



BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD



8th Annual Report and Balance Sheet 2012 – 2013

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Cnr Ian Parade & Wellbank Street, Concord 2137
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ABN 710 010 295 45**

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD



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K Free OAM

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P Doherty
G Price

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I Blair

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I Blair	T Cribb	B Howle	C Hickey
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G Taylor

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I Blair

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G Price	Cricket
E Ratcliffe	Hockey
B Edwards	Rugby
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H Burton	Women's Bowls
T Schwartz	Netball
A Burt	Junior Netball
D Farren-Price	Junior Cricket

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

Founded 1918



PATRONS

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

PAST PRESIDENTS

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

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

1947	H W Whiddon
	E J Siddeley
	R W May
1958	R B Clark BEM
	H G Whiddon
1968	E G Stockdale
1985	H C Ford
1993	P C Murray CBE
1994	R S Jones AOM
1995	D V Prowse
1995	I R Vanderfield AO OBE
1996	P D Richardson
2002	J Balmforth BEM
2004	C K E Dennis

LIFE MEMBERS

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

VICE-PRESIDENTS

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

GREENLEES PARK BOWLING CLUB

Opened 1950



PATRONS

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

CHAIRMEN

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

PRESIDENTS

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

LIFE MEMBERS

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

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Club performance this year was very pleasing with the introduction of another sport, Junior Netball. This is very encouraging as in 2014, all sports will have juniors with the exception of Bowls. Junior Rugby has been accepted by the Sydney Junior Rugby Union for 2014.

The financial side of the Club performed well and highlights will be made in the Treasurer's Report.

Senior sports had a mixed season with the highlight of the year being Cricket. Briars Cricket achieved a first in Shire Cricket by having the first four grades in the grand final winning three and losing fourth grade by a mere two wickets. No other club has had four teams in a grand final before. Gerard Price who has not been in good health during the season, has done a remarkable job as Cricket Chairman over 25 years and due to his leadership, has come up with a fantastic result. The bar has been set at a very high level.

Junior Cricket had more teams this year and the first group of the 16 year olds are now filtering in to the senior sides. The committee and parents have done an excellent job and are to be congratulated on an extremely smooth transition since joining Briars.

Hockey again has been well run with an increase in juniors and winning three premierships, two senior and one junior. Emma Ratcliffe and her committee ran a very successful Australian Masters Hockey Championship at Cintra. Cintra Park has had a facelift, thanks to Canada Bay Council.

Rugby, although not a good season, was well managed by Ben Edwards. The best news for Rugby has come from the governing body NSW Suburban Rugby when, from 2015, Rugby will be fully amateur. Payment to players will be prohibited and penalties will be applied for any breach. This has been a long time coming and I believe Briars Rugby will benefit in the future.

Squash had two teams this year but with squash courts being sold for unit development, it is difficult to attract players close to our Club. Michael Jaroszewicz is looking to increase the one junior side for next season.

Senior Netball is of some concern and, although one team made the semis, they should strive for stronger administration to be a force in the coming years.

Junior Netball in its inaugural season and with encouragement from the parents, will go from strength to strength. Thanks to Anne Burt and her committee.

Mens and Womens Bowls need an injection of new members both senior and junior. The Club could only field two pennant sides in the Mens competition this year. The Club has excellent greens which should attract more players and hopefully both Bowls committees can achieve this.

Two R B Clark Scholarships were awarded this year, Austin Heesh - Cricket and Tori Scanlon - Hockey. Both are well deserved winners. Austin plays Junior Cricket and coaches the Milo cricketers and Tori not only plays and umpires for Briars but was selected in the Australian 16s schoolgirls team that toured Argentina this year.

Renovations of the Club commence in January 2014. The kitchen and toilets will be upgraded, the lounge extended on the southern side and, on the eastern side, a new and more functional Mens and Ladies Bowls locker room. Furniture in the lounge was replaced in 2013 and is now smarter and more comfortable for members and guests.

The Briars Foundation Ltd has again supported the sports during the year and thanks to Paul Price and his committee.

The Briars have lost a number of long time members during the year. Col Dennis and Bob Streeter are both acknowledged in the Report. John Fripp and Dr Dave Lindsay both had 50 years membership and Cec Stevens over 40 years membership.

The Board has been cognizant in keeping up with technology and reducing costs. During the year the Club changed all TVs to HD and a new E Bet system was installed in the gaming room. The Directors have been issued with Ipads to enable more efficient exchange of Club matters and a rough estimate indicates a saving of over 6000 sheets per year of A4 paper.

Since the last Annual General Meeting, Richard Tregeagle has stood down from the Board. Richard was the Board's legal advisor and Board Member for over ten years which includes the Briars Sporting Club and Briars at Greenlees. Richard's contribution to both Clubs has been appreciated by all and I wish to thank him for his fine contribution to the Club.

Tony Cribb has decided that at this Annual General Meeting to also stand down. Tony has been a Board Member of Greenlees Park Bowling Club and Briars at Greenlees for over 15 years. Tony has also been

President and Secretary of the Bowls Club and his contribution during the amalgamation of the two Clubs was appreciated by all.

Although it may seem a long way off but The Briars Sporting Club will be celebrating its Centenary in 2018. A committee has been formed to organise this event during the Centenary Year. Details will be on the website during 2014

I wish to thank Glen, Monique and the staff who have carried out their work in an efficient and professional manner to the point where the Club is appealing for Members and Guests.

I would also like to thank the Directors who gave their time generously in a very busy world.

Ian Blair - President

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year ended 2013 was another successful year. The profit was \$158,088 (2012 - \$215,520) and the loan for the extension was fully repaid. The excellent cash flow during the year was put towards paying off the loan.

Income from poker machines and bar was down compared to last year. Income from George Street and Cintra was up on last year. George Street was fully tenanted for the 12 months and Cintra was again extremely well run by Emma Ratcliffe and her hockey committee. These two income producing assets are critical to the Club's financial success.

The upgrading of the TAB and Keno area two years ago is now showing a positive result to the tune of \$19,317.

Capital items purchased during the year were furniture in the lounge area \$19,000, airconditioner in lounge and bistro \$23,000, beer pumps \$6,000 and side shed \$10,000.

Depreciation increased \$13,384 due to poker machine and furniture purchases during the year.

Expenses were controlled and the Board decided to expense abnormal items such as upgrade to the website \$23,000 and expense for the large screen TV to HD \$8,800. If the abnormal items were not expensed but capitalised, the profit would have been just below last year. Other abnormal items were legal expenses \$8,000 and a presentation by Lawlers on the future of the club industry \$7,000. Our electricity was put on a three year contract and the changing to LED lights and a new airconditioner, has reduced out electricity costs on the previous year.

Considering the state of the club industry, a club our size is going against the trend.

The cap on greens has also helped to contain costs and it would be advantageous to reduce this cost even further over the coming years.

The Board has decided to offer \$70,000 to the sports for the coming year. Again it would be nice to increase this amount but due to the renovations starting in January 2014, this amount has been kept as the same as 2013.

The sporting chairmen have worked hard in making surpluses for their sport. Rugby and Hockey were in deficit for the year. Rugby had one sponsor go into administration and another only wanted to pay half of the original sponsorship costing Rugby \$6,500.

The governing body of Hockey receives nearly \$56,000 per year and their fees are unknown until half way during the season making it difficult to set hockey fees. The two Australian Hockey teams are funded by all the grass roots hockey clubs in Australia, thus their fees are extremely high compared to other sports.

Junior Netball had startup costs and were also in deficit but this was to be expected.

With the installation of the new website, the collection of fees has been made easier and a system in place for the hiring of Cintra next winter will also be better controlled and time spent chasing ground hire fees will be dramatically reduced, much to the relief of the Manager and Hockey Chairman.

Jo Merrick is to be thanked as our Consulting Accountant and for providing up to date information to Glen and myself. Glen and his team have done an excellent job in providing monthly and yearly reports and accounts to the Board. This information is vital and allow decisions to be made confidently enabling the Club to grow and prosper.

The Club is trading well for the first three months of the financial year but with the renovations starting in January, it would be hoped that there is not too much inconvenience.

Ian Blair - Treasurer

THE BRIARS FOUNDATION LIMITED

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

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

The Statement of Financial Position for The Foundation to the year ended 30 June 2013, shows net assets of \$242,633 compared with \$236,204 for the 2012 year.

Six years ago negotiations were finalised with the Australian Sports Foundation which created an opportunity for donations to be tax deductible. This outcome has been responsible for the significant increase in membership and donations and a number of existing members have taken the opportunity to upgrade their membership status through additional donations. Members have continued to be very creative in the way they have pledged their support. Some have pledged a monthly amount, others an annual donation, a few one-off payments and some bequests. The lack of a major project has seen the amount of donations and pledges fall over the past few years however that is about to change. The Australian Sports Foundation holds \$64,903 on behalf of the Foundation for future Capital Projects.

Over the past 4-5 years the Foundation have donated over \$12,000 to Hockey for a new electronic scoreboard and security cover at their home ground at Cintra Park and even more significantly we donated over \$23,000 to the club for the extremely impressive memorabilia cabinet at the newly refurbished premises. Additionally we donated \$3,800 towards the scanning of all The Briars past reports/records which will allow every member to easily access their past and present administrative and sporting achievements online. More recently we donated \$2,255 to Rugby for goal post pads and we committed \$31,000 towards the new cricket nets which have been built next to the club and will be used by the clubs 9 senior and 30 junior teams.

The next year could be our most exciting yet as we continue to make progress on the potential upgrade of The Rothwell Park change rooms. Once this project gets into full swing The Foundation will undertake some major fundraising to assist in improving the facilities for Rugby and Cricket. For various reasons the project has crawled at snail pace this year but we have commenced soil testing and Briar, Richard Crookes has done a fantastic job on some preliminary designs and we are hopeful that some major progress will be made over the coming twelve months. The project has been given a major boost thanks to Federal member for Reid Craig Laundry. Mr Laundry has committed \$500,000 towards this project and we are most appreciative of this support and look forward to working together towards finally achieving our goal, an first class facility for both the Briars and the local community.

A big thank you again to our treasurer Bill Hooker who did a fabulous job on the administration and finance side this year - thanks Billy! Thanks also to the Directors for their support and constructive advice and we look forward to an exciting 2014.

Below is the current list of Members of the Foundation. We thank each and every one of you for your past and ongoing support. As you know we lost one of our former presidents and wonderful Briars member Col Dennis during the year and we will miss him dearly.

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

Paul Price - President

VALE

Col Dennis

The Briars has lost one of its remarkable sportsmen and administrators in Col Dennis who passed away in September 2013. Col joined the Briars in 1957 from school; Cleveland Street Boys High School, played rugby and cricket for the Briars and, up to six years ago, was still playing Masters Cricket.

Col played in all grades of rugby and cricket in his career as well as coaching rugby. He captained rugby and cricket teams and was promoted to captain of the infamous C&S cricket side. The great spin bowler and critic Chris Mitchell wrote on Col's appointment that "May God help him and give him strength, his time has arrived. Let us hope he won't go the way of all C&S captains. Unfortunately he does show signs that he possesses the same ingredients that seem to be common to all predecessors - he is a tyrant, a bully, temperamental, selfish and quite mad. Should be a great success".

His sporting successes included Premierships in Cricket B Shires 1965, Rugby Kentwell Cup 1965 and Whiddon Cup 1971. In 1961 Col was selected as fullback in the combined sub district side. A highlight of Col's cricket career was his one and only century for the Club in 1978 in the B Shires.

Col also toured with Briars Rugby on the Club's first overseas tour to New Zealand in 1960 and was on the organising committee for the 1965 tour to New Zealand.

Col won the J H Stone Trophy in 1964 awarded to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club's welfare under the age of 25, Gordon Bevan Shield 1967 (Rugby), Vice President 1983, President of The Briars Foundation 2001-2008 and a Life Member of the Briars Sporting Club 2004 richly deserved.

Col's many administrative roles include President of Briars 1976-1980 and a Board member 1976-1980 and 1982-1986. He also served on social and football sub-committees, was an Honorary Assistant Secretary, a Bar and Cleaning Steward and Cricket Chairman.

Col also with his good mate Bob Spedding, produced many promotional articles to attract sportsmen to join the Briars Sporting Club.

In his 'retirement', Col became involved in Wheelchair Sports NSW joining in 2007 as a volunteer. He later chaired the Organising Committee for the Oceania Wheelchair Rugby Championships in 2007 described as the best ever. Col joined the Board of Wheelchair Sports in 2008, retiring in 2012, the same year he was awarded their Club Person of the Year.

Bob Streeter

Bob joined the Briars Sporting Club from school in 1968 to play hockey and cricket and excelled in both sports.

Bob excelled at hockey playing first grade in his first year, doing so for the next 15 years. In 1974 Bob captained the A Grade Hockey Premiership team and, over the years, played in five grand finals winning three.

On the hockey administration side Bob was Hockey Chairman from 1977 to 1982 as well as Chairman of Selectors over many seasons. He won the Briars prestigious Hockey Trophy, the A J Robinson Shield, six times - the most by any hockey player.

In summer Bob played cricket for Briars in all grades throughout his career. He scored over 5,000 runs and two centuries - cannot remember Bob bowling! His cricket career included two premierships, one in A Shires 1980/1981 and the other in B Shires 1982/1983. Bob was also Chairman of Selectors for cricket helping out again in administrative roles.

In the Briars Club administration role, Bob was a Vice President, served on the Management Committee and was a bar steward at George Street.

CRICKET CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am not sure how to start this report but to sayUNBELIEVABLE!

The pre season began as any other with many of our players focused on a big season and a determination to win OUR Club Championship back. The committee was formed and a very enthusiastic group began planning the season, particularly the off field activities.

Our playing group was similar to previous years with a couple of new faces but the experience of previous seasons was to prove invaluable as we began well across the grades and took an early Club Championship lead. To this end we were never headed and eventually won the prestigious Club Championship by 402 points which is nearly 4 rounds worth of points and a record winning margin.

As a result of that incredible performance we were also to finish Minor Premiers in 1st, 3rd and 4th Grades , 3rd in 2nd Grade and semi finalists in our 5th grade.

From there things only got better as we were able to have the top 4 grades contest the Grand Final and then we were able to win 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade with 4th Grade losing by the narrowest margin losing their only game of the season! This achievement can only be a wild dream as no Club has ever come close to playing the Grand Final in all 4 Grades let alone win all 4, except the mighty Briars on 2 other occasions where we had 3 teams in Grand Finals. I think we are still pinching ourselves wondering how it all happened.

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

To be one of the leading clubs for such a long period of time can be difficult but we have regularly managed to have all 5 teams in the semi finals and invariably win a Premiership as well.

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

In summary:

1st Grade	Premiers and Minor Premiers
2nd Grade	Premiers
3rd Grade	Premiers and Minor Premiers
4th Grade	Minor Premiers and runners up
5th Grade	Semi finalists
Under 24's	7th
Club Championship - WINNERS	

The Under 24's promised so much pre season however with so many key guys unavailable during the season for a variety of reasons and a very tough draw they did not fulfil our expectations. The 5th grade team suffered each week with unavailables in the higher grades and fell just short of the Grand Final with a narrow semi final loss as well but there are plenty of young players who were given an opportunity who will benefit from their first turf and senior experiences.

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

The club is fortunate to be able to play on some of the best turf wickets in Shires being Rothwell Park, Ron Routley Oval, and St Lukes Oval. The groundsmen do a wonderful job each week with Adam and Jeff in charge at the respective grounds. Rothwell Park was once again voted in the top 3 grounds and was constantly praised by opposition teams who enjoyed playing on such a good ground and wicket. Well done and thanks guys.

Off the field there are many guys who assist in the cricket administration throughout the year and in no particular order I will mention them. Anthony Clarke, who although retired, served on the Shires Rep Committee and assisted in and other odd jobs, Cameron Beames and Gareth Robson for their invaluable help each week in organizing covers to ensure all grades played as well as the running of training particularly after Xmas, Paul Price for his regular 'advice' and feedback on all issues, Terry Murphy for his representation of the Club at the various SCA meetings in town, to Scott Brennan for his time and effort compiling/updating the

cricket stats on the website which we all take such an interest in each week during the season, Mark Smyck for his general assistance when needed and management of the Under 24's team, and finally to Lloyd Andrews for his organizing the weekly speeches after games at the club. They were very much enjoyed. To anyone I have failed to mention I apologise but your efforts are much appreciated.

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

Throughout the season there seems to be plenty of occasions when we are in need of a fill in player to assist us in 1 or more of the grades. To this end we are very fortunate that we have many former players who are prepared to help out from time to time and so I thank you all for this. There were plenty who helped throughout the season and will for seasons to come I am sure. Thanks guys.

Each season the club competes with Epping for a trophy called the Turnbull/Richardson Trophy and is awarded to the club who receives the most Club Championship points in that round. For the past 21 years we had won this trophy and I know how much it meant to Peter Richardson to be honoured on the trophy in this way. We were very fortunate as well during this round to have Peters son Tim play for us in our 1st grade. After some hard fought games the Briars for the first time in its history, were defeated.

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

This season again saw the cricketers support the McGrath Foundation by raising funds through the Pink Stumps Day. Cameron Beames organized this fundraiser which saw another \$500 raised for the charity. Well done to everyone for their support.

At the end of the season we held our Annual Presentation evening at the club and with over 100 past and present players including some partners and we had a very enjoyable evening. Amongst some of the ex players included David Walker and the son of the late Ted Watt, David and his wife. We are very thankful that these 2 Briars legends have allowed their names to be used for the 2 main awards on this evening. There were also plenty of former players who were in attendance including Greg Douglas, Steve Harvey, Bart Pozuelo, Rod Smith, Paul Cramsie, Herman Hitipeuw, Steve and Garry Schomberg, Bob Streeter, David Wright, Aldo Cantori and Peter Mansford. It was fantastic to catch up with them all and we hope to see them as regulars in future years.

The various award winners were:

David Walker Trophy	Services to Cricket - Jason Harris
Ted Watt Trophy	Best New Talent - Greg Metcalfe
1st Grade Players Player	Marc Seymour
2nd Grade Players Player	Cameron Beames
3rd Grade Players Player	Jack Rogers
4th Grade Players Player	Greg Metcalfe
5th Grade Players Player	Damian Price and Michael Taberner
Under 24's Players Player	Ben Van den Nieuwenhof
Masters Players Player	David Jebb
Classics Player	Brian Kirk

To all these award winners we congratulate you and thanks to Paul Price and Gareth Robson for their assistance with the evening. If there is anyone else I have forgotten to thank I apologise but I thank you as well.

Gerard Price - Cricket Chairman

CRICKET FIRST GRADE - PREMIERS

Well all I can say is what an unbelievable year to be a Burwood Briar!

To have all 4 grades compete in Grand Finals, to win the Club Championship by a record margin and to have three sides in First, Second and Third Grades win the comp, words are just not enough to describe that kind of season ... but I will give it a crack!

To all the team captains throughout the year in Tabbsy, Wazza, G Man and Beamsey, congratulations and thank you for such an awesome effort you all put in on and off the field. The clubs success can be attributed to these guys.

In what was a remarkable and record breaking season on the field for our club, it was also tinged with some sadness. Our great mate GP was struck down with a major illness which no doubt rocked many people as much as it did me. I know each player in the club was driven to succeed for "our mate". I wish you all the best in your health and recovery GP.

On behalf of the First Grade team, I would like to thank the club and the cricket committee for all the assistance they provided this year. In the absence of GP, each captain along with the cricket committee did an outstanding job and running the show behind the scenes, so hats off to all of you. To the ground staff at Rothwell Oval - without doubt the best ground all year- I congratulate you on your efforts.

Now, to my team. They say you have to lose one to win one. Well, we had lost two from two and I'm not really sure if there is a saying for that. But what I do know is thank god we won as I don't know what I would have done if we didn't win it this year!

The season started off with a bang when we beat Strathfield outright, I really think that set the tone for our year. The side went on to play 14 games (not including finals), winning ten on 1st innings, one outright, losing twice on first innings and once outright against Lane Cove. We finished Minor Premiers on 74 points, 12 clear of our nearest rivals.

We had some outstanding achievements throughout the year. Stevie Davis was the competition's leading wicket taker with 50 wickets, closely followed by his partner in crime Marc Seymour who took 49 wickets. Other notable bowlers to contribute were Ian Gibson and Daniel McLaughlin, who both came into the side just before and after Christmas respectively, with 20 wickets each.

On the batting front, Maxy Squire had his best season for the club totalling 480 runs for the year, Marc Seymour amassed 470, and Chris Hart and Jay Holley made valuable contributions at times with 360 and 335 runs.

To the other players who are not mentioned for their individual performances, each and every single one of you made a difference to this side winning the competition, we were a GREAT team. In total we had to use 23 players this year and each and every time each player stood up in one form or another. The most memorable example for me was the 20/20 game played against Epping at Rothwell just before the Christmas break. Both Orry Kirkham and Ben Critchley made their First Grade debuts that day and both starred with the ball and in the field. It was a pleasure to play with these great club people and see them enjoy the moment so much - it reminded me of why I play team sport - to enjoy each other's success!

The club this year welcomed a former 1st class player, Daniel McLaughlin. It was personally very satisfying to witness Daniel return to cricket and to win a comp, something that we had talked about achieving together for a while.

Also special mention must go to Gareth Robson and the guys in Third Grade - congratulations on winning a third straight premiership this year, a remarkable achievement in any sport.

Finally, I would like to thank all our sponsors for supporting our great club and I look forward to emulating what has been an unbelievable year in Briars cricket history - bring on 2013/14.

There is only one Burwood- Briars!

Player	M	In	NO	100	50	HS	Runs	Avg	O	M	R	W	5W	10W	BB	Avg
S Blaszczyk	8	7	1	0	1	63*	140	23.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T Dapice	11	14	4	0	1	87*	231	23.1	52	10	188	4	0	0	2/11	47.00
S Davis	17	8	7	0	0	22*	35	35	219.3	51	627	50	2	0	6/19	12.54
A Eichholzer	5	5	2	0	0	9	11	3.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I Gibson	12	7	3	0	0	42*	95	23.8	99.3	19	330	20	0	0	4/40	16.50
C Hart	15	19	2	0	1	63	361	21.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J Holley	16	15	3	0	0	49*	334	27.8	45.1	14	133	6	0	0	3/3	22.17
A Jalalaty	17	12	2	0	0	35	130	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

J McKay	13	15	4	0	0	32	159	14.5	12.1	2	62	2	0	0	1/22	31.00
D McLauchlan	8	7	1	0	1	56	164	27.3	120.2	38	270	20	0	0	3/17	13.50
B Sculley	8	5	0	0	0	17	45	9	70.2	13	264	15	1	0	5/77	17.60
M Seymour	15	18	4	0	4	81*	468	33.4	234	75	674	49	0	0	4/24	13.76
M Squire	17	21	2	0	2	64	477	25.1	1	0	10	0	0	0		NA

Also Batted: B Bastow 1-4, B Critchley 1-0, M Fotheringham 2-15, W Grimson 4-21, S Hudson 1-17, B Hurford 1-13, S Khalkho 4-22, O Kirkham 1-0, J Kovacic 2-0, A O'Keeffe 3-25, T Richardson 1-19, V Sharma 3-15.

Also Bowled: B Critchley 3-18, W Grimson 0-26, O Kirkham 3-11, J McKay 2-62, V Sharma 0-12, M Squire 0-10.

Jay Holley

CRICKET SECOND GRADE - PREMIERS

What an amazing season! To claim the Club Championship Trophy by a record margin and to have First to Fourth grade into the Grand Finals is an outstanding achievement by the entire club and something never achieved by any other club in Shires Cricket. To win first grade, second grade and third grade is just as impressive and something not only cricket, but the whole Briars Sporting Club should be very proud of.

Congratulations are extended to all Briars cricketers in being involved in such a successful season. In particular to each of the captains of the senior sides; Jason Holley, Gareth Robson and Warwick Giblin; the hardworking committee and of course to our Cricket President, Chairman of Selectors and boss of all things cricket Gerard Price. In a season that Gerard missed his first game in memory due to illness and his involvement was reduced off the field as well, with the support and collaboration of the committee, captains and many of the current and past players, the cricket season was able to continue with limited interruption through Gerard's absence. Nothing happens in this club without Gerard's involvement and although it was a shock to everyone, the mateship and teamwork that was displayed on the field to drive the success was driven by Gerard, and for once without his knowledge of it.

For second grade it was a season also driven by the unfortunate loss in the first final the year before, which after other results did not fall our way knocked us out of contention. It was also a season that was driven by a number of younger players stepping up to not only play second grade but also gaining valuable experience in first grade.

To the 31 players who played in the second grade team during the season I thank each of you for your input and effort in winning 8 games throughout the season and finishing the end of the season in 3rd position for the second year in a row. Just as important is that everyone that played contributed to an enjoyable team environment that facilitated success and enjoyment on a weekly basis within the spirit of the game.

There were minimal individual milestones throughout the season, which shows how even the team performed. There are however a couple of individual performances to be mentioned:

- Firstly a partnership between Brett Bastow and Ben Chapman in round 3 of 242 runs for the 6th wicket. Within this partnership Chappo scored 102 with Kanga going on to score an amazing and unbeaten 211 not out - including 16 fours and 14 sixes. Unfortunately this was the only game both players played during the season and were the only two centuries for the season in second grade.
- The only 5 wicket haul for the season by Jack Kovacic with figures of 9 overs, 2 maidens, 5 for 27 and bowling out North West Sydney for 39.
- Overall the top run scorers were Cameron Beames with 558 runs at an average of 37.20, Rob Nandi with 258 at 21.5 and Vijay Sharma 219 at 16.65.
- Top wicket takers were Jack Kovacic with 24 wickets at 16.2, Gerard Price (in only 8 games) with 22 wickets at 10.1 and Brad Sculley with 18 wickets at 10.5 (in only 6 games).

At the end of the regular season we finished in 3rd place and again earned a double chance. Like the season before we played Warringah in the first qualifying final and after a disappointing, but close, first innings we again lost. In pushing for an outright win we were 4 wickets short, however this year were lucky enough to have results fall our way and went through to the semi-final as the highest loser.

The semi-final was played away against first placed Epping, who we had played twice during the season winning once and losing once. With our batting needing to lift it was Jack Rogers' score of 90 opening the batting, Rob Nandi with 55 and a solid team performance with a number of players batting for long periods of time to post our third best total for the year of 267. Whilst Epping needed only to survive for a draw to go through to the grand final, another team bowling and fielding performance meant we could restrict them to just 228 with the last wicket falling with just 5 overs to go. Peter Catalovski led the attack with 4 for 25 from 23 overs.

The Grand Final was then played against Lane Cove, who only needed a draw to claim the premiership. Lane Cove won the toss and elected to bat, with the intention of batting us out of the game. Again our tight bowling early had them 3 for 30 in the first session. Their best two partnerships followed this taking their score to 5 for 117. Sanjiv Khalko and Peter Catalovski then claimed the last 5 wickets for just 17 runs with Sunny finishing with 3 for 6 from 5 overs and Cata with 3 for 27 from 17 overs. Cameron Beames took four catches for the innings at slip. With plenty of time to score the runs it was a case of batting through the rest of day one and with Jack Rogers 41 and Wayne Grimson 23 we finished the day 4 for 94. Day two started with 10 maiden overs as the focus was getting through the early part of the day. After two further wickets fell, Briars passed Lane Cove 6 down before lunch. Continuing to bat to ensure Lane Cove could not force an outright win Cameron Beames (88) and Brad Sculley (66) then put on 109 for the seventh wicket to put the result almost beyond doubt. After finally being bowled out for 281 from 90 overs, and only our 4th score of the season over 250, the game was called and the celebrations commenced, which were even more exciting knowing we had won first and third grade by this stage of the Sunday. It was a fantastic performance from the team to win another premiership for the club. Special mentions to the unlucky Jack Kovacic and Guy Smith who unfortunately had to be left out of the second grade Grand Final team, unsurprisingly both had a big impact on the third grade premiership.

A big thank you to the all supporters that came down and watched parts, or all, of games at Rothwell during the season. The players certainly enjoy seeing some of the previous players and current supporters during the season and have a chat about past games and how we are going at the moment.

To Gerard Price, again a massive thank you for all the hard work you put in off the field as Club President and Chairman of Selectors to ensure 55 players can play and enjoy their cricket each week for a successful Cricket Club. Your tireless efforts are without peer and everyone in the club knows that without your input this historic season would not be as enjoyable or successful as it is. We all wish you the best of health as you continue in your recovery.

After such a successful season the goal remains to do it all over again and to this time win all 4 senior grades and under 24s. There will be 13 other clubs that will looking forward to playing The Briars and putting all their efforts into beating us above everyone else, so pulling off another successful season in 2013/14 will be all the better.

Player	M	In	NO	100	50	HS	Runs	Avg	O	M	R	W	5W	10W	BB	Avg
B Bastow	1	1	1	1	0	211*	211	NA								
C Beames	16	17	2	0	4	88	558	37.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P Catalovski									41.2	21	52	7	0	0	4/25	7.43
B Chapman	1	1	0	1	0	102	102	102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D Cox	8	7	0	0	0	45	102	14.57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B Critchley	12	13	0	0	1	63	149	11.46								
T Dapice									18.4	2	89	5	0	0	4/44	17.8
I Gibson									53.4	8	150	10	0	0	4/30	15
W Grimson	7	6	1	0	0	32	73	14.6	40.4	12	99	7	0	0	3/22	14.14
D Kennedy	6	7	0	0	0	16	49	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S Khalkho	8	7	0	0	0	27	64	9.14	76.3	18	192	12	0	0	4/21	16
J Kovacic	11	8	3	0	0	12*	22	4.4	147.4	35	389	24	1	0	5/27	16.21
R Nandi	11	12	0	0	2	60	258	21.5								
S Nando									22.3	2	76	4	0	0	3/35	19
A O'Keeffe									46	5	197	4	0	0	2/49	49.25
G Price	8	7	3	0	0	11*	36	9	105.4	37	224	22	0	0	4/10	10.18
B Sculley	6	6	0	0	1	66	144	24	75.1	18	190	18	0	0	4/16	10.56
W Service	7	7	2	0	0	37	124	24.8	85	29	254	12	0	0	3/16	21.17
V Sharma	13	14	1	0	2	60	219	16.85	46.2	5	165	10	0	0	3/4	16.5
G Smith	13	14	0	0	1	61	194	13.86	49.2	7	181	13	0	0	3/22	13.92
B Van den Nieuwenhof	7	6	3	0	0	9	14	4.67	98	22	296	12	0	0	2/14	24.67

Also Batted: T Burt 5-64, P Catalovski 2-0, T Dapice 4-95, I Gibson 5-60, J McKay 5-134, S Nando 1-9, A O'Keeffe 3-22, J Rodger 4-133.

Also Bowled: B Bastow 0-20, T Burt 1-14, B Critchley 1-40, J McKay 5-25, R Nandi 0-9.

Cameron Beames

CRICKET THIRD GRADE - PREMIERS

As many a Briar will remind you - often several times during a Saturday afternoon - cricket is a funny game. It speaks of this game we play turning unexpectedly; it is a warning against overconfidence or a call to rally a team upon. After the four grand final teams were selected the two perhaps unspeakable subjects were firstly that we had every reason to believe we would win each of the games, while secondly the possibility we wouldn't related to this supposedly humorous element of the game.

The Fourth Grade captain's own reports of his demise at the end of the season were greatly exaggerated, as Warwick Giblin's evergreen presence at our club continues. Hence it suffices to commiserate with Waz and the dominant Fourth Grade side that lost its only match on the final weekend of the year. As those who hurried across town to support them witnessed, they never gave in.

Congratulations on premierships to all of Jason Holley and First Grade and Cameron Beames and Second Grade. First Grade's achievement to succeed at their third attempt in a tightly contested decider is testament to the fighting character of the team. Such spirit from First Grade brought our club the crowning trophy in Shires Cricket to go with a Club Championship trophy we all achieved together. It was fantastic to celebrate Third Grade's third successive premiership among such an atmosphere of shared achievement.

In the past two victories, particularly in 2010/11, it was perhaps fair and certainly satisfying to describe us as having knocked over more fancied teams, albeit last season we fell only a solitary point short of the Minor Premiership. So it is quite satisfying to have added another defence of the title in a dominant manner and claim the Minor and Major double.

Yet it was a modest start, being placed eighth after Round 4 before climbing to fifth after Round 5. Round 6 saw us hand a very heavy outright defeat to then first placed Lindfield to become well placed in second. After losing in Round 8's T20, other than rain saving Auburn from an outright defeat, maximum points were secured every time we took the field thereafter.

There are many highlights to remember. Pat Rogers and Mark Smyck equalled the whole of last season's tally of half centuries in Round 1 against Strathfield, with 52 and 51 respectively. Brad Whitfield took 6/41 against North West Sydney. Jack Rogers again enjoyed playing at Weldon Oval scoring 62 against Warringah. Sanjiv Khalko took 5/20 and 9 wickets for the match as we routed Lane Cove outright. Greg Metcalfe took 9 wickets for the match, including 5/15 in the first innings to defeat Lindfield. While we came up short in the second leg of matches against Epping, Rob Nandi's brilliant 61 showed any chase is feasible in T20. We amassed 351 in the one day match against South Sydney, 51 to Jack Rogers, 71 to Jack Thomas and a top score of 73 to Lloyd Andrews. Simon Nardo took 5/21 against Auburn, Pat Rogers with a rapid 58* in the same game. Simon was again in the wickets with 5/16 from 11 overs in the second innings of a hard fought outright victory over Pennant Hills, Peter Catalovski, Niaz Bhuiyan and Adam O'Keeffe each taking a 4-for in the match. The knock of the year was Jack Rogers' 128 (including 14 boundaries) in the Qualifying Final versus Lindfield, well supported by Lachlan Irvine-Brown's 52. Jack Thomas played a dynamic hand of 72 in a tense and low scoring Semi Final victory over North West.

Individually the only centurion also had the top aggregate - Jack Rogers with 374 at an average of 37. A great competitor and team man, Jack was a worthy recipient of our Players' Player award. He also scored heavily for Second Grade in their finals campaign, surpassing 500 runs in all grades for the season. Notably the best average for the season belonged to Jack's brother Pat with what I feel was a pretty genuine indication of his form at 45. Some consolation for the recipient of the Billy Ducker Trophy, Jack Thomas was another important member of the side who could boast the mark of 500 runs in all grades for the club during the season.

Our highest wicket taker was Simon Nardo with 29 at the lowest average of 9.72, with his best return against Pennant Hills mentioned above. Overall he took 52 wickets for the club this season at 12. The other leading bowlers were Niaz Bhuiyan with 24 wickets at 13, Peter Catalovski's 24 at 14 and Adam O'Keeffe with 21 wickets at 11. The first of two special mentions for combined bowling returns is Sanjiv Khalko, who in two matches bowled 28 overs with 14 maidens, taking 11 wickets for just 51 runs.

The Grand Final was hosted by North West Sydney at the excellent Bruce Purser Oval. It strikes me the morning of Day 1 says a lot about our great club. For any reader unaware of the story, Pat Rogers suffered a nasty gash to the back of his leg at the beginning of the warm ups and was unable to take his place in the side. A series of events followed: firstly Lachlan started tending to Pat's injury, only appearing close to fainting once. But Lachlan stayed with Pat, applying pressure to the wound until the ambulance arrived. Next I called Paul Simpson, who had put his hand up to be a substitute fielder during the week. Unfortunately I had not confirmed details with him during a hectic week, getting through to his voicemail I left a message that we needed him if possible.

Then I rang Lloyd. As he potentially wasn't one hundred percent fit there was no pressure applied for him to play. Lloyd himself immediately began considering ways of enabling another player to get a start in a Grand Final. Ultimately Lloyd would join the team, top scoring in a dogged graft to stumps on Day 1, needing to start again on Day 2 before playing some positive cricket to get us out to relative safety.

With all of this finally worked out on what had proven an unexpectedly peculiar morning, I went out and lost the toss, had a quick catch with the team (who to this day I can only assume went quietly about warming up in between checking on Pat) and then we got ready to field. We were almost onto the ground when I remembered we would be starting the day a fielder short until Lloyd could arrive from the city. Turning around for a final word to the boys, there was Simmo coming down the stairs in his whites and I thought things might just iron out all right for us. One might even have said cricket was a funny game.

The Grand Final of course brings us to the second highlight bowling return of the season - Jack Kovacic's 33.3 overs including 12 maidens taking 12 wickets for the cost of 56 runs, a miserly average of 4.6. For good measure Kova produced our best bowling figures of the season on the first morning of the Grand Final - his 7/24 from 15.3 overs shattered Strathfield and he would prove a worthy recipient of the man of the match award.

With Strathfield dismissed for 74 in the 44th over, following a bright start our own innings became a dour affair with Strathfield's bowling led well by their skipper who also took 7 wickets. While numerous bats failed to capitalise on solid starts, as the cliché goes a very high price was imposed to remove a number of players much to the frustration of our opponents. While we batted 88 overs, with a modest total of just 129 we had potentially allowed Strathfield back into the game. However they would concede defeat at lunch on Day 2, just 5 overs into their second innings. Having dismissed four of the top five batsman in a very tightly contested Semi Final against our strongest opposition from North West Sydney (4/47 from 16 overs), it was fitting Adam O'Keeffe was the bowler putting this full stop on the season with 4/9 from 3 overs.

Player Profiles

The Club - In all thirty Briars took the field for Third Grade. Notably absent from the Grand Final side: Pat Rogers - as mentioned; Orry Kirkham - always a great contributor, unfortunately work commitments curtailed his appearances on the run home; Mark Smyck - like Orry and Paul Panutti, I cannot overemphasise my appreciation for both a solid season and their support when challenging team choices were required during the finals; Jack Rogers and Peter Catalovski - who were of course missed as demonstrated by playing significant roles in Second Grade's finals success.

Jack Thomas - Took on the opening bat position when it mattered. The aforementioned 72 in the Semi Final was backed up with assured and important slip catches, indicative of JT's ability to avoid a backward step in the big moments.

Declan Kennedy - Possibly a disappointing season personally, but only as Decs has much to offer. A positive influence in the team and always finding ways to get into game, a player a captain wants where a catch is expected.

Albert Eichholzer - Albert was the perfect fit for the team late in the season - experienced, enthusiastic and a keen eye for an opponent's game. He also took one of the catches of year in the Qualifying Final, unfortunately giving himself an injury in the process. Unfortunately not the worst injury we saw during the finals either.

Guy Smith - Guy was in the tough position of being omitted from Second Grade for the Grand Final. Inscrutable as ever, Guy just got on with it. Holding on to two hot chances in the gully, he also toughed it out with the bat until the first innings ascendancy was gained.

Yours truly - Lost a lot of tosses, happily managed to contribute with the bat a little more often than usual and after a bleak start to the finals series managed to be a real pest for the Strathfield bowlers.

Lachlan Irvine-Brown - Having demanded selection, Lachlan fared very well in the challenge of joining a team as it entered the finals - scoring 52 in the Qualifying Final and following up with a difficult but valuable 19 to be not out overnight in the Semi Final. A true athlete, he will be missed around the club and we hope he finds his way back.

Simon Nardo - A player who could have rightfully held a strong expectation of playing higher grades, Simon exemplifies what is great about a true club player by never making an issue of it. A dangerous bowler as we all know, so long as he doesn't hear it said, also undoubtedly an adept batsman with great powers of concentration and a mind for the game.

Lloyd Andrews - Missing out on last years' decider due to the birth of his son, Lloyd was also poised to miss this season's end through injury. So it was with great pleasure for all when he joined the team on the field and then made a major contribution to his first Grand Final victory.

Adam O'Keefe - If every player showed Adam's passion for Briars and for competing at your best it would be hard to imagine us losing a game. As mentioned, AOK played a significant role in the two major games of the year and it was a great experience to for those of us who were able to play alongside him during the season.

Niaz Bhuiyan - A player central to a third successive premiership, I am lucky enough to have shared each of them with Niaz. Renowned within the club as a teammate with whom it is always a lot of fun to play, Niaz continues to develop excellent skills and physical conditioning for bowling. His willingness to bowl to a plan and take a positive approach in any situation is great contribution.

Jack Kovacic - Last year's Grand Final opponent was 3/3 in the 6th over, this year it was 3/7 after the 7th. Kova is a popular and fun team mate and club man, no doubt in part due to his humility. A great loss to Briars and no doubt we all wish him well and for his eventual return.

Thanks as always to my mate Vijay Sharma for the extra practice and valuable support. Similarly Lloyd Andrews, Cameron Beames and Peter Catalovski for your thoughts along the way - some of them were even about cricket. Thanks too to Boris Haikin for again making an outstanding effort for Briars during our hectic organisation of three home Qualifying Finals. Otherwise Boris is a welcome and regular supporter at Briars fixtures; Third Grade similarly welcomed the regular support of members of the Catalovski, Rogers, Thomas, Van Den Nieuwenhof and Whitfield families to the appreciation of all players.

With many thanks to the City of Canada Bay council, we were fortunate to return to our second home ground at Ron Routley Oval in Concord. The upgraded drainage now matches the excellent sporting wicket the ground staff invariably provides.

Ideally also causing them to consider what more they might do for their club, all players should be thankful for those Briars who look after the club's interests behind the scenes. This involves not simply the members of the Committee but of course Anthony Clarke, Paul Price, Brett Howle, Chris and Anne Burt among others I will have regrettably forgotten to mention.

A frustrating exercise at times but working with this group of Briars captains has been a real pleasure. I think Jason, Cameron, Warwick and Michael Taberner would agree we weren't always comfortable on the longer leash Gerard necessarily had us on this year. I would highlight the particularly hard and comparatively thankless work Michael turns in for our club. Thank you and congratulations to each of you, we did well.

Most of all, thanks must be to Gerard Price –the tremendous success of a Club Championship and three premierships in the 2012/13 season simply would not have happened without him.

There is only one Burwood Briars.

Player	M	In	NO	100	50	HS	Runs	Avg	O	M	R	W	5W	10W	BB	Avg
L Andrews	7	6	0	0	1	73	177	29.50								
K Barton	5	5	1	0	0	34	46	11.50								
N Bhuiyan	10	6	4	0	0	24*	44	22.00	121	32	318	24	0	0	4/25	13.25
S Brennan	8	10	3	0	0	35	157	22.43								
P Catalovski	9	8	2	0	0	27	115	19.17	152	51	348	24	0	0	4/20	14.50
W Hood	7	7	1	0	0	14	30	5.00	28.1	8	83	6	0	0	3/13	13.83
L Irvine-Brown	4	3	0	0	1	52	75	25.00								
D Kennedy	10	10	2	0	1	55*	245	30.63								
S Khalkho									28	14	51	11	1	0	5/20	4.64
O Kirkham	8	6	2	0	0	43	148	37.00	53.5	13	160	10	0	0	3/15	16.00
J Kovacic									33.3	12	56	12	1	0	7/24	4.67
G Metcalfe									30.4	8	108	10	1	0	5/15	10.80
J Mitchell									60	13	212	5	0	0	3/21	42.40
R Nandi	4	3	0	0	1	61	109	36.33								
S Nardo	9	6	2	0	0	33	101	25.25	104	29	282	29	2	0	5/16	9.72
A O'Keefe	8	4	2	0	0	4*	9	4.50	97.5	31	233	21	0	0	4/9	11.10
P Pannuti	4	3	1	0	0	23*	29	14.50	44	14	89	4	0	0	2/18	22.25
G Robson	15	13	4	0	0	48	217	24.11								
J Rogers	10	10	0	1	2	128	374	37.40	21	4	63	4	0	0	2/15	15.75
P Rogers	5	5	1	0	2	58*	181	45.25								
G Smith	2	2	0	0	0	13	24	12.00								
M Smyck	15	15	2	0	1	51	333	25.62	22	4	102	3	0	0	1/9	34.00
J Thomas	13	14	1	0	2	72	306	23.54								
B Van den Nieuwenhof									35	5	135	10	0	0	4/21	13.50
B Whitfield	7	2	2	0	0	5*	5	NA	84.2	18	262	15	1	0	6/41	17.47

Also Batted: B Critchley 1-35, A Eichholzer 3-53, S Khalkho 1-11, J Kovacic 1-0, G Metcalfe 1-9, J Mitchell 3-18, G Smith 2-24, B Van den Nieuwenhof 1-5.

Also Bowled: A Lloyd 0-4, L Irvine-Brown 1-2, P Rogers 2-24, J Thomas 0-4.

Gareth Robson

CRICKET FOURTH GRADE

Firstly, congratulations to the Club overall for an amazing, historic season, winning the Club Championship and the First Grade, Second Grade and Third Grade Premierships. Congratulations to the successful skippers in Jason Holley, Cam Beams and Gareth Robson, great effort boys!

Congratulations also to Georges River on winning the Fourth Grade flag after Briars finished Minor Premiers.

Overall the side had a very good season, being undefeated until the final hurdle.

Altogether 38 players were selected in the side during the season. Comments on the performance of the most regular players follow:

Pradeep Panta - A new recruit, 'Deep' is an attacking batsman who often scored quickly, with characteristic booming aerial drives that often cleared the fence. Deep scored the most runs for the side, 459, and also topped the batting averages with 33, including five half centuries.

Brad Whitfield - Brad developed his all round talents exceptionally well this season. A highlight was his neat 200 not out in the Preliminary Final. As a fast bowler he also took 11 wickets at an average of 14.

Greg Metcalfe - An allrounder, Greg made an outstanding contribution to the Club in his first year, winning the Club's Player of the Year. As a batsman he had a top score of 59, an aggregate of 201 and an average of 20. A feature of his batting is a wonderfully fluent and technically correct cover drive. In the fast bowling department he took 22 wickets at 13. Even more importantly, Greg is a terrific team man with an excellent temperament and attitude.

Kale Barton Bissaker - As valuable, emerging player within the Club, Kale showed his wares this season with some powerful innings, including his first ton with the Club, scoring 109. He also scored two fifties for a tally of 279 at 40. Unfortunately a torn hamstring cut short his season. Kale also bowled some handy medium pacers, taking 11 wickets at 11.6.

Mick Towells - 'Sparkles' excelled with the ball in the latter half of the season, swinging it nicely. He was rewarded with the most wickets for the year, namely 25, at an average of 12.4. His best figures were 6/17. Batting wise Towellsy promises much but would score more if he was more selective in which balls he tried to smash out of the park. His top score was 39 no, average of 13.

Dave Young - Youngy was one of our more experienced players, higher order bat and wicket keeper. Dave had a top score of 66, scored 290 runs at an average of 29 and did a terrific job behind the sticks. A good team and Club man.

Will Hood - Will was a valuable addition to the side in the latter half of the year, contributing 145 runs @ 20.7 and a world of experience.

Greg Long - Longy played most of the games but would have liked to have scored more runs. We look forward to the day Greg delivers on his undoubted batting talent. Scored 214 runs @ 19.5.

Jason Harris - One of the stalwarts of the Club, Jas scored 204 runs @ 20.4 and lent good advice to the skipper.

Ben Hurford - 'Hurf' is now one of the experienced and talented batsmen in the Club at the top of his game. He has a terrific technique and was rewarded with a top score of 104. He scored 207 runs in six innings for an average of 69.

Paul Pannuti - Always keen to put in a big effort with the new or old ball 'Nutes' took 16 wickets @ 8.8 including 5/17. He also scored a total of 61 runs without being dismissed (which he constantly reminds us of).

Lachlan Irvine-Brown - A young talented player with lots of batting ability Lachie scored 222 runs @ 74. He also snared 8 wickets @ 14.5.

Niaz Bhuiyan - The 'go to' man when a wicket is needed or an end blocked up, Niaz took 10 wickets @ 8.1 including 6/12 and scored 24 runs.

Orry Kirkham - Orry who is as fit as a mallee bull can bat, bowl or field well, giving 110% every time. Orry scored a timely fifty (52) in the Grand Final and had best bowling figures of 6/27 during the season.

Sam Muir - A young fast bowler with potential Sam took 12 wickets @ 11.6 and scored 31 runs.

Warwick Giblin - Scored 123 runs @ 13.6 and took 12 wickets @ 8.4.

There was only one century partnership during the season, an unbroken 103 between Surya Sriram and Warwick Giblin versus Lane Cove.

A thank you to the other players who contributed including Surya Sriram, Mark Smyck, Pat Rodgers, Simon Nardo (took 5/35 in an innings), Bray Stoneham, Arjun Kumar, Will Service, Abdul Ramulan, Peter Catalovski, Jimmy Mitchell, Shayne Billings, Lloyd Andrews, Paul Simpson, Jack Thomas, Rob Nandi, Damian Price, Scott Brennan, David Cox, and Michael Taberner.

Thanks also to the five other selectors namely Jason Holley, Cameron Beames, Gareth Robson, Michael Taberner and Gerard Price, you were a pleasure to work with.

Lastly a huge thank you to Gerard Price for the amazing and unstinting job he did yet again in running the cricket club and training and chairing selections. His service to the Briars as an administrator is second to none and includes 26 years as cricket chairman, highlights including 34 premierships and 13 club championships. The club is unbelievably lucky to have him.

W Giblin

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE

Firstly, congratulations to everyone involved for such a remarkable season! Other clubs only dream of what we make reality! Special congratulations to Jason, Cameron, Gareth and Warwick for always believing and always 'getting it right' in so many ways.

The 2012/2013 season for the Briars 5th grade side had some of the best highlights of my time with the club. We had the opportunity to play on some high quality fields (Manly oval and UNSW 1st grade ground - we won both!), defend a total of 65 runs (thanks to Mick Towells taking season best figures of 6/19!) and finishing 4th after all round games. Special mention must go to Damian Price for his efforts - taking 18 wickets as the leading bowler for the team, and to Abdul Ramulan for his first 50 for the club and being second highest run scorer for the season (all while batting everywhere in the order). I also wish to thank guys who filled in and helped out on occasion - guys like Mick Towells, Greg Long, Pat Rogers, Dan Haikin, and Bray Stoneham. Your experience and leadership was pivotal not only to the success of some games but for showing the newcomers just what it meant to be a Briar.

The 2012/2013 season will always be remembered as year of the Wedge. Having played with the club for 8 consecutive seasons, there are few I could honestly say demonstrated what it meant to be a Briar more than Richard Waller. Always offering a hand to help with covers, always at training and always wanting to do whatever it took to help the team, Richard's influence on the team was nothing short of exceptional. His season highlight of 4/22 was testament to all of the hard work he put in.

Let's hope the club can uncover a few more Wedges in the seasons to follow and that this seasons success was not an anomaly but a benchmark in which we set ourselves. There's only one Burwood Briars!

Michael Taberner

CRICKET UNDER 24S

The season of 2012/2013 could only be known as the year of Burwood Briars. Winning the club championship by a mile and three out of four premierships is a yard stick that will be hard to surpass. Our under 24s also played an important part in the club championship race with four out of seven wins, which unfortunately saw us finish one point short of possibly playing finals cricket.

The loss of several key over aged players from the squad meant we had the opportunity for some of our younger boys to have the chance to play. Losing players like Steve Davis who played for several years left a big hole in the bowling department. This hole was filled by a few new prospects, Sam Muir and also Lachlan Irvine Brown and Brad Whitfield who had played for the club in previous seasons. These boys, alongside Ben Van den Nieuwenhof and Jack Kovacic made for a young but deadly attack.

The squad was once again to be led by Max Squire whose professionalism and leadership was key to this team; and almost all the time, had the respect of his fellow players on and off the pitch. Max has always been proud to

lead this team and has never tried to take this opportunity for granted. It would be a dream to have a whole team with the passion and drive that Maxy has had for this team. I hope we have many more like him in the future.

Round 1 VS Lane Cove - Our first round saw us take on Lane Cove for our first match at Rothwell. We were sent into bat after losing the toss. After a steady start we lost our first wicket for 58, and each wicket following fell at regular intervals to see us all out for a disappointing 191. It was now a chance for our bowlers to perform on a firm Rothwell pitch. And did they what! 13.5 overs was all that was needed to end the game with two bowlers doing all the damage with Jack Kovacic taking 3/29 (6) and the chief destroyer Ben Van den Nieuwenhof taking 7/15 (6.5). It was a devastating spell of bowling with only 4 of Lane Cove's batsmen putting runs on the board to be all out for 44.

Round 2 VS Warringah - To be honest, the only thing we won this game was the toss. Playing Warringah at Weldon is never an easy task but it is possible. This round we lacked the bowling strength from our previous game and knew it would be a challenge. Batting first we scratched out a disappointing 135 in 43 overs. Our middle order collapsed losing quite a few wickets in a short period of time. It was only the grinding effort by Pat Rogers (31) and Jack Kovacic for the 2nd half of the innings that halted Warringah's chance to bowl us out cheap and quickly. With the ball we had no answers to the uninhibited freedom Warringah's batsmen had as they got the runs 3 down.

Round 3 VS Mt Pritchard-Sthn Districts - For the third game in a row we had the opportunity to bat first. Hoping to rectify the batting effort against Warringah, our start wasn't going in the right direction with two early wickets, both run outs. But after the early setbacks we were able to get the game going and with Concord Briars youngster Tom Burt and Skipper Squire at the crease they set out to pile on the runs. Their partnership lasted 110 runs with Squire firing at a blistering pace scoring 80 of the 110 runs. Tom Burt continued to bat through until he was run out for 67 just short of the innings close helping the team get to 6/223 in their 50 overs. Our bowlers made it a challenge for Mt Pritchard-Sthn Districts to get runs but it was the inability to get early wickets which again open the door for our opponents who got the runs 7 down with 9 balls to spare. Sam Muir, who had been suffering some back issues, was given a late trundle to take 2/14 from 3.4 overs, which is disappointing seeing as he could have possibly made an impact in this game if he was able to bowl earlier in the game.

Round 4 VS South Sydney - You never know what you're going to get when you are playing Souths so it would have been wise for our players to be weary of what team they put out on the field. Winning the toss and batting first we made strong start getting to 74 before the loss of our first wicket. Declan Kennedy made a return to the squad and made sure to make a mends after his infamous 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' gate scandal during round 3 by top scoring with 62. The skipper made a cameo with 24 which included 2 fours and 2 sixes while Tom Burt continued his form with a patient 26 and Simon Nardo finishing the innings strong with 33* for the boys to be all out for 221. South's batting innings started well but with Sam Muir introduced into the bowling attack it started the chain reaction the boys needed and the wickets started to fall. Souths lost plenty of momentum and eventually were all out for 160 in 45 overs. All wickets were shared with Ben Van den Nieuwenhof taking the best figures of 4/37 (9.1). Nardo's 1/10 from his 10 was also a highlight.

Round 5 VS Auburn - The first 24's game after Christmas was hoping to be a strong start for the boys. Being two from four we were hoping continue our run towards a finals berth. Losing the toss we were sent in to bat. After a careful start our boys carried on at a decent pace losing wickets at regular intervals to be all out for 228. This score could have been a lot worse if it wasn't Auburn's 55 sundries by their nine bowlers, with 46 of them being wides. This is something our own boys in the past have been known to do themselves! Jack Thomas top scored with the bat with a strong 42. With the 2nd innings came the onset of rain, very light rain; not enough to come off but enough to eventually make conditions wet and slippery and a little bit dark out in the middle. Our opening bowlers, Kovacic and Muir, kept things very tight in their opening spells with a wicket each, but it was the bowling change of spin pair Simon Nardo and part-timer Joe McKay that turned game on its head. The next 18 overs turned out to be a complete decimation of Auburn's batting line up with Joey's tossing of the bar of soap giving him the game's best figures of 6/34 and a 143 run win.

Round 6 VS Epping - Heavy showers overnight was going to make the possibility of play doubtful, but turning up to North Epping Oval we were greeted with a soft and cracking but well covered deck and a game starting on time. Maxy took advantage by winning the toss and putting Epping in to bat. After an early wicket things started to look good for Epping until the introduction of Sam Muir who was well supported by Ben Van den Nieuwenhof (3/24) who troubled and deceived the batsmen with 6/17 by taking advantage of the slowly growing cracks that lined the pitch. Even though Sam Muir took a bag of wickets, it was the bowling of the Hoff that impressed the umpire at his end describing it as one of the best spells of bowling he's seen. 82 in 20.2 overs was all that was made by Epping but we knew that this score would not be easy to chase down with the pitch playing more and more tricks as the game went on. Wickets fell in small bunches as our boys worked hard for every run. But it was our number 4, Seb Blaszczyk who in his 2nd under 24's game drew on his past skills

and experience to stabilise the batting and get us over the line; even if it was Nardo that hit the winning runs, Sebby showed everyone what he could do in a tough situation with his match winning knock of 36 not out. It was another amazing game to add to the memory bank from this season.

Round 7 VS Georges River - This final round match was do or die for our boys. A win would propel us well into the top 6 but a loss would see us just outside the 6. Hearing after our round 6 match that Georges River had beaten 3rd placed Warringah we knew that this match would not be taken lightly. Heavy showers in the days leading to Saturday resulted in wash outs for the whole Shires competition with Rothwell completely drenched and St Lukes looking like a swimming pool. A lot of work was done by the under 24s boys on Saturday as they made every attempt to dry the pitch and give us a chance of a game. Turning up on Sunday morning, the transformation of the pitch by the groundsman was a stark contrast to what it looked like the day before. Albeit the pitch was soft, the game was going ahead. Losing the toss, we were sent out to bat but never really got going with only a 52 run partnership between Joe McKay(34) and Seb Blaszczyk (14) and a defiant knock by Lachlan Irvine-Brown (22) giving us a disappointing total of 130. The gods must have been smiling on Georges River as the sun came blazing out during the lunch interval to bake the pitch and give them every chance of a victory. With the ball, Kova was able to take two early wickets to have batting team 2/9, but after that, Georges River took control of the game; even with tight bowling from all bowlers our total was not enough to make the game competitive and Georges River got the run 3 down with just over 6 overs to go.

A big thanks goes to Orry Kirkham who assisted in warm ups for the boys for most games. His warm up routine was different to past seasons which included a few unique stretches and push ups. I would also like to thank everyone else who came down to support our boys on the Sunday, even if it meant being there for an hour or so. Under 24s is an important part of the Club Championship race so it's vital that everyone gets behind the boys and support them anyway they can. It would be great to have more and more of us making the effort to get to the games and not rely on messages and Facebook updates to decide whether they want to come and support the boys.

Again and again, I continue to thank Gerard Price. Illness stopped him playing cricket early this 2012/2013 season and having him away from the game is something no one could ever foresee. But it has also made others step up to assist in anyway; not because they have to, but because they want to. It was great to have Damien Price join our 24s squad for a few of our matches when times might have been tough for the Price family, it's a slight distraction for Damo who I hope enjoyed the chance to hang around the squad, a squad which he will be a concrete member for in seasons to come.

I want to congratulate Jas Holley, Cam Beames and Gareth Robson and their premiership winning teams, and also Warwick Giblin who went through the whole season undefeated to only fall just short in the Grand final. Briars has set a standard for the whole of Shires Cricket, and it's shown every single one of us who was involved in the 2012/2013 season what we can achieve. Most of those players who are in 24s experienced the success we had. We now need to take advantage of that winning feeling and bring it in to under 24s and show the new guys what it's like to be a Briar.

Player	M	In	NO	100	50	HS	Runs	Avg	O	M	R	W	5W	10W	BB	Avg
S Blaszczyk	3	3	1	0	0	36*	63	31.5								
T Burt	5	5	0	0	1	67	106	21.2								
L Irvine-Brown	5	5	1	0	0	34	89	22.25	13	2	69	2	0	0	2/29	34.5
D Kennedy	6	6	0	0	1	62	131	21.83								
J Kovacic	7	5	1	0	0	15	43	10.75	45	8	154	7	0	0	3/29	22
G Long	3	3	0	0	0	22	29	9.67								
J McKay	7	7	0	0	0	34	111	15.86	15	0	68	6	1	0	6/34	11.33
S Muir	6	4	2	0	0	14	16	8	33	4	92	12	1	0	6/17	7.67
S Nardo	7	7	3	0	0	33*	69	17.25	45	10	145	6	0	0	2/21	24.17
P Rogers	2	2	0	0	0	31	32	16								
G Smith	5	5	0	0	0	33	70	14	22.5	2	84	2	0	0	2/39	42
M Squire	7	7	0	0	1	80	183	26.14								
J Thomas	7	7	0	0	0	42	80	11.43								
B Van den Nieuwenhof	4	3	0	0	0	9	12	4	32	5	102	14	1	0	7/15	7.29
B Whitfield	3	2	1	0	0	2*	2	2	22	1	116	1	0	0	1/28	116

Mark Smyck

CRICKET MASTERS

With the completion of the very exciting 20/20 match which we won on the last ball of the game in late March, season 2012/13 drew to a conclusion. As a team we improved markedly from the previous year with 5 wins, 1 wash-out draw plus a couple of close losses from 13 rounds. Similar to the previous season finishing in 15th position on the table containing 20 teams from Sydney and the Central Coast. There were some positive signs for our Masters side last summer with the injection of a couple of new younger players (i.e. close to 40 years of age) which all looks well for the future to rebuild into a more complete competitive team.

Excellent victories were registered over Cricketers Club (twice), Kenthurst, Roseville and Old Ignatians. Whilst the results on the park could have been better we always enjoy pulling on the Briars cap and representing our club.

Greg Matchett captained the side again last summer. Whilst Greg by his own standards did not have his best season wielding the willow it was his excellent leadership throughout the season that keeps the team upbeat ready for the challenge. Also much appreciated were the efforts of Luke Magee who stood up last summer to take on the team manager role, a fresh face with a new approach, well done Luke.

Notable batting performances last season:

Greg Matchett - 166 runs at an average of 23.7

David Jebb - 139 runs at an average of 46.3

Luke Magee - 131 runs at an average of 26.2

Sadanand Karmakonda - 110 runs at an average of 22.0

Bowling honours:

Stephen Wright capturing 11 wickets at average of 32.45

Jeffrey Matchett capturing 10 wickets at average of 15.0

Simon Mitchell 8 wickets at average of 12.88

David Jebb Capturing 6 wickets at an average of 9.67

Congratulations to David Jebb in winning the Players Player Award for the season.

CRICKET CLASSICS

Season 2012/13 was our second season in the Classics Competition where each player must be over 50 years of age to be eligible to play. We suffered what could be described merely as the second season blues, with a number of the core team members unavailable for most of the season due to you name it, injuries, work commitments and the like.

It was a season which started out with great promise only to end in relative disappointment with victory in only 2 of our scheduled 12 games. Another 2 were washed out. Overall we were positioned one of the bottom of the 12 team league table.

We can only look forward to a new season to be a more consistent team and raise the Briars flag in a winning manner in much the same way our Shires teams have over the past number of years.

Notable batting performances last season:

Terry Kershaw - 117 runs at an average of 16.71

Brian Kirk - 94 runs at an average of 15.67

Gus Fernando - 82 runs at an average of 16.40

Sadanand 71 - at an average of 17.75

Bowling honours:

Brian Kirk - capturing 10 wickets at average of 21.40

Aldo Cantori - 8 wickets at an average of 28.88

Gus Fernando - 7 wickets at an average of 17.71

John Hageman - 5 wickets at average of 21.83

Congratulations to Brian Kirk in winning the Players Player Award.

Finally from both the Masters and Classics teams a huge thank you to Briars Cricket, especially Gerard Price for the support provided to our teams overall, playing at Rothwell is always an honour. Whilst both teams would like to enjoy greater success we enjoy the game immensely and wear the Briars colours with great pride and it is indeed a great privilege to be part of such a great club.

CRICKET JUNIORS

Under 8 Maroon

Tyrone Pannuti - Tyrone has come a long way this season, developing in all areas of the game. He has worked hard on his skill set and is displaying talent and aptitude as a wicket keeper. Tyrone is a great team player and always eager to celebrate his team mates achievements.

Toby Cohen - A pocket rocket in the field, Toby keeps all batsman on their toes. He also bowls spin and medium pace with great accuracy. Toby's strength is hitting through the on side and combined with his running between wickets has been a potent weapon for us this season.

Raj Johnston - A keen cricketer with a can do attitude, Raj greatly improved throughout the season. He trained hard and was able to hone his skills. Aided by a real love of the game, Raj's passion translated into his on field performances and his team spirit was infectious.

James Hewgill - A competitive cricketer, James has the ability to intimidate both batsman and bowler with his pace and his power. He is a strong all rounder in the field, with a great arm and an acute awareness of what is needed in a certain situation.

Mathew Tzoukos - As a passionate cricketer, Mathew is involved with all aspects of the game and relishes opportunities to show his skills. He displays many shots and is a wily bowler who has improved in all areas of the game and is an integral part of the team's spirit and attitude.

Damian Ryan - In his first year of cricket, Damian developed into an excellent cricketer. A natural sportsman with a willingness to learn, has helped Damian to improve quickly and enabled him to fine tune techniques in all aspects of the game.

Joseph Bouantoun - Very keen and social, Joseph has learnt and improved a lot this season. An intimidating side arm sling style bowler, HE worked hard on developing accuracy this season. He has great hand eye coordination and took a memorable catch in our last game of the season.

Jacob Braithwaite - An unorthodox cricketer with some outstanding raw talent, Jacob could produce some real flashes of brilliance either with the bat, ball or in the field. During the season he has worked hard on technique and that hard work is now paying dividends.

Mathew Peruzzi - A diamond in the rough, Mathew is a fine all round athlete. Mathew enjoyed his cricket and developed in all areas of the game. With a keen attitude and raw power Mathew has the ability to dominate with both bat and ball.

The boys were an absolute pleasure to coach and finished the season undefeated. I want to congratulate them and I look forward to catching up with them in their future endeavours. Thanks for the season.

Paul

Under 8 Gold

Archer Gray - An extremely gifted and talented young cricketer. Archer was awesome with the bat and devastating with either his fast bowling or leg spin. Extremely good in the field with a strong arm. A real player for the future.

Jonah Mills - A very accurate and quick fast bowler. Jonah's batting also improved during the season where he hit some great shots. Very good in the field with a strong arm. Good season Jonah!

Soham - A gentleman and a good cricketer! Soham really improved his bowling during the season to become devastating with both accuracy and pace. A fine stroke player with the bat and very good in the field. Great year Soham!

Henry Hewson - Extremely enthusiastic and competitive, Henry had a great year of cricket. His batting improved immensely throughout the season as did his wicket keeping and catching. Fantastic first year Henry!

Isaac Hopkins - Full of enthusiasm, Isaac was a joy to coach. He was enthusiastic in the field chasing every ball and hit some powerful shots when batting. His bowling also steadily improved throughout the season. Well done Isaac!

Lachlan Stephenson - Lachie brought such a smile to everyone's face during this cricket season. He was entertaining and a real team player. He improved all areas of his cricket during the season. should go well next year with a season under his belt.

Finlay Mitchell - A real improver during the season. Fin made great improvements with his bowling and fielding. Very enthusiastic and a pleasure to coach. Great year Fin!

Ishan - The quiet achiever of the team. It was great to see Ishan hit some balls on the off side. A real rarity in u/8's cricket! Ishan improved all areas of his game this season. Very good year Ishan.

Aryman - A demon fast bowler! As Aryman improved his accuracy he became one of our best fast bowlers. Worked hard with his fielding and hit some big shots with the bat. Well done Aryman!

Charlie Gray - The unexpected young talent of our team! Charlie filled in for us one week we were short and we liked him so much we kept him in the team. A real talented young player with a big future ahead. Great work Charlie!

A fantastic season for the U/8 Black Team. The cornerstone of this team was their teamwork. All the boys got on well and played for and supported each other. Their fielding efforts were sensational. A mixture of talents that blended very well. I would like to thank the manager Liz Hopkins for her dedication and organisation this season as well as the parents of all the boys who bought them to training and games and helped out on the sidelines. A special thanks to the older siblings who attended training and added to the family atmosphere and helped with the improvement of the boys. An enjoyable team and season and pleasure to coach. Thanks for the opportunity.

Andrew Mitchell.

Under 9 Gold

The U9 gold team had a successful year with the core of players staying on from the previous season. Strong friendships have formed in the team with a few of the boys being eligible to play u/8 but opting to play with their friends. The improvement in all the boys' batting, bowling and fielding from the start of the season to the end of the season was amazing. Each of the boys should be justifiably proud of their efforts. Importantly, aside from learning the skills of the game, all the boys played the season with great spirit and supported one another. Personally, I'd like to thank Fiona Parle for her efforts as the team's manager and all the parents for their unwavering support and producing kids that are a pleasure to coach.

Darren Morris

Under 9 Black

U9 Black Team won 14 and lost 4. Rian was the highest scorer by far almost scoring boundaries at will towards the end. Ronnie took the most wickets with his accurate, smooth action. Pranit was the most all round player and always the most vocal and leading the team. Harry's bowling developed significantly and he was beginning to turn the ball. Dhariya left near the end but when he was fresh he was making a contribution with runs and restricting batsmen with his bowling. Zuban's confidence grew with every match and his batting improved quickly and his bowling accuracy reached a good standard towards the end. Rohan was always reliable, bowling accurately and batting carefully. Juno struggled with his bowling but his batting and speed in the field and running between wickets was amongst the best. Jeevan took a lot of wickets with his speed and accuracy and although he didn't make a lot of runs he defended his wicket well. Adam improved the most. His enthusiasm led to marked improvements in his bowling action and his sheer will to score runs saw him through. The team were a pleasure to coach and were well supported by the manager and parents. Cheers, Sam

SamNagra

Under 9 White

The team showed tremendous improvement this season in all aspects of the game.

Fielding, running between the wickets and bowling showed remarkable improvement throughout the season.

Of special note was the individuals "love of the game". Throughout the course of the season, each team member became more involved at training, with parents feeding back that their sons were practising constantly at home.

John Perkins

Under 9 Blue

What a great season had by all the boys. The excellent team spirit and the amount of improvement demonstrated by each and every one of the boys was fantastic to see. They should all be very proud of their efforts and achievements, particularly considering it was the first time playing for the majority of them. As coach, I am very proud of what they achieved this year and it has certainly exceeded my expectations. Our catch cry was "you're always in the game" and the boys lived this out whether it was backing up when batting, stopping over-throws in the field, or simply encouraging their team mates.

Adrian Biscotto proved to be a true all-rounder, shining both with the bat and the ball. He frequently displayed clean, powerful hitting and was also an excellent and quick runner between wickets, always looking for a sneaky single. In the field, he was always alert and ready to pounce for a catch or a run-out opportunity.

Benny Brooks improvement was highly noticeable particularly his bowling which developed into a real strength and a valuable asset for the team. In the field, Benny's throwing arm was strong and accurate and the source of many run-outs.

Declan Cannon proved to be a very strong and clean hitter of the ball. If you bowl short or down leg side to Declan, you are likely to be hit for four. Declan was handy when bowling and his fielding was sharp too, creating several run-outs.

Hamish Gordon showed a phenomenal amount of improvement this season and developed into one of our strongest bowlers. He was also handy with the bat and if you bowl to his leg-side he is likely to dispatch you to the boundary. In the field, Hamish was a terrier and wasn't afraid to throw himself around to save runs. Hamish also was frequently encouraging his team mates.

James Hraiki consistently showed excellent batting. He has quickly learnt the art and benefit of playing with a straight bat and also the skills of playing a variety of strokes. His bowling improved out of sight. In the field he showed a very safe pair of hands taking many catches and also showing some Adam Gilchrist like skills at wicket keeper.

James Winters trademark was the long run up when bowling. And for good reason too, he shows plenty of promise as a future fast opening bowler, demonstrating an excellent technique from very early on in the season.

Khush Pershad showed himself to be a very useful all-rounder. He could hold his own both with the ball and the bat and when he hit them, they went along way. Khush also has a very good understanding of the game.

Liam Penwill excelled as a fast and feared bowler and we may have unearthed a future Australian bowling weapon. Liam also showed himself to be handy with the bat and when he hit them they stayed hit! In the field Liam's strong throwing arm always had batsmen wary.

Patrick Cummins always put in 110% effort both at training and on game day and pushed himself to be the best he could be with his batting and bowling. He was one of our most vocal in the way of encouraging his team mates - a valuable leadership skill that will serve him well in future.

Tyler-George Alley showed a lot of improvement particularly in his batting where he demonstrated a solid defense with the result being that he does not give away his wicket easily. This is a strong foundation for the future.

Roy Haraki

Under 10 Maroon

The Under 10 Maroon team competed hard throughout the season even though the results weren't always on our side. It was a pleasure to coach the boys. It is a shame how the season ended as we were showing a lot of improvement leading into Christmas only to be left with two games after the break due to inclement weather and a bye.

Members of the Under 10 Maroon Team included

Thomas Moussa - An absolute joy to coach, Thomas was always very energetic in the field, bowls handy medium pace and got some good scores as a left hand batsman.

Nicholas Pignone - Nick has showed considerable improvement in his cricket this year. Always keen to learn and has strong determination to improve.

Fabian Di Mento - Finished the season as our wicket keeper Fabian has good hands and shows a willingness to learn and improve his batting.

George Kosmas - A very good all round player in our team. George has a willingness to listen and learn. One to watch out for in years to come.

Luca Hennessy - A joy to coach Luca always showed a willingness to listen and learn. Still cannot tell the difference between him and his brother.

Aki Hennessy - As Above. Both boys were a delight to have in the team.

Matthew Moussa - The quiet achiever in the team. Matt plays his cricket with little fuss and was willing to ask questions on how and where he could improve.

Jack Benchoam - Jack is a good all-round cricketer. His bowling is accurate and doesn't give the batsman a lot to hit. He also had some very handy knocks throughout the season.

Thomas Battah - Another who improved as the season went on. His bowling improved at a level where he landed most balls in the right place.

Nick Kennedy - A left arm fast bowler that with time could become a very good bowler. Handy batsman and good fielder Nick shows a fair amount of promise.

Kian O'Neill - Kian was a late inclusion after Christmas but showed great promise and fitted into the team very well. Scored some handy runs when batting and for someone so small he bowls with plenty of pace.

Tom Buchanan - Just loves the game. Good technique when batting that opposition teams found hard to dislodge. A left arm bowler that was just starting to build good pace and accuracy at the end of the season. Has a knack of running batsman out with direct hits when fielding.

Gerard Buchanan

Under 11 Gold

I would like to nominate Adi Raj as the Most Improved Player of the season. This is his first season but has shown remarkable progress. As for the team it was a sedate start I should say. We could see the real potential only after a few games. Very hard working and obedient, they always supported and respected each other increasing the team spirit and their self esteem.

It was a real pleasure to coach them and I'm proud of every one of them. I found the team to be balanced but it was void of a good batsman, though sometimes some boys moved up to it. If I'm fortunate enough to coach them again I wouldn't hesitate to do it with all my heart.

Sreenath

Under 11 Black

Another wonderful season with many highlights resulted in this team reaching the semi-finals in fourth place.

Season highlights include a number of sensational batting efforts led by our No.1 batsman Josh Lee who scored 238 runs with an average of 47 runs. William Gibbs was a consistent batsman, blessed with a great 'pull shot' and averaged 15 runs. Mathew Maronese averaged 19 runs and had a couple of great knocks during the year with a highest score of 42 not out. Connor Barry proved difficult to remove with 4 not outs during the season finishing with an average of 18 runs. Jaden Fuata continued to improve his batting technique throughout the season and averaged 23 runs with 5 not outs. Nicholas Cullen proved to be a very gutsy opening batsmen facing the best of the bowling each week with an average of 10 runs. Patrick Hewgill's first year in cricket was successful, his fielding and throwing were his strengths and he developed his batting technique throughout the year with some big shots in tough matches, his highest score was 11 not out in one match.

Our fielding and bowling was terrific and proved to be the difference in many close games during the season.

Our team speedster Thomas Winter led the way with 10 wickets during the season with best figures of 3 wickets for 4 runs in one match. Jakob Turner-Jensen was the teams 'go to' bowler when things were tight at the end of each match, his accurate bowling under pressure ensured a number of victories throughout the year, his best figures were 2 wickets for 15 runs in one match. Nicholas Ellul was very much improved from last season picking up 4 vital wickets during the season with his best bowling figures being 1 wicket for only 9 runs in one match and Winston Lian returned to the club after a year off and showed he was a capable bowler collecting 5 wickets during the year with best figures of 2 wickets for only 2 runs in one match.

Due to ill health one of our team members, Brodie Scanlan was unable to take the field this year and we wish him all the best for next season. At the back end of the season we 'recruited' a fantastic all-rounder, James Threlkeld who provided some real flair with his batting and he also grabbed 2 wickets for 14 runs in one match.

Finally, to all the parents and friends who assisted each week at training and on match day with scoring, umpiring and other duties both Jason and I very much appreciate your support and efforts.

Coach - Steve Maronese Manager - Jason Ellul

Under 12 Maroon

The mighty U12 maroon's began the season with a number of new players. Focussing on participation, there was always 11 batsman and 11 different bowlers in every game played this season. The skills of players developed as the season progressed and improved performances saw us have one of the grand final teams at 9/90. While let of the hook to make 163, the maroons finished only 18 runs short with wickets in hand - they couldn't bowl us out in 52 overs! The boys have all developed particularly their bowling and fielding and there were many memorable moments with plenty of high fives from catches and run outs! Most of all their enthusiasm continued throughout with the greatest disappointment being the washed out rounds through February.

Ben Wood improved his batting significantly this season and topped the run scorers list with many mighty blows leading to 152 runs. Other impressive performers with the willow included Dharmesh Desai (114) and Aydin Bremner (80). Lliam Ferrier also made a great 51 on debut late in the season. Trent Stanmore led the wicket takers with 8, closely followed by Aydin (7) and Domenic Olivero (6), which included a memorable 3 wickets in 2 overs one game.

Dharmesh had excellent hands and grabbed 8 catches, with Trent (6) and Rahil Ajmera (3) always reliable under the high ball. It was great to see the catching practice paying off with Harry Sumption and Nicholas Voisin snaring catches in the latter part of the season. The defensive batting techniques of both Rushan Alam and Harry Paine developed throughout with them both now being difficult boys to dislodge. Matthew Manning improved so much he made the school team and couldn't play the second half of the season (after missing out on the school team last season). There may be a few more boys making school teams in the years ahead!

Under 12 Gold

It was a newly created team with a mix of abilities and 'light on' for experience. We had two players who had never played competition cricket, six players who only played super 8's Newington school cricket and only four players who played comp cricket the season prior.

Considering the factors above, I believe the team did relatively well in a hard competition, by winning a few games. The standard of cricket was far greater than school comp and I believe as tough as the Inner West comp. As the season progressed, many of our players improved their cricketing skills, especially in fielding.

Whilst we had a few talented 'stroke makers', the main weakness was in our poor batting performances, which was a result of top order batsman just not being mentally tough enough. Towards the end of the season lessons were learned.

Overall, we had reasonable bowling performances, with the highlight - Sam Perivolaris taking a hatrick in the middle of the season. We still bowled too many extras, which I spoke to the boys regularly about every week.

Our fielding was 'hot and cold' and we worked hard on this area. One minute we would be brilliant in the field, and then we were asleep or woeful!

Player Summary

Sam Churchin - RH Opening bat/LH Spin bowler - He has good concentration, solid and courageous batsman. Needs to work on playing more shots. He bowls left hand 'chinaman' and could look dangerous. Great potential

Oscar Lynch - LH Opening bat/Wicket Keeper - Has a good batting technique, plays with a nice straight blade and can hit the ball well all over the park. Has potential to be a good batsman, but needs to be tougher mentally. Wicketkeeping needs developing. Unfortunately, his bowling is not of standard.

Dean Begetis - RH Batsman/RH bowler - Likes to play shots and he does well when confidence is high. He needs to work on his mental game against top bowlers. His own bowling has improved significantly taking many wickets towards the end of the season.

Tommy Brooks - RH Batsman/RH Bowler - He deserved more wickets than he actually took. Probably our best fielder, with the most catches for the season. He under performed with the bat, but I think he learned a great deal. In school cricket, the standard of bowling is inferior to SEJCA and it found him out. Luckily Neil improved his batting approach and Tommy looked more comfortable towards the end of the season.

Dylan Foster - RH Bowler/ RH Batsman - His bowling action at the start of the season needed a lot of work, but he applied himself to be one of the better bowlers towards the end. Initially Dylan was a nervous batsman, but he worked hard and scored some runs to earn respect. One of our better fielders.

Joshua Slaney - RH Bowler/ RH Batsman - First year of cricket for Joshua and he did really well. He made a few scores, took wickets and held some catches. Good performance all-round.

Hugo Emery - RH Spin Bowler/ RH Batsman - Hugo was able to produce 'drift' in the air and would take wickets often. Needs to work on his temperament at times, but was very competitive all the same. He took the most wickets overall and has good potential to go further.

Sam Perivolaris - RH medium pace bowler/ LH Bat - Sam was one of these bowlers who seem to take a wicket, even though they don't look threatening. The highlight was the wonderful hatrick he achieved.

Jordan Phibbs - RH Opening Bowler/ RH Bat - Jordan has good pace and always looked threatening. He didn't take the most wickets, because he would get discouraged when he bowled a wide/no-ball or was hit for a boundary. Afterwards he would bowl too short. If he can keep his emotions 'in check' he would have easily been the top wicket taker.

Liam Taylor - RH Batsman/ RH Bowler - The biggest hitter in the team, but the only trouble is that he wants to hit every bowler out of the park! Whilst he has made a few scores, his eagerness often leads to a bad decision and his eventual demise. If he applied himself to defence (which his father tries to instil frequently) then he would be a very valuable player in the middle of the order.

Patrick Braithwaite - RH Batsman/RH Bowler - To be honest, I wasn't expecting too much from Patrick in the U12's this season, due to still being 10 yrs old. I think he really learned how to apply himself mentally, by making the right decisions when facing top line bowlers. In many games, he would need to bat with 5-6 different batsmen and his determination to stay out there contributed to him scoring the most runs. His bowling became more consistent towards the end and fielding was always solid.

Cooper Krestensen - RH Bowler/ RH Batsman - First foray for Cooper into traditional cricket and his still learning the fundamentals.

Under 13 Maroon

The highlight of the season was having a group of new players join a group of boys who have been together for awhile. To their credit the boys fitted in well and the team continued their tradition of being the "happiest" and "noisiest" team in the comp. We lost quite a few close games but managed a win against long standing nemesis. The boys will need to work hard in the future to fulfil their great promise. Harry Maneti batted brilliantly in the matches he played for us scoring a 50 each of the 4 times he batted. Madhav showed glimpses of the type of batting we know he is capable of. Michael took his leg spin to another level this season and showed his worth by getting some of the big guns out. Pak showed why he could turn into top class all rounder. Kedhar worried and got out quite a few batsmen with his trick left arm off spin. Gunny bowled some great spells for us. Sai bowled well and was a pleasure to coach. Miles played some good innings as opener and was a legend behind the stumps. Jakob showed touches of fine batting and lead the team well as captain. Jullian bowled some good spells and showed in the last match what he can do with the bat. Danu put his body on the line more than once on the field in his first season of club cricket. Sanjan bowled tight all season and was unlucky not to get more wickets. Dim was our saviour filling in when we were short. A big thank you to Jason Ellul who did a great job managing the team and to the parents who helped with scoring.

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Under 14 Maroon

It was an enjoyable season for the U14s Maroon team playing in the strong east competition with several very close games and an overall result of 6 wins, 3 losses and a washout draw. The team finished 3rd and was denied an opportunity of finishing 2nd and playing in the final by the weather, same as the previous season.

Nevertheless, every player had opportunities to bat and bowl and there were some very fine performances. In the batting Anthony Melnyk lead the way scoring 432 runs with 5 half centuries and showing great consistency. Next came Jamie McLeod with 174 runs and a top score of 77no. Darian Tomasiello scored 171 with a top score of 75no and captained the side well. Dalian Ivelja was the other major contributor with the bat scoring a total of 167. Of the other batsmen, William Hewgill showed flashes of form including his best of 60 against the old nemesis St Pats, Yash Kasbeker batted solidly in the middle order, Rehan Kharadi got his best score of 28 and showed great improvement while his brother Rishad combined with Alex Stephenson to put on 13 runs for the last week to squeak past St Pats in a thrilling finish. Jeremy Lopes showed improvement and managed to

smash a six out of the ground, while Dylan Lee and Alex Painter looked great in the nets but struggled to get going out in the centre.

The bowling was dominated by Anthony (17 wickets), Dalian (15 wickets) and Darion (15 wickets). Yash and Jeremy also bowled consistently while Dylan emerged as a big scary fast bowler who could bowl the odd unplayable delivery. Amongst the spinners William lead the way with the usual selection of fruity offerings and 9 wickets and Rehan emerged as a leg-spinner of promise and Jamie when he wasn't wicketkeeping bowled better in the centre than he did in the nets. Alex Stephenson took his first wickets in cricket and strangely would bowl a great first over then lose the plot in his second over. He was offered big money for each wicket and was therefore our only professional player. Rishad also emerged as a very handy bowler but his captain regularly removed him from the attack for being too economical. Alex Painter was underdone but snaffled 2 wickets against Oakhill.

Overall it was another solid season of progress for all players and they should look forward to more fruitful contributions next season. It was great to see 5 of the players involved in the representative cricket program before Christmas and this will also stand them in good stead next season. Finally special thanks to parents Bob Melnyk and Viraf Kharadi for assistance with fielding practice and umpiring during the season.

Philip McLeod

Under 16 Gold

We started the season not sure if we would have a team with only 7 players. With the help of Anne Burt, we got in touch with Graeme Durrant from Five Dock, who were also struggling for numbers, joined forces and became a united team - thanks Graeme.

I write this report on day 1 of our Grand Final. We've bowled today and will be chasing 173 to win. A win will be great and a perfect way to end the season, however that's not the only reason we play cricket. The fact that the boys have done so well, got on well as a group, improved, made new friends and participated in a game that that they can come back to anytime, anywhere in the future, impresses me the most.

Best Batsmen - Kaya Bremner - Highest run scorer in our team with 306 for the season including his maiden century, also best keeper in the comp taking 9 catches.

Best Bowler - Tom Threlkeld - Outstanding cricketer taking 25 wickets being the highest in the comp and scored 274 runs with the bat, co-captained the team.

Ben Breen - Very good bowler, perfecting the bouncer this year with increased pace and accuracy, good in the field and handy with the bat.

Adam Carmody - Very talented all-round cricketer playing 3 years up, good in the field, bowled very well and enjoyed having a bat.

Daniel Carmody - Best fielder in the team and really improved his bowling, loved having a bat when he got a chance.

Cam Durrant - Opened the batting with courage, really laid a platform for the team, scored his maiden century and good in the field.

Alex Favotto - Ever reliable when available with the bat, ball and in the field, a very smart cricketer who loves the game.

Ruairi Fleming - Co-captain of the team, a very good organiser, good in the field and bowled economically and with accuracy, handy with the bat.

Andrew Hogg - Very talented cricketer, slotted into number 3 position with the bat and made it his own, bowled very well and good in the field.

Thomas Louie - Raw Talent, the fastest bowler in the comp and the most feared, more than capable with the bat and handy in the field.

Kris Little - Very impressive with the bat towards the end of the season, good bowler and made "bat pad" his own position in the field.

Colin Taylor - Very talented bowler and most consistent in the team, improved with the bat and always alert in the field.

James Threlkeld - Helped us out in the field when we were short, bowled very well and showed his talents at training with the bat.

The older boys in the team will finish their time in junior cricket, some of the younger ones may not play and the ones that continue playing, will be playing with a different group of players next year. Boys, I simply say Thank You, you've not only been the most talented group of players I've coached, but more importantly fine young men and I wish you every success with your futures.

A big thanks goes to Matt Threlkeld for Managing the team with ease, scoring on most occasions and providing much appreciated assistance with coaching. Thanks also to Dion Bremner - a wealth of cricket knowledge and his assistance at training was invaluable. Thanks to Ivo, Andy and Graham with assistance with umpiring. As always my thanks goes to Anne and Chris Burt for their continued support of this great cricket club.

Kevin Breen

RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The 2013 season was filled with lots of positives but we acknowledge that there is still a large volume of work to complete before success will come.

Recruitment - Starting extremely well in preseason, we signed up over 35 new players to the club from around the local area. Unfortunately it seems we lost a raft of players towards the end of the year, in my opinion mainly due to injuries and the lack of performance of the overall club. For 2014 we are working with local schools, print media distributors and social media forums to once again attract youth and players to Briars. We have set ourselves the target to attract 20 new players to the club and given our methods we feel this is achievable. One point we have to be conscious about is that we attract a large number of players who are new to rugby union, so we are putting systems in place to nurture these players so they will develop as players and clubmen.

Pre-Season - You cannot control too much with squad physical size and raw ability but fitness is the one element we have full control over and I think this should be exploited better in 2014. To facilitate this we have invested in some whiteboards that will be used to promote internal competition and record individual performance; this will help breed success throughout the seasons to come.

Trials Matches - Decent results were achieved in the trial matches but we left it too late to organise quality matches. Field availability was an issue in 2013 so the lesson learned is to plan earlier and to get trial matches in. Arguably the trial against Macabbi should have been against a harder side. But the trial against St Ives was a great day of rugby where Briars won the Walker Cup. In 2014 we have already organised the use of Greenlees Oval for trials to run from 3:00pm to 7:00pm in March. Not only will this be great to get the guys engaged early in their rugby season but it will be a great income stream by hosting these matches.

Briars Overall Results

1st Half of Season

1st Grade Won the first 3 games then lost the next 6
2nd Grade Won 4 out of 9 games won 3 straight
3rd Grade Won 1 from 9
4th Grade 3 wins 5 losses, not including forfeits for

2nd Half of Season

1st Grade Won the first 2 then lost the next 7
2nd Grade Had one win at Home against St George in the 2nd half of season.
3rd Grade Had 2 wins back to back against Epping and Hills then had a great win against Epping last round
4th Grade 3 wins 5 losses, Not including forfeits for

1st Grade - An interesting stat is that they won 3 Away Games and 2 Home Games, so one assumption is the guys that travel, perform better? Overall 1st Grade finished 9th out of 10, and used 46 different players in 18 rounds.

2nd Grade - We had a lot of injuries in 1st Grade so this meant most of 2nd grade played 1st Grade at some stage in 2013. This experience will serve them well in the future. Overall 2nd grade finished 7th out of 10 and used 69 players in 18 rounds.

3rd Grade - Finished 7th out of 10 but it was great to see some rookies really step up in the last 4 games, Will who was a colt last year played 1st grade Fly Half extremely well against Blue Mountains. 3rd Grade used 72 different players in 18 rounds.

4th Grade - Finished 5 out of 10, did well and the forfeits worked in our favour with 4 forfeits for 6 legitimate wins and 10 losses. Used 52 players in 16 games.

Club Wide - The most disturbing statistic is the number of players we used for each grade, there is something drastically wrong here and we have to make a better effort to stay fit, the reality is if players do not want to train a minimal amount then something like Oz Tag may be more suitable to that player's comfort level of commitment. Consistency in the playing group will help us get results and alleviate pressure on the coaches.

Culture - For me this was one of the better years culture-wise. The BBQ's were great at training and promoted a culture of guys staying around and using the club's facilities. I noticed a significant increase in participation in social events. In 2014 it would be good to see some more formally organised events as we seemed to throw events together at the last minute, all be it great events.

Coaches and Players - The new ideas and energy were great from Brad, and Max was great. The downside was, it seemed to fizzle out towards the end of the season when injuries were high and morale was lower than hoped. The playing group has to understand that any result will be from being fit, brilliant at the basics, and well disciplined. There was not a side I saw in 2013 that I thought to myself, "how will we beat these guys." The fact is they probably worked harder than us. In hindsight we had a poor attitude in 2013 thinking we would go straight back to Division 2 as we had gone down a division. There is no room for complacency in Subbies rugby. Injuries were a huge issue to our club so we need to think of ways that we can condition players better. As a club we need to focus on remaining in contact with our injured players, younger players, and those new to the club. By focusing on including these members in social events, I believe we can create a strong Rugby culture through which we will be able to strengthen the club.

Discipline appeared to be an issue, however the laws on dissent and tackling were harsher in 2013 so we need to improve our relationships with the referees and learn the rules. Arguably there were a number of red cards that really hurt us in the overall results of a certain matches.

Committee - Towards the end of 2013 I think the committee found their footing and settled into their roles, this will allow better use of the committee. There was and will be a need to refresh the office bearers to allow fresh ideas and energy into the club.

Finance - Subs - Rego nights went well but in 2014 all fees to be \$250 for all players for ease of administration and to account for the increased cost of everything. Strapping tape was a huge expense in 2013, nearly \$2k (\$100 a week). In 2014 players will be expected to pay for their own tape as the roles cost nearly \$10 a roll.

Social - Forster 10's - Was a great trip overall with what I feel was some good bonding that really brought the lads tighter for the season kick off.

Blue Mountain Bus Trip - A great season highlight of the social events for the year.

Old Boys Day was a great season end. I would like to see more instances of the Old Boys being included. Whether this is through inviting specific Old Boys to come down and manage a facet of the club (coach, ground marshal, etc.) or by creating an incentive for them to come down to home games (i.e. Old Boys hill where the current players set up a marquee and chairs for them).

Ladies Day was a nice day and well organised by Jules Boyter.

I would also like to see more instances of home games being recorded or photographed. These images can be posted on social media sites for the Rugby Club and Briars Sporting Club. Through these images we can begin to entice players to come to our club, while also giving current players recognition and mementos of their playing career. This may also be a possibility in honouring long serving Old Boys in order to once again bring them to Briars.

Where to from here - Briars will try to field as many teams as possible in 2014, but the committee will not allow the club to field more sides than players that have committed (paid fees). We will no longer assume that players are returning and might pay later so the way forward and the plan for 2014 and beyond can be summarized into three points:

1. Pay your fees by round one, you don't pay, you don't play
2. If you do not train on Thursday, someone else will be picked over you
3. Respect the coaches' and match officials' decisions always, breaches to the Briars code of conduct will be dealt with by the senior playing group

Congratulations to our Award Winners in 2013

Geoff Archibald Trophy	- Aiden Death
Rookie of the Year	- Aiden Death
1st Grade: Players Player	- Sape Misa
Coaches Award	- Milo McFarland (club captain)
Most Improved	- Charlie Burke
2nd Grade: Players Player	- Tim Rolls
Coaches Award	- Ian Pond
Most Improved	- Andrew Ananin
3rd Grade: Players Player	- James Ashton-Maxwell
Coaches Award	- James Luu

4th Grade:	Most Improved	- Jacob Campbell
	Players Player	- Nick Russell
	Coaches Award	- Christian Lombardo
	Most Improved	- Tim Eke

Ben Edwards Rugby Chairman

1st Grade Report

Last season can be reviewed in two ways; on and off the field. Highlights definitely centered around the work done by the committee off the field with the following highlights:

- Sponsorship
- Organisation of solid communication avenues
- Collection of fees
- Post training BBQ's
- Old Boys Day (although personally absent)
- Game day Organisation and field lay out

For these progressions alone the members of the committee are to be fully congratulated and thanked.

On the field, our results weren't as encouraging and this is the area where most work is to be done next season. After beginning promisingly with a good pre-season hit out v St Ives and clean sweep in round 1 the season only revealed a few promising highlights.

In first grade we saw some encouraging rugby played with some close results not go their way. When 1st Grade isn't winning then this certainly has an effect on the lower grades. Recruitment of key players such as Sape Misa and James Shaw had a positive impact on and off the field with the two definitely being the basis of building a strong top squad for the following season.

Our ambition as a club this season was to win the Club Championship and for at least three of the four teams to reach the finals. Obviously this was far from achieved. My ambition in my first year as head coach was:

- To build a sense of unity from 1st to 4th grade, an improved approach to the way we played the game, and for the players to enjoy themselves on the field, thus to help develop player growth.
- Establish a strong coaching network and support them to make sure needs and issues resolved early with assistance from myself where needed.

I acknowledge the first year as head coach was a massive learning curve and the following are areas are key components to improve on to assist the club in growing:

- Implement a clear policy of selection and player expectations for the year.
- Work with the committee more closely in terms of recruitment strategies and plans for player development.
- Ensure grade selection is appropriate for all grades.
- Recruit marquee players for key positions in top grades that contribute to the club's culture and help the club grow in overall numbers.

2014 should be an exciting year with a dedicated committee on hand and a talented group of core of players to build a successful club around. Its main focus for the year needs to be around building 'a club' once more with consistent numbers and a committed culture. Players should have a certain expectation of the club to achieve and the Club, in turn, an expectation of them to contribute to its future success. From this, results should follow.

Brad Sculley – Coach

Club Captain's Report

The year of 2013 for rugby was definitely one to remember, not only on but off the pitch. The season got off to a cracking start, socially, with the Forster 10's. It was great to see the boys come back from the trip undefeated, with also various good times had and stories to be remembered as well. But as per usual, what goes on tour stays on tour. Preseason training was tough as per usual, with gruelling training sessions showing of with results, as the club had a fantastic start to the season competitively, winning all trials, and getting its hands on some long awaited silverware, with a close yet triumphant win over St Ives in first grade, for the Cup. This form stayed somewhat consistent throughout the start of the regular season for all grades. A sign of the talent and strength the club had in the higher grades was made known, with Briars first grade undefeated for the first three rounds. Unfortunately, due to a couple of loses, a large number of injuries, and a poor amount of numbers gradually increasing at training, all of the hard work that had been produced had now somewhat been dismantled, making the second half of the season harder for the club to compensate for.

The second half of the season had it ups and downs, with plenty of passion and commitment seen in patches, there was not enough to get the club up to where it had initially aimed to be at the start of the season, with unfortunately no grades qualifying for semifinals.

From the final results of the season, we are to identify what the benchmark and the standard, the club has to meet in order to be successful, and clearly recognise that having a bit of ticker only on game day, was clearly just not enough in today's game, to achieve any goals on a consistent basis. From this though, we are able to label our weakest parts when it comes to creating a club with a strong and competitive culture and structure, to lead to success.

Our COMMITMENT to being present for all important club activities we needed, to therefore not weaken the club i.e. all games and training sessions.

The level of DISCIPLINE that needs to be improved for all persons in order to achieve a greater goal, at the expense of his immediate comfort.

To give RESPECT for all aspects and entities of the club, so we may all receive it back in return, for ourselves.

Although, whilst we have the facilities to use, guidance of past and present Briars players, as well as knowledge of coaches training staff, all this will go to waste if us, Briars men choose not to make an effort to rugby in all aspect that necessary. I refer to everyone as Briars men, and not simply as players or so forth, because we are all apart of a family, and when you get the opportunity to wear a Briars kit, you join a life long group and become a part of the culture of the club. This is something some people might take for granted, but its something that is very close to my heart, and can not stand to be let down by any one involved, that doesn't feel the same way.

But apart from all that, on a positive note, 2014 is shaping up to be a distinguishing year for the club, as we look to start with preseason a tad earlier than say per usual, having a majority of players enthusiastic to take part in fitness testing come November. Idealistically, this shows signs of great improvement from last year already with organisation from coaches and trainers clearly making a stand on what needs to be implemented to get the club to be a successful again.

It appears that the club is in great hands for rugby, with the lead up to in a few years time, when we will celebrate the centenary the club. With other sports showing great signs of dominance and competitiveness throughout play, it's time that rugby established itself once again, and showed that once and for all, rugby is a vital part, and true sector of the club that stand strongest.

On a personal note, I would just like to say how honoured I was this year to be chosen to represent the club as Club Captain. I am ever so grateful to have had the opportunity not only to have this responsibility, but also to have played First Grade Rugby once again this year, along with the chance to meet all members of the club on a more personal basis, including new players, senior players, senior figures and administrators and old boys. On top of that I've had the pleasure of making new friends with people in the club on and off the field. And whilst a lot could have been done by the club as a whole to improve vastly, 2013 will be a season that I will still remain very proud to be a part of, and won't regret.

Again a huge wrap goes out to all of those who have and/or still are contributing to the clubs progression and leadership into the coming year. I look forward to every moment of the future ahead.

Emilio De Fanti-McFarland - Captain

2nd Grade Report

Briars second grade season started out with a resounding win in the first round against Blacktown. It was a strong showing from the team and a just reward considering the time spent in preseason. With a new group of players this was a positive result that showed promise of a competitive season, however this was to be our only victory in the first six rounds of the competition. While a few close matches could have gone either way, the team didn't quite have the composure to withstand some of our oppositions more experienced playing ability.

Having played through this period second grade then went on to record three consecutive victories, two of which were away from Rothwell. In a season that saw a huge number of injuries, this was clearly the bright point of the year. The team recorded a one point win against St George in an absolute thriller, a fourteen point win over Hornsby at home, and a seventeen point demolition of Epping. Through this time the team started to gel as a unit, with the side having almost no changes from week to week, and saw a number of players put in standout performances.

The halfway point saw the side in sixth position, needing a strong second half of the season to push for semi-finals contention. This however was not to be. With an increasing injury toll, a significant number of second grade players moved into first grade, leaving opportunities for new players to consolidate positions in seconds.

Through the back half of the season the side could only manage one victory and a draw, going down in a further three matches by less than five points. While the side never gave in on the field, the lack of consistency in playing roster made gaining fluency and momentum difficult.

In the end second grade finished seventh out of ten sides. I feel honoured to have captained the side throughout the year, having seen many exceptional performances. Credit should go to Max and Brad for coaching us throughout the season. With a bit of luck next year we should challenge for a place in the top four.

Tim Rolls - Captain

Uniforms for The Future

Following the announcement at Presentation Night I am happy to say, Briars will have a new kit from 2014. The Jersey is adapted from one of the great periods in the Briars Rugby History: 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953 Club Champions and hope it will lead to successes in our future. The gold jersey comes from a saying "That there was only one way to wear Gold in Australian Rugby, playing for the Wallabies or The Briars" (I know which one I prefer). I must say since playing 1st Grade on and off for Briars for the last few years, nothing feels better than donning the Old School Rugby Gold for Old Boys Day and I am pleased I can do it with all my club mates from 1st Grade all the way to 4th Grade for the whole season. I want to thank the Old Boys Network for the funds into the Jersey, the Briars Rugby Committee and feedback from current players.

With the shorts, we will have the Briars Trademark "**VIRTUS ANIMUSQUE PRAESENS** = Virtue and Intellect is Present " from last year:

VIRTUS/Virtue - Behaviour showing high moral standards: "paragons of virtue". A quality considered morally good or desirable in a person.

ANIMUSQUE/Intellect - The faculty of reasoning and understanding objectively, especially. with regard to abstract or academic matters. The understanding or mental powers of a particular person: "her education, intellect and talent".

PRAESENS/Present

I just want to say to all players and supporters, as is our trademark: Please show RESPECT and BE OF HIGH MORALS to our adversaries, the ref, team mates, supporters, the jersey and the jersey's past.

Luke Sinai

HOCKEY REPORT

The 2013 season again saw a record number of players register to play hockey with Briars, enabling the club to field 8 junior teams, 8 womens teams and 10 mens teams - our largest playing contingent yet. Additionally, a record number of Minkey players (Under 9's) registered to play with Briars and learn about the fabulous game that is hockey.

As is often the case, 2013 was a season of mixed success, though enormous effort from all involved both on and off the field. Congratulations must go to the 12 junior and senior teams who qualified for their respective semi-finals following the regular season competition. It was a fabulous effort from Briars to finish the season so strongly, with outstanding on-field performances securing the club 3 major premierships - Under 11C's, Womens 5th Grade and Mens 6th Grade. Special mention must also be made of Women's 1st Grade who, despite not finding the grand final result they were looking for, played a great season and matched it with the best in the competition right to the very end.

Within the Briars mens ranks, congratulations must go to Matt Dawson and Derryn Allsop who were both recipients of individual awards at the 2013 Sydney Hockey Association annual presentation night. Matt received the Pat Nilan award, having been named the 2013 Rising Star; and Derryn the Darren Bannerman award, having been named as the 2013 Highest Goal Scorer in the Sydney Cup competition. Briars was also awarded the Club Championship for the combined SL5/SL6 Divisions. Congratulations to all!

Off the field, with some significant Council works being carried out around the field early in the season, Cintra has received a beautiful facelift and is now looking better than ever. This, coupled with the recently refurbished canteen and installation of a Just Hockey outlet ensures players, supports and visitors are well looked after whilst spending time at the field. Enormous thanks goes to David Ratcliffe, Emma Ratcliffe and Wal Zol for their tireless efforts in this regard.

Briars Hockey and Cintra were also fortunate to co-host the 2013 Australian Masters Hockey Championships across September/October where, over the course of the 15 day competition, 251 games were played between Olympic Park and Cintra. Congratulations to Club President, Emma Ratcliffe, whose unwavering effort

guaranteed this event was one of the biggest and best the Master Championships had ever seen. Thanks also to the countless Briars players and supporters who volunteered their time assisting at Cintra during the competition - we couldn't have done it without you!

As in previous years, Briars were fortunate to have a number of players and support personnel selected in representative teams. Congratulations to the following people who had the honour of representing at state and national level during 2013:

Womens	Mens
Jocelyn Bartram - NSW U21s - NSW Arrows - Australian Junior World Cup Squad Jo Rowlands - NSW Arrows Rachel Miller - NSW Arrows Alysha Borg - Tasmania AHL team Tori Scanlon - Australian U16s Schoolgirls Riley Smith - NSW U18s Georgina Mallon - NSW U15 Squad - NSW U15 Indoor Maddy Stewart - NSW U18 Indoor - NSW U21 Indoor Kaitlin Nobbs - NSW U18s - NSW All Schools U16s - Australian All Schools	Matt Dawson - NSW U21s - NSW Waratahs - Australian Junior World Cup Squad Luke Noblett - NSW U21s - NSW U21s Indoor - NSW Waratahs - Australian Junior World Cup Squad Nathan Bourke - NSW U21s Nick Hill - NSW U21s Oliver Flack - NSW U18s Squad James Fordham - NSW Over 40s No 2 team David Slater - NSW Over 50s No 2 team Adam Schasser - NSW Over 45s No 2 Team Paul Howarth - NSW Over 40s No 3 team

Umpiring	Coaching
Danielle Quoy - U15 Girls State Championships (Umpire Coach) - Womens Opens State Championships - World Masters Games in Torino Mark Holman - Mens Opens State Championships (selected but was injured prior to the tournament)	Warren Birmingham - NSW Arrows Head Coach

Briars Hockey enjoyed a series of the usual annual social events - Season Launch, Trivia Night, Derby Days, Annual Luncheon, Ladies Days, Junior Presentation Day and the end of year Presentation Night. All were a huge success for the club and went a considerable way towards ensuring a profitable 2013 season.

A number of players were honoured with club awards at this year's formal presentation night recognising their contributions to Briars Hockey in 2013. They were as follows:

AJ Robinson Trophy - David Ratcliffe

RD Vanderfield Trophy - Oliver Flack

Col 'Hockey' Jones Medallions - Matt Hetherington, Emma Ratcliffe and Wal Zol

Rising Star Awards - Kaitlin Nobbs and Luke Noblett

On behalf of the Briars Hockey Committee we would like to thank our sponsors **Mortgage Choice Concord, Concord Sports and Spine Physiotherapy** and **Firths Compensation Lawyers** for their continued support of our club. Without the support of such sponsors, our club would not show such success both on and off the field. The Committee would also like to thank John Price and Michael Imer for their continued support and contributions this season, as well as Glen and the staff at Briars@Greenlees.

Briars Hockey now looks to the 2014 season with excitement and enthusiasm!

2013 Briars Hockey Committee

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Under 11A

2013 was very much a development year for the Under 11As following on from the premiership success in 2012. While a small number of key players remained from last year, the majority of the team were promoted from the 2012 Under 11C Grand Final team. The difference in skills and pace in Division 1 represented a big step for most players.

The main focus for the season was to concentrate on the core skills of the players and improve their understanding of positional play. The team suffered some early heavy losses, but improved steadily throughout the season enabling us to lock-up a place in the semi-finals in mid-August. By the end of the regular season the team was capable of taking points from the majority of teams in the competition. In the minor semi-final the Under 11As were beaten 2 -3 by Northern Districts in a game we came close to steeling from our more fancied opponents.

Close to 20 people played for the Under 11As during the season, with a number of players taking extended overseas holidays or missing games due to injuries. The key players were...

Goalies	Megan Miranda and Tom Jean
Defenders	Alexandra Vaughan, Jaqueline Flett, Lara White, and Tom Jean
Sweepers	Daniel White, Max Trapnell
Mid Fielders	Martin Pedersen-Clarke, Jayden Selvanayagam, Alyssa Wedd and Ella Fraser.
Strikers	George Papanikolaou, Karl Smith, Scarlett Thuell, Claudia Tyree and Annabel Smith
Utility	Bailey Scanlon (including a game as goalie).

An honourable mention is also made to the players from the Under 11Cs who filled in from time to time.

Special mention is made of a few players. Bailey Scanlon and Martin Pedersen-Clarke were the heart of the team, demonstrating slick stick-skills and great awareness on the field. Max Trapnell evolved into the cornerstone of the defence in his 1st year of competitive hockey. Ella Fraser and Alyssa Wedd joined the team mid-season and immediately added flair and speed improving the competitiveness of the team. Jayden Selvanayagam played with passion and skill, and never gave-up regardless of the score.

A pleasing aspect of the season was seeing at least six players selected for various Sydney representative teams during the season. Briars should be highly competitive again in 2014 with the majority of players eligible for Under 11s again next year, and with the premiership success of the Under 11Cs.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Best and Fairest	Bailey Scanlon
Most Improved	Max Trapnell
Coaches Award	Martin Pedersen-Clarke
Encouragement	Alex Vaughan
Encouragement	Tom Jean

Many thanks to Warren Birmingham for helping with positional play and contributing a number of drills to training. Some of the more advanced skills and techniques introduced by “Buster” started to appear on the field of play as the season went on. Thanks also to Clay Scanlon for his contributions as a referee and association liaison. And final thanks to John Clarke who worked hard to ensure that we had enough players each week, and access to goalkeeping gear.

Dan Jean Coach

Under 11C

What a fantastic season for the under 11C Briars team. With such a young team and so many players new to hockey I couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Each week we improved whilst having lots of fun which is all a coach can ask for. Thankfully we saved our best game to the very end of the season with a very exciting Grand Final victory over Ryde who we were yet to beat. Thanks to all the players who took a turn or two at goalie this year. Thanks to all the parents for their support.

Finally, a huge thanks to our manager, Magdalen, without whom we would have forfeited many games as I would never have remembered the goalie kit

2013 Grand Finalists

Jazmine - superstar goalie! Jazzy was our goalie for the final season. She improved each week thanks to training from Matt Hetherington.

Lola - Lola showed improvement throughout the season and had some great touches on the ball.

Brendan - could not believe this kid had not picked up a stick before this year. Brendan has an absolute gift for the sport. He cemented his place as centre half controlling the flow of the game.

Jack - an absolute gem to coach. Juggling soccer and hockey Jackman is a natural when it comes to team sports. His passing game is far superior to his age. He also has a knack for getting the ball in the net.

Michael and Gemma - King and Queen of the D. No ball or person got past these great defenders thanks to their teamwork.

Josh - a magnet to the ball. I could hardly keep josh on his side of the field due to his determination to get involved. Great improvement throughout the season Joshy

Oscar - playing a brilliant center forward role, Oscar broke down their free hits time and time again allowing us multiple chances to attack.

Henry - this kid has skills to burn. A really intelligent and hardworking hockey player.

Annabel - coming into our team in the second half of the season, Annabel was a welcome asset. She was a great midfielder but handy anywhere on the field.

Alexia - another newbie to the sport with a clear talent for the game. A really strong half/full back.

Emily - a strong half who made some great transfers throughout the season (a difficult skill for U11s).

Lily - a Minkey in age but an U11 in skill! Lily really improved this year and was always in the right spot.

Elliot - Elliot made some great improvements this year especially in his positional game which even culminated in a fantastic deflected goal.

Rian - another newbie to the sport. Rian's enthusiasm and talent for the sport showed day one as did his lack of ability to stay on his feet! Great season Rian.

Lauren Candido Coach

Under 13C

This was my first year as a junior coach after a 20 year absence. The following results were achieved and the team was able to finish the regular season in third place. This was an excellent result.

06 Apr 2013	Briars 2	vs	ND White 3	1 : 0
13 Apr 2013	B Hills Red	vs	Briars 2	1 : 2
04 May 2013	Manly 2	vs	Briars 2	5 : 1
11 May 2013	Briars 2	vs	GNS White 3	2 : 0
17 May 2013	Briars 2	vs	Ryde Jaguars 4	2 : 2
25 May 2013	ND White 3	vs	Briars 2	0 : 1

15 Jun 2013	Briars 2	vs	B Hills Red	3 : 3
22 Jun 2013	Briars 2	vs	Manly 2	1 : 0
20 Jul 2013	GNS White 3	vs	Briars 2	1 : 1
27 Jul 2013	Ryde Jaguars 4	vs	Briars 2	1 : 1
26 Jul 2013	Briars 2	vs	ND White 3	2 : 1
03 Aug 2013	B Hills Red	vs	Briars 2	2 : 0
10 Aug 2013	Manly 2	vs	Briars 2	2 : 2
16 Aug 2013	Briars 2	vs	GNS White 3	1 : 1
24 Aug 2013	Briars 2	vs	Ryde Jaguars 4	0 : 4

Semi Finals

31 Aug 2013	Briars 2	vs	GNS White 3	1 : 0
07 Sep 2013	Ryde Jaguars 4	vs	Briars 2	3 : 1

The team all year played a strong passing game with all players getting involved. At times we were hindered by school commitments and injuries. Our team consisted of experienced and new players. The highlight match of the year was against GNS White in the Semi Final. It was a hard fought match with our team winning a tight one, 1-0. GNS peppered our goals for most of the match but our first (and only) short corner late in the game resulted in Tom scoring the winner. It proved we were a champion team and supported each other the entire match. Overall all players improved during the year and importantly seemed to enjoy their hockey - games and training.

Players in the 2013 team were:-

Sarah Ali - Played consistently throughout the year in a variety of positions.

Alex Darling - Tried hard all year. Played well in the middle.

Susie Douglas - Played at fullback and had speed to burn. Good prospect for the attack.

Ben Higgins - This was his first year of hockey. He played well and with the maturity of a more experienced player.

Sidarth Krishnan-Iyer - He was full of enthusiasm. Played mainly in the core of attack and supported defence well.

Isaac Lombard - Isaac was the core of our defence. Good tackling skills and he supported the attack well.

Alexandra Louizos - She developed well during the year and learnt how to attack the ball. Solid defender and an eager attacker.

Celine Louizos - Celine worked hard and played well. Eager to run the ball and also pass off when able to.

Oscar Lynch - He joined the team mid year and played goal keeper very well. An injury saw him sidelined in the latter part of the season.

Jack Mercieca - Jack played in the core of attack and defence. A spirited player who will develop into a very good player for the club and could achieve representative selection.

Gwyneth Miller - Gwyneth suffered a broken arm during the off season and returned mid season. Unfortunately her injury required further rest so she sat out the season.

Tom Mowat - A very good player from the start. Very eager and enhanced his skills throughout the year. He was part of our core attack and defence and improved throughout the year.

Brianna Neowhouse - She joined the team mid year and proved a very capable full back. Very keen with a good set of skills.

Tegan Neowhouse - Tegan joined the team mid year and proved to be a very capable goal keeper. She was captured by our U13 A team late in the season. She will go far.

Sophie-Ann Williams - Sophie-Ann was a very enthusiastic and capable player in our attack. She scored a number of our goals. Her skills improved throughout the year.

Grace Wilson - Grace is a very capable player who played in different positions. She has good skills and showed lots of enthusiasm.

To George Lombard our fantastic manager again a big thank-you for making sure all the paperwork was always under control and managing our changing training program. It was a pleasure to work with you. To all the other parents who supported their kids and the team your efforts are greatly appreciated. I hope to see you all return in 2014. Finally, to the club committee for their continued support it is appreciated.

Joe Lyons Coach

Under 15B

The under 15B team were a keen and youthful outfit and many new to hockey. Our aim this year was to finish in the top 4. We put into practice a new structure and the team worked hard to get used to our new positional play. Our other challenge this year was to spread the ball wide and work on our back passes. The team were a little challenged by this but by season end it was all starting to come together ...unfortunately all a little too late. A spate of end of season injuries took their toll and we lost some games that at strength we wouldn't have. We held our top 4 position all year and went into the last round match needing a win or a draw to progress to the finals - unfortunately we failed to convert despite having the run of play and a last minute runaway goal by Northern Districts saw our season come to a premature end.

On the Briars books we have several strong players in the under 15 age group who decided to play in the under 17's or seniors. This really depleted the team of some strength and made us far less competitive than we could have been. Thanks to all of the players for their efforts, especially those new to the game - it was lovely to see how far they developed over the season.

The under 15B team consisted of:

Liam 'Buster' Birmingham - Buster had a strong season as our resident keeper. He learnt the art of throwing himself at players and had some sensational games. His commitment to the keeper duties and his improvement this year saw him awarded the Briar's Junior Goal Keeper of the year.

Sophie Brooks - Some players are born strikers and Sophie is one such player. She has a great sense of position and if there is a sniff of a goal scoring opportunity, Sophie will be there ready to pounce. Another solid season.

Matthew Chapman - Matthew returned this season after a break in goals last year due to injury. His game improved all season and he regularly was awarded the 'Player's Player' award for his efforts. He eventually settled into a defensive position and on many occasions pulled off great tackles and stopped the opposition in their tracks. He was awarded 'Most Improved' player.

Lincoln Dale - Sadly had his season cut short due to a broken leg. He was also solid in attack, one of the fastest players on the field and adapted really well to the high striker position.

Max Evans - Max is a true midfielder, always busy on the field and at times displaying great skills on the ball. A solid season.

Olivia Ferrer - Was consistent and strong in defense and a great team player who showed leadership and commitment. She grew in confidence this season and showed great improvement in her game.

Izaak Foster - Zac was fairly new to hockey this year and was on a steep learning curve but rose to the challenge. Zac showed great versatility - fast in attack but also a solid defender when it was required.

Luke Gallagher - One of the most committed members of the team, Luke showed great maturity and skill all season in whichever position he played. Awarded 'Most Consistent' player.

Jesse John - Always enthusiastic and a great supporter of his fellow team mates. Jessie was solid in attack and showed great speed at times. His season was unfortunately interrupted by injury but he managed to return at the end of the season with speed in tact.

James Marshall - James always gave 100%. He was the team's playmaker and rock solid in the centre of the field. He led the team well and earned the respect of his team mates - This was reflected by his top polling as 'Players Player'.

Matthew Najdzion - In only his second year of hockey Matthew is showing great promise. He was the highest goal scorer for the season and often scored for the team when it really mattered.

Alanah Southan - Alanah is the defensive player that every coach wants on their team. She is consistent and strong on the ball. In one on one situations you would back Alanah every time. Alanah worked really hard on spreading the ball across the back of the field and often kept the team out of trouble.

Clarice Wooden - Clarice is a great asset to any team. She works hard on the field and was always reliable in the midfield and defence. Clarice has developed into a lean and fit player and showed great improvement all year.

Thanks also to Aidon from the 15C team who played with us for most games towards the end of the season. It was Aidon's first year of hockey and he is a player of the future for Briars.

Kylie Beckhouse and Joseph Ferrer - Coaches

Womens 1st Grade (ML1)

It was a surprisingly smooth start to the season considering the change in coaching personnel just 3 days before the first game. In addition to losing Pat McCann prior to the season starting, the team had also lost 5 key players from the previous season's team. However the acquisition of Rachel Miller (returning from USA), Jessica Blake (returning from Sydney University) and Mimi Vogt (from Germany) helped cover these losses. Lauren Candido and Kaitlin Nobbs were promoted from ML2 and a balanced and enthusiastic team was formed.

We were very fortunate to have the great assistance of David John, in the capacity of Exercise Physiologist, and his work with the team was outstanding. David took care of the fitness, recovery and rehabilitation of the players and this played a big part in our success as we had very few injuries throughout the year.

The team won the first 9 games of the season, standing us in good stead for the second half of the fixtures where we lost many players to representative duties. This was an opportunity for us to introduce young players to ML 1 including Riley Smith (age 15) from Albion Park, Georgina Mellon (15) from ML2, Annika Dunlop (17) from ML 4 and Anke Vermeulen (GK) from ML5.

We ended the round games with 4 losses from 18 games, 2 of which were to Moorebank who's press caused our defence a great deal of angst. A highlight of the round games was not being beaten by Sydney University, a formidable team. A 1-0 win in the first round and a 1-1 draw in the second round were terrific results.

The semi final saw us lose 2-1 to Sydney University, with a key play maker Rachel Miller being sorely missed. A preliminary final meeting against our nemesis Moorebank was the biggest game of the year, having been unable to score against them and conceding 6 goals in our 2 games to date. Our team was superb in their preparation, their professionalism and their team morale - resulting in a solid win (can't remember score but it was good!)

Sydney University defeated us 2 nil in the final with the Briars team playing beyond their capability. Abysmal umpiring unfortunately soured the game and the team was to be commended for playing so well in such adversity. The defence line included 3 x 15 year olds which augers well for Briar's future.

Player's Player and Fairest and Best was **Rachel Miller** who is an exceptional athlete with a massive heart and work rate. She is a terrific role model to the young players and well deserved of her awards. She was rewarded with a place in the NSW Arrows where she was a key player in their success at AHL.

Runner up for both Player's Player and Fairest and Best was **Kaitlin Nobbs (15)** who also had a super year, winning U16 and U18 national championships with NSW and being named in the Australian Schoolgirls. Kaitlin was also named NSW Player of the Tournament at the U 18 National Championships. Riley Smith also was a member of these 2 victorious state teams.

Helen Sahajdak was awarded **Most Consistent**, being top goalscorer for the team. Helen sustained a serious foot injury (from her teammate) which unfortunately set her back mid season and interrupted her form for the finals. We look forward to Helen having a big year next year.

Congratulations goes to goalkeeper **Jocelyn Bartram** who bounced back from the disappointment of missing out on the Junior World Cup to have a strong showing at AHL and subsequently be named in the Australian Senior Development Squad for 2014.

I would like to thank **Raffaella Bethke** and **Alysha Borg** for their very good leadership of the team as **co-captains** and I would also like to thank **Jessica Blake** for her input into the leadership group of the team as well.

2014 looks to be an exciting year, and hopefully we can make it 3rd time lucky.

Lee Capes - Coach

Womens 4th Grade (SN1)

A similar team from 2012 with a few fresh faces. Women's 4th Grade started the season with a few good wins and unfortunately a few injuries. Training took a different approach this season with two coaches, and with a few teething problems to begin with and a bit of resistance to the style, eventually both the players and the coaches adapted, with the players both developing new skills and improving the technique of their existing ones.

Playing in a tough competition which had some standout teams, as the season wore on the players started working really well with each other and showed signs they had the potential to win the competition. Injuries to

key players in the final few weeks of the competition made it more challenging coming into the finals series. The team should be proud of their efforts making it to the final and the level of hockey they ended up playing.

Players Player went to **Larissa Gallagher**, who unfortunately got injured 6 weeks out from the semi-finals and ended her season early. Her consistency week in and week out shows why, despite missing the final few games she still took out this award.

Anke Vermeulen received the **Coach's Choice Award** as the most consistent player, with her efforts in goals keeping most teams out of the game.

Elizabeth Bova received the **Most Improved Award**, returning to hockey after an extended stint away, Liz showed continual improvement throughout the season and became an integral part of our striking line.

Other notable efforts this season go to **Kim Arnel**, named team captain, Kim handled the role with aplomb both on and off the field.

Ruby Ainsworth started the season as a goal scoring machine but as the season progressed she also developed her team play.

Carol Pearson and Amanda Madyski who never stopped running! Forming a punishing inside forwards combination with help at the end of the season from Ellie Eagle, their combined efforts this season really made a difference in shutting down the attack of our opponents.

Flavia Neyertz who continued to make miraculous diving tackles in spite of her back injury, proving to be a formidable last line of defence.

Charlotte Allan who supported in the midfield adding strength to our defensive line.

Anita Brabham had some brilliant games and with improved confidence will continue to develop into a wonderful defender.

Jenny Prosser was always consistent and just when you thought that she couldn't give any more she would surprise you with a brilliant pass or run of the ball from one end to the other.

Megan Wren had a mixed season, plagued by injury, her confidence doesn't match just how good her skill level really is, she will continue to develop into a striker to be reckoned with as her game matures.

Thank you to **Leah Keelan** who was injured for most of the season but tried to soldier on before eventually having surgery. Thank you also to **Larissa O'Dea** and **Milena De Silva** who came up and played with us when injuries hit the team hard, showing they could hold their own in the higher grades.

Lastly, **Danielle Quoy** our Manager and "utility super sub" playing everywhere from the striking line, through the halves and at one stage even fullback! As Manager she kept both the team and coaches alike organised and on track this season.

Here's hoping the team can go one better in 2014!

Stephan Madyski and David Alexander - Coaches

Womens 5th Grade (SN2)

Last year we made it to the grand final only to lose the premiership in the first 30 seconds of extra time. It may have taken two years but this year we have our premiership and we did it in regular time with a 1-0 victory over Baker who had beaten us 2-1 only two weeks before. It was a very up and down year with a few losses to teams that we should have easily beaten and half way through the season our chances of making the finals were looking doubtful. We pushed on taking one game at a time making the top 5 and a spot in the finals and the rest is history.

Awards:

Players Player - Chae - I have been fortunate enough to have coached Chae for the last two years. Chae plays with determination and purpose and is happy to get physical when required. Chae never gave up no matter what the score.

Best and Fairest - Alice - Alice was one of the most consistent players throughout the year. She may have been quiet off the field but she was a force to be reckoned with on the field and managed to score the winning goal in this year's grand final.

Most Improved - Elly - This year she made the step up to 5th grade and was the highest goal scorer in the team this year. Elly always had a happy smile and positive attitude which is what enabled her to improve throughout the season.

A big thanks to the team and to Chris for the extra support towards the end of the year when we needed it. It was a privilege to coach a team where everyone has respect and supports each other, even when your team is being beaten. This is what makes a team strong.

Marcus Fung - Coach

Mens 1st Grade (SPL)

With a few new faces coming to Briars in 2013 and a new coaching structure, there was renewed enthusiasm amongst the squad. Expectations, as with the start of most seasons were high. The final outcome, it's safe to say, didn't quite reach what was thought at season's commencement. Through differing reasons, 1st grade struggled to get the same team out on the pitch for more than 1-2 game sequences. Rep duties, injuries and a plethora of other reasons, meant we quite regularly had up to 6 changes to the team each week. Whilst the team had a very consistent 1st half of the season, the 2nd half fell away, and we didn't come up with regular wins often enough. Many of these were against sides below us on the ladder. Despite the average run home, we still had until the final game to qualify for a finals berth. It mightn't be agreed upon by all, but our final match produced what I thought, was our most flexible and adaptable game. We faced probably the most awkward of tasks in that game, with a Sydney Uni outfit desperate for their 1st taste of finals, and a team Briars has had trouble beating in recent times. The outcome, summed up our whole season...our ability to dominate and play attacking, intelligent hockey, but not get the result. And thus, we missed the chance to play back to back finals for the first time in about 5 years. With so many players coming into the group throughout the course of the year, we weren't able to set up links across the field to create a flowing style of play. The best teams do this with regular monotony, and it's something we can learn plenty from. If we are able to get a squad that trains and plays the majority of the season together-win, loss or draw, and builds on those experiences, we will get the cohesion we are seeking.

There were a number of players that contributed evenly across the season and a couple that stood out from them.

Our Best and Fairest and Player's Player was our **Keeper Scott Garner**. Scott had a wonderful year team wise and was constantly keeping us in matches with some strong displays each week. From a personal point of view Scott (by his own admission) found it frustrating one week to the next, with our defensive structure not holding up under pressure. To his credit, Scott took more of a leadership role at times, to try and get us back on track. I think his knowledge of the game is excellent, and his next big challenge will be leading this team each week strongly from the front, because he can have a very strong influence over the rest of the group.

The **MVP** went to our **Captain Blake Durance**. Blake was thrown into unfamiliar territory of deep defender this year, and while it took a some time for his confidence to grow, by the end of the year (the last month in particular), Blake was reading the play, cutting out passes and dictating to the opposition attack. If Blake can carry what he has learnt from this year, and slot into our back 3 or 4 in 2014, we will be far stronger for it.

A few players need a quick mention for their work throughout the year. The gradual rise of Oli Flack and his consistency. The ability to use Tom Budden pretty much anywhere we needed to plug a hole. Borgy - 1st grade keeper and striker - wouldn't have ever thought that possible! I would like to thank Michael Imer for all that you do. It seems you add an extra skill each year to your list and this year was solicitor/ legal secretary. Can't go backwards...what's next? To Busta Birmingham and Mark Flack for your advice and guidance; you are both great assets for this hockey club and you have helped me tremendously from start to end. To finish up, we know as a group that what we put up this year wasn't acceptable. There is definitely the want and determination to make up for that. The guys that get out on the pitch next year will be a tighter more focused group and the aim will be consistency and team. Our goal is finals or bust in 2014.

Sam Everist - Coach

Mens 2nd Grade (SC)

The Briars PL2 team performed extremely well on the field during the 2013 season and were also great off-field contributors. With a collection of experienced Briars players and the odd newcomer the team embraced training and games with great enthusiasm. Encouraged to play an attacking style they recorded many multi goal wins including two thumping wins over Sutherland. At the end of the regular season the team finished in third position, won its first semi only to lose to eventual premiers Moorebank in the preliminary final. For the effort across the year the team deserved to at least play in the grand final.

The team during the year probably had over 20 players line up at various times. This kept our great manager Michael Imer on his toes all year. All players contributed to the season in a positive way. PL2 teams are often disrupted by the needs of PL1 but this group took it in their stride. Well led by Chris Coombes the team should

be commended for their attitude and club spirit. Their support for the juniors and other grades was exceptional all year. They demonstrated the meaning of being a Briar.

Mark Flack - Coach

Mens 3rd Grade (SL1)

2013 was my first year coaching a men's team, we had a good mix of guys from teenagers to veterans but it didn't take long for everyone to come together on and off the pitch. At the start of the year my goal for this team was to make the semis after they finished 8th in 2012. I hadn't really seen a lot of 3rd grade before so wasn't sure on the standard of the competition or the teams to look out for so just focused on how I thought we should play and getting the guys working together. At training we had a lot of laughs but also worked really hard, the boys were always open to new ideas on how we should play and we eventually started working as one in attack and defence.

We had a bit of a shaky start to the season. After 3 games we'd had a hard fought 6-6 draw against Sutho and 2 losses to be 2nd last on the table. It was also around this time (May) that we lost a new Briar and member of the 3rd grade team. Nathan Williams had just come to us from Victoria. He was 25 years old, a very handy player, incredibly hard hitter of the ball, a bit quiet at first but each week he seemed to be settling into the team. It was a complete shock to us all when we heard of his passing.

The next few games were a bit up and down in terms of results but each week the group was beginning to play better and better. Our pre game talks were quite technical, "just pass the ball to each other, we look good when we do that" was the usual line and at about 8 games in we hit our straps. In the last 10 games we had 7 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses. We finished 4th by one point at the end of the regular season. We beat Manly in our first elimination semi 1-0 and with about 2mins to go in the final we scored to go up over East's 2-1. When we scored, the noise that came out of our dugout gave me goose bumps! These boys had worked so hard towards this goal and we knew that in the grand final we would give UTS 2nd grade a run for their money. We were the only team in the competition that had come close to beating them all season and they hadn't seen us at our best. However with 7 seconds to go East's scored an equaliser and because they were higher on the table they went through. Heartbreaking is the only way I can describe it.

To show the turnaround of this team from 2012, 3rd grade finished 8th with 5 wins, 1 draw, 12 losses with a -26 goal difference. In 2013 we finished 3rd with 9 wins, 3 draws, 6 losses and a +16 goal difference which was the 2nd best goal difference in the comp.

Deciding our end of year awards was tough. I feel the guys that got them deserved them but there was more than a handful that were in the running. I wanted to mention a couple of guys for their efforts over the year, Pete Miliatis and Sam Candido in defence were solid, reliable and never gave up. During the finals game against Manly, Sammy had the game of his life. Quite a few supporters from other clubs as well as Briars pointed him out to me as the best on field.

From our attack I wanted to mention Tom Vastani, for his first year in seniors I thought he had an outstanding season. He also filled in for 2nd grade which shows his development over the year. He scored some great goals, he was quiet at the start of the year and by the end of the year we all wished he would go back to being quiet. Overall this was a very successful year for 3's with great overall result as a team but also every individual player got better and better as the season progressed. I wanted to thank everyone involved with the team this year.

I've been a Briar for about 15 years as a player and have loved it but this year has been one of the most enjoyable for me, largely due to this group.

Alan Charlton - Coach

Mens 6th Grade (SL6)

After a rather bitter end to the 2012 season, with the 6th Grade team failing to reach the grand final after going undefeated throughout the entire home and away season, I always knew that in 2013 the boys would come out stronger and hungrier than ever.

It was a very strong beginning to the season with seven wins out of seven, which set up a mouth-watering top of the table clash with Ryde (also seven from seven). Despite being a very hard fought game we ultimately lost 3-2 despite going ahead 1-0 in the early stages with a brilliant individual goal from Mark Williams.

Looking back at the season I think that it was the game we had to loose, because from there on in we knew as a team that to be there come grand final day we had to really put our hands up and go get it. We continued on our

winning ways for the remainder of the season with the most memorable victory being the return of Ryde to Cintra, where we reversed the scores on them and came away 3-2 victors.

Walking away with the minor premiership at the end of the regular season was no major milestone for us but just another stepping stone on the road to the grand final. With a relatively straightforward semi-final the game that we all had been waiting for was finally here.

The grand final was just one of those games where we completely and utterly dominated Ryde, but just could not seem to find the back of the net no matter how hard we tried. At the end of the first half everyone walked off knowing that all we had to do was just keep playing our game and it would eventually come. As the second half drew on we grew more and more frustrated as the opening goal just wouldn't seem to break. The frustration cumulated into a few cards that just put us more under the pump and for the first time in the game we were losing control. As the game moved into the final minute of regular time Ryde got their first circle penetration of the game and won a short corner, cue memories of last season. The boys at the back put in a mammoth effort to defend three short corners in a row, each time getting out their faster than the last - making sure that Ryde had no chance of pinching the grand final in the dying seconds. We came out after the break and kept playing our game, like we had been doing all season. Within minutes a lovely set of one twos between Shu and Derk down the middle of the pitch led to a short. The ball came out flat as a tack and shifted left to Gary who belted the cover off the ball into the back of the net. Premiers.

Belting out 'two arms' in the middle of the oppositions pitch with the entire Briars support crew signing along with you will live long in the memory.

Three awards were given out at the end of season dinner, with a truly memorable coaches speech in the lead up to the presentations.

Player's Player went to **James "the Hammer" Hamer**, a guy who came into the Briars fold for the first time this year and instantly fitted in both on and off the field. On the field he dominated his inner channel linking up fantastically with all those around him. James came out the clear winner on points come the end of the season, despite missing 6 games in the middle of the season due to a broken finger. There is no doubt in my mind James will be playing a much higher grade next year but I hope he enjoyed his initiation into Briars through the mighty 6th Grade.

Best and Fairest ending up being a three way tie between three of the standout performers of 2013 - **Mark Williams** (who won both players player and best and fairest in 2012), **Derk Van Ogtrop** (6th Grade Vice-Captain) and **Gary O'Sullivan** (top goal scorer). I unfortunately had the task of splitting hairs between the three after being told that there was no way I could call the award a three way tie. Derk's leadership and commitment to the team throughout the season and especially in the absence of our Captain (Mike Dennis) in the lead up to the finals meant that there was really no better candidate for the 6th Grade best and fairest award this season.

Coaches Award went to another fresh face in 2013, **David Shurey**. Despite it being a close call as to what I would remember him most for come the end of the season; either his bizarre but down right hilarious humour or his ability to boss the pitch from the middle of the park. Ultimately it would be the latter, with his influence on the game never waning from the first minute to the last and from pre-season right up to grand final day.

Of special mention was a 6th Grade member, **Gary O'Sullivan**, taking out the gong for highest goal scorer in the club with a fantastic return of 34 goals from the season - averaging over a goal a game. Whilst we best not talk about the conversion rate, we'll forgive him because he finally got one on target to win the grand final.

Brownie as ever, the most organised and efficient manager going about the club - always a treat to have you on board mate.

Finally I would like to pass on my thanks again to all those who supported me during my first year of coaching. Whether it be the sideline advice, running drills in my absence or just giving me all round pointers, there are far too many to thank individually, but you all know who you are so thank you.

All I can say to sum it up was that 2013 was a very memorable year, capped off with the team of the year award to make it that much sweeter! Back to back in 2014!

Chris Schimitt - Coach

Mens 7th and 8th Grades (SL7 and SL8)

Results: 7th - 7th out of 8 teams with 3 wins, 2 draws and 13 losses

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

The season did not start well; we lost three players to injury by the third week of the season. This is a tough comp particularly 7ths. The comp includes teams whose next team is 3-5 grades higher so we get to play against guys who are dropping down or wanting to step up. For various reasons, we did not always get our best combination on the field when we needed it and this is reflected in the stats. There were occasional exciting passages of play and some diabolical ones. We earned a few points and copped a couple of floggings but did not tend to dwell on it beyond a couple of drinks after the game.

The guys who played for 7ths and 8ths (regularly both) during the season were:

Geoff Atkins	John Denniss	Joel Osmond
Daryl Baihn	Nick Duignan	Adam Palmer
Gary Bieser	Darren Kemp	David Paul
Jack Bieser	Joe Lyons	Viv Paul
Martin Campbell	Paul Monaro	Tom Sanderson
Rennie Colaco	Shane Murray	Paul Wilson
Kealan Coleman	Keiran O'Shea	

There were also a number of players from Vets and other grades who helped out by making up the numbers on occasion. Congratulations to this season award winners - all well-earned!

Simon Bergfield - Manager

Mens Veterans (Legends Division)

2013 did not deliver results as good as the previous season although they were a little better than 2011. There were some patches of good play but we gave the ball away too easily in our own half. This put our defence under almost continuous pressure and inevitably this took its toll. We did improve towards the end of the season with the last three games resulting in losses by just one goal. Generally we were in a good position to take some points from those games but just were not able to hang on to our lead and in some cases snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. Even so, it was a very enjoyable season with everyone getting good time on the field and having plenty of scope to make a contribution.

We lost Mick Tanna to the Premier League team and we really missed his abilities in both attack and defence. In addition, we had quite a few players unavailable from week to week with travel and work commitment and due to injury or illness. We did welcome back Nick Carter and Jesse Borthwick which was a great help but they were not able to play many games in 2013. Hopefully we will see a lot more of them in 2014.

Congratulations to our goal scorers: Gavin Janes (4), Jesse Borthwick (3), Shah Alam, Daryl Baihn, Mike Denniss and Mike Imer with 2 each and Sean Bermingham (1).

Players' Players was **Don Ball** who was very solid in defence throughout the season and was very effective in attack. His energy levels demonstrated through being active in the game at both ends of the field were admirable and the Players' Player Award is just recognition of his role.

Mike Denniss had a very good season that was cut short by illness. As always, there was a lot of work to do in defence and he thoroughly deserves the **Best and Fairest Award**.

As noted above, there was a lot of work to do in defence and **David Osmond's** performance in goal helped maintain some respectability in our score lines. The **Coaches Award** recognises his endeavours in this respect.

Thank you to Mike Imer and Mike Denniss for their invaluable contribution to organising the team on those occasions when I was not available. Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2013 and we will see you again in 2014.

Ian Brown - Manager

SQUASH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2013 has been a very eventful year for Briars Squash on and off the court. For the Autumn Pennant we lost Ports, AJ and Wildman with Macca and Alphabet the only remaining players. However, we did recruit six new players who were to become the Briars juniors (see following reports). However, due to the large difference in matrix between the new and old we resolved to have only one Briars team and Macca and Alpha went to play temporarily for Concord for the Spring Pennant whilst the Briars Juniors played at Concord the same home night under guidance from the seniors.

The Briars team played Western Districts Division 15 comprising a mixed men and women's Division. Considering it was their first competition the boys did well constantly improving their matrix ratings.

One most unfortunate incident was the accidental eye injury to Michael Jamieson. Whilst playing Wenty RSL Michael was hit in the eye with a ball from the back of the court. Rushed to hospital and following operations and post op treatment he has recovered his sight, though not 100%, and is again playing. This tragic incident should be a reminder to all junior players to always wear protective eyeglasses, which is a requirement for all NSW registered squash players whilst under the age of 20. We wish Michael well with his squash and a total recovery.

With the start of the Autumn Pennant new home locations were established with the M01 team regrouping and moving back to Northmead under the very capable skills of new lease holder and manager Rob Leisner. The M02 team was relocated to the Northern Districts, at the NSW Squash centre at Thornleigh. This was because our junior players live in Pymble and St Ives and it was decided to move this team to cut out the excessive travelling in the western districts. This has proven to be a spectacular success as under the guidance from the centre's new manager Anthony "Rex" Thomas the team has been reinvigorated. The centre has recently provided six weeks of Intensive Squash Training, which has involved 7 days, a week training including Personnel Trainer and chiropractor plus 7 sessions of squash training between 6am and 8pm.

The move away from Concord to Northmead and Thornleigh has proven to be the right one as late in the Autumn Pennant we heard the news that Concord Squash centre was sold and the site is to be knocked down and redeveloped into commercial and residential premises.

The Spring Pennant for both seniors and juniors has been mixed. Good results and matrix increases have been achieved by those that train regularly in juniors and the opposite for the seniors, apart from Mad Dog, his matrix has escalated.

The Doug Vanderfield Trophy was presented to Mick 'Alphabet' Jaroszewicz at the AGM. Representing squash were veteran Ray Pontifex (squash star 1970's and 80's) and Macca. This year Tony 'Ports' Porter is the Vanderfield recipient. Tony played for Briars Squash A1 No. 1 in the 1990's and returned to play in 2010 after a 10 year break. His immaculate behaviour on court is a lesson for all to follow and the level of skill and fitness has not been lost with the years, his games have been a pleasure to watch. Many congratulations Ports.

The future of Briars Squash is very promising as all the Juniors will be playing again next comp and they will be a force to be reckoned with and we will hopefully attract more juniors from the Northern districts. Alex will be returning to the senior team and this will make a solid five with Ports, Macca, Alpha and Rich in the Western Districts with home at Northmead. We look forward to some silverware in 2014.

Autumn Pennant - Men's No 2 (Juniors)

The Autumn 2013 comp saw a new Briars team being formed, consisting of Nathan Thursby, Michael Jamieson, Cameron James, Scott Graham, Nick Jaroszewicz and Jarred Fehlberg. The majority of the team had never played competitive squash before, however they were keen to learn and develop. Whilst early on in the season the team struggled to get points on the leader board, the players improved dramatically. For example in Round 4 the team played Werrington 07, winning 1 rubber and 3 games. The next time the teams played (Round 9) Briars won 3 rubbers and 10 games, resulting in the first team win of the season. The team whilst finishing 6th on the leader board shows great potential.

Autumn 2012 - Div 10	Win	Loss	Avg (Out of 6)
Nathan Thursby	5	6	2.7
Nick Jaroszewicz	2	6	1.5
Michael Jamieson	2	9	1.1
Jarred Fehlberg	1	5	1.0
Cameron James	0	12	0
Scott Graham	0	2	0

Overall it was a great season, seeing a new generation of Briars squash being developed. The team has improved their squash skills and had great fun doing it. I'm sure in future seasons they will become a real contender. Thanks to Mick Jaroszewicz for the way he has brought this group together and assisted in their development.

Spring Pennant - Men's No 1

	Played	Won	Lost	Matrix rating
Tony Porter	11	10	1	189.95 (489)
Kris Maddaford	10	8	2	172.29 (625)
Greg McManus	6	2	4	148.48 (842)
Michael Jaroszewicz	9	2	7	141.66 (913)

Richard Inman	6	1	5	138.17 (942)
Joe Son-Kee	7	2	5	127.72 (1074)

Finished in 4th position on 156 points...4 wins and 8 losses.

The Spring 2013 season saw 3 new faces and the return of Ports from a short lay off. Our new faces are Kris Maddaford, Richard Inman and Joe Son-Kee. Alex Jaroszewicz suffered a badly broken leg just prior to the comp. Hopefully he can return early next year. We had a season of missed opportunities, injuries and some may say poor captaincy. Four wins out of 12 is a poor season but it wasn't disastrous, we had 6 losses where we shared 2 rubbers each. Missing the semi's by just 8 points.

Starting with some highlights:

- **Ports** won 10 from 11 matches, the most wins in our division and the number 1 in 'All star team' of Div 5.
- **Mad Dog** won 8 from 10 matches, 3rd in the most wins and 4th in most improved.
- **Mad Dog** was also 1st in the underdog category, winning 4 of 5 matches played against higher ranked opponents.

To further emphasise their comp, both Ports and Mad Dog registered 5 wins out of a possible 6 against the Grand final winning team from Northmead. Also, we won 11 out of 12 in the number 1 position. I hear what you're saying; how pitiful was the balance of the team. Numbers 3 and 4 won a grand total of 26% of matches played.

- **Ports** - outstanding season just like his beloved All Blacks. Won most of his matches via superior fitness and the ability to recover in rallies he appeared to be losing
- **Mad Dog** - this guy is a ball of muscle. His intentions are pretty clear, smack the ball as hard as possible and win the last point. Another Kiwi who unfortunately for us is heading back home. Good luck mate.
- **Macca** - spent more time on the spectator side of the glass. Missed a few weeks due to the Conquer Cancer bike ride that did more harm than good, even though I did manage to lose 5 kilo's. Better luck next comp.
- **Alphabet** - played nearly every minute of the Lions tour but didn't bring that form to the spring comp managing just 2 wins, both in 5 setters
- **Rich** - 1st comp in a while, came to us via Elanora, Adelaide and London. Had a couple of close losses too much higher ranked players and will improve next comp.
- **Drop Shot** - came to us as his own team from Ryde Eastwood Leagues pulled out quite late, has a very good squash brain (and very big calves), gone back to Ryde Eastwood.

We would like to thank our opponents for a good, close comp, with plenty of good squash and even more camaraderie with the odd ale thrown in. Special congratulations to Northmead squash on their grand final win.

Thanks to Mick and for his company MAJCON, sponsoring us and providing new shirts, making us the 'best dressed' club in the league.

Spring Pennant - Men's No 2

The second half of the 2013 season saw Briars transfer to the North District competition, with fresh opponents ready to be played and wins to be made. The Briars team ended up 4th place in the competition on 99 points, but the season saw many weeks where the team put up strong fights against opposition, only going down by the smallest margins.

Highlights include our first team win against the local Thornleigh team, with the games beginning with the big 'CJ' taking on the 4th opponent. It was a battle of wisdom of the ages versus the fitness of youth. The first game saw CJ win comfortably 15:9, due to the smart wall drive tactics and constant movement. The second and third game saw similar occurrence with CJ taking both out 15:13 and 15:11, securing briars first win for the night. Next up was Michael "Jim-Jam-Jamskie-Oner-Thug" Jamieson against 3rd opponent. The first game began with Thornleigh playing fast and changing play, keeping Michael on his toes. Unfortunately Mike went down in the first game 16:14, only to come out after the break time to win the next 3 games 15:12, 15:11 and 15:8. The third game saw Nick "Coaches Son aka The Boss" Jaro play against rank No. 2. Clever play only brought through constant training meant interchanging the clever drop shots with low boasts saw Nick bring down his opponent 15:13, 17:15 and 15:12 to bring in our 3rd win for the night, securing the team victory. Final game was between Nathan and Thornleigh 1st which was battle for the ages, both players bringing their A game but the wit and determination of the Briars club saw Nathan win 15:13, 15:12 15:12. A great night for all those at Briars, with celebratory beers to be had after. A great season for all those competing with many laughs and friendships grown to finish an overall very fun season.

Players End of Season Standings - Pos	Player	Rating
1	Nick Jaroszewicz	87.35
2	Jarrad Fehlberg	80.85
3	Nathan Thursby	80.12

4	Michael Jamieson	64.52
5	Cameron James	53.79
6	Oliver Jaroszewicz	42.68

Michael Jaroszewicz – Chairman

NETBALL JUNIORS

Well what a season it's been. We've had some amazing highs and luckily, not too many lows and it's been an absolute privilege to play netball with everyone here. I just want to say how very lucky we all are, to be here, with this incredibly brilliant Briars Sporting Club, where there are many people who pitch in to make the club how it is today. I want to start, with a huge thank you, to everyone who have made the first year of Briars Junior Netball so enjoyable and for everyone who joined and made all this possible.

I remember last year my mum Anne Burt and I, were on our way home from my netball training with another club, and she just got off the phone with a cricket call. She turned to me and smirked and said 'Hey Sarah, I'm gonna start junior netball for Briars'. I had to take a double take about what my mother had just said to me and the fact that she was already running a cricket club with over 300 players was crazy enough.

And that's where it really all began. With much help from many people, the netball club was up and running. We began with two teams, an under 10's and an under 12's and also a mini magpies team. We began with the planning of uniforms, presentations, flyers and sponsors, and if I listed everything that had to be done, I'd be here all day. So, the under 10's, consisting of 10 players was coached by Alex Moffitt, and managed by Jenny Colazzo. This team was one of the best spirited teams I've ever seen. It took a few games, but they eventually got the hang of netball and progressed through the season improving every week, always giving it their all. Congratulations to Samantha Berry, who scored the very first Under 10 Emeralds goal! And to all the other under 10 players, parents and supporters who never gave up on these girls, who will grow to become amazing netball players. Now, the first ever Briars Junior Netball semi finalists, the under 12 diamonds consisting of 11 players.

We won several games with the help of our manager May Penfold and our coach Georgie Arrow. I know Georgie probably doesn't want to take this credit, but she deserves every bit of it. She was pregnant through this whole season, but still came to all the games and training sessions battling sickness to come and support us along with our very supportive parents. We lost our semi final 7-15, and the thing is, it's always nice to win, but as long we are enjoying ourselves and are competitive, then the result is irrelevant.

I couldn't possibly end without saying thank you to our:

- **Treasurer** Matina Moffitt
- **Secretary and Under 10 Emeralds Manager** Jenny Colazzo
- **Registrar and Under 12 Diamonds Manager** May Penfold
- **Under 12 Diamonds Coach** Georgie Arrow
- **Under 10 Emeralds Coach** Alex Moffitt
- **The Mini Magpies Coordinator** Ruby Jamieson
- And our **Club Coordinator** Anne Burt

I would also like to give thanks to our sponsors, Crust Gourmet Pizza Bar and Wholesale Trophies and to Ian Blair and the Briars Board for giving us the opportunity to represent the Briars Sporting Club. And to the mums who did such a great job of making sure we don't all fade away from thirst and starvation! We really do appreciate everything you do for us - and we couldn't do any of it without you.

I also want to say thanks to all players for turning up for training, come rain, hail or shine. There's an old saying that 'it does not matter if you win or lose, but how you play the game' - and it's an honour and a privilege to be playing with a group of girls who play the game so well. Thank you, everybody, and remember, there is only one Briars.

Sarah Burt - U12 Diamonds Netball Player

BOWLS WOMEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that another year has passed and even though I said last year it was my final year as the Lady President this will definitely be my last. After nearly seven years in the position it is about time I turned it over to someone new for a fresh face and new ideas.

We have welcomed four new Lady Bowlers this year, which boosted our membership greatly. These members were Pam Gill and Joy Thurstan who came from the Tigers Club at Five Dock and our new two bowlers are Bobbee Cornell and Veronica Waring.

The results for this year were very good with Roslyn Lightfoot and Jill Young being involved in all Club Competitions as well as the District Finals.

Major Singles was won by Roslyn Lightfoot and runner up was Patricia Stewart.

Club Pairs were won by Jill Young and Roslyn Lightfoot and runners up were Denva Barber and Janet Cooper.

Club Triples were won by Patricia Stewart, Jill Young and Roslyn Lightfoot. Runners up were Deanne Cooper, Rosa Caccavo and Lorraine Park.

Club Fours were won by Patricia Stewart, Jill Young, Gladys Barnes and Roslyn Lightfoot. Runners up were Shirley Duckworth, Deanne Cooper, Margaret Truesdale and Janet Cooper.

Roslyn Lightfoot won the **Grand Slam** which has now been won twice in the history of the club. The first time was won by yours truly.

Minor Singles was won by Margaret Truesdale and runner up was Deanne Cooper.

Consistency was won by Roslyn Lightfoot and runner up was Patricia Stewart.

District Singles - Roslyn Lightfoot got to the Regional Playoffs, however was beaten by Castle Hill in the final Game.

District Pairs - Pat Stewart and Gladys Barnes also progressed to the Regional Playoffs and also were unsuccessful in the progression to the State Playoffs.

On Presidents and Officers Day, Robyn Procter from the NSWBA handed out Merit Badges to the following recipients: Rosa Caccavo, Patricia Stewart, Denva Barber and Deanne Cooper. I am sure these Ladies will take great pride in receiving the highest award in the Ladies Bowling fraternity.

On the sick list this year, we have had Marj Smith who has had some terrible falls which landed her in hospital. She is currently in a Nursing Home in Croydon Park and will eventually move to Ryde which is closer to her family. Glad Alderton was in and out of hospital as well, and she has just been moved to a Nursing Home in Five Dock. I and members of the Ladies Bowling Club wish both these ladies better health in the future. Wynn Mashman is another member who has not been able to attend bowls lately due to ill health. We also wish her good health and hope to see her bowling soon.

Many thanks to all the committee who have not only worked with me this year but also for the past six years. Without their help and support, my job would not have been easy or I believe bearable. We have managed to go through quite a few ups and downs, however we have come out on the right side still growing stronger and still smiling. So a big thank you to you all.

To our Greenkeeper Peter Neary and his new offsider Paul Madden, the greens are in great order and you do your job magnificently. A big thank you to our Bar Staff who are always helpful, together with Albert and Vivien for our lunches and great meals we have on function days.

Finally, to Glen and Monique who are always there to provide us with assistance when required.

So goodbye, good luck and good bowling in 2014.

Helen Burton - President

BOWLS MEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I forward to you the report for Men's Bowls for 2013. As incoming President and Treasurer it was an interesting first few months. The year has brought many changes to bowls with new flags, bowls stickers, accounting software, daily bowls procedures, sponsors, raffle prizes just to name a few.

The bowlers had their first ever social trip away outside of play offs. A few days at Ettalong playing bowls and bonding was a huge success. You are welcome to ask anyone who attended of their thoughts.

More importantly we have recruited new bowlers and yes lost a few. We are however still in a position for 2014 to increase our pennant sides from two grades to three grades with work under way for 2015 to have four grades.

Our bowls committee this year increased from 6 to 10 committee members. Great result which clearly shows the members interest is alive and well for the coming year. I have not seen this enthusiasm in the club for quite a few years. A lot of planning and submissions for 2014 were conducted during the year where we should start to see the results as early as January - February 2014 right through to November - December.

While our financials for the year were a great result, 2014 will bring a lot of expense which will only enrich our position in the bowls community and encourage new membership.

The number 3 green was to be totally pulled out this year due to the years of top soiling. We have delayed this till next year with a grant being submitted for government funding assistance. In general they offer 50% towards the expense hence leaving the bowling club with a bill of approximately \$12K in November/December 2014. When the time arises a new modern A grade championship grass will be grown called Tiff Dwath.

Wayne Allan

TROPHIES

J H STONE TROPHY

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

This Trophy was not awarded this year.

THE TED STOCKDALE TROPHY

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

This year's winner is Anne Burt. Anne was the Co-ordinator of Concord Briars Junior Cricket with great success. Anne then decided to start Junior Netball this year with two teams. Her contribution to Junior Sport in the Club is outstanding. Congratulations Anne.

R B CLARK SCHOLARSHIP

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

Austin Heesh - Junior Cricketer who attends Homebush Boys High and is involved with coaching junior cricketers.

Toni Scanlon - Plays Hockey for Briars and attends Santa Sabina College. Tori also umpires and has represented Australian Under 16s schoolgirls.

Congratulations to both Austin and Tori.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

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

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

This years winner is Cameron Beames. In the past season Cameron has been outstanding in all areas of cricket including the fact that he captained 2nd Grade to a Premiership as well as being the leading run scorer. His assistance off field was of equal value including the arduous tasks of team selections and organising covers. Cameron also took the lead in organising the Club in our Pink Stumps Day involvement.

A very worthy winner. Congratulations Cameron.

GERARD PRICE JUNIOR CRICKET TROPHY

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

This year's winner is Blaise McKee. Blaise is eleven years of age playing for Concord Briars scoring 462 runs at an average 231. Blaise was also selected in the Creak and Cawsey Shield represented in the Inner West Harbour Cricket Association. Congratulations Blaise.

A J ROBINSON SHIELD

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

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

This year's winner is David Ratcliffe. David not only plays and coaches for Briars but has spent many hours in transforming the canteen at Cintra. David also co-ordinates the working bee at the start of the season. His running of the Masters Games at Cintra at the end of the season, was why it was a great success. Well done David.

GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

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

The trophy is awarded to Aiden Death. Aiden enjoyed his first year at Briars being a competent Rugby player. He also helped out behind the scenes in the running of Rugby. Well done Aiden.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

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

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

This year's winner is Ben Edwards. Ben carried out his responsibilities under enormous pressure. Not only did he play in all grades but held together Rugby which had a poor season both on and off the field. Ben has worked hard to change the culture and this should be evident in 2014. Congratulations Ben.

R D VANDERFIELD TROPHY

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

This trophy is awarded to Oliver Flack. Oliver played 1st Grade Hockey this year at the age of 15 years. He is a polite, courteous young man who is always willing to lend a hand when asked. Oliver also umpires junior games on top of his busy representative schedule with school and state duties. Well done Oliver.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

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

Points are awarded as follows:

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

This year's winner is Tony Porter. Tony played for Briars in the 1990's and returned to play in 2010. Tony not only won most of his matches during the season, but gave help to Michael Jaroszewics in setting up a junior side. Congratulations Tony.

BRIAN HUTTLY TROPHY

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

This year's winner is Janet Cooper. Janet has been the Ladies Bowls Treasurer for the past six years and has been a keen supporter of Women's Bowls in the Club.

Congratulations Janet.

PHIL MCAULAY TROPHY

The Phil McAulay Trophy established in 2006, is awarded to a male bowler who over the year has given meritorious services in a voluntary role to Men's Bowls. Donated in 2006 by Phil McAulay who has been involved in Bowls at Greenlees for many years as an administrator and player, this award can only be won once in a lifetime.

This year's winner is John Houteas who was winner of Major Pairs, Club Fours and Zone 11 Seniors Pairs. Congratulations John.

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**SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER, 2013**

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 2013.

NAME OF DIRECTORS

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

BLAIR, Ian	HICKEY, Craig	HOWLE, Brett
CRIBB, Anthony	HUTTLY, Brian	NORRIS, Kyle
* TREGEAGLE, Richard	# WALSH, Ashley	BOYTER, Aaron

*Resigned 24 February 2013

Elected 24 February 2013

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

Name	Position	Meetings Called	Meetings Attended	Qualifications
I. Blair	Chairman	12	12	Retired company director
A. Cribb	Director	12	10	Salesman
B. Huttly	Director	12	9	Consultant
C. Hickey	Director	12	9	Marketing consultant
R. Tregleagle	Director	5	4	Lawyer
K. Norris	Director	12	6	Sourcing manager
B. Howle	Director	12	9	Company director
A. Boyter	Director	12	11	Engineer
A. Walsh	Director	7	4	Solicitor

GENERAL MANAGER

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Full Members	945	924
Social Members	644	556
	<u>1,589</u>	<u>1,480</u>

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OPERATING RESULTS

The net profit from Trading for the year ended 30 September 2013 (after no Provision for Income Tax) amounted to \$158,088 (2012 - Profit \$215,520 after charging depreciation of \$251,252 (2012 - \$237,868). There was no change for impairment of assets (2012: \$nil).

DIVIDENDS

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

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>%</u>
Poker Machines Clearances	1,187,531	1,248,865	(61,334)	(4.92)
Bar Sales	682,368	723,104	(40,736)	(5.64)
Administration Expenses	1,027,608	1,004,355	23,253	2.32

OBJECTIVES

Short term

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

Long term

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

Strategies for providing the objectives:

Principal strategies include:

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

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

How these activities assist in achieving the objectives:

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

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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

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EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the economic entity in subsequent financial years. Subsequent to balance date, a line of credit with the Commonwealth Bank was increased from \$500,000, to \$1 million.

INDEMNIFYING OFFICERS OR AUDITORS

During or since the end of the financial year the company has given an indemnity or entered an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows: During the year the company has paid premiums of \$1,497.08 to insure all directors against liabilities for the costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the Company, other than conduct involving a willful breach of duty in relation to the company.

OPTIONS

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

PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

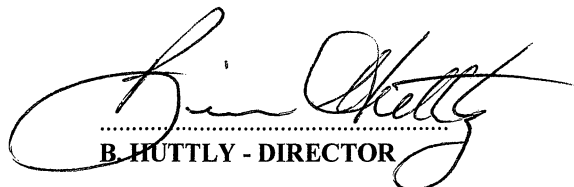
No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company for all or part of those proceedings

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION

The Auditor's Independent Declaration for the year ended 30th September 2013 has been received and can be found on page 4 of this report.

Dated at Concord this 17th day of December 2013
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


.....
I. BLAIR - DIRECTOR


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B. HUTTLY - DIRECTOR

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

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that during the year ended 30th September 2013:

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

DATED AT CONCORD
THIS 25TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2013

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HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY
Chartered Accountants

GARRY WILLIAM DAY
Registered Company Auditor

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DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) General

This Summary of the Financial Statements has been derived from the full financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September, 2013. The discussion and analysis is based on those financial reports and is provided to assist members in the understanding of financial statements.

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

b) Statement of Comprehensive Income

The entity's total revenue has increased to \$2,748,516 (2.21%) since the prior year whilst operating expenses excluding depreciation amortization and borrowing costs have increased to \$2,325,853 (4.98%) resulting in a net profit before tax of \$158,088 (income tax Nil) compared to \$215,520 net profit (income tax Nil) for the previous year.

Individual items that have impacted the 2013 results include:

- Poker machine taxes decreased by \$17,496 (17.21%)
- Entertainment, marketing and promotional costs decreased by \$14,524 (9.9%)
- Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by \$13,384 (5.63%)
- Employee benefit expenses increased by \$14,130 (2.56%)

Bar sales were down to \$682,368 compared to last year of \$723,104, while the gross profit percentage increased from 56.91% to 57.59%. Bar net profit decreased slightly to \$114,558 this year from \$134,861 last year.

We saw a decrease in Poker Machine collections of \$61,334 largely due to a decline in Poker Machine interest by members. This resulted in a decrease in profit of \$36,238 from \$908,552 to \$872,314.

Sport contributed a negative result again this year of approximately \$44,055 Sport fees decreased by 19.63% from 2012 and there was an increase in fundraising of \$35,741 due to increased efforts for fundraising..

c) Statement of Financial Position

The entity's net assets have increased by \$158,088 or 3.61% since the previous year consisting of an increase in total assets of \$164,720 and a \$6,632 increase in total liabilities.

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

- Decrease in property, plant and equipment of \$150,749, due mainly to depreciation of plant & equipment.
- Increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$218,974
- Increase in other financial liabilities of \$3,307
- Decrease in trade payables of \$40,212
- Increase in current assets of \$315,469

d) Cash Flow Statement

Operating activities provided net cash flow of \$214,974, compared to an increase of \$92,244, compared to the previous year.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$100,505 mainly related to payments for property, plant & equipment.

Net cash paid for repayment of financing activities was \$84,000 related to borrowings from the CBA line of credit.

Cash at year end was \$487,548 compared to \$268,574 in the prior year.

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue from the sale of goods	723,032	757,603
Revenue from the rendering of services	1,782,484	1,738,408
Other revenue from ordinary activities	234,000	195,573
Total revenue from ordinary activities	<u>2,739,516</u>	<u>2,691,584</u>
Cost of sales	(341,844)	(353,404)
Directors' expenses	(871)	(582)
Employee benefit expenses	(538,188)	(552,326)
Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses	(132,214)	(146,738)
Poker machines licenses and taxes	(84,184)	(101,680)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(1,228,552)	(1,060,968)
Total Expenses	<u>(2,325,853)</u>	<u>(2,215,698)</u>
Earnings before borrowing costs, depreciation and amortisation	413,663	475,886
Depreciation and amortisation	(251,252)	(237,868)
Borrowing costs	(4,323)	(22,498)
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense	<u>158,088</u>	<u>215,520</u>
Income tax expense	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Profit for the year	<u>158,088</u>	<u>215,520</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Current assets		
Cash assets	487,548	268,574
Investments	114,877	84,953
Inventories	44,902	35,890
Other	134,295	76,736
Total current assets	<u>781,622</u>	<u>466,153</u>
Non-current assets		
Property, plant & equipment	4,059,793	4,210,542
Intangibles	396,945	396,945
Total non-current assets	<u>4,456,738</u>	<u>4,607,487</u>
Total assets	<u>5,238,360</u>	<u>5,073,640</u>
Current liabilities		
Payables	255,644	295,856
Provisions	294,788	251,250
Other	149,059	145,752
Total current liabilities	<u>699,490</u>	<u>692,858</u>
Non-Current liabilities		
Other	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>699,490</u>	<u>692,858</u>
Net assets	<u>4,538,870</u>	<u>4,380,782</u>
Members' Funds		
Retained profits	2,034,675	1,876,587
Asset Revaluation Reserve	2,160,358	2,160,358
Briars Equity Transfer	343,837	343,837
Members' Equity	<u>4,538,870</u>	<u>4,380,782</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

	Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Briars Equity Transfer	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 30 September 2011	1,661,067	2,160,358	343,837	4,165,262
Net profit for the year	215,520	-	-	215,520
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year	215,520	-	-	215,520
Balance as at 30 September 2012	1,876,587	2,160,358	343,837	4,380,782
Net profit for the year	158,088	-	-	158,088
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year	158,088	-	-	158,088
Balance 30 September 2013	2,034,675	2,160,358	343,837	4,538,870

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
<u>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</u>		
Receipts from Member & Guests	2,572,649	2,548,737
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(2,280,722)	(2,114,878)
Interest	10,562	5,301
Rental Income	130,914	103,417
Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	433,403	542,577
<u>Cash Flow From Investing Activities</u>		
Proceed from sale of investments	-	(2,291)
Payments for purchase of investment	(29,924)	(58,000)
Payment for Plant & Equipment, Poker Machines	(100,505)	(209,042)
Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities	(130,429)	(269,333)
<u>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</u>		
Proceeds (Repayment) of Borrowings	(84,000)	(181,000)
Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities	(84,000)	(181,000)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash held	214,974	92,244
Cash at 30th September, 2012	268,574	176,330
Cash at 30th September, 2013	487,548	268,574

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flow

1. Reconciliation of Cash

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

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

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

Cash at Bank	429,124	194,109
Cash on Hand	58,424	74,465
	487,548	268,574

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Summary of significant Accounting Policies

The summary financial statements have been prepared from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2013. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2013 is available at request from Briars at Greenlees Limited.

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

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

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

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

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION


The Directors of Briars at Greenlees Limited declare that the summary financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 30 September 2013, as set out on pages 1 to 11.

- a) Complies with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 1; and
- b) Is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 30 September 2013 and has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

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

Dated at Concord this 17th day of December, 2013
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


.....
I. BLAIR - DIRECTOR


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B. HUTTLY - DIRECTOR

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

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the summary statement of financial position as at 30 September 2013, the summary statement of comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2013. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 18th December 2013.

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

Director's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2013 is consistent in all material respects, with that audited financial report, on the basis described in Note 1.

DATED AT CONCORD
THIS 18TH DAY OF
DECEMBER 2013


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

GARRY WILLIAM DAY
Registered Company Auditor

BRIARS FOUNDATION AS AT JUNE 2013

DONOR MEMBERSHIP

CLASS 1 (\$500,000 +)

PLATINUM

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

GOLD

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

PATRON

John Singleton

Walker Family

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

LIFE MEMBER

Steve Keir OAM (Decd)

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

VICE PRESIDENT

Don Way (Decd)

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

VOTING MEMBER

Ross Anstey

Peter Mansford

Jack Balmforth BEM (Decd)

Mike Mathews

Ian Blair

John Price

Andy Clifford

Doug Prowse (Decd)

Richard Crookes

Laurie Routley (Decd)

Colin Dennis (Decd)

John Richard

John Edmonds (Decd)

Cec Stevens (Decd)

Garnet Green

Kerry Trollope

Mal Goldsmith

Warwick Williams

Bill Hooker

Tony Wozniak

CLASS 7 (\$500 - \$2,499)

NON VOTING MEMBER

Jim Barrett

Bill Marshall

Phil England

John Metcalf

Doug Guest

F Tsang

Ken Kable

Geoff Tweedale

Bob Kersey

Matt Waddington

BEQUESTS

Mal Goldsmith

Ian Richard

John Randle

Chris Walker