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THE 2000/2001 YEAR FOR BRIARS has been one in which the Club took its most significant change of direction in many years. As most members would be aware at our last Annual General Meeting, it was decided that the club would admit females as members. It was a decision that came after much consultation and discussion and when the motion was moved at the AGM, it was passed without dissent.

It was not expected that this change to the club would result in a rush of new members or an initial increase in the number of sports we play. It is pleasing to note that our women hockey players have embraced the opportunity to become members and that in 2002 our number of women hockey participants is expected to double.

After recording a trading loss for the last two years, it is pleasing that this year has seen the club return a small profit. This has occurred notwithstanding our decision to continue with a paid employee. In particular the Board has recorded savings in a number of the costs of running the club and this has contributed to a healthier financial position. We have however continued to improve the club facilities to make them more pleasant for members as recent visitors would note from the recarpeting and furnishing of the club rooms.

Our financial improvement was no doubt helped by the tremendous turnout for the 2001 ANZ Golf Tournament at Concord Golf Club. This provided a large influx of funds to the club. With no tournament on the drawing boards for 2002 we are mindful of the need to replace the return from that tournament with another source of funding. The tremendous efforts of John Threlfo and Bill Hooker over many years in organising our involvement in the golf are appreciated. The same applies for the many helpers who come out year after year to support this valuable fund raising.

Financially all sports performed well. It has always been an expectation of the club that each sport will be self funding and should at least break even. The sports' efforts in achieving this in an era of ever increasing costs is to be congratulated. This year has seen a number of sports record better financial results than the previous year.

As a sporting club our real measure of success is on the Sporting Field. The quality of our performances on the sporting fields and courts remain high. Cricket finished second in the club championship and were fourth grade premiers, with all remaining teams contesting the semi finals. In Hockey our second grade and third grade mens sides and womens grass side were semi-finalists. The Under 17 boys side were premiers. Squash continued to field many teams in an era of uncertainty as to the availability of courts. Rugby, after a number of seasons of struggle, showed real signs of a revival with a much increased playing strength and ever improving on field results. Second grade were beaten grand-finalists but even on that day the support for our rugby team showed signs of a continued return towards our former glory.

The efforts of the sports on the field can only occur through the efforts of the administrators of each sport. With the increased demands on running each sport, Board decided to take a more active role in each sport with a Director becoming more directly involved in the running of each sport. This allowed the Sports Chairman to concentrate their efforts on the running of the sports with the reporting to Board being done by the appropriate Director. I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Gerard Price(Cricket), Matthew Waddington(Rugby), Guy Amedee(Squash) and Greg Dunn(Hockey) for their Chairmanship of the various sports.

The efforts of the balance of the Management Committee in keeping our building running and attending to the various other tasks necessary to run the club are greatly appreciated. These are the unsung heroes of our club whose efforts are not rewarded by Premierships or other accolades but by the knowledge they are getting the job done. I would like to take this time to acknowledge the efforts of Anthony Clarke who has retired as House Chairman after many years in this position. Anthony would probably know the insides of our club better than anyone else and his efforts and expertise have saved the club much money and heartache as he has selflessly gone about his task. Our

### President's Report



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other notable retiree after many years is Grant Heggarty who has carried the burden of publishing Focus. Once again he leaves a job which those close to him know has consumed many hours and phone calls in attempting to keep our news running in a timely manner. His efforts will be missed.

I would also like to thank my fellow Board members for their efforts and assistance. I believe that at the moment we face much decision and consideration for change. While we must maintain our traditional values to ensure the future of the club, we need to consider how we will best provide Sport and our social activities to ensure our continued success. I am most grateful of the support and input the Board has provided in this regard. You can be sure that we are continually searching for the right balance for the club.

This year saw the retirement from Board of Ian Richard. Ian has provided service to the club for over thirty years in the roles of Rugby Chairman; President of the club; and as a long time Board member. He provided that balance between the traditions of the club and the need to change. His input was always valued and will be missed. Thank you Ian for your support.

Our decision to employ a Development Officer is showing returns. We provided sport in some form or another to over 300 children in the local area. These are children who we aim to make Briars one day. In addition, we are actively involved with the Burwood Chamber of Commerce in the Bridging the Gap program which is aimed at providing alternatives to the youth of today. We were well represented at the Burwood & Concord Fair. We are raising a profile that will provide The Briars' sporting stars of tomorrow. We thank Silas Moss and his band of helpers for the success they are bringing to this position, justifying our decision to continue with the position.

To the many other members who provide assistance, whether it be through The Briars Foundation or support at our social or sporting functions, thank you. It is the enthusiasm created by your involvement that enables the club to continue in its position of strength. This is especially so for our older members and their support of the club and wise counsel is appreciated. In particular, thank you to our Patron(elect), Doug Prowse for agreeing to take on this role. We are glad you overcome your health problems during the year and are honoured by your acceptance of the position as Club Patron.

The support of the following bodies is acknowledged:

Canbay Council

Burwood RSL

Sydney Hockey Umpires Association NSW Cricket Association Sydney Rugby Referees Association Burwood Council Squash Racquets Association(NSW) Sydney Hockey Association NSW Suburban Rugby Union

Paul Mattick President



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**THE YEAR** saw a modest, yet welcome, increase in membership, with Doug Prowse and Ross Anstey becoming financial members.

There were some changes in the executive structure of The Foundation, with Jack Balmforth and Craig Hickey both retiring from their positions. Jim Barrett and Colin Dennis were elected as Directors, with Col taking over the President's role from Ian Blair.

Jack, Ian and Craig have contributed enormously to The Club's administration over decades, and The Foundation has been fortunate to have had their services.

Jack's dour Yorkshire touch, and meticulous records, will be missed in particular. Fortunately, Ian will continue as a Director.

There has been no call by the sporting committees, for assistance with funding of any project for this year. It seemed likely that Hockey would seek further funding, but it now appears that additional capital improvements at the hockey field will be able to proceed without support by The Foundation.

The Directors are aware of several innovative schemes that are challenging the minds of many of The Club's administrators, which may result in 2002 being a particularly active time.

The Foundation's primary task will be to increase its membership, and to be in a position of financial strength to meet its charter.

To the 30 September 2001, donations amounted to \$8,000, and cash and investments totaled \$112,300.

\$25,000 had been repaid from the loan associated with the hockey field, which is well in advance of expectations, and a tribute to Hockey's management.

I am grateful to Jim Barrett, Chris Walker and Richard Crookes for their support as Directors, and to John Crockart for his expertise as Treasurer.

Colin Dennis

President

### The Briars Foundation LTD



### Cricket Chairman's Report

**IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE** that 1 am able to report yet another Premiership for the cricketers in 2000/2001,this one being the 4th grade. Once again,the club was able to ensure all 4 grades plus the Under 24's were semi finalists with the 2nd grade unfortunately finishing as runners up.

However, we can all be very proud of our achievements, especially our 2nd placing in the Club Championship.

To summarise the 2000/2001 season the results are as follows;

1st Grade	-5th-lost to eventual Premiers
2nd Grade	-2nd
3rd Grade	-4th-lost to eventual Premiers
4th Grade	-1st-PREMIERS
5th Grade	-5th
Under 24's	-3rd

Club Championship -2nd (by just 33 points)

As with any cricket season there will always be plenty of hard luck stories and results of games that influence the final finishing positions .However, there was one particular round that really did impact on the season that being round 3 against Epping. In this particular round our 1st and 3rd grade teams scored 348 and 320 respectively on day 1 of the game but day 2 was washed out. These 2 games were 2 of only 3 games in grade and Shires that were washed out on the 2nd day. Besides competition points that were lost, invaluable Club Championship points were also lost and the margin between 1st and 2nd place was only 33 points (less than a 1st grade win!)

Aside from the team performances there were also plenty of individual performances worth noting:

Cameron French-had an exceptional season in 1st grade scoring plenty of runs, taking wickets and also being named Shires Player of the Year.

Ben Chapman-a century on debut for the club and a century in the semi finals. Chris Gilllard-leading wicket taker in the 2nd grade competition with 40 wickets.

As with all sports within the club their success largely depends upon the efforts put in off the field.Fortunately, we have a few guys who contribute in various ways and to those players I am extremely grateful.

Nick Rojo - my assistant who puts in plenty of hours off the field organising sponsorships, his team, and any other task we ask of him.

Captains - Paul Price, Brett Howle, Terry Murphy, Nick Rojo and Ken Welsh. These guys were responsible for the weekly team selections, ensuring covers were laid, afternoon tea was organised, and gave up plenty of their time throughout the season. Well done guys.

Jason Harris - Manager of the under 24's for the 2nd year, Jason was responsible for the organisation of the under 24's who were defending their title. Gave up his Sundays to ensure they were well prepared and did a great job again.

Junior coaches - Cameron French and Corie Dickeson-these guys did a terrific job coaching the junior cricketers from ACC and were well appreciated. To any of the other players who assisted in any way during the season I would like to thank you all for your efforts.

Our Club is fortunate to play on some of the best turf wickets and grounds in Sydney , Rothwell Park, St Lukes Oval, and Ron Routley Oval. The groundsman at these



grounds worked tremendously hard during the season to ensure the wickets were prepared to their best possible condition. Rarely did we get washed out at these grounds due to their efforts and we are very grateful.

The administrative staff at the council, namely Robert Hook and Liz Jarrett were also invaluable support to our club and we are eternally grateful for their assistance as well. The season was a difficult one yet again financially however due to sponsorship arrangements with Venus Packaging, Pat Coles Smashmaster and Liptonice we were able to manage. To these sponsors we are very grateful for your support.

Each season the club competes with Epping for the Turnbull/Richardson Trophy, awarded to the club that secures the most Club Championship points in the matches between the clubs. Although the round was rain interrupted I am pleased to advise that we won the trophy for the 10th successive season.

Our Annual Presentation evening was once again held at the Coronation Club with a number of past players in attendance. These included Greg Lippiatt, Paul Thomas, Matt Young and Nick and Jim Dimas. Hopefully we can build on this number and welcome plenty more former players to these functions. As usual there was the presentation of the various awards ;

French

First Grade Players Player	- Cameron French
Second Grade Players Player	- Steve Schomberg
Third Grade Players Player	- Paul Pannutti
Fourth Grade Players Player	- Adam O'Keefe
Fifth Grade Players Player	- Will Hood
Under 24's	- Cameron French
Ted Watt Trophy(Best New Talent)	- Ben Chapman
David Walker Trophy(Services to Cricket)	- Bill Hooker

To all these award recipients we congatulate you and to Paul Price for his organisation of the evening, we thank you.

The Sydney Cricket Association Presentation Dinner at Randwick Racecourse was again well attended by the boys from Briars and a great night was had by all as we collected 3 awards, being Cameron French for Shires Player of the Year, the 4th Grade Premiership, and the Shires groundsman of the Year for Rothwell Park.

In closing I would like to thank all of the players who played during the season, whether just filling in or playing each week, and congratulate you on your fine performances and great sportsmanship during the year.

If there is anyone I have forgotten to mention for their efforts I apologise but extend my thanks to you as well.

Gerard Price

Cricket Chairman

#### CRICKET AWARD WINNER

The award winner for season 2000/2001 is Ken Welsh. Ken has been an integral part in the setting up of the clubs 5th grade team and has ensured their success as a player and organiser. He has been involved in many of the social functions and regularly supports after game functions at the club. Ken has also been an important link for the club with our junior teams over the years and we are appreciative of all his efforts. Well done Ken.

### Cricket Chairman's Report



### Cricket First Grade

ALTHOUGH WE FELL SHORT OF ANOTHER PREMIERSHIP it was still an extremely enjoyable season. My thanks go to the players for all their hard work and commitment. We say farewell to Greg (Dougo) Douglas who has been such an important part of the club over the past two years. Dougo has moved to QLD. Thanks also to all the other grades for another fantastic season even though after winning the last two premierships, winning a third in a row was always going to be difficult. This was made even more difficult by the loss of Dave "The Pom" Smit – our star from the previous season – who returned to England.

The season started off slowly with one win and three draws from our first five games, then just after Christmas we had only two wins from eight games. We then clicked into gear and smashed the eventual runners-up Lindfield and won 4 out our last 5 games including an outright against Auburn to slip into 5th place. We then met the eventual premiers Souths in the Semi-finals who were too good for us on the day and we bowed out.

All in all it was still a very satisfying season. In these times of highly paid players we have again performed terrifically to follow two premierships with a semi-final birth.

There were lots of highlights in the season but none better than young Cameron French taking out the "Shires Player of the Year" with 630 runs @ 52-50 and 25 wickets @ 12-64. He was our best player and is now starting to mature. Some of the other highlights included:-

Matt Adamson (NSW Footballer) 142 n.o. on debut v's Epping

Greg Douglas 105 n.o. v's Blacktown

Binty Mahadik - hat trick v's Macquarie University

Brad Sculley 8 – 44 v's Lindfield

Once again the fantastic team spirit

A quick summary of the season is as follows:-

- Round 1: Blacktown 266 (C.French 4-63) drew Briars 5-206 (G.Douglas 105 n.o.)
- Round 2: Holroyd 114 (A. Raymond 4-25, G.Price 3-21) lost to Briars 1-117 (C. French 94 n.o.)

Round 3:

Round 4:	Souths 311 (V. Maladik 4- 71) drew with Briars
Round 5:	Burwood 180 (P.Price 72) lost to Strathfield 7-181 (S. Achmar 3-37)
Round 6:	Canterbury Bexley 187 (A.Jarvis 3-18)and 7-74 (D. Crawford 3-17) lost to Briars 302 (C. French 168, R. Hardy 57)
Round 7:	(One Day) Briars 6 – 195 ( M. Adamson 62) lost to Pennant Hills 6–199
Round 8:	Briars 136 (R. Hardy 37) lost to Warringah 6 –139



Round 9:	Briars 243 (C. French 64, R. Hardy 29, P. Price 28) beat Lindfield 150 (B. Sculley 8-44)	First Grade
Round 10:	Roseville 165 ( D. Crawford 3-13, G. Price 3-35) lost to Briars 3-167 (R. Hardy 54 n.o.)	
Round 11:	Briars 69 (C. French 22) & 177 (R. Hardy 58) lost to Macquarie University 147 (C. French 4-20 & 8-43 (V. Mahadik 4-20) including hat trick, G. Price 3-18.	
Round 12:	Auburn 51 (V. Mahadik 4-15, G. Price 3-24) & 152 (C. French 4-16) lost outright to Briars (Dec) 127 (A. Jarvis 26) &1077 (P. Price 28)	
Round 13:	Lane Cove 55 (B. Sculley 4-27, C. French 3-3) 5- 82 lost to Briars 5 (Dec) 147 (C. French 55, D. Crawford 41).	

#### Semi-Final

vs Souths: Briars 93 (R. Hardy 43 n.o.) lost to Souths 8 – 299 (G. Price 3-51)

#### **Player Profile:**

**CAMERON FRENCH** – what can you say? 630 runs, 2 centuries, 25 wickets, best average – batting and bowling, 11 catches – "Shires player of the Year" – unbelievable season. Will mature even more over the next 1-2 years with his role in coaching – great to have in the team.

**PAUL PRICE** (Capt.) – Had a fair season with the bat with 72 v Strathfield his best. Enjoyed the season and satisfied with a semi-birth. Has threatened one more season and that's it!!

**ROSS HARDY** – once again had a good season. Held the team together on various occasions with scores of 57, 54\*, 58 and 43\*. Will miss part of next season and will be missed. Great to have in the team.

**ANDREW JARVIS** – first season at the club from South Australia. Very solid bat and handy medium pacer. Scored a lot of 20's but didn't go on with it. Would be great to see him convert some of these scores.

**GREG DOUGLAS** – started the year with a game saving 105 n.o. V's Blacktown and all in all had a pretty good season. Will be sorely missed by 1st grade and the club with his move to QLD – Good luck Dougo!

IAN CRAWFORD – like his fellow South Australian (Jarv), Craw was a very handy bat and a better bowler. Scored some handy 20's and 30's and bowled really well to take 19 wickets.

**GERARD PRICE** - had another pretty good year. Not great with the bat but his 23 wickets provided vital break throughs and capped off a handy season.

**ANDREW BLAIKIE** – Not one of "Blaikes" best years with the bat. However took 23 dismissals and was solid behind the stumps.

**BRAN SCULLEY** - Good, in particular his match winning 8-44 vs Lindfield. A disappointing year with the bat – should score more first grade runs. Great Club man!

SARKIS ACHMAR – Played the first two thirds of the season and bowled really well early before being put down to seconds. Is a great clubman and is a pleasure to have in the team.



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### Cricket First Grade

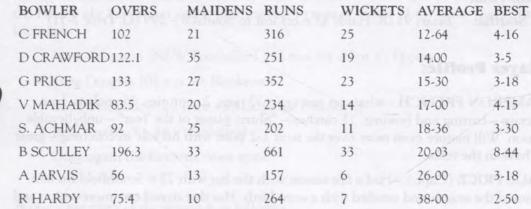
Thanks also to the following players who played at various times throughout the season – Anthony Raymond, Jason Harris, Gary Schomberg, Binty Mahadik, Chris Gillard, Richard Freeman, Damon Smith, Steve Hudson, Scott Brennan.

Congratulations to Nick Rojo and the 4ths for again winning the competition. Thankyou to Rothwell Park groundsmen 'Adam' on producing the "Ground of the Year". Thankyou also to our supporters and wives/girlfriends for their patience throughout the season.

#### AVERAGES:

Matches	Won out right	Won 1st Innings	Lost 1st innings	Drawn	Points	Position
14	1	5	5	3	40	5th

#### BOWLING:



#### Also bowled:

A. Raymond	6 for 55	C. Gillard	0 for 15
D. Smith	0 for 12	S. Hudson	0 for 2
A. Blaikie	0 for 2		



BATTING:								
Batsman	Innings	Not Out	Aggregate	Average	Highest score	100's	50's	Catches
C French	14	2	630	52-50	168	2	3	11
M Adamson	5	1	209	52-55	142*	1	1	2
R Hardy	15	3	371	30-92	58		3	4
G Douglas	12	2	295	29-50	105*	1		6
D Crawford	9	2	161	23-00	41			3
A Jarvis	9		172	19-11	30			4
P Price	15	-	237	15-80	72		1	3
V. Mahadik	5	3	28	14-00	13*			1
G. Price	10	2	103	12.88	19*			5
J. Harris	5		48	9-60	25			
B.Sculley	9	1	51	6-38	14			4

#### Also Batted:

D. Smith	2 for 35
R. Freeman	2 for 7 (1 n.o)
C. Gillard	1 for 8 *
S. Brennan	1 for 6
G. Schomberg	3 for 10

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### Cricket Second Grade

THE SECOND GRADE BURWOOD BRIARS were again just one win away from securing a premiership for the first time in several years in losing the final to Warringah.

Our usual slow start was evident early in the season. However the side then started to combine and gathered momentum throughout the season, generally playing better cricket as the season progressed. The side backed its own ability to be better than the opposition and also backed itself to get out of tight situations like any good team should. As usual we had a lot fun along the way.

Round one against Blacktown at home saw us win the toss and post a mediocre 225 after being 5-195. Newcomer Dan Crawford was the mainstay with a punishing 64 supported by some other 20's and 30's. With 28 overs left in the day Blacktown finished at 1-86 with the second week washed out.

Round 2 in a one dayer vs. the newly combined team of Holroyd Hills saw us bat first and bat out our 50 overs for the poor score of 173, Brett Howle 62. They passed us four down without too much difficulty. Round 3 vs. Epping had us winning the toss and dominating the day being 4-188 at tea then declared at 7-319 off 71 overs. Brett Howle 78, Jason Harris 93 and Corie Dickeson 52 the main players. A short bowl at them on the first day had them 1-27 which then resulted in them being all out for 117 on the second day with Phil Adams and Chris Gillard taking the wickets.

Round 4 against the premiers South Sydney resulted in us chasing 172 with Chris Gillard 4-44. Batting on the first day we ended with a very disappointing 5-39 with weather intervening again with the second week being washed out.

Round 5 vs. Strathfield had them winning the toss and scoring their first run of the day in the ninth over, after 8 maidens. We toiled well all day to dismiss them in the final over at 242 with Scott Castle and Steve Schomberg 3 wickets each. A delayed start to our innings due to overnight rain saw a steady start but no partnerships were formed and we were all out for 181. Five scores in the 20's were the reasons and we also lost our last 5 wickets in 8 overs when a draw could have been achieved.

Therefore after 5 rounds the team had registered one win and was well entrenched in the middle of the pack.

Round 6 vs. Canterbury Bexley had them batting first and all out for 210 after being 8-115. Scott Castle 4-40 and Vishal "Bunty" Mahadik 3-48 the pick of the bowlers. Batting for the remainder of the first day we were again in a disappointing position of 2-16 overnight. This quickly turned into 4-23 then 6-83 the following Saturday and victory was at long odds. However an unbeaten seventh wicket partnership of 131 between Rob Nandi 71\* and Chris Gillard 75\* was perhaps the turning point of the season. The two batted for 30 overs to ensure a morale boosting victory and set the momentum for the rest of the season.

Round 7 in a rain affected one dayer against the improved Pennant Hills again saw us bat first and post a disappointing 150 after being 3-107 with Corie Dickeson the only contributor with 40. Pennant Hills were never in the hunt due to tight bowling and were ultimately dismissed for 108, Paul Pannuti 3-19 and the rest shared.

We left the millennium and turned the half way point on 18 points, with the leaders on 24 points in a congested leader board due to the early round washouts.

Into the new year and in a one dayer vs. Warringah we batted first to again struggle and be all out for 109. Warringah were in relative control at 2-50 however this was quickly turned into 6-51 and the match back in our favour. Warringah then progressed to 8-102 with plenty of overs but a burst of fast bowling from Bunty Mahadik captured the last 2 wickets and Warringah all out for 103. Again wickets were shared with Bunty 3-20.

Round 9 vs. Lindfield posted 203 with Bunty Mahadik 5-45 from 20. With 21 overs left in the day we finished at 4-143 and well placed. We then passed them 6 down to be



all out 241. Jason Harris 53 and Rob Nandi 62. Batting again Lindfield ended with 7-47 with Bunty again the best with 4-39.

Round 10 in the one dayer against the lowly placed Roseville was a shocker. Winning the toss on a flat deck we limped to be all out 84 which Roseville passed 5 down without too many problems. This was a disappointing result but one not to dwell on as we knew it was just one of those days and we were certainly a better side than that.

After a first week wash out an all day game against Macquarie Uni had them limp to be all out for 134 in 68 overs, Chris Gillard 4-46. This left us with 52 overs to get the runs which we did 3 down in the rain with Scott Brennan 62 and Ash Squire 38.

Against Auburn they were all out 130 with Chris Gillard 3-36 and Rob Nandi 3-17. With 28 overs left in the day we finished the day at 1-89 then ultimately declared at 4-221, Scott Brennan 69, Rob Nandi 41\*. That left us with a lead of 91 and 43 overs for the outright however they batted out to be 3-80 at the close, Ash Squire 2-26.

The final game before the semis against Lane Cove had us post 133 in another poor performance. However this was alleviated as we had Lane Cove 8-55 overnight then all out for 71, Anthony Raymond 4-15 and Chris Gillard 3-24. Batting again we declared 9-104 with a lead of 166 and 49 overs remaining. We again bowled well to dismiss them for 101 for the outright win. Chris Gillard 4-37 and Steve Schomberg 3-18.

This outright win allowed the side be on top of the ladder for the first and only time of the season to gain the minor premiership.

The first semi final against Pennant Hills at Rothwell had us winning the toss and posting 207, Brett Howle 74. We dominated from the start with the bowling with Pennant Hills 4-24, 7-64 and then all out 156. Steve Schomberg was the best with 6-23. A lead of 51 and then us being all out in our second dig for 151 resulted in a lead of 202. Ash Squire batted very intelligently as opener for 47 and a late order 44 from Anthony Raymond were the pick. Pennant Hills went in for a bash and finished with 6-16, Chris Gillard 4-12.

Into the major semi final against Holroyd Hills at Rothwell. They won the toss and in yet another case of de ja vu we had them in early trouble at 5-106, however they recovered to finish the day at 9-298 and declared overnight on that score. Steve Schomberg 3-58 and Anthony Raymond 3-39 from 20.

Batting with a positive frame of mind we were in early trouble losing our first wicket at 12 and were 3-93 at lunch. This progressed to 5-181 at tea and the match at a delicate state. We batted out time to finish at 6-251 and due to our higher position on the table resulted in the sides progression to the final for the second time in three years. A solid overall batting performance from the team but a determined 55 from Gary Schomberg and patient 45\* late in the day from Alan Logan were the main difference. This was a very pleasing result, particularly as it showed our ability with the bat to apply ourselves when needed.

Into the final against Warringah at North Sydney No 2 on a clear day being a pleasant change from two years prior whereby they won the premiership against us without a ball being bowled.

Winning the toss and batting first we were again in early trouble at 2-3. We were never able to build partnerships but recovered somewhat to be 4-127 and a competitive score was achievable. The tail did not wag as we lost our last 5 wickets for 14 runs to be dismissed for 160. Main contributors were Rob Nandi 53 and Brett Howle 44.

With 29 Overs left on day one Warringah finished the day at 2-66 and the match in their favour. We stuck to our plan on the second day as we then had them 6-112, however they passed us 7 down to be all out for 217. Chris Gillard 3-39 and Steve Schomberg 4-53 from 22.

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As was generally the case all season the batting under performed and perhaps a score of around the 200 would have allowed the bowlers the margin they needed.

To lose a final is always disappointing. However, the side can be well pleased in the spirit and determination in which we competed in this game and the season.

Again well done to all players in general and the other sides in making the semi finals and finishing second in the club championship by less than a first grade win.

Congratulations to Nick Rojo and his fourth grade side for their consecutive premiership. Being in fourths, particularly as captain, is a difficult task due to the continual player changes among the higher grades and the effect upon this side.

Congratulations also go to Warringah as second grade premiers. Warringah always have a competitive side in seconds and they were the better side in the final.

Gerard Price as cricket chairman and chairman of selectors has an enormous task and as usual handled these in his most efficient manner. Thanks also to my fellow selectors for the time and effort involved in this process and the success the club enjoyed as a result.

Rothwell Park deservedly achieved shires ground of the year in the Sydney Cricket Association awards and it is an absolute pleasure to play ever second game on such a ground. Thanks go to Concord Council and in particular to Adam as groundsman at Rothwell.

Chris Gillard was voted second grades players player. Chris is an integral part of second grade and enjoyed the season capturing 38 wickets in the process and a deserved winner.

This season was the last for two players who have spent considerable time playing cricket for Briars. Richard Freeman has moved to Brisbane and was second grade keeper for a long time and an important team member of seconds. His keeping ability behind the stumps was always reliable and his value to the side will be missed and our best wishes go to him and his new wife Kelly in Queensland. Gary Schomberg has been playing cricket for over twenty years and in fact celebrated a 20 year anniversary for a first grade premiership this season. Gary decided to commit to playing one last season despite work and family commitments and it was unfortunate for Garry not to leave with a premiership. At his peak Gary was a formidable first grade batsman and one of the biggest hitters of a cricket ball. All the best in your retirement.

Finally well done to all those players that compete under the Briars cap for it is you who make Briars cricket the success and enjoyment that it is.

Brett Howle

Captain

#### **The Finalists**

ASH SQUIRE - Ash joined the side from round 11 onwards as we searched for specialist openers which had been lacking all year. He performed well in his first extended stay in second grade and posted a needed 47 in the second innings in the semi vs. Pennant Hills. As he gains experience at this level Ash will continue to develop into a better batsman given his young age. Additionally he has ability with his leg spinners and needs to develop this side of his game, as having a batsman who is also a spinner is a very handy balance in any side.

**SCOTT BRENNAN** - New to Briars this year Scott earnt his place in the side after decent scores in thirds. Scores of 62 vs. Macquarie Uni then 69 vs. Auburn were offset by other innings of getting starts but not going on with it. A naturally aggressive player,



as opener, Scott needs to sometimes harness this to ensure longer stays at the crease and the ability to build partnerships with others and get the team off to a good start.

**JASON HARRIS** - A year spent mainly in seconds but with some appearances in firsts. A 93 against Epping was only backed up with one other score above 50 being 53 vs. Lindfield. 6 other scores in either the 20's or 30's suggest that Jason needs to adjust his style of batting as the opposition gets use to his style. Finished the year with 334 runs at 28. Jason is usually dismissed by being caught , which means that he must discipline this part of his game to score bigger totals as he is an important part of seconds.

**ROB NANDI** - Ninja did not miss a game at all during the year but did not enjoy the consistent year that he aimed for. Top score for the year was 71\* in a match winning partnership against Canterbury. Other scores of 62 and an important 53 in the final were highlights. At 24 Rob should now aim to secure a place in firsts as he has the ability and patience as a batsman to achieve this. Finished with 432 at 29 for the year. Bowling wise Ninja captured 12 wickets including 3-12 vs. Auburn. Must continue to develop his off spinners to ensure more consistency to bowl longer spells.

GARY SCHOMBERG - In his last season with the club after some 20 years it was disappointing that Gary did not depart with a premiership. Notwithstanding the difficulty of work rosters Gary played 11 matches which included a game in ones. Gary did not enjoy the best of seasons with the bat finishing with 256 at 20, but 55 in the major final vs. Holroyd was invaluable.

**BRETT HOWLE** - Started the season with some decent scores, however suffered a mid season slump for a few games. Highlight was 78 in the semi vs Pennant Hills. Again enjoyed the captaincy role and the success that the team enjoyed.

ALAN LOGAN - Joined the team from round 11 after the unavailability and injury to the regular keeper, Richard Freeman. Very solid behind the stumps and at his young age Alan has a has bright future in front of him. As a batsman can hold his place in the top 6 and therefore is a benefit coming in at number 7. Scored 45\* in the major final against Holroyd Hills which ensured a draw and progression into the final. Bagged 13 dismissals in 6 matches.

CHRIS GILLARD - Enjoyed his most successful season with the club, (probably as a direct result of making himself available!). Topped the association aggregates with 38 wickets. Has the ability to be a true all rounder as shown in his 75\* against Canterbury – Bexley and 20\* in the semis when he sets his mind to it. Bowling, Chris developed the consistency he sought as the season progressed and included 4 wicket hauls on 5 occasions. Was a deserved recipient of seconds Players player award.

ANTHONY RAYMOND - Rejoined the side late in season and hit his straps immediately, with 16 wickets in 6 matches overall including 14 in the last 4 with a best of 4-15 in the outright win vs. Lane Cove. More than handy as usual with the bat contributing 44 in the second innings against Pennant Hills in the semis.

**STEVE SCHOMBERG** - Of all the bowlers probably suffered the most due to the lack of umpires during the regular season due to the inevitable LBW decisions. This was evidenced as Steve took 13 of his total of 28 wickets in the semis and finals with a best of 6-23 vs. Pennant Hills. As usual did not miss a match during the year and can be relied upon as night watchman as required with 26 against Lindfield. Snagged 12 catches at second slip in another tidy performance.

**SARKIS ACHMAR** - Joined the side from round 10 but did not enjoy the results he would wish with only 6 wickets. Has the ability to be a better bowler than the figures show and this will show in the following year.

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#### Also played

**CORIE DICKESON** - Played 10 Matches sometimes as a batman only, other times as a keeper / batman. Top score of 52 vs. Epping but did not enjoy the consistency he would wish to achieve as a batsman and must work on this part of his game to secure a consistent place in the higher grade.

**RICHARD FREEMAN** - Did not enjoy his best year in his last year for the club due to a mixture of injuries and unavailabilities. Played 7 games during the year with a top score of 20\*. Will be missed from the side and the club as he packs up and heads north to Queensland.

**BEN CHAPMAN** - Played 9 matches and a promising talent at his young age. Was forced into the opening role due to the lack of specialist openers in the side and performed well but is more suited to batting at 4 or 5. A talented batsman at his young age Ben will find himself securing a place in the higher grades in the season ahead.

**PAUL PANNUTI** - One of the most improved players during the year, Paul spent the second half of the season in seconds but was most unfortunate to miss out on being in the side in the finals. Captured 15 wickets in his 8 games during the season.



Matches	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost 1st	Draws	Wash outs	Points	Position
16	1	8	4	1	2	52	2nd

#### **Batting (min. 8 Innings)**

Batsmen	Matches	Inning	Not Outs	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches	50's
S Brennan	7	8	0	69	252	31.50	1	2
B Chapman	9	9	1	30*	111	13.88	3	0
C Dickeson	10	10	1	52	133	14.78	10*	1
C Gillard	14	13	3	75*	164	16.40	4	1
J Horns	10	12	0	93	334	27.83	4	2
B Howle	16	17	1	78	432	27.00	9	3
R Nandi	16	18	3	71*	432	28.80	5	3
G Schomberg	11	13	0	55	256	19.69	6	1
S Schomberg	16	12	4	26	93	11.63	12	0
A Squire	7	9	0	47	126	14.00	5	0
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\* 8 as wicket keeper

#### **Also Batted:**

Batsmen	Matches	Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches
S Achmar	6	4	3	3*	6	6.00	1
P Adams	5	5	0	37	89	17.80	2
A Berenger	3	3	0	9	12	4.00	1
S Castle	5	4	1	4*	13	4.33	0
D Crawford	2	2	1	64	71	71	1
R Freeman	7	5	2	20*	32	10.67	4(wk)

Batsmen	Maidens	Innings	Not Outs	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average	Catches	
Steve Hudson	5	5	1	28	67	16.75	4	
Andrew Jarvis	1	1	0	9	9	9.00	0	
Vishal Mahad	ik	5	3	2	7*	10	10.00	1
Alan Logan	6	6	1	45*	89	17.80	13(wk)	
Paul Pannuti	8	5	2	10	25	8.33	6	
Anthony Ray	mond	6	6	0	44	80	13.33	1
Phil Tregeagle	1	2	0	10	16	8.00		

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Bowling

(Min. 12 Wickets)

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	Best	
C Gillard	212.5	45	38	643	16.92	4-12	
V Mahadik	79.5	15	17	221	13.00	5-45	
R Nandi	86.3	17	12	254	21.17	3-17	
P Pannuti	99.5	28	15	239	15.93	3-19	
A Raymond	92.5	29	16	217	13.56	4-15	
S Schomberg	198.1	55	28	459	16.39	6-23	



#### **Also Bowled**

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	Best
S Achmar	94	27	6	209	34.83	2-26
P Adams	70	18	9	177	19.67	4-27
S Castle	51	12	10	157	15.70	4-40
D Crawford	12	3	2	32	16.00	1.5
S Hudson	19	5	3	65	21.67	2.20
A Jarvis	6	3	1	7	7.00	1.7
G Schomberg	2	0	0	10		
A Squire	5	0	2	26	13.00	2.26

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### Cricket Third Grade

THIRD GRADE PROGRESSED ONE STEP FURTHER than the previous year to finish in 4th place. The team changed every week with only two players present in more than 8 of the 14 games. The position of wicketkeeper best illustrated this chopping and changing, as there were 6 different keepers in the season.

I want to thank the 29 players who represented third grade during the season.

Victories over the three top placed teams indicated what was achievable when the club was able to field teams of reasonable strength. Premiers, Pennant Hills were crushed in the qualifying final, where on a rain shortened day, we recovered from 3-17 to score 6-323. On the following day, the premiers batted for more overs than were available to us but totalled less than half our score.

Second placed Auburn were easily beaten in Round 12 but extracted revenge when we collapsed from 3-140 to all out 181 in the semi final. In addition, minor premiers, South Sydney were also beaten despite a second day wash out.

We contributed less points to the club championship than in previous seasons, partly as a result of poor one day form as well as bad weather. We were washed out on both days of the game scheduled against last placed Lane Cove and scored a total of more than 600 runs against other cellar dwellers, Blacktown and Epping, only to see the second day of each game washed out.

We lost 3 of the 4 one day games. This may indicate a deficiency in this form of the game or it might suggest that players were more likely to drop out of one day games than two day games.

There were some fine individual efforts. Ben Chapman, Steve Hudson and Scott Brennan had the three highest batting averages in the competition and each has since played in the top grade. Nadeem Sheikh finished with the 8th highest average in the competition. Curiously, the club dropped this player in 2001-02.

Ash Squire made significant progress as an opening batsman while Alan Logan recovered poor early batting form. Both finished as regular second graders.

Anthony Clarke bowled more overs than any other bowler and boosted by 9 wickets on wet decks against Strathfield and Lindfield, finished with 17 wickets for the season. Paul Pannuti, Scott Castle and Anthony Raymond took wickets at low cost in the games they played.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the members of the Fourth Grade, who extended the club's run in that grade to 3 premierships in 4 years.

Terry Murphy

DATTING								
		I	NO	HS		AGG	AVE	CTS
В СНАРМА	AN	5	2	125		311	103.67	1
S HUDSON	1	5	1	127	sit	250	62.50	3
S BRENNA	N	4	0	110		222	55.50	5
P TREGEAG	GLE	4	1	55		143	47.67	1
N SHEIKH		7	2	100	*	212	42.40	3
C DICKESC	DN	4	1	82	*	122	40.67	3



BATTING

A LOGAN	8	2	57	*	174	29.00	5
A SQUIRE	8	0	75		225	28.13	2
T MURPHY	11	5	37		154	25.67	3
SRANA	10	1	78		186	20.67	2
B PATERSON	7	0	36		127	18.14	2
M OXLEY	6	0	35		103	17.17	4
D WELSH	8	0	54		125	15.63	4c1s
A CLARKE	8	2	28	*	77	12.83	9

#### ALSO BATTED

A RAYMOND	3 for 66 (1c)	A HUDS	ON	3 for 8	
W WARNE	5 for 62 (4c)	A O'KEEI	FE	1 for 9	
A BERENGER	6 for 38 (5c)	M PEMBI	ERTON	1 for 7	
J BAILEY	2 for 30 (2c)	S CASTL	E	1 for 6	
R TREGEAGLE	1 for 19	S KHAN		2 for 2	
P PANNUTI	2 for 16	M OLIVE	R	1 for 2	
BOWLING					
	0	М	W	R	AVE
P PANNUTI	85	27	16	169	10.56
A RAYMOND	82	34	13	155	11.92
S CASTLE	90	29	14	202	14.43
A SQUIRE	34	10	6	103	17.17
A CLARKE	95	21	17	293	17.24
S KHAN	54	11	6	123	20.50
M OXLEY	50	15	5	121	24.20
S HUDSON	81	22	7	173	24.71
T MURPHY	72	14	9	225	25.00
SRANA	44	6	6	172	28.67

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#### ALSO BOWLED

R TREGEAGLE	6 for 53	W WARNE	1 for 3
D WELSH	5 for 99	J BAILEY	1 for 1
A O'KEEFE	4 for 116	M OLIVER	0 for 15
M PEMBERTON	2 for 30	B CHAPMAN	0 for 8

### Cricket Fourth Grade



AFTER THE SUCCESS OF THE PREVIOUS SEASON it was going to be hard to back up with a new team and win it a second time, but we did it and we won it well. Again we had a cast of thousands through the fours, well, 34 players to be exact and as is typical in the lower grade you see most of those guys for one or two innings before they move on to higher grades or are never to be seen again.

Game 1 saw us play Blacktown and a score of 318 looked great for us until a washout week two. Despite telling Gerard that Scott Brennan's first innings for the club of 151 was a very lucky knock, that was the last we saw of him for the season. I take no responsibility for the loss to Holroyd Hills but defending a score of 165 must not have been easy when 23 wides were called against us in a match best forgotten. Epping were up next and gave little resistance to the lads, Luke Stewart bowled well with an amazing 4 for 5 off 14 overs and finally, we were on the board. We then played the Calypso Kings themselves, South Sydney. They batted well on day one to be 9 for 270 but the rain came back again and the match was drawn. They are now looking to have both their home grounds completely enclosed so that when they play us next there will be no excuses.... The odd arguments erupted but except for the usual idiot, the game went mostly without incident.

Strathfield were next and Adam Hudson 71, Brent Patterson 41 and Babar Khan 39 combined with 5 ducks to give us 173 to defend. We had 21 overs to bowl out the afternoon and in that time we rolled them for a dismal 44. Adam O'Keefe took 4 for 10 and Nick Rojo took 4 for 33. Lucky for us because week two was a washout. Canterbury Bexley started the game with 9 and limped to 140. We declared on day two at 3 for 171, and bowled them out again for 111 before passing them at 3 for 90 and an outright victory.

Pennant Hills saw the return of the infamous Brendan Bailey who after being dropped on 0 made 90 in a total of 202. We then routed them for 134. Then it was the long trip to Warringah for a one-day game. We started at 10 a.m. with 9 players, Luke Stewart arrived at 11:30 a.m. after work and Brendan Bailey turned up at 1:30p.m. because he had forgotten his kit, his girlfriend and what planet he was on. Luke at least redeemed himself with a sensational 63 with 9 fours, and we made it to 193. Warringah passed us 6 down and after a less than memorable tantrum I decided to end my career as a cricketer along with ending Brendan's life.

On to Lindfield, and Jason Bailey captained us to an outright victory. Andre Berenger batted well to make 55 and a team total of 193 was enough to bowl them out twice, Adam O'Keefe took 8 for 44 for the match. I should go overseas more often!

We smashed Roseville in 21 overs for 63 runs, Adam O'Keefe took 5 for 13 this time and we were home by 3pm after 40 overs of play. Next it was Macquarie in a one dayer and we rolled them for 158 and passed them 5 down. A notable debut performance from Damon Smith who showed us all how the first graders do it with 0 for 16 off 3 overs and dismissed for 3 in the first over.

Auburn was a forgettable game after we were dismissed for 151 chasing 218, Saaed Khan bowled a great spell of 14 overs 5 for 43 and also took the catch of the season after barreling into Derek Welsh to secure the flyer.

Last of the normal rounds we played Lane Cove on a sticky one and bowled them out for just 33 and 55, Adam O'Keefe taking 11 for 27 for the match could have bowled basketballs and still got them out. The game featured 10 ducks.

#### **Qualifying Final**

Warringah made the qualifier and batted first on St Luke's. Our living treasure Nick Beams bowled hand grenades and Warringah had no idea. Nick took 5 for 25 off 14 overs and Warringah made it to 111. We replied with a hard fought 160 with Derek Welsh (33) and Dan Haiken (17) making the fifty run partnership that secured first innings and Nick Rojo chipped in with 32 at the end. In their second dig Warringah made just 125 and the demon spinner Beams took 6 for 39 off 15 overs this time. We grabbed the outright and Shan Rana made a solid 35.

#### Semi Final

Blacktown turned up with their usual entourage of raucous supporters and soon we got on with the job of bowling their team out for 143. Adam O'Keefe and Anthony Clarke both took 3 wickets each in a solid team effort. After facing 40 overs on day one we were 4 for 83 losing two wickets late in the day. Early on day two Blacktown made it really difficult to score quickly but a superb 64 under extreme pressure from Nick Rojo saw us pass them 8 down. An 80 run partnership between Adam O'Keefe (31) and Nick put the match beyond Blacktown's reach but not before some real worries throughout the game.

#### Final

After out-righting them earlier in the season Lindfield were not the team I expected to play in the final, but as Gerry says "It's a funny game cricket!"

Winning the toss and batting saw us make a total of 264 with Andre Berenger delivering a fantastic 72 and Dan Haikin amassing a fine 68. From then on it would always be difficult for Lindfield and they came up well short with 184. Adam O'Keefe took 3 as did Babar Khan and the season was over with a well deserved back to back premiership.

Thanks must go to the people who always help throughout the season. Boris Haikin was a great contributor on game day, as was Sam. Gerard Price for his continual patience and persistence in finding suitable players when it looked like I would start with nine men, and of course you can't thank Gerard without thanking Jane for having double the patience. The other captains for their help on selection nights and the rest of the club for their interest in the team. But the biggest thank you must go to my wife Dianne, for everything to do with me and cricket, a game she is learning to hate as opposed to me who she dislikes already... not true.

Nick Rojo (never again)

Captain

#### **Player Profiles**

**DAN HAIKIN:** This season it was great to see Dan rewarded for the hard work in the nets, leading run scorer and second highest wicket taker capped off a successful season for him, took 11 catches too. Dan will play higher grades for sure. Probably the biggest talker in the side too!

**ANDRE BERENGER:** Bats with nice style and played a great innings in the final (72) to set the foundations of the win and then single handedly went about dismantling the advantage by maiming the opening bowler before play on day two. Even bowls a bit when asked, and it was great to win one with him.

**BABAR KHAN:** A super consistent cricketer, Babar had an average year by his standards but what can you expect when you take off to Pakistan for 4 weeks in the middle of the season? He still made it into the top 3 on both lists which proves his worth in the side and he is one of the real characters of the team.

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**LUKE STEWART:** I think Brendan Bailey must have passed on the most annoying trophy to Luke this season. If he wasn't calling me on my mobile during the pre-match pep talk he was hiding my boots, and at last count Luke had lost 4 grandmothers (sadly), six aunts turned 50 and his mum's cat was run over 3 times all on a Wednesday afternoon. But he did play some really great cricket as well. His innings of 63 against Warringah after coming in at 6 for 93 was incredible to watch.

JASON BAILEY: This season Jason was without the other two Baileys and floundered around like he was dating his mate's ex-wife. He knew what he was there for, but he couldn't commit with the necessary passion. Still, he added the required stability on most occasions without the high scores of last season, he was always on hand for a second opinion and remained a vital ingredient in the teams success. However, for future reference, celebrating Chinese New Year is not a viable excuse for missing training unless you are actually of Chinese origin.

**ANDREW MCLAREN:** What a debut! Fatboy's first run at the Briars saw him grab a huge 30 catches behind the stumps and to add to this he was one of the few that consistently encouraged the team when we needed a shove. Andrew is definitely no slouch with the mouth and has the required bit of mongrel to make him an excellent keeper in the higher grades.

**ADAM O'KEEFE:** Unbelievable! Because of injury Adam bowled off about four paces all season and from 9 games took 38 wickets at 5. He couldn't do a thing wrong this year and even figured in an 80 run partnership for the 9th wicket in the semi to win the match. An all round cricketer, great team man and with 3 five for's and a six for, really deserved to win the Player's player award.

**PETER CATALOVSKI:** After a couple of seasons away with grade Pete's return was a welcome one. Although a back injury prevented him bowling until the latter half of the season he showed us that he can play as a reliable higher order batsman. Also an exciting fielder with a great arm but unfortunately his Mum has given up sending him to the game with a packet of Tim Tams and that was a great disappointment.

**SCOTT WOOD:** Unlike his fellow Englishmen Scott bats and bowls so consistently he averaged 12 with the ball and 51 with the bat. A good solid cricketer and all round nice guy. I know Sirus enjoyed the season a lot and hopefully he'll become a regular at the Briars.

**NICK ROJO:** Didn't really get into the season until the second half with a 35 against Warringah in the qualifying semi and a good knock (64) in the semi final that helped get us out of a tight spot. But must have forgotten that he was in the side as a bowler and there is nothing much to write about there. Tried to be a more regular captain this year by consistently alienating himself from the rest of the team. A very unpopular captain and quite okay with that.

**DEREK WELSH:** Des is a really good young cricketer and should have a real future in the higher grades with a more concentrated off field effort. Has a great arm and certainly looks the goods with the bat and ball but has to get over the other attractions that keep him off the paddock on a regular basis.

**ADAM HUDSON:** A 71 against Strathfield in Round 5 was the highlight of a season that probably promised more for Adam. He is undoubtedly better than a fourth grade batsman and needs to commit one hundred percent to make higher grades.

**PHIL TREGEAGLE:** The doctor was as reliable as ever this year. A 63 against Canterbury helped set up the outright but as usual Phil was the first pick for higher grades on Wednesday night so we didn't see a lot more of him.

NICK BEAMS: Nick came into the side for the final series and never let us down for a minute taking 12 wickets for 140 runs and almost winning the qualifying final by



himself. He takes his cricket very seriously and will bowl all day unless someone stops him. Nick runs like a magpie is chasing him when he bats and watching that was almost the highlight of the finals series.

### Cricket Fourth Grade

#### **Season Statistics**

М	W1	WO	LI	LO	D	Washouts	Points	Position
16	7	4	3			2	82	1st
Batting								
Batsman	Agg	Innings	NO	HS	Average	Catches	50's	100's
D Haikin	232	11	3	68	25.8	11	1	-
A Berenger	226	8		72	28.25	1 - 101	2	1 With
B Khan	225	12	1	49	20.4	1	-	
L Stewart	210	10	1	63	23.3	5	1	in ban di
A Hudson	189	8	4	71	23.6	3	1	5-10 A
P Tregeagle	151	8	4	63*	37.7	4	1	in all the
J Bailey	148	12	1	30*	13.5	5		-Turk
N Rojo	117	9	2	64	16.7	10	1	
A McLaren	107	11	1	26	10.7	30		-
S Wood	103	5	3	34*	51.5	5	-	
P Catalovski	i 102	8	2	28	17	7	-	-
D Welsh	57	6	1	33	11.4	4	-	-
A O'Keefe	46	6	1	31	9.2	2	-	-

#### **Also Batted**

S Brennan	1 for 151	K lvins	3 for 54
P Fraser	3 for 51	S Rana	3 for 44
B Clarke	3 for 22	A Clarke	1 for 11
S Khan	3 for 4	N Beams	3 for 1
S Ellis	3 for 10	M. Omer	1 for 10
B Griffith	1 for 7	L Munro	2 for 28
M. Kowal	1 for 8	A Logan	2 for 24
D Smith	1 for 3	S Turnbull	2 for 28
B Bailey	2 for 93		

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### Cricket Fourth Grade

#### Bowling

Bowler	0	М	W	R	Best Fig. A	verage
Adam O'Keefe	106	40	38	191	6/13	5
Dan Haikin	112	16	22	349	3/25	15.8
Babar Khan	116	23	19	280	3/7	14.7
Nick Rojo	148	38	16	353	4/33	22
Saaed Khan	77	20	15	176	5/43	11.7
Nick Beams	58	8	12	140	6/39	11.6
Luke Stewart	62	21	10	153	4/5	15.3

#### **Also Bowled**



D Welsh	6 for 85	J Bailey	6 for 79	
S Wood	4 for 48	M Kowal	1 for 18	
B Griffith	3 for 70	A McLaren	0 for 22	
P Catalovski	1 for 42	A Hudson	1 for 85	
A Clarke	4 for 41	A Warner	0 for 39	
A. Berenger	1 for 9	B. Clark	0 for 23	
S. Turnbull	3 for 35	K. Ivins	2 for 16	
S. Ellis	3 for 39	Q. Rana	2 for 7	
P. Fraser	0 for 32	S. Hudson	3 for 33	

**OVERALL THIS WAS NOT A GOOD YEAR** for results for the 5ths. On the positive side the team was an enjoyable and affable group to be associated with and there were the occasional personal performances on the field that were notable.

On the bowling front both Nick Beams and Will Hood took more than 20 wickets apiece at less than 15 each but usually by then the damage had been dealt out to the less successful medium pace attack.

The batting was better forgotten with the exception of Andrew Blakie almost carrying his bat in scoring 82 against UNSW. This was the ONLY 50 scored by anyone in the team for the season.

But on the positive side, the failure led team officials to a re-building campaign in the off season. At the time of writing this seems to be paying some dividends. And so we look forward to a much healthier situation in 2001/02.

#### **Personal Profiles.**

NICK BEAMS tried valiantly as captain with the limited resources available to him. He bowled intelligently and in conjunction with Will Hood put the side into winning situations on a number of occasions only to be frustrated by a lack of runs. Rewarded with a promotion to play in the Fourth Grade semi and hauling an 11-wicket bag for that game. The Colonel continued to practice his art through the long off-season in the hope of cementing a place in a higher side next season.

JAMES WARD started the season strongly and showed a lot of determination as a batsman. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to go on with it but no doubt benefited from the experience. James always gave 100% and was an outstanding team man.

**BRETT GRAHAM** came out of retirement and did provide some sting to the attack when he was able / allowed to play. His relocation to the eastern seaboard seemed to dull his enthusiasm for field games but he gave it his all when available. His one game as acting captain showed his great tactical flair and his intolerance of the incompetent!

MATHEW CLIFT played with great enthusiasm and enjoyed his cricket. Unfortunately didn't have the best of seasons on the field but was a substantial contributor to afternoon tea and his often-present girl friend added much needed glamour to the otherwise bedraggled team.

MARK HISTON demonstrated potential with both bat and ball. Although he had no outstanding performances this season we look forward to seeing some improved performances from "Yobbo" next year.

**RHYS BRETT-BOWEN** was another who found the jump from Junior cricket to the Metropolitan Cup a big one. Rhys probably tried a little too hard when opening the bowling and will benefit from the experience and a little weight. Had one highlight with the bat hitting four 4s in an over against Easts at Victor Trumper.

WILL HOOD had another outstanding season with the ball and occasionally showed us his undoubted talent with the bat. He bowls with a lot of cunning and confidence and when he takes the same approach with bat in hand will be an outstanding batsman in this competition.

JESSE BORTHWICK added another dimension to the team. He arrived at every game with equipment suitable for a week on the Riviera. Complete with deck chair, esky, radio and sundry other comfort props Jesse would quickly be despatched for umpiring duty by the Captain. Jesse gave it his all and in my many decades of watching the game, he is the only umpire I have ever seen walk back with the bowler to his mark in earnest discussion. The most sociable of all cricketers.

### Cricket Fifth Grade



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**DARRYL BANGS** was our very own Pommy import for half the season. Darryl added his own brand of wit and humour to those who could understand his dialect. Didn't get a chance to 'keep and so threatened us that he would return next year with some of his mates to show what he can do behind the stumps.

**STEPHAN ELLIS** was the most successful batsman and played some lone hands in holding the batting together on a few occasions. Stephan also bowled well when called on and is one of the players the team will be built around next season.

**LUKE MUNRO** also showed glimpses of talent with the bat and always had a positive approach to the team and its situation. (This only demonstrated that he was not in touch with the reality of most situations). Another who should help us to a more successful 2001/2 year.

ANTHONY MAIR was only able to play a limited number of games. Demonstrated a good eye and keen cricket intelligence. We hold out high hopes for his future with the club because his mother assures us he is "a very good cricketer"



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#### A SENSE OF UNCERTAINTY !!!!!!!

That was the feeling at the start of the U/24s for year 2000/01.

The euphoria of the previous season's victory had subsided and with the loss of some key players we knew we would have to produce something special to be a threat this season.

The result, a narrow last over semi-final loss.

This season saw the u/24s go through change and still we were a big threat to the title.Captained again by Robin Nandi, the team played 7 games resulting in 4 wins and 2 losses.

As manager for my second season, it was great to watch again the maturity and passion these guys show towards the game, their teamates and The Burwood Briars and I would like to officially thank Rob and his team for the respect and friendship they have shown towards me during this time. On behalf of myself and the team, I would like to congratulate all other captains on what was another great season for Briars, especially Nick Rojo on captaining back to back premierships.

A special congratulations to one of our own players, Cameron French, on his being named Shires player of the year.

Last but not least, Gerard Price thank you for just about everything.

Jason Harris

MANAGER

#### Profiles

**ROBIN NANDI:** Rob in his last year of 24's again captained in an outstanding fashion. His ability to predict what's going to happen next has seen his decisions change games. Rob will be missed next season but there is no doubt he will succeed his 24's success with a long 1st grade career.

**CAMERON FRENCH:** Cameron by far was our number one player and led the way with both bat and ball. A century and six wickets in the Q/F was outstanding but the highlight was 72 not out off only 34 balls against Macquarie.Cam was voted players'player.

**ASH SQUIRE:** Ash this season found himself in the difficult position of having to move around the batting order constantly. Ash was rewarded with the opening spot for second grade and its only time before bigger rewards come his way.

**CORIE DICKESON:** Corie's many years at this level is always a big bonus and his ability to score quick runs turns good totals into great ones. His passion for the team is second to none, but Corie needs to reward himself with more runs.

**BEN CHAPMAN:** New to the team and the club, Ben showed incredible talent early in the season, but a mixture of bad luck and inexsperience saw Benny not get the runs we know he can. Ben's future is bright and he will push for 1st grade.

ADAM HUDSON: Adam continues to prove he can perform under any conditions. He was outstanding this season, always helping the team get off to a great start. In my opinion he will retain his spot in higher grades and will always be one of the first players I pick.

**STEPHEN HUDSON:** The number one allrounder. In my opinion Stephen is one of the most talented players in shires. A huge asset to this team and the club and also a very popular individual who had a great season.

### Cricket Under 24s



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**BRAD SCULLEY:** The number one bowler in shires for the previous two seasons Brad would rip through the top order every game setting us for some great victories. Brad is an outstanding talent as well as a great kid .

ALAN LOGAN: So young yet mature on and off the field, Al had an outstanding season with the gloves taking 15 dismissals. His batting as well help us achieve some great totals.

**DAN HAIKIN:** Dan again was a big part of this team. He helped and had an impact everytime he was involved in the game which showed in his bowling figures.

SHAN RANA: Shan was a new inclusion this season. He played every game and I think learnt a lot about this level of cricket. You could see him getting better every game and this will see him rewarded in the future.

**LUKE STEWART:** Another new inclusion, Luke showed when he thinks he is more than capable at this level. He bowled some really good spells in games but let himself down at times with his mind wandering. He had a very good debut season.



#### BATTING

PLAYER	INNS	N.O	H.S	RUNS	AVE	B/F	
C FRENCH	6	1	104	238	47.6	261	
A HUDSON	7	1	49	195	32.5	373	
S HUDSON	6	2	51X	122	30.5	160	
<b>B</b> SCULLEY	6	1	52	105	21.0	142	
OTHER SCORE		R.NANDI 60 VS HOLROYD [93 balls]					

#### BOWLING

PLAYER	OVERS	M/DENS	W	R	AVE	B/B
D HAIKIN	10	3	5	20	4.00	2/1
C FRENCH	28	6	6	55	9.1	6/17
<b>B</b> SCULLEY	64	14	15	160	10.63	3/8
A SQUIRE	13	2	4	51	12.75	2/7
SRANA	44	9	12	163	13.5	3/9
S HUDSON	58	9	9	148	16.4	4/24
L STEWERT	35	6	6	105	17.5	3/11
R NANDI	23	2	5	90	18.00	4/38

#### ALAN LOGAN 11 CATCHES 4 STUMPINGS

#### BRIARS RUGBY HAS FINISHED YEAR ONE OF ITS REBUILDING. Overall

the results have been a big improvement on the previous few years. The biggest improvement has been the strength of the lower grades, which were stronger than they have been for the last 5 years. Each week there was a real possibility any grade could beat it's opponent no matter where they were placed on the table.

Obviously, the stand out grade was second grade, known as 'Team Lahar' or 'The Juggernaut' who under the guidance of Captain/Coach Chris (Lahar) Lamond managed to keep much the same side for most of the season. This was mainly due to a stable First Grade side and a commitment from the players by strong attendance at training. It all paid dividends on the field with Team Lahar making the Grand Final only to be beaten by Beecroft, a side which they had beaten during the year.

Even though we finished sixth in the Club Championship it should be noted the number of points we scored. Only 2 first grade wins off fourth place and another second grade win from third. I remind you that in 2000 we only scored 312 points for the year and mention, once again, that to win this division a club needs to accumulate approximately 800 points. Petersham won in 2000 with 861 points and Beecroft only gained 563 points, a similar quantity that we have finished on this year. It all points well for interesting seasons in the years to come provided we can continue the momentum.

The table below indicates the final standings and points for the Club Championship and each grade.

Club C'ship	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
Beecroft 820	Beecroft 67	Blue Mtns 73	Beecroft 66	Beecroft 70
Blue Mtns 28	Epping 66	Briars 66	Hawkesbury 63	Blue Mtns 69
Hawkesbury 614	Hawkesbury 59	Beecroft 64	Merrylands 57	SSNZ 66
Epping 604	Blue Mtns 58	Lane Cove 58	CBOB's 52	CBOB's 52
Lane Cove 576	Lane Cove 52	Epping 44	Barker 50	Barker 45
Briars 554	Briars 47	Merrylands 35	Lane Cove 35	Merrylands 38
Merrylands 394	SSNZ 30	Barker 33	Blue Mtns 34	Hawkesbury 26
Barker 344	Merrylands 8	Hawkesbury 31	Briars 25	Lane Cove 25
CBOB's 306	Barker 19	CBOB's 22	SSNZ 19	Briars 21
SSNZ 280	CBOB's 15	SSNZ 7	Epping 17	Epping 14

In the grades the point system is the same as in the Super 12 competition ie: 4 points for a win, 1 bonus point for scoring 4 tries or more, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for losing by 7 or less.

One of the interesting things to note on this table is the closeness of the competition. Only 266 points separated first to sixth in the Club Championships. In the individual tables, no club ran away in any of the grades. The Minor Premierships were only decided in the last round in every grade. Obviously, Beecroft 'came good' at the right end of the season and won three out of the four minor premierships, securing the Club Championships even though they were running third with four rounds to go.

This table shows all the results of each grade. Remember that we did have one round washed-out and were required to play it as a 'double header' on the same weekend as the Clubs Annual Dinner. Winning the lower three grades and only narrowly losing in First Grade was an excellent result for us against Hawkesbury Valley on that Sunday.

### Rugby Chairman's Report



Rugby		~					
Chairman's	Round	Opponent	Venue	1sts	2nds	3rds	4ths
	1	Lane Cove	Home	29-30 loss	17-15 win	0-8 loss	0-20 loss
Report	2	Blue Mtns	Away	17-34 loss	3-6 loss	5-16 loss	10-0 win
	3	Merrylands	Home	16-14 win	22-7 win	12-6 win	7-20 loss
	4	Epping	Away	22-3 loss	27-5 win	3-12 loss	3-5 loss
	5	SSNZ	Home	27-7 win	58-0 win	10-10 draw	5-7 loss
	6	Hawkesbury	Away	12-14 loss	10-6 win	0-33 loss	7-15 loss
	7	Barker	Home	39-24 win	29-21 win	7-19 loss	7-22 loss
	8	CBOB's	Away	24-6 win	20-17 win	12-23 loss	0-23 loss
	9	Beecroft	Home	15-10 win	17-16 win	0-52 loss	7-19 loss
	10	Blue Mtns	Home	6-13 loss	5-10 loss	10-7 win	5-34 loss
	11	Merrylands	Away	27-12 win	17-0 win	5-12 loss	12-5 win
State and	12	Lane Cove	Away	20-3 loss	21-10 win	8-0 loss	7-0 win
	13	Epping	Home	23-12 loss	20-17 loss	41-3 win	6-5 loss
~~~	14	SSNZ	Home	11-10 win	67-19 win	23-20 win	54-7 loss
	15	Barker	Away	39-26 win	33-17 win	15-7 loss	8-0 loss
	16	Hawkesbury	Home	11-6 loss	36-7 win	12-8 win	39-17 win
	17	CBOB's	Home	31-3 win	40-7 win	19-20 loss	17-10 loss
El a la	18	Beecroft	Away	24-3 loss	19-0 loss	38-3 loss	27-0 loss

2nd Grade Major Semi Final v's Blue Mountains = 24-14 win. 2nd Grade Grand Final v's Beecroft/Cherrybrook = 17-3 loss.

It was great to see Second Grade in the Finals. I can assure everyone that both games were celebrated well into the night.

Another event celebrated well into the night was the Presentation night held in the Palace Hotel Steakhouse, Mortlake. The following is a list of the awards presented on the evening, congratulations to all recipients.

4th Grade	Players Player: Mark Parker
	Best & Fairest: Rob Flemming
3rd Grade	Players Player: Peter Etches
	Best & Fairest: Reg Tewatha
2nd Grade	Players Player: Daniel Martin
	Best & Fairest: Nick Lemon
1st Grade	Players Player: Brad Sculley
	Best & Fairest: Steve Davis

Most Improved Player:Brett Collins and Kris GambleRookie of the Year:Chris HardimanClubman of the Year:Garry Pearce

Congratulations, again, to all these people and thanks to all the Coaches, Managers and support staff who were also mentioned on the night.

The end of season rugby tour was to the Cook Islands, or more importantly the island of Rarotonga. The tour was extremely enjoyable and successful. Whilst it was unfortunate that we didn't play any of the official scheduled games due to a tropical storm and injuries, I'm sure the sight of Big Johnny Kauvai, Reg Tewatha, and the Tall Skinny White Guy (Aaron Boyter) playing A grade Rugby League for a local club, will be a lasting memory for all tourists. Thanks to Tour Committee consisting of Reg (Moose), Pearcey (The King), and Terry (watch out for the glass door) for doing all the organizing and fundraising.

We would like to thank the following companies for their generous sponsorship and or support this season. BOOM (Briars Off Our ... Movement), Shaw Stockbroking, Matrix Oil, Select Personnel, Complete Sign Services, Len Hollis Smash Repairs, Bushs Meats, The Palace Hotel, Dynamic Physiotherapy, McLeish Estate, Barrington Beef, Kingstons Bread and Cakes, and McGill and Co.

On personal note I would like to thank all those who helped me at some stage during the year. It may not feel like your'e doing much as you help but as they say many hands make light work, then again they do say too many cooks spoil the broth. Special mentions to Mat Grace, Lincoln Clifford, Garry Pearce, all the 4th graders who got there early to help set-up the ground, Timmy Guest as Club Captain, Mal and Jo Weber, all the team managers, the older guys who worked behind the bar at the club, Greg McPhee, and Bruce Ferguson for those chook raffles, and Chris Murray, Les Cousins, Chris Lamond, and John Evans for all coaching with such enthusiasm, their Team Reports follow.

Finally I would like to thank all our players, some of which should be spectators and all our spectators, some of which should be players, and those of both who would make great referees...

Cheers, Matt Waddington

Rugby Chairman

### Rugby Chairman's Report



### Rugby First Grade

YEAR 2000 WAS MY FIRST WITH THE BRIARS CLUB. Our results show that with 3 more wins the side would have been in the semi finals. The results show that the team suffered 3 close losses. The results also show that we were competitive against every team in the competition and when the side put its best game together we beat the best teams in the competition. The next stage in our development is to be competitive every week we play not when it suits us.

I must point out that the team suffered a number of injuries at crucial stages when the team was forwarding and gaining momentum. It was my intention from the very first game to play an expansive game that involved every member in the team. That facet of our game was adopted by the team successfully but needs to go to the next level where we use the skills and strategies every week with confidence.

Another pleasing aspect of the season was the dramatic improvement in fitness and skills of all those who attended training on a regular basis. From 4th grade to 1st grade there was notable change from the start of the year. David Miles did an excellent job with his approach to conditioning including aspects of skill. Again with an improvement of fitness across all grades in 2002 there will be improved results. I would thank Todd Louden for his input and assistance through out the season. His professional technical advice was of great benefit to me and the players.

People are the fabric of successful Clubs and Briars has a number of people who work behind the scenes to ensure this success. I would like to thank Mal Weber for his support through out the season and his initiative for activities outside the season that help the club move forward. It is fitting that Gary Pearce has won Club Man of year as he has been a person who carried out his duties as a manager without fault. Additionally Terry O'Kane was invaluable in getting our scrum to be effective. Collectively I would like to thank these gentlemen for their support.

The physios Genna, Luke and Rene provided treatment which other clubs would find difficult to replicate. I am sure that Brad Sculley's recuperation from injury is a reflection of their attention and expertise on the day.

Nearly 40 players represented first grade in 2000. I would like to thank them for their application and endeavour. Congratulations to Steve Davis, Brad Scully and Cris Hardiman for their respective awards and achievements. The key to success in 2002 is consistency and reducing unforced errors.

I thoroughly enjoyed coaching and look forward to the club improving on the success of 2001 in 2002. To Chris Lamond who took second grade to a Grand Final well done and thanks for your input. Les Cousins and Chris Murray thank you for time and commitment to coaching through out the year.

I would like to finish by thanking those who supported us by working in the canteen, preparing the ground, organising food after matches and attending matches. I also hope we see BOOM again in 2002.

John Evans First Grade Coach



SEASON 2001 WAS AN ENJOYABLE YEAR both on and off the field. With added player numbers from previous years, selections week in week out, made my job easier but at the same time harder. Especially come semi-final time where unfortunately some very capable players were left out of the squad.

The commitment to training certainly made a huge difference to those games that really came down to the wire. And that difference was being 'patient' with the ball, not panicking. The way in which we trained (ball control and basics) showed in our play because for the majority of the training sessions, 2nd grade had the most numbers.

At the start of the first comp game I told the players if I thought there was a chance of scoring a try from a penalty in easy kicking range, the try would always be our first option. That happened, I'd say, 90% of the time.

We are playing a team game with 15 people in it, lets take more risks and play with all 15 people. We play for enjoyment not for winning money...

Team Lahar tried many different ways of using the ball. One of those was a lineout move called Montana. Having only used the move a handful of times, the team, club and spectators had a sense of excitement lift when the right field position was obtained. (If you heard of or seen Montana, ask). I hope in the coming season the whole of The Briars tries something new.

Playing Blue Mountains in the Major Semi-Final, whom we had beaten in the previous 2 matches, was the highlight of the year. A full 22 man squad was needed and used. Briars scored 24 points to nil by half time. The try of the year was scored on half time of this match, defending our line for 10 minutes, we were once again patient, forced a mistake and 5 sets of hands later, we scored a length of the field try under the posts. In 13 years at Briars I have never seen a length of the field try. We won 24-17.

Unfortunately the Grand Final was not to be our day. Too many turn overs and mistakes cost us dearly. 3-17 Loss.

Grand Final Squad:

- 1. Nick Lemon
- 4. Steven Williams
- 7. Daniel Martin
- 10. Gerald Puckey
- 13. David Willmott
- 16. James Steele
- 19. Peter Etches
- 22. Kris Gamble

- Mathew Grace
  Ben Harrington
  Tim Callaghan
- 11. Brett Stevens
- 14. Luke Humphries
- 17. Brett Collins
- 20. Jason Edmunds
- Mark Ferris
  Andrew Moar
  Reg Tewatha
  Tony Jenkin
  Chris Lamond
  Ken Millar
  James Allsop

Many thanks to Daniel Bott as Manager, John Evans for training the club and helping throughout the semi and grand finals, David Miles for his skills work and to Waddo who has done yet another fantastic year as Chairman.

Lastly to all the players involved in 2nd Grade this year many thanks. Let's go one step further, win the Grand Final in 2002.

Chris (Lahar) Lamond 2nd Grade Captain/Coach. Rugby Second Grade



## Rugby Third Grade

A STRONG YEAR FOR THE CLUB AS A WHOLE, and it was good to see the new faces at the club with plenty of enthusiasm. Let's not rest on our laurels and have a better year next year by getting more than one team to the grand final. Well done to second grade, who almost got there, and also let's get the club back into second division where we belong.

We set targets and goals at the beginning of the year and I think we achieved most of those. It was good to turn up to training and be able to pick a side based on the players available, but there was a lot of juggling of players early in the year and I didn't have the same side on the paddock two weeks in a row. We didn't have the best season, with 5 wins and a draw but were very competitive every week. A few dubious decisions by referees not going our way and a couple of losses right on the full time whistle meant that we should have been further up the table. Also, a few injuries to key players up the grades didn't help our cause in the lower grades, but all in all it was a good foundation for next year.

Special thanks to a few players who in their first year of rugby showed they have potential. Brett Collins was there week in week out putting in strong performances and it paid off with him being selected in first grade. Well done, Kris Gamble (the whiz) another player having a good year getting to second grade, Peter Etches with his pick up and go runs really led by example, and ending up Players Player of the year (I don't think he'll be in the lower grades next year), the dynamic duo Dave Wilmott and Jason Edmonds showed plenty of potential and all the skills. Thanks to Richard Booth, Mark Ferris, Johnny Kauvai, Alan Huriwai, the stick man James Alsop, Andrew (captain) Kirk, Scotty Davidson (big lump, plenty of potential), Barry Dalton (big lump,lots of potential) Paul Andreazza (the wog) M.I.A. a few times, James Vianellos (elvis), Kaz, Scott Mcgill, Special thanks to a guy who backed up most weeks, Mark Parker, another great year for him, and it was good to see the return of Matt Waddington from injury. He was champing at the bit for a few weeks itching to get back on the park, and last but not least thanks to Reggie Tewatha (if only he was ten years younger) Best and Fairest for the year.

Many thanks to guys who helped make my job easier, Aaron Boyter as Manager, Garry Pearce, Terry O'Kane, Chris Lamond and Chris Murray, thanks to John Evans and Dave Miles for bringing new skills and fitness training to the club and giving the club new direction, The ever present Waddo another fantastic job as chairman, Mal Weber for getting players with enthusiasm and spirit back at the club.

Go Briars Rugby in 2002

Les Cousins Third Grade Coach



THE 2001 SEASON WILL BE REMEMBERED not as our most successful but hopefully as the Revival Of Rugby. After last year being so short of players, what a turn a round. Rarely did anyone need to back up because of a shortage of players.

Most thanks for this go to Mal Weber. Firstly for the BOOM movement, which got a lot of the 'older' Briars re-involved with Rugby. The new strip was excellent and then Coach John Evans and his helpers who brought new direction and drive to the club. Matt Waddington (who did an excellent job again) had his life made a lot easier – but still had plenty to do. First Grade had a good season – thanks John. Seconds with Chris Lamond had an excellent season, just pipped at the post.

As for Fourth Grade and my first season of coaching, not a successful year with only four wins out of eighteen. One of those was when I was away – I'm definitely not Super Coach. Many thanks to Les Cousins thirds coach, Garry Pearce and John Evans for helping me out. Gary Avery, our manager, was a great support to me at training and at the games.

As to the fourths players thanks to one and all. Rob Flemming won the best and fairest, just. After starting in the centres, a switch to number 8 got 'Robo' closer to the action and he had a great season. Mark Parker – the Players Player, played more games than anyone this year (he backed up for thirds a lot). He had another very good season but still lets me know I rested him in one game. Ray Watson who played Hooker, Second Row, No.8, Centre and Fullback tells me he's going to retire at 20 odd. Jason DeCleene who was switched from wing to second row and played all season. The guys who played part of the season because of injury or other reasons, Hammer, Kaz, Baz Arnold, Gilly, Scotty Davidson, Murry Brown, Rob Guilder, Ryan Land, Matty Nichols, Scotty McGill, Dave Brooks, George and Blacky.

We then have the players who went up the grades, Dan Martin – played 5 games and ran third in the best and fairest. Louis Gray who went all the way to First Grade. Luke Humphries, mostly second grade. Barry Dalton, played seconds and thirds. Brett Collins, first season of rugby – mostly seconds. And Kris Gamble, also first season who finished in second grade.

Then to make up the side the oldies who should all retire, but did make up numbers and played alright if I do say so. Ken Williams, Terry McFarland, Alex Palmer, Terry O'Kane and myself. Thanks to everyone who played fourths.

Next year, if a few oldies get pushed down to a fifth grade or Golden Oldies side we'll have a better year. But to do that we need more players. Start recruiting for next season now and make 2002 the second year of the revival.

Cheers,

Chris Murray Fourth Grade Coach

## Rugby Fourth Grade



## Golf Report

A SOCIAL GOLF DAY WAS HELD AT BLACKHEATH on 22 April, 2001 and the weather on that weekend was black indeed. Only a small number of hardy souls were willing to brave the elements with Milton Howell sticking his head out of the window on the morning and doing a great impersonation of Lennox Walker by predicting continued showers and he wouldn't be going. At the foot of the mountains it looked as though the Blue Mountains Curse was still with us but the closer we got to Blackheath, the sunnier it got. Consequently, we hit off in beautiful weather. The Massey Park burglar, Chris Lamond, prevailed on the day with a nett 56 with Joe Caris finishing a distant 2nd with a nett 65. The Calloway was won by Geoff Dahlsen (the only starter in that category). Thanks to those who attended.

The Briars Open golf day was held at Bowral Golf Club on 21 October, 2001. The weather was perfect, the course in great condition and the birds were singing (to find out why, read on). Numbers were slightly down on recent Open days but that did not detract from the competition. John Threlfo finally prevailed after many years trying (and beat the handicapper) by coming in with a nett 59. Satisfaction also came from combining with Peter Bowyer and winning the beers from Anthony Clarke and Chris Lamond. Unfortunately for Anthony Clarke, he finished 2nd on a countback for the third Open in a row with a nett 64. Garry Pearce finished 3rd with the same score. The Calloway was won by Andrew Staniforth (yes, I got the right Staniforth) with a nett 74 and the best scratch score (86) was shared by Ron Marshall and Anthony Clarke. Matt Waddington put in an amazing physical performance to win the Bradman prize. He is the first person I have seen who can walk, talk and swing a club whilst asleep.

Peter Bowyer continues to be everyone's friend by handling the handicapping duties with glee and I am grateful for the support provided by Greg and Debbie Kelly by purchasing a good range of prizes.

The generous donation of prizes by Ray Pontifex is also gratefully acknowledged. John Threlfo



solid and marketable future.

- Thank you to the coaching staff and team managers at all levels. Yours is a tough job and often a thankless task - well done on a successful year all around.
- To Alan, Mercedes and Dave Jones who work so well at running the canteen . week in, week out and who our loyal supporters have come to rely on to keep them well fed and lubricated.
- And finally to the Committee members who give up their time to administer the . sport within the club. To George Jackson and his Junior Committee and Jan Sullivan and her soon to be created Women's Committee.

With season 2002 just around the corner we are looking forward to an expanded female membership with at least five teams, new coaching and playing staff in the men's ranks. I look forward to us ensuring the strong future of the club.

As Big Kev would say, when I look at the future of the Briars hockey in 2002 and beyond - "I'm excited!"

THE BOOK HAS CLOSED ON HOCKEY SEASON 2001 and it is with a great deal of pride that I now write a brief summary of Season 2001.

After a successful 2000 season with our Mens 1st and 2nd grade making the semi finals in only our 2nd season in Premier Division, our Women's teams making finals and our Junior stretching from Minkey to U/17's, season 2001 was eagerly anticipated by everyone.

Season 2001 kicked off early in November 2000 full of anticipation after an extended Olympic lay-off. Our player numbers swelled and the quality and depth of the squads was improved in the off-season.

In the end, I feel we had a successful year, but one that we will look back on as having let a few opportunities slip. As Chairman, I would like to thank all players for their commitment and effort this year, but I know we can do better and I am looking forward to bigger and better things in Season 2002.

Season 2001 was a year of great achievement including the following:

- We officially welcomed our Women's team into the club as full members well done all around - and fielded two teams and our first team ever in the SWHL turf competition.
- T he Briars U/17 team has won the Sydney Junior B Grade Premiership.
- Our 3rd grade Men's team was the first Briars team to make a grand final appearance since out promotion to Premier Division three seasons ago.
- . We won the annual Valley/Briars Trophy for the first time in 9 years,
- We had two current Australian Men's representatives, as well as a half dozen . State and Junior representatives in our squads - well done to all concerned.
- Our Men's teams (1st/2nd/3rd grade) finished 4th in the Club championship, a . tribute to the depth and talent that we now have in our playing ranks.

Finally, a few 'thank yous' for making this year a success:

- To john Price who works tirelessly organising coaches, players, grounds, committees, etc, etc. JP is a true asset to not only Hockey, but the Briars Club generally.
- To Silas Moss. Mossy has done a great job this year in his role as Marketing Development Officer and works his heart out to make sure the Briars Club has a

## Hockey Chairman's Report



## Hockey First Grade



2001 WAS A SEASON THE 1ST GRADE need to learn from if they wish to be in contention for the finals in future years. The team, which was the best we have put together, played some excellent games and proved themselves against the elite of the competion. After losing to one of the easier teams in the first round, the second round was always going to be difficult but the guys held together and remained focused and lost only 1 game out of the last 9. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to qualify them for the playoffs. Interesting to note the team drew with the premiers twice, beat the 2nd place team once and drew with the other two semi-finalists but still didn't qualify. Probably proves how much the competition improved this year with the Australian players returning home from the Olympic campaign and also the development of the younger 1st grade players in the competion. I definitely believe, we as a team, underachieved this year and the club needs to look at things closely in the off season if it envisages going forward next year. The areas that concerned me back in February remained a concern through-out the season and definitely determined our 5th placing in the competion. Attendance at training - poor to say the least for a group of guys who wanted to win the competion. In saying that, there was always the same 8 guys there but the other members of the squad let them down severely. It appears some players don't realise the importance of being at training and committing to the team even if they are injured. Coaching structure - this needs to be addressed if the club wants the team to have a proper chance of success. Basically, we had 1 coach for most of the season for the top two grades, as John and David had overseas commitments, and this is just not fair to the players. I firmly believe each grade should have a coach, assistant coach and manager to control the team. Discipline - whether it be yellow cards, attendance at training, poor communication with your team mates or going on holidays when we play the three most vital games of the season. We need to improve in this area and form some club rules for those that don't follow them - they cost their team at present.

The areas I believe the management of the club needs to define for 1st grade to improve in 2002 are as follows -

- 1st grade should train by themselves -1 night each week and with 2s on the second night
- Establish specific rules for discipline problems re- on field, off field, training and missing games through personal choice
- 3. Close look at what each players brings to the team so the club can decide each players worth and value to the team , regardless of their ability.
- 4. Coaching structure needs to be defined .
- 5. Club needs to continue to place emphasis on developing the 2nd graders.

Finally, thanks to the team and the club for their efforts this year and over the previous five I have been with the club. I have chosen not to outline individual performances in this forum as I will do so individually rather than writing one comment about each player. Please don't take this report as being negative, in fact, in contradiction, I think the club has come a long way over the last year and hopefully it is now more aware of how difficult it is to win a premiership. Special thanks to all who played 1sts in 2001 - Croze and A J - co-captains, Danny, Razor, Matty, Alan, Banners, Kurt, Rod, Simon, Silas, Kieran, Sam, Rod, Bj, Mary, Matty Smith, Nathan, Josh, Mick, Stuart . Also to Dave and JP for their assistance and to who ever else I have accidentally omitted. Have a super summer.

#### Thanks

Warren 'BUSTA' Birmingham

The Briars 2nd grade team this year had a very successful season to finish 3rd in a very strong grade. The team was able to blend youth and experience and displayed pretty consistant form. Highlights were 2 wins over Moorebank and strong performances against Ryde and Glebe. Overall the team blended well and despite the usual turnover of players in a 2nd grade team was able to maintain high skill levels and intensity. Coached by Warren Birmingham and David Mike, the team was as follows:

**SHORT TURNBULL** - young goalkeeper with a bright future. Really came good in the final series with stunning saves.

**ROD SMITH** - the tower of strength in defence and a good team leader. Played a lot of 1st grade too.

**DARREN PIKE** - very solid defender and versitile enough to play all over the field. Played a vital role in attacking corners.

**DOUG CRONIN** - very reliable defender and midfielder with good skills and a high workrate.

AARON FRYER - very dependable defender with great marketing skills and solid on the ball.

HARVEY SINGH - very skillful defender with an amazing overhead and great stick skills.

SIMON ORBELL - very good defender and midfielder who matured as centre half this season and played with flair and poise.

NICK ROLLINGS - very gritty midfielder with a high workrate and the ability to inspire the team with his efforts.

**SAM EVEREST** - one of the most improved players this season and a 1st grader of the future. Great attacking skills and solid defender.

SHANA RANIA - very good forward with excellent positional sense and high workrate. Very good team player.

**ANDREW BORG** - very aggressive forward with a brutish shot and aggressive around the circle, also defends well.

**JOSH MILLER** - rapidly improving forward with an eye for a goal and good defender as well. A really good prospect.

SILAS MOSS - brought a lot of skill, leadership and inspiration to the team. An accomplished scorer with a high workrate in attack.

DAVE CROSER - very skillful forward with good positional sense. Could turn defenders around easily and helped our attack greatly.

WILL (the Pommie) BIRKIN - very capable player and solid defender who left midseason. Finally did not mind his nickname.

All in all a very successful and enjoyable season for all concerned. Thanks to JP, the coaching staff and all connected with this team. Next year we plan to do even better.

## Hockey Second Grade



## Hockey Third Grade

**HISTORY MAKERS:** This year's 3rd grade team created history by being the first Briars to make a Sydney Hockey Association Premier Division Grand Final. There are many people that helped make this happen - from all the players, Ken Welsh (Team Manager), David Croser (Assistant Coach), and many others. Unfortunately we could not put it all together on the day and come away with the trophy. However all involved should be extremely proud of their performance throughout the year.

WAYNE ALLSOPP: (Fullback/ Half) – Wayne experienced every position in the back 5 this year – both fullback and all across the half line. His tackling skills and determination made Wayne a rock-solid defender and a valued member of the team.

**PAUL ANDREW:** (Inside Forward) – Paul's year was split up this year due to an injury that kept him off the field for half the year. Upon his return as his confidence grew so did his return to form. Paul was a valuable member of the 3rd/4th grade teams.

**MICHAEL BAINES:** (Fullback) – Bainesy proved to all that he wanted to be involved in the play. Whether it was overlapping into the attack from fullback or travelling from Moree for the semi-final & grand final. His sound defending make opposing forwards think twice.

**GREG DUNN:** (Striker) – Greg had another fine year in front of goal this year with 16 goals, equal 2nd in the Club. He also experienced time either on the Wing or Inside Forward at stages during the year. Always positive on the field which rubbed off on to the other members of the team.

**SHANE EWART:** (Striker) – Shane added two factors to this years forward line (that we lacked last year) speed and determination to want to get the ball off the opposition defence. He had a very good year except for one setback.

**ADAM LAWSON:** (Half/ Forward) – Adam's creativity caused many a defender to question what was coming next. His ability to eliminate an opponent or flick a ball (from general play & short corner) made him a valuable asset to 3rd grade.

**STUART MASON:** (Goalkeeper) – Despite being a bit frustrated at the start of the year, Stuart played better hockey each week. He made some outstanding saves to keep us ahead at various stages throughout the year. His confidence and skill was a major reason we made the grand final.

**TIM PIKE:** (Fullback) – Tim started the year on the sidelines with injury and even enjoyed a couple of weeks in 4th grade. But as his fitness returned so did skills especially that of dispossessing of an opponent one on one.

**TROY PRESCOTT** (Inside Forward/ Striker) – Another newcomer to Briars, Troy started the year in 4th's but worked hard to gain a spot in 3rd's (even sitting on the bench for 2nd's). Troy's work-rate in attack and defence was rewarded with the goal in the grand final.

**BRETT REDMAN:** (Striker/ Half) – Brett's skill level is still improving. His overlapping into attack as well as solid defending makes Brett a significant member of the 3rd grade team.

**IAN REYNOLDS:** (Half/ Inside Forward) – With his no-nonsense approach made Ian a calming influence in 3rd's. Full credit to Ian that he did not want to interrupt the way 3rds played. Ian even enjoyed a time at Inside Forward and fullback during the year.

**PAUL SHARP:** (Inside Forward) – Sharpey quietly went about his hockey this year and was one of the most consistent players throughout the season. He has been a welcome addition, not only to 3rd grade but I believe to Briars in general.



DANIEL TAGG: (Utility) – Daniel played the majority of his games in 3rd grade as well as some in 4th's (depending on work commitments). Much to Dan's amazement his role changed from a defender to a "utility" role. During the year he played in almost every position on the field. Full credit to Dan for trying his hardest no matter the situation.

To the other players like Lachlan Boa, Scott Herbert, Michael Howlum, Derek Welsh should feel just as much a part of the 3rd grade squad and your efforts did not go unnoticed and for that I thank you.

Glen "Grot" Williamson

THIS YEAR'S FOURTH GRADE showed a vast improvement compared to last year. Last year fourth grade only managed one win but this year we spent 16 weeks in the top four and only missed out on the finals by a single point. A lot of the credit to the turnaround must and should go to the players. On various occasions throughout the year we were behind on the scoreboard only to rally together and find a way to win. Thanks must go to all players involved in fourth grade this year and a special thanks to Adam Schasser and Paul Andrew for their support.

LACHLAN BOA: (Fullback/ Half) – Well done Lochie! – Lochie put in the hard yards to give him the best opportunity to play his best hockey. However he (like some others) ended up playing lower down the grades as a result of the club getting a whole lot stronger. To his character Lochie still gave 100% effort each week with some solid tackling and powerful hitting.

**PAUL DAVIES:** (Striker) – The leading goal-scorer in fourth grade this year. Paul somehow fitted some hockey with work commitments this year but still managed to play well and contribute to the team.

**BLAKE DURANCE:** (Inside Forward) – Blake's skills have improved again this year and therefore had a successful year. His talent is there for all to see but needs to work on his confidence at a senior level, however I have no doubt that this will come.

MAX FRANCIS: (Fullback) – Max spent the majority of the year in 4th grade. His game improved which should all go well for the years to come especially in his more accurate hitting and calm attitude.

## Hockey Third Grade



Hockey Fourth Grade

## Hockey Fourth Grade

**BEN GARLAND:** (Inside Forward/ Striker) – Just beaten to become leading scorer in the team but still had a great year. His confidence over the ball and having one of the biggest reach (to control the ball) made Ben a danger to the opposition throughout the year.

**SCOTT HERBERT:** (Half/ Inside Forward) – Scott was one those players that regularly played 4th's as well as 3rd's. Providing good distribution and direction from Centre Half, however just needs to learn to talk more on the field.

**MICHAEL HOWLUM:** (Half) – Michael was another to play 3rd's and 4th's regularly. His defensive work caused many an opponent to think if he would ever give up. All goes well for an even better year in 2002, keep up he good work.

**JASON POWELL:** (Inside Forward/ Striker) – Due to work commitments Jason found himself in fourth's. To his credit his determination and effort to play at his best helped 4th grade plenty. His ability to turn a defender inside out was something worth watching from on and off the field.

**DAVID RATCLIFFE** : (Goalkeeper) – Ratty had an indifferent year. He was only needed to "keep" in fourth grade so tried his hand at playing on the wing in 5th grade (even managed a goal). Made some great saves during the year but sometimes others just slipped by.

**ADAM SCHASSER:** (Fullback) – Adam spent the year between 4th and 5th grade due to his coaching commitments and had another sound season. Congratulations on your effort with your own form and for what you gave 5th and 6th grade.

**DEREK WELSH:** (Utility) – Derek's year was interrupted by injury midway through the season but still proved a important part of the 3rd/ 4th grade squad. He still managed some good performances and scored some crucial goals for both teams.

GLEN WILLIAMSON: (Striker) – Well I had an enjoyable year – scored a few goals and felt like I made some contribution both on and off the field to fourth grade this year.

**CHRIS ZOL:** (Fullback/ Half) – With the willingness to play hockey Chris made himself a valuable member of Briars Hockey this year. Whether playing 4th's or helping 3rd or 5th grade. His skills have further developed and with his attitude he should be rewarded in the years to come.

Some other players that contributed to this fourth grade this year include Daniel Whitwell, Chris Burns, Grant Hough, Damien Fortuna and Ben Scully. Your effort was most welcome and greatly appreciated.

Glen "Grot" Williamson



WELL DONE TO ALL PLAYERS that played 5th grade this year. We had a better season than previous years, winning half our games and drawing a couple. And it came down to the last round to see if we would make the top 4. Unfortunately the result of another game did not go our way, placing us 5th.

There were a few things that went against us, the never ending story with umpires or lack of, which ever way you would like to look at it, the lack of training, and not being able to keep a stable line up due to various reasons too many to name.

To these players I would like to thank,

Goalkeepers - Kurt Ravn, Ben Jackson, Dave Ratcliffe (right wing extraordinaire)

Fullbacks - Ben Scully, Jonathon Byrne, Mike Denniss (former 6th grade)

Halfs - Mike Bates, Andre Declase, Daniel Whitwell, Derek Welsh

Forwards – Adam Bracey, Jesse Borthwick, Blake Durance, Damien Fortuna, Grant Hough, Ian Brown (former 6th grade)

Thank you for the year, we can be proud of our achievements and look forward to 2002.

5th Grade Coach Adam Schasser

This year I've noticed more grey hairs in my beard, whether it's because I'm getting older or because I coached the 6th grade. To be honest I enjoyed it immensely. We did not do so well, only winning 2 games and drawing 2. And the contributing factor for this was the lack of training, but none the less I was impressed by the way they played as a team. And looking back on the 6th grade season made me think of the real reason I started playing hockey, and that is to get together with some friends and play for the pure enjoyment of the game.

Goalkeepers - David Osmond, Ben Jackson

Fullbacks - David Paul, Joe Lyons

Halfs - Geoff Atkins, John Denniss, Simon Bergfield, Mark Burns, Chris Grant

Forwards – Adam Palmer, Daniel Atwell, Sergio Calcarao, Tim McGettingan, Jim Gardiner, Alan Wiggins, David MacKenzie, Alan Jones, and Joel Osmond.

To 6th grade I would like to thank you for the season and I hope to see you next year. I would especially like to thank Simon Bergfield for all his help throughout the year.

6th Grade Coach Adam Schasser

## Hockey Fifth Grade



Hockey Sixth Grade

## Hockey Women's Grass

MY FIRST YEAR AS A COACH WAS AN ENJOYABLE ONE and I must thank all the players for their contribution to the season. The season got off to what might be called an average start with only 8 players for the first round and 10 for the second. Both these games resulted in heavy losses. Things were turned around in the next week when we had grown to about 14 players as others asked their friends to play (some were playing hockey for the first time ever). The season from thence forth was very successful for a team of mostly beginners or players returning from a number of years off.

Through the season the ladies only lost three games. This was achieved through great defence through the whole field and only a couple of goals were scored against the ladies after the first two games of the season.

Through the season there was a noticeable improvement in all the players in their individual skills but most importantly in the teamwork that they all were showing. Making the semi finals was a great achievement and the whole team should be proud of their performance. The result the of semi was a draw after extra time which meant we did not continue on due to the lower position on the ladder. Next season should see a number of them move on to the higher grade(s) and I look forward to another fulfilling season as coach next year.

#### **Player profiles:**

**GOAL KEEPER: CAROL** - Although hampered by injury throughout the year Carol was always ready to help. Carol was the dominant voice on the field when she was in goals and I think they could hear her two fields away. Spent a bit if time on the field also when Kim was helping out in goals.

**FULL BACK: JUSTINE** - a new player to Briars who showed great skill and control from the back. Justine is likely to make it to the higher ranks for the next season. Justine started part way through the season and if she had made the start of the year I am sure she would have been in the running for an award.

**FULL BACK: MEL** - a very strong tackling full back and half. Mel showed no fear when attempting a tackle striking fear into the opposition who would be easy pickings for the rest of the game. A little more concentration at training should see Mel's attacking skill catch up to the defensive skills.

**FULL BACK: RACHAEL** - Enjoyed her hockey (as long as the coach was not on her back) and improved her hit greatly throughout the year and I look forward to working further with Rachael over the next season. Rachael played her best hockey when composed and not rushed.

**LEFT HALF: LEE** - One of the three amigos of the team and a brand new player to the sport of hockey only took about 4 or 5 games to find her position. A player that was always committed and had one of the highest work rates in the team. Always ready for a Heiniken after training. The umpires will remember the commentary given on the sidelines whenever Lee was there.

**RIGHT HALF: JANINNE** - A versatile player who is able to play any of the half or full back positions. Janinne listened about 90% of the time and talked back for the rest. A great season and unfortunately going overseas so we will not be seeing her next season in the Briars colours, have fun with Tim.

**CENTRE HALF: CARYN** - the sharpest eye in the team when it can to picking off a difficult trap or making a tackle. Caryn had never played centre half before but was very capable and improved every game (another of the three amigos).

WING: KATRINA - Still at school and working on weekends it was good to see Katrina with the support of her mother for the season. With a bit more commitment at training will make a very good forward. Katrina's positional play improved with every game as did her fitness.



**INNER: AMY** - the fastest on the team. Amy was able to shock the opposition with her turn of speed but her lack of fitness or was it just being lazy let her down some of the time. Amy always looked like she was having fun except when she had to run too much (I am not stressed any more).

**CENTRE FORWARD:** Rowena - a never say die high striker would harass the opposition defence all day and turn over a lot of possession in our attacking half. Rowena is another of the players who had never played hockey before this season (and the third amigo). A high work rate and good level of fitness helped Rowena develop her skills rather quickly.

**INNER: KATE** - the best hockey was played by Kate when the opposition got on her nerves and she wanted to hurt them (North Sydney). Kate was a great shooter at the goals after a good warm up, next season should see her bag a bunch of goals as this was her first season back after a number of years off. Although inside forward was not Kate's preferred position she played well there when her work rate was high.

WING: EMMA - this was Emma's first year of hockey also and she picked up the positional play very quickly and was a very committed player often putting her body on the line (and the ground) in the name of the team. Emma was always happy to join in the social activities after training and assist the coach in making it to the games (thanks for all the lifts Emma).

WING/INNER: SARAH - the youngest player in the team who has a good future ahead of her. Sarah showed great skill while carrying the ball but was a bit intimidated by the older stronger women in the opposing teams at times. With a little more experience Sarah will become a very talented player.

WING/HALF: SUSAN - with the opposition often beating Susan for size she showed a good level of commitment and often showed no fear even against opposition of twice the size. A little more attention at training should see Susan improve again next season.

WING/CENTRE FORWARD: CAROLYN - another of the very committed forward line who would not leave the opposition defence alone, gave the side a bit of aggression when needed. Sadly other commitments kept Carolyn from playing the last quarter of the season and hence the semi final.

**INNER/HALF/GOAL KEEPER: KIM** - with work commitments that kept Kim away from the game for about half of the season it was good to see her play in goals for a number of games with no experience and do very well. Kim also played in almost any position on the field that was available through out the year and an asset to the team when available.

WING: LOUISE - was only available for a small number of games throughout the year but her experience and positional play when available taught some of the younger girls I am sure.

**INNER/HALF: RITU** - also playing for the turf team for most of the season, Ritu showed her skill with the ball but sometimes carried it a little too far and found herself quite tired and alone. When Ritu worked with the players around her it made the whole team very dynamic and enabled them to move the ball up to the attacking end' rather quickly.

On closing I would like to thank all the team members for a very enjoyable year and I look forward to working with many of you again next season. I would also like to thank Paul the team manager and the assistance that both Bob Tagg and Dean Garland provided throughout the year.

Coach

Ben Scully

## Hockey Women's Grass



## Hockey Women's Turf

**BRIARS WOMEN'S TURF TEAM** was entered into the Sydney Women's Hockey League for the first time this year. Most of the girls had not played to this standard and they found the competition tough going in the first few games.

Most of the games were lost by just the odd goal - they played well and hard under the coaching of Adam Hackett and the experience of having played their first turf season will stand them in good stead for the 2002 season.

There were some difficulties experienced in filling the team at times because most of this team are still at school, either completing Year 12 or Year 11 people with their commitments to school as well.

The Team was not the bottom of the winter competition, but there was a lull in their enthusiasm in the middle and it cost them dearly.

There needs to be determination to win and dedication to hockey in the Year 2002 for the fruits of all the hard work put in by the players in the past and by the Briars' coaches and assistants to come to where they know they can be, in a serious competition.

When you've got it altogether girls, you can beat the best of them - next year is another year - so play some good hockey for the Briars, but most of all ENJOY your hockey with the Briars.

Ian Sullivan

Manager



**FROM THEIR 1ST TRAINING SESSION**, the under 17's had a promising year ahead of them, with many solid hockey players with a good mix of under 15's. They experienced mixed results in the first round with strong performances for all players, but as a team struggled with consistency and sometimes intensity and passion to play at their best. Training with 6th grade added another dimension to all players' ability, and provided them with a sniff of what seniors could hold for them.

After a few easy losses in the second round, the team voted that they wanted to win in 2001 and they were committed to that goal. This was a turning point in our season, with some crushing wins over Sutherland and Northern Strikers. Unfortunately, our poor form in the 1st round left us in 4th place with a couple of games to play before the end of round, which meant that we would need to win all 5 remaining games to win the flag, ie defeat Moorebank! The improvement on the field was largely due to the boys' commitment at training and preparation before the games. Having won both our semi and final in an ugly fashion, the boys still had room to hit their optimum, and did this in the grandfinal!

Every game play worked, every player had a blinder and we put more shots in the back of the net compared with them, it was a coaching dream! They were really, by definition a great, solid team. They worked hard all year and were rewarded accordingly/

Rod Smith

Coach

#### **Player Profiles**

Ben Jackson (GK)

Ben has played a lot of hockey this year and has developed accordingly. He provides a great atmosphere to the team and with further experience and direction will be a strong keeper. He saved the under 17 on many occasions in vital matches. He has played outside himself this season and should be pleased with his work and effort.

**PETER MILITIAS (FB)** - Definitely Peter is one of the strongest 17 to go through since 1 have been coaching. His skill, fitness and reading of the game is excellent. He was the foundation of our defence and was one of the reasons for the team's premiership win. Peter has huge potential in hockey with exposure to the senior ranks the next step if he wants to. Another consistent and strong season.

ANDREW KILAZOGLOU (FB) Another under 15 player who played in our 17 side who was a regular and important player from week to week. Andrew's exposure in the under 15 State talent camp gave him the confidence to step up to play at the under 17 level. Alongside Peter at the back they provided our team with concrete defence. Andrew will be a key player in under 17 next year.

**DERRYN ALLSOP** (Half and Forward) - Derryn's commitment to training this season was excellent and was demonstrated on game days with many strong performances. His speed and effort on the field was infectious and with more focus on the technical aspect of the game will improve his overall repertoire of skills.

**BLAKE DURANCE (CH)** Blake is a talented hockey player and it is difficult to believe that it was only his 2nd season playing hockey. Again, with exposure to senior grades and good coaching, Blake has the potential to go far in the coming years. When on time, Blake provided structure and leadership for the team and is developing a more suitable attitude for senior grades.

## Hockey Under 17s



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**JAY HOOK** (LW and IL) - A huge leap for Jay this season, leading the team into the finals and playing a vital role for the team. His energy and personality provided many memorable stories and a backstick hit that national players would love to possess. Jay should continue to seek a senior team, as he is an asset to any team. A good season Jay!

SIMON CALENDAR (RW and CF) - Simon is always looking to improve and has grown technically this year. His positional play, effort and commitment were stand out points of Simon season. His penalty strokes were a highlight along with some superb goals which helped the team be so successful. Hope to see him amongst the senior ranks next year.

**ANDREW SIMPSON** (Inside Forward and Half) - Andrew had a very solid season with many strong performances. Andrew's high work rate is a major asset and often 'lifts' his fellow players around him when he 'puts in' all the time. Andrew carries the ball with conviction and will continue to be a force to be reckoned with in the higher grades.

**CORRY ALLSOP** (CF) - A huge learning curve for Corry this season. He has developed in all aspects of the game and held his stick in his hand for longer and longer as the season progressed. His enormous work rate and his quest for improvement gave the team so many victories, especially towards the end of the season. A great effort, with more team work and strong players around him, Corry will continue to improve.

**SCOTT FERNANDO** (CH and IF) - Scott is on the verge of great things with his hockey. More time at training and with the right team, Scott could be a real player within the Briars Club. His famous left to right is a great tool and with more training and exposure to higher level hockey his skill base will explode! He played a vital role in the team's success with many strong performances.

MATTHEW MORONEY (RW and LW) - Matt's positional play was much improved throughout the season, resulting in many good goals. Matt is always receptive of new ideas and information and responds to them well. Matt sould be pleased with his season. Hopefully Matt will be around in the future with Briars, as there is definitely a place for him.

**LEWIS MIKE** (LH) - Lewis adapted very well to the defensive role of left half and like many left halves, did a lot of unrewarded work. His role was excellent for the team, making a huge impact after his return from the US. Upon his return, the team almost automatically lifted. He is a strong team oriented player and will be a 'club' member in the future years.

SAM CANDINTO (Everywhere) - Another up and coming under 15 who had the title of 'supersub' for the team. Week in week out, Sam was called on to fill almost every position on the field and did so without fuss but with exceptional impact and maturity! Sam's contribution to the team was noticed greatly and will be a major factor for the under 17 to defend their premiership in 2002.



SEASON 2001 PRODUCED A NEW BUNCH OF PLAYERS and many new challenges. A lot of the squad had never been coached by myself and it took a period of adjustment for these players.

Pre-season found it tough going with people being away and other sporting commitments giving us little time to prepare as a squad and get some spirit together. With the limited preparation we entered the season with expectations of again reaching the semi finals.

In contrast to last year we were seen as a top two team and each time we played the opposition were prepared for a tough encounter. The luxury of being relatively unknowns in 2000 was behind us and any complacency was soon diminished.

The Under 15 side finished the season in an unfortunate fifth place, just one position shy of the semi finals. In comparison to last year a little disappointing though nonetheless a great season. As a coach you must distance yourself from the results and look at both the process and effort of each player and the team as a whole. From this perspective the season was a success and probably best described as a learning curve for everyone involved.

I would like to thank my manager Murray Robinson for his efforts in making things much easier from a coaching perspective. Another thanks to Andrew Borg for his assistance at trainings and games, and to Darren Pike our "Coach you have when you don't have a coach". A big thanks to the team members for putting up with me and also to their parents for dragging them across Sydney to play the game they enjoy so much.

This was my third and final season as Under 15 coach. Our results since I took the reigns have been fairly impressive. We developed from a mid range team in B Division in 1998, to the premiership in 1999. This saw our promotion into A Division and in our debut season finished a credible and unprecedented Runners-Up in 2000. When I look at where we came from (B Division) to where we are now, a big smile fills my face with the sense of having achieved a few milestones.

Silas Moss COACH

#### **Player Profiles**

**ANDREW KILAZAGLOU:** Defender – (Captain). Andrew is the leader of this pack of players. His strength and ability to perform under pressure are his greatest assets. With his dedication to training he will continue to improve his overall game.

**BEN JACKSON:** Goalkeeper. His skills have improved out of sight in the last three years. Ben plays at his best when finding the medium between aggressive and over the top. Produced the game of his life against Ryde to give us a draw early in the season.

**LEE MILIATIS:** Defender. When Lee is ready to play he is a force to be reckoned with. Rarely beaten one on one, a real delight to have as your central defender. If Lee wants to, he could go on to bigger and better things, it is up to him.

**DAVID JONES:** Striker/ Midfield. One of the best players in the competition, David is a marvel to watch. Has the best elimination skills in the junior club. Has to put the disappointment of missing State selection behind him and work hard to get back to the top.

**SAM CANDIDO:** Centre Midfield. A dynamic centre half who directs the play and can beat players with ease. Dropped off toward the end of the season, though commitments with the Under 17's probably wore its toll. One of our best in 2001.

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**STEPHEN GRAHAM:** Striker. A first timer who was very comfortable fitting into the team. In Stephens' debut season he accomplished skills a veteran would be happy with. More exposure should see big things from this young kid.

**MATTHEW SMALL:** Striker/Midfield. Matt is a great trainer who always has a smile on his face. Played with the side for three years now and has one more season in him! A great season.

**MAX MASON:** Midfield. Cemented a spot in the inside forward role with a fine display throughout the later part of the season. Max is a very competitive soul and always puts in 110% (excuse the cliché). His determination combined with his skill makes for a great all round player.

**KARLY FERNANDO:** Midfield/ Defender. Always there to make the tackles when required. If she believed that she could play hockey you would see more of her in the game. Karly is always happy to be around the team.

VANESSA BALDOCK: Striker/Defender. Vanessa seems to think that the world is against her on the field and tends to get aggressive. The kind of player you are glad to have on your side. Made some great contributions throughout the year.

**LAUREN RICHARDSON:** Striker. In her first year she really picked up the game well. Lauren jumps at the chance to get the boys back and made many inroads in season 2001. A great first season.

**DIANNE BOULOS:** Defender. Another first timer who found her spot in the team in the outside halves. A natural defender who puts everything into the game.

SARAH GRAY: Defender/Striker. Sarah missed a few games due to family commitments but had her say in every game she played. Pulled off some crucial tackles in big games. Another player who needs to believe in her own ability.

JOHN FULLER: Defender/Striker. Joined the team in the later part of the season due to being placed in the wrong age group! John is a determined kid who puts in everything week in week out, a coaches delight. His work ethic is high and he always does what is asked on the field. Another year in this age group will do his game the world of good.

No report Received for Under 13s or Under 11s Hockey



**9 MEN'S TEAMS WERE ENTERED** into the Autumn 2001 Western Districts Squash competition playing from Fivedock Squash. The eminent closure of Fivedock did not occur so teams continue to play at Fivedock.

Grades for the autumn pennants were: A1, A3, B1, B2, B4, C1, D1, D3, D4. This competition was always going to be tough as many teams were graded higher than we had requested. At the halfway point in we had four sides in the top four positions with C1 & D1 in the top two. The second half proved much more difficult with only C1 & D1 making the semi-finals.

C1 team comprising; Alan Browne #1, Grant Heggarty #2, Guy Amedee #3, Tim Corrigan #4, Jan Zilstorff #5 & Danny O'Brien #6, went into the semi finals with their #1-4 players in good form and moved through to the final. The final proved to be hard going with Werrington fielding a team dropped down from A4 and being victorious on the night. Jan & Tim have since left the club with Jan returning to Sweden and Tim taking a break.

D1 comprising; Frank Wassef #1, Gary Phillips #2, Steve Jones #3, Geoff Dahlsen #4 & Andrew Fowlds #5, went to finals strong favorites. They cruised through the major semi final straight into the grand final. The pressure of the night told and the games were locked up with Briars finally losing on points.

With the imminent introduction of women members to the club, the Squash Committee started to promote women's squash. Our goal was to have at least one women's team for the upcoming spring Pennants.

Fivedock Squash announced they had extended their lease for at least 3 years. Our committee continued to explore opportunities to build our own courts. Strong support from squash for the ANZ Golf at Concord yielded solid sponsorship money for the squash coffers.

**OUR COMMITTEE WERE DETERMINED** to improve our results over the autumn pennant. We moved several players into new teams and recruited a few new players to strengthen our A grade sides. NSW squash decided to delete 2nd grade men from the competition, with those players from state grade moving down to the A grade.

We managed to secure the men's grades we wanted, (in most cases) and fielded sides in A2, A4, B2, B3, C1, C2, D1, D4 (losing our D3 side) Our first women's team with full membership was formed and registered in B3.

The signs were promising at the half way point in the competition with 6 of 8 men's teams in the top 4 with four teams ranked one or two. Our women's team comprising Dao Credazzi #1, Louise Keightley #2, Kylie Eagleton #3, Julian Griffith (Captain) #4 and Megan Turnbull #5 were learning fast but were out of the top four at the halfway. Megan was moved to position #2 for the second half in search of their first win.

At the end of round 14 six men's teams were into the semi finals with A2, A4, B2 and C2 finishing one or two. This was promising to be our strongest mens competition for several years. Our womens battled on in their first competition but injury, work & travel commitments depleted the order and they missed the semi finals. Congratulations to all the girls on a credible performance in their first competition.

The A2 team with Bruce Graham #1, Nick Stanley #2, Rodney Doig #3, Victor Holubinsky #4, Steve Taylor #5 and Christain Hennock (joined late) moved to #3 stormed into the grand final with a strong semi final performance.

The grand final started well with strong support from Briars players and the C2 team playing on the next court. Christain Hennock wining the opening game 3-0 set the

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scene. Nick Stanley won the opening game in his match and looked strong but went down 1-3. Bruce Graham played strongly before going down 2-3 in a long match. Rodney Doig (captain) had to win the rubber to seal the match. Whilst Rodney has lost some mobility from his knee injury he hasn't lost the shots and cruised to a 3-0 win in an impressive display of shot making. One pennant was in the bag!!

C2 comprising Alan Browne #1, Grant Heggarty (Captain) #2, Guy Amedee #3, Stuart Santer #4 & Danny O'Brien #5 were also favorites winning well in the semi final and going straight to the grand final. Wenty won the toss and called their strong No. 2 (18 years old) to play Grant. They had played a 5 set marathon in the semi with Grant losing in the fifth. Grant played great squash however the 35 years + advantage to the young "kid" was too much to overcome, Grant losing 1-3. Alan was next up and started strongly leading 2-0 and looked like clenching a strong victory. Kurt, however, rallied and went on to win in the fifth. We were up against it from here two rubbers down. Guy's match was a one sided affair against a young player who could not control his emotions and was clearly overgraded. A 3-0 result, to Guy gave Stuart Santer the opening for the final rubber. Stuart and his opponent were closely matched with games going one for one and it was all tied up at 2-2 and going to the fifth game. Stuart's regular Saturday marathons with the A graders came to the fore and he finished the stronger winning 15 points to 13 in the last. A great result for Briars on the night with two pennants in the bag!!

A4 comprising David Kable #1, Chris Doucas #2, Barry Hannelly (Captain)#3,

Peter Ryan #4 & Paul Burgess #5 finished the final round in first spot carrying their favoritism into the semi and winning comfortably to go through to the grand final. Their opponents Werrington included two former Briars players (Paul Jones & Alby Davis). Chris opened the match against Alby and despite a 5 setter during the competition was unable to repeat the good form & was beaten 0-3 in a very tight match. Barry had a strong start but eventually went down 1-3.

Briars had it all to do at this stage with 2 rubbers down. Dave played a blinder to win 3-0 and keep the match alive. It all came down to Peter's rubber & he had to win 3-1 or better against Paul Jones. Winning the first bouyed the Briars but at 1-1 the night was in the balance.

Unfortunately a fairy tale finish was not to be and Werrington won the night.

The B2 team included Peter Barry #1, Robert Powell #2, Jim Farrell (Captain) # 3, Alan Cameron # 4, Greg Byrne #5, Steve Berlecky #6. Finishing first they went to semi finals clear favorites and did not disappoint moving straight to the grand final. A protest in the final between Dural & Wenty Leagues saw the grand final delayed by one week while the final was replayed. Robert opened the night with a win for Briars 3-1. Peter recovering from the flu went down 1-3 it was all tied up. Jim went firm favourite with a strong win/ loss average however the extra weeks break took its toll & he went down 1-3.

The night then hinged on Alan but it was not to be. Losing the first two games the night was over. We managed to be on the wrong side of Dawn Moggach's umpiring for the whole night which did not help.

There's always next year!

B3 team members are William Pace #1, Michael Dimonte #2, Greg McManus #3, Mick Jaroszewicz #4, Steve Humphries #5 & Greg Anderson #6.

Finishing 4th they they had it all to do and were knocked out in the semi final. William topped the average at 83% wins followed by Greg with 45%.

C1 team included Roger Shewell #1, Chris Leung #2, Greg Kelly #3, Darren Peisley #4 & Ron Marshall #5. Finishing 6th they missed the semi by 13 points.

Chris topped the averages with 70% wins followed by Greg with 50% and Roger with 43%. Thanks to Darren & Chris for collecting the fees and carrying the treasurers duties. Also thanks to Ron for organising our Xmas party.

D1 included Frank Wassef #1, Gary Phillips #2, Steve Jones #3, Geoff Dahlsen #4 and Andrew Fowlds #5. Having lead for the most of the competition they dropped to 3rd spot after round 14 and had to face a sudden death semi final. A close loss on points was a premature end to their campaign. Andrew topped the average with a impressive 100% wins (12 wins from 12 played) Steve chipped in with 64% as did Gary with 63%.

D4 included Nick Potts #1, Chris Wilkins #2, John Leone #3, John Siounis #4, Ross Mitchell #5 & Thomas Stanley #6 . Finishing 7th the team had a disjointed competition with injuries and work commitments restricting the players.

Our committee continues to explore options for new courts even though Fivedock has extended its lease for a further 3 years.

We are planning to introduce a second Women's team for the coming year with several new ladies interested.

Thanks to those players who contributed during the year. Special thanks to Darren Peisley our treasurer who will be the recipient of the Vanderfield trophy for this year.

His efforts on & off the field are commendable & highly appreciated.

Merry Christmas & a safe happy new year to all.

Guy Amedee Squash Chairman

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# Marketing & Development

WHEN I TOOK ON THE POSITION of Marketing and Development Officer in September 2000, I knew the job would be a fantastic challenge. Over the next twelve months we were able to establish working relationships with seven local schools and various community groups. Our profile has been lifted and the future (especially in terms of development) is looking great.

The first of our school programs was the Hockey Schools Program. An eight week inschool sport program followed by a Gala Day. The day featured all schools playing matches against each other at Cintra Hockey Complex. Co-ordinating 180 kids and there respective teams was a great challenge. The schools responded by asking us to return with these programs throughout the next three terms.

The Schools Cricket program was established with the assistance of Cameron French. Similar to the hockey, the in-school program followed by a Gala Day. Cameron has proven to be a valuable asset in our development programs, his enthusiasm and talent with coaching kids combines to make him and integral part of the Briars Development Team.

Briars put coaches in both Concord High and Homebush Boys High for Rugby, Cricket, and Hockey. These programs featured a development team member assisting or establishing school sport programs.

In term four, Briars extended our primary school programs to include Rugby. A pilot program was set up at Concord Public featuring four weeks of the exciting "Walla Rugby". The non-contact form of the game is fast and furious with boys and girls being able to play. Word has it that the girls really enjoyed "playing footy against the boys".

In terms of promotions we were involved in two major community events. The Burwood Festival and Concord Street Fair. We had three locations at the Burwood Festival: street stall, pass-the-footy competition, sports clinics. Around 20 volunteers from all facets of the Club came forward on the day and made for a very successful event. We took over 200 names on the day, it will be interesting to see how many play sports with the Briars.

Concord Fair was smaller in nature and we missed the help from Cub Members. Jo Weber gave up her day to help me in the stall where we gathered around 70 names and contacts. In combination with the Burwood Festival these promotional days have lifted our profile in the community.

Through my work with the Burwood Chamber of Commerce we are a founding member of the "Bridging the Gap" initiative. The focus is to provide avenues for the youth of the community by giving them better options in life. It is aimed at all youth, not just the street kids and homeless. The Briars will be providing sporting opportunities to the youth through clinics, introductions, mentoring, and sporting scholarships.

In terms of both Marketing and Development it has been a successful year. The year 2002 will see some new initiatives and an expansion of our school programs. The Briars Challenge will be an exciting prospect with a school-based tournament in each of our major sports.

Two major challenges that will face me over the next twelve months will be to assist in establishing a junior club in both Squash and Rugby. These junior players will filter through the senior ranks as proven with the successful hockey juniors. The task is to establish a sound management structure in each case to support the players. The challenge remains ahead!



**ON THE 20TH OF JULY, 2001** I departed Sydney at 10.25 am, headed for a daylong journey to Townsville and the beginning of a once in a lifetime experience. Due to change over times at Brisbane airport it took me until 4.45 pm before I touched down at Townsville Airport. I knew nothing about the area, and became grimly optimistic about the duration and the reason why I selected to go on this adventure, as I proceeded to where I was staying overnight in the town's centre.

These apprehensions soon eased after a couple of alcoholic refreshments with the locals after dinner. The expression: "don't judge a book by its cover", really came to the fore as I warmed to the Friday night hospitality in Townsville. Waking up the next morning (a little worse for wear) I proceeded to the pick up point where I was to met and greet the Outward Bound instructors who would accompany us for the next nine days. I stress the word "accompany", as during our briefing later that day, these instructors made it clear that this expedition was ours. Whatever we took from it was to be a result of our actions, teamwork and efforts applied throughout its duration. This advice really hit home as the days went by.

In total, there were six participants, which included myself. Most were older than me and this factor was to lead to lessons of patience, toleration and learning from their life experiences by yours truly. The first day was mainly spent travelling to the starting point of the nine-day expedition, which would be located at the famous landmark of Walloman Falls. This is supposedly the largest waterfall in the Southern Hemisphere, intimidating to view. What was an amazing sight set the scene for an amazing week where we had no outside world distractions (not even a watch) to rely upon, just our basic instincts and each other.

The next few days were spent orienteering our way through the remarkable northern Queensland landscape and through some of the most dense tropical rainforest and jungle found anywhere in the world. This was interspersed with ly-loing down scenic and mountain fresh rivers that made you thankful for thermal underwear. The change in the terrain throughout the first few days our of our journey saw us in the deep rainforest one minute, then trekking past cane fields and relating to local farmers and cultivators the next. One such character that we came across was Lex and his Crocodile farm. It was a case of "eat your heart out Steve Erwin" as this guy was a genuine, hospitable and extremely humble human being with so much life experience. For him and his wife the three crocodiles they had were not the threat nor danger to their day to day living, but the vultures from Canberra and big business around the country that threatened their hard working existence. However, despite all these turmoils they seemed happy people just making a living from the land that the good Lord above had provided them with.

After conquering Zatta's Rock through rock climbing and abseiling challenges, we then moved into the middle stages of our adventure. One such highlight during our second expedition was the Tirilee Traverse challenge over Tin Creek. With equipment provided for us we had to construct and engineer a device that would transport our gear and ourselves over this fast flowing river. Without going into the details of our trials and tribulations, it was evident that a couple of important lessons were to be learnt when achieving a couple of people to step up as leaders and communicate each individuals progress so as to allow re-assessment and plan modification if necessary. These lessons are so applicable to daily life and even in our own club's administration.

The most enlightening and cherishing part of the trip was the next phase. After we had finished our river challenge we were escorted, individually, to different sites for a 24 hour solo. This exercise was to firstly give us an extended period of time to recuperate and to secondly, allow us to have quiet time to ourselves to be able to experience time alone without any type of distractions. During the expedition, we were explained the history and reasoning of establishing such an organization as Outward Bound. This reasoning seems to centre upon modern man losing his natural instincts and skills to survive without technology at his side. These camps are designed around the incentive

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of human beings discovering their innate creativity and imagination to be able to use their natural surroundings to survive, and respect it accordingly. Solo time allowed me to realize this fact, and with no-one within Cooee, it helped briefly discover my inner aspirations, potential, and limitations as a person. Its amazing how weird it feels only having yourself around to talk and relate to!

The remaining days were spent completing a final mission that involve conquering four checkpoints in two days and ended up at the final destination at Caldwell. This may have seemed straight forward at first. However when you are navigating in places where the jungle is so thick you may not be able to see five metres in front of yourself, then the whole task becomes slightly daunting.

After battling and fighting our way through the tropical terrain, we spent our last day completing service for an amazing local lady in Caldwell. Across the coast of Caldwell is located an untouched, natural and wondrous habitat by the name of Hinchinbrook Island. This Island has remained unspoilt, mainly through the remarkable works of a person named Margaret Thousbourne and her recently deceased husband. They have fought developers disturbing one of Australia's few flourishing natural flora and fauna sites. Mrs Thousbourne now lives by herself in amazing bush surrounding, but is one of Australia's most revered environmentalists and it was an inspirational and rewarding experience meeting her.

This experience in July 2001 was one I'll never forget and always fondly look back upon. I thank the club for allowing me the chance to participate in such an event. The nine days really changed my outlook on life and I strongly suggest future members that are awarded this scholarship look upon it as a privilege and honour and take the challenge with vigour. The trip only rewards those who exert themselves, and to quote the old clique "In life, you only get out what you put in", I did put in and achieve my best, and though many tough challenges sprang up, it is this fact that I can look upon now and relish.

I'll leave you with two quotes that summed up and arose from my experience. The first is one that I conjured up myself and that is "to attempt and complete things that challenge or scare you". The second comes straight from the Outward Bound motto, which states "for one to serve to strive and not to yield". Only then will you truly succeed in life.

Finally, I would just like the opportunity to take the time and thank everyone for the aid and friendship they showed me during the period recovering from my fractured neck. The club has always meant so much to me and it was humbling and heartening to see so many people help me get through that tough period, financially and emotionally – so, from the bottom of my heart THANK YOU BRIARS!

Brad Sculley.



The Board of Directors met on 8 occasions and the Management Committee met on 2 occasions during the period 1 October, 2000 to 30 September, 2001. In addition, there were 4 combined Board/Management meetings during the same period. Attendance was as follows:-

#### Board

P. Mattick	11	I. Richard	1 (resigned Nov00)
P. Guest	0 (resigned Nov00)	J. Threlfo	12
P. Richardson	10	B. Howle	11
S. Schomberg	11	R. Tregeagle	11
N. Rojo	10 (appointed Nov00)	M. Weber	10 (appointed Nov00)

#### Management

P. Mattick	6	J. Threlfo	6	
M. Waddington	3	C. Lamond	5	
A. Clarke	3 (resigned House Dec00)	G. Price	3	
G. Amedee	4	W. Hooker	5	
G. Dunn	4	G. Heggarty	5 (resigned Focus Sept01)	
D. Wright	6	M. Grace	1 (appointed Focus Sept01)	



#### J. H. STONE TROPHY

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

The trophy has not been awarded this year.

#### THE TED STOCKDALE TROPHY

(Note: This contribution written by Bill Hooker)

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.

Board has decided to award the trophy this year to John Threlfo. Whilst there will ever only be one Ted Stockdale, John put up his hand around 1987 as Assistant Honorary Executive Officer and has endeavoured to fill the vacuum that Ted left. John has been, and continues to be, the backbone of The Briars by keeping the club running in nearly all aspects of administration. He is the Honorary Executive Officer(second stint); is the club's Licensee; is a current Director; has been President and Assistant Honorary Executive Officer; and currently performs some of the Assistant Treasurer duties. In my view, John works tirelessly to keep the day to day functions running.

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John can be seen most weekends throughout the year as a keen supporter of all our sports and is the current Board mentor for Squash. He has been co- cordinator(with myself) of the club's involvement with the PGA Golf Tournaments for the past 20 years and coordinator of the daily manning at these tournaments. John also co-organises the club's social golf days.

There is no more fitting recipient of the Ted Stockdale Trophy. I am sure Ted is looking upon us and is both proud and thankful of the tremendous commitment that John makes to the club.

#### **CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY**

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

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

The winner of this trophy is Ken Welsh. Ken has been an integral part in the setting up of the 5th grade team and has ensured their success as a player and organiser. He has been involved in many of the social functions and regularly supports after game functions at the club. Ken has also been an important link for the club with our junior teams over the years and we are appreciative of all his efforts. Well done, Ken.

#### **GORDON BEVAN SHIELD**

The Gordon Bevan Shield is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has done the most toward football and the Club in general. The criteria for selection are as follows:

Attendance at training	-	20 points
Value to the Team	-	20 points
Most improved Player	-	20 points
General Keenness	-	15 points
Value as a Club Member	-	15 points
Neatness of Uniform		10 points
		100 points

This trophy has been awarded to Garry Pearce. Whilst Garry wasn't a player, his contribution to the functioning of Rugby ensures he is a very worthy winner.

Garry was involved in the running of the canteen; First Grade manager; member of the Cook Island Tour Organising Committee; was more regular at training than most of the



players; attended all rugby functions; and was often the first to arrive at the ground and last to leave after sweeping the dressong room floors. Garry was a member of the Rugby Committee and assisted the Rugby Chairman greatly through the meticulous collection of playing fees. Garry received the "Rugby Clubman of the Year" award and it is fitting he receive the Gordon Bevan Shield. Congratulations, Garry, and I am sure all rugby players join me in congratulating you on this award.

#### **A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD**

The Shield was donated by the late A. J. Robinson ("Robbie") 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 the Club other than Hockey	-	20 points
Conduct on field of play		15 points
Neatness of dress	-	10 points
		100 points

This year's winner is Allan Jones. Allan(or "AJ" as he is affectionately known) has been an integral part of the Hockey machine at The Briars that has been running so successfully in recent times. Allan has had, and continues to have, a heavy involvement with Hockey Juniors and currently is Treasurer of the junior committee.

Since the completion of the hockey field at Cintra Park, Allan has been responsible for field maintenance and always ensures it is in top shape. In addition, Allan, along with wife Mercedes and family(David being one of our best young hockey players), run the canteen operation at Cintra.

Congratulations to Allan for the awarding of the trophy in recognition of his commitment and involvement in Hockey.

#### **DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY**

The 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. This 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
		100 points

The winner this year is Darren Peisley. Darren has been a club member for 8 years and Squash Treasurer for the past 8 competitions. He is a keen supporter of all club activities and is an active member of Squash sub-committees. Darren has worked hard to improve his squash grades and is considered a worthy winner of this trophy. Administration & Trophies



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#### **R. D. VANDERFIELD TROPHY**

This Trophy is awarded to a member of Junior Hockey who has contributed most to the junior teams. It carries the name of a past President who showed great interest in the formation of junior teams.

There are joint winners this year - David Jones and Ben Jackson.

Ben Jackson played a pivotal role in the success of the Under 17's premiership winning team. His enthusiasm, energy and commitment, not only on game day but also at training, was an enormous boost for the team. His efforts did not stop with the Under 17's, Ben also played in the Under 15's and supported his fellow players at senior games.

David Jones assisted the Under 17's in a number of ways. David filled in when required but also showed maturity beyond his years by umpiring many of the Under 17 games. This allowed the coaching staff to concentrate on strategies and coaching the team. It was this kind of support which helped the Under 17's achieve their premiership.

#### **GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY**

This is awarded to the rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing rugby for the Club.

It is disappointing to report this trophy has not been awarded again this year.

#### ROBERT BRUCE CLARK -OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is funded by a donation from the estate of ex-Patron and foundation member of the club, Bob Clark. It is awarded to a younger member who, in the opinion of the executive, displays outstanding potential to contribute to the welfare of the club and it is considered that attendance at an Outward Bound course would assist in the character development of the individual.

The scholarship was not awarded this year.

#### GENERAL

Congratulations to the trophy winners as you have shown yourselves to be worthy recipients to your peers and the club executive.

Every year it is a pleasure to acknowledge the contribution of the club's office bearers and it is apparent that, in challenging times, it is becoming increasingly difficult to identify members willing to put in the time that each role demands. Whilst there are a number of vacant positions on the Management Committee, the work seems to get done and for those who contribute to the club's administration I thank you. Terry O'Kane has been of particular assistance this year and Jo Weber has given her time and support in a number of areas. The club's current Marketing and Development Officer, Silas Moss, has brought much dedication and commitment to this position whilst Cameron French has provided expertise in the schools and junior development programs. I am particularly grateful to Silas and Cameron for their contribution to gaining a significant grant from Burwood RSL for junior development and the Burwood Chamber of Commerce's "Bridging the Gap" program. Anthony Clarke moved on as House Chairman during the year and his dedication to this demanding role over the past ten years is gratefully acknowledged. I don't know whether David Wright thinks I conned him into taking on the Assistant Honorary Executive Officer's position, but in



any case I am thankful for his support. Grant Heggarty, and his family, have been involved with Focus for many years(the kids grew up folding and enveloping Focus) and Grant's efforts in editing and endeavouring to get Focus out on time are appreciated by myself and the club executive. Now that Grant has stepped down from the editor's role, I will miss those glasses of red wine whilst putting something together for Focus. Steve Schomberg has provided much valued support in the club membership area.

It is pleasing from my perspective to recognise the members' decision to amend the articles to allow female membership. I am sure this will pay dividends in future years by expanding the players base for current sports and allow flexibility in considering the future sports mix in the club. Megan Turnbull became the first female member of the club and was quickly joined by the other members of the womens hockey and squash teams.

Individual sports results have been recorded elsewhere in the report but it is pleasing to recognise the enthusiastic commitment of sports office bearers to endeavour to achieve within each sport at the highest possible level. Mal Weber has worked very hard with Matt Waddington to set achievable short term goals for Rugby and I am confident they will be achieved. John Price sets a very high standard in the adminstration of Hockey and his undoubted expertise is gratefully acknowledged. Gerard Price would probably say he has run Cricket for too many years but the success Cricket has enjoyed is a testament to his organisational skills. Guy Amedee, Squash Chairman, has faced a number of challenges in recent times, most particularly where do they play in the near future, and he and his committee are endeavouring to develop suitable options.

The support of Paul Mattick, President, is gratefully acknowledged. Paul will be stepping down as President at the forthcoming annual general meeting and he can be well pleased with where the club stands now and the future that awaits us. I am especially pleased by the nomination of Doug Prowse as Club Patron who was honoured to be thought of for the position.

The executive offer their sympathies to the families of members who passed away during the year.

Finally, I wish members every success, individually and through teams representing the club, in the upcoming year. I have a new goblet which I am sure will be put to good use at all of the sports throughout their playing seasons.

John F. Threlfo HONORARY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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## Directors' Report

#### THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

ACN 000 088 479

#### (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 September 2001.

#### Directors

The names of directors in office at any time during or since the end of year are:

- Mr Brett Howle
- Mr Paul Mattick
- Mr Peter Richardson
- Mr Nick Rojo (elected 26 February 2001)
- Mr Steve Schomberg
- Mr John Threlfo
- Mr Richard Tregeagle (elected 26 February 2001)
- Mr Mal Weber (elected 26 February 2001)
- Mr Phillip Guest (resigned 26 February 2001)
- Mr Milton Howell (resigned 26 February 2001)
- Mr Ian Richard (resigned 26 February 2001)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

#### **Principal Activities**

The objective of the Company during the course of the financial year was to promote and conduct amateur sport. Primary activities involved the conduct of cricket, hockey, rugby union and squash. Through the offices of our Marketing and Development Officer we have also conducted an extensive junior coaching program within a number of local schools as well as providing junior sports awareness and development programs within the local community. The Club is a licensed club under the provisions of the Registered Club's Act 1976 as amended.

#### **Operating Results**

The net result of operations for the year was a profit of \$1,243 (Fiscal 2000 \$37,159 loss).

#### **Review of Operations**

The Club has continued to provide competitive amateur sport at a reasonable cost to it's members. The schools based program involving qualified coaches attending local schools to conduct sporting development activities in a number of different sports has been very successful in providing a valuable resource to the local schools, while also lifting the profile of The Briars Sporting Club as a leading provider of sport within the Burwood, Concord, Strathfield & Homebush region of Sydney. The program is funded by the Burwood RSL Club & The Briars.



## THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED ACN 000 088 479 (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

#### Scope

I have audited the financial report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the year ended.30 September, 2001 consisting of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes and the directors'.declaration set out on pages 5 to 15. The Company's directors are responsible for the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Company.

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

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

#### Qualification

The financial report is qualified because, as with other sporting associations.administered on a voluntary basis, it is not always practicable to establish accounting.controls over sources of sporting fees, canteen sales and fundraising prior to banking.the monies received.

#### Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of the Company is in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001 including:
  - giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 September, 2001 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (2) complying with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations; and
- (b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

C.G. Jones Chartered Accountant

## Auditor's Report



## THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED ACN 000 088 479 (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS - 14 JANUARY 2002

- (a) the financial statements and notes, set out on pages 5 to 14 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (1) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30th September 2001 and of their performance, as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows, for the year ended on that date; and
  - (2) complying with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations;



(b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors

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P.G.Mattick Director

P.D.Richardson Director

Dated at Sydney this 14th day of January, 2002.

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	2001	2000
EARNINGS	\$	\$
EARININGS		
Net Return for Year	1,243	-37,159
Contributions from:		
Bar	15,746	11,560
Cricket	1,856	2,574
Hockey	1,920	831
Rugby	926	-4,367
Squash	1,237	892
	21,685	11,490
Significant Items		
Income		
Bar sales	51,685	49,814
Golf Tournament returns	19,174	15,693
Interest received	10,997	5,454
Members subscriptions	17,546	2,918
Property rentals	68,576	68,886
Sponsorships and grants	25,913	20,125
Sporting fees	61,373	61,038
CONTRACTION ST		
Expenses		
Focus magazine	2,193	5,206
Ground & court hire	69,279	45,342
Marketing & development	34,966	37,737
Repairs & maintenance Sporting associations & administration	4,073 45,858	12,875 32,337
oporting associations & administration	9,000	52,551
Assets		
Cash & financial assets	303,161	268,352
Property, plant & equipment	193,918	203,986
Other assets	76,064	105,155
Total Assets	573,143	577,493
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Liabilities		
Payables & loans	210,995	225,588
Provisions	9,000	-
Total Liabilities	219,995	225,588
Net Assets	353,148	351,905

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## THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED ACN 000 088 479 (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

	Note	2001	2000
The set of a second sec		\$	\$
Classification of Expenses by Function			
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	318,909	258,216
Loss on sale of non-current assets		-391	-
Bar trading costs		-34,842	-37,469
Depreciation and amortisation expense		-16,604	-18,000
Marketing & development		-34,966	-37,737
Sporting expenses		-136,669	-105,582
Occupancy costs		-20,857	-19,159
Administration costs		-73,337	-77,428
Profit from ordinary activities	3	1,243	-37,159

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



#### THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

#### ABN 91 000 088 479

#### (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2001

	NOTE	2000	1999
	\$		\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	4	114,297	85,222
Receivables	8	700	NOUT IS SO
Inventories	9	589	2,651
Other financial assets	10	188,864	183,130
Other	11	24,775	27,504
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		329,225	298,507
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	12	193,918	203,986
Other	11	50,000	75,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		243,918	278,986
TOTAL ASSETS		573,143	577,493
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	13	115,460	121,727
Tax Liabilities	14	1,984	-1,464
Provisions	15	9,000	an i s M
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		126,444	120,263
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	13	93,551	105,325
TOTAL LIABILITIES		219,995	225,588
NET ASSETS		353,148	351,905
EQUITY			
Retained profits	16	353,148	351,905
TOTAL EQUITY		353,148	351,905



The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED ABN 91 000 088 479 (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 September 2001

	Note	2001	2000
	Note	\$	
		φ	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING	G ACTIVITIES		
Rentals from commercial premises		68,576	68,886
Receipts from members fees		16,401	2,419
Bar sales		51,685	49,814
Sporting fees		61,373	61,038
Sponsorships and grants		25,913	17,510
Other revenue	2	83,964	53,095
Payments to suppliers		-242,173	-310,144
Interest received		10,997	5,454
Net cash provided by operating activ	ities 18	76,736	-51,928
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTINC Proceeds from sale of property, plant		100	TON ANT
Payments for investments		-5,734	-99,966
Payments for property, plant & equip	ment	-6,927	-6,891
Net cash provided by (used in) invest	ting activities	-12,661	-106,857
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING	G ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from borrowings		STTINEALL PR	80,000
Repayment of borrowings		-35,000	a mininger
Net cash provided by (used in) finance	cing activities	-35,000	80,000
Net increase in cash held		29,075	-78,785
Cash at the beginning of the financia	d year	85,222	164,007
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINA	ANCIAL YEAR		
	4	114,297	85,222



The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

#### ABN 91 000 088 479

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#### (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

#### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2001

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report covers the economic entity of The Briars Sporting Club Limited. The Briars Sporting Club Limited is a company limited by guarantee.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Income Tax

No income tax is payable by the entity as it is exempt from income tax pursuant to section 50-5 of the Income Tax assessment Act (1997).

(b) Reclassification of Financial Information

Some line items and sub-totals reported in the previous financial year have been reclassified and repositioned in the financial statements as a result of the first time application on 1 October 2000 of the revised standards AASB 1018 Statement of Financial Performance, AASB 1034 Financial Report Presentation and Disclosure and the new AASB 1040 Statement of Financial Position.

Adoption of these standards has resulted in the transfer of the reconciliation of opening to closing retained profits from the face of the statement of financial performance to Note 16.

Revenue and expense items previously disclosed as abnormal have been reclassified and are now disclosed as individually significant items in Note 3. These items are no longer identified separately on the face of the statement of financial performance.

The following assets and liabilities have been removed from previous classifications and are now disclosed as separate line items on the face of the statement of financial position: - current tax liabilities, previously presented within current provisions.

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the economic entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.



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The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Building amortisation	1.3%
Clubroom & shop improvements	5 - 20%
Plant and equipment	20 - 33.3%

(d) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### (e) Investments

Non-current investments are measured on the cost basis. The carrying amount of non-current investments is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these investments.

(f) Comparatives

Where necessary to facilitate comparison, comparative figures have been adjusted in some instances to comply with current year's disclosure.

(g) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a liability in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

(h) Employee entitlements

The Company does not have any employees.

(i) Cash

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes:

- cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, net of bank overdrafts, and

- investments in money market instruments with less than 14 days to maturity.

(j) Revenue

Revenue from the provision of bar services, sporting fees, ground rental, etc., is recognised upon the receipt of payment.

Revenue from sponsorships and grants is brought to account when grants are received.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

	2001	2000
	\$	\$
. REVENUE		
Operating activities -		
Members Subscriptions	16,401	2,419
Sporting fees	61,373	61,038
Rentals from shops	68,576	68,886
Bar sales	51,685	49,814
Sponsorship and grants	25,913	17,510
Golf Tournament revenue (net)	19,175	15,693
Cintra Hockey Turf rentals	43,732	19,254
Social income (net)	21,057	18,148
Interest received	10,997	5,454
	318,909	258,216
Non-operating activities	-	inenal) anderi
Total Revenue	318,909	258,216
PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
Profit from ordinary activities has been determ	ined after:	
Depreciation of plant and equipment	2,495	3,891
Amortisation of building & improvements	14,109	14,109
	16,604	18,000
CASH		
Cash at bank and on hand	114,297	85,222
Short term deposits	ion minilipant	-
Balances per statement of cash flows	114,297	85,222
For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, which are readily convertible to cash on hand.		at call
. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS		
No remuneration was received by directors. No were paid or payable in respect of directors.	superannuation contr	ributions

### 6. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

Auditing of the financial statements has been undertaken on an honorary basis.

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#### 7. LIMITED GUARANTEE

The Briars Sporting Club Limited is a company limited by guarantee. The amount of capital which is not capable of being called up, except in the event of and for the purpose of the winding up of the Company, is not to exceed \$2 per member by virtue of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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		2001	2000
		\$	\$
8.	RECEIVABLES		
	Current		
	Trade debtors	700	· Spano
9.	INVENTORIES		
	Current		
	Bar trading inventory at cost	589	2,651
10.	OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS		
	Current	141 574	140.000
8	Debentures	141,574	140,000
S)	Trust Fund Investments - secured debentures in listed company	44,016	40,000
	- unsecured bank term deposits	3,274	3,130
		188,864	183,130
11.	OTHER ASSETS		
11.	Current		
	Prepaid sporting costs	9,775	2,504
	Prepaid Cintra Hockey ground rental	15,000	25,000
	Trepaid Child Trockey ground roman	24,775	27,504
	Non Current		
	Prepaid Cintra Hockey ground rental	50,000	75,000
12.	PROPERTY, PLANT and EQUIPMENT		
	Plant and equipment:		
	At cost	122,058	118,355
	Accumulated depreciation	-109,520	-109,858
		12,538	8,497
	Buildings:		
	At cost	281,358	281,358
	Accumulated amortisation	-99,978	-85,869
		181,380	<u>195,489</u>
	Total property, plant and equipment	<u>193,918</u>	203,986





#### Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

	В	uildings and	Plant and		
	Ir	nprovements	Equipment	Total	
	Balance at beginning of year 1	95,489	8,497	203,986	
	Additions	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	6,927	6,927	
	Disposals		-391	-391	
	Depreciation expense -1	14,109	-2,495	-16,604	
	1	81,380	12,538	193,918	
			2001	2000	
			\$	\$	
13.	PAYABLES				
	Current				
	Unsecured liabilities		24 457	20.250	
	Trade creditors		24,457	38,350	1
	Sundry creditors and accrued expenses Amounts due to sports held in trust		46,515 30,895	30,391 25,873	
	Interest free loan from Briars Foundatio	n I td	5,000	20,000	
	Unearned income	ni Ltu	8,593	7,113	
	Oneamed meome		115,460	121,727	
Non	Current		10.000	(0.000	
	Interest free loan from Briars Foundation Trust funds:	on Ltd	40,000	60,000	
	R J Clark Outward Bound Scholarship		42,056	40,000	
	Harvey Ford Junior Development Fund		5,000		
	R J Thompson Cricket Memorial Fund		2,949	2,922	
	J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship		2,546	2,403	
	Charles Morgan Junior Development F	und	1,000	10000	
			93,551	105,325	
14	TAVILADILITIC				
14.	TAX LIABILITIES Current				
	Goods and services tax		1,984	-1,464	
				1601110	
15.	PROVISIONS				
	Current				
	Deferred Maintenance Provision		9,000		
16.	RETAINED PROFITS				
10.	Retained profits at the beginning of the	e financial year	351,905	389,064	
	Net profit	1,243	-37,159		
	rec plotte		1,010	51,159	
	Retained profits at the end of the finan	icial year	353,148	351,905	

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#### 17. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS BY SEGMENTS

The entity operates in a single industry segment, community education programs. These operations are confined to Australia.

#### 18. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit from ordinary activities.		
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax	1,243	-37,159
Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities:		
Amortisation	14,109	14,109
Depreciation	2,495	3,891
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	391	

Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Increase / (decrease) in provisions	9,000	
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	-700	
Decrease / (increase) in inventories	2,062	
Decrease / (increase) in other assets	27,729	
Increase / (decrease) in creditors & accruals	16,959	
Increase / (decrease) in tax liabilities	3,448	

Cash Flows from operations

76,736

-2,088 5,035 2,590 -82,218 45,376 -1,464

-51,928

The Company has no credit stand-by or financing facilities in place There were no non-cash financing or investing activities during the year

#### 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Terms, Conditions and Accounting Policies The Company's accounting policies and the terms and conditions of each class of financial asset and financial liability, both recognised and unrecognised at the balance date, are included in Note 1.

#### (b) Interest Rate Risk

The Company's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates on those financial assets and financial liabilities, are included under the appropriate note for that instrument.

#### (c) Credit Risk Exposure

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counter parties failed to perform as contracted. The carrying amount of each financial asset represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk. The Company is not materially exposed by any individual member, customer or overseas country.

#### (d) Net Fair Values

The carrying amount of financial instruments in the balance sheet approximate their net fair value.



#### 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd) As at 30th September 2001

	Weighted	CAL IN			
	Average	Floating	Fixed	Non interest	111.01
	Interest Rate	Interest Rate	interest	bearing	Total
Financial Assets	002	15 130		(0.177	114 207
Cash	3.56%	45,120		69,177	114,297
Term deposits	2.00-5.05%		188,864		188,864
Other Receivables				700	700
		45,120	188,864	69,877	303,861
Financial Liabilities	s				
Other creditors and	accruals			209,011	209,011
		-	-	209,011	209,011
Net Financial Asset	ts	45,120	188,864	-139,134	94,850
Reconciliation with	n Net Assets				
Net Financial Ass	sets	94,850			
GST Payable		-1,984			
Inventories		589			
Prepayments		74,775			
Property, plant &	equipment	193,918			
Provisions		-9,000			
Net Assets per Ba	lance Sheet	353,148			



## As at 30th September 2000

	Weighted				
	Average	Floating	Fixed N	on interest	
	Interest Ratel	nterest Rate	interest	bearing	Total
Financial Assets					
Cash	4.90%	43,547		41,675	85,222
Term deposits	2.50-5.25%		183,130		183,130
Other Receivables					
		43,547	183,130	41,675	268,352
Financial Liabilities	5				
Other creditors and	accruals			227,052	227,052
		-		227,052	227,052
Net Financial Asse	ets	43,547	183,130	-185,377	41,300
Reconciliation with	Not Assets				
Net Financial Asset		41,300			
GST Refund due	15	1,464			
Inventories		2,651			
Prepayments		102,504			
Property, plant & ed	quipment	203,986			
Net Assets per Bal	ance Sheet	351,905			

#### THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED ACN 000 088 479 (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

	\$	\$
	2001	2000
BAR TRADING		
Sales	51,685	49,814
Less: Cost of sales	34,842	35,557
Gross Bar Profit	16,843	14,257
Less: Bar Operating Expenses		
Depreciation	598	2,316
Repairs and maintenance	383	380
	981	2,696
BAR TRADING PROFIT	15,862	<u>11,561</u>
ADD INCOME FROM		
Property rents	68,576	68,886
Members subscriptions	17,546	2,918
Interest received	10,997	5,454
Golf tournament manning	5,295	5,445
Club sponsorships and grants (excluding sports)	100	7,000
Surplus/(loss) on Cricket	1,856	2,574
Surplus/(loss) on Hockey	1,920	831
Surplus/(loss) on Rugby	926	-4,367
Surplus/(loss) on Squash	1,237	892
Surplus/(loss) on Social	1,263	-97
	125,578	101,097
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES		
House expenses including maintenance	19,018	25,323
Annual reports and accounting costs	7,923	8,306
Depreciation (excluding bar equipment)	16,006	15,684
Insurance	8,164	14,815
Marketing and development	29,926	39,320
Focus and newsletters (net)	2,193	5,199
Printing & stationery	2,513	2,063
Telephone & postage	8,821	6,833
Subsidies to sports & social	13,061	7,401
Amount set aside to deferred maintenance	9,000	
Sundry administration costs	7,710	13,312
	124,335	138,256
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SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	1,243	-37,159

