



BRIARS AT GREENLEES LTD



9th Annual Report and Balance Sheet 2013 – 2014

**Presented to Members at the Club Rooms
Cnr Ian Parade & Wellbank Street, Concord 2137
on Sunday 22nd February 2015**

**Briars at Greenlees Ltd
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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Member for Drummoyne

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| I Blair | A Boyter | C Burt | B Howle |
| C Hickey | B Huttly | K Norris | A Walsh |

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G Taylor

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Sports Management Committee

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| G Price | Cricket |
| E Ratcliffe | Hockey |
| B Edwards | Rugby |
| M Jaroszewicz | Squash |
| M Laws | Mens Bowls |
| L Park | Womens Bowls |
| S Hudson | 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

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

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

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| 1947 | H W Whiddon |
| | E J Siddeley |
| | R W May |
| 1958 | R B Clark BEM |
| | H G Whiddon |
| 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 | J Alford |
| 1996 | P D Richardson |
| 2002 | J Balmforth BEM |
| 2004 | C K E Dennis |

LIFE MEMBERS

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| 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

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| 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

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

CHAIRMEN

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

PRESIDENTS

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

LIFE MEMBERS

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

PAST LIFE MEMBERS

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| 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

During the year the Club completed a major refurbishment and results since have been most impressive.

Membership has increased which in turn has related to increases in bar, gaming and the bistro. These benefits should be seen in the twelve months ending 2015.

The persons responsible for the excellent renovations are to be congratulated. Brian Huttly, Craig Hickey and Glen Taylor, spent many hours in making sure the renovations were finished on time and within budget. Bodens, who have been involved with the Club before, must also be congratulated for their work.

The financials for the year are in the Treasurer's Report. Matina Moffitt did an excellent job in her new role.

The senior sports had mixed success with Cricket again leading the way winning the Club Championship and 1st and 2nd Grade. All teams made the semifinals this season.

Junior Cricket has more teams and again had great success during the year. Danielle Farren-Price in her first full year as Chairperson did an outstanding job.

Hockey had great success in Juniors and Seniors by winning premierships in both male and female which is noted in the Hockey Report. Hockey will have one more season at Cintra as the ground will be taken over by Westconnex, the builder of the new motorway along Parramatta Road. Negotiations are in place to find a ground for our Hockey Club. Hopefully they will be in place before 2016 season.

Rugby had a disappointing season because of our position in the Club Championship. We are now relegated to Fourth Division. Yes we won a fourth grade premiership but in the long term the Club would have been much better off if we could have won higher grades and avoided relegation. Sub District Rugby is to become fully amateur in 2015. I am not that convinced this will happen.

Junior Rugby has around 14 players for the 2015 season.

Congratulations to Jules Boyter who has spent many hours in getting Junior Rugby up and running.

Squash has been a revelation. Michael Jaroszewicz rescued Squash from oblivion. Briars Squash have over the past ten years only had one or two teams and no juniors. With the amalgamation of Briars and Thornleigh Squash Clubs, we will now have in excess of 11 senior teams and five junior teams. Exciting times beckons Squash. Well done Michael.

Senior Netball had three teams playing this year but without a premiership success. After going so close in 2013, the top side was put into a higher grade for 2014 but still made the semis. Well done to Shontal and her committee.

Junior Netball had an excellent season with double the number of players compared to last season and a first premiership in Under 14s. Anne Burt and her group of coaches and helpers will be pleased with their early success.

Bowls Men and Women ran their usual Club Championships with success but the pennant sides were not as successful. The bowlers now have excellent facilities which hopefully will attract more players. A junior programme is being devised and hopefully will be up and running in 2015.

The R B Clark Scholarship dedicated by the founder of Briars for education, has been awarded to two members this year, Alexander Jaroszewicz who plays Squash for the Club and Mitchell Scotcher who is a young Hockey player. Well done to both Alexander and Mitchell.

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

The tragic death of a former Briars Rugby Player Tony Crisp while playing rugby, brought a great response by all who knew Tony. The Balmain Club organised a fundraiser which Briars contributed to and being so successful, the Balmain Club donated a defibrillator to Briars. Our thanks go to Tony Crisp's family and the Balmain Rugby Club.

I would also like to thank the Ted Watts family who generously set up a Foundation to sponsor a young cricketer playing for Briars. Ted played Cricket with Briars for many years and this is a most generous donation from a former member.

During the year a luncheon was held to dedicate the new lounge area the Ted Stockdale Sports Lounge. This was done to commemorate the work Ted had carried out over many years with The Briars.

Plans are progressing for The Briars Sporting Club Centenary in 2018. An historian Ronald Cardwell has been engaged to write the history. At this point of time a dinner is being organised to celebrate the Centenary, the date being 7th August 2018 to the day the Club was founded. Other functions will be announced closer to the dinner.

Plans for the coming year are being reviewed by the Board and items of interest are the memorabilia room come meeting room at the rear of the Club and moving the gym to the northern side of the Club premises. An upgrade

of the bar hopefully will take place during the year to make it more efficient. All this hinges on the cash flow of the Club and hopefully some if not all, will be achieved in 2015.

I would like to thank Glen, Ben, Monique, Shontal and Megan and the remainder of the staff who have carried out their work in an efficient and professional manner especially over the four months when the renovations were in progress.

The total number of volunteers has increased dramatically due to the increase in juniors in the last year and I would like to thank everyone who gave their time generously to help out with all the sports.

Finally thanks to the Directors who gave their time generously over the year.

Ian Blair - President

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure to present to you the treasurer's report for the year ended 30 September 2014. The profit for the year was \$80,345 down on prior year of \$158,088. This was expected with the major renovation costs incurred during the year.

Although the club was a construction zone for a number of months, the revenue increased overall mostly as a result of increase of bar sales by 7.86% and poker machines net clearances by 12.9%. The rental income from George Street and Cintra has remained steady.

Our capital expenditure increased in line with the Board's expectations. Our total renovation cost during the year was \$1.3 million. This has resulted in an increase in our depreciation expense to \$290,672 (\$251,252 in prior year), and interest payments of \$18,128 (\$4,323 in prior year).

Overall funding to the sporting clubs was \$130,000, an increase on the \$70,000 provided last year.

Our club continues to grow against the trend of other clubs.

Overall the club has had strong results since the renovations were completed with an expectation of a strong 2014-2015 financial year. As a result cash flow continues to be strong which has led to additional payments being made to reduce the loan amount outstanding.

Matina Moffitt - Treasurer

VALE

JIM ALFORD

Jim was Briars oldest member joining the Club in 1945.

Jim played Rugby for Briars as a Kentwell Cup hooker and retired from Rugby in 1952. He was also on the Rugby sub-committee for a number of years as well as the building sub-committee. Jim served as a bar steward and was on the house sub-committee helping to maintain the bar equipment and club cleaning.

In 1971 Jim was elected to the Board of Briars Sporting Club and retired in 1979. For his outstanding service to Briars, Jim was made a Life Member in 1996.

In his latter years Jim was a regular sideline supporter for Rugby at Rothwell Park.

To carry on the Briars tradition in the Alford family, Jim's eldest granddaughter Katrina and her husband Steve both play Hockey for Briars.

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 2014, shows net assets of \$154,057 compared with \$242,633 for the 2013 year. Over the past year we contributed \$35,000 towards the cricket nets and \$60,000 (of our \$220,000 commitment) towards the Ted Stockdale Pavilion.

Seven years ago negotiations were finalised with the Australian Sports Foundation which created an opportunity for donations to be tax deductible. This outcome has been responsible for the significant increase in membership and donations and a number of existing members have taken the opportunity to upgrade their membership status through additional donations. Members have continued to be very creative in the way they have pledged their support. Some have pledged a monthly amount, others an annual donation, a few one-off payments and some bequests. The Australian Sports Foundation holds \$66,203 on behalf of the Foundation for future Capital Projects.

The launch of the Ted Stockdale Pavilion fundraising has boosted our financial position for the short term. At the luncheon held in October we raised over \$60,000 which was a fantastic result. The construction of the change rooms will commence late 2014 and will hopefully be completed during 2015. The Foundation have committed \$220,000 towards the \$1.4m project with Federal, State and Local council contributing the balance. We thank each government body for supporting this wonderful project and we also thank Richard Crookes and his company Richard Crookes Construction who donated his services designing the pavilion. We will continue to fundraise for this project until completion so please contact me if you would like to purchase a brick-the levels range from \$100 through to \$20,000 and each contributor will be named on the plaque when the change rooms are opened.

Over the past 5-6 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 \$35,000 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 Foundation was formed in 1994 and over the past 20 years we have been responsible for some \$3.3m in projects for the club.

A big thank you again to our treasurer Bill Hooker who did a fabulous job again on the administration and finance side this year - thanks Billy! Thanks also to the Directors for their support and constructive advice and we look forward to an exciting 2015.

Below is the current list of Voting Members of the Foundation. We thank all our contributors for their contribution to the Foundation.

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| Ross Anstey | Garnett Green (decd) | 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 | Fai 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 Wad dington | |
| Robert England | Greg McPhee | Chris Walker | |
| Doug Guest | John Price | Warwick Williams | |
| Mal Goldsmith | Paul Price | | |

Paul Price – President

CRICKET CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After winning our Club Championship the previous season we were very determined to make it back to back. As a Club our aim is always to win the Club Championship. We did it! By 100 points.

To make the semi finals is difficult enough in any grade but to make semis in the top four grades is outstanding! We also made the semis in one of our 5th grade teams and the other one just missed the semis. What an outstanding season by all concerned.

We know all other clubs try to match or copy us and they are all very determined to beat us. We take that as a compliment and a challenge that we are used to now. Next season will be no different.

This season was the first time ever that we were able to field two x 5th grade teams. This is a result of players wanting to come and play with an amazing club like Briars and also saw an influx of players from our junior ranks who were ready for the challenge of playing senior cricket.

As a result of the incredible performance to win the Club Championship again we were also to finish Minor Premiers in 2nd Grade, 2nd in both 3rd and 4th, and 6th in 1st grade before the semis started.

First Grade had the task of winning every sudden death game they played after finishing 6th. They beat the Minor Premiers in Macquarie University quite easily before defeating North West Sydney outright in the semi final. Then came the Grand Final. With constant rain during the week the ground at Strathfield was a mess. But the boys were very determined to get on and so all hands on deck (from our players only!) saw the boys work all day on the Saturday with sponge rollers, blowers, sawdust etc in an effort to get the game started as a draw would see us lose the game.

The weather cleared on the Sunday and the game was eventually able to start, albeit it a little late. We won the toss and sent Warringah in to bat. Less than two hours later an extraordinary performance from the team and in particular Marc Seymour who took 8-17 saw Warringah capitulate for only 43. Within an hour we had passed their total and quite incredibly they gave up and the game was over. The difference in attitude and fighting spirit between the two clubs was obvious to all with the Briars experience and will to win easily accounting for their opposition and the celebrations began after winning their 2nd successive Premiership.

The Second graders were flying high after winning the Minor Premiership by 20 points. The first semi final saw them easily account for Southern Districts with Rob Nandi scoring 84 and the bowlers completing the victory. The semi final saw the boys easily defeat Epping with Lothy and Catalovski taking 5 wickets each.

On to the Grand Final for the second year in a row and we were playing Warringah. This proved a real tough game as we recovered from 7-88 to eventually score 156. This proved to be enough with Briars, the best bowling team in the competition, dismissing them for 124 and game over. Celebrations begin.

Our 3rd grade was magnificent in finishing 2nd prior to the semi finals. Unfortunately they were unable to continue their good form and were defeated by the eventual Premiers in Macquarie University. A fantastic performance by Gareth and the team.

Our 4th graders also finished 2nd before the semis and played Warringah in the first semi. A fantastic batting performance by this young team saw us score 195. Warringah started batting and a massive storm hit the ground. Our players were terrific in getting the covers down with lightning in the area but unfortunately the damage was done and the game was abandoned with a Briars win. The second semi final against Georges River was a beauty. We batted and scored 143 and eventually had them 9-135 BUT we could not take that last wicket despite plenty of near misses. Well done to Warwick and his team.

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

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:

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| 1st Grade | PREMIERS (2nd year in a row) |
| 2nd Grade | PREMIERS and Minor Premiers (2nd year in a row) |
| 3rd Grade | Semi Finalists |
| 4th Grade | Semi Finalists |
| 5th Grade | Briars Maroon Semi finalists |
| Under 24's | Semi Finalists |
| Club Championship | WINNERS (2nd Year in a row) |

The teams this year were very well led by the skippers being Jason Holley (1st), Rob Nandi (2nd), Gareth Robson (3rd), Warwick Giblin (4th), Michael Taberner and Jeremy Haikin (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 three 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 yet again and assisted in other odd jobs, Jeremy Haikin for his incredible efforts to be at training nearly every week and to help run the sessions and for his help each week with the covers, Cameron Beames and Gareth Robson for their invaluable help each week in organizing covers to ensure all grades played as well, Paul Price for his regular 'advice' and feedback on all issues and regular updates each Saturday of the Briars Facebook page, Terry Murphy for his representation of the Club at the various SCA meetings in town each month, David Young for his organization of the Horse Tipping Competition which was not only fun but a fundraiser for cricket as well, Orry Kirkham for his management of the Under 24's team, and finally to Lloyd Andrews for his organizing the weekly speeches after games at the club and for organizing the regular club dinner. 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 fortunate to be associated with a wonderful company called VENUS PACKAGING who have provided us with valuable financial support during this period. Their involvement with our Club has coincided with the incredible success our cricketers have enjoyed and I believe their association with us has helped us concentrate on our cricket and ensure sensational results. On behalf of all the cricketers I would like to thank IAN VENUS for his generous support and assure him we are very pleased and proud to have his company name emblazoned across our playing shirts.

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

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

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

This season again saw the cricketers support the McGrath Foundation by raising funds through the Pink Stumps Day. Ben Critchley organized this fundraiser which saw another over \$1000 raised for the charity. Well done to everyone for their support of this wonderful charity.

At the end of the season we held our Annual Presentation evening at the club and with over 110 past and present players including some partners, we had a very enjoyable evening. Amongst some of the ex players included David Walker and the sons of the late Ted Watt, David and Michael. They both were present to inform the Club that the Watt family would donate an amount of \$5000 to be kept in a Trust and used in a manner befitting the award named after Ted. On behalf of the Club we would like to thank the family for their incredible generosity.

We are very thankful that these two Briars legends have allowed their names to be used for the two main awards on this evening. There were also plenty of former players who were in attendance including Jason Hughes, Rohan Appleton, Rhett Tregunna and Andrew Poole who all travelled from interstate for the evening, Darren Holley, Peter Schouten, Gerard Abood, Bart Pozuelo, Rod Smith, David Baccarini, Herman Hitipeuw, David Wright 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:

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| David Walker Trophy | Services to Cricket | - Stuart Lind |
| Ted Watt Trophy | Best New Talent | - Tom Threlkeld |
| Richard Tregeagle Trophy | 1st Grade Players Player | - Marc Seymour |
| Gerard Price Trophy | 2nd Grade Players Player | - Paul Panutti |
| Anthony Clarke Trophy | 3rd Grade Players Player | - Sanjiv Khalkho |
| Peter Mansford Trophy | 4th Grade Players Player | - Atul Mahanjan |
| Will Hood Trophy | 5th Grade Players Player | - Jeremy Haikin |
| Paul Price Trophy | Under 24's Players Player | - Max Squire |
| Bill Hooker Trophy | Masters/Classics Players Player | - Greg Matchett |

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

CRICKET FIRST GRADE - PREMIERS

There is only one Burwood Briars!

Firstly, congratulations to Ninj (Rob Nandi) and his 2nd grade blokes on winning the comp, a fantastic year and easily the most dominant side all year that deserved to win the comp. To all the other team captains throughout the year in G Man (Gareth), Wazza and Jez congratulations and thank you for such an awesome effort you all put in on and off the field, the clubs success (Club Champions) can be attributed to each of you.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank the club and the cricket committee for all the assistance they provided the team this year. A lot of time and energy goes into what you do and I know everyone within the 1st grade team appreciates what you do. To the ground staff at Rothwell Oval, without doubt the best ground all year and I congratulate you on your efforts. To my team, they say in sport it is very difficult to win competitions back to back but you blokes somehow found a way. We did it the hard way coming from 6th but we got the job done in the end. Congratulations to all involved.

We had some great individual achievements throughout the year but without doubt the standout was Seams (Marc Seymour) being the 2nd leading run scorer in the competition with 615 runs at an average of 43.50 as well as taking 51 wickets to make it an outstanding year once again. Other notable contributions with the ball were Stevie Davis 36 wickets, Ian Gibson 23 wickets and Brett Bastow 21 wickets - and with the bat, Chris Hart with 434 at 24.5, Jay Holley with 389 at 27.8 and Maxy Squire with 313 at 19.5.

To the other players who are not mentioned with performances, each and every single one of them made significant contributions to the premiership defence and they certainly didn't go un-noticed.

For most of us, the mateship we have formed over the four years together has brought us two premierships and I hope we haven't finished yet. It would be a remarkable achievement if we could win three in a row and I for one am looking forward to that challenge. 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 2014/15.

| First Grade | M | In | Agg | NO | 50s | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Best | 5I | 10M | Avg | C |
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| B Bastow | 16 | 16 | 167 | 2 | | | 43 | 11.93 | 97 | 8 | 21 | 432 | 6/39 | 1 | 0 | 20.57 | 12 |
| C Beames | 14 | 14 | 256 | 1 | 2 | | 63 | 19.69 | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| S Davis | 16 | 11 | 36 | 7 | | | 15* | 9.00 | 188.1 | 29 | 36 | 661 | 9/35 | 1 | 1 | 18.36 | 3 |
| I Gibson | 16 | 12 | 49 | 3 | | | 24 | 5.44 | 150 | 38 | 23 | 436 | 4/51 | | | 18.96 | 5 |
| C Hart | 16 | 18 | 434 | | 1 | | 78 | 24.11 | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| J Holley | 15 | 15 | 389 | 1 | 5 | | 96 | 27.79 | 36.2 | 9 | 12 | 102 | 3/8 | | | 8.50 | 8 |
| A Jalalaty | 16 | 17 | 278 | 1 | 1 | | 50 | 17.38 | | | | | | | | | 26 |
| S Nardo | 16 | 14 | 142 | 4 | 1 | | 52* | 14.20 | 139.5 | 25 | 22 | 571 | 4/64 | | | 25.95 | 7 |
| B Sculley | 11 | 9 | 75 | | | | 45 | 8.33 | 79 | 13 | 9 | 317 | 3/16 | | | 35.22 | 5 |
| M Seymour | 16 | 18 | 615 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 103* | 43.93 | 209.3 | 39 | 51 | 697 | 8/19 | 4 | | 13.67 | 16 |
| G Smith | 8 | 7 | 123 | | | | 29 | 17.57 | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| Also Batted: P Burkhart 2-65, T Burt 1-31, B Chapman 3-22, T Richardson 1-3, J Rogers 3-48. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also Bowled: J Rogers 1-5, M Squire 3-120. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Jason Holley

CRICKET SECOND GRADE - PREMIERS

Well, what a season! Minor premiers and competition winners! Considering the team was also defending premiers from the year before, this was a great effort. Right from day 1, every player involved was focused on the goal of winning the title. I would like to congratulate every single player involved on a great team effort. I would also like to congratulate our legendary chairman Gerard Price and all the members of the club on winning another club championship and having all grades qualify for the semi finals. Clearly the strength and depth in the club helped 2nd grade to win the premiership and also helped first grade to successfully defend their title as well.

Congratulations to Jason Holley and the first grade side on this remarkable achievement! Personally I would like to thank Gerard, Jason and the other team captains, Gareth Robson, Warwick Giblin, Michael Taberner and Jeremy Haikin for their strong support throughout the year. I would also on behalf of the team, like to thank the club committee and the ground staff for producing such excellent facilities. Now to the team and to the season. We started off with a tough game against Macquarie University, where we chased down 242 after being 7 for 140, and from there on in we dominated the competition and did not lose a game until a hiccup against Northwest in round 12, where we were rolled for 130 and they chased the runs 5 down. Thankfully, this was just a hiccup and we resumed our winning ways and we won two more round games then the quarter final, semi-final and grand final after this. Whilst we did dominate the competition in terms of results, there were a lot of tough games and the team really showed a lot of resolve to win many of these games. Of course, there were many excellent individual contributions throughout the year. On the batting front we had the following main contributors:

Rob Nandi - 579 runs at 41.36, including 1 hundred and 4 fifties.

Ben Chapman - 349 runs at 43.63, including an amazing 119* against Warringah which included 5 sixes in the last over and another excellent fifty against Mount Pritchard on a wet wicket.

Declan Kennedy - 274 at 27.4, which included a dominating knock of 94 not out against Lane Cove and an excellent lower order 48 not out to get us over the line in a tough chase against Georges River.

Albert Eichholzer - 266 at 29.56, including a century batting at number 7 against Strathfield and a very important 40 against Epping in the semi final.

Dave Young - 236 at 29.5, which included 79 against Pennant Hills on 2nd grade debut and an important 61 against Mount Pritchard in the quarter final.

Guy Smith - 187 runs at 26.71.

Ben Critchley - 174 runs at 29.

There were also some very important innings played at various times during the year. Jack Rogers made 59 against Roseville in a tough chase in round 13, to get our season back on track and Brad Sculley hit 52 on one leg against Mount Pritchard in the Quarter Final. Cormac O'Connor also made some important contributions in his first season in 2nd grade. Of the bowlers, Peter Catalovski hit 49 not out in the run chase in the first game of the year and a hugely important 35 in the grand final, which along with Doug Loth's 29 enabled us to get to a defendable total, which we managed to defend!

So on that note, I will move to the bowling. As per most past Briars sides, this was the area we really excelled in throughout the season. The main contributors in this department who ultimately led us to the competition win were:

Paul Pannuti - 38 wickets at 9.87, including 6 for 28 against Mount Pritchard in the quarter finals, 5 for 25 against Auburn in the round games when we were defending 129, 2 other 4 wicket hauls and 2 for 21 in the grand final. The veteran opening bowler really stood up for us this year and led the attack.

Doug Loth - 33 wickets at 16.64, including 6 for 46 against Mount Pritchard during the round games and 2 inspired spells – one of 5 for 43 against Epping in the semi-final and a man of the match winning performance of 5 for 52 against Warringah in the grand final.

Sarkis Achmar - 26 wickets at 14.31, including 6 for 43 against Roseville and 2 other 4 wicket hauls.

Peter Catalovski - 15 wickets at 13.7, including a match winning performance of 5 for 24 off 24 overs against Epping in the semi-final to go with his 4 for 21 against the same team in the round games.

We also had other important contributions throughout the year from Jack Rogers (including 4 for 6 against Lindfield), Vijay Sharma, Andy Adams, plus others. These players all contributed important spells at different stages of the season.

Well done to everyone on these performances. It has to be said that these performances could not be achieved without the entire team performing well on the field. Even though we were a slightly older/slower team, everyone still managed to do their job and we held on to the majority of our catches. This really was an important element to our success that should not be underestimated.

So congratulations to everyone involved with the team during the season. As I mentioned earlier, everyone really had a focus throughout the year on winning the trophy and it was great for that focus to be rewarded. This focus, determination and spirit are what make the Briars such a strong club. And it would not have been possible without Gerard, the cricket committee, the other team captains, the ground staff, and the sponsors support throughout the year. Thanks also must go to the many supporters who watched our games throughout the season. Without this support I do not believe we would have had the success we had. Let's now go and make it three in a row in 2014/2015 and remember there is only one Burwood Briars!

| Second Grade | M | In | Agg | NO | 50s | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Best | 5I | 10M | Avg | C |
|---|----|----|-----|----|-----|------|------|-------|-------|----|----|-----|------|----|-----|-------|----|
| S Achmar | 10 | 7 | 60 | 4 | | | 21.1 | 20.00 | 134.3 | 32 | 26 | 372 | 6/43 | 1 | | 14.31 | 1 |
| A Adams | 9 | 6 | 55 | 1 | | | 22 | 11.00 | 79.2 | 5 | 7 | 278 | 1/2 | | | 39.71 | 3 |
| P Catalovski | 7 | 4 | 84 | 1 | | | 49* | 28.00 | 93 | 28 | 15 | 206 | 5/24 | 1 | | 13.73 | 1 |
| A Eichholzer | 10 | 11 | 266 | 2 | | 1 | 100* | 29.56 | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| D Kennedy | 14 | 14 | 274 | 4 | 1 | | 94.1 | 27.40 | | | | | | | | | 23 |
| D Loth | 16 | 8 | 99 | 2 | | | 29 | 16.50 | 189.2 | 42 | 33 | 549 | 6/46 | 3 | | 16.64 | 8 |
| R Nandi | 17 | 18 | 579 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 108* | 41.36 | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| C O'Connor | 11 | 11 | 173 | | | | 46 | 15.73 | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| P Pannuti | 14 | 9 | 67 | 3 | | | 28 | 11.17 | 165 | 45 | 38 | 375 | 6/28 | 2 | | 9.87 | 5 |
| J Rogers | 9 | 9 | 97 | 1 | | | 59 | 10.78 | 37 | 7 | 10 | 130 | 4/6 | | | 13.00 | 4 |
| V Sharma | 7 | 7 | 87 | | | | 47 | 12.43 | 26 | 2 | 7 | 118 | 3/21 | | | 16.86 | 2 |
| G Smith | 7 | 7 | 187 | 1 | | | 73 | 26.71 | 25 | 2 | 4 | 80 | 3/36 | | | 20.00 | 6 |
| D Young | 7 | 8 | 236 | 2 | | | 79 | 29.50 | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Also Batted: L Andrews 2-30, C Beames 1-24, S Hudson 1-14, B Hurford 1-4, S Khalkho 1-18, R Koorey 2-9, J McKay 1-8, G Metcalfe 3-27, T Moffitt 3-17, K Pillai 1-1, P Simpson 3-23, M Smyck 2-24, M Towells 3-28, S Watson 1-15, M Yahya 1-16. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Also Bowled: B Chapman 0-8, B Critchley 0-7, S Hudson 3-33, S Khalkho 0-32, J McKay 0-4, G Metcalfe 3-75, K Pillai 2-42, B Scully 4-63, P Simpson 0-23, M Smyck 0-4, M Towells 2-72, S Watson 2-26.

Rob Nandi

CRICKET THIRD GRADE

Firstly congratulations to Jason Holley, Rob Nandi and the First and Second Grade teams for again winning Premierships in 2013/14. First Grade continues to lead our club incredibly well with four grand final appearances in a row and now Premiers back-to-back. And lead us as a club they have - two Shires premierships from four this season, five wins from the last eight grand finals - little wonder Briars seized a successive Club Championship.

After three premierships in a row, anything less was inevitably a disappointment for Third Grade. Despite the sense the team failed to meet expectations, finishing second by a point in the minor premiership indicates it wasn't all doom and gloom. Rather, for a team that routinely struggled with the bat, it showed the team generally refused to yield. Typical of that spirit present early in the season was winning two matches outright against Strathfield and Lane Cove having gone behind on first innings. Undefeated after nine games, that we lost four of our last seven games, including twice to Epping who would contest the Grand Final, and failed to reach 100 in our final two innings, are fair indicators we were not quite contenders for the Premiership.

Individual highlights included a round 1 cameo from Jack Rogers with 52 against Macquarie University, a game in which Dave Young scored 57 while Paul Panutti took 6/43 from 17 overs. Cormac O'Connor's 119 against Pennant Hills in round 3 was our highest score for the season. Ben Critchley's 49* (ably supported by Mick Towells) was a definite highlight as we chased 140 eight down in the aforementioned outright victory over Strathfield. Peter Catalovski took 5/12 from 16 overs and Greg Long scored 50* against Mount Pritchard Southern Districts. Tom Burt scored 72 as we set Warringah 215 in a one day match, their chase on target at 6/172 before Derek Welsh took three wickets in an over. Rueben Koorey's 58 against Lindfield was typical of the talent he has shown on the limited occasions he has played for the club. Albert Eichholzer scored a rapid 51 as we accounted for Auburn. Dave Young's 73 offered great resistance in a losing cause against Georges River. Tom Moffitt scored 52* to set up a comfortable victory against North West Sydney, after Peter Catalovski took 4/31 from 20 overs. Brad Whitfield scored 47 and took 4/45 from 18 overs in a typically strong all round performance against Roseville, which he then bettered with 6/23 from 16 overs and 46* as we lost a Qualifying Final to Epping. Andy Adams took 5/27 from 18 overs to lead what should have been a Semi Final-winning bowling performance to restrict Macquarie University to 137 from 75 overs (after a 32 run tenth wicket stand), before we were dismissed for 99 by the eventual Premiers. Both Andy and Brad provided much needed passion in the final games of the year, giving their all in a manner that deserved better.

As is vital for the development of our club, many of the players mentioned above featured prominently in Second Grade's success, earning higher selection on merit. Of the thirty-eight players who took the field for Third Grade in 2013/14, the first of two other players warranting mention is Tom Threlkeld. Tom was the worthy recipient of the Ted Watt Trophy for the best new talent at the club, 25 wickets at 11.8, with an economy rate of 2.65, indicates why he was easily the most reliable of the quicker bowlers in Third Grade. His great attitude and at times dubious humour were also a welcome addition to the team. The club had a steep learning curve during the season, determining how best to bring on the young players joining the club in 2013/14. Credit must be given to Michael Taberner and Jeremy Haikin in this regard for their captaincy of the Fifth Grade sides. Here's hoping we keep seeing the names Threlkeld, Reddy, Kalic, Maxwell, Hogg, and others, in our team sheets, and that they are joined by many other Concord Briars. The further player to mention is Sanjiv Khalkho, doubtless our best player this season as recognised by the accolade of our Players' Player award, now fittingly named for Anthony Clarke. Sanjiv's skill with the ball is well known, and he was our leading wicket taker with 30 at an average of 13.6. Sanjiv also demonstrated he still has a lot to offer with the bat, playing some decisive innings during the season.

I must thank Judith Welsh for being our number one supporter in 2013/14. Other regulars who were also most welcome included Boris Haikin, Julie Whitfield, Stuart Lind, just to name a few.

As always it was a great pleasure working with the other skippers, and I acknowledge Warwick Giblin's contribution in recent seasons as he stands down as a captain. It would be utterly pointless to speculate on reports of his retirement. Others who make an undeniably great effort off the field include Lloyd Andrews, Cameron Beames, Anthony Clarke, Ben Critchley, Jason Harris, Paul Price and Marc Seymour among others I will have regrettably forgotten to mention.

It is an undoubted privilege to play for the Briars, to say nothing of being captain of a team. In closing, my thanks to Gerard Price for his support in that honour, it is possibly the one blight on his enduring and outstanding service to our club. There's Only One Burwood Briars.

| Third Grade | M | In | Agg | NO | 50s | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Best | 5I | 10M | Avg | C |
|-------------------|----|---------|----------|--------|--------|-------|----------|------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|-------|------------|--------|
| P Catalovski..... | 6 |2 |16 |1 | ..... | ..... | .....10* |16.00 |70 |19 |13 |163 |5/12 |1 | ..... | .....12.54 | ..... |
| S Khalko..... | 13 |11 |188 |2 | | |44 |20.89 |137 |30 |26 |342 |4/5 | | |13.15 |2 |
| O Kirkham..... | 7 |6 |80 |3 | | |31* |26.67 |55 |11 | |167 |0/24 | | | |2 |
| R Koorey | 3 |3 |113 | |1 | |58 |37.67 | | | | | | | | | |

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|---|----|-------|----|-------|-----|-------|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| G Metcalfe..... | 4 | | 1 | | 24 | | 24 | | 24.00 | | 21 | | 2 | | 104 | | 1/5 | | 52.00 | | 1 |
| G Robson..... | 16 | | 17 | | 205 | | 3 | | 36 | | 14.64 | | | | | | | | | ..28 | |
| P Rogers | 8 | | 10 | | 95 | | | | 46 | | 9.50 | | 20.2 | | 7 | | 3 | | 51 | | 2/4 |
| V Sharma..... | 6 | ..... | 7 | ..... | 117 | ..... |  | ..... | 36 | ..... | 16.71 | ..... | 30.2 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 7 | ..... | 142 | ..... | 3/42 |
| T Threlkeld..... | 10 | ..... | 7 | ..... | 13 | ..... | 3 | ..... | 8 | ..... | 3.25 | ..... | 111.1 | ..... | 25 | ..... | 25 | ..... | 295 | ..... | 4/13 |
| M Towells | 6 | ..... | 8 | ..... | 114 | ..... | 3 | ..... | 23 | ..... | 22.80 | ..... | 86.1 | ..... | 17 | ..... | 21 | ..... | 200 | ..... | 4/22 |
| B Whitfield..... | 4 | ..... | 4 | ..... | 107 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 47 | ..... | 35.67 | ..... | 53 | ..... | 14 | ..... | 12 | ..... | 111 | ..... | 6/23 |
| Also Batted: A Adams 3-20, L Andrews 7-34, N Buiyan 6-12, B Chapman 1-3, B Critchley 2-50, T Dapice 2-6, A Eichholzer 2-70, J Harris 1-0, A Mahajan 1-7, J McKay 3-29, T Moffitt 1-52, P Pannuti 1-5, P Price 1-24, D Reddy 3-42, J Rogers 1-52, M Smyck 5-42, B Stoneham 4-35, D Urquhart 3-24, D Welsh 4-23, M Yahya 2-47. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also Bowled: T Burt 1-9, T Dapice 1-18, W Hood 0-19, G Long 1-5, A Mahajan 0-10, C O'Connor 0-7, D Reddy 1-45, J Rogers 1-9, P Simpson 1-40, G Thomakos 0-10, D Urquhart 1-26, D Young 1-8. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Gareth Robson

CRICKET FOURTH GRADE

First, congratulations to the Club overall for another fabulous season, winning the Club Championship, First Grade and Second Grade Premierships. Congratulations to the successful skippers in Jason Holley and Rob Nandi, a great effort boys! Congratulations also to Georges River on winning the Fourth Grade flag after we lost to them by one wicket in the Semi Final.

The truly exciting thing about this season was the number of young lads making their debut for the Club. At least half the side was still at school. The young talent included Diam Urquhart, Adam Hodgess, Luka Kalic, Tom Moffitt, Tom Threlkeld, Diran Reddy, Declan Long, Nathan Maher, Phil Maxwell and Anthony Melnick.

The future of the club is in good hands given the new blood seen this season. It was an honour and a privilege to lead such a wonderful bunch of fellas who were keen to listen and learn.

When it came to the stand out performance, it was a one horse race. Opening bowler Atul Mahajan led the bowling attack brilliantly taking a near record 58 wickets at an average of 9.5 runs. The 'tool shed' or 'shed' for short stamped his presence on every game. He took ten wickets in a match twice, including 13 wickets against Lane Cove. Atul also took five wickets in a match an incredible five times. His effort throughout the season was awesome and it was a good lesson for the youngsters on the benefits of bowling a good line and a full length. He also delivered from time to time with the bat, constantly badgering the skipper that he didn't ever deserve to bat at number 11.

Another highlight of the season was the terrific energy and enthusiasm shown in the field. This was especially so in the tightly fought game against front runners North West Sydney. Our fightback in the field, defending a small total, was as good as I've ever witnessed in over forty years of playing this grand game. In very hot conditions Atul bowled unchanged for 18 overs, an amazing effort, showing a lot of commitment and passion for the team.

Altogether 30 players were selected in the side during the season with a core of about 15 regulars. Comments on their performance follows.

Atul Mahajan - Some his performances are stated above but Atul's full bowling statistics were 15 matches, 221 overs, 57 maidens, 58 wickets at 9.5. Versus Lane Cove 6/9 and 7/14, 5/43 v Macquarie University and 5/20 and 5/34 against top placed side NW Sydney. But more importantly Atul is a terrific team man with an excellent temperament and attitude and normally fairly placid, until it comes to defending his batting ability. And yes he can bat, scoring 141 runs at 20. Obviously the Player's Player.

Bray Stoneham - A talented cricketer with both bat and ball. Scored 335 runs at 31 with two 50's (69 no v Auburn and 64 v Strathfield) and took 13 wickets at 19. Bray undoubtedly has the physical ability and when he has more confidence in backing that ability he will deliver some impressive results. I look forward to him scoring a ton sometime soon.

Diam Urquhart - New young starter with the Club. Very capable with the bat scoring 255 runs at 23, including 54 v Strathfield and 67 v Southern Districts. Looks like he can also bowl (2 wickets at 5 late in the season!). Is a huge asset in the field.

Adam Hodgess - New young starter with the Club. Excellent bat and handy keeper. Scored 166 runs at 28 including a memorable 104 no v Lane Cove.

Mark Smyck - Now one of the veterans in the side, Mark is a terrific team and Club man. Scored 160 runs at 15 and took 8 wickets at 23.

Surya Sriram - Another loyal team man Surya did an excellent job behind the sticks and scored 124 runs at 11. Believes he can bowl.

Pat Rodgers - A charismatic player who helps motivate a team. This season played 6 games for 124 runs at 25, including a top score of 66 v Auburn. Also took 8 wickets at 11.5.

Luka Kalic - New, young starter with the Club. As the season progressed Luka became more comfortable and played a wonderful innings in the Qualifying Final, scoring 53 when we needed them most, following up with 32 in the Semi Final, again under pressure. Scored 109 runs at 18. Took 6 wickets at 14.

Tom Moffitt - New, young starter with the Club. Talented batsman and excellent glove man. Played five games before being promoted. 104 runs at 52 with a top score of 60 no v Macquarie Uni.

Lloyd Andrews - One of the few experienced players in the side. Lloyd always gives 110%, with several games played in thirds. Scored 48 in the second innings of the Semi, with 91 runs for the season at 18. Also 5 wickets at 15.

Diren Reddy - New, young starter with the Club. Good talent with both bat and ball. Will have benefited from this year under his belt. 14 wickets at 11 (including 3/8) and 77 runs at 13.

Greg Metcalfe - An all rounder and good team man, Greg scored 58 runs at 12 and took 4 wickets at 23.

Brad Whitfield - Brad played four games post Christmas with the balance in higher grades. Took 5 wickets at 25 and scored 52 runs.

Damian Price - Limited opportunities this season and in six games took four wickets at 34.

Orry Kirkham - Orry played mostly in thirds however in the three games in this team scored 36 runs at 18 and took 4 wickets at 22.

Declan Long - New, young starter with the Club with lots of ability. Three wickets at 16.

Warwick Giblin - Scored 362 runs at 33 with three 50's and took 13 wickets at 9.

There were four century partnerships during the season:

- Rogers/Stoneham 135 v Auburn
- Koorey/Stoneham 127 v Strathfield
- Moffit/Giblin 113 v Macquarie Uni
- Urquhart/Giblin 110 v Southern District.

A thank you to the other players who played the occasional game with the side, including Ruben Koorey (including 107 no v Strathfield and 72 no v Pennant Hills), Declan Kennedy, Michael Towells, Tom Threlkeld, Niaz Bhuiyan, Greg Long, Will Service, Phil Maxwell, Nathan Maher, Daniel Haikin, Anthony Melnyk, Ki Curry, Seb Kalos, Raj Kapoor and Jack Lauricella.

Also I wish to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to our wonderful Scorer Zelko Kalic, who not only did a wonderful job keeping the books accurate and up to date but also helped with the many and varied odd jobs that help a team. Thanks also to the six other selectors namely Jason Holley, Rob Nandi, Gareth Robson, Michael Taberner, Jeremy Haikin 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 very difficult circumstances in running the cricket club and training and chairing selections. His service to the Briars as an administrator is second to none and includes 27 years as cricket chairman, highlights including 36 premierships and 14 club championships. The club is unbelievably lucky to have him.

| Fourth Grade | M | In | Agg | NO | 50s | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Best | 5I | 10M | Avg | C |
|---|----|----|-----|----|-----|------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| L Andrews | 5 | 5 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 18.20 | 23 | 5 | 5 | 77 | 2/20 | 0 | 0 | 15.40 | ..... |
| W B Giblin | 15 | 17 | 362 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 72 | 32.91 | 57 | 22 | 13 | 112 | 4/21 | 0 | 0 | 8.62 |2 |
| A Hodgess | 12 | 10 | 166 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 104* | 27.67 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ....2 |
| L Kalic | 10 | 6 | 109 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 53 | 18.17 | 25 | 5 | 6 | 82 | 2/9 | 0 | 0 | 13.67 |2 |
| R Koorey | 2 | 3 | 224 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 107* | 224.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| A Mahajan | 15 | 10 | 141 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 20.14 | 221 | 57 | 58 | 552 | 7/14 | 5 | 2 | 9.52 |1 |
| G Metcalfe | 7 | 6 | 58 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19* | 11.60 | 31 | 3 | 4 | 91 | 2/11 | 0 | 0 | 22.75 |1 |
| T Moffitt | 5 | 3 | 104 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 60* | 52.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ....1 |
| D Price | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4.00 | 39 | 5 | 4 | 134 | 1/12 | 0 | 0 | 33.50 | ..... |
| D Reddy | 12 | 7 | 77 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 12.83 | 55 | 9 | 14 | 153 | 3/8 | 0 | 0 | 10.93 |3 |
| P Rogers | 6 | 6 | 124 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 66 | 24.80 | 41.2 | 9 | 8 | 92 | 4/16 | 0 | 0 | 11.50 |3 |
| M Smyck | 10 | 11 | 160 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 14.55 | 55 | 12 | 8 | 184 | 2/27 | 0 | 0 | 23.00 |2 |
| B Stoneham | 13 | 14 | 335 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 69* | 30.45 | 72.2 | 13 | 13 | 241 | 2/9 | 0 | 0 | 18.54 |2 |
| D Urquhart | 11 | 13 | 255 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 67 | 23.18 | 2.4 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 2/9 | 0 | 0 | 4.50 |4 |
| Also Batted: N Buiyan 2-15, K Currie 1-29, D Haikin 2-63, W Hood 1-0, S Kalos 3-15, R Kapoor 1-0, D Kennedy 1-12, O Kirkham 3-36, J Lauricella 1-23, D Long 3-19, G Long 1-23, N Maher 1-11, P Maxwell 1-10, A Melnyk 1-0, W Service 2-17, M Towells 1-34, B Whitfield 2-52. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also Bowled: K Currie 0-11, A D Melnyk 0-4, S Sriram 0-3, T Threlkeld 2-35, M Towells 2-11, D Urquhart 2-9. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

W Giblin

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE GOLD

In the first season that saw Briars Cricket field two fifth grade teams, it was a most satisfying season for this rookie captain. The first couple of rounds were a total mixed bag. One win, one loss and a tie. Although with a team of young newcomers, there were a lot of positives to work with. This included solid contributions from Anthony Melnyk, Luka Kalic, Ben Skinner and Adam Hodgess. Halfway through the season we had lost Luka Kalic and Adam Hodgess

to fourth grade, however the team was still taking shape nicely. Fielding was improving and players were settling in to their respective roles.

Andrew Hogg - An opening bowler with real all round potential. Tight in-swingers who can also hit one of the biggest balls you have ever seen.

Ben Skinner - The Leg Spinner, wicket taker and a great pair of hands in the field.

Anthony Melnyk - The Quiet Assassin, GP like qualities with the ball, catches everything and a steady middle order batsman who will always do a job.

Sebastian McIntosh - Has a good head for the game. Sebbie always gave 100% whether opening the batting, middle order or in the field.

Kirin Kancherla - Krunchy, as we liked to call him. A steady first or second change quick bowler who always got the wicket we wanted.

Although never having the same xi week to week meant it was not always plain sailing. But with the additions of established Briars Scott Brennan, Daniel Haikin and Seb Kalos, gave us the experience the team needed. Cameo performances from Ki Currie, Joe McKay, Tom Moffitt, Ruben Koorey, Jason Harris, Will Hood, Diren Reddy, Tom Threlkeld and Osman Kayani we really made a strong push towards the finals. Helped also in no small part to players like, Chris Spratt The Big Bomber, Harry Spratt The Young Sean Tait, Declan Long The Fiery Quick, Nick Pandousis a welcome addition when he was available and Greg Melnyk The On-call Off Spinner and Nathan Maher, who technically played for the Maroon team but was a most welcome addition anytime we could have him. One player I have to single out is Cameron Durrant who in his first season of senior cricket, showed the ultimate in Briars spirit. Cam's heart, dedication and enthusiasm gave him the willingness to always put the team first. He never argued if he was not in the top order or didn't get a bowl and was quite happy to perform any off field duty asked of him. All this, and a great pair of hands made Cameron an integral member of our team.

I would also like to thank the Fathers for their support throughout the season. Graham Durrant, always happy to score, just don't bring up the tied game. Andrew Hogg senior, stout reserve umpire also helped with some great strategy. Also Bob Melnyk, Andrew Maher and Zelko Kalic. Big thanks goes to my father Boris Haikin, who is no doubt Briars Cricket's number one fan, happy to help out with anything from drinks to trucking sightscreens between grounds.

We finished the season in second place on the ladder, which I believe was an amazing effort for our team and proved how far all the players had come in one season. After a strong start to the finals, beating North West Sydney, we were eliminated by Warringah in the semi final. So with heads held high we look forward to next season and the chance to go a couple better.

Jeremy Haikin

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE MAROON

What another incredible year for the mighty Burwood Briars! Two well earned premierships, another Club Champs and finals appearances from every grade! This season also saw the introduction of a second 5th grade team for the first time in the clubs history. For the Briars Maroon, it was almost to be but we were only one win away from getting to the finals! Success in the Tim Creer Cup is all about everybody chipping in. A couple of people getting good starts and going on with it, taking the catches that come your way and being disciplined if nothing else with the ball. A great learning season for all the new players!

The season uncovered some amazing talent for the future of Briars. Many of the players played above their years in a competition full of seasoned veterans and did themselves proud. Out of the 13 players who played more than five games, eight in terms of age, would be eligible for the under 24s team and six were playing in their first or second year of turf cricket. In another staggering stat, only five of those players had played a match for the Briars prior to this season.

Some individual performances need to be mentioned. Firstly, opening the batting all season, Abdul Ramulan showed great aggression and a competitive nature in his application. He was a great team member that finished the season with the second highest run tally of 257. A very talented and determined Nathan Maher who I believe we are only just beginning to see his true talent ably supported Abdul at the top. Nathan was rewarded with regular promotion to the 4th grade side. Phillip Maxwell was another regular contributor who has great potential. He demonstrated great ability but often was thwarted by the slower bowlers! Finished the season with 221 runs and is destined for higher grades in future years. Lastly, a special mention must be made about Pete Horan. He was the glue that often held the team together both behind the stumps and at the crease. He never gave his wicket away cheaply and showed great fight when the team needed it. Pete was also a great support to the team from a leadership perspective and was looked up to by everyone that played with him.

From a bowling point of view, Colin Taylor had to be by far the unluckiest when it came to beating the bat. Colin finished the season with 19 wickets but deserved many more. As he grows older, his new ball inswing will catapult

him into higher grades. A welcome addition to any team Phillip Maxwell, as he did with the bat, was up the top of the stats with the ball. Taking a team high of 22 wickets, Phil's skiddy outswingers were always the go to for the captain when a breakthrough was needed. Very reliable in the field as well. Damian Price throughout the year showed glimpses of brilliance with the ball. Took ten wickets in his nine matches with the team and deserved more wickets. The trick to get Damo bowling well is to turn down an LBW in his first over! Damian was a great competitor and a real leader within the team. A special mention must also go to Cameron and Grahame Durrant for their unwavering support in a year which saw Cameron moved between the sides when needed. Both were often seen at other grounds supporting everyone in the club. True examples of great clubmen!

There were some ups and downs throughout the season but a few memorable highlights would include the heart stopping win against Georges River 9 down, beating UNSW in the rain and dark at St Lukes and watching Abdul slap 39 against a very fiery South Sydney!

A very sincere thank you goes out to Gerard, all the other captains, and the parents of all the young players for their dedicated support throughout the season. It's the little things such as helping out with scoring, driving to help put away covers and being there for the kids that make the season happen. I am very excited to keep abreast of all of the Briars scores from over in the UK next season. Not being able to play for the first time in eight seasons reminds me of one thing - there is only one Burwood Briars!

Michael Taberner

| 5 th Grade Gold and Maroon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|-------|-------|----|----|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|
| Player | M | In | Agg | NO | 50s | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Best | 5 I | 10M | Avg C |
| S Brennan | 17 | 15 | 481 | 2 | | | 58 | 32.07 | | | | | | | | 15/9 |
| D J Byrne | | | | | | | | | 37 | 2 | 4 | 181 | 2/23 | | | 45.25 |
| C Durrant | 21 | 14 | 89 | 1 | | | 21* | 6.85 | | | | | | | | ..10 |
| A Fernando | 11 | 8 | 37 | 5 | | | 20* | 12.33 | 63 | 2 | 11 | 276 | 4/32 | | | 25.09 |
| D Haikin | 12 | 8 | 93 | 2 | | | 41* | 15.50 | 63 | 15 | 17 | 153 | 4/25 | | | 9.00 |
| J Haikin | 20 | 18 | 423 | 6 | 2 | | 56* | 35.25 | 71.2 | 6 | 17 | 301 | 3/12 | | | 17.71 |
| A Hodgess | 4 | 4 | 132 | | 2 | | 54 | 33.00 | | | | | | | | ..2 |
| A S Hogg | 25 | 18 | 195 | 5 | | | 25* | 15.00 | 137.5 | 27 | 22 | 462 | 2/9 | | | 21.00 |
| W Hood | 4 | 4 | 72 | | 1 | | 53 | 18.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| P Horan | 17 | 13 | 160 | 3 | | | 38* | 16.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| N Inatey | 3 | 3 | 85 | | 1 | | 79 | 28.33 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| L Kalic | 6 | 5 | 138 | 3 | 1 | | 59* | 69.00 | 34 | 6 | 6 | 134 | 3/20 | | | 22.33 |
| S Kalos | 11 | 10 | 130 | 1 | | | 39* | 14.44 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| K Kancherla | 18 | 8 | 27 | 1 | | | 14 | 3.86 | 108.5 | 12 | 29 | 421 | 4/23 | | | 14.52 |
| R Kapoor | 5 | 4 | 68 | | | | 41 | 17.00 | | | | | | | | ..1 |
| O Kayani | 3 | 3 | 61 | | | | 28 | 20.33 | 7.2 | 0 | 3 | 42 | 2/29 | | | 14.00 |
| R Koorey | 1 | 1 | 90 | 1 | 1 | | 90* | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| D Long | 10 | 7 | 55 | 1 | | | 25 | 9.17 | 41.3 | 7 | 4 | 153 | 1/17 | | | 38.25 |
| T Louie | | | | | | | | | 23 | 1 | 3 | 120 | 2/18 | | | 40.00 |
| N Maher | 21 | 20 | 314 | 3 | | | 45 | 18.47 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| P Horan | 16 | 14 | 221 | 3 | | | 36 | 20.09 | 105.3 | 7 | 22 | 436 | 4/18 | | | 19.82 |
| S McIntosh | 18 | 18 | 241 | 2 | | | 30 | 15.06 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| A B Melnyk | 19 | 14 | 187 | 5 | | | 39* | 20.78 | 97.5 | 16 | 24 | 342 | 4/9 | | | 14.25 |
| N Pandousis | 9 | 6 | 104 | | | | 29 | 17.33 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| D Price | 7 | 6 | 47 | | | | 11 | 7.83 | 59.5 | 5 | 10 | 233 | 2/17 | | | 23.30 |
| A Ramulan | 16 | 16 | 257 | 1 | | | 39 | 17.13 | | | | | | | | ..6 |
| D Reddy | | | | | | | | | 12 | 3 | 6 | 35 | 5/9 | 1 | | 5.83 |
| B Skinner | | | | | | | | | 107 | 11 | 29 | 461 | 3/22 | | | 15.90 |
| C Spratt | 11 | 9 | 112 | | | | 24 | 12.44 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| H Harrison | 10 | 4 | 31 | 2 | | | 12* | 15.50 | 52 | 4 | 8 | 217 | 3/24 | | | 27.13 |
| M Taberner | 17 | 14 | 307 | 1 | 1 | | 51 | 23.62 | 103 | 7 | 19 | 393 | 3/21 | | | 20.68 |
| C Taylor | 17 | 11 | 66 | 5 | | | 14* | 11.00 | 118 | 9 | 19 | 378 | 3/15 | | | 19.89 |
| Also Batted: C Andrews 1-0, J Bragge 2-0, D Byrne 2-5, K Currie 2-26, D Edwards 1-12, B Gersbach 1-1, R Kapoor 1-1, K Little 6-25, G Long 1-53, T Louie 4-19, J Mackie 2-58, J McKay 2-98, G Melnyk 3-3, T Moffit 1-39, N Nadarajah 3-22, K O'Shea 4-90, D Reddy 2-59, P Rogers 1-1, B Skinner 8-12, T Threlkeld 1-1, M Towells 3-52, D Urquhart 1-54. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also Bowled: C Andrews 3-32, J Bragg 0-10, K Currie 4-59, W Hood 6-84, P Horan 1-6, S Kalos 1-38, R Kapoor 2-14, O Kayani 3-42, K Little 1-71, N Maher 2-26, J McKay 3-67, G Melnyk 1-40, N Nadarajah 1-29, N Pandousis 0-20, P Rogers 1-32, C Spratt 1-59, T Threlkeld 0-23, M Towells 1-94. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CRICKET UNDER 24S

The 2013/14 Frank Gray Shield season was one of many highlights. The squad that we assembled was one of extreme talent and one that ultimately would've liked to fulfill its potential a little more than it did. Having been a part of this side for numerous years now, I can say that this season we possessed a team capable of winning the competition, and

with a little luck and using the experience gained this season, I am confident we will be able to give it a real good shot in season 2014/15.

For those who may not know, Frank Gray Shield is a one-day competition for the clubs players aged under 24. We play seven matches on Sundays over the course of the season, with the top six making the finals series. It is a big commitment and the enthusiasm to play that was shown is a credit to all of the boys that played this season. Of our seven matches, we won five and qualified 5th overall for the finals. Unfortunately, a touch of bad luck and some 50/50 decisions went against us in the qualifying final against George's River and we lost in the last over. It was an extremely disappointing way to end what was up until then quite a successful season.

There were many highlights throughout the season, for the team as a whole, and for many individuals. Our round 1 win over Roseville was one that won't be forgotten any time soon. Playing against a much more experienced side our boys refused to lose, and we chased down their 211 in the 46th over. Another highlight was the way that we bounced back after losing our next two games (both games we felt we could and should have won). We then went on to win four games straight in convincing fashion. In years gone by we may have let the bitterness of our two defeats affect the rest of our season, but it shows the talent and character of the team for us to bounce back the way we did.

Individually we had numerous highlights. The incredible performances of Max with both bat and ball as our captain set us up to win a lot of our matches. This was also recognized by the fact that the Sydney Cricket Association awarded Max the Frank Gray Shield player of the season award. This is a major achievement. Declan Kennedy and Guy Smith deserve a mention for the way they took it to Roseville and set up our win, scoring 83 and 52 respectively. The way Brad Whitfield took the new ball for most of the season and charged in, bowling with his heart on his sleeve resulted in him taking many deserved wickets throughout the season. Lastly, I think its important to mention the contribution of the youngest members of our squad, Luka Kalic, Diren Reddy and Tom 'Percival' Threlkeld. These boys are all hugely talented cricketers, and irrespective of their age or size, took it to our opponents all season and made significant contributions.

Thanks must be given to our manager, Captain Orry Kirkham, who motivated and drove the team all season. He was a great asset, whether it be delivering his team talks or running our warm-ups. As well as this, on behalf of the whole side, a big thanks goes out to all of our supporters throughout the season. There are too many people to mention who came down to games, sent through messages of support and just showed a genuine interest in the side. It means a lot to know that the whole club was craving the success that we hoped to achieve.

To the boys, I believe we can look back on this season and say we have grown, learnt and become more equipped to really challenge again next season. This season was extremely enjoyable and we have become a good bunch of mates that really enjoy playing together, and hopefully we can achieve the success we all desire in the near future.

There's Only One Burwood Briars.

| Under 24s | M | In | Agg | NO | 50s | 100s | HS | Avg | O | M | W | R | Best | SI | 10M | Avg | C |
|---|---|----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|-------|------|---|----|-----|------|----|-----|-------|---|
| D Kennedy | 8 | 8 | 154 | 1 | | | 83 | 19.25 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| G Long | 8 | 7 | 110 | 1 | | | 42* | 18.33 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| T Moffitt | 6 | 5 | 86 | 3 | | | 28* | 43.00 | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| S Nardo | 8 | 6 | 64 | 2 | | | 36* | 16.00 | 54.1 | 7 | 8 | 180 | 2/16 | | | 22.50 | 1 |
| C O'Connor | 8 | 8 | 134 | | | | 48 | 16.75 | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| G Smith | 6 | 6 | 147 | 1 | 1 | | 52 | 29.40 | 40.5 | 4 | 10 | 150 | 3/17 | | | 15.00 | 2 |
| M Squire | 8 | 8 | 258 | 3 | | | 79 | 32.25 | 68.1 | 7 | 11 | 254 | 3/16 | | | 23.09 | |
| Also Batted: K Currie 2-15, L Kalic 2-8, R Kapoor 1-6, D Price 1-1, D Reddy 4-19, P Rogers 1-5, G Thomakos 2-22, T Threlkeld 1-1, D Urquhart 2-6, B Whitfield 1-9. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Also Bowled: T Burt 3-61, L Kalic 0-20, R Kapoor 1-41, D Price 0-42, P Rogers 0-4, G Thomakos 2-91. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CRICKET MASTERS

The Sydney Masters Competition is for players who have reached the ripe age of 40 years. For season 2013-14, the Briars believed we had recruited well together with the knowledge that existing quality players would be available more often. This was certainly confirmed by our record after round 3 with two excellent wins and a close loss. Excitement grew amongst our ranks as we believed it could be our best season for quite a few years. Sadly after this, the wheels fell off, the axle broke and the engine blew up, resulting in our failure to register another win and losing five games. The weather wasn't kind to us either as there were four washouts. Somehow though we finished 14th on the ladder from 20 teams, ironically one position higher than last year where we achieved five wins!

The end of season Coroner's Report resulted in a number of findings:

- Our existing players who were available regularly didn't perform to the ability they had shown in previous seasons.
- Some players who we thought would have been vital for our success were unavailable for most of the season.
- We managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in a couple of games.
- Three of the four washouts were against lesser favoured teams.

Last season's Player's Player David Jebb was only available for two games this year (one innings of 23 and one washout). Prolific grade run scorer Warwick Hayes who single-handedly destroyed the souls of the Cricketers Club bowlers in the final round of the previous season, could only muster three games in 2013-14. These innings proved he is in a different class. Hopefully both players can be more regular in 2014-15. Other longstanding players, skipper Greg Matchett, all-rounders Steve Rous and Luke Magee, didn't have the seasons they would have liked with the bat however were able to snare a few wickets. We are also hoping for a return to form for regular opener David Abood. Dave showed glimpses of his ability with a quality cameo against Warringah and a 30 which set up the win over Lindfield. John Menzies and gloveman Paul Cramsie played some handy innings at important stages and we look forward to their continued improvement.

Jeff Matchett (62) and Steve Lucas (57) were wheeled out of their respective retirement villages on game day but were still able to perform beyond their requirements. Jeff's seven wickets should have been eight except for the Warringah batsmen's poor sportsmanship in influencing the umpire to chance his decision. Luco chalked up the season's best individual bowling performance with a five wicket haul against Ryde/Hunter's Hill.

We were buoyed by the new chums this season. Former Briars Shire rep Andre Berenger performed well partnering David in the opener's role. This included 41 no (LC Whites) and two x top score 30s (Hurricanes and Ryde/HH). Hard-hitting batsman and medium-pacer Greg Watts heaved us out of trouble a number of times with his lusty hitting. This resulted in 56 of his 81 runs this season making it to or over the fence.

Rob Vilensky proved there was no such thing as too much flight bowling leggies. Rob took a couple of games to get his groove back then shined with a match winning 4-35 versus the LC Whites. This contributed to Rob having our wicket taking honours for the season.

Other players to turn out for the Masters this season were Glenn Bentley (40 no v LC Whites), Charlie Deguara (30 v NW Cyclones), batsman and reserve keeper Brian Newton, swing bowler Thomas George, batsman Wayne Scott, swing bowler Simon Mitchell, John Henry, Gus Fernando and Lachy Abood. We thank them for their appearances and their efforts.

For the second year, Luke Magee performed managerial and co-selection duties. He ensured that we all had a good idea who was available with his excel spread sheet. His services were greatly appreciated.

Thanks always go to **Stu Lind** for organising training, covers and grounds for the Masters and Classics. Stu was a well-deserved recipient of the **David Walker Trophy**. Congratulations to **Greg Matchett** who won the **Players Player Trophy**.

No doubt 2013-14 was a frustrating season and hopefully we can encourage more former Burwood Shire players and other quality cricketers to represent the mighty Masters for next season.

| Masters Batting | Matches | Inning | Not Out | Aggregate | Highest | Average |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Matchett, Greg R..... | 7 | 7 | 1 | 138 | 43 | 23.00 |
| Berenger, Andre | 6 | 6 | 1 | 132 | 41 | 26.40 |
| Hayes, Warwick | 3 | 3 | 2 | 107 | 41 | 107.00 |
| Watts, Kevin G..... | 5 | 5 | 0 | 81 | 32 | 16.20 |
| Abood, David R..... | 5 | 5 | 0 | 70 | 30 | 14.00 |
| Cramsie, Paul G..... | 4 | 3 | 0 | 61 | 32 | 20.33 |
| Bentley, Glenn A..... | 3 | 3 | 1 | 59 | 40 | 29.50 |
| Deguara, Charlie..... | 5 | 5 | 0 | 58 | 30 | 11.60 |
| Rous, Steve..... | 4 | 4 | 0 | 49 | 22 | 12.25 |
| Menzies, John L..... | 5 | 5 | 3 | 47 | 23 | 23.50 |
| Lucas, Steve W..... | 4 | 4 | 1 | 29 | 13 | 9.67 |
| Masters Bowling | Matches | Wickets | Overs | Maidens | Run | Average |
| Vilensky, Rob..... | 5 | 8 | 26.2 | 2 | 124 | 15.50 |
| Matchett, Jeffrey | 4 | 7 | 31 | 5 | 113 | 16.14 |
| Watts, Kevin G..... | 5 | 6 | 38.2 | 5 | 160 | 26.67 |
| Lucas, Steve W..... | 4 | 5 | 27 | 2 | 125 | 25.00 |
| Rous, Steve..... | 4 | 5 | 33 | 3 | 161 | 32.20 |
| Matchett, Greg R..... | 7 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 42 | 10.50 |
| Magee, Luke..... | 4 | 4 | 24 | 2 | 90 | 22.50 |

CRICKET CLASSICS

Season 2013/14 was our third season in the Classics Competition where each player must be over 50 years of age to be eligible to play. The team recorded two victories, one tied result against the competition front-runners, two wash-outs and six miserable losses. Overall we finished in 11th position in a 12 team competition.

Whilst there were a number of outstanding individual performances throughout the season the core playing group just did not all fire up together for most of the year. New player Ross Martin proved a handy acquisition to the team; Gus Fernando found his feet this year in the competition, whilst a number of handy players were otherwise occupied

which reflected in our overall results. Big thank you to Scotty Brennan who filled in one match when we struggled for numbers for our only game in January. I would like to thank all the playing group for the spirit in which we played, whilst the results were inconsistent we certainly gel together and wear the Briars playing cap with great pride.

Notable individual performances last season:

Dave Trewin with a couple of 30 retired against Mosman & Lane Cove, bowled well all year to capture seven wickets.

Steve Lucas with 30 retired against Ashfield, Sri Lanka Lions, Lane Cove & Cricketers Club, opened the bowling in most games for a return of six wickets.

Jeff Matchett forever young – 30 retired in the Parramatta match, always bowls well when called upon to slow the scoring rate, worked hard for his 6 wickets.

Brian Kirk batted with authority down the order all year to match his ability with the ball.

Dave Wight kept well all season defying his age including a couple of sharp stumpings.

Stu Lind led the side throughout, managed to hit the ball around the park a touch, did not bowl himself often enough.

| Classics Batting | Matches | Innings | Aggregate | Not Outs | Highest | Average |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Lucas, Steve W..... | 8 | 8 | 162 | 2 | 32 | 27.00 |
| Trewin, Dave..... | 7 | 7 | 128 | 2 | 31 | 25.60 |
| Kirk, Brian A..... | 9 | 9 | 106 | 3 | 28 | 17.67 |
| Fernando, Gus W..... | 6 | 6 | 90 | 1 | 30 | 18.00 |
| Wright, David..... | 8 | 8 | 87 | 1 | 30 | 12.43 |
| Martin, Ross..... | 6 | 6 | 83 | 1 | 30 | 16.60 |
| Matchett, Jeffrey P..... | 5 | 5 | 78 | 1 | 31 | 19.50 |
| Lind, Stuart E..... | 8 | 8 | 75 | 1 | 26 | 10.71 |
| Karmakonda, Sadanand..... | 6 | 6 | 72 | 1 | 25 | 14.40 |
| Alexander, Robert G..... | 6 | 6 | 44 | 0 | 19 | 7.33 |
| Brennan, Scott..... | 1 | 1 | 40 | 1 | 40 | 40.00 |
| Classics Bowling | Matches | Wickets | Maidens | Overs | Runs | Average |
| Karmakonda, Sadanand..... | 6 | 8 | 1 | 38.4 | 151 | 18.88 |
| Trewin, Dave..... | 7 | 7 | 6 | 47 | 143 | 20.43 |
| Matchett, Jeffrey P..... | 5 | 6 | 3 | 31 | 105 | 17.50 |
| Lucas, Steve W..... | 8 | 6 | 10 | 53 | 177 | 29.50 |
| Brennan, Scott..... | 1 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 28 | 5.60 |
| Cantori, Aldo..... | 6 | 5 | 1 | 21.5 | 109 | 21.80 |
| Kirk, Brian A..... | 9 | 5 | 5 | 53 | 203 | 40.60 |
| Towells, Norm..... | 6 | 4 | 0 | 15.2 | 63 | 15.75 |
| Alice, Pau..... | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 79 |
| Lind, Stuart E..... | 8 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 38 | 19.00 |

Congratulations to Steve Lucas 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 BLACK

Dante Dudgeon - Most improved in batting and bowling. Enjoys his cricket and is a great team player.

Ekshvaak Manglik - Pulls out some gem shots with good awareness of game situations. A top learner and great team player.

Zack Narayan - Top pace bowling, athletic in the field with a strong energetic all round cricket game.

Sachinpal Nagra - Plays with passion, strong in the field and between wickets. An accurate bowler that has a growing number of shots to pull out.

Moran Abou-Antoun - Top damaging batting on his day. Strong bowling with good match awareness and an all-round cricket game.

Lachlan Rail - Top damaging batting with good awareness in the field and good all-round game.

Cassidy Graham - Top accurate bowling and very damaging batting on his day. Great all-round enthusiasm and cricket game.

Maanav Bhandari - Infectious enthusiasm for wicket taking and cricket in general. Top running between wickets and strong accurate bowling.

Aidan Dolan - Most improved batting with a growing number of strong shots in his bag. Enthusiastic in his bowling and fielding.

IWHJC UNDER 8 BLUE

Concord Blue had a great season this year. It took couple of games to get to know each other and their strengths. Boys were competitive on game and took their training seriously. It was good performance as they grew in confidence and witnessed some fearsome fast bowling and energetic catches after watching Mitchell Johnson and David Warner crushing England throughout the summer.

Kavin Maran - Kavin's stunning pace unsettled the opponents and rocked several timber throughout the year.

Julian McCarron - Julian's left handed swings are a delight to watch and got him several boundaries in many games.

Jayanth Bhoopalan Padua - Jayanth's improved bowling and running between the wickets is like watching rabbit out of the woods.

Seyon Umapathy - Seyon's boundary and six hitting powers saw the opponents hunting for the leather.

Ishaan Kamrah - Ishaan's spinning arm delivered timely wickets to the team's success.

Ted Newton - Stylish Ted's Wicket Keeping to the pacers and spectacular batting won several games for the team.

Christopher Oen - Christopher's stylish batting is a delight to watch as the ball goes past the fielders.

Luke Bromfield - Luke's passion for cricket is very contagious and got him close to hat trick in couple of games.

Matthew May - Matthew's agility on the field fetched him catches and effected several runouts due to his throw from the deep.

Ricky Castellano - Ricky's batting powers sent the opponents to the fence several times looking for the ball.

IWHJA UNDER 8 GOLD

The 2013/14 season was the first experience in an organised cricket team for each of the members of the Under 8 Gold Briars. It was wonderful to see the improvements in the technical aspects of their respective games. A vast improvement in throwing, bowling accuracy and batting, on both the front and back foot, was a demonstrable effect of their commitment to training. By walking in with the bowler and backing up the thrower they displayed their progress in tactical awareness. Most importantly, the boys enjoyed their time together and developed practical ways of supporting each other. They played some outstanding cricket.

Oliver Stitt - Oliver's continual improvement through the season was highlighted by bowling out an opponent and charging-in in the field.

Luke Hill - Luke's tenacity was especially evident in his fearless wicket keeping, batting and improved bowling. He is a good team man.

Max Palmisani - Max is a livewire in the field, his bowling can be threatening and his batting continues to improve. He has real potential.

Angus Riley - Angus, always energetic, made a huge contribution to his team through measured bowling, dynamic fielding and cunning batting.

William Allen - Will's enthusiasm in the field and running between the wickets was great for the team. His bowling and batting was outstanding.

Joshua Malone - Josh's outstanding bowling proved very dangerous. Sharp in the field, he created numerous run outs. He is a smart talented batter.

Noah Ming - Noah is a brilliant team man. His bowling was accurate and his game sense, with both the bat and in the field, was excellent.

Cooper Green - Cooper's strong hitting and accurate, probing bowling stood out as highlights for the team. He has real potential as a cricketer.

Oliver Quinn - Dynamite on his feet, Oliver's improved bowling, thoughtful batting and anticipation in the field were highlights for the team.

Jedd Sheehy - Jedd's off-cutting medium pace proved a handful. When batting, his hitting and overall contribution was significant for the team.

IWJCA UNDER 8 GREEN No comments

IWJCA UNDER 8 MAROON

My aim this year was to improve the boys skills across the three disciplines of our great game and give them a better knowledge of the game. Most importantly I wanted them to have respect for each other and to help each other improve. With the help of all the parents we achieved all of the above. Being my first year as a coach I did not know what to expect. I want to thank the Briars for all the support they gave me.

Aneesh Sriram - A crafty batsman and great runner between wickets. Has cat like reflexes in the field. Great variation, pace and length in Bowling.

Vijay Ratnavel - A determined exciting batsman, always looking for runs. Bowls the way he bats with grit and determination. Exceptional Fielder.

Aidan Chan - A determined cricketer who bowls fast and takes wickets. Uncompromising batsman and sharp fieldsman to devastating effect.

Ibrahem Iqbal - A composed batsman that values his wicket, frustrating bowlers. Uncanny knack of taking wickets in ball in hand. Great fielder.

Srisatwik Bhogadi - A skilled batsman that finds boundaries. Intimidates opposing batsmen with ferocious bowling. Diligent fielder with accurate arm.

Riley Cooper - A focused all-rounder that can hit and make runs. Loves to build pressure when bowling to force mistakes. Outstanding fieldsman.

Jasen Begetis - An energetic exciting cricketer. Bowls fast and takes wickets. Fields in close and loves throwing down the stumps.

Tyler-George Alley - An entertaining batsman that can hit to all parts of the ground. Bowls fast and straight. In field sharp reflexes and accurate throw.

Francis Burkhard - A tough exciting batsman that clears boundaries. Bowling length and line are a trademark producing the fall of wickets.

IWHJCA UNDER 9 BLACK

The season was all about the boys developing their cricket skills but more importantly enjoying their cricket. I am sure they achieved this. They trained well and this reflected in their results. You could see the enjoyment they got from playing cricket with their mates. The season saw some great improvement from all the boys in all aspects of play. The team showed very good concentration and focus in fielding. The boys backed up their good fielding with some very well compiled batting scores. With each new game the boy's bowling became more accurate and consistent. Other teams struggled to score runs against their bowling attack.

On an important note, the boys showed good sportsmanship throughout the season and always played fairly. Their behaviour on and off the field was exceptional.

Ben Brooks - Benny is a tremendous all round cricketer who has one of the best throwing arms you would want to see.

Liam Penwill - Liam is a fantastic fast bowler who always sets a great example in the field. Liam is known for hitting many sixes.

James Winters - James' spin bowling has come on in leaps and bounds this year. A quiet achiever who always works hard on his game.

Hamish Gordon - Hamish is a very enthusiastic cricketer and one of the best runners between wickets. Hamish loves to take classic catches.

Patrick Cummins - When batting Patrick times and places his shots very well. He is always looking to improve and loves to take wickets.

Aryan Chauhan - Aryan is a powerful batter who has hit many sixes this year. He is also a very handy left arm bowler.

Josh Wodson - Josh has made a wonderful contribution to his team this year. His batting and bowling have improved tremendously.

Ben Bock - Ben is future star in the making. His improvement in batting and bowling in his first year has been a highlight.

Jake Hand - Jake is a wonderful cricketer who specialises in wicket keeping. A naturally gifted player who will shine in future years.

Jack Buchanan - Jack is technically the best batter in his team. His strokeplay on the offside is tremendous and beautiful to watch.

IWHJCA UNDER 9 GOLD

Ishaan Akolkar - Ishaan's all round ability has proven to be invaluable this season. With bat or ball in hand he is always totally reliable.

Oliver Cohen - Oliver's determination to enjoy his cricket shows on the field as his success is celebrated by everyone, especially his team.

Isaac Hopkins - Incredible energy drives Isaac to great success as he always gives 100% and consistently delivers quality batting and bowling.

Marco Nagode - Marco's strength has shone this season. He hits the ball hard leaving the opposition to chase all the way beyond the boundary.

Dylan Parks - In his rookie cricket season Dylan has showed amazing courage while batting and incredible hand eye coordination.

Aryaman Sehgal - Aryaman has shown this season that he has a great ability to do everything well, batting, bowling and fielding.

Ivan Alexander - Technique, technique, technique. Ivan's love of batting practice has shone through and he's a joy to watch at the crease.

Archer Gray - Archer provides fantastic performances week after week and no doubt will continue to do so as he rises through the grades.

Henry Hewson - Henry's quick bowling has become the cream of the crop this season. Speed, line and length, that's what he's all about.

Rameez Vu - Rameez knows his cricket back the front. His passion and enthusiasm are reaping rewards as he bags plenty of runs and wickets.

IWHJCA UNDER 9 MAROON

James Hewgill - James is a great all round cricketer and on his day can turn a game with either his batting, bowling or fielding.

Jordan Craus - Jordan's natural talent has seen him flourish in all aspects of the game. His fielding is second to none and he is a real team man.

Toby Cohen - A compact and dominant batsman, Toby can improvise and put teams under pressure with his running. Can catch!

Matthew Peruzzi - A rough diamond, Matthew has the ability to destroy an opposition with his batting or bowling, which he has shown many times.

Tyrone Pannuti - Wonderful team player, Tyrone has excelled as a wicket keeper this season and truly enjoys other team mate's success.

Matthew Tzoukos - Matthew's leg spin is beyond his years, incorporating bounce, drift and spin to bamboozle all opponents. Super batting technique.

Jacob Braithwaite - Jacob has great batting technique and is a powerful straight hitter. His bowling accuracy has led to his consistent wicket taking.

Raj Johnston - Raj's fantastic attitude has allowed him to develop into an excellent fast bowler, picking up wickets on a regular basis.

Damien Ryan - Damien has all the skills! He has a great attitude and is a real team player. Once his eye is in he can hit the ball a long way.

Joseph Bouantoun - Joseph is always willing to put his team first, he has a great eye when batting, is a much improved bowler and a reliable catcher.

IWHJCA UNDER 9 WHITE

Mark Chiswick - Mark is a talented all rounder with the bat and ball. He is also an exciting fielder to watch with great hands.

Harry Evans - Harry is a good all rounder and can handle himself across all aspects of cricket.

Caitlin Roche - Caitlin is a dedicated and exciting cricketer with a lethal bowling action and great fielding skills.

Joshua Ming - Joshua is a talented bowler and always tries his hardest in every match. He also has a lethal cover drive when batting.

Edward Newton - Edward always tries his hand at all aspects and give his best bat in every match.

Clifford Karras - Clifford is a talented bowler and fielder. He is also a dedicated cricketer that has the best throwing arm in the team.

Thomas Clark - Tommy is a great bowler that possesses a devastating slower ball. He also has great fielding skills.

Johann Paul Presty - Johann is a gifted cricketer that can bat and bowl. He is also a very good fielder that tries his hardest in every match.

Soham Samantara - Soham is a skilled all rounder with a great knowledge of the game. He also has an amazing pull shot when batting.

Lara Biankin - Lara is a courageous cricketer that is developing into a skilled allrounder. She tries her hardest every game.

IWHJCA UNDER 10 BLACK

Briars under 10 black were extremely unlucky not to make the semis, losing a few of their last games by 1 run. The team improved tremendously over the season, especially the bowling and fielding. The last few games also displayed some unbelievable batting displays. Could be the genesis of a few stars for future seasons.

Louis Manenti - Always guaranteed a few boundaries with his power hitting.

William Perkins - The all rounder, great in the field, the opening quick bowler and one of the leading run scorers.

Michael Chrystie - Some sensational catches throughout the year.

Jack Curren - The Ryan Harris of the team, solid bowler and sturdy batsman.

Charles Cooper - Our Mitchell Johnson, some great straight bowling, and sensational catches.

Matteo Guerra - Great fielder, solid bowler, as well as chipping in with a few runs.

Benjamin Brady - Bowling has improved dramatically throughout the year, taking some great wickets towards the end of the year.

Ned Arnold - Fast in the field, as he is with his bowling, solid all round performer.

Max Santhiran – Absent.

Oliver Udovicic - Olly, "I never let a bye through" - a brilliant keeper.

Dion De Sousa - Led the bowling averages for most of the season.

Reuben Linton - Converted the art of baseball into the science of cricket - some solid shots through the year.

IWHJCA UNDER 10 GOLD

U10 Briars Gold had a formidable 2013-2014 season. Talent was a plenty and it was great to field 11 players each week from the possible 14 available knowing that they would all play to the best of their ability. Even though we lost a marquee player in Alex Del Popolo half-way through the season due to school sport commitments, this meant that the rest of the team had to lift and learn to organise themselves on the field and in play without their natural leader. Each team member had their own unique talents and it was a true testament to what a great team they had been when they won their Grand-Final in such a convincing manner having set the target at 117 with the opposing side all out for 52.

Cooper Morris - Either bringing the innings home in pressure situations or chasing quick runs, "Mr Reliable" has never failed to deliver. A useful medium pace bowler as well.

Harrison Buckley – No-one takes his rocket-like arm on in the field and backs it up with some great fast bowling.

Alexander Turner Jensen - A hard hitting batsmen who loves to smash the ball through the offside. Bowls some handy medium pace as well.

Oscar Parle - Gives 150% in the field and chases down everything. Huge improvement in his bowling this season as well.

Jack Eccleston - Any bowler who drifts on to Jack's pads knows how strong he is through the onside. A very useful keeper as well.

Johnathan Stuart - Our Captain. There was another blonde leg spinner who wasn't as good as this kid's going to be. Has also taken some unbelievable catches and batted very well this season.

William Johnson - A very accurate pace bowler who loves to play off the front foot and drive majestically through covers.

Declan Cannon - A useful lower order batter who likes to belt the ball back at the bowler twice as hard as it bowled.

Prantipal Nagra - Our "Mr Cricket". He bowls, he bats, he fields, he keeps...he just does everything!

Jivan Naganathan - Bowls very tight lines and is hard to get away. Also a useful batsman who is a great judge of the quick single.

Ronnie Rastogi - Our "earl of twirl" is a very gifted leg spin bowler who's bamboozled batsmen all season long. Backs it up with some classy batting as well.

Zubin Thukral - A deceptively fast and accurate bowler who has improved greatly over the season.

Kye Barnett - A swashbuckling batsmen who loves to hit the ball long and hard.

Alexander Del Popolo - The "Mitchell Johnson" of the under 10's. He scares the opposition but also bats like Dave Warner. He is The Complete Cricketer

IWHJCA UNDER 10 MAROON

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. We finished second after the regular season matches and whilst we just fell slightly short on semi-final day, the boys should all be very proud of their efforts and achievements throughout the year. In particular, the 10 match winning streak was a tremendous ride. As coach, I am very proud of what they achieved this year. All the boys contributed meaning we were not reliant on just 1 or 2 players.

James Hraiki - Solid allrounder, highly economical bowler and strong run scorer, shows promise as a specialist wicket keeper too.

Khush Pershad - His bowling has gone from strength to strength, generates a lot of bounce and takes plenty of wickets

Jeffrey Badrous - Highly skilled allrounder, feared fast bowler and wide array of shots with the bat.

Dane Wells - another very useful all-rounder who performed strongly with both the bat and ball

Nicholas Malakellis - Talented batsman with superb running between the wickets.

Jake Narayan - A classy batsman who scores lots of runs. Generates pace and swing with the ball.

Blake McKenzie - Very skilful batsman and handy bowler too.

Alexander Pizzinga - Reliable bowler and prolific in the field with his catching prowess.

Jordan Michas - Prolific wicket taker and strong batsman.

Rian Surti - a good middle order batsman who is strong on the on-side

Adrian Biscotto - Threatening fast bowler and razor sharp in the field.

Ben Casey - Highly improved in all facets of his game.

Daniel White - Strongly improved batsman with a punishing pull shot.

IWHJCA UNDER 11 MAROON

Liam Gordon - The opposition often had no response to Liam's powerful bowling, he was a star wicket-keeper and a talented batsman.

Zac Cohen - A well-respected allrounder, Zac was a highly valued member of the team. He shined in the field taking some very tough catches.

Ethan Marshall - A keen cricketer, and committed allrounder. Ethan was a popular player with his team mates.

Massimo Galimi - A talented wicket-keeper, Massimo saved many certain runs, his lightning quick bowling kept the opposition's scores down.

Darcy Cohen - Darcy's talented bowling claimed a number of wickets. A highly valued member of the team.

Nicholas Jones - A determined and committed player, Nicholas was valued by the team as talented allround cricketer.

Jack Benchoam - With courage and determination, Jack's ability to stay at the crease frustrated many bowlers. Always accurate with the ball.

Mahesh Rajendran - The quiet achiever, Mahesh's skill with the bat and deadly accurate bowling, made him a highly valued member of the team.

Jack Bakker - The king of spin, Jack often took the batsmen by surprise. Jack was also very handy with the bat, always up with the top scorers.

Matthew Moussa - A friendly and popular player, Matthew was a great allrounder. His commitment in the field was impressive to all.

Thomas Moussa - Positive, cheeky and talented, Thomas's skill with the bat ensured quick runs and crowd entertainment.

Nick Kennedy - A solid allrounder, Nick's extremely talented fielding skills kept many teams to a low score.

George Kosmas - A strong allrounder, George's skill and courage with the bat frustrated many bowling attacks.

SEJCA UNDER 11

Tom Buchanan - Tom just loves the game. Always keen to learn. Great technique and future.

Nicholas Pignone - Nick has improved markedly this year particularly his bowling.

Kian O'Neil – Absent.

Adam Brooks - Absolutely sensational season. Leads all others in runs, wickets and catches for the year. Huge future.

Anthony Carbo - First year playing the game and an absolute pleasure to coach. Has the ability to be a very good cricketer

Fabian DiMento – Absent.

Harry Richardson - Harry has enjoyed some great games with the ball this season. Has improved considerably throughout the season

Adam Angelis - Adam is always lively and chatty in the field. Bowls very well and completed the one and only 'ramp' shot for the season

Lawrence DMello – Absent.

Alex Del Popolo - Alex bowls with lively pace, hits a good ball and is lightning in the field. Great future.

Thomas Allsopp - Thomas has a real love for the game. His bowling has gone from strength to strength.

Aki Hennessy - Aki is always happy. Has a great attitude.

Luca Hennessy - Luca is joy to coach. Always has a red hot go.

IWHJCA UNDER 12 GOLD

Briars Under 12 Gold won the Grand Final and lost fewer games than any other team in the competition. But that does not tell the deeper story of how this team improved over the season. The key goal, agreed upon by the players and coach, was to improve individual skills and to develop a culture of unerring support for each other in the field. This commitment manifested itself during key games when the team won some tight contents. Every single player improved their bowling, batting and fielding in the course of the season and we finished with 4 in the top ten for bowling and 3 for batting in the competition. There is a spirit of comradeship in the team and they play for each other. The boys were a joy to coach as they matured as players and young men.

Jet Wells - Jet continued to take wickets this year on a regular basis, ensuring the team bowls out the opposition. His catching was a standout.

Anhad Lamba - Anhad's bowing has really improved and he has broken partnerships on key occasions. His late order big hitting also really helps the team.

Jared McKenna - Jared is the best wicket keeper in the competition and hi batting as an opener has been very entertaining.

Aidan Gardner - Aidan has developed into a dangerous spin bowler that can turn the ball both ways. He has matured as a batsman and has helped the team win big games.

Rohan Whitting - Rohan has cased many batsman headaches with his high bounce, taking key wickets. His batting has turned a corner and he will score a lot of runs in the future.

Blaise McKee - The Captain always gives his best, brilliant batting, bowling and leadership from Blaise.

Adi Raj - Big improvement this year with his batting and bowing. Some late order partnerships have helped the team win key games.

Nick Kosmas - Always a dangerous big hitter. Nick also continues to confound batsmen with his spin bowling. Great team player.

Luke Antoniadis - Luke's bowling has gone to another level, unerringly accurate and a wicket taking machine. Ferocious competitor.

Lochlan Lee - Lochlan is the heart of the team, when he does well so does the team. Hit some late season form with the ball. Bowling at great pace and taking wickets. Hits the ball harder than any other in the comp.

Nivethan Radhakrishnan - A classy bowler that is equally comfortable sending down spin or pace. A gentleman in the field and a very good batsman, whether opening or in the middle order.

IWHJCA UNDER 12 MAROON

The Under 12 Concord Briars Maroon enjoyed a very successful 2013/14 cricket season. The success culminated in the ultimate reward of being crowned Inner West Harbour Junior Cricket Association Premiers. For many of the boys in the team this is a feat which they have achieved for a third successive season. During the season leading up to the finals we lost only 1 of 11 games we played. It was a pleasure to coach 12 very talented, highly motivated cricketers. Each and every boy contributed something significant to the team's success. The statistics reflected this whereby each boy got runs, wickets, and catches. But the true reward was that regardless of each boy's ability they improved as cricketers through the season. They can all claim to have finished the season better cricketers than when they started. They improved in ability, confidence, and temperament towards each other, the opponent, or officials.

Trent Stanmore - Consistent with bat and ball and full team commitment.

Noah Hewson - Rock solid batsman, committed fielder and team entertainer.

Liam Doyle - Consistent fast bowler, sound batsman and rock solid fielder.

James Arrow - Prolific run scorer and spins the ball too much for most U12s.

Saarangan Arvind - Strong top order batsman and sound contributor with the ball.

Ethan Jamieson - Enthusiastic, strong performer both bat and ball.

Finn Gray - Aggressive fast bowler and rock solid batsman.

Max Phillips - was instrumental in the team's success and achieved outstanding results with bat and ball. He was able to score runs with good technique achieving some big scores. His bowling, whether spin or pace, proved very reliable and often resulted in numerous wickets.

Joshua Poole - Ability to produce unplayable deliveries and hit boundaries when needed.

Tom Sidgreaves - Excellent technique both bat and ball and always with a smile.

Dominic Lane - Accumulates runs leg side regularly and spectacular catcher.

Oscar Van Hal - Strong developing batsman with an excellent pull shot.

SEJCA UNDER 12 BLACK

At the end of the conventional season we were sitting in 3rd place on the ladder and went into the semi-final as underdogs being our first year in the SEJCA competition. In the semi we performed under pressure and in a tight game, clinched victory in the last over, advancing to the Grand Final against the competition favourites Randwick Thunder. A great Grand Final has tension, drama and a clear winner at the end of the day. Our Grand Final had tension, drama and some great cricket, however due to rain we did not have a clear winner on the day. The heavens opened up to save Randwick Thunder from an imminent defeat as we had them 1/16 after 10 overs. The umpires on the day declared a drawn match and a joint premiership. However in the days that followed the Association reviewed the rules and awarded the premiership to Randwick Thunder as they had finished minor premiers and insufficient overs had been bowled to constitute a match. The families of the players should be very proud of each child's performance during the year but more importantly the team played with great team spirit. This is not only a champion team but a team of champions.

Joshua Lee - A representative player. A very talented allrounder who can swing the ball both ways. Expect big things from Josh next year.

Jaden Fuata - An expert fielder who saves the team 20 runs a game. Has the ability to smash huge fours when needed.

William Gibbs - A natural sportsman with great ball skills. Can bowl spin or medium pace and is able to smash the ball a mile.

Connor Barry - Has abundant natural talent. Can bat, bowl and field as good as any player in the competition on his day. Loves the hook shot.

Thomas Winters - Our fastest bowler scared many opposition batsmen this season. Also a gifted left handed batsman who looks for quick singles.

Mathew Maronese - A genuine allrounder, good batting technique and a handy outswing bowler with a safe pair of hands. On his day a match winner.

Jakob Turner Jensen - The teams 'Go To' bowler when things get tight. Handles pressure well and able to deliver when it counts. Also a determined batsman.

Nick Cullen - A brave opening batsman with excellent technique. Has a classic off drive. Also a wicket keeper with safe hands and good anticipation.

James Threlkeld - An aggressive fast bowler with great accuracy. Loves the square cut and scored runs freely with lots of power.

Seamus Meaker - Our fastest bowler scared many opposition batsmen. Also a gifted left handed batsman who looks for quick singles.

Harry Brooks - A representative player. He spins the ball like Shane Warne and has a solid batting technique.

Liam Ottaviano - His first year of club cricket. Dedicated player devoted to improving his batting and bowling. One to watch in the future.

Adam Quinlan - A dynamic wicketkeeper/batsman with a keen eye and solid technique. He is able to score fast runs executing every shot in the book.

Noah Robertson - Tall, lean and strong. A genuine fast bowler with a great future who developed into a solid batsman throughout the season.

James Lopes - On his day James can wield the bat like an axe. A handy bowler with good variation, which can deceive any batsmen.

IWHJCA UNDER 13 MAROON

The boys all improved through the year. This was highlighted by them pushing the eventual premiers all the way, while short-handed, late in the season. This included a spell of 4 wickets in four balls (one hat-trick and a run out) which, not surprisingly, rocked the opposition. Earlier in the season the team effected a run out off a no-ball. I am sure these events will live long in their memory as they each occur rarely in cricket.

Rahil Ajmera - Rahil is always encouraging his teammates. Sound with bat, ball and in the field. A real gentleman.

Benjamin Wood - A team Leader. Committed to his cricket. Strong contributor with bat and ball, most noticeably with his hat trick.

Domenic Oliveri - Dom's enthusiasm is infectious. Strong arm and freaky ability to get hand or bat to the ball.

Harry Paine - Harry is the most improved member of the team. As his confidence grows so do his skills.

Nicholas Voisin - Great hand eye co-ordination Nick is valuable all over the ground. Moves well, catches well, throws well.

Matthew Manning - Surprise packet with the ball. Deceptive control beguiles the batsmen. Has benefitted from more games.

Mohana Bhogadi - Strike bowler who spearheads the attack. Always keen to be involved in the game. Hampered by injury.

Ely Corliss - A team leader. Always working to improve and to help teammates. His skills have risen through application.

Bryson Hart - New to the game Bryson's cricket has developed through the season. Some great catches in the outfield.

Riley Dorn - Riley's bowling has been a highlight coming on and snaring those vital breakthroughs. Strong arm in the field.

Aydin Bremner - Joined the team through the season bringing experience and knowledge. Good things bubbling through.

SEJCA UNDER 13 GOLD

Patrick Braithwaite - Patrick plays an important role in ticking the scoring along, fielding with energy and taking wickets on a regular basis.

Cooper Krestensen - Absent.

Hugo Emery - Absent.

Liam Taylor - Liam is a big hitter of the ball and magnificent fielder. Overall a great team player.

Liam Ferrier - Liam's genuine pace and clean striking at the crease has been a great weapon for the team.

Tommy Brooks - Tommy has had a great year with the bat, solid performance with the ball and always safe hands in the field.

Dean Begetis - Dean drove strongly at both sides of the wicket and took critical wickets against the stronger teams.

Ben Wood - Ben had a tremendous season with both bat and ball and was often the difference in the end.

Jack Khoury - Jack has had an excellent bowling performance this season and his fielding has been absolutely faultless.

Sean Miklich - Sean's ability to spin the ball off a good length has delivered many wickets.

Nicholas Doherty - Nicholas scores runs on a consistent basis with nerves of steel. A great season with the bat! - Mr Reliable.

Patrick Buckley - Patrick's steady hands from behind the stumps have been invaluable to the team's success. Handy with bat at end of innings.

Anthony Redman - Anthony has strengthened the side in all areas. He's a tremendous allrounder who contributes greatly at all times.

IWHJCA UNDER 14 GOLD

Sai Krishna Manikyanivas - Spin doctor, Sai a very defensive player but solid.

Ganeshan Manoharan - Ganeshan's positive attitude and his determination to prove himself was a delight for the team.

Kedaran Santhakumar -Kedaran's consistent bowling record and his ability to make the ball work for him meant that he took many wickets.

Pakajan Narendiran - As Captain, Pakajan possessed the correct leadership and motivational skills and became the driving energy behind the team.

Madhav Sunderram - Madhav always ready to destroy the opposition with the ball in his hand. Fantastic team player.

Gokul Selvarajah - Gokul is always a team player and his success on the pitch stood out. He is always ready to take a shot for the team.

Darrun Sureshkumar - Darrun's ferocity with the bat and his gloves work proves something that he will always be associated with.

Mathushan Thevaraja – Absent.

Joshua Hong - An intimidating fast baller. Josh an enthusiastic true cricketer gives 100% on every aspect of cricket for team success.

Tony Liu - Tony always tries hard to improve himself a true cricket player.

Danushan Sathiyabalan - Danushan's constant perseverance to perform his best and his positive attitude in each situation constantly lifted team spirits.

Thileep Rahul Ramesh - Throughout the season, Rahul showed true talent with the ball and the bat continued to astound those who watched him.

Dayne Barnett - Always ready with a bat in hand, Dayne showed the skill and manipulating the ball towards scoring runs.

IWHJCA UNDER 14 MAROON

Sanjan Naganathan - Sanjan made valuable contributions with bat and ball in the games he could play. Great run out of a team's best bat.

Michael Gordon - Michael's leg spin stepped up another notch this year resulting in a good haul of wickets. Found his place in the field at cover.

Ashton Whitting - Ashton batting was sublime this season and pure joy to watch. Did a great job as fielding captain and some fine catches in slips.

Luke Kayani - Luke scored a fantastic unbeaten 70 to set up a great win against a good team. Great job as a wicket keeper as well.

Charlie Prentice - Absent (Photo provided for trading cards see email from his mother Julie Mott)

Billy Smith - Billy's bowling was almost "Mitch Johnson" like at times using his height to bowl with pace, venom and bounce.

Mihir Razdan - Absent.

Jacob Mossin - Jacob once again showed his value to the team by contributing to valuable partnerships. He bowled like a horse!

Kiran Surti - Kiran made important contributions with bat and ball - great knock of 28 with 5 fours and bowling with good pace.

Jai Surti - Jai's spinners were a real test for the opposing batsman. Who could forget the tumbling catch at fine leg off Sanj.

Ryan Miklich - Great to have Ryan back. Valuable partnerships for the team and got his first half-century to help win us a match.

Dmitri Scanlan - Absent.

Miles Cheetham - Absent.

SEJCA UNDER 14 BLACK

Patrick Thomas - Patrick is the teams secret weapon when bowling, give him one over and he will usually take a wicket.

Jake de la Motte - Jake The Master Blaster! Does not need to bat for long to score a bucket full of runs. If he hits its four.

Matthew Harrington - Matthew has been Co-Captain for 3 years and is the new sensation this year with the ball, opening the bowling. Sensational figures.

Jeremy Wedd - Jeremy bowls fast and hits the stumps, opening the bowling for the last 3 years. Huge improver with the bat as well.

Ben Young - Ben, fearless Co-Captain for the last three years, U14 SEJCA leading wicket keeper this season, powerful cover drive with the bat.

James Martin - James "sharp shooter" Martin, runnout specialist from fine leg. Lightening quick between the wickets when batting.

Jarrold Walsh - Jarrold the quiet achiever, new found skill as Opening Batsmen this season.

Matthew Booth - Matthew uses every trick in the book to take a wicket when bowling in team pressure games, exciting left hand batsman.

Harrison Lee - Harrison, rock solid opening batsman and bowler for the Black Briars for the last few years.

Daniel Murphy - Daniel, newcomer to the team, power hitting left hand batsman and tireless boundary fielder.

Miles Cheetham

Sanjan Naganathan - Sanjan is a serious run chaser, scoring at a run a ball in most innings. Fast Bowler with a Scary Bouncer.

Michael Gordon - Michael " the Spin King" Gordon, a newcomer to the Black Briars adding some flair to the bowling stocks.

IWHJCA UNDER 15 MAROON

Osman Kayani - Osman's hard hitting at the top of the order allowed him to take the game back to the bowlers.

William Hewgill - Will's enthusiasm mixed with off spin, wicket keeping and lower order runs made him invaluable to the side.

Darian Tomasiello - A traditional number three batsman allowed Darian to lead from the front and control the match with the bat, ball or in the field.

Anthony Melnyk - Solid at the top of the order Ant's ability to craft his innings gave him the ability to frustrate opposition bowlers.

Dalian Ivelja - Pace with the ball and in the field and between the wickets saw Dalian pick up handy wickets and runs this season.

Matthew Roper - The only left hander in the side give him a different angle of attack on the opposition which Matt used to his advantage.

Harry Morse - Harry's ability in the middle order and as a change bowler was a real boost to the team this season.

Dylan Lee - Dylan's alertness in the field and knack of picking up wickets was positive throughout the season.

Rehan Kharadi - Rehan's leg spin positive outlook and enjoyment for the game was a real attribute which he brought to the team.

Rishad Kharadi - Rishad's accuracy with the ball was his greatest strength mixed with lower order runs and some handy catches aided the side.

Tyson Kingston - Lower order runs, wickets and catches Tyson was right across the board this season a huge boost to the team.

Tom Threlkeld

SEJCA UNDER 16 GOLD

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| Jeffrey Burt | Bowler | Luke Kayani | Batsman/ Keeper |
| James O'Neill | Batsman | Osman Kayani | Batsman |
| Mitchell Dunne | All Rounder | Matthew Roper | All Rounder |
| Mark O'Brien | Spinner | Sam Cullen | Batsman |
| Kaya Bremner | Batsman/Keeper | Douglas Cullen | Batsman |
| Dalian Ivelja | All Rounder | | |

RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The 2014 season was once again challenging for Briars Rugby in what was arguably one of the toughest sporting codes to compete in the local area and nationally. On paper we did little wrong, the club attracted and retained some young and very talented players. We trained and bonded well from pre-season to when the last round game was played. So there is no doubt that every step was taken to plan and ensure that we had the right people and systems in place to take on the 2014 season.

If you came and watched the Briars in 2014 you would have seen a quality football club competing each week across the grades. Unfortunately the results recorded each week do not even come close to the effort and quality displayed by Briars Rugby. I would love to mention every player by name but there simply is not the room to do these gentlemen justice. As a tip of my hat to the other clubs they were all formidable oppositions and truth be told from my personal observations, Division 3 was a very strong competition in comparison to all the other divisions in NSW Suburban Rugby.

If I had to single out one point that as a club we all need to work on it is being a club where we all have the same goals and objectives. In 2014 there was some disruptive behaviour from some senior people within the club which made running the club at certain points in the season extremely difficult and personally challenging for those at the face of change. In any situation change is a gruelling process and Briars is still in its infancy on this journey. I hope 2015 will be a year where these disruptions from within are a thing of the past.

With all the resources and efforts poured into the club in 2014, as a club we only managed to finish 7th out of 8 so this means that in 2015 Briars will play in Division 4 in NSW Suburban Rugby. I know there will be some negative opinions on the positioning of the club in 2015, but I feel this division in the club's current state will be best suited to Briars. In 2015 we will:

- Continue to aggressively grow our under-21 player base by offering extra competitive subs. In 2014 we reduced our average player age to 27 years old, this is down from 2013.
- We will continue to invest in the best player management we can afford through continued support of our great head coach Max Malkin.
- We will continue to invest in our player welfare by ensuring we have adequate physio and rehabilitation facilities available.
- We will continue to be strict on our 'no train, no play', and 'no pay, no play' policies.

Planning for 2015 is underway with some announcements on coaches and exciting new things at the club that will directly benefit players bring on 2015. The committee and playing group look forward to the Briars extended family support in 2015.

2014 Division 3 - 4th Grade Grand Final Winners

A very pleasant way to finish the season was a premiership in 4th Grade Nicholson Cup. There are some players that played in the final series that have been bolstering the 4th grade side at Briars for a number of years so well done to those players.



Rugby Finances

In relation to the finances of Briars Rugby this is a tricky measure - on paper we lost a substantial amount of money however as rugby's only real revenues streams are:

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| • Player Subs | \$14,270 | • Raffles, Other | \$1,500 |
| • Canteen Takings | \$12,070 | • Old Boys Network | \$4,500 |

On income for the club, a **huge thank you to Terry and Marina McFarland**, this \$12k was as a direct result of their fantastic effort. On the Old Boys Network many thanks to Andrew Craig who facilitated this fundraising.. Complementing the canteen takings a special thanks to Lion Co Brewery in Auburn, especially Mark Toomey, Brewery Director who donated over \$3,000 worth of products that we could sell at our canteen.

Social Scene

2014 was a very social year at Briars and with events like sevens rugby, pub golf and bus trips, I feel we really set the scene for a club all about the brotherhood that is Briars Rugby. We held many great events throughout the year like:

- Pub Golf as pre-season bonding in Balmain
- Suburban Rugby Sevens
- Old Boys Day
- Ladies Day
- Bus Trip to Hawkesbury Valley (arguably best bus trip ever)
- Back to Rothwell Day (last home game was a great way to complete season)
- Silly Sunday (arguably best Silly Sunday ever)
- 4th Grade Premiership side night out
- Briars Rugby Presentation Night, with a suit up and racing theme

There is a core group of players who compete in the Timberall Park touch football competition each Wednesday evening wearing the Briars Gold Singlets. This is a great compliment to Rugby Union as a summer option for players and great marketing for our rugby club. In 2015 we have now become serious about our social scene and David Lannan and Rod Smith are putting together a tour of New Zealand for end of the 2015 season, 30 September to 10 October. The draft is on the Briars Rugby Website and we want many old and new lads coming on this trip fundraising and other things are being put together now.

Toby Crisp Award - Most Affable New Player to the Briars – Josh Harris

Josh came to the club as a new player in 2014 and the Toby Crisp award is a new award in 2014 after an ex-Briar who tragically passed away this year whilst playing for Balmain 5th Grade. Toby was a great social character around the club and as such we honour both Toby and Josh. Josh has really ingrained himself in the Briars culture and is loved and respected by his team mates. Josh is a fantastic gentleman who I and every other person at Briars have all the time in the world for. Josh's ability on the field is also formidable finishing the year as the incumbent 1st grade tight head prop.

Grade Awards

Huge congratulations to all players who won the awards in 2014. These awards were decided by an anonymous voting system where all the players used Facebook to vote for their peers. The players Most Valuable Player (MVP) takes the responsibility to make sure there is a win. If they need to perform they will, but they might not be the best. They will take it on if there is no one else who can. Many times they serve towards others performing better. They make sure the best get the ball and usually they inspire the team to perform higher. They are passionate encouragers. They are competent. They are consistent. They are influencers, and others find courage in them.

The Players' Player is the best player and has a huge amount of responsibility to perform and to produce week in week out. We need them to score, and to beat the competition. It's about them and their individual contribution. Give them the ball and let them run. They will take control and most times will not let you down.

The Coach's Award is given by the coach at the coach's discretion. It goes to the heart of the team. It is the guy who is the first one to arrive on game day and often the last to leave, the first to take a hit up, the first to a ruck. He is the coach's Mr Dependable.

1st Grade

Coach - Max Malkin

MVP - Sape Misa

Player's Player - James Shaw

Coach's Award - Ian Pond

3rd Grade

Coach - Luke Sinai

MVP - James Ashton Maxwell

Players Player - Ritchie Minter

Coach's Awards - Andrew Kuo

2nd Grade

Coach - Damien Johnson

MVP - Adrian Fiatarone

Player's Player - Jeremy Lawlor

Coach's Award - Tony Tang

4th Grade

Player Managed

MVP - Damien Johnson

Players Player - Dave Lannan

Coach's Award - James Jessup

Ben Edwards

HOCKEY REPORT

MEN'S FIRST GRADE

Coach - Sam Everist, Assistant Coach - Mark Flack, Manager - Michael Imer

Firstly, I would like to thank Michael Imer for his wonderful work yet again as manager - words cannot describe his diligence. John Price for his work on the Kakoda trip to QLD in our preseason. This was a rewarding experience for all in attendance, and I hope something similar occurs every year to enable the playing group to come together away from the pitch. Thanks to Warren Birmingham for being a solid contributor throughout the year giving the whole squad an insight into the elite level of thinking and playing. My biggest thanks are to Mark Flack for all his input each and every week. His balanced delivery and his support for me were unwavering.

After the disappointment of missing the finals by a goal in 2013 much of the off season was spent planning and identifying areas we needed to improve on-from our preseason build up, coaching, to players comprehension and commitment to the game style.

The first half of the year was a pass mark but we could have put ourselves in a better position for the run home after letting a few games slip and dropping crucial points. Draws, especially against sides around us on the ladder really put pressure on us. This meant our last 6 weeks were going to be do or die. As close as the competition was, we still could have made the finals with wins in our last couple of games, but that wasn't to be.

Our ability to stay in games improved on season 2013 at least in the first half of the year, but when things became tight, and wins were more crucial we struggled mentally to hang in games, and got blown away a couple of times - Let's not speak of Derby Day! A few players put their hand up this year and played very consistent hockey. But a few can't carry the load each and every week. If there is one thing every player should take away from the season is their individual consistency. Setting minimum standards that you must reach each and every week is the key to being a successful team, with the best teams having very high standards that they reach regularly.

Scott Garner had another solid year resulting in his selection in the NSW AHL side. Without Scott in goals I dread to think of some of the score lines we might have been facing. For the second year in a row, Scott took out both the Best and Fairest, and the player's player awards. This rare achievement shows how valuable Scott is as a player and how valued he is by his peers. Well deserved!

The coach's award came down to three players who all have unique qualities and were hard to separate - Tom Budden-played a utility role (play where we need you to) Tom learnt a lot from this year and it took a while for him to hit his straps, but a few weeks in 2nd grade with more time on the ball saw him return and finish the back half of the year really consistently.

Oli Flack is still in his developing stage at the age of 17, but has already shown in the last two years his ability to develop, learn and now contribute both physically and verbally at a 1st grade level. Oli is incredibly consistent and will often go unnoticed in games if you are not paying attention. He doesn't try and do anything too extraordinary. He is team focused and often makes others around him look good. As his confidence grows, I hope to see Oli break open games and really dominate them. He has all the attributes of a future leader and will be an asset to Briars for a very long time.

Finally, Mitch Scotcher who took out the Coach's Award. Mitch arrived at the start of the year from up North and from day 1 was a hit with the squad. His interaction and willingness to be involved was noticed immediately. Mitch developed over the season especially after a stint with Sth Australia in the U21 nationals. By the end of the year, when things really weren't going well for us, Mitch was still full of run. The key focus for 2015 will be for Mitch to create dangerous running patterns, and getting himself into really attacking positions to maximize his work rate and effort, and getting more goals on the board.

It really was the year we didn't want to have, but the best thing about sport is you only have to wait 4-5 months and you get to rectify all the wrongs. The playing list is going to change but the mentality needs to be that of consistency. Set the training and playing standards high, and make sure every player is striving to get there....bring on 2015!

Sam Everist - Coach

MEN'S SECOND GRADE

For the second year in a row the Men's Sydney Cup team fell just short of qualifying for the Grand Final. A strong preliminary final performance was cruelly brought to an end with an extra time (nine a side) goal from eventual Premiers UNSW. It is a measure of the teams overall performance that in the second round clash with UNSW the Briars teams completely dominated them and recorded a resounding 4-0 win. Unfortunately no prizes for round games.

The team over the year recorded the best defensive record (least number of goals conceded) in Sydney Cup (also all Premier League teams conceded more goals). This was a testament to the teams commitment to the game plan built on strong defence and effective counter attack.

As with most 2nd grade club teams over the year over 20 players had the opportunity to play. With injury and rep duties requiring players to move up to first grade we were often unsure of the starting line-up even up to starting time. It is a credit to all the players who played 2nd Grade this year that when called upon they moved up to and held their own in 1st grade as well. The commitment to training from the group was to be admired in both their attendance and effort at all times. Even for players with many years experience they were keen to learn and accept new ideas.

From a personal note the thoughtful and unselfish way the team acted off the field was extremely touching as well. This group is a credit to themselves and the club as a whole. They are vocal and at times loud to the extreme but they always have Briars in their hearts. It was a pleasure to coach them.

To Michael Imer for his faultless support as manager and to Sam Everist (1st Grade Coach) a huge thank you. It is always a pleasure working with easy going and committed people.

Player List - (Apologies if any one has been missed) - Andrew Borg, Lewis Mike, Derryn Allsop, Ian MacGregor, Keirin Gentles, Oliver Quix, Oscar Quix, Alan Charlton, Lennon White, Lee Brady, Tom Budden, Blake Durance, Tom Vastani, Mark Atkinson, Chris Coombes, Scott Garner, Sam Everist, Ben Senior, Lachlan Oag, Stephen Graham and Kurt Lovett.

Award Winners

Best and Fairest – Andrew Borg

Player Players – Kieran Gentles

Coach's Award – Derryn Allsop

Mark Flack Coach

MEN'S FOURTH GRADE

Fourth Grade faced many challenges at the start of the season with the loss of many past experienced players and the building of a new team, which included 6 players under the age of 18. These players demonstrated commitment and heart as they tried their best throughout the season. I would like to mention the bravery that these young players showed taking the field against some opposition teams expecting to be bashed around by these so called men. Besides the couple old heads, the remainder of the team was made up of players that stepped a grade from last year, players that doubled up from other grades, some new blood and included players that were pulled out of retirement. Although for various reasons (that included a high injury toll) it proved difficult to get consistency in the team line up. At last count 30 players were used throughout the season. It can be easily said that we have had better seasons, but this team is in the rebuilding stage, and I'm confident that 4th Grade will taste glory again in the near future.

My appreciation to all players for their efforts, I know each player gave their best.

Award Winners

Player's Player Nathaniel Dickson - Nathaniel was our goal keeper, unfortunately Nate was constantly hammered in goals, this earned him the respect of his team mates.

Coach's Award Kristian Skoulagenis - was one of our U17's who was injured early in the season, fractured bone in the shoulder, his disappointment that he let the team down and his determination to get back on the field as soon as possible earned him my respect. His performance on the field also showed that he has a future in the higher grades.

Best and Fairest Ben Jackson - Ben made his comeback this year, playing on the field (instead of in the goals). Ben suffered what could have been a life changing injury, in our 3rd game. But with the help of his head gear, came back and had a solid year. His commitment to team and club earned him respect of his team mates and my gratitude.

My appreciation goes to all that took the field this year, and I thank you all for your perseverance.

Adam Schasser Coach

MEN'S FIFTH GRADE

WE DID IT! In 2009 the Briars 5th Grade team headed up by Troy Prescott tragically lost the Grand Final in overtime to Monterey, although we lost the Grand Final Troy created a culture in this team that has remained to this day. On behalf of all 5th Grade players we wish to thanks Troy for this as the comradery we have now is a direct result of him. In 2014 we finished the regular season third on the ladder with stats of - 12 Wins, 1 Draw, 5 Losses, 62 Goals For and 23 Goals Against.

Prior to the finals Chris Schmitt and I approached Warren Birmingham (Busta) to be our head coach during the finals series which he agreed. We entered the first week of the finals against Sutherland who only the week before beat us 2-1 and we achieved more cards in that game then the whole season combined. In what I can only describe was their second best game of the year so far we dominated the game in a way that Sutho could not believe and we took the game 4-0.

The second week of the finals (Grand Final Qualifier) we play Monterey, to those who do not know Monterey beat us in the Grand Final in 2009. Our strategy for the game was to play a complete 50 yard in defence and to position Steve Strain on their key striker. At the end of the game we were locked at 2-2 and went into overtime and then shootout. We dominated the shoot outs and won 4-2 and qualified for the Grand Final to play St George the next week. In the Grand Final everything came together, both our Full Backs were available to play coming off Suspension, 6th Grade were in the GF and playing before us and both teams were given a home Grand Final at Cintra. In what I can only describe as the best game I have ever seen 5th Grade play, the boys stepped up in a way that amazed all spectators and opposition, their determination to win is what you see in an inspirational movie and the boys won the game 4-1 against the Minor Premiers. An amazing thing about the day was that all but two people who played the 2009 GF was either playing, coaching or a spectator on the day, Presso – that's how much it meant to all of us. To all the boys congratulations, you made me look good and that I knew what I was doing, hands down I will say it was my proudest moment as a Briar.

To summarise each of the boys I would have to say the following:

Matt H - You are the true example of the Briars spirit and you deserve your picture on the Briars wall.

Chris - We achieved this together mate and sales have dropped 35% at the Paragon since the season ended. A big thank you mate.

Paul - Consistent and "WTF", I know the Premiership meant a lot to everyone but I know how much it meant to you - You deserve it.

Patty - I guarantee you will get a tattoo of this Premiership, it should say "Briars 5th Grade Premiers 2014, I saved 50 lives and only played 7 games".

Steve - I told everyone I was putting you as a half and they all laughed at me – You were an absolute standout this year and congratulations.

Al - I have known you way too long without winning a Premiership, no disrespect but now we have it I want a divorce.

James - in 5th Grade you don't get paid to play hockey but if you kept it going as a junior you probably would have – we will all miss you.

Tim - I have so much respect for you playing the position you did not want to and making such a difference to the team. You are a quiet achiever but an amazing player.

Will - After injuring your shoulder and then diving for the goal in the Grand Final I knew nothing was going to get in your way of the Premiership.

Dawson - Let's start with "Seagull" but finish with "Goal Crazy Maniac", as a compliment I have never seen anymore more determined to score goals than you.

Aodhan - I hope we did not scar you too much in your first year in Senior Hockey – if you are playing 5th Grade next year it would be a true disappointment as you deserve to be in a higher grade.

Luke - Likewise with Aidon, you put your body on the line so much and you have amazing skill, please keep playing buddie.

Mark Williams - Sub of the year, always there, reliable and an absolute game changer. Good things happen to good people – it just takes time.

Richard - It was heart breaking you could not make the GF but completely understand why you could not, glad you came back to play mate and we all love having you in the team.

Corry - Thanks for everything mate, you made an impact as a player, leader, culture and you are still a BRIAR. I hope you will invite us all to your Manly Pad next year for Australia day again.

Slade - Thanks for the emails over the year and filling up my Spam Filter, hope to see you back soon.

I would also like to thank:

Ian Brown for all the admin work he does year after year, we really respect all the hard work you do that people don't see or realise.

Warren Birmingham for guiding us through the finals, both Chris and I felt a huge amount of honour from your email after the Grand Final but you taught us so much during this time and I still use your principals in everyday life now.

Wal as the official Sports Nutritionist of 5th Grade – Thanks for the beer, sausages and peptides during the season.

The Briars committee, we respect everything you do for the club and the vision moving forward and without your support this year, would not have been the success it was.

Once again guys thank you in letting me coach you over the last two years and congratulations to each and every one of you for the success of 2014.

Gary O'Sullivan Coach

MEN'S SEVENTH GRADE

Results - 5th place overall with 4 wins, 2 draws and 12 losses

Things do not always work out as planned - a number of players who we thought would be available for the whole season were not. Apart from the impact on player numbers, we took a hit in several key positions. This set the scene for the season. When everyone was available and we were on our game we did well. At least we were able to engage in a competitive game. If we were competitive but lost, we were able to derive some satisfaction. This made the cold drink at the end taste better. The guys who played for 7ths during the season were Geoff Atkins, Daryl Baihn, Martin Campbell, Rennie Colaco, John Denniss, Darren Kemp, Joe Lyons, Paul Monaro, Joel Osmond, David Paul, Viv Paul, Simon Bergfield. There were also a number of players from Vets and other grades that helped out by making up the numbers on occasion.

A special mention to Geoff Atkins who after a long career, has decided retire gracefully.

Congratulations to this season award winners – all well-earned!

Simon Bergfield - Manager

MEN'S MASTERS (LEGENDS DIVISION)

2014 was a huge contrast from our previous couple of seasons. We benefited from having Nick Carter and Jesse Borthwick for a full season, Simon Bergfield join us from the Briars Masters Premier Division team and welcoming Floris Van Ogtrop to the Masters team. Apart from the new players and losing a couple of players, our squad was largely the same as 2013. This made our defence more stable and gave us better options in attack. This was reflected in our 2014 goals being 38 for and 16 against compared with 16 for and 57 against in 2013.

Compared to previous years where we had some patches of good play but gave the ball away too easily, we maintained much better control and were able to sustain an attacking position for lengthy periods. Our use of this pressure was patchy but we did generate many opportunities and converted enough to goals to give us the results we have been looking for.

We started off with six wins in a row and whilst we were less dominant in the later part of the season, we managed to hold on to secure the minor premiership following a tough 1-1 draw with Northside. From there we lost 1-2 to Northside in the major semi-final. Defeating Macarthur 1-0 in the preliminary final set up a grand final with Northside. This was a real nail biter with Northside leading 1-0 for most of the game and Briars equalising just before full time through Jesse Borthwick.

In Masters we skip extra time and go straight to the one-on-ones with the goalie and it was not looking good as we were down 2-0 after three attempts each. At this stage, Jesse Borthwick, Simon Bergfield and David Osmond saved our bacon with Jesse and Simon scoring a goal each and Ozzie saving the last two attempts. On to the sudden death stage and Simon converted his opportunity and Ozzie intimidated the Northside striker sufficiently to make him miss to the right of the goal. 2014 Premiers!

Nick Carter was our **Players' Player and Best and Fairest**. Invaluable in both attack and defence, having him available for the bulk of the season was a significant factor in our improved results.

Simon Bergfield was awarded the **Coach's Award**. Simon took on the centre half role and provided an extra level of confidence and composure enabling the players around him to contribute to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to our goal scorers (Shah Alam (6), Mike Imer (5), Joe Ferrer and John Clarke (4 each), Nick Carter (3), Jesse Borthwick and Floris Van Ogtrop (2 each), Simon Bergfield, Mike Denniss and Ian Brown (1 each).

Thank you to Mike Imer and Mike Denniss for their assistance with organising the team on those occasions when and to Adam Schasser and James Fordham for their coaching support during the finals. Farewell to Geoff Atkins who retires from hockey until he gets a new set of knees. It is great that you are leaving on a high note.

Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2014. Congratulations on the outstanding results and we will see you again in 2015.

WOMEN'S FOURTH GRADE

2014 saw five new players added to the line-up this year and all fit into the team as if they were part of the furniture. All in all, 4th grade can best be described as a team of friends who love to play together and enjoy every moment both on and off the field.

Playing in a tough first grade competition which had some standout teams, the players worked really well with each other and showed signs early that they had the potential to win the competition. Starting the season strongly, they only lost one game all season which was to Mirrabooka, whilst having draws with Barker, Mirrabooka and Northern Districts. The highlight of the season was our ability to compose ourselves against the other front runners for the

premiership, Northern Districts who we beat twice in the round matches in very tight games to clinch the Minor Premiership.

In the Semi-Finals we fought a hard match against Northern Districts which went to extra time, thankfully due to sealing the Minor Premiership the week earlier, a 2-2 draw was enough to clinch a spot in the Grand Final. Unfortunately, we were unable to reproduce our usual brilliance against a red hot Northern Districts team and went down in the Grand Final. However, the team should be proud of the standard of hockey they ended up playing and their efforts in making it to the Grand Final, going one step further than 2013.

Player's Player went to **Amanda Madyski**, who played outstanding all season. Her consistency week in and week out relentlessly chasing down opponents at inside forward shows why, the team felt she should take out this award.

Ellie Eagle received the **Coach's Best and Fairest Award** - a player with outstanding work ethic and dazzling stick skills, she added another dimension to our devastating counter attack. Along with being a wonderful team player, Ellie was truly deserving of this award.

Ruby Ainsworth received the **Most Consistent Player Award**, after complementing her goal scoring ability with team passing in the circle, she added another level to her game forming an integral part of our striking line. In addition to this, Ruby attended every training session and did not miss a game this season, going so far as to fly back from an overseas holiday to ensure she could play!

Notable efforts this season go to Flavia Neyertz, our team captain. Flavia handled the role both on and off the field with aplomb. Providing talk on and off the field when required and hosting her "famous" mid-season BBQ's to improve morale when the times got tough. Flavia continued to make miraculous diving tackles in spite of her back injury, proving to be a formidable last line of defence for our team.

Charlotte Allan who held the midfield strong by being the enforcer, helped in support of the attacking midfielders adding strength to both our attacking and defensive lines.

Jenny Prosser had some brilliant games and 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. With improved confidence Jenny will continue to develop into a wonderful defender.

Megan Wren had a better season as she started to develop her confidence showing just how good her skill level could be. As the season progressed she continued to develop into a striker to be reckoned with, becoming quite the proficient goal-scorer towards the end of the season.

Leah Keelan put aside a serious foot injury at the end of last season to develop into a solid outside defender and with improved confidence in her ability will continue to return to her pre-injury defensive levels.

Milena DeSilva who along with **Allison Cooper** came to the team this year with both trying to juggle a HSC while playing for the team. Both girls shook off their nervousness to develop into two tough players who didn't take a step back from their opposing numbers on the field. Milena played well as an outside Defender while Allison was a very helpful utility player who played in all field positions throughout the season and was very good under pressure in the 7 on 7 drop-off during the semi-final win over Northern Districts.

Liz Bova developed on her positioning and physical toughness throughout the season and had quite a few goals to her name courtesy of being in the right place at the right time and scrapping for the ball in the circle.

Janine Chatterjee joined to team from a different club this year and fit perfectly. Her enthusiasm to always want to do better was best shown at training where she would continue to use freshly learnt skills in drills in order to hone her ability on and off the ball. Along with **Ellie Eagle** and **Amanda Madyski** they never stopped running, forming a punishing attacking midfield combination, which really made a difference in shutting down the attack of our opponents this season. Janine was an amazing pick up this year and was by far my pick for the most improved player.

We were sad to see **Larissa Gallagher** leave to return home to England three weeks out from the semi-finals ending her season early. Her consistency week in and week out was a big loss to the team in the semi-finals and she will be missed, but not forgotten as the "mother" of the team and "dance instructor".

Anke Vermeulen with her efforts in goals this season was brilliant and whilst we did lose her to shift work occasionally, she kept us in the game against most teams and was able to shut out most games without conceding. Thank you also to **Kim Counter**, **Jess Stewart** and **Maddie Stewart** who supported us in goals when work commitments took Anke away from us. We conceded less than 15 goals for the whole season, which just goes to show the old adage "defence wins games" holds some truth - a big well done to all the defenders!

Thank you to **Fiona Gilvear** and **Stephanie Black** who played with us throughout the season usually playing two games or more on a week end supporting us while playing for their team in ML4.

Lastly, **Danielle Quoy** our Manager and strong outside defender! As a player returning to the half-line this season, she created many opportunities with a timely pass down the line to our strikers and was formidable in defence with Leah, Milena and Charlotte in holding our midfield defensive wall. As Manager, she kept both the team and the coach organised and on track this season. Offering support and advice when the times got tough towards the middle of the season, keeping things in perspective for us all.

Here's hoping the team can go one better in 2015!

Stephan Madyski Coach

WOMEN'S SIXTH GRADE

There are a couple of key ingredients that make a group of hockey players into a great team. Beyond skills, they need to have great leadership, vision, recognition of the strengths and the abilities of each person, communication and connection. The ML6 team started 2014 as a good team. We had a lot of new players joining the team with a range of skills and abilities. You couldn't pick more different people and put them in a team. We are aged from 15 to 46, we are salespeople, students, scientists, storeman, solicitors, and stay at home mums. Slade Blandford stepped up to coach the team in his first year as a coach. He emphasised that we were there first and foremost to have fun and play as a team. This is a message that came through loud and clear.

Briars ML6 came out like a bull at a gate, prior to our first game with just 10 players on the field, there were some nerves that we might run out of puff. That game ended 7-0 to Briars and from that morning onward we knew that we would be a force within this competition. Kate Irvine took home players player with a 5 goal haul.

Game two vs Strikers was set to be a grudge match. The team rallied together against a tough opposition and unfortunately had some key decisions going against them. We kept our heads to draw 1-1 with what should have been a 3-1 win.

Briars ML6 continued to up the ante dominating each team one by one and soon headed the table by nine competition points after the first round of games. The smallest winning margin was by two goals.

We had a strong forward line, with Kate Irvine, Olivia Ferrer, Katherine Sloane, Stephanie Hart, Rachel Haley and Emma Bryden-Brown. There were no heroes in this line, with the ball being shared between the players. This is evident in the fact that most of our goals were 'team' goals. The ever ready bunny, Emma Bryden-Brown, was a rocket. She never gave up on a ball and would run until pulled off for a break. It was this energy and enthusiasm that would eventually see her win the Coach's Players Player Award in the Grand Final.

Due to our forwards dominance, the back three, Debbie Greenwood, Kristy Beaumont and Melanie Lloyd would rarely see a ball over our back 25 yard line. We struggled to step up on the ball and dominate the offensive half for fear of the ball getting in behind our defence but when it did, Kristy and Mel would get back and never give up tackling the opposition with controlled aggression and accuracy. Mel is a tackling machine. In 15 years of hockey Slade says he has only ever seen one other woman as dominate in the tackle other than his sister (who many Briars know well). The halves, Kylie Beckhouse, Andrea Motbey, Emma Ratcliffe and Katrina Begnell were the core of our team and transitioned the ball easily from the backline to the forwards. They held their own too, with our Captain Emma Ratcliffe and Andrea Motbey getting a bit physical more than once particularly with Bankstown. We lost Katherine Sloane in the last quarter of the season in a training accident which resulted in her breaking her hand. We did miss Katherine on the field, but were happy to see her supporting the team from the side lines. We were now down to one sub.

With just three rounds left of the regular season ML6 suffered their first defeat. 1-0 to Wentworthville. Wenty took advantage of an early mistake in our corner. Briars spent the majority of the game in their attacking half trying to find a way through Wenty's strong 10 player defence. Briars had plenty of chances to score and with less than 10 seconds to go Katrina Begnell found herself to the right of post ball on the stick gave it a chop and sent it wide of the left post, game, set, match. Wenty created several opportunities but instead decided to focus on consolidation rather than piling on more goals. It only takes one to win. This loss brought the team together. Not having lost all season the girls and Slade were devastated that their run had come to an end. This spawned on our winning culture again dominating the final two games leading us into the finals series as red hot favourites.

Briars ML6 won Minor Premiers for 2014 with 16 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Over the year we scored 70 goals with 11 against.

In the first semifinal, the team convincingly won against Strikers 4-1. We then met Strikers again in the Grand Final. We all knew that we deserved to win the game. We had after all had won the minor premiership. But teams don't just win grand finals because they 'deserve' it; they have to fight for it. The game was very tense, Strikers scored an early goal. Briars were able to match this when Mel Lloyd scored a plump shot from a short corner. Strikers then scored again and Briars were down 2-1, this score went well into the second half. It was feeling a little desperate; the game felt like it was slipping from us until Rachel Haley scored on a mid-air shot that equalised the score with ten minutes to spare. The game went into extra time, and Olivia Ferrer scored a magical goal to deliver Briars the win.

Emma Ratcliffe won Best and Fairest, Kylie Beckhouse received the Coach's Award and Stephanie Hart won Most Improved Player. For the club awards, **Olivia Ferrer won the R D Vanderfield Trophy Junior Club Person of the Year**, Kate Irvine took highest goal scorer for the club with 17 goals over the season, Emma Ratcliffe and Katrina Begnell both received a Col Jones Medallion. And 'Sladies Ladies' walked away on presentation night winning Most Outstanding Team from Briars Club.

Whilst 2014 will be remembered as being a very successful year for ML6, what will be remembered by the players for years to come is the fact that they were part of a great team. And that after all is the reason we play.

Slade Blandford - Coach

JUNIOR HOCKEY

- RD Vanderfield Award (Junior Person of the Year) - Olivia Ferrer

- Junior Goal Keeper of the Year - Connor Welch

May I commend and thank all players, parents, coaches and managers for their efforts on and off the field this year. Representing Briars at area meetings has been rewarding and you should all be proud of the way you represented our club this year. This year to date has also been one of the most successful in the club's history fielding two teams in every age group from u9's to u15's and three teams in the u17's. Within those teams we also fielded a team in the "A" pool in every age group. To top off a great season every single junior team made the finals. Briars was also well represented on the representative scene and again did the club proud on and off the field during all tournaments. I would like to thank the Briars committee for all their time and efforts and supporting our juniors throughout the year.

Clay Scanlon - Junior Coordinator

Update - Current Associations' Reforms Hockey NSW (HNSW) with effect February 2015

HNSW has mandated a reduction in the number of associations across NSW from 53 to 27. This governance arrangement is in line with Australian Sports Commission (ASC) guidelines including those for funding applications. Hockey Australia and its member organisations are required to align the ASC guidelines to ensure continued ASC support. Rather than have separate associations for men, women and juniors, each newly created association will have responsibility for all players, irrespective of age or gender.

HNSW has indicated that any player or club not affiliated with one of the newly constituted associations will not be registered and insured through HNSW and will not be able to participate in HNSW sanctioned competitions and events. There will be six Associations in the Sydney metropolitan area: City-North, City-North West, City-Central & East, City-South West, City-South and City-West. Briars will be a member club of the City-Central & East Association. Currently, this newly formed association has had its name (Sydney East Hockey Association – SEHA), logo and colours (orange, blue and white) approved by HNSW. Other member clubs of SEHA are - Glebe, University of NSW, Bentstix, Bankstown, Wests, Monterrey and Easts.

In terms of competitions there is likely to be little or no change, although the associations that currently run competitions in Sydney will most likely become competition managers rather than representative associations. As an example, it is likely that the North Area competition where most of our juniors compete will still operate and draw teams from different associations. Similarly it is unlikely that the current U15 and U17 Metro competitions will change. As a result of these reforms, changes to representative arrangements will take place. Players will either represent the association that their club is affiliated to or their association of origin. Thus Briars juniors, women and men will represent SEHA. There will be guidelines established to address player transfer between associations to maximise the opportunities for players in representative hockey and also to discourage any player movement between clubs driven purely by representative aspirations.

Junior trials to represent SEHA will be held on 19 and 26 October and 23 November and it is the association's aim to fill two teams per age group. The Briars Hockey Club encourages its junior players to trial for the opportunity to represent SEHA at the 2015 NSW State Championships. More information about trials will be circulated as soon as it becomes available.

Further information on the reforms and SEHA can be found at <http://www.seha.com.au>

Andrea Casteriano - Junior Secretary

2014 SEASON

| Team | Competition | Result | Team | Coach | Manager |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 11A | North Area | Runners-up | 11A | Lauren Candido | John Clarke |
| 11C | North Area | 4th | 11C | Emily Cherrie | Magdalene Rozsa |
| 13A | North Area | 4th | 13A | Troy Prescott | Briony Tyree |
| 13C | North Area | 3rd | 13C | Keith Lemon | Siobhan Clarke |
| 15A | Metro | 4th | 15A | Chris Welch | Quang Dao |
| 15C | North Area | Runners-up | 15C | Matt Hetherington | George Lombard |
| 17A | Metro | Runners-up | 17A | Mark Flack/George Manou | Jane Bell |
| 17B | North Area | Grand Final Winners | 17B | Lewis Mike/Darryn Allsop | Vicky Skoulogenis |
| 17C | North Area | Runners-up | 17C | Adam Schasser | |

AWARD WINNERS

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|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 11A | Most Improved | Henry Tyree | 15A | Coach & Manager Award | Alanah Southan |
| | Coach's Award | Jack Ward | | Most Improved..... | Matthew Najdzion |
| | Coach's Award | Gemma Taweel | | Players' Player..... | Connor Welch |
| | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Karl Smith | | Players' Player..... | Wilson Wu |
| | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Toby Mallon | | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Zachary Chong |
| 11C | Most Improved | Ginger Doughty | | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Ronan Shiels |
| | Most Valuable..... | Jaylen Els | 15C | Most Valuable Player..... | Jason Ius |
| | Most Consistent | Katerina Reynolds | | Most Improved..... | Ruby Olsson |
| | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Tully Shipton | | Coach's Award | Patrick Flood |
| | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Jessica Taouk | | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Jessica Boyd-Weetman |
| 13A | Most Consistent | Mackenzie Dodd | | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Lily Tha |
| | Most Improved | Claudia Tyree | 17A | Most Consistent | Georgina Mallon |
| | Players' Player | Sofia Ferrer | | Most Improved..... | Jasmine No |
| | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Max Trapnell | | Coach's Award | Tom Vastani |
| | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Anneka Graham | 17B | Players' Player..... | Justin Ward |
| 13C | Coach's Choice | Todd Dale | | Most Improved..... | Jonah Dassaklis |
| | Players' Player | Hugh McArthur | | Most Consistent | William Welch |
| | Most Consistent | Alexia Lorenzato | | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Matthew Wren |
| | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Alexander Darling | | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | James Marshall |
| | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Ruby Clarke | 17C | Best & Fairest | Kyle Murray |
| | | | | Most Consistent | Edward Zaczek |
| | | | | Players' Player..... | Kyle Murray |
| | | | | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Sami Webber |
| | | | | NA Encouragement (Medal)..... | Liam Bermingham |

MINKEYS

In 2014 Briars had three Minkies teams that competed in the SHJA competition and about 20 under 9's who attended training each Wednesday. Firstly to the Minkies parents and carers, a big pat on the back to you all for taking the time to bring the kids to training and to games - come rain, hail or shine.

2014 was the junior coaching debut for both Reno and myself and after 30+ years of playing hockey together, I reckon the challenge of herding 20 kids around the training park and keeping their attention for more than five minutes was a more daunting task than any we had faced previously on the pitch. But all jokes aside, we had a great bunch of kids who were split into three teams for the 16 rounds of games - Cougars, Tigers and Cubs.

The Cougars - (James, Luke, Aiden, Sabrina, Sanjana and Amalie) were the oldest team of the three and most of them had a few years of Minkies under their belt. As a group they listened really well and each one of them developed over the journey and I am sure they will all make welcome additions to the U/11s ranks in the next year or two.

The Tigers - (Aurora, Sasha, Amy, Fritz, Xavier and Dakota) had a mix of first year players and a couple of older heads. Like the Cougars, the team developed with each game and the players all really played well together as a group. Most of this group will be back in Minkies next year and I look forward to seeing them all in 2015.

Then we had our pack of **Cubs** who were all five and six year old boys (Callan, Axel, Jack, Luke, Toby and Felix). They were a pleasure to coach (sometimes), hilariously frustrating (especially when banging the bubbles in the field as the rain fell down) and of course at times having the collective attention span of a gnat. The Cubs were full of passion every week and I am sure they will all develop into future Briars if they stick with it.

We also had LoLo, Sarah and Peyton who trained with us but were still a bit small for games, but next year I hope to see all three of them back.

A big thank you everyone who helped out during the year and made both Reno's and my life a lot easier at both training and game - so thank you to Danielle, Sofia, Fungy and of course the Gallys who will be sorely missed at the Briars. Finally, thank you to my partner in crime Reno who travels a long way each week up and down the mountain to attend both training and games and happily shares his knowledge and experience with the kids.

To all the Minkies - I look forward to seeing you all again in 2015 and watching you all grow and become great Briars of the future, so for one last time for this year hands in and give me a ... 1 - 2 - 3 MINKIES!

Greg Dunn

UNDER 11A TEAM

A good season for the Under 11As. Hopefully all the kids had fun and will come back next and keep our strong Briars junior tradition going.

Jack - A coach's dream. Will do anything asked of him, will remind me when I've forgotten something and displays leadership qualities both on and off the field!

Brendan - Super quick and super talented!

Scarlett - As half or full back, Scarlett has a mean tackle on her.

Karl - A great attitude both on and off the field. Whilst a keen attacker, Karl knew I needed him in the half line and was happy to do what the team needed him to do (I just couldn't let that great tackling go to waste).

Gemma - So solid in the half line. This girl never gives up.

Alex - Another versatile player who can play both in the frontline and the back!

Annabel - A strong player that keeps getting better and better.

Henry - This kid has hockey in his veins. The littlest in age and stature but burns past the best.

Martin - Skills to burn but I was so happy to see his passing game develop this year. I hope he continues to develop into a well rounded hockey not just full of skills but full of hockey smarts.

Bailey - Another kid who breathes hockey and leaves everything out on the pitch.

Oscar - Oscar only has eyes for the ball. Full of determination and never gives up. Volunteered to be our superstar goalie for the finals.

Rian - Our semi finals superstar goalie. From goalie to the frontline, Rian plays filled with energy.

Michael - Relaxed both on and off the field, I was happy to be able to use. Michael both up front and in the backline.

Toby - Another kid with a superb attitude. A workhorse and a pleasure to coach his only downfall was he's probably too nice on the field!

Lauren

UNDER 11C TEAM

Hockey Kids - I was lucky enough to coach the U11C's this year, and I had a fantastic season watching every one of this impressive hockey players improve and show me their love and talent for hockey. To start off the team we had:

Katerina Reynolds - who found her role at centre half. A fantastic player who has a great sense of positioning and knowing where to go on the field always. Always went for rebounds which was the reason she was our top goal scorer. She played with consistency making her a great and reliable player for the team. You killed it Kat!

Jazmine Allsop - Our personality on the team, she is a big talker and always has something interesting to say. Has also been playing a great job as inner for most of season, but was extremely keen to be moved to defence later on. In the last games she has been on fire as a defender, improving in every game and always ready to stop a player when we need it with her great tackling.

Luke O'Brien - Great player - improved tremendously throughout the season from learning to pass the ball, but also knowing to run with it and use his crazy stick skills. Has the determination to get the ball and do something great with it, even if there is only a minute in the game and we are down. Luke puts everything in, in every game. It is always great to watch. Fantastic work Luke!

Elliot Lombard - Quiet player, but manages to surprise me every week in training and on the field. Has improved in getting in all aspects of hockey including his stick skills and passing in the game. I love watching him get in the game and do a beautiful pass to a player. Well done Elliot!

Jess Taouk - Grown to be a great player Her confidence has flourished throughout the season which I have loved to watch and works hard in training which reflects in her game. She knows how to play her position on the wing, and I can't wait to watch her improve more next season.

Ginger Doughty - Has amazed me with her improvement from stick skills to positioning in the field. She started off as only wanting to play wing, but now has really done well and strived as inner. She has scored some fabulous goals on the post, but has also really helped in getting the ball down the field with her tackling. She is always ready to put her body on the line. Well done Ginger, can't wait to watch you play next season.

Emily Shipton - A great player to watch, always seems to be extremely calm in situations on the field and is a great leader for the team. Her skills have improved, but also the way she positions herself. Emily is fabulous with tackling and has taken some great free hits. She is able to find a great option, whether it be a player or free space for someone to run on. You can always tell that she gives everything in every game. Well done Em!

Tully Shipton - Has been amazing this season and improved so much as a player. Being extremely quiet at the start and turning out to be a great asset in the team., he is a player who can be put in any position and will do great. But Tully does a fantastic job as half and defender. With every tackle he manages to get the ball out of bad situations. A fantastic player, and can't wait to see how he does next season.

Jaylen Els - One of the great leaders on the team, helping every player on and off the field. Works extremely hard in training and manages to be continuously running everywhere on the field helping his team mates out. His skills, and killer hit and overall understanding of the game is fabulous to watch. Fantastic job Jaylen!

Emma Holland – A player who puts everything in on game day and training. She is a great player who is always in a perfect position to receive the ball, and one of the first people running back trying to defend. A great player who is going to keep on improving every week. Keep it up Emma!

Baigio Modafferi - A player who came late into the season with little experience of hockey, but regardless has settled in to the team really well. A key player in our defence and speed to get the ball or stop the ball is extremely impressive. I can't wait to see him improve more next season.

Lily Scanlon- Speed demon up in the forward half, Lily has had countless beautiful runs down the boundary line running with the ball or trying to save ball. She always gives 100% in the game and always in a great position to receive the ball. It has been great to watch her get more aggressive and hungry in getting the ball. Well done Lilly!

Grace Scanlon - Improved so much this season and it has been great to watch. Finding a position she liked and working hard in training on her skills. Throughout the season her confidence has grown and is keen to get the ball and tackle players, helping to get the ball out of cluttered areas. Fantastic job Grace!

Luke Miller - Done well as defender, a place on the field where he kills it. A great player who works hard in training on his skills and has improved each week in his game. He puts in everything on the field. Great work Luke!

Jaime Mercieca- Improved so much since the start of the season. Really wanting to get into the game, touch the ball and tackle as many times as she could. Has done a fantastic job as goalie, making some incredible saves, really stepping up when no one would be goalie. Thanks Jaime, and great work.

Riyaan Khan - Came into the team later on in the season, but that did not stop him from improving in every game. His basic skills have improved tremendously and his instincts on what to do in a game are really nice to watch. Well done, and will hopefully see you next season.

A little mention to **James Reynolds** our little minkey who watches every game. And is always waiting on the sideline ready to step up and play when we need him. A great player who never lets us down. Can't wait to see him play in the U11s hopefully next season. Thank you so much James. As a coach it has been so great watching these individual players improve on their skills, but more importantly it has been fantastic watching them come together to be a great a team. Thanks for the season.

Em Cherrie

UNDER 13A TEAM

The Under 13A's this year saw the merging of existing Under 13's players with new players from Under 11's. This was a big step up to A division for most of the players and thus the season was quite challenging. By the end of the season their persistence and hard work at training paid off with some competitive games and even some wins against the top teams. It was a combination of refining skills and tactical play for the older players and building strong foundations for the younger players who will continue on next year in the Under 13's. Whilst they struggled to compete in a very strong division, the players all gave 100% and kept their spirits high right throughout the season.

Player Overview

Sarah Ali - Sarah had a good passing game and would re-lead. She managed to get her stick down to tackle and make it hard for the opposition to get around her. Sarah was willing to play in any position instructed without complaint.

Mackenzie Dodd - Mackenzie is a tough and fearless player, taking on any opponent and putting 100% into every game. Mackenzie is a versatile player and can adapt quickly to any position. Mackenzie was one of the most consistent players all year.

Susie Douglas - Susie's one handed unconventional style of playing worked very well when couple with her speed and determination. She had many fantastic run which made it hard for the opposition to stop her. As well as her running in attack, Susie was also a solid defender in the mid field.

Sofia Ferrer - Sofia is an experienced defender and leader in this team. She gave direction and had a fantastic work rate and will continue to be a top grade player if she keeps this up. She has a great knowledge of the game and has respect from all the players. She played a crucial role organising defense.

Anneka Graham - Anneka never gave up, even when knocked down she would get up and keep playing. Her non-stop running and talking in the game meant she was a valuable player in the team. She was a terrier and took on any player, never taking a backwards step.

Sidharth Iyer - Sidharth improved his overall game. His confidence grew and he would run the ball and back himself more in each game. His leading on the wing and tackling improved throughout the season.

Sarah Jones - Sarah was a relaxed, fun loving team member. She was great at receiving and turning in attack. Sarah knew positionally where to be inside the circle. Her strength and work rate improved throughout the year.

Jack Mercieca - Jack's stick work improved throughout the year and after many instructions he stopped swinging his stick in tackles. Jack's running and passing game was good and he could also adapt to most positions.

Tom Mowat - Tom began the season with a broken finger, this made him more determined when he was able to comeback. He improved in his attitude, ball control and positional play towards the end of the season.

Teagan Neowhouse - Teagan is a strong goal keeper, she cleared the ball with great direction and power. Teagan improved her second saves and sliding. She certainly got a lot of work this season and was always up to the task. Her communication from the back was outstanding.

Max Trapnell - Max has a great attitude towards life and this transferred into his hockey and the team. Max listened to all instructions and carried them out without a fuss. Max is a positive, committed team player and a reliable defender.

Claudia Tyree - Claudia was always keen to learn and put it into practice. Claudia improved a lot this year and got stronger on the ball. She also got more involved in the game which helped her skills and confidence grow. Claudia rarely missed a game or training and showed commitment to the team.

Alyssa Wedd - Alyssa had great skill when she would put in the effort. She controlled the mid field and had a great passing game. Her relaxed nature meant she was never flustered by the game or opponents. She was always fun and a great team player.

Hugh Macarthur & Todd Dale - Both these boys were new to hockey this year and their hockey skills grew quickly which saw them fill in many games from the 13C's for the 13A's. They were both strong hitters and talented sportsmen. I hope they continue improving and enjoying hockey.

Patrick Vastani & Ronan Shiels - Patrick and Ronan played many games to assist the 13A's. They lifted the team's skill level and rather than take over, they fitted into the team and gave guidance and direction other team members. These two have got skills, knowledge and composure on the field beyond their years and most of all a fantastic attitude towards sport. They will both progress a long way in hockey if they want to.

Megan Miranda - Megan played many games as a fill in goalie. She improved in confidence throughout the year and was always willing to listen to advice and instruction. We are really grateful for all her help this season.

I would also like to thank the Under 11's players who stepped up and filled in on many games. Thanks you to Bailey Scanlon, Martin Pedersen-Clarke and Henry Tyree. Last of all I would like to thank my amazing manager Briony Tyree with all her hard work throughout the year taking on all the administration and ensuring we had a team each week. I really appreciate all her hard work behind the scenes. She made my job a lot easier.

Troy Prescott - Coach

UNDER 13C TEAM

Jessica Bettridge - Very talented player Jessica always showed consistency and approaches the game with confidence, continuing to grow as a player.

Caitlin Bettridge - Caitlin was up for every challenge thrown to her this season. She showed consistency with moments of true stardom. Caitlin is developing into a strong little hockey player. Well done Caitlin.

Danielle Bettridge - A huge thank you to this little dynamite for joining our team. I can see a bright future for her on the hockey field.

Ruby Clarke - New to the game this year Ruby's dedication has resulted in her developing some fantastic hockey skills. She has improved with each and every match. Well done Ruby hope to see you again next year.

Massimo Modafferi - True team player, Massimo did everything asked of him this season. Massimo is new to the game this year and has proved himself as a competent player with a bright future in the game.

Todd Dale - A big hitter and a rock in our defense line, Todd is capable in all areas on the field. His skills were definitely integral to our success this year.

Alexander Darling - A real team player, Alexander always gives his best. He has worked hard all season, which shows through his greatly improved hockey skills. Well done Alexander.

Alexia Lorenzato - "On the post" - all year our team could rely on Alexia on being in the right position at the right time. A real strength in our attack game Alexia showed strong team work and advanced hockey skills.

Hugh McArthur - What a force Hugh was this year. Give him the ball and he would smash his way through the defense goal after goal after goal.

Megan Miranda - What a privilege to have had such a skilled goalie this year. Megan has proved herself as a truly competent player and a great leader to her team.

Sami Muir - Always enthusiastic Sami gave her all to every game this season. She worked well feeding the ball to the forwards and was always quick to get back when the defense needed her.

Katia Nastasi - Katia never ever gives up and provided strength to our mid field. She is a very skilled player and a highly regarded member of the team.

Joshua O'Brien - What an improvement from this guy! Patiently waiting on the wing he would drive the ball towards the goals. He is great at positioning the ball for a goal.

Michael Taouk - One of our younger players Michael has shown a real maturity playing in the backs this year. He has been solid a defender and seems to improve with each match.

Martin Pedersen-Clarke - A huge thank you to both Martin and his dad John for going out of their way to help us to field a team on many occasions this year. Martin is a truly outstanding hockey player, but always played as a team member.

U15A METRO TEAM

Let me start by saying a few thanks, firstly to my and the 15s Manager Quang Dao - what a good man! Quang has managed sides for me in the past and there is rarely a moment when he doesn't already know what I'm thinking or what it is that I or the side needs. He does a fantastic job with a minimum of fuss, I and the kids are lucky to have him. Also, a thank you to the parents, it has been a great side to coach due to the efforts of the parents to one get the kids to training and the games and two to buy into what we have been trying to achieve this year. Lastly to the Briars Hockey Club as a whole, as someone who has only been at the club this year I must say what an absolute pleasure it has been from the moment we arrived at registration day to the present moment. I know that I and my sons have had a fantastic time. A mention must go to Clay, Andrea, Borgie, Alan, Lewis and Daz who have gone out of their way to make me feel welcome so THANK YOU.

Now to the team - at the start of the year we spoke to the side and made the players aware that 15 Metro Hockey was a tough comp and in order to compete we were going to have to work hard both at training and on the field on game days. To the kids' credit, they said that they were up for it and so we set a goal that we wanted to be competitive in the competition, a goal that at the time seemed reasonable as we had formed a team that had quite a few people from different clubs and varying age groups from 12 right-up-to 15. So we set about training hard and as a side decided that if we couldn't be the most skilful side we could be the fittest and the most enthusiastic. This we would find as the season went on, putting ourselves in good position. As the season has progressed we found that we have had to alter our goals and set the bar a bit higher. After being competitive and some fantastic results we find ourselves inside the top four and as of the writing of this report we are now giving ourselves a chance of progressing well into the semi-final series who knows. Now a bit about the players:

Zachary Chong - Great Motor, Speed - Works physically harder than any player I know mind over matter.

Xavier Dao - Ultimate competitor, Mr consistency always turns up and leads by example.

Olivia Ferrer - Quick Learner - Follows instructions to the letter a great team member.

Bradon Holland - Willing, Reach - Long reach, works hard both at training and playing big improver.

Rashil Jetley - Skilful, Control - Has the ability to hold the ball under pressure can play forward or back.

Chad Martin - Quick learner, Consistently gives you his best never anything but his best.

Jamie McLeod - Physical, fast - Works physically hard every time he plays never leaves anything behind.

Matthew Najdzion - Underestimated, Matt is a quiet achiever and is a better player than he wants people to think.

Ian Pedersen-Clarke - Quick, Effort - Always works hard to play his role in the team great team player.

Thomas O'Reilly - Quiet, thoughtful, a thinker, is playing very skilful at fullback a pleasure to coach.

Jarrold Scanlon - Mentally Tough, puts body on the line on a regular basis.

Ronan Shiels - Hard trainer, Thinker, Trains hard to make the game look easy.

Alanah Southan - Work rate, Tenacious, gives her all every week never lets you down.

Patrick Vastani - Team Player, Analyser. Works extremely hard, always positive.

Connor Welch - Brave, Fearless and an absolute competitor plays well above his weight.

Wilson Wu - Tireless, Inspirational, a player that is able to push himself beyond what is expected.

Sofia Ferrer & Martin Pedersen-Clarke - New to the side coming off the bench big year ahead for them 2015.

Out of our initial squad of 15 players 13 trialled for Sydney rep hockey all of which made Sydney Sides for the 2014 State Champs. A great achievement by these players. We had six make the NSW squads and of these we had five make the NSW State team.

For myself it had been a most enjoyable year in which I have met some great people, I have been given the opportunity to coach some fantastic kids. As a coach I couldn't ask for more, thanks Briars and thanks to the under 15s for making the year so pleasing.

Chris Welch

UNDER 15C TEAM

Ahmed Ali - Ahmed is a natural hockey player and must have been born holding a hockey stick as he's always balanced and focussed and totally in control. As our leading central attacker he benefited from the space Jason creates to score a lot of goals.

Alexandra Tang - Alex is a very well liked member of the team. She also is a determined and skilful hockey player, and has awesomeness ahead of her.

Dhruvil Gohel - Dhuvril is coordinating really well with other players in midfield and attack. A memorable moment for Dhruvil this season was when he scored a perfect goal against GNS where he just walked into the circle and took the shot.

Eden Gorton - Eden is enthusiastic and dedicated and is really good at tackling. She is great for team spirit because of her vibrant personality.

Eliza Jones - Eliza is fast on the field, and dribbles the ball really quickly. Sometimes she takes the ball the whole length of the field.

Gabriella Searle - Gabby is a great player on the team and is always really happy and ready to play.

Isaac Lombard - Isaac is an incredibly valuable player who brings much experience to the team with his many years of hockey. He makes the team a happier but somewhat awkward place with his ability to use anyone's shoulder as a pillow!

Jason Ius - Jason is a keystone in our play with his skills in speed, strength and distribution and his ability to read the game. Jason is also instrumental to the teams' scoring, as he has set up a large number of goals this season.

Jessica Boyd-Weetman - This season Jessica started in her most comfortable position - defence, but as the season progressed we found that she was equally as adept, or even more so in the offense. As well as being an immensely warm person, she is also fiercely determined.

Kieran Brown - A gentle competitor - always tackles strongly, runs constantly and reads the game perfectly. Kieran was reliable in defence and scored a good number of goals in attack.

Laura Hooper - Laura is a fantastic goalkeeper, and keeps everybody's morale up. She rarely misses a save and does great dives across the goal.

Lily Tha - Lily always gives one hundred percent and is a fierce competitor, proving a good foil for Jason and Mira in making the midfield so strong. Scored some key goals as well.

Max Evans - Strong, dependable, a genuine defender and team player. Against Ryde, , Max probably saved the game as he tackled, passed, intercepted and saved as though his life depended on it.

Mira Samira - Mira's exceptional determination on the field throughout this season has shown how valuable a team member she is. She has a wonderful ability to calmly evade opponents.

Patrick Flood - Patrick has been a great addition to the U15Cs this year, being able to play any role and play them all well. His speed is his greatest asset to the team, many a time this year we have scored off one of his full field solo-runs.

Ruby Olsson - Ruby is a central part of our defence, always puts in maximum effort and is a great tackler. The team owes a lot of our success to Ruby, and we all hope she will be able to stay with us longer.

Sargun Bhatia - Sargun is always ready for a laugh, and plays everywhere on the field. She is a skilful player who relies on her ability rather than aggression.

Tallulah Fitzroy - Tallulah is really strong and usually plays midfield or forward. She is good at shooting and rarely misses.

Matt Hetherington Coach - Easily the best people skills of any Briars junior coach in history, and the effort he gets from his team - and the massive roll-up of players - is quiet testimony to his effectiveness. If only he would let us learn the tomahawk!

U17 METRO TEAM (BRIARS/GLEBE)

After many years of good natured competition between the Briars and Glebe juniors, this year the clubs combined to field a team in the U17A metro competition. They had a very successful season, winning the minor premiership.

Thank you to all our goal keepers this season - unfortunately Aisling was injured in the middle of the season, but we were very lucky to have Jess, Kloe, Alex and Max who were all brilliant in deep defence. We also had matches where we needed extra field players – thank you to Sam, Xavier, Litiana, Mim, and Kristiane.

Congratulations to all players and thank you to Mark and George.

Coaches - Mark Flack and George Manou

U17B TEAM

Jack Bieser - Captain. Jack was an integral part of our defence, excellent tackling capability.

Mathew Chapman - Is a great runner of the ball and caused problems to teams defence with his quick turns.

Izaak Foster - Izaak turned into a reliable mid fielder, quickly picking up skills this year and demonstrating them at a high level.

Luke Gallagher - Reliable mid fielder, loves the one handed tackle and spin, which gets his opponents in all sorts of confusion.

Aodhan Hanningan - 'The Axe' was devastating in attack. Excellent hit and his passing game continuous to improve.

James Marshall - James has developed into a strong ball runner and if he can further develop his goal scoring he will go a long way.

Chad Martin - Great asset to the team, strong in defence and handy as a goalkeeping back up. Excellent to have him in Briars.

Scott Packett - Although absent most of the season due to other commitments, Scott has been a favourite of ours the last two years. Great hockey brain, great passing and decision making, just needs to turn up.

Kristiane Skoulogenis - So consistent all season, excellent mid fielder, but he could be played anywhere on the field and would always deliver the highest quality game.

Katherine Sloane - Strong defender, not afraid to get stuck into the attackers, a shame her hand was broken which ended Katherine's season, but a great future asset to Briars

Jessica Stewart - Saved many a goals for 17B's this season, and was a great motivator in the defence.

Justin Ward - Absolutely dangerous in the attacking 25 no matter if the game just started, or just about to finish, Justin has a great future in hockey.

William Welch - Key member in the defence line. Amazing hit and great attitude.

Mathew Wren - Finally getting it all worked out, hitting and his passing game the last part of the season has been superb.

Jonah Dassaklis - Like a new born giraffe that grows up to be a tall strong giraffe, Jonah will grow into an excellent hockey player, with more training. Strong defender, puts his body on the line. Very proud to have him in our team.

U17C TEAM

7 wins 5 draws 4 losses. We finished the regular season in second spot, which was an outstanding effort. A combination of U15 and U17 age group players, played well together as a team. The skills that they showed during the games throughout the season of, passing and teamwork and never giving up, was enjoyable to watch. I am proud to say that I had some small part in the success that this team of talented young Ladies and Gentleman had this year and I hope all will continue with hockey in the future.

THE TEAM

Liam (Busta) Bermingham - GK - did a fantastic job in the net, saved many goals to enable us to win games. **Sami Webber** - FB - solid in defense, not many attackers got around him.

Jayden Mills - FB – was able to turn defense into attack with his skill and clearing the ball up the field

Edward Zaczek - Half - Ed also played mid field, solid in defense and great ball distribution, also gave the team an attacking option out wide.

Lincoln Dale - Half - also solid in defense and gave the same service of attacking and ball distribution on the left side.

Kyle Murray - HB - worked hard every game, his ball skills and his passing guided the team around the park.

Shannon Miller - inside - showed what great skills she has in defense and attack throughout the year.

Clarice Wooden - inside - a talented young lady with a lot of potential. Tackling, passing, ball skills, not much more I can say.

Liam Fitzmaurice - Forward - works hard up front whether it is on the wing or in the centre to be in the right position to score.

Jesse John - Forward - a fast skilful player that works well with his teammates.

Nicholas Jorgensen - Forward - Always worked hard every game and was our dominating forward inside the D. Note - keep your cool.

Darcy Batterham-Love - Utility –played in many positions and always did his job whether it is fullback or inside he never disappointed.

Hannah Schasser - Forward –Hannah skills and speed down the wing provided us with many attacking opportunities.

Frank Stephens - Forward - missed many games through injury, but the games he played always gave his best and fought for every ball and goal scoring opportunity. Lastly I would like to thank all the parents for your help it was much appreciated and to Pam and Sean Bermingham for helping in times of need.

Adam Schasser - Coach

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

| Name | Rep Team | NSW 2014 | | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Zachary Chong | SJHA 15/2 | U15 | Syed Ahmed Ali | SJHA 15/3 |
| Susie Douglas | SJHA 13/3 | | Xavier Dao | SJHA 15/1 U15 |
| Sofia Ferrer | SJHA 13/2 | | Olivia Ferrer | SJHA 15/3 |
| Rashil Jetley | SJHA 13/1 | U13 | Oliver Flack | SJHA 18/1 U18 |
| Toby Mallon | SJHA 11/3 | | Matt Lourey | SJHA 18/3 |
| Tom Mowat | SJHA 13/3 | | Megan Miranda | SJHA 13/2 |
| Tegan Neowhouse | SJHA 13/1 | U13 | Matthew Najdzion | SJHA 15/4 |
| Lachlann Oag | SJHA 18/3 | | Jack Noblett | SJHA 18/2 |
| Patrick O'Reilly | SJHA 18/3 | | Thomas O'Reilly | SJHA 15/2 |
| Ian Pedersen-Clarke | SJHA 15/3 | | Martin Pedersen-Clarke | SJHA 11/1 |
| Tori Scanlon | SNWHA | U18s | Bailey Scanlon | SJHA 11/1 |
| Ronan Shields | SJHA 13/1 | U13 | Jayden Selvanayagam | SJHA 11/2 |
| Katherine Sloane | SJHA 18/2 | | Kristiane-Connor Skoulogenis | Nepean U18s |
| Smith Oskar | SJHA 11/Shadow | | Karl Smith | SJHA 11/3 |
| Alanah Southan | SJHA 15/2 | | Annabelle Smith | SJHA 11/1 |
| Gemma Taweel | SJHA 11/2 | | Jessica Stewart | SNWHA U18s U18 |
| Claudia Tyree | SJHA 13/3 | | Scarlett Thuell | SJHA 11/2 |
| Patrick Vastani | SJHA 13/1 | U13 | Tom Vastani | SJHA 18/2 |
| Justin Ward | Nepean U18s | | Jack Ward | SJHA 11/1 |
| Matthew Wren | Nepean U18s | | Conner Welch | SJHA 13/1 U13 |
| | | | Wilson Wu | SJHA 15/2 |

SQUASH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2014 will go down in Briars sporting history as a defining year for Briars Squash. I am very pleased to report the recent amalgamation in July with Thornleigh Squash Club to form Briars@Thornleigh Squash has been an exceptional success to date. We have had tremendous support from our Briars@Greenlees Board of Directors, our Foundation members the Thornleigh management team and squash members from both clubs. If we look back only 18 months ago, we had the two remaining Briar squash players from the 'old guard', with 50 years between us as a Briar, Greg 'Macca' McManus and myself to play Squash Pennant. As such we could not form a Briars Pennant team in the Western districts and we both had to play for Concord Squash Club at the old squash courts in Concord under the rule and eye of Nancy (Mandy).

Our other team was an inspirational, enthusiastic group of young schoolboys and first year university students from West Pymble who had previously played in the Western Districts. However, due to the long distances of travel to the western courts each week and their close proximity of living to the Thornleigh Squash Centre they opted to play in the Northern Districts at Thornleigh Squash centre under the Briars banner.

With the assistance from the management team at Thornleigh, led by the charismatic Anthony 'Rex' Thomas, the juniors led the seniors over to the Thornleigh courts with modern training, coaching techniques and programmes plus a number of extraordinary events such as David Palmer day earlier in June of this year.

From this association of young and old and the lure of the Briars folk lore history being told over drinks at the end of training and matches, a strong and bonding relationship grew between the members and management of the two clubs culminating in their joining together which has brought about the following:

1 x Premier League team, 2 x Sydney Major Pennant teams, 8 x Pennant and 5 x Junior Pennant teams (Saturday competition) playing squash for Briars@Thornleigh Squash. This has resulted in approximately 75 new Briar members with squash players now representing Briars@Thornleigh Squash from the elite NSW State level of Premier League to Sydney Pennant, junior development sides and Junior State representation.

- Our No 1 Men's team is a Sydney Premier Division team playing as Briars@Thornleigh Premier.
- 11 Senior Pennant teams playing Northern Districts from Sydney Major 1 to Division 15.
- 5 Junior teams playing Sydney Junior Squash Saturday morning competition.
- Sponsorship of Premier League team.
- Sponsorship of the NSW Squash Open 2014 held at Thornleigh in August 2014. This squash open was one of the most successful in recent years with an international field and the highest profile squash event in NSW this year.

What a transformation it has been and a very big thank you to all those involved from players, to partners of players (who support with understanding and assistance), parents and family of junior players, the management team at Thornleigh and the coaches and sponsors. Without you all this could not have been achieved.

These last few months have been a very exciting time and has proven that with a passion for your Briars Sport and a 'never give up' attitude great things can be achieved.

Summarised in the following Squash reports is a brief explanation of our values and our goals for the future. This is an introduction to the Briars Sporting fraternity of our committee members, sponsors, events and awards these past 11 months of 2014.

Mick Jaroszewicz - Squash Chairman

Briars@Thornleigh Squash Management Plan 2014

The role of Briars@Thornleigh Squash is to promote and facilitate the development of squash for all the Sydney and NSW community.

- **Vision Statement** - Evolving and sustaining squash as a sport for life.
- **Mission Statement** - To promote and facilitate the growth of squash as a sport in Sydney and NSW.
- **Core Values** - Integrity, Transparency, Accountability, Accessibility, Safe and Healthy Environment, Fair Play and Ethical Behaviour.

Club Structure

- Our No 1 Men's team is Sydney Premier Division team playing out as Briars@Thornleigh.
- 11 Senior Pennant teams playing Northern Districts from Sydney 1 to Division 15.
- 6 Junior teams playing Sydney Junior Squash Saturday morning competition.

Both senior and junior players have become Briars members. A new members introductory evening was held in early November coinciding with our Xmas party held at Briars@Greenlees. This was very successful and has been described in other reports enclosed.

Location - Home of Briars@Thornleigh Squash - The past reasons for Briars Squash remaining in the Western Districts (close proximity to the club at Concord) have been detrimental to the expansion Briars Squash. By combining Briars and Thornleigh Squash Clubs under the one banner we expand Briars sporting exposure to new communities including local men, women and school students.

Committee - The following squash players have volunteered for the management committee of Briars@Thornleigh Squash and are a combination of Briars and Thornleigh squashiest.

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| Chairman | Mick Jaroszewicz |
| Secretary | Greg McManus |
| Administrator / Coach | Anthony 'Rex' Thomas |
| Treasurer | Anne Redfern |
| Media/Website and News | Alex Jaroszewicz |
| Club Captain | Bryan Knight |
| Social, Events and Tours | James Herbert |
| Juniors Liaison Officer | Annie Gleason |
| Junior Captain | Ben Williams |
| Junior Coaching/Mentoring | Rex Thomas, Bryan Knight, Matt Bridle |
| Marketing, Sponsorship, School Liaison, NSW and Australia Squash | Mick Jaroszewicz and Rex Thomas |

Sponsorship - We have been very fortunate to have secured the following companies and individuals as our sponsors for the upcoming financial year and to date we have raised approximately \$20,000.

- Briars@Greenlees, Benevolent Foundation Member
- Majcon - Consulting Structural, Civil Engineers and Project Managers
- Gosse Bros - Master Builders and Contractors
- Claims Management Australasia - Insurance Assessors and Loss Adjustors
- Pontifex Jewellers
- Ken Kable, Greg McManus and JAS Cams Contract Management

Funds raised have been used for prize money at the NSW Squash Open, banners and signs for Thornleigh Courts, and sponsorship of our Premier League team in the inaugural first competition.

Future sponsoring programmes are - Sponsorship of premier and elite junior squash players including players competition entry fees, travel costs and coaching, Briars@Thornleigh Squash Scholarships for Juniors, NSW Junior State Development Squad and Australian team.

Goals - Squash Playing Achievements - To be the No 1 squash club in Australia with playing championships in the following categories:

Maintain current member numbers of 75 and increase squash membership at Briars@Greenlees to 100 by end of 2014 and by 10% per year in the following years. This will be achieved with assistance of our sponsors and maintaining a strong squad of players to achieve:

- NSW Men's and Ladies No 1
- Premier league No 1 team, NSW
- Junior Representatives in NSW and Australian squash teams.
- Club Champions Northern Districts.

Junior Squash - As well as the Saturday competition and juniors playing in senior pennant for the past six competitions, two young juniors represented NSW Squash Junior teams at the recent 2014 Australian Open in Perth. Already we have made links with Knox Grammar and Barker College (as feeders to Briars@Thornleigh). Knox school squash coach, our Annie Gleason and our two juniors at Knox, attended the annual Briars Luncheon organised by Hockey in August this year.

We also have a dialogue with public high schools and NSWCHSSA, who were open to discussion on how Briars@Thornleigh could assist with the development of their State and Australian players as they reach the age of 18, leave school and travel to Sydney for employment and or tertiary study. Our plan to assist country players with opportunities from our sponsors who are the principals of companies involved in Building Design and Construction, Insurance, Real Estate, Business and Retail. This link to elite players from NSW country schools will prove to be a very valuable connection to maintain and progress the elite level of squash at Briars@Thornleigh and have a Briars exposure at a state, national and international level of squash.

Future Events

Overseas Tour - It has been suggested that we go on Tour this year to the Bangkok Doubles Squash Tournament at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club in the prestigious Chiang Mai Cup, May 1- 3 2015. Our Div 4 player Kristen Mansfield has previously been the event convenor of this and the Singapore Doubles Tournament and Kristen will take an active part in assisting with the organisation of the tour. One of our last Briars squash overseas tours was

more than 20 years ago to the Hong Kong Squash Club and still proves to be a major talking point when senior ‘Tour’ members gather.

2015 NSW Squash Open - We hope to have the rights for holding this event again at either Thornleigh Squash centre or an alternative Sydney iconic location.

Spring Pennant

As the Spring Pennant draws to conclusion from the six teams that made the finals we have four through to grand finals. These are - Premier League, Sydney 1 and Divisions 5, 8 and 10. Good luck to all teams and players and by the time this is read Grand Finals would have been played.

Mick Jaroszewicz - Squash Chairman

Autumn Pennant Report 2014

Western Districts Men’s Division 6 - Finished in 2nd position on 273 points - 9 wins and 7 losses.

The autumn 2013 season witnessed our last season in the Western Districts. Briars have been represented in this district since Squash became a major sport of the club. Let’s start at the end. Major Preliminary final v Olympic Squash. With our top team in we fancied our chances. Forest went on first and registered a strong 3 nil win at number 1, holding his opponent to 28 points. Alphabet was put on next and lost 3 nil against a strong number 4, but managed to win 30 points, a minor victory of sorts. AJ was next and gained a strong 3-1 win against a much pumped up opponent. Ports was playing last and required two games to secure the pennant. He lost a close first game however disaster struck at the beginning of the second. Serving whilst leading the second he tore a calf muscle which ended the night.

Briars Squash Club Championships - The Club Championships were played for the first time in more than 15 years during August. The Opens event was well attended with Briars squash members from the past 25 years participating. The final brought together the No1 and two seeds veteran Tony Porter and ‘senior’ junior Alex Jaroszewicz, AJ. Over a very tight five game final Ports eventually prevailed the winner over AJ.



Opens Squash Club Champion 2014 - Tony Porter and Runner Up Alex Jaroszewicz

The **first Briars Junior Squash Club Championship** was recently held at Thornleigh for the members playing in the Autumn Pennant . It was brother v brother with Oli Jaroszewicz defeating his elder brother Nick in another cliffhanger five game match.



Winners are Grinners

Junior Squash Club Champion Winner 2014 - Oli Jaroszewicz and Runner Up Nick Jaroszewicz

As mentioned we farewell the 'Wild' West and look forward to joining the 'Naughty' North. We have plenty of good mates out west and we look forward to the next time we see them. A special thanks to Mick Jaroszewicz for his passion and admin in keeping us alive (on life support with only one team) and we look forward to integrating with the Thornleigh teams mid 2014.

Greg McManus - Secretary

Manager's Report

Next year Thornleigh will be starting a membership based club. With each person that registers as a member you will receive a Briars T-shirt and a one year m/ship to Briars@Greenlees. This system will hopefully improve the numbers in our club and affiliates by providing more affordable squash for keen players who want to come up more. This will ensure the club sees a lot more club members joining and raise the awareness of squash in the community.

Team Reports

Premier Grade - We are currently sitting second with one round to go. The team is doing well overall considering the star player Josh Larkin has been out many of the weeks due to playing tournaments on the professional tour.

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when player competes

1. Josh Larkin (21.00)
2. Nisha Casey (16.38)
3. Anthony Thomas (15.71)
4. Matthew Bridle (15.57)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since start of season

1. Anthony Thomas (10.96)
2. Matthew Bridle (7.35)
3. Juan Vargis (5.91)
4. Paul Smith (2.31)
5. Josh Larkin (0.95)

Sydney 1 - Having finished second on the leader board they had to play the top team in the first semi, the captain "Rex Thomas" going on last unfortunately could not secure a win for the team. They are now scheduled to play BDSC in the second semi to go through to the finals to have another crack at top team Northmead. The team line up for finals will be:

1. Matt "the cracker" Bridle
2. Anthony "Rex" Thomas
3. Jacob "I'm injured" Evans
4. Bryan "Bambi" Knight

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when player competes

1. James Dampney (18.50)
2. Bryan Knight (18.00)
3. Jacob Evans (16.22)
4. Anthony Thomas (16.11)
5. Matthew Bridle (14.45)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since start of season

1. Darcy Evans (10.99)
2. Anthony Thomas (10.03)
3. Matthew Bridle (8.94)
4. Bryan Knight (8.61)
5. Jacob Evans (8.11)

Sydney 2 - Have had a very tough season with some mighty contenders finishing 5th on the ladder. Some hard training is needed for next season if they wish to play this level again. Congratulations to Cam “comatose” Simpson on the announcement of a baby in the oven. Another Squashy will be in training soon.

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when player competes

1. Cameron Simpson (10.22)
2. Ben Hornibrook (9.77)
3. Scott Makin (8.00)
4. Alex Fielding (6.82)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since start of season

1. Bryan Knight (6.07)
2. Alex Fielding (2.16)
3. Brent Stretton (1.66)

Division 2 - Scary days for div 2 they have had a cracker of a season till right at the end when “Dentist Dave” shot off to the USA and the whole team fell apart dropping them to 3rd and only just scraping into 3rd by a game. Let’s see if they can get some form back for the semi.

Thank you to James Herbert for his beautiful match reports with one of my favourites just below - Bryan was unceremoniously deregistered from the team last week. Some rumours have it, for 'conduct unbecoming of a div 2 player', but I'm more charitable than that. Yet he was still to play a major part in the evening, courtesy of some inspired reserve recruitments. First was Jason Chung; the only person known to have mastered the catatonic drop shot. When executed correctly, the ball enters a deep stupor as it reaches the front wall, and the ball needs to be given CPR before being put back into play. Needless to say, he cruised to an easy victory. Ed Falls was our second reserve, and the game was far more even. The proverbial see sawed. The initiative was taken, relinquished and taken again, more times than we could count.

Unfortunately, Ed was on the downward seat at the end of the fifth game. If only he had been allowed to stay on the ride for a few more minutes. It was then left to the two regulars to mop up, and mop up they did. Adam's now familiar 'snap' shots, where the ball leaves the racket orthogonally to the swing plane, were the deciding factor. With just a brief wobble, he cleaned up convincingly in four. James's mopping was of the more literal variety, sprawling over the floor on several occasions to impart a much overdue polish.. His mobility was somewhat curtailed by having his legs above his rear much of the time, with the inevitable conclusion of being sent to the cleaners.

The second placed Willoughby had a loss this week, allowing us to consolidate our top of table position.

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when player competes

1. David Osie (19.09)
2. Adam Champion (16.55)
3. James Herbert (15.92)
4. Brent Stretton (14.87)
5. John Papangelis (13.71)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since start of season

1. Jason Chung (1.64)
2. Saxon Ward (1.52)
3. David Osie (0.77)
4. Edward Falls (0.33)

Division 4 - Have had the unluckiest season ever with Sach their number one injuring himself before the season started. Tony (Ports) Porter has been injured and away for work a lot this season, Jamie has had to be relocated for 6 months to the Gold Coast (poor fella), Alex Jaro spent six weeks out with a shoulder injury and Lachy getting injured in the last few weeks of competition. The angel from heaven Kristen Mansfield & the man who doesn’t feel pain Dave Renwick helped get a team together each week. This team has so much potential and will hopefully come back into strong form next season.

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when player competes

1. Lachy Cameron (13.27)
2. Alex Jaroszewicz (10.90)
3. Dave Renwick (10.36)
4. Kristen Mansfield (8.40)
5. Tony Porter (5.71)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since start of season

1. Brad Shaw (11.52)
2. Alex Jaroszewicz (10.35)
3. Lachy Cameron (9.77)
4. Kristen Mansfield (5.65)
5. Saxon Ward (1.55)

Division 5 - Another team with some misfortunate injuries to the team with Mark D, Mark T & Mark S, all had a series of injuries. Do you see the pattern here? Even so they are still in contention to make the top 3; it will come to this last week to decide what is going to happen.

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when player competes

1. Ian Katz (18.50)
2. Mark Shaw-Taylor (13.89)
3. Douglas MaCarthur (13.50)
4. Alex Coon (13.00)
5. Mark Trotman (12.45)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since start of season

1. Nodoka Nakamichi (17.63)
2. Mark Trotman (5.88)
3. Ian Katz (2.17)
4. Xin Liang (1.84)

Division 8 - With a struggling season riddled with injuries, Mick “Alphabet” Jaroszewicz led the charge with a bung shoulder and Richard Maclean injuring his foot putting him out for the last 5 rounds. Martin “The Punisher” Anderson backed up most weeks helping get the team over the line to finish on top of the ladder

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when player competes

1. Paul Smith (18.71)
2. Ian Bell (17.12)
3. Martin Anderson (16.84)
4. Mick Jaroszewicz (16.71)
5. Richard Maclean (16.17)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since start of season

1. Martin Anderson (12.62)
2. Brad Shaw (1.48)
3. Mick Jaroszewicz (1.00)
4. Kieran Ryan (0.70)

Division 9 - Another bad case of injuries a snapped Achilles in the first round by “Andre the Giant Chapel” and Anne “Super Woman” Gleason following suit with a cracked rib it has been tough comp with all players having to move up two positions. The replacement captain Brad “Pocket Rocket” Shaw had a great season with The Fitz brother and Sister Combo showing they were not going down without a fight each week. Nodoka “The Chef” Nakamichi took out Most Valuable player and the Underdog award.

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when player competes

1. Nodoka Nakamichi (12.00)
2. Brad Shaw (10.33)
3. Dominic Fitzgerald (9.55)
4. Katherine Fitzgerald (8.67)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since start of season

1. Brad Shaw (20.59)
2. Nodoka Nakamichi (15.30)

Division 10 - Were looking very good for 1st position to go straight through to Grand Finals but could not take down Elanora who snuck in front of them, Best of luck to this A Class team. They have had the same team for many years with the inclusion of Greg “Macca” McManus giving the team the much needed depth after veteran Andrew McRae had to pull out of the comp due to an elbow injury.

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when player competes

1. Martin Langford (17.25)
2. Warren Schaffer (17.08)
3. Kieran Ryan (16.80)
4. Peter Robson (16.50)
5. Greg McManus (16.42)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since start of season

1. Kieran Ryan (11.89)
2. Peter Robson (9.45)
3. Warren Schaffer (2.92)

Division 11 - Finished 4th in their division and are set to score the first semi-finals. This team has been together for many years. Unfortunately Kelvin “Jet Setter” Cameron has been doing what he does best and cruising around the map most the season losing some of his fantastic form and Richard Visser Struggling to commit at the end of the season putting the team in dire straits.

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when player competes

1. Richard Visser (13.50)
2. Bruce Geary (12.07)
2. Peter Cameron (12.07)
4. Bill Fentoullis (11.36)
5. Kelvin Cameron (10.00)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since start of season

1. Bruce Geary (7.41)
2. Oliver Jaroszewicz (3.65)
3. Shaun Lorentz (2.36)
4. John Robertson (1.84)

Division 13 - This is one of the saddest experiences for a team. They have tied in 3rd and 4th position at 230 points apiece. After a count back they discovered that each team had won the same amount of games. After a further count back on rubbers, Next Generation had finished on 37 to Briars @ Thornleigh’s 34 rubbers. Better luck next season boys.

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when the player competes

1. Ram Shamra (16.33)
2. Oliver Jaroszewicz (15.82)
3. Ankur Badhwar (15.80)
4. Nick Jaroszewicz (15.21)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since the start of the season

1. Oliver Jaroszewicz (13.51)
2. Ankur Badhwar (12.86)
3. Nick Jaroszewicz (8.24)
4. Ram Shamra (4.05)

Division 16 - Anne’s Heroes gave it their all with Brian “The Veteran” Sandercock getting injured most the season the rest of the team had to step it up. The team has had a rough season being graded to high and always had their

work cut out for them. There were a few shining moments where players played above and beyond their normal capabilities through great team morale. Next season hopefully they will finish top 3 in the right grade.

Most Valuable Player

Highest average team points when the player competes

1. Lewis Price (7.86)
2. Hella Stratton (7.13)
3. Anne Redfern (6.89)
4. Nicki Bispham (6.25)
5. Liz Starling (5.20)

Most Improved

Highest rating increase since the start of the season

1. Liz Starling (1.80)

Briars@Thornleigh is looking at increasing the player numbers dramatically next year in its junior and senior sectors. With great leadership we will keep the “spirit of sport” alive.

Anthony ‘Rex’ Thomas – Manager

Club Captains Report

The NSW premier league comp is slowly coming to an end and there is not much difference between each team’s points:

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Willoughby Squash Club | 147 | Barnes Lawyers | 114 |
| Briars@Thornleigh | 137 | Engadine Health | 92 |
| FiiTr | 134 | | |
| Luxbet | 132 | | |

Currently Briars@Thornleigh trails behind Willoughby Squash Club in 2nd place, making it a likely play off between Willoughby and Briars in the final. Our recent squash results at the Bulldogs Squash Club in Canterbury Leagues Club helped boost the team to 2nd place having a strong win over a weaker Willoughby team missing NSW #1 and Briars member Aaron Frankcomb. Results were as followed:

- Josh Larkin beat Scott Butcher 3-0 (11-8 11-1 11-6)
- Matthew Bridle beat Josh Southwell-Nobbs 3-1 (11-7 11-2 10-12 11-4)
- Anthony Thomas beat Mark Cato 3-1 (7-11 11-9 11-5 11-6)
- Nisha Casey beat Moana Gray 3-0 (11-9 11-9 11-7)

Juniors - We have seen a vast improvement in the junior divisions with a lot more involvement and skill level rising. Our division 1 team is currently coming 2nd in the Sydney junior pennant. Having trained many of these juniors I’m very proud of what they have achieved and we would like to get a big thank you to Anne Gleason who has put in the most effort out of everyone with this select group of kids when they come for training on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pennant - The Sydney Pennant which sees our Teams play out at Thornleigh or away at other clubs on a Thursday night is coming to an end with finals now taking place. Div 2, 8, 10 have all made their respective finals with division 8 making it straight through into the grand final guaranteeing us with one final team. For major grade our Sydney 1 team recently lost their first play-off final and now plays again to secure a spot in the grand finale against last week’s team Northmead in a thrilling prelim final which saw Briars lose by one game. We wish everyone in their grand finals good luck and hope that they can bring the best out in their game!

Looking Back On The Year - This year has been a big year as we have seen many changes come in and new initiatives. The NSW Open was a success at the club having the best international and national players come in to play out for prize money and world ranking points. It saw Swedish and new Briars representative Pedro Schweertman beat fellow Briars member Aaron Frankcomb in the semi finals and finally beat up and coming Matt Hopkins in the final. The tournament was a great success and we hope to do it again next year.

Our Christmas party was also a first this year being at the Briars Sporting Club in Concord. The club was introduced to the tradition of Briars and what it means to be part of such a sporting club and also experience firsthand the masterpiece food creations from the kitchen and beverages from the bar. The night followed with awards and speeches to then an after party at the courts in Thornleigh which saw a lot of squash being played by uncoordinated people. The night was a success and it will be back next year.

It has been a good year seeing a lot of improvements in everyone’s squash. We have had a lot of teams making finals in pennants and seen more club members playing in tournaments at the club including the Briars@Thornleigh Open, NSW Open and the Tempo Timed Tournaments. Juniors have been on the increase and I have had the opportunity to see most of them improve through the help with Annie Gleason who turns up every Tuesday and Thursday no matter what to help them improve, especially with the younger less experienced. Hopefully next year we will see them on the junior circuit participating to be the best they can.

Our premier team was runner up in the Sydney major grade premier final and we now field a top three premier team in the new NSW Premier League comp. Club participation has increased as more box challenge places are being filled and we saw a great turn out for our Christmas dinner at the Briars Sports Club not so long ago.

It will be good to see what next year holds and the amount of new players we get.

Bryan Knight - Club Captain

Junior Squash

Briars@Thornleigh junior teams currently play in the NSW junior competition. These teams train Tuesdays concentrating on skills, fitness and development of shot selection and on Thursdays, on match play and tactics.

Team 1 - Ollie Jaroszewicz, Ben Williams, Jeremy Browne currently 2nd

Team 2 - Harry Lu, Michael Oxley, Elliott Inman currently 3rd

Team 3 - .Andre Stevens, Mike Stevens, Callum Marsfield

Team 4 - Daniel Butler, Sam Smith, Robert Leverton

Team 5 - Rahul Sahadevan, Luke Stevens, Shahana Sahadevan, Tara Black, John Stevens

With team 2 Michael Oxley out with a broken arm, special mention must go to Daniel Butler playing twice most weeks. At this time of year we run our Club Championships to finish off the year. Holiday camps will be run in January before the season recommences. Congratulations to all the players for their sportsmanship and dedication, the improvement has been seen throughout the club.

Annie Gleason - Junior Coach and Administrator

The Australian Junior Championships

The Australian Junior Championships was held in Perth during the recent September school holidays. Briars@Thornleigh juniors, Mitchell Black and Elliot Inman were both selected to represent NSW in the fewer than 13 boys division. Both boys had been members of the NSW State Academy training squads for 2014. Regular squad training camps were conducted throughout the year by NSW Squash with the aim of fostering and developing players who had been identified with emerging talent. Mitchell and Elliot began their squash pathways at Thornleigh by playing in the Saturday morning schools junior pennant competition under the guidance of coach Annie Gleason. Thornleigh coach Matt Bridle took the boys under his wings and provided them with further 1:1 training in the months leading up to tournament. New South Wales took home the silver medal, coming second to Queensland, in the overall team's category which encompassed under-13, 15, 17 and 19 age groups. The U13 boy's individual event provided the boys with some tough competition. The boys battled extremely hard and played each match with great spirit. Both finishing up with top 20 placements. Mitchell was also awarded the overall 2014 NSW Coach's Award for on and off court sportsmanship. The boys described their recent experiences as amazing and have come home more determined than ever to train hard and continue to work on improving their squash skills. With the support of Briars@Thornleigh Squash, the boys look forward to their next national event, the Australian Junior Open which will be held in April next year.

Alan Black

NETBALL SENIORS

Our annual grading day/meet and greet was held on February 10 when teams are finalised and the girls meet their new friends they will be playing with in 2014. Once we sort the teams from a club perspective they are then put forward to the association for official grading.

Briars Netball Grades for 2014 - A3 Briars Chardies, B3 Briars Sparkling, B4 Briars Shiraz

After being crowned runners up in the Grand Final in 2013 and with a few A Grade players returning, Briars Chardies jumped a couple of grades from B2 to A3. Briars Sparkling and Shiraz stayed in the same grade as the previous year.

Congratulations to the **Player's Players for 2014 - A3 Chardies - Shontal Hudson, B3 Sparkling - Annika McLellan, B4 Shiraz - Amanda Hope**

B4 Briars Shiraz had an interesting year, sitting close to the bottom for most of it. It did not look like they were going to make the final series. Out of nowhere, with the table being so tight they won back to back games and jumped into third place. With the table being so tight and losing the next two games they missed out on the Semi Finals. It was lovely to see this team really build a strong bond in 2014. Appreciation goes to the dedicated B4 Captain, Amanda Hope.

B3 Briars Sparkling started their 2014 campaign on fire, winning the majority of games in the first half of the season. Unfortunately this was then followed by more losses than wins. This team love netball, and win lose or draw they had a ball. With the end of the season being so tough they were unable to make the final series this year. They most definitely played with the Briars attitude, play sport and have fun. A special thanks goes to Sophie Juresic, Captain of the B4 team, for being inspirational on and off the court.

A3 Chardies in 2014 was made up of players from last season, returning A Grade players and brand new Briars. This combination proved to be very successful. It did not take long for this team to gel and play like they had been together for a number of years. We knew the semi-final was not going to be easy, finishing 3rd we played 4th placed Tigers in a knock-out round. We came out with the win. We would then take on Minor Premiers, Five Dock in the Preliminary Finals. Playing like ANZ Championship players for the first 10 minute we looked sure to win. Devastatingly a major knee injury took out one of our two shooters. Untimely, we did not have a permanent shooter available on the day to step in. Briars A3 Chardies played hard and hung on until the end, sadly going down. I'd like to thank our leader and amazing Captain for 2014, Rebecca Scott.

Tearing my ACL and requiring a knee reconstruction was not how I wanted to end my season, however 2014 was incredible. Coming back from a year off after having my first child, playing A Grade netball as a Briar with friends was amazing. Then to be given Players Player from my team mates was incredible. After being Briars Netball Vice President (2011/12) and President (2013/14) it is with great regret that I have officially resigned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Vice President Tegan Schwarz and Secretary Nicole Fiatarone who have also resigned, for their dedication to the club. A lot of personal time goes into running a sport and it has been highly appreciated. Thank you for being such a great team to work with and for having a common goal – To build a successful Briars Netball Club.

Briars Netball President - Shontal Hudson

NETBALL JUNIORS

2014 saw the introduction of a new NET SET GO program for local young girls aged 4-7 years who reside in our area. The program ran for ten weeks and was coordinated by our Club Coach Georgie Arrow. Georgie and her team of young volunteers including Sarah Burt, Vanessa Stanmore and James Arrow ran a very successful program for 25 participants. The girls were taught the basic skills and drills of netball, in a fun and friendly environment every Friday evening in Term 2. We envisage that the NET SET GO program will not only assist in growing our junior numbers, but importantly bring girls into netball with the correct skills so they can enjoy the game for many years to come. Our Junior Netball numbers more than doubled from our first season in 2013, entering five teams in the IWSNA Competition, 25 in the inaugural Net Set Go Program and five teams in the summer competition. A total of 120 participants and players joined in the wonderful Briars community for what was to be another fantastic season

A club cannot operate without volunteers so we thank the 30 or more Mums and Dads who umpired, coaches, managed, scored or simply brought along good spirit and the occasional morning tea treat for the team. **Crust Gourmet Pizza Bar** were there again as our major sponsor and we really would not be half the club we are without their ongoing support. The **City of Canada Bay Council** also chipped in allowing us to run the Net Set Go program with a waiver of fees for the use of Cintra Park with lights every Friday night. Sponsorship and support by the local community is the secret to success with junior sport. So thank you each and everyone for the efforts made during 2014. Finally to the players who turned up enthusiastically every week and play and train in the right spirit. We admire your spirit and thank you all for choosing to play for Briars. We look forward to season 2015 under our new banner of Concord Briars Netball Club.

IWSNA Briars Team Reports

| | Rank | Team | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
|------------|------|------------------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Under 14/4 | 1 | Briars Sapphires | 15 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 251 | 101 | 23 |
| Under 13/3 | 6 | Briars Diamonds | 14 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 208 | 5 |
| Under 11/4 | 3 | Briars Opals | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 70 | 87 | 16 |
| Under 10/4 | 8 | Briars Emeralds | 14 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 17 | 90 | 4 |
| Under 8 | | | | | | | | | |

Congratulations to the Under 14 Sapphires for their wonderful win in the Grand Final and being crowned the First Briars Premiers in the junior ranks



UNDER 8 RUBIES - This was the first year most of these girls ever played netball or any team sport. It was a first for most of them to even see a netball court and to catch and throw a netball! The objective of the year was to have the girls have fun, make new friends, learn the game/positions of netball and grow their skills. This was all achieved. Despite the fact that scoring isn't kept at this age group, the girls showed a healthy competitive side with good sportsmanship, as they knew games they had won, lost or at least played well. Parents' comments were favourable and supportive. One parent commented that their daughter never gets ready for anything on time except for netball when she is hurrying her mother up to get to either training or the game on time. The girls were always excited to play and despite the rotation of positions, which happens at this age group, the girls positively tried hard each week in every position (normally two positions each game). No girl could be singled out as the main player, as each week one of the girls would take me by surprise and have their best game to date, playing with their new skills that they had learnt at training. It was a pleasure to coach these girls and I look forward to seeing their progress next season. From what I have heard, all girls are returning in the new year. A good sign all had a good year!

Coach Bindi March-AI

UNDER 10'S EMERALDS - This team was an amalgamation of girls who had played in under 10's the season before, girls who had not played before and one girl who had participated in the equivalent of net-set-go in New Zealand. Despite the ages ranging from the youngest being only 8 to the oldest turning 10 during the season, they all came together as a team and during the course of the year improved their skill level and netball awareness tremendously. The commitment to training and the improvement each week was a testament to their girls' efforts and dedication to the sport. Playing positions were starting to evolve as each girl developed their own set of skills to take onto the court. The shooters were practicing and honing their skills at home, at training and before each game. Improvements were seen right across the court from the defence, to the mid-court and the shooting end. The girls learnt to play as a team and to rely on each other to get the ball from the defence end to the attack end - each girl had learnt how to read the play and move on for the next pass or to defend the ball. Competitively it was not a great season (with no wins and one drawn game), however by the last half of the season the scores were much closer as the girls gelled together and took on the more experienced teams - much to the surprise of their competition!

The parents were always encouraging, with feedback being very positive and much thanks goes to the mums and dads for bringing the girls to training and games and cheering from the sideline week in week out. At the end of each game the girls came off the court happy and excited by what they had achieved and I know that all of the under 10's are excited to play again next year and continue to grow in netball as part of the Concord Briars Netball Club.

CARLY PENFOLD SPEECH 2014

I was honoured to be part of the under 13's Briars Diamonds team this year, coached by the fantastic Georgie Arrow and managed by my mum, May Penfold. I would like to start off by thanking everybody who got Briars Junior Netball

Club through a wonderful 2nd year. We had many great successes but nothing more rewarding than having the under 14's finish as premiers in their division, let to the victory by Georgie.

I can't forget to mention the great effort by the under 11's Opals who placed in the semi-finals, coached by Rebecca Scott and managed by Bernadette Hayek. Another well done to the under 8 Rubies coached by Bindi March-Alli and managed by Rubi Jameson, and to the under 10 Emeralds coached by Alex Moffitt and managed by Jenny Colazzo. We should all be proud of our continuous efforts all season. We could not have got to where we are today without Anne Burt's vision and determination to grow young girls participation in sports. Thank you to all our mums and dads for enduring our ups and downs, our falls and spills and turning up every Saturday at a ridiculously early time of the morning ensuring we don't famish or parch and allowing all of us to participate in sport.

I would also like to thank our sponsors, **Crust Gourmet Pizza Bar** and **Briars Sporting Club** who volunteered their money to help equip Briars junior netball club. We need to thank Matina Moffitt who did all the hard work to ensure that the club money was managed superbly. A big thank you goes out to every single player here, for making it a priority to turn up to training sessions and also waking up determined to play every Saturday. Without any enthusiasm it really wouldn't be the same. And of course I could not finish this speech without again mentioning Georgie, whose effort in coaching us is always focused on making the best team we can be, and thank you so much for everything you have taught us throughout the past two years.

At the beginning of the season many of us were at varying levels - some had played for a few years and some never before, but through the good teachings of our coaches we have all developed skills and built on them as individuals and as a team. And we cannot thank you enough for making us proud members of Briars Juniors Netball and look forward to more success in the years to come.

Alex Moffitt – Coach, Jenny Colazzo – Manager

BOWLS WOMEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I have taken over the reigns as President of the Ladies Bowling Club however I still have on my L Plates. I would like to thank Helen Burton and all the ladies for their guidance and help over the last 6 months.

I would like to welcome a new member Mata Hogg and welcome all bowlers from other clubs that join us for our Thursday social games.

This year we started Saturday morning "Learn to Bowl" with some success getting two men and four women on the first day and following Saturdays. All will be back in the New Year.

Recently John Byrne and I went to Concord High School to meet with the PE staff and discuss having students to play bowls as part of the sport curriculum next year. We had some success with Chris Wallace - Community Development Officer for Bowls Australia invited to attend a sports assembly on our behalf to address the students when school resumes in the New Year. Hopefully we will get the number required to make this a success.

The results this year were good with our Pennants Team winning Grade 3, however we were unsuccessful in the playoffs. We will be playing in Grade 2 next year. Also Margaret Truesdale and I were runners up in the Final of the District Pairs. Ros Lightfoot and Jill Young were also successful in Club Finals this year.

Major Singles - Winner Ros Lightfoot, Runner Up Margaret Truesdale.

Minor Singles - Winner Deane Cooper, Runner Up Veronica Waring.

Club Pairs - Winners Jill Young and Ros Lightfoot, Runners Up Rosa Caccavo and Margaret Truesdale.

Club Triples - Winners Pat Stewart, Jill Young and Ros Lightfoot, Runners Up Margaret Truesdale, Helen Burton and Pat Free.

Club Fours - Pat Stewart, Jill Young, Gladys Barnes and Ros Lightfoot, Runners Up Deane Cooper, Gai Shirvington, Helen Burton and Pat Free.

Consistency - Jill Young, Runner Up Gladys Barnes.

On the sick list this year Marj Smith and Glad Alderton are in nursing homes at Croydon and Five Dock. Also Wynn Mashman is not in the best of health and has been unable to attend. Recently one of our Honorary Life Members Betty Small passed away aged 92 years.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for their help and support without whom I think I would have resigned my position within the first month or so. Thank you also to those who volunteered their time for the Saturday Learn to Bowl and the volunteers who attended the Concord Carnival in the park.

A Big Thank You also to Peter Neary our Greenkeeper and Paul Madden his Assistant who keep our greens and surrounds in tip top shape. Thank you to Ben and all the Bar Staff who are always helpful and willing to assist, also to Tiffany, Adam and the catering staff for the lunches and wonderful meals we have on our function days.

Finally to Glen and Monique who are always there to assist and advise when necessary.

Lorraine Park - President Women's Bowling Club.

BOWLS MEN - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present the Men's Bowls report for 2014. As an incoming President and treasurer it was an interesting first few months.

The year has brought many changes to bowls, with the new locker rooms and office thank you to the Club Ltd. We have the TV up and running with the website 90% complete and accounting software installed, with continued sponsors support for three major tournaments and several minor ones promoting and increasing revenue to the club.

The bowlers had their second ever social trip away outside of play offs. A few days at Ettalong playing bowls and bonding turned out a huge success. More importantly we have recruited new bowlers and yes lost a few. We are however still in a position for 2015 to increase our pennant sides from two grades to three grades.

Our bowls committee this year undertook extra duties to ensure Bowls events ran smoothly. 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 2015 were conducted during the year where we should start to see the results as early as January-February 2015 right through to November-December.

While our financials for the year were less than anticipated, 2015 will bring similar if not more expense with new machinery required (ie mowers, rollers etc) which is a necessity and 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 declined for government funding assistance. We will still endeavour to source funding this much needed upgrade. When the time arises, a new modern A grade championship grass will be grown called Tiff Dwarf.

Office Bearers 2015

President - Michael Laws

Vice Presidents - John Byrne, Steven White, Terry O'Kane

Secretary - Wayne Comber

Treasurer - Andrew Hogg

Chairman of Selectors - Terry Starr

Selectors - Wayne Comber, Charlie O'Brien

Chairman of Games Committee - Steven White

Games Committee - Mark Madden, Brian Coulthard

Club Championship Results

Minor Singles - Winner John Byrne, Runner Up Mark Madden

Major Pairs - Winner Mick Laws Ben Williams, Runner Up Rob Zrilic Tony Mandato

Major Singles - Winner Ben Williams, Runner Up Wayne Comber

Fours - Winners Mark Madden, Mark Leslie, John Byrne and Paul Madden, Runners Up - Wayne Allan, Gino Borg, Brian Coulthart, Ben Williams

Triples and Mixed Pairs to be completed

Michael Laws President

TROPHIES

J H STONE TROPHY

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

This 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 **Michael Jaroszewicz** who has revived Squash after its many years in the doldrums by amalgamating with the Thornleigh Squash Centre. Michael has also started a junior squash programme which gives Squash a bright future. Congratulations Michael.

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.

There are two winners this year. Well done **Alexander Jaroszewicz** and **Mitchell Scotcher**.

Alexander is an engineering student playing Squash for Briars and who is on the Squash Committee.

Mitchell plays Hockey for Briars while studying physical education and assists by umpiring hockey games.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

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

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

This year's winner is **Jeremy Haikin** who had an outstanding year with the Club as one of our two 5th grade captains where he guided the team to a semi final position. Many in the team were new to the Club and very young. Jeremy was also a magnificent help each week assisting set up and running weekly training sessions. He was also invaluable helping all teams every week to lay covers at our three grounds. Jeremy was very active at the Club post match and performed very well personally on the field. Congratulations Jeremy.

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** of the Concord Briars Junior Cricket Club. Blaise was also named the Concord Briars player of the year. 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 **Andrew Borg**. Andrew is a consistent member of the 1st/2nd grade squad. He epitomizes what it means to be a clubman having filled many committee roles over the years including club captain and uniform coordinator. He is a true clubman and will always be there to support any Briars team taking the hockey field whether it be men, women or juniors. Andrew's blood runs maroon and gold and he is a worthy recipient of this award. Congratulations Andrew.

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 **Olivia Ferrer**. Olivia played in the U15A Metro Team. She took up playing both senior womens and junior representing in our grand final winning ML6 womens team as well as the successful U15 Metro team. She is a constant fixture down at Cintra and can be found either helping out in the canteen or umpiring a junior game. For such a young person she is incredibly helpful, polite and truly understand what it means to be part of a club. Olivia will continue to be a superb hockey player and a true Briar for many years to come and we are pleased to have her part of our wonderful club. Congratulations Olivia.

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 **Greg Chisolm**. Voted by the playing group as a new player to the club, playing from 1st to 4th grade as Second Row/Lock for Briars in 2014, Greg has overcome injuries in 2014 and always showed great club spirit. Congratulations Greg.

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 **Kerry Constanti** for outstanding service as Treasurer of Briars Rugby in a year where the committee was implementing large cultural changes. Kerry stood true, often in personal conflict with his peers for the better good of Briars Rugby. Kerry has had a long career at Briars and there is no doubt that he has done what no one else could have. Congratulations Kerry.

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 Squash Club Captain, **Bryan Knight**. Bryan has shown great enthusiasm and dedication to the new squash structure of Briars@Thornleigh. He has relentlessly organised weekly team results and posted to Enews. Bryan has been at the helm running Thornleigh Squash Centre when Premier League matches have been played. His dedicated coaching has greatly assisted the juniors and greatly improved their matrix. This has been especially so in Senior Pennant where Bryan's juniors have excelled in the Spring Pennant. Bryan's personal contribution to playing squash has been exceptional for his team Sydney 1.

Congratulations Brian.

BRIAN HUTTLY TROPHY

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

This year's winner is **Denva Barber**. Denva joined Greenlees Park Women's Bowling Club in March 2004. She served on Committee 2006/2007, Match Committee 2008/2009 and 2010/2011 and on General Committee since 2011 to date. Denva is a willing worker and assists other Committee Members. She is a valued member of the Women's Bowling Club.

Congratulations Denva.

PHIL MCAULAY TROPHY

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

This year's winner is **Steven White**. Steven has been involved in everything this year with Men's Bowls including Vice President, Minutes Secretary, volunteering, organising tournaments, general housekeeping and in general any task involving the running of Bowls and has just not stopped all year.

Congratulations Steven.

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30TH SEPTEMBER, 2014**

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30th September, 2014.

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 |
| # | BURT, Chris | WALSH, Ashley | BOYTER, Aaron |

*Resigned 23 February 2014

Elected 23 February 2014

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 | 4 | 3 | Salesman |
| B. Huttly | Director | 12 | 11 | Consultant |
| C. Hickey | Director | 12 | 10 | Marketing consultant |
| C. Burt | Director | 8 | 7 | Manager |
| K. Norris | Director | 12 | 9 | Sourcing manager |
| B. Howle | Director | 12 | 10 | Company director |
| A. Boyter | Director | 12 | 10 | Engineer |
| A. Walsh | Director | 12 | 5 | 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.

TREASURER

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

| | <u>2014</u> | <u>2013</u> |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Full Members | 821 | 945 |
| Social Members | 844 | 644 |
| | <u>1,665</u> | <u>1,589</u> |

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OPERATING RESULTS

The net profit from Trading for the year ended 30 September 2014 (after no Provision for Income Tax) amounted to \$80,345 (2013 - Profit \$158,088 after charging depreciation of \$290,672 (2013 - \$251,252).

DIVIDENDS

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

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

| | <u>2014</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Poker Machines Clearances | 1,340,725 | 1,187,531 | 153,194 | 12.90 |
| Bar Sales | 736,005 | 682,368 | 53,637 | 7.86 |
| Administration Expenses | 1,145,082 | 1,027,608 | 117,474 | 11.68 |

OBJECTIVES

Short term

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

Long term

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

Strategies for providing the objectives:

Principal strategies include:

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

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

How these activities assist in achieving the objectives:

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

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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

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EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the economic entity. The line of credit with the Commonwealth Bank was increased from \$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 \$1,500.18 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.

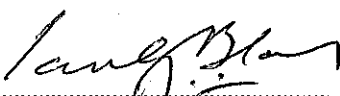
PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY


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 2014 has been received and can be found on page 4 of this report.

Dated at Concord this 8th day of November 2014
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


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I. BLAIR - DIRECTOR


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B. HUTTLY - DIRECTOR

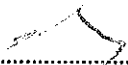
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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that during the year ended 30th September 2014:

- (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 2014


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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, 2014. 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 \$2,966,307 (8.28%) since the prior year whilst operating expenses excluding depreciation amortization and borrowing costs have increased to \$2,577,162 (10.81%) resulting in a net profit before tax of \$80,345 (income tax Nil) compared to \$158,088 net profit (income tax Nil) for the previous year.

Individual items that have impacted the 2014 results include:

- Poker machine taxes decreased by \$50,941 (60.52%)
- Entertainment, marketing and promotional costs decreased by \$24,119 (18.25%)
- Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by \$39,420 (15.69%)
- Employee benefit expenses increased by \$61,172 (12.49%)

Bar sales were up to \$736,005 compared to last year of \$682,368, while the gross profit percentage increased from 57.59% to 59.00%. Bar net profit increased slightly to \$135,971 this year from \$114,558 last year.

We saw an increase in Poker Machine collections of \$153,194 largely due to an increase in Poker Machine interest by members. This resulted in an increase in profit of \$63,456 from \$872,314 to \$935,770.

Sport contributed a negative result again this year of approximately \$81,185 Sporting costs rose by \$103,535 while other Sporting income and expenses remained constant.

c) Statement of Financial Position

The entity's net assets have increased by \$80,345 or 1.77% since the previous year consisting of an increase in total assets of \$1,058,884 and a \$978,532 increase in total liabilities.

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

- Increase in property, plant and equipment of \$1,265,376, due mainly to Club House improvements and purchase of plant & equipment.
- Decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$382,549
- Increase in other financial liabilities of \$878,491 using the Bank line of credit
- Increase in trade payables of \$76,681
- Decrease in current assets of \$98,881

d) Cash Flow Statement

Operating activities provided net cash flow of \$326,176, compared to a decrease of \$433,403, to the previous year.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$1,578,676 mainly related to payments for property, plant & equipment and Club House improvements.

Net cash received for repayment of financing activities was \$917,316 related to borrowings from the CBA line of credit. Cash at year end was \$154,994 compared to \$487,548 in the prior year.

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

| | 2014 \$ | 2013 \$ |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenue from the sale of goods | 747,001 | 723,032 |
| Revenue from the rendering of services | 1,985,088 | 1,782,484 |
| Other revenue from ordinary activities | 234,218 | 234,000 |
| Total revenue from ordinary activities | <u>2,966,307</u> | <u>2,739,516</u> |
| Cost of sales | (313,611) | (341,844) |
| Directors' expenses | (755) | (871) |
| Employee benefit expenses | (605,360) | (538,188) |
| Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses | (156,333) | (132,214) |
| Poker machines licenses and taxes | (135,125) | (84,184) |
| Other expenses from ordinary activities | (1,365,978) | (1,228,552) |
| Total Expenses | <u>(2,577,162)</u> | <u>(2,325,853)</u> |
| Earnings before borrowing costs, depreciation and amortisation | 389,145 | 413,663 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | (290,672) | (251,252) |
| Borrowing costs | (18,128) | (4,323) |
| Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense | <u>80,345</u> | <u>158,088</u> |
| Income tax expense | - | - |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - |
| Total Comprehensive Profit for the year | <u>80,345</u> | <u>158,088</u> |

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash assets | 154,999 | 487,548 |
| Investments | 135,524 | 114,877 |
| Inventories | 51,431 | 44,902 |
| Other | 233,176 | 134,295 |
| Total current assets | <u>575,130</u> | <u>781,622</u> |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant & equipment | 5,325,169 | 4,059,793 |
| Intangibles | 396,945 | 396,945 |
| Total non-current assets | <u>5,722,114</u> | <u>4,456,738</u> |
| Total assets | <u>6,297,244</u> | <u>5,238,360</u> |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Payables | 332,332 | 255,644 |
| Provisions | 318,147 | 294,788 |
| Other | 1,027,550 | 149,059 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>1,678,029</u> | <u>699,490</u> |
| Non-Current liabilities | | |
| Other | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total non-current liabilities | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>1,678,029</u> | <u>699,490</u> |
| Net assets | <u>4,619,215</u> | <u>4,538,870</u> |
| Members' Funds | | |
| Retained profits | 2,115,020 | 2,034,675 |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | 2,160,358 | 2,160,358 |
| Briars Equity Transfer | 343,837 | 343,837 |
| Members' Equity | <u>4,619,215</u> | <u>4,538,870</u> |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

| | Retained Earnings | Asset Revaluation Reserve | Briars Equity Transfer | Total Equity |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 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 as at 30 September 2013 | 2,034,675 | 2,160,358 | 343,837 | 4,538,870 |
| Net profit for the year | 80,345 | - | - | 80,345 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | - | - | - | - |
| Total Comprehensive income for the year | 2,115,020 | - | - | 4,619,215 |
| Balance 30 September 2014 | 2,115,020 | 2,160,358 | 343,837 | 4,619,215 |

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| <u>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</u> | | |
| Receipts from Member & Guests | 2,842,057 | 2,572,649 |
| Payments to Suppliers and Employees | (2,655,149) | (2,280,722) |
| Interest | 8,938 | 10,562 |
| Rental Income | 129,965 | 130,914 |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities | 325,811 | 433,403 |
| <u>Cash Flow From Investing Activities</u> | | |
| Payments for purchase of investment | (19,628) | (29,924) |
| Payment for Plant & Equipment, Poker Machines | (1,556,048) | (100,505) |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities | (1,575,676) | (130,429) |
| <u>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</u> | | |
| Proceeds (Repayment) of Borrowings | 917,316 | (84,000) |
| Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities | 917,316 | (84,000) |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash held | (332,549) | 218,974 |
| Cash at 30th September, 2013 | 487,548 | 268,574 |
| Cash at 30th September, 2014 | 154,999 | 487,548 |

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 | 101,607 | 429,124 |
| Cash on Hand | 53,392 | 58,424 |
| | <u>154,999</u> | <u>487,548</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

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 2014. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2014 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 2014, as set out on pages 1 to 10.

- a) Complies with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 1; and
- b) Is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 30 September 2014 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 8th day of December, 2014
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors


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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 2014, 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 2014. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 18th December 2014.

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 director's are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report on the basis described in Note 1.

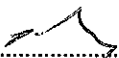
Auditor's Responsibility

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 2014 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 2014


HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY
Chartered Accountants

GARRY WILLIAM DAY
Registered Company Auditor

BRIARS FOUNDATION AS AT JUNE 2014

DONOR MEMBERSHIP

CLASS 1 (\$500,000 +)

PLATINUM

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

GOLD

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

PATRON

John Singleton

Walker Family

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

LIFE MEMBER

Steve Keir OAM (Decd)

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

VICE PRESIDENT

Don Way (Decd)

Richard Crookes

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

VOTING MEMBER

Ross Anstey

Peter Mansford

Jack Balmforth BEM (Decd)

Mike Mathews

Ian Blair

John Price

Andy Clifford

Doug Prowse (Decd)

Colin Dennis (Decd)

Laurie Routley (Decd)

John Edmonds (Decd)

John Richard

Garnet Green (Decd)

Cec Stevens (Decd)

Mal Goldsmith

Kerry Trollope

Bill Hooker

Warwick Williams

Tony Wozniak

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

NON VOTING MEMBER

Jim Barrett

Bill Marshall

Phil England

John Metcalf

Doug Guest

Fai Tsang

Ken Kable

Geoff Tweedale

Bob Kersey

Matt Waddington

BEQUESTS

Mal Goldsmith

Ian Richard

John Randle

Chris Walker