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E Love	1925-1926
H W Whiddon	1926-1928
E J Siddeley	1928-1929
R W May	1929-1931
E J Siddeley	1931-1932
H W Whiddon	1932-1933
R G Hereford	1933-1935
J E Holmes	1935-1936
R W May	1936-1939
E J Siddeley	1939-1942
R W May	1942-1943
H G Whiddon	1943-1948
E E Watt	1948-1953
R S Jones	1953-1957
A J Land	1957-1960
R J Thomson	1960-1962
W A Elder	1962-1965
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H C Ford	1969-1972
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J H Edmonds	1980-1983
I G S Blair	1983-1985
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R I G Richard	1988-1991
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J F Threlfo	1996-1999
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1993	P C Murray CBE
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Club continues to address the many challenges that are occurring in its major sports and indeed address the major issues of thinking ahead and placing "The Briars" beneficially for many decades to come.

For those that are regularly receiving news reports from the Club you would be aware of the major discussions that have been occurring between us and Greenlees Bowling Club at Concord. These discussions are proposing the amalgamation of both clubs and the relocation of Briars to Greenlees. After many months of negotiation and amendments both clubs now believe that we have a workable constitution to put to members to firstly discuss the merits and issues and secondly to vote upon. As the year concludes we expect to be calling member meetings early in the 2004 calendar year.

It is heartening to be able to report to members that the club has traded extremely profitably this year. Bar takings in particular have been strong and the Chairmen of the respected sports should be commended for actively promoting the club in a social form. It should be noted that all legal expenses associated with the Greenlees merger talks have been expended to date and as such show how well the club has been trading taking this into account.

As a club we now have more sporting members actively playing sport than at anytime in its history. Certainly hockey has played a major part in this growth with a growing number of teams, juniors and women members. Hockey has achieved success on the field, most notably the premier winning womens team and achieving success in the second division mens, however its within the club and club spirit that hockey has had major success. The integration of women, juniors and mens teams together to form this club is a credit to all concerned with management. Congratulations to all the committees, management and coaches for running a successful sport.

Cricket has again achieved major success with the club championship trophy. Briars cricket is now the most successful cricket club in metropolitan shire cricket. It is worthy to note that the cricket season is again upon us and the influx of new cricketers wanting to be part of Briars' culture has made all places hotly contested. Congratulations to management of cricket for achieving long lasting success.

Squash continues to struggle in the club. The situation of squash has not been able to be remedied to date. Unfortunately the remedy is finding squash courts close to the club. Certainly one of the objects of management is to fund and establish their own squash courts, however this is not a short term exercise and hopefully the merger talks with Greenlees may provide the answer to squash's problem.

Rugby continued its struggle in third division. If success could be judged alone on enthusiasm, attendance, numbers, coaching, management and socialising then Briars Rugby should be a major success. It is pleasing that we now have young sides and coaches who want to achieve success. Planning and recruitment for next season is well under way. We will achieve success in rugby next season. Congratulations to management and coaches for their untiring efforts last season.

A major success for the club this year has been the return of the 'basic' annual dinner. This year was held in September at the Concord Function Centre with Nick Farr-Jones as our guest speaker. For those members who made the effort to attend, I commend you, as I am sure you all had a great time. Maybe more members should take this opportunity to catch up with fellow and past team players.

Again, Burwood RSL has been very supportive of our Club be way of donation to our junior sporting programmes being utilised by Cameron French and his assistants. We also gained a new sponsor this year in Breakfast Point development. They have assisted us in the junior hockey development programme and certainly without their sponsorship our schools programmes would be in jeopardy.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Board and Management committees. The outstanding efforts of Ian Blair (Hon Executive Officer) should be applauded as well as the Greenlees merger committee members for attending all of the joint meetings throughout the year. Thank you for your contribution to guiding The Briars' future.

Finally, the ongoing support of the following continues to shape our future:

Canada Bay Council	Burwood Council	Burwood RSL
Sydney Hockey Association	Greenlees Bowling Club	Squash Racquets Association
NSW Cricket Association	NSW Suburban Rugby Union	Breakfast Point Development

Mal Weber
President

THE BRIARS FOUNDATION

It has been an eventful year for the Foundation without any projects emerging for evaluation or support. It was suggested at one point that Hockey may need assistance with further development, but the extension to facilities at Cintra were absorbed by the Council.

It was also anticipated that the negotiations over the Greenlees merger may have reached a positive outcome during the year but, prudently, the matter is still subject to great consideration by both parties. The merger is of course not the business of the Foundation, but in the event of it occurring the Foundation may be involved in some form of capital works for additional sporting facilities.

The Balance Sheet is healthy with Cash at Bank and Interest Bearing Deposits totalling \$186,401.00.

Current financial members are: Laurie Routley, Ray Ackerman, John Price, George Wright, Andy Clifford, Ken Bell, Bill Hooker, Mike Mathews, John Singleton, Chris Walker, Tony Wozniak, Steve Keir, Jim Barrett, Ross Anstey, Doug Prowse, Mal Goldsmith.

Past members are: Jack Balmforth and Don Walker.

Directors of the Foundation are: Colin Dennis (President), Chris Walker, Jim Barrett, Richard Crookes and Ian Blair.

John Crockart stepped down as Treasurer during the year, and his service to the Foundation only complements his outstanding contribution to the Club over many years. I welcome John Randle into the position and thank the Directors for their continuing interest.

Colin Dennis
President

SOCIAL GOLF REPORT

The 2002 Briars Open Golf Day was held on 17 November, 2002 at the lovely Port Kembla course at Minnamurra. A small, but select, group undertook the journey with hopes held high about holding the trophy aloft in triumph. Alas, yours truly was not there to defend his title.

One of our staunchest supporters emerged victorious on the day, shooting a net 65. Gary Pearce was the winner and obviously his perseverance paid off. Anthony Clarke did not finish second, as usual, with that honour going to Ron Marshall coming in with a net 68. Chris Lamond filled third spot, shooting a net 70. The Calloway prize was won by Aaron Boyter in a star studded Rugby field who were all century makers. Nearest the pins were won by Hilton Bell and Ron Marshall; with the Longest Drive and Drive/Pitch by Andrew Clarke. Thanks to Anthony Clarke and Chris Lamond for being the organizers on the day.

The 2003 Social Golf Day was played at Bowral Golf Club on 16 March, 2003. Numbers were very good, with many new players joining us on the day. There was very many low net scores submitted, but the best burglar was Chris Lamond who came in with a net 55 – the handicapper won't miss you, Chris. Second was Ron Marshall with a net 61 (after shooting a 76); and Anthony Clarke scored third on a countback from Ray Pontifex, both finishing with a net 63. The Calloway was a hotly contested field with Anthony Clifford squeaking in with a net 73. Of note is that Tony Cribb (a friend of ours with Greenlees Park Bowling Club) easily won the Bradman Prize shooting 133. The Nearest the Pin was won by Chris Lamond; the Drive/Pitch by John Threlfo, and Longest Drive by Ron Marshall.

Thanks to Peter Bowyer who loves his job as handicapper and to the players who support the golf days. Ray Pontifex is always generous in his donation of prizes.

John Threlfo

CRICKET CHAIRMAN REPORT

The 2002/03 season confirmed the Briars standing as the most successful Shires club over the last 10 years. The results were absolutely outstanding and rival our most successful ever seasons.

Winning the club championship for the 7th time in the past 11 seasons is a record we are extremely proud of and something that was targeted during our preseason planning. As well as this trophy we also succeeded in winning the 2nd grade trophy and the Under 24 trophy as well as being semi finalists in 1st, 3rd and 4th grades.

We were also successful in winning the Turnbull/Richardson trophy, which is contested between our club and Epping with the winner being the club who achieves the most Club championship points for that round. A magnificent performance.

The results on the field are a reflection of the efforts off the field by some committed and dedicated players who contributed in various ways to help with our success. On behalf of all the cricketers you are all to be thanked for your efforts. Firstly, to Jason Harris, my assistant, I offer my thanks for his work during the season in helping with the administration and lending his assistance in any way necessary. To Anthony Clarke, the guy who will help with anything including picking up the covers from each of the 3 grounds and carting them to a storage unit and then picking them up prior to the next season, and supporting the Under 24 team amongst other chores, my sincere thanks.

One of the important jobs during the season includes the organising of the social functions and fund raising. Anthony Raymond was of great help here organising some social functions as well as conducting the annual horse tipping competition, which proved profitable. A great effort and much appreciated. Chris Gillard was also of great assistance in the organising of the social functions proving what a great clubman he is.

The captains deserve an enormous amount of credit for their efforts during the season which included many hours of organising teams, plenty of phone calls, organisation of the covers and afternoon tea, as well as their captaincy roles on the field. They contributed in a large way to the clubs success and to Neil D'Costa, Brett Howle, Anthony Clarke, Andre Berenger, Will Hood and Corie Dickeson we thank you.

The season proved a financial success yet again and even though he has left Sydney Nick Rojo has continued to prove invaluable in securing our ongoing sponsorship with Venus Packaging. We are grateful for your contribution. Richard Tregeagle proved to be an asset in the way he managed to collect an enormous amount of fees to assist in balancing the budget. Thanks for your help mate.

Our sponsor for the season was once again Venus Packaging. Ian Venus has a business based in Melbourne but the season was able to come to Sydney to watch a 1st grade game and meet some of the players. We are indebted for his support and hope the relationship continues to be successful.

There are plenty of other guys I would like to thank including Paul Price for his help whenever needed (especially with organising the covers) to the coaches in Cameron French and Neil D'Costa for their work at training each week, to Terry Murphy for his role in attending regular meeting in town as our club representative, and to Ken Welsh for his services in scoring for the 1st grade at all the home games. The boys certainly appreciated your help.

The club fortunate enough to play on some of the best turf wickets in Shires cricket. Rothwell Park, St Lukes Oval, and Ron Routley Oval were presented every week in excellent condition thanks to the fantastic efforts of Adam Powell, Adam Evans and Simone. On behalf of all the cricketers we thank them for their efforts and also to the administrative staff at Canada Bay council.

The club would also like to thank the Sydney Cricket Association for their annual financial grant and general assistance, especially Ian Field and David Ford, the Briars Board of Directors for their providing of club championship shirts, and to all the supporters who were able to attend the various games during the season including the semi finals and finals.

On behalf of the Burwood Briars cricketers we would like to congratulate the other clubs who were successful in winning the premierships in the other grades. The Briars have found it increasingly difficult to compete with many of the other clubs who pay some (or many) of their 1st grade players. We pay no one and yet are still the dominant club with plenty of young players coming through. This is something we are extremely proud of and adds further merit to the efforts of all the players. Congratulations guys on some fantastic efforts.

The club spirit during the year and the after match attendance at the Club was some of the best in all my time at the club and contributed to the excellent season we had.

As I said there were plenty of guys who contributed in various ways during the year and if I have not mentioned you I apologise and offer my thanks

Heres hoping for a successful 2003/04 season.

Gerard Price
Cricket Chairman

CRICKET FIRST GRADE

In general you would think a season finishing third and losing in the semi finals to the eventual premiers would be a good season, however with the high expectations placed on the clubs leading side by themselves, the 2002-2003 season was one of lost opportunities. During the regular season the team lost on only two occasions (to the eventual grand finalists), both of which, with a little luck going our way, could have been won. This all goes well for another tilt at the title in the 2003-04 season.

In a season where the semis were made there were a number of standout performances starting with Richard Tregeagle recording another hat trick for the club against Roseville and also combining with Anthony Raymond with the bat to win the game from a position that looked hopeless. Anthony Raymond leading the bowlers averaging 14.14 including best bowling figures of 6- 35. Cameron Frenchs' knock of 146 in the first round of the semis was hailed by those that saw it as one of the finest knocks made at Rothwell. Debut centuries to openers David Henschell and Andrew Blaikie as well as numerous century stands during the year.

The season did however uncover some new talent promoted from within including Paul Panuti whose opening bowling was a revelation and not enjoyed by any opposing opener. He led the wicket takers with 36 for the season. Brief appearances certain to be repeated in the coming years from young U24 players Ash Squire, Adam Hudson and Steve Hudson who all showed enough in their time in the top grade to suggest that the club definitely has a strong future. Sakis Achmar showed that he is improving with each year in the top grade and would have to be one of the unluckiest bowlers in the comp beating the bat with regular monotony. With this type of form he is likely to obtain further rep honors in the future.

Two players who battled through the pain barrier all season with serious knee injuries were Dave Smit (Pommie) and the Captain, who both contributed timely knocks in pressure situations.

In summing up the season there is much to look forward in briars cricket with there being a changing of the guard in the first grade team. A number of the older players making way for young guns who have showed enough promise in their time in the top grade to say that the clubs successful last decade will be mirrored going into the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Charlie's seconds and Corie's U24's on their premierships and Gerard on leading the club to another club championship.

Player Report

Andrew Blaikie: Batting 660 @ 38.82

Finally putting some good numbers together after being promoted up the order half way through last year. Scored two centuries during the year and was voted players player. A great season which hopefully continues on in 2003/04. Also as keeper took 30 dismissals (28 catches & 2 Stumpings)

Cameron French Batting 450 @ 37.50

Bowling 21 wickets @ 24.62

Again showed he is a class act with both bat and ball his 146 in the semi against Souths a standout performance.

D Henschell Batting 402 @ 36.55

Dave is a new player to Briars who batted in the top three all year and held the innings together on numerous occasions. His 112 NO against Epping on a wet deck was his best performance in a very solid year.

Neil D'Costa Batting 353 @ 27.15

Bowling: 9 @ 22

Captained the side with great aplomb while battling through the season with a serious knee injury. Looking for bigger and better things in 2003/04.

Anthony Raymond Batting 113 @ 22.6

Bowling 21 @ 14.14

Again showed the big Ray has the biggest heart in the comp always putting this hand up when to going was tough and was the clubs go to man. His performance with the bat also meant that we were never a beaten side.

Paul Panuti Batting 54 @ 13.5

Bowling 36 @ 19.64

Paul's fire with the new ball put many an opposition team on the back foot very early taking plenty of his 36 wickets in the early overs. We are looking forward to his continued improvement in 2003/04.

Richard Tregeagle Batting 34 @ 5.67

Bowling 27 @ 21.37

Well what can you say about tricky. Possibly the best bowler to ever play in the Briars cap. Again showed that there's fight in to old dog. His hat trick at Roseville was again a pleasure to be part of. If he goes around again next year would not be out of place with the youngsters.

Sarkis Achmar Batting 10 @ NA (never dismissed) Bowling 11 @ 26

As mentioned earlier was the unluckiest bowler in the comp but still managed to bowl extremely well in an opening partnership with Nuti that saw many sides questioning what was going on when two or three down for basically nil. Looking to forward his batting prowess to the skipper by not being dismissed all year.

Dave Smit Batting 315 @ 24.23

Bowling 1 @ 8

Pommie returned to us this year with a nasty Knee injury that restricted his movement but even though restricted showed great class to again knock up some timely knocks. His slip catching was a highlight.

Paul Price Batting 137 @ 22.83

After almost calling it quits Paul answered a call to return to Firsts to put in again another solid if not spectacular performance. He would be slightly disappointed with the seasons tally considering there was only one score over 50.

Also played	Batting	Bowling
J Harris	117 @ 19.5	
C Gillard	81 @ 13.5	8 @ 28.00
S Milne	87 @ 12.43	3 @ 37
A Hudson	14 @ 14	
A Squire	20 @ 9	
W Holdsworth	8 @ NA	4 @ 15.5
S Hudson	7 @ NA	3 @ 15.33
B Scully	12 @ 9.67	9 @ 25.44
B Gregory	0 @ 0	5 @ 12.8

CRICKET SECOND GRADE

After finishing as runners up in the final for 3 of the previous 4 seasons it is a relief to report that the Second Grade cricket side finally secured the premiership this year for the first time since 1995/96 and for the 14th time overall, some 5 premierships in front of the next nearest club.

Perhaps the most pleasing part of the premiership was that the side did not rely on a superstar player within its ranks like some other clubs but a group of talented and motivated individuals who contributed at different stages during the season. Any one player had the ability to win a game and this was done at times with some fine individual performances as will be reported later. The side did not have a strength towards either batting or bowling, so we did not rely on winning tosses to deliberately play to our strengths and win games.

The side started the season well and was always in the top group of teams. In pressure situations either defending our low totals or chasing large ones the team never lost faith in its ability to win a game, and there were a few close games. We always spoke positively, encouraged each other, backed ourselves and had heaps of fun along the way. This spirit has continued to develop over the years, not only in second grade but for Briars cricket in general. It is a sign of a good side and a large part of the reason for Briars cricket ongoing success.

During the year the side utilised 27 players over the 16 games with 8 players playing 10 or more games. A thank you to all those players that pulled on the second grade cap during the year particularly those who contributed over a number of games. It is frustrating for those players that may shuffle between grades during the season however it was appreciated.

Congratulations to all other players within the club for the success of another club championship, our sixth over the last 10 seasons. Premierships are fine as an individual but a Club Championship is the pinnacle of trophies as a club and reflects the spirit, hard work, enjoyment and talent within the club.

At every opportunity I will praise the efforts of Gerard Price and his management team. To win 3 of the 6 trophies on offer, and have the other 3 teams competing in the semi final does not come from luck but from hard work and perseverance. It is rewarding for Gerard that the club has enjoyed one of its most successful seasons ever which is some feat when you consider our prior year successes.

Well done and thanks to the other Captains and their sides Neil D'Costa - 1sts, Anthony Clarke 3rds and Andre Berenger 4ths for making the semi finals and the many hours we spent at selections during the year, "the proof was in the pudding". The under 24 side with captain Corie Dickeson were deserved winners of the competition after being front runners all year.

Thanks to our sponsors during the year in particular Venus Packaging. As the cost to run cricket continues to increase we were pleased to reward their support with a premiership.

Alan Logan was a popular choice as players' player for the year. Alan has now been part of second grade for several years and enjoyed his best season to date with the bat and behind the stumps. By his continual improvement Alan will shortly cement a position in the top grade and should be there for a while.

Adam our groundsman at Rothwell always provided the wicket and ground in top condition during the year. Rothwell was ranked as one of the top grounds for the season and we remain lucky to have such a home ground.

Lastly although not part of the team this year due to a back injury Steve Schomberg deserves special mention in this report. Steve had been an integral part of second grade over recent years and a member of the previous finals sides and it was disappointing that he could not participate this season however his spirit was amongst the side all year. In all the players mind, Steve was part of our premiership.

So into the season opener against Pennant Hills where we loss the toss and bowled to get rid of any cobwebs from the off season. Pennant Hills were going well at 2-127 but some quick wickets got this to 7-150. Some late partnerships took their total to 222. Brad Sculley was the pick of the bowlers with 4-49 from 20. We were in early strife at 2-10 however 73 from Brad Sculley as night watchman and 61 to Jason Harris saw us get to 8-214, then 9-222 and the game still in the balance however we got the points being all out 226. Round 2 against Georges River had them winning the toss, batting and posting an imposing 9-280 in a disappointing bowling and fielding performance, Adam O'Keeffe 3-42 from 17. In reply the following week we were in early trouble being 4-59 however a 2nd grade all wicket partnership record of an unbeaten 225* between Adam Hudson 118* and Brett Howle 114* ensured a crushing victory with some 20 overs still left for play. In Round 3 vs Roseville we batted first and set them 234, Babar Khan 48, Brad Sculley 46* in a continuation of his early season form. Roseville were never in the game being all out 95 with their last 6 wickets falling for 10 runs. Brad Sculley 4-45 and Gerard Price with the unbelievable figures of 2-2-4-0, that's right, 12 balls no runs and 4 wickets. Following on Roseville finished at 1-137.

Strathfield were next and won the toss and batted posting 258, Scott Castle 4-45 from 19 in a good bowling display over a few spells. We were 2-12 overnight and fell short of their total with 185, Ash Squire 44, Babar Khan 55. Round 5 was a one dayer versus South Sydney and would give the side a good idea of its level of competitiveness in the competition. We won the toss and went from 0-43 to 4-60 however some lower order resistance from Gerard Price 51* had us importantly batting out the overs to finish with the disappointing total of 176. Knowing the task required our bowlers were faultless in dismissing South's for 139, Gerard Price 4-25.

Epping followed and were in early trouble at 5-12 but recovered to be all out 106, Brad Sculley 5-36, Sarkis Achmar 3-16. We batted for 31 overs on the first day to be 3-134 then declared at 6-244 the following week due to some powerful hitting from Stuart Milne in his maiden ton for the club of 103, Brad Sculley 58. Batting again Epping were rolled for 99 to ensure an outright victory, Sarkis Achmar 3-27 and Scott Castle 3-21. Holroyd Hills were next and we batted first and posted a reasonable 234 thanks mainly to Sanjiv Khalko 43, Babar Khan 50 and Corie Dickeson 41. Holroyd Hills were then left decimated at 6-28, then all out 43 due to Sarkis Achmar 7-11. Following on, Holroyd were dismissed for 162, Brad Sculley 4-33, Gerard Price 4-36 for our second outright win.

At Christmas the side was in first place on 44, points 2 points in front of second. Into the new year and against new comers Southern Districts we batted first and posted a meagre 122, with Stuart Milne 61 and 6 ducks amongst the others. Concerted pressure with the ball had Southern districts dismissed for 62, Sarkis Achmar 5-18 and Scott Castle 2-0. Batting again on the first day we finished at 1-51. Day two was heatwave with the temptation to stay in the shade and bat all day however we declared at 4-191, Ash Squire

82* and Al Logan 56. Their target was therefore 252 from 61 overs which they achieved in the last over, 8 wickets down. Notwithstanding our first innings win, this was the last lost for the side for the season.

We won the toss and batted first in the one dayer versus Warringah and again under performed with the bat being all out 123 thanks only to Corie Dickeson 58 and only two other scores in double figures. As usual our bowlers stepped up to the mark and that with some fine fielding had Warringah never in the game at 9-58 until a nagging last wicket partnership had them all out 108. Gerard Price was best at 5-13 from 8 until his body packed it in and decided to have the next two months off to recover.

Next was Lindfield and we belted them to declare at 6-352 from 75 overs on day one, Adam Hudson 62, Corie Dickeson 79, Brett Howle 76. We then bowled them out for 127, Adam O'Keeffe 4-9 and the rest shared. Batting again Lindfield finished the day at 3-123. Lane Cove followed and we dismissed them cheaply for 89, Brett Gregory 4-26, Stephen Hudson 3-6 and Adam O'Keeffe 3-27. We finished day one at 8-233, Ash Squire 76, Brett Howle 35 with the first innings win which was fortunate as the second week was washed out.

Round 12 against Auburn at Rothwell saw them dismissed for 190, Stephen Hudson 4-35. Again we were in early trouble at 4-46 but batted on to be all out 256, Jason Harris 86, Stephen Hudson 56* and Brad Sculley 35. Auburn batted again and finished at 1-73. The last game of the rounds was Macquarie Uni in a one dayer and they batted first and were dismissed for 87, Richard Tregeagle 3-12 Brad Sculley 3-20 and we achieved their target without fuss.

We finished the rounds as minor premiers on 78 points which was pleasing but did not mean too much as we had to now prepare for the semi finals.

The preliminary final was played against sixth placed Roseville at North Sydney Oval # 2. We won the toss and batted but were in early trouble at 3-5. We were never really on top during our innings but posted a competitive 188, thanks mainly to Stephen Hudson 47, Alan Logan 31, Chris Gillard 42. With 20 overs left in the day it was up to either side to call it their day which we did by having Roseville 5-58 at stumps after being 0-34. We cleaned them up early on day 2 to be all out 77, Brad Sculley the pick 6-39, Brett Gregory 3-26. We had the choice to ask them to follow on however we decided to shut them out and bat again and called it a day at tea when we were 5-112, Brett Howle 43, Phil Tregeagle 32*.

It wouldn't be the same unless we played Holroyd in the semis at some stage, so into the semi final against Holroyd Hills at Rothwell. They won the toss and batted first to be 2-93 at one stage but all out 155. Brad Sculley 5-49. With at least 42 overs left in the day the game was again in the balance with either side able to dominate. We were 1-41 then suddenly 4-45 shortly after tea and the momentum against us, however we finished at stumps on day one at 5-142 due to a solid partnership between Brett Howle 70 and Gerard Price 77. Some good middle order batting including a 127 partnership between Gerard and Alan Logan 73 had us finish with 295 which was great considering that we lost effectively 7 for 11 at the start and end of the innings.

So into our fourth final over the last 5 years and without a premiership to show for our troubles had some unspoken pressure on the players. Playing South Sydney at Mona Park, we loss the toss and South's decided to bat but they were never able to build partnerships due to tight, consistent bowling and fielding by all 11 players. We dismissed them for 150 in 55 overs. Bowling honours were pleasingly shared by all, Brad Sculley 2-24, Brett Gregory 2-32, Stephen Hudson 1-30, Chris Gillard 2-32 and Gerard Price 2-25.

With 42 overs left on the first day we set out in a positive mood but were in trouble at 2-15 then 4-62 and the match still evenly poised. At stumps we were 4-94. Continuing their overnight partnership Brett Howle 33 and Stephen Hudson 64 progressed the total to 132 before we passed their total 7 down. At 8-154 the game was still very much alive with plenty of overs left in the day for an outright result, however intelligent batting from Chris Gillard 49 and Brad Sculley 31 had us all out 241. With some 45 overs left in the day Souths conceded, stumps were drawn, the premiership was ours and the celebrations began. Many thanks to all the spectators who supported us over the two days.

Brett Howle
Captain

The Premiers

Adam Hudson: 325 runs at 25.0: Enjoyed his best season with the club, highlighted by a match winning 118* against Georges River. Other notable score was 62 against Lindfield. As he has shown over this last

year Adam will continue to improve as his confidence and maturity develops against quality bowling. As an opener Adam keeps the score ticking over and was involved in some valuable partnerships during the year. Only had one good dummy spit during the year and that was against his own team mates at Warringah.

Phil Tregeagle: 33 runs at 11.0: Joined the side from the preliminary final due to the promotion of Ash Squire into firsts. A valuable 32* in the second innings against Roseville in the first final ensured that they were shut out of the game. With the bat reliable and patient as always

Jason Harris: 216 runs at 24.0: Enjoyed another solid year in seconds notwithstanding the frustrations of bouncing between first and second grade during the year. 61 against Pennant Hills in the first round and 86 against Auburn were his best performances. Jason is an important part of second grade due to his experience and morale boosting effect amongst the players and finally secured a second grade premiership after many attempts.

Stephen Hudson: 214 runs at 42.8, 14 wickets at 9.6: As the above statistics show Stephen was a crucial part of our side. In the side as batting all rounder Stephen came to the fore in the finals series with 47 against Roseville then a match winning 64 in the final against South's in a difficult situation out in the middle. Bowling wise, Stephen can do what he likes with the ball and provides wonderful choice for any captain as change bowler, best was 4-35 against Auburn. It is most pleasing to believe that Stephen's best cricket is still to come.

Corie Dickeson: 254 runs at 21.5: A somewhat unorthodox technique is compensated by Corie's ability to score runs quickly if required and dominate a bowling attack on his day. Having said that though Corie must continue to aim to bat for long periods as he did against Warringah scoring half the side runs and ensuring a win. Other scores were 79 against Lindfield and 41 against Holroyd Hills. He managed to survive a season in the same side as Brad Sculley.

Brett Howle (Captain): 484 runs at 32.3: Finally a premiership to write about. Enjoyed another solid year with the bat highlighted by 114* against Canterbury Bexley, and other scores of 76 vs Lindfield and 70 in the semi final against Holroyd Hills. Very much enjoyed being the last and therefore winning captain to speak (for a change) after the final.

Gerard Price: 226 runs at 28.3, 32 wickets at 15.4: Joined the side from start of the season after a lifetime in first grade and became an important part of the side with both bat and ball as was shown in the rounds against South's with 51* then 4-25 to ensure the win. Top score was 77 in the semi against Holroyd. Snared 32 wickets even though he missed 3 games to allow his body to prepare for the finals.

Alan Logan: 324 runs at 32.4, 29 Catches: Alan enjoyed his best year yet and like a few of the other young players in the side will only continue to get better. Behind the stumps Al was ever reliable as is expected. To have a good keeper is great, to have one that can bat is a bonus as is the case with Al as scores of 56 vs Southern districts and 73 in the semi vs Holroyd demonstrates.

Chris Gillard: 131 runs at 26.2, 6 wickets at 31.8: Spent most of the year in ones until round 11. Gilly is a great all rounder and scored 42 in the first semi then 49 against South's in the final to shut them out of the game. Bowling wise Gilly did not quite enjoy the consistency he would like. Like a few others he has been an integral part of second grade over the years and to win the premiership was a great result.

Brad Sculley: 287 runs at 41.0, 41 wickets at 13.3: A fantastic season after returning to cricket after a year of due to a back injury and did not miss a beat with the bat or ball. Started the season in 2's went to 1's then returned to 2's and always contributed when playing. Best scores included 73 vs Pennant Hills, 46* vs Roseville, 58 vs Epping. With the ball Sculley excelled, leaving his best to the finals capturing 6-39 against Roseville then 5-49 against Holroyd. Never wants to give the ball away when bowling.

Brett Gregory: 17 wickets at 14.2: Returned to the club after an absence of a few years overseas and joined 2's from round 9 onwards. Never failed to take a wicket in any innings and was never dominated by a batsman. As a left hand opening quick bowler Brett set the perfect platform allowing the side to dominate and with Brad Sculley was easily the best opening combination in shires second grade during the year.

Also played

Ash Squire: 267 runs at 24.3: Ash enjoyed his most consistent season with the club and was deservedly promoted into first grade for his debut in round 13. This unfortunately then meant that Ash could not qualify for the semis in seconds. Highlights were 82* setting a 2nd innings target against Southern Districts and 76 vs Lane Cove. Ash bowled his leggies on occasions for variation in the attack and can further develop this useful asset.

Sarkis Achmar: 29 wickets at 9.4: Sarkis started the year in 2's and achieved his 29 wickets in only 7 games. Was promoted into first from round 10 onwards. Season best was 7-11 from 13 vs Holroyd in a superb bowling performance. Followed this up next game with 5-18 and 4-36 vs Southern Districts. Also a talented slips fieldman grabbing 2 rippers against Warringah which made the difference defending a low total.

Sanjiv Khalko: 145 runs at 16.1: Sanjiv started the season in 2's until round 8 and then returned for the first semi final game and also carried out our 12th man duties for the side during the final. Best performance was 43 against Holroyd.

Babar Khan; 258 runs at 21.5: Babar was a regular part of the side until a nagging knee injury took him out for the season after round 12. Before this Babar enjoyed a good start to the season with scores of 55 vs Strathfield and 50 vs Holroyd.

Scott Castle; 19 wickets at 19.7: Scott played more games then any other season in seconds this year and was unluckily forced into 3rds late in the season to ensure player qualifications. Continues to get better each season and should aim to secure a permanent second grade position buy the end of next season. Best was 4-25.

Statistics

	Matches	Won Out	Won 1st Inn	Lost 1st Inn	Lost Out	Points	Position
	16	2	12	1	1*	72	1st

* after win on 1st Inns

Runs scored	3788	Runs Against	3037
Wickets lost	143	Wckts Against	192
Average	26.49	Average	15.82

BATTING

Batsman	Matches	Inns	N/Os	HS	Aggr	Av	100's	50's	Ct's
<i>Min 200 runs</i>									
Stephen Hudson	6	7	2	64	214	42.80	0	2	0
Brad Sculley	11	9	2	73	287	41.00	0	2	2
Stuart Milne	6	7	1	103	216	36.00	1	1	2
Alan Logan	14	14	4	73	324	32.40	0	2	29
Brett Howle	16	16	1	114*	484	32.27	1	2	11
Gerard Price	13	11	3	77	226	28.25	0	2	5
Adam Hudson	12	14	1	118*	325	25.00	1	1	4
Ash Squire	11	12	1	82*	267	24.27	0	2	8
Jason Harris	8	9	0	86	216	24.00	0	2	1
Corie Dickeson	11	12	1	79	254	23.09	0	2	6* 3 as w/k
Babar Khan	12	13	1	55	258	21.50	0	2	7

Also Batted

Adam O'Keeffe	4	2	1	21*	34	34.00	0	0	2
Chris Gillard	6	5	0	49	131	26.20	0	0	2
Adam Langhams	1	1	0	20	20	20.00	0	0	0
Sanjiv Khalko	8	9	0	43	145	16.11	0	0	4
Phil Tregeagle	3	4	1	32*	33	11.00	0	0	0
Sarkis Achmar	7	5	1	20	35	8.75	0	0	4
Brett Gregory	7	5	3	6*	9	4.50	0	0	0
Scott Brennan	3	4	0	2	4	1.33	0	0	1
Scott Castle	9	5	1	4	5	1.25	0	0	2
Gerard Buchanan	1	1	0	1	1	1.00	0	0	0
Andrew Morris	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
Anthony Raymond	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
Stuart Turnbull	1	1	1	23*	23	NA	0	0	1
Andrew McLaren	2	1	1	15*	15	NA	0	0	6 as w/k
Mark Maher	1	0				NA			
Richard Tregeagle	1	0				NA			

BOWLING

Bowler	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Best
<i>Min 14 wickets</i>						
Sarkis Achmar	128.3	44	272	29	9.38	7-11
Stephen Hudson	71	21	135	14	9.64	4-35
Brad Sculley	186.3	39	547	41	13.34	6-39
Brett Gregory	100.2	28	241	17	14.18	4-26
Gerard Price	153	28	493	32	15.41	5-13
Scott Castle	117	16	374	19	19.68	4-25
<i>also bowled</i>						
Adam O'Keeffe	36	5	107	10	10.70	4-9

Chris Gillard	56.1	9	191	6	31.83	2-29
Babar Khan	31	4	109	3	36.33	1-21
Stuart Milne	31	8	95	3	31.67	2-22
Sanjiv Khalko	16	1	57	3	19.00	2-14
Richard Tregeagle	8.5	2	12	3	4.00	3-12
Andrew Morris	15	5	33	2	16.50	2-33
Mark Maher	6	2	8	2	4.00	2-8
Ash Squire	27	5	109	1	109.00	1-47
Anthony Raymond	21	3	64	1	64.00	1-45
Gerard Buchanan	5	0	28	0	NA	NA

CRICKET THIRD GRADE

With Terry Murphy gone, Nick Rojo unable to win the comp in Third Grade they were looking for some new young talent to lead the thirds in a way that nobody has ever done. Anthony Clarke it's your turn again.

The season started off well with 4 wins until we got caught on a wet deck against South Sydney in a one day match. We came back strong from that loss to record 4 wins in a row including an outright against new comers Southern Districts only needing 10 minutes on the second day to rap up the game. With the semi finals getting close we panicked a little to lose 2 out of the last 4 to see us finish 3rd at the end of the comp.

We smashed Strathfield in the first semi final only to be out played by Lindfield in the 2nd semi final to see our hopes dashed. Over all a good solid season when you take into account that Third Grade this season used some THIRTY PLUS players. To make the finals was fantastic.

Some highlights for the Third Grade side this year Phil Tregeagle with 300 runs from 6 games averaging 100. Adam Langhans 54 against Lindfield in the semi final and his 61 against Southern Districts as well as his 6/43 against Holroyd Hills. Adam O'Keeffe with the ball taking 4/16 against Pennant Hills in the first round as well as his 7/25 for the game against Southern Districts. Mick Towells when playing Thirds was a stand out 151 runs at 37.75 and 10 wickets at 10.71.

Some people that have to be thanked for all there help and support through out the year, Boris Haikin for his help setting up the ground as well as looking after the tea, every time we played. To all the players that were used in 3rds this year I thank you, there is just too many to mention. To the other captains Neil, Brett, Andre, and Will thank you for making this season such a good one? To Gerard thanks for the chance to do this again and all the help with all crap we have to put up with week in and week out, just have to love it.

Anthony Clarke

Player Profiles

Adam Langhans not one of Adams best years with only two scores above fifty. Adam has the ability to occupy the crease for a long time and with this, the runs should come. I hope that the new bat will also help. Adam took 9 wickets with his off spinners with good flight and turn.

Scott Brennan: What can be said about Scott that has not already been said? With only two scores above fifty we didn't see the best of Scott this year, but told me there was runs for the taking every match. Good luck back in S.A.

Sanjiv Khalkh: Sanjiv had an up and down season spending time in 2nd and 3rd grade. Whilst in 3rd grade scored 154 runs @ 30.00. Sanjiv needs to wait for the bowler to bowl the bad ball to score the runs not turn a good ball into a bad one. Overall a good year for Sanjiv.

Phil Tregeagle: I'll let the stats do the talking, 6 Innings, 3 Not Outs, 2 Hundreds, 1 Fifty, 300 runs scored, Average 100. Wasted in 2nd Grade

Peter Catalovski: Peter joined 3rds late in the season and put in a strong performance batted and bowled well in every game. Peter should be playing 2nd Grade he needs to work harder of the field to achieve this.

Mark Maher: I wish we had more blokes like Mark, he gave it his all be it with the bat or ball. A solid year, scoring 150 runs and taking 14 wickets.

Andrew Morris: Not the highs that we saw last year from Andrew, started the season off strong but fell away a little towards the end. I hope that we will see the best from him now the birth of his child is out of the way.

Adam O'Keeffe: Adam does this year after year 22 wickets at 10.09 another great year for Adam with the ball, handy lower order batsman as well.

Dan Haikin: Batted well at times but needs to be a little more patient and the runs will come. Dan bowled well but tends to get frustrated when things are not going his way, if he works on these things it will all fall into place.

Andrew McLaren: Andrew worked well behind the stumps this season taking 17 catches as well as 2 stumpings. Not bad for a bloke that never made it to training. Had trouble getting higher than 11 in the order, but did get a chance to open and scored 3* his highlight of the season.

Anthony Clarke: Anthony did not really do much this year had one good innings and did not do much with the ball. Highlight batting above Andrew McLaren for the season and finally taking a catch off Adam O'Keeffe.

Batting	Agg	Inn	No	HS	Ave	100,s	50,s	Catches
Phil Tregeagle	300	6	3	104*	100.00	2	1	3
Mick Towells	151	5	1	87	37.75		1	w/k1
Peter Catalovski	105	5	2	33*	35.00			
SanjivKhalkho	154	6	1	73	30.80	2	1	
Steve Hudson	167	6		80	27.83	1	2	
Scott Brennan	210	9	1	68	26.25	2	2	
Anthony Clarke	134	12	6	59*	22.33		1	8
Dan Haikin	125	11	5	18	20.83			3
Adam Langhans	238	15	1	61	17.00		2	2
Warwick Giblin	131	9	1	46*	16.37			2
Mark Maher	147	9		46	16.33			2
Adam O'Keeffe	128	8		42	16.00			3

Also Batted A.Squire 1 for 83 A.Hudson 1 for 55 G.Sutcliffe 1 for 49 J.Bailey 1 for 25 J.Jardim 1 for 25 C. Dickeson 4 for 98 G.Buchanan 2 for 47 B.Critchley 3 for 65 P.Frost 2 for 34 G. Wallace 3 for 44 A. McLaren 4 for 58 S.Watson 4 for 53 M.Dwyer 2 for 19 P. Towells 4 for 9 S.Turnbull 1 for 0.

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave
Adam O'Keeffe	117.2	35	22	222	10.09
Peter Catalovski	61	21	13	133	10.23
Mark Maher	112.2	40	14	287	20.50
Dan Haikin	97.3	25	12	249	20.75
Andrew Morris	164	40	17	379	22.29
Anthony Clarke	164	40	20	450	22.50

Also Bowled G Sutcliffe 3 for 30 M Towells 10 for 107 G Buchanan 2 for 22 S Hudson 10 for 113 B Gregory 3 for 34 A Langhans 9 for 125 S Castle 5 for 87 J Jardim 3 for 100 B Critchley 1 for 35 J Bailey 0 for 21 S Khalkho 0 for 9 G Wallace 0 for 12 P Towells 0 for 8

CRICKET FOURTH GRADE

First of all I would like to congratulate everyone in the club on an outstanding year. Winning the club championship and all grades making it to the finals was a fantastic effort. I would like to congratulate Brett Howle and the second team on winning the 2nd grade competition. And the 24's for winning the Frank Grey!

I would like to thank everyone who played fourth grade throughout the year, as it was a fantastic effort getting to the semi finals and only losing two games through out the year. Some outstanding performances throughout the year were:

Greg Wallace scoring 538 runs for the year scoring 2 centuries which were 187 and 162*

Shan Rana taking 35 wickets for the year and scoring 275 runs with his highest score of 116*.

Paul Towells scoring 108 in his first game in fourth grade. Newcomers to club Jacob Swartz taking 29 catches behind the stumps. Simon Watson taking 17 wickets from 9 games and Jack Jardim taking 32 wickets for the season.

Throughout the season we played a high standard of cricket which lead us to the semi finals, unfortunately it resulted in an outright tie, missing out on the Final. To all the players involved I would like to thank you all again for an enjoyable year. Special thanks to all the other captains for their help throughout the year and

also to all the parents who came down to support us each week. And a very special thanks to Gerard Price for all his help and support throughout the year.

Andre Berenger
Fourth Grade Captain

Batting	Runs	Highest Score	Average
Greg Wallace	538	187	67.25
Pascal Wallace	191	41	15.92
Stewart Turnbull	218	66	18.17
Ben Critchley	204	73	17.00
Paul Towells	368	108	30.67
Michael Towells	211	43	17.58
Jack Jardim	142	45*	14.20
Shan Rana	273	116*	30.34
Andre Berenger	306	85	18.00
Jacob Swartz	29	14*	9.67
Jason Bailey	190	54*	27.14
Simon Watson	76	39	10.85
Warwick Giblin	138	64*	23.00

Bowling	Wicket	Best Bowling	Average
Michael Towells	30	5-24-15 overs	12.67
Jack Jardim	32	4-47-12 overs	15.47
Shan Rana	35	4-7-9 overs	15.17
Simon Watson	17	3-13-13 overs	17.47
Jason Bailey	19	5-46-9 overs	14.37
Greg Wallace	9	3-16-6 overs	16.78

Player Profiles

Shan Rana: Shan had a fantastic year taking 35 wickets for the season and scored 273 runs. Shan is a true competitor who was voted players player of the year.

Michael Towells: Genuine all rounder, capable of doing anything. Has a big future within the club.

Jack Jardim: Had a fantastic debut year taking 32 wickets and scoring 44 in his first game after being hit in the head while batting he then hit the next ball for 6 to win the game. Can't get better then that.

Andre Berenger: Thoroughly enjoyed the season as fourth grade captain.

Simon Watson: Simon had a fantastic debut year taking 17 wickets. Simon is a young cricketer with a big future ahead of him

Greg Wallace: Greg had a fantastic year and was a real stand out scoring 538.

Pascal Wallace: Pascal started off the year well but then fell away towards the end of the season. With more training and discipline he will eventually become a very good opening batsmen.

Paul Towells: Paul is a true gutsy competitor who seemed to be the backbone of our batting lineup.

Ben Critchley: Ben had a great year, sensational fielder with a good attitude. Definitely one player to watch move up the grades!

Jacob Swartz: Jacob had a great first year taking 29 catches with the gloves. Has good hands and will definitely move up the grades.

Stewart Turnbull: Had a reasonable season with the bat with his highest score of 66. With more training and discipline Stewart will definitely become a competent batsmen.

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE

Metropolitan Cup 2002/2003

Results wise it wasn't a successful season for the side last year. Some positives to come out of it were the unearthing of a few young fellas who will one day be great assets to the Briars club. One of the main reasons we struggled was that we went up into Div 1 of the Metro cup but in doing so lost most of our experienced players to higher grades. The highlight of our year was a timely face saving victory in the 2nd last round with the help of Michael "tackle bag" Towells who devastated Sydney Uni with a spell of 5 for 20 in 7 overs.

Although the season wasn't a successful one on paper the boys, particularly the youngsters, learned plenty and I'd expect Briars to seriously challenge for the Div 2 premiership this year.

We managed to use a massive 31 players last year so obviously not all will be profiled below. If I forgot to put you in the honourable mentions my apologies and the boys appreciated all the help we got, especially when we were struggling for numbers, sometimes past midnight on a Friday night.

Player Profiles

Stefan Ellis: Stefan took over the on field captaincy mid way through the year and did a fine job considering the position we were in. Unfortunately he got struck down by the 5th grade captain's curse and struggled to make a big score while he was in the job.

Andrew Hurst: After coming straight out of junior cricket, Andrew probably thought he had a poor season last year. That was not the case, even though he didn't make any big scores, all his team mates saw significant improvement from Andrew throughout the season. As his confidence improves he will become an asset to the Briars club and we were all glad to see he came back for another run this season.

Jarrold Wilson: Another youngster having his first taste of senior cricket. Our poor early season form didn't help Jarrod but he managed to pull out some very impressive performances throughout the season. A very gifted all rounder who unfortunately hasn't returned to the club this season but hopefully will wear the Briars colours again soon.

Andrew James: The 3rd of the youngsters from Menai, Andrew looked to be a fine leg spinner with no turf or senior experience. He wasn't well supported by his fellow bowlers and therefore didn't get the results he deserved.

Andrew Donikian: Donikian was the pick of our players last year with both bat and ball. He always puts in a super effort and was rewarded with our Players player award at the end of the season. Andrew probably took the losses harder than any of us so hopefully those that remain can repay him with some wins next season. Andrew is definitely a higher grade prospect but I'm not sure he even knows where we train net alone actually turn up for a session, as soon as he does that he will definitely be considered for higher honours.

Phil Cave: We were lucky to secure Phil's services last year after thinking we'd be going through the season without a specialist keeper. He played well in all the matches he contested and was another who took our poor results pretty hard.

Leigh Worthington: Leigh looked a talented player but failed to make a significant score early on. Just when he started to look good he headed off to Hong Kong so we probably didn't see the best of him.

Mark Smyck: This young left armed paceman was unlucky not to take double the amount of wickets he returned. With a season under his belt we expect Mark to lead the 5th grade attack this year with some big performances.

Tom Watson: Tom probably had the best work ethic of all the players who played with us last year. He looks to be a good off spinner who has a great understanding and love of the game. On top of all that he's a crazy Tigers fan so you won't ever hear a bad word about him from me.

Mark Histon: Known to most people as 'Yobbo', Mark is one of those blokes who you love to have in your side. He didn't shine in any categories last year but his contribution is often under valued. Mark is an extraordinary athlete with pace and power to burn and will be missed by Briars this year.

Will Hood: Had a decent season with the bat last year but still couldn't help us win a game. Probably should be scoring more runs than he does but hasn't come through with the goods as yet. Expect better from him this year with an improvement in fitness and application.

Honourable Mentions: Special thanks to these guys who filled in or played minimal games with us: Peter Catalovski, Ben Critchley, Michael and Paul Towells, Pascal Wallace, Rhys Brett-Bowen, James Ward, Glen Fabien, Ryan Land, Matt Marshall, Stuart Turnbull, Dan Pote, Gerrard Buchanan, Peter Frost, Brad Scully, Steven Hudson, Ben Chapman, Glen Sutcliffe, Nick Beams and Jason Harris.

Will Hood

Statistics

Batting

Name	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Average	50s	HS	Catches
W Hood	15	2	370	28.46	3	59	3
A Donikian	10		315	31.50	2	71	1
P Cave	13	1	195	17.73	1	55	5
S Ellis	15	1	181	12.93		38	1
A Hurst	15	1	179	11.93		49	3

M Smick	11	4	149	21.30	31	1
P Catalovski	6		131	21.83	1	83
J Wilson	12		128	10.67	44	2
L Worthington	10	1	120	13.33	38*	4
B Critchley	4		86	21.50	34	1
M Histon	10	4	84	14.00	25*	
P Wallace	4		69	17.25	65	
A James	13	4	67	7.44	37	2
G Buchanan	1		62	62.00	62	
T Watson	7	2	56	11.20	19*	
R Brett Bowen	4	2	49	24.50	33	
R Land	2		49	24.50	34	
P Frost	1		43	43.00	43	
G Fabien	3		40	13.33	19	
M Marshall	2		36	18.00	24	
B Scully	1		33	33.00	33	
S Turnbull	2		25	12.50	14	
P Towells	1		21	21.00	21	
J Ward	4		16	4.00	6	
D Pote	2		14	7.00	8	
S Hudson	1		14	14.00	14	1
B Chapman	1		13	13.00	13	
G Sutcliffe	1		10	10.00	10	
M Towells	2		6	3.00	6	
N Beams	1	1	6	6.00	4	
J Harris	1		0	0.00	0	

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Wkts	Runs	Average	Economy
A Donikian	69	10	11	261	23.73	3.78
J Wilson	73	7	10	291	29.10	3.99
S Ellis	66	6	6	271	45.17	4.11
A Smyck	100	15	5	351	70.20	3.51
A James	45	3	4	238	59.50	5.29
M Histon	38	7	4	172	43.00	4.53
W Hood	36	7	3	128	42.67	3.56
S. Turnbull	26	7	3	68	22.67	2.62
N Beams	32	2	1	168	168.00	5.25
T Watson	24	3	1	103	103.00	4.29

UNDER 24S REPORT. FRANK IS BACK

Ask anybody who has played Under 24s for Briars in the last five or so years and they will tell you that there is something special about it. Hard to put a finger on just what in fact it is nevertheless something that perhaps should be bottled and marketed as something that leads to both success and enjoyment of the game of cricket. Again this season was no different, successful winning the premiership and bringing "Frank" back to Briars and also an enjoyable season for a group of guys who win games for each other as mates..

This side dominated with the bat for the entire season. Quickly running through some statistics we scored 1990 runs off 395 overs, which incredibly means that we maintained a run rate in excess of 5 runs per over for the entire season and averaged 29 runs per wicket lost. After the batsmen lead the way early, the bowlers put on a show at the business end dismissing Pennant Hills for 70 in the semi and Lane Cove for 69 in the final.

We certainly did it the hard way finishing the 7 rounds in 3rd place with 5 wins and two losses having played all but one team in the final six as well as 7th and 8th. Unlike last year we entered the finals with hard fought wins under our belts, which proved the difference this time around.

The qualifying final saw us play the unknown Auburn at Rothwell Park. As we had done throughout the year we performed only in patches in the field and managed to restrict Auburn's hard hitting batsmen to 9/220. Steve Hudson and Peter Catalovski picked up three wickets each with Brad Sculley taking two wickets also. In reply we were cruising at 3/163 before collapsing to 8/207 reaching the target with 4 overs in hand. Corie Dickeson (59) and Al Logan (45) were the pick with the bat.

As was the case in the previous two seasons we faced the strong Pennant Hills in the Semi final. After being sent in and losing a wicket in the first over, briars consolidated to reach 2/150 from 25 overs thanks to Corie Dickeson (69), Al Logan (45) and Ash Squire (42). Disappointingly we were dismissed for 228. With the threat of rain which would have cost us a grand final birth Briars then produced an inspired performance in the field despite the absence of strike bowler Brad Sculley to dismiss Pennant Hills for just 70. Shan Rana (4/29) was outstanding and was supported by Steve Hudson, Mick Towells and Peter Catalovski who took two wickets each as Pennant Hills were all out inside 20 overs.

Into our 3rd grand final in 4 years everyone was keen to put last years loss behind us. Taking on Lane Cove who boasted 10 first grade players and despite having lost to us in the preliminary rounds had finished as minor premiers. Losing the toss we were asked to bowl and for a second week in a row put in a faultless display embarrassing Lane Cove's batting line-up for 69 runs in 18 overs. Steve Hudson (4/7), Shan Rana (3/31), Brad Sculley (2/13) and Mick Towells (1/17) doing the job. Ash Squire (44no) and Adam Langhans (9no) then completed the victory without losing a wicket to bring "Frank" back home to Burwood.

The Finalists

Adam Langhans: Opened the batting in each of the ten matches with continually changing partners. When not dismissed in the first over did a great job of "hanging around" with the teams many attacking batsmen. Dismissed last years unhappy memories by being part of an unbeaten 70 run opening stand to destroy Lane Cove in the final. Always smiling and enjoying his cricket 'Chang' will help ensure future success in this competition for the next three years.

Ash Squire: After a quiet start to the season and being thrown around the batting order Ash found some excellent form with the bat opening with Chang finishing with an impressive 236 runs for the year. Ash looks the goods with everything he does and also won a deserved promotion to first grade late in the year. Ash's 83 against Southern Districts and 44no in the final showed his class with the bat, and was probably underused with regards to his leg spin bowling.

Alan Logan: The competition's best wicket keeper by a distance. A match winner behind the stumps as 19 catches and 5 stumpings would suggest. Made a massive success given an opportunity to bat at three from round six onwards averaging 44 and scoring at a rapid rate in this position. At just 20 Al displays great maturity and leadership on the field and was integral to this years success.

Corie Dickeson: Waited until his eighth and final season at this level to live up to his potential with the bat. Enjoyed leading from the front at the new position of number four hitting a club record 424 runs @ 53 off just 319 balls. Lived his dream captaining this side to a premiership.

Adam Hudson: Started the season on fire including a magnificent 98no against Warringah. Slug is very competitive with his younger brother Stephen which is great for a captain to have two such talented cricketers pushing each other to perform. It always looked a struggle for Adam to keep his eyes open, but always gave his best with the bat in hand.

Stephen Hudson: At 20 years of age Junior has already proved himself to be one of the most dominating bowlers in this competition, and has done so for a number of years. Backing up last years competition record haul, Steve picked up 18 wickets @ around 14 including an unbelievable 4/7 in the Grand Final. Disappointingly didn't reach his enormous potential with the bat, but another outstanding season for Junior nonetheless.

Brad Sculley: Sculls' stats didn't reveal his importance to this side. As vice captain provided invaluable experience but it was his passion and enthusiasm that rubs off on the rest of the team. Despite a season off due to a serious neck injury, Sculls returned as the competition's most feared bowler and will be a big loss as he finishes an outstanding U24s career with his second well deserved premiership.

Shan Rana: One of the most passionate cricketers at the club. When Shan gets it right he has enormous ability in all aspects of the game. After a lean start to the year Shan really turned things around when it mattered including a match winning 4/28 in the semi final and an equally impressive 3/31 in the final. Didn't get much of an opportunity with the bat.

Mick Towells: Got a taste of what this side was all about last year and this year stepped up to be a regular and vital member. Proved a success with whatever he was asked to do. Hit a match winning and hard hitting

74 no against last years premiers Strathfield when moved up the order to number six, and then shone when given the opportunity with the new ball in both the semi and final. Wears his heart on his sleeve and pours a mean Mickey Towells special.

Peter Catalovski: A serious leg injury kept Peter out of the first three games of the season however once somewhat fit had an outstanding all round season. Peters batting average is testimony to the sides overall ability hitting 105 at 51.5 – not bad for a number ten. It was with ball in hand however where Cat really excelled capturing a remarkable 16 wickets @ 9.8 including 5/12 against Pennant Hills.

Daniel Haikin: Along with Sculls and Corie, Dan played his last season of 24's this year. Has been involved with the side for the last five seasons with limited opportunities. In light of this Dan had particularly satisfying season capturing 12 wickets @ 16.5 and chipping in with the bat each time he was required.

Stuart Turnbull: 12th man for the final. Stu's first season with the under 24's squad showed that he will become a valuable member of the side in future years. Played 3 games including the semi and did everything asked of him in each of these games whether it be with the bat or with his medium pacers. A great clubman in all respects and particularly enjoys celebrating well... anything.

Ben Critchley, Simon Watson, Paul Towells and Richard Sellers finished of the squad who each played this season and gave their all when required. Ben Chapman should also be mentioned and should feel a part of this premiership. Ben unfortunately required knee surgery prior to the commencement of the season. Hopefully Chapo will be back fit and healthy and scoring plenty of runs next year.

I would just like to conclude by thanking everyone who has supported me for the last two years as captain as age restrictions mean that I have played my last game at this level (well at this club anyway).after eight enjoyable and successful seasons. I would like to thank each and every one of the 22 players who took part over these past two seasons, and everybody who has given up some part of their Sunday to support the U24s. Most importantly I wish to thank those people who give up their entire Sunday not because they are playing and have to be there, but who chose to give up there time to support the younger members of the club. To Adam O'Keeffe and Anthony Clarke thankyou very much for your support as managers this year – you guys deserve this premiership as much as the players do.

A special mention to Boris Haikin who always gave his whole hearted support as well as looked after the scoreboard for almost every single run scored this year which helped me enormously.

Last mention goes to Jason Harris who has been the biggest supporter of this side for many years, managing the side for the previous three seasons. I know Slats enjoyed the teams success every bit as much as the players did this year and fully deserved to. Newly married Jason couldn't always be there this year but his support in the background was immense. His selflessness and attitude toward each of the guys was appreciated by all as a manager, a mate and sometimes a counsellor, so cheers Slats we deserve this one.

Corie Dickeson

	Matches	Inn	No.	Runs	B/F	HS	50's	Av	Catches
Corie Dickeson	10	9	1	424	319	87	4	53	7
Peter Catalovski	7	5	3	103	120	43*	-	51.5	-
Alan Logan	10	8	2	199	257	65	1	33.17	19/5st.
Adam Hudson	9	8	2	181	293	98*	1	30.17	2
Ash Squire	10	10	1	236	333	81	1	26.22	4
Mick Towells	8	6	1	123	132	74*	1	24.6	2
Adam Langhans	10	10	2	133	385	32	-	16.63	2
Daniel Haikin	9	3	1	36	41	25*	-	18	2
Shan Rana	8	5	2	44	65	20*	-	14.67	1
Brad Sculley	9	7	1	82	126	49	-	13.67	-
Stephen Hudson	10	8	-	93	196	25	-	13.29	1
Stuart Turnbull	3	2	-	33	38	19	-	16.5	-
Simon Watson	2	1	-	12	10	12	-	12	-
Richard Sellers	2	2	-	14	21	8	-	7	2
Ben Critchley	2	2	-	3	13	3	-	1.5	3
Paul Towells	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Best	Average
Peter Catalovski	47	7	16	157	5/12 (8)	9.81
Stephen Hudson	83.5	15	18	259	4/7 (3.3)	14.39
Daniel Haikin	51	6	12	198	3/25 (8)	16.5
Mick Towells	60	5	12	242	3/29(10)	20.17
Shan Rana	53.1	4	11	238	4/28 (8)	21.64
Brad Sculley	72	15	11	296	3/18 (5)	26.91
Stuart Turnball	5	-	2	24	2/24 (5)	12
Simon Watson	14	2	3	71	2/63(10)	23.67
Ash Squire	9.3	1	2	55	2/55(9.3)	27.5
Adam Langhans	3	-	-	10	0/10 (3)	-

RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The 2003 season started like every other season in the last few years. The phone calls began in November of 2002 to put together coaching staff and a committee and the meetings started not long after.

We decided to go with a different approach this year. Instead of having a First Grade coach who oversaw all grades but concentrated on First Grade, we thought having a Club Coach would allow us to improve all the Grades and our coaching standard across the board. (This is an experiment which worked well).

A change of training venues was also on the agenda after Canada Bay Council 'double booked' Ron Routley. The venue chosen offered more space and far superior lighting although it is a bit off the beaten track.

Matt Grimison was recruited through connections at Trinity Grammar School to fill this important Club Coach position. Matt's experience and enthusiasm was just what we needed to get our lower grades winning again.

Pre-season training began with the regular few attending sessions in the heat. Once training started, after Australia Day, this had grown into a substantial number. The always varied and hands on approach seemed to be working and attracting players.

For the first trial we took 20 odd players to Orange to play against Orange City. We fared well after the long bus ride. A great bonding evening ensued. The second trial was against the Blue Mountains at Lapstone Oval. To this trial we had one of our best ever roll ups for an away trial. Blue Mountains were certainly left wondering what happened to the easy day they were expecting.

Our third trial was originally to be against Oatley and Fairvale but due to Oatley's lack of numbers this was changed to include Rockdale. All these teams are in Divisions lower than us and we proved the most disciplined on the day. Our last trials were against Hunters Hill and Waverley, both in higher divisions than us, at Hunters Hill High School. In the heat we really stuck it to Waverley and Hunters, they definitely didn't expect the standard they got from us.

The season's results have been well documented. It was noted on several occasions by our opponents that playing us had been the physically hardest games they had played all year. Even in the second round we managed to play harder than the first and overwhelm teams with our style of play.

The Club Championship Table ended up as follows:

CLUB	Pts
Knox	802
Blue Mountains	649
Hawkesbury Valley	599
Kings	538
CBOBS	448
Epping	401
Lane Cove	298
BOBSRUFC	228
Briars	213

As you can see it wasn't our best year as far as results. The disappointing year experienced by First Grade is the main contributor to our poor ranking in the Club standings. Despite popular belief there is no fear of relegation as there is already a vacancy in 3rd Division created by the demise of the Oatley Club earlier this year.

Socially we had a very good year. Daniel Wilkinson and Simon Pickett (with help from others) organised some very entertaining events. A Hawaiian Bare Foot Bowls day and some Live Bands in the clubrooms to name a few. The End of Season trip to the Gold Coast was also a success for those who attended.

Congratulations to the following players who received their awards at the Presentation Night held at Greenlees Park Bowling Club.

Clubman of the Year	-	John Slender
Rookie of the Year	-	Mark Wilkinson
Most Improved Player	-	Stephen Waddington
4th Grade Best and Fairest	-	Matt Nichols
4th Grade Players' Player	-	Angus Collins
3rd Grade Best and Fairest	-	Kia Singapu
3th Grade Players' Player	-	John Kauvai
2nd Grade Best and Fairest	-	Peter Etches
2nd Grade Players' Player	-	Ben Damon
1st Grade Best and Fairest	-	Stephen Davis
1st Grade Players' Player	-	Daniel Martin

I must thank all our Coaches ~ Terry O'Kane, Chris Lamond, Reg Tewhata, George Ford, Chris Murray and Rick Murphy ~ for their commitment and professionalism shown throughout the season and to the Team Managers ~ Garry Pearce, Lincoln Clifford and Gary Avery ~ for all their tireless behind the scenes work with the sides.

Thanks also to our Trainer ~ Cameron French ~ for all those push-ups, sit-ups and shuttle runs. At least we didn't do any road runs... This season we had the least number of injuries at training out of the last 5 years and that is due to Cameron's efforts in making sure we warmed-up correctly.

To our Sponsors ~ Greenlees Park Bowling Club, Shaw Stockbroking and Dynamic Physiotherapy ~ without your generous support we would probably not be playing as our registration fees would be through the roof.

Special thanks to those who helped set-up, pack-up the ground every Home Game, and helped out behind the Briars bar after the games, also to everyone who helped out by cooking the BBQ at some stage and to Kim Pearce for orchestrating the canteen once again.

Mat Grimison had a taste of Briars training a few years ago, and I'm sure this helped him prepare for the task at hand. Mat's professionalism and thorough approach to training and game play was a step in the right direction for us. The introduction of some 'attitude' drills has already changed the attitude of some of our players. Another season of them will have everybody singing the same song. Cheers Grimo.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board for allowing me to be Rugby Chairman. This was my last season and I feel it's time for a new leader to step forward and leave his/her mark. A lot of changes and improvements have been made since 1998 when I was first Chairman. The effects of these improvements will continue to be felt over the next few years. Hopefully I've seen the club through its darkest hour and we will continue to grow and prosper in the future.

Matt Waddington
Rugby Chairman

RUGBY 1ST GRADE

Experience, potential, guts and luck would sum up 1st grade's season. As the players realised by the last game, 1st grade rugby has increased pace, skill and discipline pressures that can only be really understood by playing experience. Of the 31 players who started games this year, 95% will be 2nd or 3rd year 1st grade players in 2004. They now know that there isn't a great difference between the other teams and the Briars.

Results alone don't show the effort put in throughout the season, the side earned respect from other teams by never tossing in the towel and with a touch of luck those losses could easily have been wins.

Player Profiles

Steve Davis (C) (Inside Centre) 2003 1st Grade Best and Fairest – The best and fairest player I have seen in 21 seasons. Led from the front, complete package. 15 games.

Daniel Wilkinson (Fullback/1st 5) – Get mind and body ready for 2004 season. Aim for consistency. 11 games.

Simon 'Punchy' James (Outside Centre) – Played all 16 games. Talented and committed team player. Great broken field runner, thinker and tough. Leadership role next year.

Ben 'Murph' Murphy (Halfback) 3rd Best and Fairest, 2nd Players Player – Played with the right attitude, respected by his team mates. Proud to be a Briar. 11 games.

Matt Holden (No.8) – Worked hard at training and games. Best game Blue Mountains (away). 12 games.

Stoni Vukitea (Breakaway) – Hungry for the ball, good football brain and made an impact in every game he played. 8 games.

Daniel 'Stan' Martin (Breakaway) 1st Grade Players Player for 2003 – Says it all. Respected by his coach, team mates and opposition. 14 games.

Aaron Boyer (2nd Row) – 100% effort rewarded by having his best season with the club. Gained valuable experience – use it next year. Became a consistent 1st grader in 2003 with extra responsibilities. 13 games.

Ben Harrington (2nd Row) – Mr Reliable, Mr Consistent, did his job. Thanks. 8 games.

Nick 'Jack' Lemon (Prop) – Took the ball up more times than anyone else. Played despite bad back. Tough unique club man. 13 games.

Matt Waddington (VC) (Prop) – Stuck at new position. Hampered by injury but showed depth by continuing to play. 15 games.

Cameron French (Fullback) – Took time to adjust back to rugby, when moved to fullback. Made a solid contribution. Best club trainer in 10 years. 13 games.

Simon Pickett (2nd Row) – Worked hard at training and deserved his games. Now knows what it takes to play 1st grade. 10 games.

Mark Wilkinson (Wing) Rookie of the Year – Has the ability to beat his man on the outside. Needs to train harder to improve consistency and realise potential. 7 games.

Steve Waddington (Breakaway) – From 4th to 1st grade in a season. Deserved most improved award. Next season 1st grade from the start. 5 games.

James 'Jimmy' Taiata (Wing) – First season of rugby. Quick learner with a combination of natural talent and good genes. Showed that he will only get better. Enjoy yourself. 7 games.

To the other players that I haven't named – thanks for your effort when asked – no one let me down.

My mate Percy aka Gary Pearce, still has a good eye for player talent, a smart practical rugby brain and experience in the realities of Briars rugby. He has made a quiet contribution to the Briars over many years without fanfare or drama. Great clubman and most importantly respected by the players and coach. Thanks again.

Matt 'Grimmo' Grimison (Club Coach) – The high standards he sets for himself reflected not so much in the results this year, but through the attitude that was developed in the club overall from the 4ths to the 1sts. Our selection discussions were at times robust but I found his honesty, professionalism and commitment to the new role of club coach brought a new depth to the club. Difficult first year but will get the results he deserves in 2004. Grass roots rugby can have its low points but equally so, the highs are just that little sweeter because you have to work that much harder. Best organised coach I've worked with and the base that has been put into place this year will mean we will start the 2004 season in much better shape and we will be in more confident frame of mind.

To Chris Lamond, Reggi Taiata and Chris Murphy – thanks for your support throughout the season.

Recruitment, discipline, increased fitness, commitment to training and doing the basic consistently well will take First Grade to greater success. I have no doubt.

Terry O'Kane

First Grade Coach 2003

P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
16	1	1	14	178	429	-251	10

RUGBY 2ND GRADE

The 2003 season began in great style with many new players to the club. The trials were the best performed for many years for Briars combining well with our training sessions and enthusiasm of both current and new players.

The Second Team began the season with four wins from the first seven games, looking to establish ourselves for a good run to the second part of the season. The most memorable of these being a very solid win over Blue Mountains in round four, 15-7. The highlight of this match was smashing the Blueys scrum time and time again. Another was the excellent attack and superb try saving defence by James Tewatha (Reg Jnr). Also having a great game with big hits in defence was the flanker, Lonely Folau.

But from this point onward we were forced to make eight to ten changes in personelle every week which made it very difficult to make and threaten for the semi finals. Basically I was very, very disappointed to finish where we did. The players also were unhappy with the results week in week out.

Apart from the on-field performance, off the field was one of the most memorable with great times had by all. If we can combine with great results on and off the field it will be one of the most awesome times for Briars Rugby.

I believe the results will fall in Briars favour in the very near future.

Thank you to Matt Waddington, Matt Grimison, Terry O'Kane, Gary Pearce and Reggie for their support of the club, the teams and individuals in training, coaching and administration. And lastly to Ted Churchyard for his contribution in training and his coming out of retirement which gave a lot of encouragement and showed leadership on the paddock to the younger guys in Fourth Grade which made a late charge for the Semis.

Chris Lamond
Second Grade Coach

P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
16	5	0	11	183	327	-144	24

RUGBY 3RD GRADE

Although we had good numbers and a strong pre-season, our season started with an away loss to Kings. In the months that followed, we had periods where we truly sparked as a team, showing to other clubs that we were a side to be reckoned with.

After good wins against Hawkesbury Valley, CBOBS and Lane Cove at home, we were looking to the semis. There were other victories, but these in particular showed a certain amount of controlled dominance that was a pleasure to be part of, with solid work from our forwards finished off with some brilliant play from our speedy backs.

Unfortunately our achilles heel once again seem to be our ability to play far above ourselves for the important games and then failing against the lower sides, our win/loss ratio 8 and 8.

The low point of our season, the 45-0 loss to Knox away who had total domination on the day. Our high point, and one of my proudest moments in 12 years with Briars, was the return game where we knocked them on their backsides after conceding an early try. A cocky Knox side thought we were about to crumble. We stepped up two gears. By the middle of the first half, our scrum was starting to go over the top of theirs. Our front row was hard core. They had no answers. Our backs fired. Score 24-12 Briars. Our season was over, they hobbled into the semis the next week. I can't remember what time I left the club after that win.

To those who were part of 3rds this year, Georgie Ford our assistant player/coach many thanks for some great idea and great play when on the field. To the old bloke in the front row against Knox 2nd game Terry McFarlane, thanks for the guidance to our other front rowers. 'Writie' our 3rd grade captain for most of the year until promoted to 2nds lead by example. Our tackle machines Kia, Charlie and Lee, never took a backward step.

I would like to make mention of our Players Player, Kia Singapu and our Best and Fairest, Johnny Kauuai, thanks a lot for a great year.

Before I finish up I would like to pay special tribute to my Most Improved Player, (unofficial) Damien Hudson. A player who at start of the season, showed signs of having played very little rugby, but by the last

game against Knox had elevated himself into being one of the integral members of our back line. Thanks a lot for your efforts.

Although we missed out on the semis by one win, I would like to say that I was happy with the season overall. To have been able to play another year with my mates has been a privilege, and I am thankful to all those who played for us. To those who moved up to 2nds, to those who moved down to 4's, thank you for putting up with me.

Finally, to our club coach Matt Grimison. Strong, enthusiastic and focused. We had a good stouch in the middle of the year but was an inspiration and person you turned to for advice. Good going mate.

See you next year
Thanks Reg Taiata

P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
16	8	0	8	254	187	67	41

RUGBY 4TH GRADE

Nicholson Cup

4th Grade started slowly. A good pre-season for the club but numbers for 4th did not arrive early. Our first three games were away which didn't help. We lost two of our first three games 3.0 followed by a big win and two draws. The second round started with two losses so we were out of contention for the semis. But with good numbers and the injection of Club coach Matt Grimmo as a player for the 1st five games, we managed three wins and two narrow losses for the last six games.

Best and Fairest - our half Matt who is a fine young player who played up the grades during the year. Another young 5/8 or fullback Gus was the Player's Player. First year of Union and will get better with more experience. These young guys were part of a core of players who played most of the season. Chris Gower another first season of rugby second rower is a good young guy who improved heaps during the year.

The regulars – Terry McFarland back from Kings had a good year as did Elvis – until promoted. Greg Black had a great season in the second row and throws a great dummy. Alex Palmer played most of the year but Ken Williams was out for a large part of the season which lead to Lee Tone moving from the centres to prop and playing well with 4th and 3rds. Damo played for a part of the season before finishing in 2nds and Boothy filled in and played well when not in 3rds.

Tony Clark also stood out in the backs preferably a centre but scored plenty of tries on the wing. HiHie Pa also played well at fullback and on the wing. Many other players came through 4s including Ticker, Tua, Charlie, Kia, Vinnie, Karlton, Tony, George, Matt Stafford, Matt Grimison, Ben Weber, Brad Thomas, Doug, Sholen, Peter Kelly, Jason Hewitt, Dan and Jay Stevo, Leon, Johnny Spender, Saw, Reg, Johnny and Ted. There were others but the memory is going.

A big thanks to Reg (thirds coach) for helping out and also Johnny, always available to give a hand. Gary Avery did a fine job as manager and had a run early in the season. To my co-coach Rick Murphy who took over towards the end of the season, thanks for all your input and I look forward to seeing Rick coach on now that I have retired.

Chris Murray

P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pts
16	5	2	9	160	198	-38	31

HOCKEY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2003

Season 2003 was another season of growth and change. From a participation perspective we are now the most populous sport in the Briars at both a junior and senior level.

On a results level we had a mixed year that resulted in some great successes including:

- A Sydney Women's Hockey League First Grade Premiership trophy, a first for Briars women
- A Second Division Mens Club championship (grades 4, 5 and 6) brought home the first club championship to Briars hockey in many years.
- An Under 15 Junior Championship

Other good efforts from our teams included:

- 3rd grade women's team who made the semi finals and
- Our 1st, 2nd and 4th grade Men's teams who all made the semi finals, however, post season September again proved to be a disappointing time of year.

On an individual level we have a few success this year:

- Mick McCann and Mel Twitt have both represented Australia – well done to them both.

A few "thank yous" for making this year a success:

- Thank you to the coaching staff and managers at all levels in all teams without you we would not be able to play the sport we love.
- To the Committee members who give up their time to administer the sport within the club.
- Thank you to the George Jackson and the Junior Committee and Jan Sullivan and the Women's committee, both of which have prospered this year.
- To John Price who as we all know is the person who works tirelessly organising coaches, players, grounds, committees etc. On behalf of everyone involved in both Hockey and Briars I thank you for your efforts again this year JP. And next year if he lets us we might be able to allow him to do less!
- To Silas Moss and Stu Turnball who both for their coaching and the support they give Hockey as Marketing Development Officer.
- To Alan and the Jones clan who run the canteen week in week out and who makes sure the field is well looked after – thank you for your time and effort.

Finally, I would again like to thank all the players for their commitment this year and I look forward to playing yet again next year. In season 2004 I will be taking up the role of Club Captain as I think we need to ensure that we have strength in the club at all levels of playing and administrating. Once we re-discover what it is to be a Briar I am sure that we can (as Mossy used to say) "maintain the rage" and become the best hockey club in Sydney.

Greg Dunn
Hockey Chairman

MENS HOCKEY

MENS PREMIER A DIVISION

Club Championship Table

Premier 'A' Division	
Club	Points
Moorebank Liverpool	249
Norwest Strikers	202
University Technology Sydney	197
Burwood Briars	176
Sutherland	176
Glebe	165
Ryde Hunters Hill	156
Gordon North Sydney	140
Sydney University	96
Bankstown	11

MENS 1ST GRADE 2003

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	10	1	7	31	4 th

Briars first grade team started the year 'on fire'. Our off-season preparation was great and we couldn't have asked to start the season any better. All players showed their commitment and dedication to the training program. We won nine games out of the possible eleven by the end of round 1 and were in contention for the Alan Yates Trophy.

Unfortunately our losses to UTS proved to be the hurdle we couldn't overcome. After our round game losses to UTS we found ourselves fighting hard to qualify for the Final's series (to the team's credit, we did finish fourth). The semi-final saw us coming up against UTS one final time in the 2003 season. We played some outstanding team hockey, with every player displaying his skills and determination to win. Two quick successive goals to UTS prevented our season proceeding any further.

I would like to thank all the people who contributed to the first grade team in 2003, including players and administrators (otherwise known as the off-field team).

As for each player, it was encouraging to see you all develop your knowledge and skills, which aided in the team being a cohesive unit.

Luke Reilly: for someone so quiet off the field we all learnt very quickly that the circle is his domain on the field. His communication skills are a definite attribute as a goalkeeper as well as his assertiveness and tenacious attitude.

Alan Alderson – Another dominant person at the back of the field, who puts everything into every game. We saw one of his best performances in the semi-final, where he definitely dominated.

Alan Charlton – returned from overseas trip and slotted into the team no problems. He took over the reigns of captain when Mick was off with Australian commitments. His sturdy tackling and defensive skills were a positive for the team.

Ben Hurford – I would like to refer to Ben as my 'yes' man. Everything I ever asked of Ben on the field he did – not once complaining that he was always being shuffled around. He played all the defensive positions, except goal keeper (and I feel that if I had asked him to put the pads on he would have). A great team player.

Adam Pascoe – my competitive left half. AJ played a consistent year determined to tussle with every striker that opposed him because he didn't want them to pass. AJ was also given an opportunity late in the year to have a run in the midfield (as promised) but unfortunately didn't place that infamous ball in the net, not through lack of trying.

Scott Barker – a person I would call the quiet achiever. Played CH all year and was intent on learning as much as possible in regards to his position and the style the team was to play. Another competitive player

who worked hard to control the team's defensive press allowing the team to stick to the strategies we were trying to employ.

Matt Lyons – played his first year as an attacking midfielder (IF). He displayed strength when tackling and carrying the ball, where he often ended up being battered and bruised by the opposition. Matt worked hard throughout the season, which resulted in quite a few rewarding goals.

Kieran Gentles – Kiz ran hard all game, every game. He is the type of player who would run himself into oblivion to see the team win. His determination in a game is unquestionable, as he would always give 100% in attack or defence. A very passionate player who always wants to win – a definite driving force in the team.

Ian McGregor – Mary finally 'backed' himself more towards the end of the season and definitely showed his potential. As one of the strikers, he always had to work hard, especially getting into a defensive position. His explosive ability and evasive stick work was outstanding come semi-final time.

Josh Miller: the youngest member in the team who showed just as much character and ability as the older guys. Josh's confidence also improved throughout the season, as did his knowledge of the game. Josh scored some great goals and I look forward to seeing him reach his potential.

Gary Howard – Gaz was another striker who gave to the team's development. His efforts were well rewarded with selection into the NSW Country team. Gaz's competitive attitude was definitely fuelled when he scored goals, especially if they were deflections.

Mick McCann: Mick was the Captain of the team, whose goal scoring ability is indisputable. His knowledge of the game assisted in player's development. I thank Mick for all his efforts and wish him all the best next year and hope he gains Olympic selection.

As a final point I would again like to thank all the first grade players and for all the players that played up (Sharpy, Wally, Pikey, Blake, Chris, Borgy, Stuart, Silas) for their efforts this year but there is one thing that I think we as a team need to work on (as an extra) – discipline, especially towards umpires. I believe that it will undeniably help the team.

Yours in hockey
Alex Lupton

MENS 2ND GRADE 2003

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	9	4	5	22	4 th

2003 was a season of mixed fortune for the Briars seconds. The beginning of the season saw mixed results and the team had to adjust many personnel changes, which upset the harmony and consistency of the side. Several players were swapped among positions as we sought to find the best combination we could on the field with only four "veterans" remaining from the team of the year before. Despite these disruptions the seconds displayed early patches of the form which got them to the finals in season 2002.

The seconds found themselves up near the top of the table for most of the First round of matches with the tempo, consistency and passion increasing on a weekly basis. There was a healthy respect for each other among the guys on the pitch every week and I believe this was one of the key factors for much of our early success. The middle of the season saw a drop in performance and we started to struggle to put results on the board. Although we were remaining competitive on the pitch, we were failing to come away with the points we needed at the full-time whistle. This mid-season slump saw us go back to basics, especially at training, in order to get back to the level we were playing at early on. Some short corner innovations in these training sessions (go Jay Rama!) saw goals being scored on the field and the game results starting to go our way again.

The second half of the season saw a timely return to form which surpassed our efforts at the beginning of the year. Despite struggling against our bogey team, UTS, momentum was definitely gathering and I believe we were one of the top two sides in the competition at this stage, regardless of our position on the point's table.

Coming into the finals the team was feeling very optimistic and there was a good vibe among the guys leading into the Glebe minor semi-final. After a great pre-game preparation we failed to fire against our old rivals and once again bowed out of the competition a couple of weeks earlier than we should have. In summing up, the Briars seconds had a season which left everyone feeling hollow and wondering what might

have been... again. The potential within this team is strong enough to run away with the competition and all I can say is, "We will get 'em next year".

Lindsey Burrows
2nd Grade Captain

Andrew Borg: Borgy is a great motivator and is someone who I believe is a game breaker. Always willing to have a crack at goal and give his all on the field.

Scott Commens: Scott played well with us this year and held the ball very well with his attacking down the right side. A good calming influence on the field.

Blake Durance: Mud guts keeps improving every season and I have complete trust in him whenever I am playing next to him on the field.

Adam Lawson: Lawso (torso) was awesome for us in the middle of the pitch this year. Consistently very strong and reliable at centre half all year.

Chris Mosely: Chris suffered a bad injury at the start of the season and missed half of it. But when he came back there is no-one who gives more of themselves to the team on the field then Chris.

Darren Pike: Pikey was one of our driving forces up front and always putting his body on the line. He is one of those guys who never says never.

Troy Prescott: Presso is another one of the guys who just ran himself into the ground week after week and is someone who you can rely on when it gets tough out there.

Jay Rama: Jay-bro was our short corner guru with the best short corner pass I have seen (Hey Kenny did you see that one?). Jay has great stick skills and will be a great right half in the very near future.

Shan Rana: Our short corner pusher outer. Shan always finds himself in just the right spot in the circle to put away a goal.

Paul Sharp: Sharpy gives his everything when he is on the field and is one of the most passionate hockey players to be play with. He had a great year.

Harvey Singh: Returning from a few seasons of chronic injury Harvey worked his arse off to get fit and healthy and was the ever reliable presence in defence.

Stuart Turnbull: Stu was our goalkeeper and played his guts out all year. Especially at the start of the season and is one of the reasons we went as far as we did this year.

Michael Wallis: A very skillful player who played very strongly and consistently all year. You can always rely on Wally to get the job done.

Lindsay Burrows – Captain who led the team to the semi finals this season. Lindsey worked with Harvey to give 2nd grade some starch at the back. Lindsey is a great asset to club as he is not only a quality player, but he values and understands the importance of being a Briar.

(PS: Lindsey did not write his own bio – Dunny)

MENS 3RD GRADE 2003

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	4	0	14	8	8 th

This was a year of re-building for the Briars 3rd grade side. Whilst our overall results were disappointing at times, there were many positives to take out of the season. The introduction of a number of youthful players, playing in combination with some of the more experienced players in the Briars club, was a good learning experience for all those involved. The commitment and determination shown by the majority of the team in the face of adverse circumstances throughout the season was very encouraging. These are factors that can only be viewed as positives for the future the club.

A big thankyou must be extended to Fiona Feranado, Janet Candido, Ian McGregor, Shan Rana, Silas Moss and John Price for all their assistance throughout the year.

Daniel McIvor: When Danno was focused and on his game he was outstanding. He greatly improved his level of commitment as the season went on.

Wayne Allsop: Absolutely crucial player at the back – highly dependable defender, excellent distributor, contributed widely to the team.

Paul Andrews: When training and putting in the effort he is capable of Paul has the skill and ability to be a match winner.

Sam Candido: Highly improved throughout the season; unselfish player with great vision and ability to distribute; prospective first grade player.

Martin Wood: Very dependable and unselfish player making some key plays at crucial times. Contributed well to the team and trained at high intensity.

Ian Reynolds: Once again Reno showed his class and experience. He assisted the younger guys to develop their games, while still personally excelling on the field.

Brett Manning: Always played with 100% intensity. His enthusiasm at both training and in the game rubbed off on the team, pushing them to play to their best.

Manveer Dhillon: A naturally gifted player who could truly excel if he personally choses to do so. Effort and commitment will be at the heart of his future success.

Andrew Kilazoglou: Perhaps the most reliable player on the team. Killa almost never missed a tackle, and at times played carrying injuries. Can further develop into a first grade player with improved vision and distribution.

Scott Fernando: Naturally gifted player, willing to listen and learn. With improved vision when carrying the ball, Scott will be a first grade player.

Greg Dunn: The heart of the team – Dunny was instrumental in motivating and leading the team. Scored some excellent goals and played well in various positions.

Gary O'Sullivan: Has the ability to score some outstanding goals and with a little more patience on the ball could score many more.

David Jones: Naturally gifted player with sharp skills and an eye for goal. Greater commitment and determination will bring him and his team greater results.

Thanks also to the guys who played throughout the season: Shan Rana, Kieran Cassells, Tej Sian, Taz Sian, Scott Commens, Ben Garland, Troy Prescott, Matthew Trounce, Derek Welsh, Michael Howlum, David Quoy, Jay Rama.

MENS SECOND DIVISION

Club Championship Table - 2nd Division

Club	Points
Burwood Briars	250
Sydney University	244
Manly	192
Norwest Strikers	172
Gordon North Sydney	170
Ryde Hunters Hill	158
University of New South Wales	145
University Technology Sydney	134
Bankstown	95
Monterey	20

Congratulations Briars Club Champions 2003

MENS 4TH GRADE 2003

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	15	2	1	47	1 st

4th grade had its best season to date. Out of the 18 rounds of the competition 2 bye's, 13 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. An outstanding effort, winning the first round, Minor Premiership and with the help of 5th and 6th grades secured the Club Championship, in round 18. Unfortunately our season came to a disappointing end. With such high hopes of making the Grand Final, we were eliminated in the final. It was no doubt our worst game all year.

I would not only like to thank the regular 4th grade line up, who put in week in week out, but also the number of players that backed up from 5th grade. Something that Briars have lacked in previous years in the lower grades, have been quality players able to step up a grade. We have now set a standard and one we

must maintain if Briars are to become the dominant club in Sydney Hockey. And with the players we have and a lot of promising juniors coming through, next year is looking very promising.

Dave Ratcliffe (goalkeeper), Kieren Cassells, Rai Roopra, Daniel Whitwell, Taz Sian, Dave Jones, Chris Chapman, Tej Sian, Kevin Fernandes, Benny Garland (Captain), Dave Quoy, Brett Manning, Nick Peruvishin, Manveer Dillon.

There are a lot of names I have left off this list, I did not forget you and I did appreciate your help throughout the year, but if I named everyone I'd run out of room.

Lastly I'd like to thank Dean Garland for his help and input throughout the season.

Adam Schasser
Coach

MENS 5TH GRADE 2003

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	8	5	5	21	5 th

The fifth grade team had a very successful year. It was a new team with the proven potential to beat any side in the competition. In the end we missed the finals by only two points and looking back there were plenty of games where we could have picked this up.

The season started with the trials in March. We seemed to connect well as team and had a good blend of youth and experience. The momentum from the trials carried into the first game where we clearly demonstrated that we had a potent attack but not quite able to put the goals away and we were a little disorganised at the back leaking the occasional easy goal. However, it was early days, every team needs to find its way and we certainly had a good base to work from.

This was the story of the first half of the season. Narrow losses to Ryde and Gordon two of the top sides and Manly, and a couple of draws to lower placed sides were symptoms of a side that was finding its way. We had two wins against Norwest Strikers and Bankstown and a draw against the top sides Sydney Uni and UTS were the positive results, the later two being games we should have won.

By midway through the first round our defense was starting to take shape with our full backs Alan Doughty and Paul Semple now providing the platform for the team. Our inside forwards, Chris Zol and Glen Cassim were really causing the opposition some problems. The team was developing well.

By the second round we had got things together. A draw against Ryde (at their ground with their umpire) was a good result in the circumstances, followed by a narrow loss to UTS. Against Uni of NSW the team had a great result which highlighted the ability of the team. Playing half the game with only nine players we not only won but had the opposition completely reeling with exhaustion. From hereon in we only lost one more game, to grand finalists Gordon North Sydney. Good wins over Norwest Strikers, Bankstown and the minor premiers Sydney Uni in the last round to help Briars take the Club Championship were all strong wins.

Looking at individual performances, Ben Jackson had a great year in goals stopping everything that came his way. Our outside halves Luis Mike and Dipper did a great job, and our regular forwards Dion James, Ian Kelly did well up front. For myself, it was my first year playing at Centre Half which I found most enjoyable. A big thanks also to anyone I have not mentioned including the numerous players who doubled up from sixths and some fifths who were promoted to fours part way through the season. Finally a big thanks to our coach Chris Chapman who put in a lot of time this year into organising the team at games and at training.

Looking back on the season it was the first round performance that cost us a place in the finals. In this grade it is the more established teams that are successful and we have the potential to be there next season. See you all then!

Brian Doughty

MENS 6TH GRADE 2003

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	9	2	7	20	5 th

Briars Sixth Grade had their most successful season ever, finishing out of the finals on goal difference. The competition was the closest it's ever been in this grade, with Briars ending up seventh, equal on 20 points with three other teams, and only three games behind the minor premiers.

The team was a blend of youth and experience, with an age difference of 35 years between the youngest and oldest. There were several players in their first year of senior hockey with Briars and a couple making a comeback after time off. If the core of this team can be retained as the foundation of next year's team, we can look forward to an even better year next year.

Highlights of the year included the hard fought win over UNSW, their first loss in two years in this grade, finishing the year on a high note with a convincing win over Sydney Uni and (in combination with the fourth and fifth grade teams) winning the second division Club Championship.

The low point of the year was coming of the field after our first win to be told there was no beer as "the beer

Overall an enjoyable year's hockey.

Mike Denniss

Team Members

Dave "Ossie" Osmond: Veteran Goalie who hasn't lost any of his flair.

Joel Osmond: Goalie and Left Wing - never lets the side down when in Goals and chips in with the occasional goal when let loose on the forward line.

Mike Denniss: Solid defender (plus the occasional cameo in the forwards) - broke a decade long goal-scoring drought this year.

Ben Scully: Fullback: a limited season unfortunately curtailed by injury.

John Denniss: Fullback and Wing Half - covers a lot of ground and has a good (if sometimes elevated) hit out of defense.

Matt Moroney: Wing half - another young player who gives his all and never let the side down in defense.

Simon Smith: Wing Half - youngest player on the team and shows potential.

David Wright Smith: Centre Half - playing his first full year in the key mid-field position, slotted in well and was always amongst the players player votes.

Brent Diprose: Full Back and Wing Half - always calm under pressure - could be relied on to "control the traffic".

Ian Brown: Regular forward who filled in at wing half and full back at times during the year - good team player.

Craig Miller: Forward - played mainly on the Wing, plus filled at inner at times; always gave 100%.

Lewis Mike: Talented junior played inside forward and wing half - will be playing a higher grade next year.

Dion James: Centre Forward - makes good use of space, runs at the ball and gets the shot on goal.

Daniel Atwell: Inside forward - runs confidently with the ball and looks for the pass.

Robin Connor: Wing - solid trap and hit - always seems to find space.

MENS THIRD DIVISION

MENS 7TH GRADE 2003

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
16	6	1	9	13	7th

Sevens are a bit of a mixed bag – mostly under 30s and over 40s. We like a good hard game of hockey with a post mortem over a couple of cold ones (preferably VB). The season could have been better. To sum it up, we would have finished higher on the ladder if our ball retention was better.

The Pool

Kurt Ravn – bloody good keeper.

Joe Lyons – always asks if he needs little stick (forwards) or big stick (full back). He was good enough with the big stick that the little stick did not get much use.

Bill Evans – had to buy a new stick for the first time in 20-odd years. The new technology took a bit of getting used to but it was great to have him back at full back.

Dave Paul – still got that aggression thing happening after all these years.

Simon Bergfield – still looking for someone else to play centre half.

Geoff Atkins – won awards off the ground likely to win some on it.

Alan Jones – unorthodox but effective.

Alan Wiggins – built close to the ground for speed.

Harj Sandhu – got the ball control; the goal sense was MIA for a short while but came back.

Rob Connor – one of the younger ones put him in a running position.

Adam Palmer – our man with the “dreads”

Michael Bates – good skills; a communicator.

Jesse Borthwick – glad he’s on our side; no one can pick which way he is going to go.

UNDER 17’S 2003

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
10	3	4	3	10	5th

The all conquering under 17’s moved up to the A division this season and after two seasons of finishing as premiers they found that this step up presented challenges they had not previously experienced. All the guys put in a great effort throughout the season and it wasn’t until the final round 15 that their chance of making the semi-finals was eliminated.

To a degree it was a season of “what could have been” as the team had four draws during the season that were there for the winning and in the final wash-up proved to be the difference between making and not making the semis. Ironically the team that nudged them out for a semi final position drew twice and was beaten once by our guys.

Other highlights of the season were a number of “interstate” and “international” games that the team played against the ACT under 15 development squad, Wirrar Grammar School from England, and St. Peters School from Johannesburg South Africa. These were all great competitions and it was a real experience for the guys to meet and play these teams.

I would like to thank Matt Lyons and Paul Sharpe who were the coaches of the team for their efforts and enthusiasm. I believe they had a very good rapport with the players and the team responded well to their coaching.

This season sees a number of players who have been the nucleus of the under 17’s for the past three seasons finish with juniors and concentrate on the senior grades where they have already been playing regularly. To them I wish the very best of success in the senior grades and to the guys who remain in the under 17’s continue with the level of enthusiasm, commitment and success that this team has developed over the past few seasons.

Derryn Allsop: Picked up where he left off last season with his speed and enthusiasm. Was a tireless performer whose consistent performance resulted in the Best and Fairest Award.

Sam Candido: An outstanding mid-fielder who directed the traffic and was always there when required in attack or defence. Rewarded for his efforts with the Most Valuable Player Award.

Kearan Cassells: Has developed well in his defensive role and his skills and commitment have been recognised by his inclusion in the Sydney representative teams.

Glen Cassim: In his second season of hockey has grown in skill and experience and is a major contributor to the team performance.

Manveer Dhillon: Lost time during the season with injury but is a great attacker who can lift the team. Represented Sydney and NSW.

Steven Graham: The "Chief" lived up to the potential he showed in his first season last year putting in strong performances throughout the year.

Adam Imer: A first year under 15 playing up in under 17's. Showed excellent skills and maturity and you can only wonder how far he can go in his next 3 years of under 17's. Represented Sydney.

Ben Jackson: Maintained his fearless approach to his keeping consistently producing quality performances.

David Jones: Continues to impress and amaze with his deft touch and incredible stick skills. Represented Sydney.

Andrew Kilazoglou: "Killa" is the captain of the team and leads by example. Just the man you want to see at the back when the opposition is attacking strongly.

Max Mason: In his first year of under 17's responded well to the challenge and was an integral part of the teams performance.

Lewis Mike: Even though missing a number of matches through overseas coaching commitments, his value to the team was recognised by his peers resulting in him being awarded Player's Player.

Rishiv Rathore: A first year player with the Briars had a solid season showing potential and with experience will come the confidence in his ability.

Simon Smith: Another first year player with the Briars had a strong season with his defence and deceptive turn of pace.

UNDER 17'S 2003

Player	Goals	Assists	Points	Appearances
Simon Smith	10	3	20	10

The 2003 season was a very successful one for the Under 17's team. We finished the season as champions of the Sydney District Hockey League, a feat that was achieved through a combination of hard work, teamwork, and a bit of luck. The team was led by captain Andrew Kilazoglou, who was a real asset to the team. He was a natural leader and a great player. He was also a very good person and a great role model for the other players. The team was also very lucky to have a number of players who were very good at what they did. Simon Smith was a real star. He was a very good player and a very good person. He was also a very good leader. He was a real asset to the team. The team was also very lucky to have a number of players who were very good at what they did. Simon Smith was a real star. He was a very good player and a very good person. He was also a very good leader. He was a real asset to the team.

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MENS THIRD DIVISION

The 2003 season was a very successful one for the Mens Third Division team. We finished the season as champions of the Sydney District Hockey League, a feat that was achieved through a combination of hard work, teamwork, and a bit of luck. The team was led by captain Andrew Kilazoglou, who was a real asset to the team. He was a natural leader and a great player. He was also a very good person and a great role model for the other players. The team was also very lucky to have a number of players who were very good at what they did. Simon Smith was a real star. He was a very good player and a very good person. He was also a very good leader. He was a real asset to the team.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Another extremely successful and busy hockey season is behind us. Briars Women's hockey this year took on board another two teams, from Everjays. This gave Briars the playing strength to enter the Metro 1 and Metro 2 competitions in the Sydney Women's Hockey League. This merger not only brought a wealth of talent to Briars on the field but also a huge injection of very much needed and welcomed administration assistance.

In season 2003 we continued to play three teams in the Eastern Districts competition and four teams in the Sydney Women's Hockey League comp. All of our teams did well this year and were a credit to the Briars – congratulations to all of you and particularly to Metro 1 who won their grand final – well done.

We also owe a huge vote of thanks to our coaches – they all gave up their time to coach the teams as well as play for Briars themselves. Thank you to our admin team – it got a bit hectic there with organising new uniforms for 7 teams, selecting teams, collecting fees, organising coaches and umpires, attending meetings etc. There are many workers behind the scenes and thank you again to all of you for your efforts for the girls and for Briars Sporting Club.

Jan Sullivan
Chair - Briars Women's Hockey

SYDNEY WOMENS HOCKEY LEAGUE

METRO 1 (1ST GRADE)

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	13	5	0	44	1

Season 2003 saw the established women's hockey club Everjays, merge with the Briars. This allowed Briars to enter a team in the Sydney Women's Hockey Association 1st grade competition for the first time.

The start of the season was a learning experience for the coach and the players due to the fact that the coach had never seen or had not met any of the players before. As the season progressed, the team started to gel as one and showed great character to go through the season undefeated. They finished the season as minor premiers.

The girls knew the job wasn't finished and semi-final hockey was a different ball game altogether. Playing UTS in the major semi-final the team played well and came away with a 2-1 win. A week off and a good final training session with Busta the girls were ready to play their grand final. The girls realised they could create history for the Briars by becoming the first 1st grade team to win a Sydney Women's Premiership. Knowing this they lifted beyond belief and came away with a thrilling 1-0 win over UTS.

Congratulations to the Sydney Women's Hockey First Grade Premiers.

Player Profiles

Laura Gane - Safe as a bank
Melanie Twitt - Great arse
Airlie Halliday - Quiet achiever
Hayley Burke - Umpires best friend
Rachael Powell - Al's best friend
Megan Sargeant - Best scoring fullback

Alex El Shamy - Talk under water
Jo Banning - 100% Every game
Kasey Cocking - Great Strength
Jessica Esslemont - Rising star
Cindy Parker - Good eliminator
Cindy Proctor - Works Hard

Mathew Lyons
1st Grade Coach

METRO 2 (2ND GRADE)

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
22	9	4	9	31	6th

This season will be remembered as the season that could have been for the girls after winning their first game 5-0 against the side that was dropped from ML1. The main problem however was losing the games that we should have won, but we would then rebound the next week to match it with the topsides of the competition. For 2nd grade it was their first year at Briars after the merger with Everjays, and after a last place finishing the year before, the girls could only improve. At the end of the season the girls found themselves two wins out of the finals and improved on their winning percentage from the previous season 900%. The side worked hard all season and should be pleased with their improvement, but must also realize with more improvement over the off season they are bound for bigger and better things next year.

Player Profiles

Maeve Donnelly (Goalkeeper) - Maeve came to Briars from Sutherland this season and kept the side in many games with saves well beyond her years. At only 17 Maeve has a huge future in front of her at the club, and with development on her communication will be able to reach these heights.

Kylie Norris (Fullback) - Kylie's greatest thrill this year was getting her chance to play at centre forward when the team was leading 7-0, and this also shows how important Kylie was to the side at the back that she could not get there earlier. A leader of the team who always put in 100% both at training and games and this could be seen with the improvement in Kylie through out the season.

Melanie Hope (Fullback) - Mel was one of the Briars from the past season who got her run in the top grades this season. Mel performed well in all games and relished in her role as an attacking fullback that she was given. Mel could easily slot into first grade full time next season and was a deserved winner of the 'Best And Fairest' award.

Anna McGeeoch (Half/Fullback) - Anna developed her skills throughout the year and grew in confidence. Anna was able to slot into any position across the back and still be able to perform at a top quality. Anna was a valuable asset to the side and will continue to improve as her confidence on the field grows.

Charlotte Board (Half) - Charlotte played many roles in defence this season and took them all on with 100% effort and enthusiasm. A player who enjoyed her hockey, whether it be at training or games, Charlotte developed into a solid player who continued to improve her attacking capabilities throughout the year.

Julie Prolov (Half) - Julie was the surprise selection this season and proved why she deserved to be in the top grades. Julie improved every week and deserved the 'Most Improved' award for the side. Julie's value to the team was noticed when she missed 6 games with injury and the team did not look as solid at the back.

Annika Clements (Centre Half) - 'Player's Player' for this season and a deserved winner of that award. Annika was able to control the play in the middle of the field and got the girls following her leads. If Annika can learn to refocus her energy from negative to positive there is no telling how far she can go in hockey.

Susan Daroch (Inside Forward) - Sue was the life of the team this year and always brought a bright attitude to the side even when things were down. Sue found herself in great positions all season and was rewarded for this with a number of goals. Ensuring the whole side would play till the end of the match was something Sue always aimed to do.

Jane Richardson (Inside Forward) - Jane was the strongest player on the team and was not afraid to get in there and do the dirty work for the ball. Jane knows nothing less than 110% and really showed a lot of the younger players in the side just what you have to do to compete at this level.

Mel Picker (Inside Forward/Forward) - Mel is able to find herself in space all of the time, and sometimes get overwhelmed with the amount of time that she has. Mel scored some excellent goals this season and proved to be a great asset to the side with her ability to slot into positions all over the field.

Rochelle Smith (Forward) - Rochelle really found her feet in the side towards the end of the season and worked extremely hard when the team was short of numbers with injuries. Rochelle was never afraid to go into a dangerous situation to try and get the ball for the team and this sometimes proved to be her downside with the umpires.

Jacklyn Hogan (Forward) - Jackie was the captain of the side and lead by example all season. With numerous games of 1st grade under her belt, Jackie really helped the younger players on the field and always put the good of the team first. A player that we were lucky to have all season rather than being in 1st's, the team really utilized Jackie's skills and experience.

Jen Munro (Forward) - Jen never stopped all season and this included when she was on the bench. A very busy player on the field and a forward that all coaches love to have in their side, Jen was able to close down the opposition early and put the side in an excellent goal scoring position.

Sarah Evans (Forward) - Sarah was the comedian of the team and could make even the worst situation into a joke. The team missed Sarah's excellent lead up play when she was away and found it hard to score goals. Sarah not only was able to score goals but also proved to be a handful for opposition players and drew many short corners for the side.

A special thank you must also go out to Gemma, Minnie and Amanda who came up from the 4th grade side in times of need and performed just as well as the girls who regularly played in the side. The biggest thank you however must go to manager Kim Moodie and Gill Burns who together made my job easier as the coach and ensured that the team always knew when and where the game was and took care of all the paperwork that goes with the team.

Congratulations again to the team for the improvement this season, we hope to see everyone again next season to continue to improve and take that next step into the semi finals.

Stuart Turnbull
2nd Grade Coach

EASTERN DISTRICTS COMPETITION

ED 1 (3RD GRADE)

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	7	2	9	23	6th

The 3rd grade Briars team started the year with only 6 original players from the year before and with a few girls that had come up a grade from the previous year and some new player to the club as well as a new coach. When the season started many of the girls were playing in new positions, as the team seemed to have 11 strikers, no midfield or defenders. The first two games of the season were up against the two top teams from the year before which had several ML1 player in them and the Briars girls were flogged in both games. But to the girls credit as the season progressed and the girls found their feet in the positions they were playing and we started to win some games even against the top teams. As the team approached the end of the season they were working together and playing some fantastic hockey. Unfortunately the team missed out on a spot in the finals by only a few points.

It seemed to be a year for injuries and drop outs for the 3rd grade team. Louise Jowsey doing her knee at training before we had even started the season, Sue Bush managed to brake her foot, after only playing 6 games and was out for the rest of the season, and unfortunately a couple of girls dropped out of the team as the season progresses. This left the team short on players in most games, but to the credit of all the Briars Club players we managed to field a full team in every game thanks to all the girls that subbed up from the ED comp and across from the ML comp.

Player Profiles

Kristy McMillan, our fantastic goalkeeper who drove from the Hawkesbury to Concord or Little Bay every weekend to play. Kristy had a great season with a lot of hard work at the beginning supporting the team as they found their form. Thanks for a great year and all your effort, we couldn't of made it through the season without you.

Jo Armstrong, full back and Captain. Magnificent Jo with her amazing reach that quit often caught the opposition forwards of guard when she would put in one of her famous jab tackles. Jo had a lot of work cut out for her as one of the only defenders in the team that had played the position before, thanks for all your calling and encouragement for the girls throughout the season.

Sue Bush, ventured to the full back position for the start of the year, Sue made the mistake of putting 'anywhere' for her position on her rego form, I think she meant anywhere in the forward line! But true to form Sue looked like she had played back for years only after a couple of games. Unfortunately Sue broke her foot in the 6th game of the season and we greatly missed her for the rest of the season, hope to see you next season Sue.

Janet Adams, inspiring to be an inner but played a fantastic right half for the team. Janet's reliability, always at training putting in 100% and always solid in defence during the games was a key factor to the team building. Although I am not sure how she did it some times when she had only made it home from a night out partying the morning of a game. Thanks Janet for a great season, maybe inner next year.

Emma Halliday, inner playing centre half. Emma's strength on the ball and experienced hockey head made her a natural choice for centre half as we started the season. Many games I felt Emma was playing inner as well as centre half as she was always keen to get in the goal circle and have a shot. As the season progresses Emma was able to play the inner position from where her skills stood out and her strength pushed the team forward. Thanks for putting up with playing a half for so long and thanks for a great season, more goals next year as I believe you still own the team 2 goals for coming late to the last game.

Kim Moodie, Left half / centre half. Kim a new member to the Briars club this year started the season not being able to play a hole game and as she had not played hockey for a while a little off the game. But Kim's determination, effort at training and strength through out the season was amazing, to the point where in the later half of the season Kim was playing centre half and controlling the game. Thanks for all your hard work this season Kim, it was fantastic to see you improve every game.

Jessica Taylor, Striker with super speed. Jessica was the teams' leading goal scorer nearly getting a goal a game. Jessica's speed off the mark left the opposition for dead and with the ability to trap anything thrown at her and then take on the opposition with great skills was a pleasure to watch. Keep working hard Jess, your skills and speed were a great asset to the team.

Cath Harland, super sub coach and hard working inner. Cath's help with looking after the team on days that I could not make the game was greatly appreciated by the girls and myself. Cath played with strength in the inner position improving her skills as the season went on and her number one weapon is that little back stick pass she sneaks through the opposition tackler feeding the strikers. Thanks for a great season Cath all your amazing efforts on and off the field are greatly appreciated.

Ronelle Roos, striker with finesse. Ronelle although quiet, I have come to the conclusion this is her way of sneaking in behind the oppositions defence to receive that through ball and with finesse slotting it into the goals. Ronelle has great skills on the ball and gave the team great options in the forward line, even daring to play an inner now and then. Thanks Ronelle for a great season. Oh and no more overseas trips in the middle of the hockey season, we need you on the pitch.

Mary Rose Roche, crazy striker and inner. Mary Rose started the season new to the club playing inner, and she would never stop running and getting in on the tackle. Although when we moved Mary Rose to centre striker her real colours showed through, with her hockey experience she gave the team many amazing opportunities to breakthrough the defence and score. Her on field support and continual running was fantastic, thanks for a great one Mary Rose, Oh and no overseas holidays for you in hockey season either.

Natasha Lang, player of all positions. Tash came to the club from North Sydney this year, starting the season as a striker, then playing an inner and finally playing a half, yes I think Tash can play anywhere on the field, we might even try you in the goals next year? Tash is always willing to learn and this stood out as her game improved throughout the season and most notably her strength on the ball and trapping. Thanks for all the running and your 100% effort this season Tash.

Charlotte Wannop, striker. Charlotte also came to the club this year from North Sydney, bringing with her a smile to always lift the team. Charlotte was always keeping the forward line moving creating space for our midfielders to work and never giving up even when she was bugged. Charlotte's skills in receiving the ball in a striker's position improved as the season progresses, I only wish she would wear a headband to keep that hair out of her face when playing, thanks for a great season Charlotte.

Tracy Taylor, our fab manager. Thanks Tracy for always being there and taking care of all the girls, collecting the balls, keeping time, sometimes subbing the girls for me, bandaging up damaged players and always encouraging from the sideline. Your help all year was just fantastic and greatly appreciated by all the girls. And Michael's tips were also a great help. Thanks, Thanks, Thanks.

To all our Subs, Alana Tagg, Minnie Richards, Katie Ellem, Julie Prolov, Melanie Picker, Sian Warren, Johanna Elder, Yolanda De Winter, Elizabeth Shepherd, Nicola Eakin, Rachael Stephenson, Courtney Cruikshank, Kate Edwards, Jaclyn Hogan, Charlotte Board and Annika Clements. I hope I have not missed anybody, but a great big thanks from the team and me for helping the 3rd grade always field a full team, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all the girls for a great season of hockey and I hope you see you all back next year to make those finals.

Cindy Parker

METRO 4 (4TH GRADE)

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
22	8	4	10	28	8

The Briars Metro 4 women's team had a season of mixed fortunes. With some new members to the team, we had a slow start to the season. Once the girls started to gel as a team and became familiar with each other's style of play, we were then one of the stronger teams in the competition. The girls matched the top teams and dominated the lower teams in games and it was only for some missed opportunities in results that prevented us from making the top four.... The players on their own were skillful, very committed and well disciplined which made them a pleasure to coach and I think they will be a valuable asset to the Briars in seasons to come.

Just like to say a special thanks to Stuart Turnbull, Alan Jones, Jan Sullivan and the Briars women's committee, and most of all Ben Hurford and Blake Durance for all the help they have given us throughout this season.

Darren Pike

On the Players side

Ally Mullins - was a very focused goalkeeper who controlled the team well from the back.

Kate Elder - was an attackers nightmare. Kate never gave up and made it hard for any opposition to attack.

Jo Elder - was a strong defender who never gave her opponent space to move.

Alana Tagg - was aware of what was going on and reacted quickly to change, she was very mobile and extremely disciplined.

Minnie Richards - was skillful and quite fast, which she committed into our attacking raids.

Sarah Sullivan - was one of the senior players who steered the girls around the field and did it well.

Kate Sullivan - was a talented defender who read the game well and positioned herself to what was around her.

Chloe Congdon - was a strong player who was very determined to succeed in what she was doing.

Amanda Hese - was one of our up and coming stars. Her talent and skills during games made it hard for the opposition to stop her.

Kylie Mosley - has a good hockey mind and the ability to control the play well. Unfortunately injuries prevented her to playing at her true potential.

Gemma Campagnia - is a player who played off adrenalin. When she got on a roll no defense in the competition could stop her.

Less Campagnia - was a player who we could put in defense or attack. She had good positional play and was able to adapt to what ever came up.

Laura Thoomey - missed a big part of this year's season. When she was there though she was a good team player and blended in well with our attack.

Charlotte Allen - was a player who has good positional play and does the basics well.

Katie Ellem - was our regular goal scorer. As Captain, Katie led the team by example. She is very dangerous in front of goal and would continually pressure the opposition.

Kristy McMillan - was a goalkeeper who regularly filled in for us and did the job very well.

ED 3 (5TH GRADE)

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	10	2	6	32	3rd

This season Briars Womens Hockey continued to successfully grow in numbers and talent. The first few weeks proved to be fairly hectic in finalising players into appropriate teams. Thank you to several Club members (Bev Rowntree, Darren Pike, Alex El Shamy and David Ratcliffe) for getting teams up and running.

The team was entered in the Eastern Districts Womens 3rd Grade competition for the 2003 season. Matches throughout the year were played at Little Bay, Moorebank and Concord. From the first match it was obvious that the team had tremendous potential. It took a few matches for the team to gel together as there were eight new players to the side. Throughout the season injury, illness and unavailability of players made it

difficult to consolidate on performances from week to week. The team was very lucky to have a core of players who held things together throughout the season.

The 3rd grade competition consisted of seven teams with St Vincents, UNSW and East Rugby being our main rivals. At the conclusion of round matches Briars were placed 3rd.

The semi final match was played at Little Bay against East Rugby. It proved to be a see-sawing affair with Briars persisting and winning 6-4. All players performed extremely well, stand out players included Kate Edwards, Nicola Eakin, Rachael Stephenson and Elizabeth Shepherd.

The Final was played at Homebush against UNSW. From the first whistle Briars were the dominate team. Players continued to value possession and work the ball well, winning penalty corner after penalty corner, however unfortunately without success. UNSW scored a messy goal with around 10 minutes remaining in the match. Final result 0-1.

Player's Achievements

Rachael Stephenson - U16 EDWHA representative
Yolanda de Winter - Veteran EDWHA representative
Kate Edwards - EDWHA Best and Fairest player

Briars 5 Player Awards

Players player - Kate Edwards
Best and fairest - Courtney Cruikshank
Most improved - Rachael Stephenson

Briars 5 team

Susan Bell, Elizabeth Shepherd, Jermaine Chau, Rachael Stephenson, Courtney Cruikshank (capt), Lisa Toohey, Yolanda deWinter, Nadia Friend, Nicola Eakin, Helen Benson, Kate Edwards, Natalie Espinosa, Emily Powell.

A special thank you to Jo Sikkens, Jessica Robinson, Nicola Firth, Rachel Friend, Holly Griffith, Melanie Schutz, Rowena Stewart, Lee Best and Lyndal Spence for assisting in playing for Briars 5 throughout the season.

Congratulations to all the Briars 5 players on their performances and achievements for the 2003 season. Hope to see them all return for next season representing Briars Hockey.

Thank you to Cindy Parker, Jan Sullivan, AJ, John Price and the Womens Committee members for their assistance and support of the team throughout the year.

Cath Harland (Coach)

METRO 5 (6TH GRADE)

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
22	7	3	12	24	8

The ML5 team has had somewhat of a mixed bag of a season. A great mix of youth and experience, the team worked together incredibly well and produced some champagne hockey when at their best. After a very promising start that saw us maintaining a position in the top 4 for the first six or seven rounds, we seemed to hit a few 'bumps' mid season that saw us finish out of the top 5. Thank you to all of the ladies who have filled in for us at various stages throughout the year ie. Caryn, Lee, Rowena, Susan, Natalie and Carol. A very big thank you also to Ratty who conducted training for the two teams more often than not-much appreciated!

Player Profiles

Yolanda De Winter: Substitute goalkeeper extraordinaire! Her sensational work saved us from many a loss.

Natasha Connellan: Rookie goalie extraordinaire. Natasha joined us late in the season and improved with each game. A fantastic effort!

Jessica Robinson: Jess' formidable wind up and hit carved up the opposition on many occasions. A cool headed player, Jess was sound in defence and a keen, regular participant at trainings.

Marg Sanders: With fantastic ball skills and an uncanny knack of reading the game, Marg was sorely missed during the season when sidelined with an injury.

Fiona Paine: A sound utility player, Fiona put in a good consistent effort throughout the year to establish herself as a stalwart in defence.

Kylie Beckhouse: Kylie had a fantastic year at centre half. A level headed player who reads the game beautifully, Kylie often made the opposition look silly with her skilful plays and distributions.

Nicola Firth: A 'rock' of a half, Nicola's defensive skills were play breakers. An enthusiastic player whose confidence improved as the season progressed, Nicola was a valued member of the team.

Melanie Cochrane: A mid season inclusion, Mel established herself as a star wing half with great skills and a consistent work rate. A 'terrier' in back tackling.

Sarah Petrie: Another mid season inclusion, Sarah's tiny stature belied her skills and attacking capabilities as a striker. A very promising young player.

Courtney Cruikshank: Courtney's ability to run the ball at inside forward was matched in talent only by her 'harassment' skills and consistent work rate. A keen participant at trainings.

Helen Benson: Another keen training participant, Helen is a determined player who always put in 120% effort. Invaluable at inside forward, Helen was a persistent back tackler and a vital link in the forward line.

Jo Sikkens: Goal scoring machine! Jo had a fantastic season at centre striker, and as part of a formidable combination on attacking corners was able to put away 18 goals for the season. Sensational effort!

Beth Edwards: This globe trotting striker had a fabulous year on the wing, and also proved herself to be a talent at half! A big thank you also to Beth for doing the match reports each week.

Renee Connellan: An absolute dream to watch, Renee's ability to run the ball constantly left the opposition in her wake. A play maker who combined brilliantly with the other forwards, Renee was a vital member in attack.

Bridgina Mackay: A consistent utility player, Bridgina did a great job to keep up in the many positions she was placed! Bridg continued to improve as the season went on, having blinders in the last couple of round games.

Lyn Stevenson: Another globe trotter in the team, Lyn's ability to slot into any position was missed when she went on holidays. A persistent and enthusiastic member of the team.

A big thank you to the girls for the fabulous season- an all round sensational effort from a great bunch of girls!

Mel Hope.

ED5 (7TH GRADE)

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	3	4	11	13	6th

Ed's fives year was a ripper with a couple of new faces add the team spirit was there from day one.

Caryn Maxwell, Centre forward - Caryn always gives a hundred percent every time she walks on the pitch leading from the front. Always there to do that one more extra thing for the team.

Leanne Best: Lee's intensity all through the year made everyone work that little bit harder, and it all paid off every time she scored - well done Lee!

Rowena Stewart: Rowena has been known to be too nice at times but this year she showed that she could adapt to any position and if push came to shove she had what it took and really stood up this year.

Carol Cassells: Well at times Carol has tested my temper but she's proved there's no substitute for experience and no matter where she played in goals or on the field she knows how to play this game - so Carol good luck for the future.

Kim Raven: What a year, now I know most of her bruises came from me but WOW save after save game after game she always kept everyone breathless pulling off saves when it mattered the most. Well done Kim - Ed's brick wall, always improving - hope to see you next session.

Nicola Firth: If there was a rock then she's the hard place. Playing in centre half she is one strong defender always pushing the one step extra every game. She has a real driving force never giving up no matter what. You've had a great session, give yourself a big pat on the back.

Julia And Ella Gould: The sisters that give a lot for this team both playing at different ends but yet both work just as hard. From Ella bashing from the back keeping tight defence to Julia finishing off and scoring goals, they both complement each others abilities - thank you guys.

Donna And Vanessa Palamara: Donna plays great defence holding our backline strong while always looking out for Vanessa, and Vanessa I've watched you turn from a quiet little girl into a good hockey player, don't give up ok, you've done well

Melanie Schutz: Mel is a girl who can really play and puts it into practice every game. Playing in our back line she can control the "D" well making sure everyone's doing the job, so here's to next year hay Mel great work.

Neice Waddington, Neice improved every game and finally after a new stick her skills bounced through the roof, playing in half she really gave her all. Well done Neice.

NOW TO OUR YOUNG ONES

Holly Griffith, Amanda Scarfo, Rachel Friend And Lyndel Spence, At the start I was a bit worried about size but was quickly proven wrong. Holly found her spot on the wing. Her speed complemented her ability. Keep working holly and don't let people stand over you. Same goes for you Amanda. In inner, Amanda plays her best, able to outskill players and make that crucial pass! Rachel, a very strong back, able to defend under any situation. Keep it up Rach. Now Lyndal, quietest of them all, but not only does she have skills on the field she is also a way tough goalie and I hope she keeps it up.

As a coach I couldn't have been happier. They were always at training, always learning, but most of all the whole team always showed a smile. Well done girls, and thanks!

Position	Points	Goals	Assists	Wins	Losses
Goal	11	4	2	18	18

BRIARS JUNIOR HOCKEY

At the time of writing this report winter season 2003 has drawn to a close and the summer competition is only a few weeks away. The winter season saw the addition of a second under 11's side, which is great news for the Juniors and the club as a whole. The under 13's, 15's and 17's had mixed success however it was wonderful to see the under 15's success as Premiers of the A2 division. Please refer to the team reports below for the full details of each team.

As mentioned at the outset we are now only a few weeks away from the start of the junior's summer competition and it is pleasing to see the number of players who are keen to maintain their fitness, further develop their skills and generally have some fun during this competition. It is also pleasing to see a lot of external interest in our summer competition with a number of the regional girl's schools entering teams in both the under 13's and under 17's age pools.

Although junior's hockey is about the players there would not be a Briars Juniors without the support and commitment of a variety of people. I would particularly like to recognise the contribution of the following people:

Minkeys – Alana Tagg and Blake Durance;
under 11A's – Grant Wakefield (coach) and Gary Fuller (manager);
under 11B's – Alessia Campagna (coach) and Patricia and Alan Doughty (managers);
under 13's – Mike Bates (coach) and Sarah Ryan (manager);
under 15's – David Ratcliffe (coach) and Janet Candido and Fiona Fernando (managers);
under 17's – Matt Lyons and Paul Sharpe (coaches);
the under 17's players who assisted with the coaching of the junior teams;
the Briars players who umpired the junior's games;
the Junior's Committee – Chris Robinson (secretary), Carol Cassells (registrar) and Allan Jones (treasurer); and finally the parents and friends of the players who supported the teams throughout the season.

In planning for next year we have filled most of the current administrative positions and, with a view to sharing the load, filled a few new ones including Fundraising, Equipment Officer, Umpires Coordinator and Ground Marshall. However we are still looking to fill the positions of Junior's Coordinator and Assistant Junior's Coordinator and if you have an interest in either of these positions please contact John Price or myself. I wish Briars hockey every success for the future.

George Jackson
Junior's Coordinator

UNDER 11A'S

The end of the season has reached us again. I believe that the children really enjoyed playing all the matches this season and having had two under 11 teams this year has made the club stronger for the next season.

We may not have won many matches but the times that we scored a goal you would have thought that we had won. Having been the manager of the under 11's for the last three seasons I have watched the children grow and strengthen in their game. I have enjoyed being a part of the junior club and wish all the players good luck for the coming season.

Garry Fuller
Manager.

UNDER 11B'S

The formation of a second under 11's team could be considered a milestone with the club, showing promise of good junior development in the area. We all make a fuss over the higher grades but it is the junior sides which show how great a club is at nurturing talent.

The side was conceived in a hurry (the team not the kids), forming from an overflow from the U/11 gold team as well as a number of real youngsters called up from midges.

The season starting with a win, with unbridled enthusiasm storming the field and taking a victory against Northern districts. Attempts to direct the enthusiasm of the players by introducing some form of positional play appeared to lead to a flat spot in the middle of the season, with parents advised to feed their kids red meat and lambs blood for breakfast to try and generate some killer instinct.

Allesia Campagna however is not only talented but understands and enjoys children, and with her guidance there were some truly memorable moments in the final games. One of the most satisfying victories was against a well drilled Ryde team.

The number one priority with kids as young as these is that they enjoy the game, and from this perspective the season was a great success. All games but one were played away, so the parents deserve congratulations for ensuring that we always had a full side on the field whichever point of the compass and whatever time the game was played.

Individual highlights are as follows:

Aaron Russell: Always made a contribution but will be remembered for taking the ball from the defending 25 yard line all the way to the circle and scoring. Not many players can claim a 70 metre goal in their CV.

Alex Tsoumas: A great athlete who shows much potential. Alex was the linchpin of the team and can be given the credit for much of the team's success with his skills and domination.

Dominique Montrone: One of the real youngsters of the team. Dominique showed real talent keeping her stick down and relieving opponents of possession.

Paul Jago: Paul enjoyed playing team sport and always had ideas as to how we could come out on top. Paul formed part of the teams mid field.

Patrick Facey: Patrick enjoyed playing full back and after watching some first grade games really aspired to play well and put in a great effort. Patrick showed himself to be an excellent defensive player.

Liam Cross: Liam showed excellent potential. It was his first year in hockey and really developed over the season, picking up some great skills.

Ethan Doughty: Another of the midgy call ups, Ethan really loved to run. Late in the season he was running onto long through balls and forcing penalties deep in the attack. A great first season.

Alex Robinson: Alex was goalkeeper and on a number of occasions either made the scoreline respectable, or kept the team in front. Alex contributed both in his performance and in his character giving support and encouragement to team mates.

Sean Doughty: A later model of a senior player (Brian) with improved hamstrings. Sean had a number of seasons in soccer prior to hockey, and this showed in his ability to channel opponents with the ball before following through with the tackle.

Stephen Topfer: Stephen was a stand out performer in the team showing some excellent skills. Stephen was always making a big effort and was an important part of the Briars attack.

Alex Berlage: Alex was in his first season of hockey and fitted in well as the team's centre forward. Alex always looked dangerous and ready to pick up the through ball. Great positional play.

Jonathon Sikkens: Jonathon played full back and was a stand out for his performance. A strong hit is rare in this age group, and this helped Jonathon to be a major defensive asset.

Marcus Sturme: Marcus started later in the season and showed some great skills. Marcus showed himself to be a solid tackler and contributed to the teams success late in the season.

UNDER 13A'S

The Under 13's enjoyed a reasonably successful season finishing third in the A2 division. While they struggled against the likes of Ryde, Baulkham Hills, Gordon and Northern Districts, they were able to mix it up with Parramatta, Sydney University, SCEGGS and Manly. The two games played against Manly at Cintra produced super flowing hockey from one end of the field to the other and were enjoyed thoroughly by all spectators. With many players coming up from the U/11's and four first time hockey players, it took quite a few games before the team was working as a single unit. However, the improvement in play from the beginning of the season to the semi-finals was incredible and the players should be very proud of their performance. Jamie Gallagher, Scott Borchert and Chris Schmidt proved to be powerhouses at the back continually frustrating opposition attacks. Nick Candido, Ben Tudman and Sally Richardson were full of running in the midfield, while James and Patrick Ryan were great in front of goal, with good support coming from Emily Jacobs and Atahlia Baldock.

Overall a good year was enjoyed by the team, with the promise of more to come next year.

Jamie Gallagher: the season's outstanding back. Jamie's great defensive skills really helped the team keep the opposition at bay!

Sally Richardson and Emily Jacob: Real hockey fanatics - Sally and Emily had a great year and really thrived when moved up front into the forward line.

Ben Tudman, Elison Bate and Peter Ayre: newcomers to hockey from soccer, Ben, Elison and Peter caught on very quickly and had a terrific 'always try hard' attitude.

Scott Borchert, Patrick Ryan, James Ryan and Nick Candido: you could always find these four working tirelessly in the thick of the action on field - some of the teams best

Athaliah Baldock, Hannah Paine, Rebecca Woods and William Cook: moving up from U11's the stick skills and positional play of these four players has really taken off this year. Athaliah really shone on the wing!

Gilbert Fuller: the teams last line of defence - a consistently good effort in goal from the youngest team member.

Chris Schmitt: A first time player, Chris worked really hard to understand the game and learn skills - a standout 'most improved'.

UNDER 15A'S

This was a very successful season for the under 15's under the guidance of David Ratcliffe (Ratty) as the coach.

After the first round of 8 games the team just missed out on the top 4 teams (A1 pool) for the second round and played in the A2 pool. They had great success in the second round winning all their games and then winning the major semi final to go straight through to the grand final, and what a grand final it was.

The team was dominant in the first half leading 3-0 at the break. They lost their momentum for a short while after half time however they got back on track ending the season with a great 4-1 win. This was the culmination of a great year for this team.

Congratulations to all the players for their enthusiasm and commitment. There were some new hockey players in the team and also quite a few who had come up from the under 13's the previous season. Congratulations must also go to Ratty who had the full support and respect of all the players and coached the team so well.

The players who played in the under 15's this season were:

Garth Andrews, Oliver Boudib, Lauren Candido, Arjun Chandran, Brendan Churton, Daniel Delimihalis, Carly Fernando, Charlotte Foote-Davidson, Martin Forrest, Matthew Hetherington, Mark Holman, Adam Imer, Matthew Small, Ashleigh Stojcevski, Grace Ward-Cullen.

SQUASH

SPRING 2003

A 3	Played	Won	Lost	%
Bruce Graham	9	7	2	78
Chris Doucas	4	1	3	25
Christian Hennock	7	6	1	86
Tony Trimble	11	11	0	100
Rodney Doig	7	4	3	57
Victor Holubinskyj	10	9	1	90

Our only pennant winners (1st 308 points).

This team obviously performed well especially Tony in his first comp, Victor, Bruce and Christian.

B 1	Played	Won	Lost	%
Peter Barry				
Rob Powell				
Paul Burgess				
Ellis Patterson				
Alan Cameron				

For some reason there was no computer result sheet on this team. Finished 5th on 184 points.

B 3	Played	Won	Lost	%
William Pace	12	11	1	92
Mick Di Monte	6	3	3	50
Greg McManus	12	5	7	42
Mick Alphabet	11	4	7	36
POD	10	7	3	70

Again William was the stand out and a good first back comp form POD.

B 4	Played	Won	Lost	%
Chris Leung	11	8	3	73
Roger Shewell	10	5	5	50
Darren Peisley	9	3	6	33
Greg Kelly	10	4	6	40
Ron Marshall	10	2	8	20

Our longest serving team performed well again, especially Chris and Roger. Finished 5th.

B 4	Played	Won	Lost	%
Brownie	14	10	4	71
Guy Amadee	14	10	4	71
Roland Bates	7	3	4	43
Grant Heggarty	6	4	2	67
Stuart Santor	2	0	2	0
Rob Boland	11	4	7	36

Had the great pleasure of beating home the other Briars team, 4th on 221 points. Good comps form Guy and Brownie.

C 3	Played	Won	Lost	%
Garry Phillips	6	4	2	67
Andrew Fowlds	12	7	5	58
Steve Jones	11	4	7	36
Jeff Dahlsen	10	4	6	40
Frank Wassef	9	6	3	67
Luke Phillips	4	2	2	50

Who said 6 man teams don't work. Came home 4th and charged into the grand final only to loose at the last hurdle.

D 2	Played	Won	Lost	%
Thomas Stanley	13	5	8	38
John Siounis	13	4	9	31
Mark Ellenor	8	1	7	13
Ross Mitchell	9	4	5	44
Simon Siounis	9	6	3	67

John does well to keep these guys going. Has enlisted some younger fire power and will be a force soon.

AUTUMN 2003

A 1	Played	Won	Lost	%
Christian Hennock	10	6	4	60
Bruce Graham	7	3	4	43
Tony Trimble	9	5	4	56
Rodney Doig	5	4	1	80
Victor Holubinskyj	8	2	6	25
Kurt Mellor	3	0	3	0

The rise to A1 was this team needed with all the guys performing well. Came home 3rd and were knocked out in the final.

A 4	Played	Won	Lost	%
Rob Powell	12	10	2	83
William Pace	9	5	4	56
George Deubler	13	9	4	69
Ed Alcaino	9	2	7	22
Mick Di Monte	1	0	1	0

A change in the team worked well when they could all make it. Excellent comp by George and especially Rob. Needed a few helpers in the form of Peter Barry to make up the numbers.

B 1	Played	Won	Lost	%
Peter Barry	10	6	4	60
Paul Burgess	11	7	4	64
Ellis Patterson	10	2	8	20
Alan Cameron	11	4	7	36
Barry Hannelly	3	2	1	67

Only missed the semis by 10 points. Solid but not outstanding. Missed Barry at crucial times, we wish him well on his recovery.

B 2	Played	Won	Lost	%
Brownie	11	1	10	9
Guy Amadee	12	3	9	25
Greg McManus	11	5	6	45
Mick Alphabet	9	1	8	11
Rob Boland	1	0	1	8
Stuart Santor	3	0	3	0

Disastrous. What can be said, the best performer was Greg and he only won 45% of his matches.

B 3	Played	Won	Lost	%
Chris Leung	7	3	4	43
Roger Shewell	7	3	4	43
Darren Peisley	7	1	6	14
Greg Kelly	7	2	5	29
Ron Marshall	7	1	6	14
Thomas Stanley	5	1	4	20

Across the board only fair, the Thomas experiment didn't work as they didn't get enough court time. 6 th 148 points.

C 2	Played	Won	Lost	%
Garry Phillips	9	0	9	0
Andrew Fowlds	12	7	5	58
Steve Jones	9	8	1	89
Jeff Dahlsen	7	4	3	57
Luke Phillips	7	2	5	29

Outstanding comp by Steve, one of the hardest working squashies (at his game) and it really paid off. Andrew and Jeff also went well. Garry, what happened?

4th on 224 points.

D 2	Played	Won	Lost	%
Simon Siounis	6	2	4	33
John Siounis	11	0	11	0
Ross Mitchell	13	2	11	15
John Leone	15	1	14	7
Robert Elliott	10	1	9	10

8th 72 points. It all happened when the chairman selected Friday night. It won't happen again.

ADMINISTRATION AND TROPHIES

The Board of Directors met on twelve occasions and the Management Committee met on four occasions during the period 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2003.

Attendance was as follows:

Board

P Mattick	0 (resigned 6.12.02)
P Richardson	12
J Threlfo	12
M Webber	12
R Tregeagle	10
S Schomberg	11
A Clarke	11
G McManus	7 (appointed 6.12.02)

Management

M Weber	4
I Blair	4
G Dunn	2
G McManus	3
M Oxley	0 (resigned 5.5.2003)
G Price	3
M Lyons	1
S Moss	2
M Waddington	3
J Harris	1
S Turnbull	2
C Lamond	3

J H STONE TROPHY

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

The trophy was awarded to David Ratcliffe. David plays Hockey with the Club and is heavily involved with junior and women's hockey programmes. David coached the winning Under 15's team this year and coached the Eastern District 5 in the women's competition. Well done David.

THE TED STOCKDALE TROPHY

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

The trophy this year has been awarded to Anthony Clarke. Anthony joined the Club in 1988 to play cricket and rugby. Anthony has played in four premierships sides captaining one. He also was on the bar committee in 1989 and became House Chairman from 1991 until 2001. Anthony has been on Management for ten years and a Director of the Club since 2002. Other awards include the J H Stone and Cricket Memorial Trophy. Well done Anthony.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

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

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

Anthony Raymond is the winner this year. Anthony was a vital member of the 1st Grade team and was very involved in social events and fundraising during the season. Anthony also helped at training organising the bowlers.

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

The winner this year is David Ratcliffe. As goalkeeper, David was instrumental in the success of the Mens 4th Grade team this year and the subsequent Second Division Club Championship. His 4th grade team finished as clear leaders on the points table and were unlucky not to play in a grand final. David's fine goalkeeping efforts week in week out were a key reason for their success. In addition to his commitment and dedication on the field, David is also heavily involved in both the junior and women's programmes. He coaches the Under 15's team which won the Premiership this year. In Womens' hockey, David coaches the Eastern District 5's team and is well liked for his coaching style and commitment to the team.

GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

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

The recipient of the award this year is John Slender. John found out about Briars through word of mouth. He looked up the website for our details and came to training early in the season with a couple of mates. He hasn't left yet. John has a great passion for his Rugby and a great passion for Briars. He was always available to assist the committee members when required and assisted in the organisation of Social functions at the Club. John was unanimously awarded the Rugby Clubman of the Year award at this year's Presentation Night, an award that is rarely won by a player in his first year with the Club. John is already heavily involved in the committee preparing for the 2004 season and is a very worthy winner of the award for this year.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

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

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

The recipient of this year's award is Daniel Wilkinson. Daniel is a valuable member in the Rugby First Grade squad and is an important member of the Rugby Committee in the position of Social Manager. He assisted in organising most of the Rugby functions throughout the year and managed the successful Briars Annual Dinner. Somehow Daniel found the time to arrange for a group of the younger players to travel to the Gold Coast on an End of Season Trip. Daniel was a regular at training throughout the whole season and often travelled to and from Revesby via public transport. His leadership makes him a very worthy winner of this year's award.

R D VANDERFIELD TROPHY

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

The winner this year is Ben Jackson. Ben played in the Under 17 team and 5th grade for the 2003 season. Ben also assisted in coaching the juniors and umpiring junior games and is a worthy winner of this prestigious award.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

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

Points are awarded as follows:

Value as a team member	-	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	-	20 points
Keeness 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 for 2003 is Chris Leung. Chris has been an active member of squash for the past six years, having involvement as treasurer and helping in the organising of social functions, namely the annual Rocks pub crawl. Of more significance is his willingness to help out at short notice much to his inconvenience. If you have ever been the captain of any team, the last minute phone around for replacements is a tough job. Chris is the first man we ring in this crisis, it's not unusual for him to play twice on the same night. I might also add his winning percentage when playing higher grades is also above 50%. Congratulations Chris.

ROBERT BRUCE CLARK- OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The Outward Bound Scholarship is funded by a donation from the estate of a former Club Patron and founding member of The Briars Sporting Club, the late Bob Clark. The Scholarship is awarded to a younger member who, in the opinion of the Briars Club Executive, displays outstanding potential to contribute to the welfare of the Briars Club and it is considered that attendance at an Outward Bound course would assist in the character development of the selected member.

This year's recipient is David Ratcliffe. David has shown fine leadership skills and is a worthy winner of this award.

ACCOUNTS

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED ABN 91 000 088 479

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 september 2003.

Directors

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

Anthony J Clarke
Gregory J McManus (Appointed 6/12/2002)
Paul Mattick (Resigned 6/12/2002)
Peter D Richardson
Steven Schomberg
John Threlfo
Richard J Tregeagle
Malcolm J Weber

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. Our marketing and development program has continued to conduct 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 licensed club under the provisions of the Registered Club's Act 1976 as amended.

Operating Results

The reported profit for the year amounted to \$8,692 (Fiscal 2002 - \$14,976 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 local community. The Club recognises the considerable contribution that Burwood RSL and Rosecorp Pty Ltd (Breakfast Point development) have made to assist in the conduct of these programs.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

In the opinion of the directors there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the financial year under review not otherwise disclosed in this report or the financial statements.

After Balance Date Events

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction, or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

Discussions are still continuing with Greenlees Bowling Club Limited regarding the possible merger of the two clubs. It is expected that this process should be finalised during the course of the next financial year.

Future Developments

The Company will continue to develop broadened strategic approaches to building the junior ranks of our sports while also ensuring the financial viability of all of the Club's activities.

Environmental Regulation

The Company's operations are not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State legislation.

Directors' Emoluments

Dated this 17th day of November 2003

entitled to receive any benefit either by way of remuneration or as a result of a contract made by the Company with the director or with a firm of which the director is a member, or with an entity in which the director has a substantial interest.

Information on Directors

Anthony J Clarke	Director since 22/2/2002
Gregory J McManus	Director since 6/12/2002
Peter D Richardson	Director since 11/12/1989, Finance Director
Steven Schomberg	Director since 26/2/1999
John Threlfo	Director since 23/2/1996, Licensee
Richard J Tregeagle	Director since 26/2/2001, Legal Director
Malcolm J Weber	Director since 26/2/2001, President & Chairman

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, 12 meetings of directors were held. Attendances were:

Directors' Meetings		
	Number Eligible to Attend	Number Attended
Anthony J Clarke	12	11
Gregory J McManus (Appointed 6/12/2002)	9	7
Paul Mattick (Resigned 6/12/2002)	2	
Peter D Richardson	12	12
Steven Schomberg	12	11
John Threlfo	12	12
Richard J Tregeagle	12	10
Malcolm J Weber	12	12

Indemnifying Officers

During or since the end of the financial year the Company has given an indemnity or entered an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows:

The Company has paid premiums to insure each director against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the Company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company. The amount of the premium was \$3,836.

Proceedings on Behalf of Company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

M Weber
Director

P. Richardson
Director

Dated this 17th day of November 2003

CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussion and Analysis of Financial Statements

The financial statements and disclosures in the concise financial report have been derived from the 2003 Financial Report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited. A copy of the full financial report and auditor's report will be sent to any member, free of charge, upon request.

The following discussion and analysis is provided to assist members in understanding the financial results of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the financial year ending September 30, 2003.

Statement of Financial Position

As a result of the Cintra Hockey Turf Loan being repaid to the Briars Foundation in Fiscal 2002 the company has been able to increase it's investments by \$58,071.

The Briars Sporting Club is now able to set aside funds for the development of our major sports and facilities. To this extent provisions amounting to \$33,500 have been provided for within the Statement of Financial Position.

Statement of Financial Performance

After providing for provisions of \$33,500 the company has achieved a \$23,668 increase in profit. On the revenue side an increase of \$18,000 in funding from Burwood RSL and Rosecorp P/L (Breakfast Point Development) has greatly assisted the Club in the marketing and development program. Further sports sponsorship of \$13,000 has also assisted sports in meeting their ever increasing running costs.

Hockey has now fully repaid the Club for the \$100,000 Cintra Turf funding. This resulted in a \$16,000 saving in ground hire for the year.

A reduction of \$2,800 in building maintenance and a \$2,900 reduction in the cost of producing Focus magazine, has been partially offset by increases in insurance and legal costs associated with the proposed Greenlees Park Bowling Club merger.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2003

	2003	2002
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash assets	72,641	85,561
Receivables	17,229	3,658
Inventories	3,722	1,616
Other financial assets	247,440	189,367
Other assets	16,759	31,063
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	357,791	311,265
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	163,792	182,622
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	163,792	182,622
TOTAL ASSETS	521,583	493,887
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	81,159	105,078
Tax Liabilities	3,741	- 1,195
Provisions	33,500	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	118,400	103,883
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	56,319	51,832
TOTAL LIABILITIES	174,719	155,715
NET ASSETS	346,864	338,172
EQUITY		
Retained profits	346,864	338,172
TOTAL EQUITY	346,864	338,172

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2003

	2003	2002
Revenue from ordinary activities	377,182	311,912
Bar trading costs	(34,643)	(32,972)
Marketing & development expenses	(42,884)	(27,781)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(19,668)	(18,688)
Ground and court hire	(65,623)	(83,534)
Insurance costs	(20,241)	(15,525)
Sporting expenses	(98,420)	(89,705)
Occupancy costs including maintenance	(21,325)	(29,812)
Administration & corporate expenses	(32,186)	(28,871)
Amounts set aside to provisions	(33,500)	-
Operating (loss) / profit before income tax	8,692	(14,976)
Income tax attributable to operating profit	-	-
OPERATING (LOSS) / PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX	8,692	(14,976)
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	338,172	353,148
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	346,864	338,172

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Rentals from commercial premises	76,737	66,418
Receipts from members fees	7,390	7,257
Interest received	8,227	7,583
Bar sales	50,372	44,530
Sporting fees	88,380	74,573
Other revenue	146,076	111,551
Payments to suppliers	(331,191)	(287,755)
Net cash provided by operating activities	45,991	24,157

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Payments for investments	(58,071)	(503)
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(839)	(7,390)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(58,910)	(7,893)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Repayment of borrowings	-	(45,000)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	-	(45,000)

Net increase in cash held	(12,919)	(28,736)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	85,560	114,297
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	72,641	85,561

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

ABN 91 000 088 479

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 2003

BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT

The concise financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports and the Corporation Law.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the concise financial report is derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited. The concise financial report cannot be expected to provide as detailed an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of The Briars Sporting Club limited as the full report.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the company and are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

Further financial information can be obtained from the full financial report which is available from the company, free of charge, on request.

FINANCIAL REPORTING BY SEGMENTS

The company operates predominantly in the licensed club industry and amateur sport. All activities and operations are conducted in New South Wales.

	2003 \$	2002 \$
REVENUE		
Operating activities -		
Members Subscriptions	7,390	7,257
Sporting fees	88,380	74,573
Rentals from shops	76,737	66,418
Bar sales	50,372	44,530
Sponsorship and grants	66,218	29,485
Cintra Hockey Turf rentals	53,123	51,140
Social income (net)	26,565	30,397
Interest received	8,227	7,583
Sundry revenue	170	529
Total Revenue	377,182	311,912

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the Briars Sporting Club Limited declare that the concise financial report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the financial year ended 30 September 2003:

- (a) Complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports;
and
- (b) Has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of
The Briars Sporting Club Limited.

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

M. Weber

P.D. Richardson

Dated at Burwood this 17th day of November, 2003

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Scope

I have audited the concise financial report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the year ended 30 September, 2003 consisting of the statement of the discussion and analysis of the Financial Statements, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to and Forming part of the Concise Financial Report and the Directors' Declaration. The Company's directors are responsible for the concise financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the concise 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 concise financial report is free of material misstatement. I have also performed an independent audit of the full financial report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the year ended 30 September 2003.

My procedures in respect of the audit of the concise financial report included testing that the information in the concise financial report is consistent with the full financial report, and examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the full financial report.

The procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports.

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.

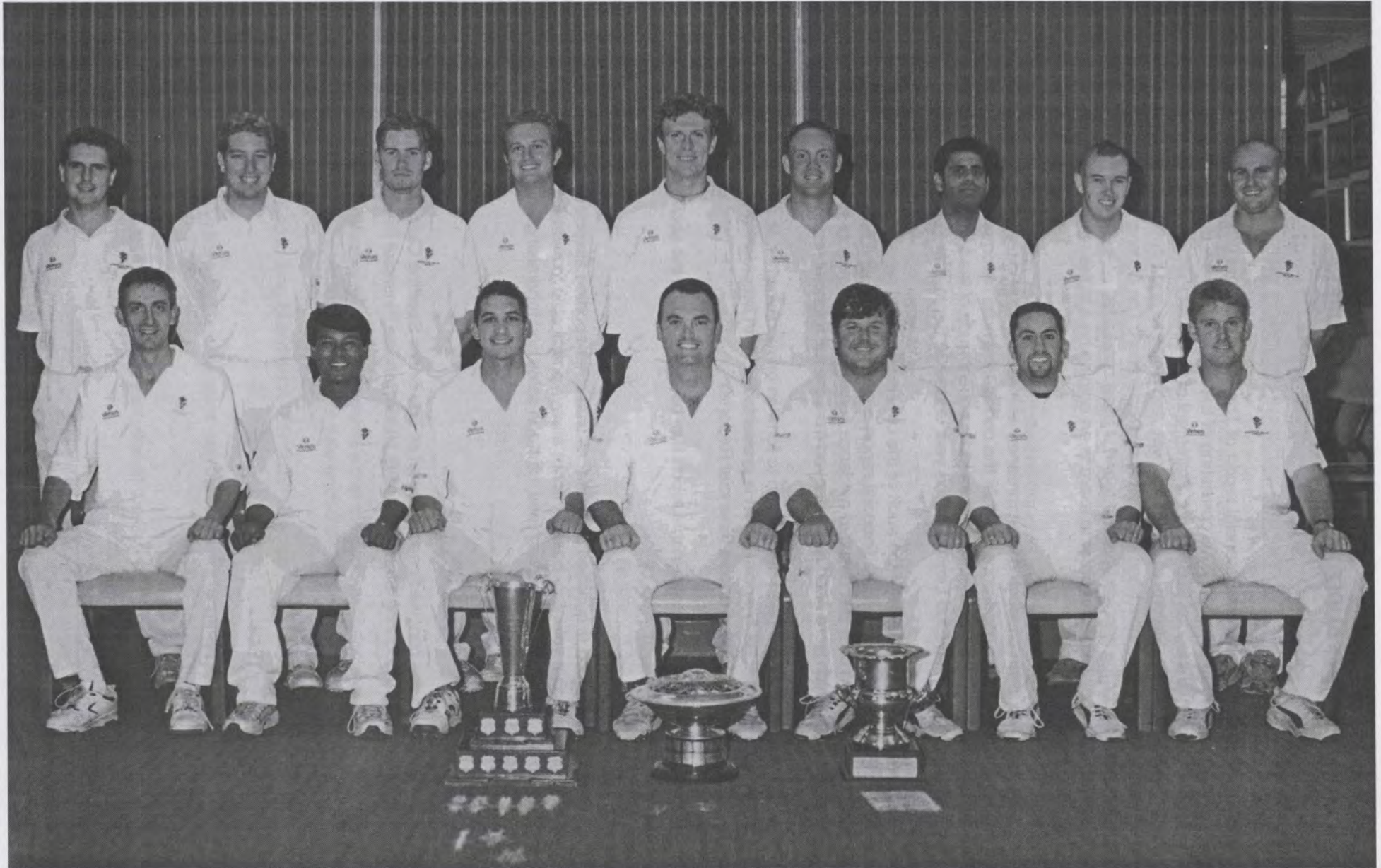
Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the concise financial report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports.

C.G. Jones
Registered Company Auditor

2002-03 MUNICIPAL & SHIRES SECOND GRADE

Premiers, Minor Premiers & Club Champions



Back Row; SCOTT CASTLE, ADAM HUDSON, ASH SQUIRE, CHRIS GILLARD, BRAD SCULLEY, CORIE DICKESON, BABAR KHAN, ALAN LOGAN, ADAM O'KEEFFE
Seated; PHIL TREGEAGLE, SANJIV KHALKO, STEPHEN HUDSON, BRETT HOWLE (CAPTAIN), JASON HARRIS, SARKIS ACHMAR, GERARD PRICE