member.

Team Players showing individual rankings for the end of the season

Pos	Player	Rating
1	Rod Lemon	92.48
2	Alex Jaroszewicz	106.55
3	Jeff Morgan (Captain)	92.69
4	Mike Burke	63.35

Stats for the team for the season are : Rod , 0 from 2, Alex 12 from 15, Jeff 8 from 15, Mike 0 from 8. The team finished second last with a late burst that almost saw us finish 4th. With this we would have made the semis...there's always next season! The team's goals were to win as many of the upcoming rubbers and to recruit players for next comp, with not a lot of success due to player fall out...but we're still working on it. All in all it was a challenging competition and I'd like to thank everyone who played for their efforts during the season.

Off court News - For those of you that are computer savy we found an iphone application called 'Court Buddy' that allows you score the game and email the results...not bad.

Jeff Morgan

From The Squash Chair

Thank you Greg and Jeff for your reports. 2011 has proven to be a roller coaster with player numbers and injuries. A number of old timers having finally succumbed to retirement with Greg Anderson and Chris Brumwell all suffering career ending injuries. On the other end of the age scale it has been exciting to see the development of a young junior, Alex (16) coming through into senior competition and we look forward with keen interest to see Alex's matrix further rise as it has done these past two competitions. Rod Lemon has moved to the Central Coast and we wish him well with his squash up north. We also bid farewell to Frank and Simon Borchardt. Alex thanks Frank for allowing him to drive his manual car to the away matches. This greatly helped him in clocking up his required hours as a Learner driver, especially since some of the away venues were Werrington, Windsor and Wentworthville. Our No 1 team all will be playing Summer comp and as a result we look forward to a strong team in 2012. We shall be recruiting again and ask any Briars from other sports to consider playing squash in their off season. Another option is to consider amalgamation with another club. This will ensure Briars squash is strengthened with new blood and maintained into the future. So watch this space and the web site for all the latest in Briars Squash.

Thanks to all the players for giving a great effort and good sportsmanship on and off the court. Look forward to seeing you all next comp.

Mick Jaroszewicz - Squash Chairman

NETBALL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another successful and fun season for the Briars girls in their maroon and gold subliminals!

Briars at Greenlees Netball entered its 6th year into the Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Winter Competition, with three fierce teams representing the club. After winning their 2009 and 2010 Premierships, our First Grade team moved up into the top A grade in the competition. This new grade posed no challenge for our A Grade stars, again making the finals rounds with a tough semi round. Unfortunately the girls didn't take out the premiership for a third year running but there are high hopes for the 2012 season.

Our B grade bandits were back at it again this year, with a few extra additions to the team. Their shooting improved allowing the team to dominate the court on most Saturdays. The team stuck to their guns and made it through to the Grand Final. Posing a strong competition for the opposing team who saw no defeat throughout the season, Briars B's took out 2nd standing.

The C grade comrades showed strong improvements from their 2010 season all over the court. Gaining even more strength as the season went on, unfortunately their improvements and awesome defense tactics were no match for their competition. High hopes are for the Cs as they battle it out in the 2012 season.

The teams this year were very well led once again by the skippers being Shontal Reynolds (As), Elissa McPhee and Nadine Sadler (Bs), and Sally Thompson (Cs). Well done guys for your time and effort throughout the season.

I would like to particularly thank Bob and Maryanne McLeish from McLeish Wines for once again graciously sponsoring our Netball Club. Without their sponsorship and support, our Netball Club would not be standing. This is the sixth year they have sponsored the Netball girls. Another thanks to Shontal Reynolds at Body Benefits for her constant support and sponsorship. Look forward to working and playing with all of you in the 2012 Season.

A Grade Chairman's Player – Tegan Richardson

B Grade Chairman's Player – Amy Winstanley

C Grade Chairman's Player – Asha Watson

Off the court, there are a few people who deserve special recognition for their help and support throughout each season. Ali Reynolds for her social efforts throughout the season, Shontal Reynolds for her constant support around the Netball courts and club in my absence, Vern and Nadine Sadler for keeping the Bs in high spirits throughout each training session and game.

Looking forward to a stronger year in 2012 – Goal: all 3 teams to Finals Rounds!

Elissa McPhee - Netball President

BOWLS WOMEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have now commenced my second term in office as President of Greenlees Park Ladies Bowling Club. I have been busy, but thoroughly enjoying my position.

This year's President's and Officer's Day was held on Thursday 30th June. The theme for the day was purple. It looked absolutely perfect, with Singapore orchards laid upon the purple tablecloths, with matching serviettes. It turned out to be a great day with around 44 guests and members attending from the Macquarie District. This is the first year that we have been in this District so it was great to see so many bowlers mixing with our girls and thoroughly having a good time. I would like to thank all our members for their time and effort, especially Pat Stewart who put an enormous amount of her time selecting everything from the flowers to the purple bottles of smarties placed on each table.

Mrs Edna Arnold and Fay Laney represent the Macquarie District. Both appeared to have enjoyed themselves. They also handed out Macquarie District Badges, similar to the badges handed out by NSWWBA. The recipients of these badges were Gladys Barnes, Patricia Free, Janet Cooper, Gai Shirvington, Pat Stewart and myself. We were all thrilled to receive the badges as we had never received anything like this in the Yaralla District.

Our Friend's Day was postponed till the 29th September due to the Club's renovation program. I must say that it was worth the wait as the Club really looks great. I believe that everyone going into the Club would have commented on the open space that they have created, as well as letting in more light after removing the old grey walls. Great Job.

We also had a Coaching Clinic on the 19th October which was well attended not only by our own members, but ladies from Concord RSL, Tigers at Five Dock and Carlingford Bowling Club. The day went off really well and I believe that each member got something out of this day.

Veteran's Day was another day held in November. The day was not as hot as previous years so that the ladies could enjoy their morning game before having a delightful lunch prepared by our resident caterers Albert and Vivien.

Our Ladies Bowling Club welcomed two new bowlers this year, Joan Fitzpatrick and Lynette Lingren, together with Jean Richardson rejoining after a few years break.

CLUB AND DISTRICT RESULTS FOR 2011

Major Singles	Patricia Free
Pairs	Gai Shirvington, Rosa Caccavo
Triples	Pat Stewart, Shirley Duckworth, Gladys Barnes
Fours	Mary Anderson, Denva Barber, Wynn Mashman, Janet Cooper
Minor Singles	Judy Coulson
Consistency	Gladys Barnes

MACQUARIE DISTRICT

Singles	Gladys Barnes
Triples	Pat Stewart, Helen Burton, Gladys Barnes

We saved the best for last:

NO.3 DISTRICT PENNANT FLAG - Greenlees Park Ladies Bowling Club. Well done Ladies.

To all the committees that have worked so hard all year to not only to keep our ladies club going but the work that is done to keep the whole club achieve its goals. Glen Taylor and Melissa Simonette, who assisted us with any problems that may have arisen throughout the year. The bar staff who always having a smiling face and do an excellent job. Peter Neary and his son James the Greenkeepers, who keep the greens in excellent condition. Our umpires, both men and women in doing a great job when we most need them. Our Coach Donny Coleman, who did a great job in putting our new ladies through their drill so that could integrate quickly into the game of bowls.

Helen Burton - President

BOWLS MEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is indeed an honour to report to you for the first time as your President. How time flies, since filling the position midyear, I have had an enormous time with all of the events of 2011. Congratulations to all club championship and tournament winners, and to all those who were not successful, congratulations for having a go.

Your bowling committee has done an excellent job running the club championships, pennants, various tournaments, and of course organisation of social bowls. For a complete and comprehensive run down of the results of all tournaments and club championships, I refer you to Bowls Secretary Tony's report.

Congratulations to our No.2 pennant side for winning the zone 11 flag, a tremendous effort and look forward to a repeat performance in 2012.

We were very fortunate at our club to be selected to co-host the No.5 pennant play offs with Wests Croydon in late July early August this year and what a show we put on. Nothing but praise and congratulations from all of the clubs that competed. We received several letters from some of the clubs officials saying what a great venue and brilliant organisation we displayed.

A big special thank you to the committee, lady bowlers and those non-committee members who stayed behind and assisted with the running of the playoffs.

Our marriage with our colleagues from Burwood Diggers remains strong and we value your commitment and dedication to Bowls at Greenlees Park. We now enjoy the company of the City Tatts Bowling Combination every second Tuesday and we all look forward to a long and happy association with them.

On a slightly less enthusiastic note, I am disappointed to hear some of our members are departing for other clubs. To those chasing the elusive player payments, I wish you luck in your endeavours, and to those leaving for other reasons, best of luck in the future.

On a happier note, we are enlisting new bowlers from various locations and to you fellows, a very hearty Greenlees Park welcome.

Our Greenkeeper Peter Neary continues to provide excellent surfaces for us to play on as well as maintenance of all the surrounds. Well done Pete. Our new caterers, Vivian and Albert are doing a sterling job and their efforts are appreciated by all bowlers. To all of our sponsors, a very special thank you, and we look forward to a strong and healthy relationship next year.

Men's Bowls remains strong and financially healthy due to our sponsors and the great work of your Treasurer Ray Crew. As a committee, we see no reason why this shouldn't continue. Barefoot Bowls is becoming very popular and this financially assists Men's Bowls.

Your committee along with the committee of Wests Croydon lodged a joint application to Bowls NSW to host one of the pennant playoffs in 2012, but unfortunately, all playoffs next year are to be held at country venues. However, our joint application is good for the next two years and we have it on good authority our chances in the future are strong.

A couple of weeks ago, the Bowls Committee executive met with the NSW RSL Bowls President and others to discuss the likelihood of hosting the 2013/2014 National Titles which would see approx 168 bowlers on our greens for about a week and a half. To host such a prestigious event would be absolutely outstanding and would really put Greenlees on the map. I would like to thank Michael Tabiner for an excellent job putting our proposal together for this event. Michael put a lot of time and effort into it and it reads really well. I will keep you informed on developments as they happen.

To those members who are not well, I wish you a speedy recovery, and to those members who lost loved ones during the year, please accept my deepest sympathies.

I would like to thank Tony Cribb for his outstanding efforts over the years in the many positions he has held on committee and wish him all the best in the future. We will hopefully see him back on committee soon. To other retiring committee men, thanks for all of your time and effort over the past year. To the new committee officers namely, Andy Gliddon, Stephen Lesslie, Kevin Kilday, welcome to the engine room. To those officers returning for yet another year, great to have you back on board.

To finish off, Greenlees Park recently smacked Massey Park to the tune of 37 shots in our annual Bowls / Golf day.

Brian Huttly - President

TROPHIES

J H STONE TROPHY

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

This year's winner is Emma Ratcliffe. Emma has made a significant contribution to Hockey especially in administration which has been exceptional. On the field Emma contributed greatly to her team's premiership as well as coaching juniors. Congratulations Emma.

THE TED STOCKDALE TROPHY

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

This year's winner is Andy Craig. Andy took over Rugby this season and was the main reason for Rugby's success both on and off the field. Through his administration, Andy attracted players to the Club which made it a successful season.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

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

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

This year's winner is Lloyd Andrews. Lloyd has been with the Club for a number of years now and really stepped up this year to assist. He was a regular assisting each Friday in laying the covers and also taking on the role of organising the post match speeches at the Club. Always willing to help where possible, Lloyd has also played regularly in 2nd Grade where he made his first century in that grade for the Club.

A very valuable club man who deserves this accolade.

A J ROBINSON SHIELD

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

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

This trophy is awarded to the person who has contributed the most to Briars Hockey during the year and has been won by Emma Ratcliffe. Emma is Vice President of Briars Hockey and is the Cintra Booking Co-ordinator. Emma played in the winning SN1 team and also coached the winning Under 13B side.

GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

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

This year's winner is Matt Schwartz. Matt played 1st and 2nd grade in his first year at the Club. A keen clubman who has displayed willingness to help out in any capacity when asked.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

The Gordon Bevan Shield 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 Mark Rochlitz who is Manager of the First Grade Rugby side. Mark played in 3rd Grade Rugby and set up Rothwell Park on home games.

R D VANDERFIELD TROPHY

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

This trophy goes to the junior player who has contributed the most to the club overall during the season and has been won by Tori Scanlon. Tori played in the U15s. Tori also represented Sydney U15s at the State Championships and was selected in the NSW Under 15 girls squad. Tori also was willing to help out with umpiring of other matches.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This Trophy was donated 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 trophy is not awarded this year.

BRIAN HUTTLY TROPHY

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

This year's winner is Patricia Free. Patricia rejoined Greenlees Park Ladies Bowling Club in November 2000 and her dedication to the Club is well known by all members of the bowling fraternity. Over the years Pat has successfully assisted in many of the functions that were run either by her husband Keith or by the Greenlees Park Bowling Club.

Pat has competed in all types of Club Championships and has successfully won the Major Singles title for the past six years. She is currently Vice President of the Ladies Bowling Club and has shown that she has not lost any of the ability to assist and encourage her fellow bowlers (men and women) to achieve their very best.

Pat is affectionately known as "Mum" by many of the bowlers

PHIL MCAULAY TROPHY

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

This year's winner is Wayne Comber.

Wayne has been involved in everything this year with Men's Bowls, Chairman Games Committee, Selector, as well as unofficial assistant bowls secretary, having taken over the running of Wednesday bowls, helping out Saturdays when the secretary has had to work or unavailable. He has proved himself to be a good organiser, and has just not stopped all year.



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George Wright

Bequests

Mal Goldsmith
John Randle
Ian Richard
Chris Walker

Rugby = Gold
Cricket = Maroon

Hockey = Black
Squash = Blue

Bowls = Green
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