

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LTD.

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79th Annual Report  
and  
Balance Sheet  
1996 - 1997

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## **SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET 1996 - 1997**

**Presented to members at the Club Rooms  
30a George Street, Burwood  
on 27th February, 1998**

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Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration by members the seventy ninth Annual Report of the club's financial position and activities for the year ended 30 September, 1997.

Gentlemen,

Adhering to the club's ideals of amateur sport, sports within The Briars continue to rise to the challenge posed by payments or "incentives" offered to players by some opposing clubs, particularly within the sports of rugby and cricket. Against the odds, Gerard Price and his band of cricketers can be justifiably proud of winning the club championship for the third time in four years. A club championship is the pinnacle within any sport and all cricketers are congratulated on their magnificent achievement. They were focussed on a win and never took their collective eye off the ball all season. They will need to work very hard to maintain this high standard.

Rugby started their season with high hopes of promotion into First Division. Alas, it was not to be. The first grade side, ably and professionally coached by Mick Ellem, led from the front and topped a great season by being minor premiers and winning the premiership. This side is truly a delight to watch and the quality of play is a credit to the players' and Mick Ellem's hard work and dedication. If you haven't seen them play yet, take the opportunity, you will not be disappointed. The other grades tried hard all season, with seconds making the semis, but were not able to accrue enough championship points towards winning the club championship. I am sure the lessons from last season will be well learnt. Our Under 21 Colts side really started to meld themselves into a team and should be a force in the Colts competition next season. It is pleasing to note that Rugby will be entering an Under 19 side in a Colts competition next season and such foresight should ensure a constant flow of young talent into the senior sides.

Hockey really started to get their act together last season, both on and off the field. Professionally administrated by Allen Chu and supported by an enthusiastic team, Hockey can build on last season and look forward to a period of high achievement in future seasons. Whilst Hockey did not win the club championship, strategies have been put in place, particularly in the areas of quality recruitment and junior development, to ensure next season is successful and satisfying. Hockey came forward with the innovative concept of forming a Hockey Development Academy to identify and assist talented players and your Board of Directors was pleased to financially support the foundation of the Academy. John Price, Warren Birmingham, and all of those involved in making the Academy a reality are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication - I am sure the results will be there for all to see next season and beyond. Hockey's junior program is well supported by a number of senior players, and some enthusiastic parents, and I am sure the impetus to continually expand junior hockey will be maintained.

Squash continues to win pennants. There is a solid core of players who are good club members and this group should ensure that Squash remains a viable sport within the club. The forced move away from Squashlands, Burwood, is having an impact, particularly on after match activities, and administrators will need to be proactive to overcome such problems.

The club's ideals have been the foundation for success for many years and will continue to be so for many years to come. However, to ensure the club is well placed to accept the challenge of what is now referred to as "amateur sport", Board is continually refining processes which monitor the performances and administration of the various sports. This places increased demands on Board members and Management Committee members alike, and it is pleasing to report that the challenges facing each sport are being tackled in a positive and constructive way. It would be fair to say that competing time priorities are having an effect on recruiting people into executive positions within the club and to all members of the executive team, my personal gratitude and



Cricket



## President's Report

acknowledgement of a hard job well done. To those of you involved in committee structures in the individual sports or functions, please accept this as public acknowledgement of your often unsung contribution to the welfare of your chosen sport and your fellow club members.

A Future Directions Group, under the chairmanship of Phil Guest, has been given a brief to report back to Board on such things as where the club should be in terms of playing fields, sports, locations and possible options available in the near future. Brett Graham is chairing a group looking at the junior development needs of individual sports. Both groups will have an important role in contributing to the strategic direction the club takes.

The financial position of the club is slowly being added to, mainly due to the increased rentals from the shops. Probably the immediate concern of Board is to maximise use of the club facilities whilst keeping in mind responsible serving of alcohol policies. There is an immediate benefit to the club's financial viability through a reasonable bar turnover. However, lack of support over the bar impacts on the ability of Board to financially support individual sports and also impacts on the social fabric of the club. I am sure many of you fondly remember your times around the bar swapping tall tales and true, running 50 metres to score that try or taking that great one handed catch. Obviously, the culture has, or is changing, but non-attendance at the club does not allow the social contact which has been an important part of building the club into what it is today. This is an issue Board will tackle this coming year.

John Price did not stand for re-election at last year's AGM and his tremendous enthusiasm and input whilst a Director is gratefully acknowledged. John has turned his energies to supporting the current strategic direction of Hockey and I am sure his contribution through that sport will greatly assist the administrators, coaches and players. Ken Kable resigned his directorship and his forthright views are missed around the Board table. Ken's commitment to the club in general, and Squash in particular, is a role model to us all (not to mention the drop in bar takings).

Paul Price (Personnel), Greg McManus (Honorary Executive Officer), Joe Caristo (Squash), Phil Guest (Rugby), Matt Yager (Hockey) and Gary O'Brien (Senior Steward) retired from their respective positions on the Management Committee during the year. Each has made a special contribution to their portfolio and I thank them for it. Brett Graham has taken on the demanding role of Honorary Executive Officer and his professional approach to this position augers well for the future. Dave Kable proved to be an able Assistant Honorary Executive Officer and I thank him for meeting some tight deadlines during the year. Bill Hooker is, well, Bill Hooker and his contribution to the efficient management of club resources and all of the other myriad tasks he performs behind the scenes cannot be under estimated. Bill is a wonderful club member and epitomises to me what being a Briar is all about.

To each of the trophy winners, a special acknowledgement of your achievement. These trophies are not awarded lightly and you can be assured you have earned the honour of being awarded a trophy on the highest criteria this club can muster.

Sincere sympathies to those members who lost loved ones during the year.

The support of the following bodies is acknowledged:

Burwood Council	Sydney Hockey Association
Concord Council	NSW Cricket Association
Sydney Suburban Rugby	Squash Racquets Association of NSW
Sydney Rugby Referees Association	Sydney Hockey Umpires Association
Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs	

John F. Threlfo  
PRESIDENT



The Foundation has had further donations of \$15,050.00 for the year ended 30 June 1997 with an increase in the membership base. The Foundation has \$92,372.00 in investments and cash at bank.

During the year a membership board was placed in the Club showing members who have donated to the foundation. So here is a chance to have your name up in the lights for a very worthy cause!

I would like to thank the Board of the club for its support during the year.

During the year the Foundation did not allocate any funds for the projects.

The Foundation is for The Briar's future and financial help will be gratefully received.

I G S Blair  
PRESIDENT



## Cricket Chairman's Report

How do you describe a 3rd Club Championship in 4 years? An absolutely amazing effort that was thoroughly deserved by all concerned.

The season began with our usual pre-season training and once again we were fortunate enough to retain the services of 'Super Coach' Steve Thomlinson who again successfully guided us through the training sessions.

We knew at the beginning of the season that we would be the target of all other clubs as we were the defending Club Champions and Steve reinforced this point at our pre-season trainings. Unfortunately, we received a few early setbacks as we lost quite a few of our senior and talented players for indefinite periods due to retirements, work commitments, and travel. In fact, for the first four or five rounds our 3rd and 4th grades were severely weakened in the batting department due to necessary changes in personnel. But, on a positive note we gained a few new guys in the form of Leighton King, Brett Gregory, Roger Gerny and Brad Scully to name a few.

Our Under 24 side performed excellently again coached by Paul Price and Peter Richardson. Phil Adams lead the side well as we won 4, lost 2, and drew 1 in the competition to narrowly miss the semi-finals.

The 1st grade side made the semis for the first time in a few years after winning an emotion-charged last round against reigning premiers Lindfield. A narrow loss to the same team in the semi saw the end of a very successful year.

The 2nd grade team won the minor premiership by 10 points proving they were easily the best team in the competition. Well led by new captain Gerard Abood, the team played very well all year winning their semi-final in fine style and then going down to Blacktown in a hard fought final. Great effort guys.

The 3rd grade side, led by the ageless Peter Richardson, once again achieved semi-final status only to lose a close one against Warringah. Well done guys.



# Cricket

## Chairman's Report



The 4th grade side also played very well during the season considering they were affected nearly every game when changes were necessary in the higher grades. Thanks to Terry Murphy for his efforts and patience.

The club is very fortunate to be playing on a couple of the best wickets in Shires, being Rothwell Park and Ron Routley Oval. The groundsmen, Phil and Damian, both did wonderful jobs in preparing such good cricket wickets and we thank them for their fantastic efforts.

Concord Council are also fortunate to have the services of an excellent administrator in Robert Hook. Robert has been extremely helpful in nurturing the links between Council and The Briars. The relationship we currently enjoy with the council is a very good one in that we are working towards common goals and the communication channels are always open. To Robert and all his staff we thank you for your excellent service during the season.

Throughout the season there were many jobs that needed to be undertaken to ensure Cricket operates successfully both on and off the field. One of these roles includes the selection of teams. Unfortunately, this job does not stop when the 4 teams are selected as there are inevitably changes during the week requiring plenty of phone calls to rearrange teams and maintain the balance. To all the captains during the year, thank you.

During the season there were a couple of social nights which needed to be catered for. To our specialist chef Spiro Troubetas, we thank you for your untiring efforts behind the scenes. Nick Rojo is also to be thanked for his efforts in organising the Boxing Night at the Club. It was different and enjoyed by all.

As mentioned earlier, coach Steve Thomlinson has been with us for 4 years and we have won 3 Club Championships-not a bad effort! Our trainings consisted of 7 or 8 pre-season days followed by Wednesday afternoons during the season. There is no doubt his involvement has helped all of our players, thanks Steve.

I would also like to thank a couple of guys on giving up many nights during the year to attend meetings for their respective positions. Paul Price was a member of the six man Shires Representative Committee and Gerard Abood was on the Inner West Cricket Council. Thanks for all your effort guys.

On behalf of the players I would like to thank the club once again for the Club Championship shirts they have provided to the players on this achievement. Hopefully, we can win a few more.

The 1996/97 cricket season also saw the curtain fall on the career of one of The Briars' greatest clubmen in Peter Richardson. I have had the pleasure of working with Peter in the area of team selections for the past 10 years or so and have appreciated his untiring efforts and dedication both on and off the field.

His record as a captain through the grades has been absolutely amazing winning many premierships and invariably leading his side to the semi-finals. The last 2 seasons have seen Peter involved in the management of our Under 24 team - a critical area in the development of cricketers both past and present. We thank you Peter.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our players for their efforts during the season, both on and off the field. For a club to win one Club Championship is a wonderful performance-to win 3 out of 4 Club Championships is almost unbelievable and unthinkable in such a competitive competition.

It is the ultimate in comparing the strength of the club and shows clearly we do not attempt to 'stack' teams unnecessarily. The players worked hard at training and during the games and deserve plenty of accolades.

I know we will be aiming to win a 4th.

Gerard Price  
CRICKET CHAIRMAN

The 1996/97 season proved to be a successful one for the 1st grade with some excellent individual performances combined with some fine team performances to make the semi-finals after a memorable last round victory over Lindfield.

The season began well against traditional rivals Strathfield in a one-dayer. Paul Simpson (100x) began the season brilliantly with our seasons' only century, and with Andrew Blaikie (58) helped set up a great win. Bart Pozuelo, the medium pacer turned off-spinner tore Strathfield apart with a magnificent 7-77.

We followed this win with a disappointing draw against Pennant Hills with Bart Pozuelo (83x) and Paul Price (57) doing well. Richard Tregeagle chipped in with 5 wickets but no result was achieved.

Paul Simpson's (79) and Richard's magnificent form continued with a 10 wicket haul in our outright victory over Hills.

Round 4 saw us up against the strong Holroyd outfit but another convincing victory resulted. Gerard Price (5-36) bowled well and Paul Price (59), Terry Aili (76) and Bart Pozuelo (62x) dominated the opposition bowlers.

A washed out game against Epping and 9 run loss to Macquarie University saw us drop a few places on the table before we got back on track with an outright victory over the lowly placed Roseville.

A remarkable game followed against Warringah in a one dayer. Wickets were the order of the day as we were dismissed for only 62. But, we never gave up to have them 7-25 and the 8-48 before they finally squeaked home.

The close games continued as we snuck home against Lane Cove chasing a lowly 111 with Bart Pozuelo (42x) continuing with his superb form.

Auburn provided us with a nail bitter as we slumped to 4-14 chasing 149 for victory in a 60 over game. Paul Simpson (53) guided us into a winning position before our last pair needed 9 to win. Steve Schomberg and Richard Tregeagle calmly piloted us home on the last ball.

An easy victory followed against Blacktown where Steve Schomberg (6-28) was the star, but this game saw a tragic knee injury to Richard Tregeagle which put him out for the season.

A win against South East Sydney would have guaranteed our semi- final spot, however this not to be. We had them 5-98 at one stage but they eventually reached 273. We battled well to reach 6-248 before some strange umpiring saw our last 4 wickets fall LBW, one run short.

Our last game was against Lindfield which we had to win. We scored 171 and bowled and fielded superbly to dismiss them for 159 in a thriller with Sarkis Achmar taking 2 absolutely brilliant outfield catches.

The semi-final saw us pitted against Lindfield again and a low scoring game resulted again. We scored 141 and once again excelled in the field to have them 9-123 at the day's end. Unfortunately, the experienced last pair scored the necessary runs and a devastating loss resulted.



Matches	Won O/R	Won 1st Inn	Lost O/R	Lost 1st Inn	Draw	Points	Position
15	2	6	1	3	3	56	3rd
Runs For	Wickets For	Average For	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average Against		
2649	118	22.45	2734	150	18.22		

The strength of the batting is illustrated by the following

Wicket	Ave/Wicket	Best	Partnership
1	29.46	121	P.Price/T.Aili
2	18.46	71	P.Price/R.Appleton
3	28.00	122x	B.Pozuelo/P.Simpson
4	19.50	45	S.Arahill/P.Simpson
5	28.08	131	A.Blaikie/P.Simpson
6	26.92	62	A.Blaikie/P.Simpson
7	12.75	41	P.Adams/B.Pozuelo
8	16.70	84	G.Price/B.Pozuelo
9	30.86	54x	R.Gerny/B.Pozuelo
10	4.50	9x	P.Adams/R.Tregeagle

### Player Profiles

**Johnny Platania** - Yianni began the year in 1sts but didn't perform to his ability and proved to be a valuable member of the 2nd grade team.

**Paul Price** - had a reasonable season by his standards scoring over 400 runs, plenty of 20's and 30's but failed to score big ones. Took 5 catches but surprisingly didn't bowl. An excellent team member with highlights including 57 vs Pennant Hills, 54 vs South East Sydney and 76 against Holroyd.

**Rohan Appleton** - began the season in 1sts before spending a few games in seconds and then earning his spot back. A super team man who will definitely never bowl in 1st grade.

**Paul Simpson** - had a good season scoring 483 runs including a brilliant unbeaten century in the first game against Strathfield. Other good scores included 79 vs Hills, 49 vs Macquarie, 59 vs Roseville and an excellent 53 vs Auburn when we were in trouble at 4-14. A great clubman.

**Steve Arahill** - played the first 6 games in first grade before missing a game and then playing an important role in the second grade premiership quest. An excellent all round cricketer.

**Andrew Blakie** - began the season in excellent form scoring 58 and 30 in his first 3 innings. Unfortunately, his batting form dropped off but his wicketkeeping maintained its high standard with 21 catches. Combined with Simmo in a partnership of 131 against Strathfield to set up a good victory.

**Bart Pozuelo** - easily our batsmen of the year. Hardly played a bad innings scoring 556 runs at 61.78 including 6 half centuries. Failed to reach double figures only 3 in times in 15 innings. Was involved in plenty of valuable partnerships batting at number 3 through to number 9 and his finest efforts were against Lane Cove (42x), Blacktown (50x) and Lindfield (50). Takes catches and bowls a bit as well, taking 19 wickets including a best of 7-77 vs Strathfield. Shows talent.



# Cricket

## First Grade

**Gerard Price** - had a pretty ordinary season with the bat but bowled pretty well to take 32 wickets. Took 5-36 vs Holroyd and 4-21 vs Lane Cove and combined with Bart in an 84 run partnership against Pennant Hills.

**Phil Adams** - a real learning year for Phil. Played the full year in 1st grade and put some good performances. Only took 10 wickets but bowled very quickly at times and fielded brilliantly all year. One to watch.

**Richard Tregeagle** - the old warhorse continued to perform like a champion. Took 39 wickets including four 5 wicket hauls and 10 wickets against Hills. Unfortunately broke his kneecap against Blacktown and missed the last 3 games including the semi-final against Lindfield. There's still a few years left in Rich.

**Roger Gerny** - in his first season with the club this (youngster) performed quite well. Bowled without luck on occasions and his fielding was excellent. A good team man who has a bright future.

**Terry Aili** - forced his way back into the 1sts by round 3 and immediately performed with 76 against Holroyd, combining with Paul Price in an opening partnership of 121. Failed to deliver after that but always gave 100% in the field. Will get better.

**Steve Schomberg** - another player to force his way into the top grade with good performances. Only played half the season but took 23 wickets at 10.35 including a best of 6-28 vs Blacktown. Other good figures included 4-19 against Roseville and 5-66 against South East Sydney. Doesn't bat too badly either.

**Phil Tregeagle** - only played a few games in 1sts but didn't perform to his ability. A great team man though.

**Sarkis Achmar** - came into 1sts in round 12 when Richard injured his knee and performed very well taking wickets each time he bowled. Will get better with more experience. Took 2 of the best outfield catches I have ever seen in our last round victory against Lindfield.

**Kevin Price** - Our 12th man each game was a vital element of the team, fielding when necessary and preparing and cleaning up afternoon tea each game. Thanks for all your support.

Thanks also to Andrew Macky and Cory Dickeson who each played one game in first grade.



Gerard Price  
CAPTAIN



# Cricket

## First Grade

Batsman	Matches	Innings	N/O	Aggregate	Average	H.S	100's	50's	Catches
B. Pozuelo	14	15	6	556	61.78	83x	0	6	8
P. Simpson	14	15	2	483	37.15	100x	1	3	6
P. Price	14	16	1	407	27.13	76	0	3	5
T. Aili	8	9	1	152	19.00	76x	0	1	1
P. Adams	14	13	2	152	13.82	24	0	0	7
J. Platania	5	5	0	68	13.60	18	0	0	1
R. Appleton	9	9	0	117	13.00	25	0	0	2
A. Blaikie	14	14	1	150	11.54	58	0	1	21
S. Arahill	7	6	0	68	11.33	30	0	0	6
S. Schomberg	8	6	3	29	9.67	14x	0	0	3
G. Price	14	11	1	89	8.90	22	0	0	7
P. Tregeagle	5	6	0	42	7.00	25	0	0	1
R. Gerny	13	10	3	46	6.57	17	0	0	5
S. Achmar	3	3	1	1	0.50	1	0	0	2
R. Tregeagle	11	6	6	4	-	2x	0	0	2

Also batted C. Dickeson 1 inning for 1x

A. Macky 1 inning for 21x

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Over/Wkt	Best
S. Schomberg	105	36	238	23	10.35	4.56	6-28
R. Tregeagle	186.3	57	454	39	11.64	4.78	5-13
G. Price	207.2	67	475	32	14.84	6.48	5-36
S. Achmar	42	11	108	7	15.43	6.00	3-33
B. Pozuelo	130.5	30	391	19	20.58	6.89	7-77
S. Arahill	62	13	217	7	31.00	8.86	2-5
P. Simpson	12	1	37	1	37.00	12.00	1-29
R. Gerny	88	17	256	8	32.00	11.00	2-19
P. Adams	158	35	435	10	43.50	15.80	3-54
A. Macky	5	2	12	0	-	-	0-12

There was a very good start to the season with the first match being played on the 1st of May. The team played a very good match and won by 100 runs. The team played a very good match and won by 100 runs.

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Every member of the 1996/97 2nd grade side now knows how cruel the game can be. In what was an outstanding year for the side generally, our "Runners Up" status certainly does not truly reflect our dominance of the competition. Minor Premiers by 10 points only to falter at the last hurdle has taught us all the extent to which pressure can influence results in cricket. Hopefully, the lessons learnt from the Grand Final will be retained by us all, providing the experience to go that one step further next time.

The third new captain in 3 years and a new look side should have taken some time to settle, but to everyone's credit, the team clicked right from the first game, and consistent performances were maintained throughout the year.

In a year with many highlights, for both the team and individually, the most memorable was our semi-final win over Lindfield. After coming off a loss to them the previous week, where they passed us 15 down (gotta love having no umpires), we hit them with everything, smashing them out for 70, and demoralising them for the rest of the game. It was a near flawless bowling and fielding display, and showed us all just how well we combined as a team. Brett Gregory's 6-for and Dan Rojo's 4-for (including a wicket from the first ball of the match) left Lindfield shell-shocked, and catapulted us through to the Grand Final.

The following week against Blacktown will always remain one of the most disappointing results ever for every Briar on that field. After having one hand on the Premiership trophy at the end of the first day (2 for 98 chasing 171) we returned the next morning to find our batsmen under siege from some tight bowling from Blacktown. Their bowlers ripped through our top, middle and lower order, sending us hurtling from 2 for 98 to all out 145, some 26 runs short of the target. In the final analysis, the Grand Final was lost in one poor session of cricket. Finals cricket is all about pressure, and the winner will invariably be the side that handles that pressure better. Some valuable lessons for us all.

Despite the disappointment of the Grand Final, it was a very positive and enjoyable year for all the guys. The batting, bowling and fielding were all of a standard well above 2nd Grade, and the commitment and team spirit of all the guys was fantastic. In my first year as a senior captain, I could not have hoped to have a better team under me. The support I received both on and off the field was very much appreciated. A tremendous year guys; certainly plenty to build on for seasons to come.



### **Player Profiles**

**Sarkis Achmar** - One of the 3 opening bowlers used this season, "Sausage" rose to challenge every time he was handed the new ball. The 'keeper' and slips, the batsman, and even Sarkis half the time, don't know which way he's swinging it. Received a well earned call up into 1st grade late into the season.

**Steve Arahill** - Came into the side after Christmas and was a valuable contributor to the team's efforts. His solid middle order batting, coupled with his steady left arm slow-slow-medium pacers helped the balance in the side. His years and years of experience was of great assistance to me in terms of tactics, particularly on what to do after winning the toss.

**Rohan Appleton** - Only saw a glimpse of "Toey's" talents this year, as he spent most of the season in the 1st grade. When helping the 2nds he performed extremely well. His 73 against Warringah was a pleasure to watch.

**Terry Aili** - Always passionate about cricket, "Champ" is just the man to line up his team mates, the opposition, the umpires, the selectors, etc. He is a player with enormous talent which, when on display, can be explosive. His disciplined 55 in the final proved that he has the potential to be one of the dominating batsmen in Shires. Always tries his best to make any young ladies at the ground feel welcome.



## Cricket Second Grade

**Richard Freeman** - After some of "Bummys" feats with the gloves this year, I have no doubt that he is the best wicketkeeper in the competition. His glove work is appreciated by all our bowlers, who know that a nick behind is almost certainly a catch. Has worked on his batting throughout the year, the highlight being a massive 6 against Lindfield. Will certainly warrant promotion up the batting order very shortly.

**Brett Gregory** - A late starter this season, "Beege" quickly asserted himself as a genuine strike bowler from the outset. His mix of explosive pace and sharp movement meant that most 2nd grade bats weren't good enough to get the edge. His 31 wickets at 12 says it all. We can only wonder how many wickets he would have got had he played more than 7 games. His 6 for in the semi-final was scary!!

**John Harris** - Not the best season with bat for "Arjuna" - I'm sure he will attest to that. We've all seen how he can take opening bowling attacks apart and unfortunately, it just never clicked for Jason this year. His work under the lid throughout the season was exceptional, including 3 catches in the semi-final. Will come back bigger and better.

**Jason Hughes** - Mr Reliable!!! An absolute work-horse, Jason literally salivates at the thought of getting a bowl, and a crow bar is needed to get the ball back. Bowled for more overs than anyone else this year (even me) and was the leading wicket-taker. A great team man, Jason is always the first to volunteer for off-field duties, as well as on-field, which makes the skipper's job a lot easier. With Jason migrating to Adelaide next year, he will be sorely missed by all at the club.

**Andy Macky** - "Mushy's" consistency with the bat, as well as his nagging wrist spinners, make him an extremely valuable all-rounder. His 36 not-out to grab us the outright against Roseville was fantastic. Had our fast bowlers (and Steve Arahill) not dominated so much, would definitely have got more bowling.

**Rob Nandi** - Only a handful of games in 2nd grade this year, "Ninja" showed he's got talent to play this game more regularly. With his ability to bamboozle the batsman with his off-spin ("When is it going to reach this end of the pitch??") and positive approach to his batting, we'll see him back in 2nd grade next year.

**John Platania** - Another of our fiery top order batsmen, John has the ability to get under the opening bowlers skin (including our opening bowlers). Can play well above 2nd grade standard, and when he is "on" with the bat, he is unstoppable. His 131 against Epping, and his catching throughout the season were highlights.

**John Price** - John's middle order batting was consistent all year. His tenacity and fierce competitiveness make his wicket hard to pick up. His spin bowling was not often required this season, but when called upon, performed admirably. His fielding is his obvious strength, with his catching, ground fielding and concentration second to none.

**Dan Rojo** - The last of my 3 opening bowlers, "Psycho" is definitely the most ferocious. His sheer pace and raw aggression make him one of the most popular of our players amongst opposition batsmen. In fact, if you listen closely, you can occasionally hear him having a quiet chat to them between deliveries. With a little more aggression, Dan could be one of the more feared opening bowlers in the competition. Gives the ball a fair whack with the willow as well.

**Steve Schomberg** - "Trojan" was with us for the first half of the year before getting the call up to 1st grade. Whilst there, his slow-slow-mediums (just a bit faster than Steve Arahill) troubled all batsmen and his assistance with tactics was invaluable. A great team man all round.

**Phil Tregeagle** - Another of our 1st/2nd grade batsmen, Phil only played half of the year before getting the call up to the 1st grade. Whilst in 2nd grade he showed he had the talent well above 2nd's. Winning the averages for the season, his 82 against Macquarie Uni was exceptional.



## Cricket Second Grade

**Greg Wallace** - Greg also only played a handful of games with us, but his batting was valuable every time he played. His tactical advice was also appreciated. His land of supporters followed him to every game, making our games that little more interesting.

**Gerard Abood** - His first year as captain, "The Colonel" lead his team aggressively right from the outset. His batting was consistent, scoring a competition high of 481, but it is his bowling (jagging his meds off the deck) that could be his strength in years to come. Along with "Psycho" Rojo, is often overheard having a friendly chat with the opposition between deliveries, at the fall of a wicket, during warm-ups, after the game, etc....

Gerard Abood  
CAPTAIN



## Cricket Third Grade

The Third Grade side maintained its admirable record of recent years by again reaching the semi finals. Unfortunately we were unable to repeat the success of previous teams by failing to progress to the next stage, being beaten by Warringah over the Easter weekend.

The team suffered from extensive disruption early in the season with only one of the previous season's finalist team appearing in the first match of the season. After failing to win either of its first two games, the team proceeded on a five game winning sequence (two of which were outright wins), before suffering two mid season losses. The preliminary rounds were completed with four solid first innings wins, for the team to finish in third place, which was indeed a commendable achievement given that the side was represented by some 33 players during the course of the season.

Throughout the season, the team sought to establish a reliable opening partnership and despite the use of a number of combinations, on too many occasions the team failed to be provided with the necessary solid start. Despite this factor, the team's batting performed well with the strength undoubtedly being with our top order batsmen David Trewin and Robin Nandi. David in particular had an outstanding season, scoring 485 runs in nine completed innings with two centuries. Robin, returning to the club after a season or two at grade level, showed that he has a very level and mature attitude for a player of his age. In all, five centuries were scored by the team, although three of these were accomplished by players who, at the time were not regular members of the team, which had the effect of probably overstating the team's relative batting strength.

With the loss of Sarkis Achmar through a well-deserved elevation to higher grades after his exceptional debut last season, the bowling, while reliable, did not have the same level of penetration as for the previous season.

We approached the semi final against Warringah at Weldon over the Easter weekend with the knowledge of a strong win over the side in the preliminary rounds. After

winning the toss, Warringah compiled 176 on an ideal batting wicket, after at one stage being 6 for 166. On a flat wicket our bowling attack was magnificently carried by a marathon performance by our spin duo of Robin Nandi (4/47 off 28 overs) and Paul James (0/39 off 26 overs), ably supported by Ron Pearce (3/36) and Anthony Clarke (3/9). To restrict the Warringah side to less than an average of two runs an over on their home batting track indeed speaks volumes for the commitment of the bowlers. Unfortunately a couple of dropped catches by fielders who would normally have readily accepted the chances enabled Warringah to carry their score to higher than should have been achieved. At the end of the first day our opening batsmen Greg Wallace and Peter Catalovski had provided us with one of our best starts for the season accumulating 46 runs before close of play.

An overnight storm and inadequacy/mismanagement of the covers saw a wicket the next day with a distinct line down the middle of the pitch at one end delineating areas of soft and hard turf, which made batting somewhat different to the previous day. Despite the difficulties our early batsmen knuckled down to reach a score of 3 for 112, before succumbing to an orthodox left arm spinner bowling towards the rain affected end and claiming seven wickets. A most disappointing finish to the season.

Warringah went on to play and lose to Pennant Hills in the final. Our congratulations to the Pennant Hills Club for a well deserved first premiership success in quite some years.

Although none of our sides were rewarded with an ultimate team success in the season gone by, we can all derive immense satisfaction from our combined efforts in winning the Club Championship for the third time in four years. This record has been achieved in a competition where unfortunately there is a growing tendency for certain clubs, given the level of cricket at which we participate, to find it necessary to adopt measures to attract players that has the effect of detracting from the role that I believe Shires cricket should ideally be performing in the overall structure of cricket.

The strength that the club undoubtedly enjoys would not be in evidence without the strong administration that is provided by Gerard Price and his team, including club coach Steve Thomlinson, and my fellow selectors. Once again many thanks to you all for the hard work which is very much appreciated.

Having now completed my last season of Shires cricket, and in closing, I would like to thank my current team and all my other fellow players over all the years for the many hours of enjoyment and comradeship, both on and off the field, that I have been privileged to be part of as part of The Briars cricket fraternity. To all the current players, be sure to carry on the great tradition of cricket in The Briars way.

### Player Profiles

**Robin Nandi** - Returning to the club after an absence of a couple of years, together with David Trewin, formed the basis upon which our batting was established. Batted very well early in the season and earned a well deserved promotion to the Seconds where he was unable to take full advantage of the opportunity and consequently resumed his role in the Thirds, where he continued to make his presence felt with both bat and ball. In nine completed innings Robin scored 386 runs and secured 18 wickets at an average of just under 15. His performance in the semi final, already mentioned in the body of this report, was a splendid effort. For one so young, demonstrates a very good tactical knowledge of the game, and with his maturity has the basis for development as a captain. The club is most fortunate in having Robin return to its ranks.

**Paul James** - Another to return to the club after an absence, Paul, with the exception of a score of 47 against Epping did not fulfill his promise with the bat. In an effort to solve top order batting problems Paul was given the opportunity to open, but given his





penchant for taking it up to the bowlers from the first ball, did not really provide a solution to the problem. As usual bowled economically, taking 19 wickets for the season and, despite taking no wickets, his effort bowling in tandem with Robin Nandi in the semi final was a fine effort. His speed and willingness to chase in the field was very much a feature of our fielding.

**Peter Richardson** - Bowled out at the end of the season after having been part of Burwood cricket for the best part of 40 years. Although most disappointed not to be leaving on a higher note, has derived tremendous pleasure from his many years with the club particularly those as captain. In this capacity he was most fortunate to enjoy total support from all the many players who formed part of those teams. Batting down the order did not have the opportunity to build an innings on many occasions. Still able to contribute in the field with 7 catches. Now looks forward to joining forces with the youngsters playing Masters.

**Sean Cogman** - Played in the first five games in the absence of Cory Dickeson and then rejoined the side for the semi final. Proved to be a totally reliable as a wicketkeeper taking 10 catches and one stumping. Very good value as a team member.

**Anthony Clarke** - Missed the first two games while playing in the Seconds. Continues to be a force as a leading bowler in the Thirds competition securing 30 wickets at just under 15. His ability to turn a game around was well exemplified with scores of 73 and 37 when given the opportunity to assume the role of pinchhitting opening batsman. His staunch support and advice as vice captain was very much appreciated, although in future he should give some thought to the format of his competitiveness, particularly when in a leadership role.

**David Trewin** - After missing the first two games, went on to experience one of his best ever seasons, amassing 485 runs at an average of over 50. The merit of this performance is even more significant when one considers that in most cases David was coming into bat in pressure situations. Features of David's season were two brilliant centuries, one against Blacktown, in sweltering conditions. As always, reliable in the field and unfortunately, somewhat to David's disappointment, the team's bowling and allround strength was such that he was not called upon to bowl. Altogether a fabulous season for Dave who seems to improve with age.

**Ron Pearce** - A newcomer to the club after a break from the game in which he had participated in the past at higher levels. A very competent opening or change bowler who has the ability to move the ball away from right handed batsmen. Took 20 wickets for the season including a spell of 5/21 against Roseville. Useful lower order batsman, scoring just under 200 runs at 24, and on most occasions helped the side with quickfire scores of between 20 and 40. His absence from cricket in recent seasons showed up at times in the field, particularly early in the season. A most competitive player.

**Nick Rojo** - Through unavailability and participating in higher grades played only a limited number of games with the Thirds. During this time he took 13 wickets, including 5/14 against Hills early in the season. Unfortunately unavoidable work commitments saw Nick also unavailable for the semi final. Nick is proving to be very good club man making a fine commitment to the behind the scenes work that is so necessary to the successful functioning of any club. Well done Nick.

**Cory Dickeson** - Unable to join the team at the start of the season due to HSC commitments, Cory started his season slowly but found his true form for the last three preliminary rounds with scores of 38, 82 and 55. In particular his innings of 82 in the vital and extremely competitive game against South East Sydney was, in the context of the season, a very important innings and demonstrated that Cory has the temperament to contribute when it matters. Proved reliable, if somewhat reluctant, in his role as a wicketkeeper with 14 catches and one stumping. Showed his athleticism when given the opportunity in the field. A very fine prospect for the club and expect his elevation and success in higher grades before long.



**Greg Wallace** - With outside responsibilities affecting his availability, Greg alternated between seconds and thirds for much of the season. On most occasions with the thirds made a contribution with the bat, and his century against Roseville reminded us of his performances of seasons past. Was well on the way to carrying us to a victory in the semi final before being given out, perhaps unluckily, for 42.

**Peter Catalovski** - Peter joined the team as a 17 year old for the seventh game and played in the team for the rest of the season. Because of the rule pertaining to teenage fast bowlers, Peter was restricted to bowling limited short bursts, but each time made an impact through his ability, with his shorter stature, to skim the ball through at quicker pace, a factor that beat a number of batsmen. Another who was given the opportunity to fill the opening batting role, a position he was adapting to well towards the end of the season. Indeed his support of Greg Wallace in an opening stand of 60 in the semi final was a very fine effort. Peter has a very good attitude for one so young and we can look forward to him developing into a very good allround cricketer.

Thanks also go to the many occasional contributors to the team during the season:-

Warwick Giblin, Andre Berenger, Spiro Troubetas, Billy Cruft, Jason Hughes, Leighton King, Rob Harb, David Abood, Sammy Hraki, Phil Tregeagle, Brett Gregory, Rohan Appleton, John Proce, Col Wilcockson, Dan Rojo, Andrew Macky, James Kirrane, Terry Kershaw, Peter Carapiet, Steve Thomlinson, Brad Scully, Brett Howle and Andrew Poole.

Peter Richardson

CAPTAIN

Matches	Won Outright	Won 1st Inns	Lost 1st inns	Drawn	Points	Position
15	1	7	4	2	62	Third
Runs For	Wickets for	Average for	Runs against	Wickets against	Average against	

### BATTING

Batsman	Matches	Inn	N/O	Aggregate	Average	H.S	100's	50's	Catches
D. Trewin	11	13	4	485	53.89	115x	2	1	5
G. Wallace	5	5	-	259	51.80	146	1	-	1
R. Nandi	10	12	3	386	42.89	62x	-	4	6
C. Dickeson	9	9	-	219	24.96	82	-	2	14(1st)
R. Pearce	8	8	-	193	24.13	48	-	-	2
A. Clarke	11	10	1	153	17.00	73	-	1	7

# Cricket

## Third Grade

Also batted			Catches		
C. Wilcockson	2 for 168	1	N Rojo	3 for 17	7
S. Thomlinson	1 for 57	-	S Cogman	5 for 25	10 (1st)
R. Appleton	1 for 56	-	J. Kirrane	1 for 5	-
A. Macky	1 for 30	-	R Harb	1 for 4	1
B. Cruft	5 for 88	1	A Berenger	2 for 3	-
P. Carapiet	1 for 19	-	D Rojo	2 for 3	2
A. Poole	1 for 18	1	B Gregory	3 for 8	-
J. Price	1 for 18	-	B Howle	1 for 2	-
P. James	13 for 139	4	J Hughes	1 for 1	-
S. Troubetas	5 for 64	2	T Kershaw	1 for 1	-
D. Abood	4 for 57	2	P Tregeagle	0 for 138	-
P. Richardson	9 for 63	7	W Giblin	0 for 133	-
P. Catalovski	5 for 38	2	S Hraki	0 for 20	-
L. King	2 for 13	-	B Scully	0 for 9	1

### BOWLING

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best
R. Nandi	98.4	23	265	18	14.72	4/47
A. Clarke	140	28	442	30	14.73	5/52
D.Rojo	68.3	15	200	13	15.38	5/14
P. Catalovski	65	16	224	14	16.00	4/15
N. Rojo	80.5	22	229	12	19.08	2/24
R. Pearce	106.1	15	358	20	17.90	5/21
P. James	138.1	40	341	19	17.95	4/47

### Also bowled

J. Hughes	2 for 30	B. Scully	1 for 36
R. Harb	4 for 80	S. Hraki	1 for 37
B. Gregory	4 for 88	S. Troubetas	0 for 2
A. Macky	3 for 71	A. Poole	0 for 10
L. King	6 for 193	B. Cruft	0 for 26
W. Giblin	1 for 33		





At the start of the season there were so many players unavailable throughout the club, that the prime goal was to find 11 to fill this team. Consequently, in the last round only the captain remained from the team for round 1. In these circumstances, 5th place might be regarded as satisfactory, notwithstanding the great disappointment after the final round was entered with Burwood occupying second place.

The losses were close - 4 runs, 6 runs, 8 runs, 2 wickets and 3 wickets. The wins were large - 83 runs, 92 runs, 7 wickets (3 times), 8 wickets, 10 wickets.

The team's overall batting and bowling averages were not dissimilar to the previous season, but the team was devoid of stability resulting in not one individual producing a significant aggregate.

The leading run scorers in 1996-97 were Jason Bailey (156) and Jeff Banks (145). Each played only 3 games and was dismissed twice. In the previous season 8 batsmen exceeded these totals, many by substantial margins.

The effects of bad weather, ground unavailability and the creation of a bye was reflected in the fact that the number of overs bowled and wickets taken were lower than the figures applicable to the four leading bowlers in the previous season. While the attack lacked stability, a record club bowling average for this grade was achieved for the second year in succession.

Whereas the bowling was generally of a high standard, the batting, apart from those who made limited appearances, was very poor. The contributions by Spiro Troubetas, Andre Berenger, Terry Kershaw, Anthony Love and Marc Burns were significantly lower than in previous seasons.

On the other hand, Jeff Banks played in the latter part of the season. He will score a lot of runs at this level. Melbourne expats, Ross Walker and Troy Thompson batted competently and added class to the fielding efforts in the latter part of the season. Anthony Raymond and David Abood provided some rare solidity in the few matches they appeared.

On the bowling front, Matt Jennings reappeared and then disappeared again, and Andrew Poole returned from Brisbane to produce an extraordinary spell of 7-28 vs Lane Cove as well as a few other useful wickets. Stuart Munro returned to cricket after an absence of five years. He was hindered by a succession of injuries, but in the last few rounds he produced the form that I had awaited all season. Mick Abood and Leighton King also took wickets at low cost.

Sean Cogman managed to secure 24 dismissals in 9 matches. These figures include a record six catches in an innings vs Auburn. His batting was also competent.

Thanks to Andy Eastcott for travelling from Newcastle to assist the team.

I slid into obscurity this season. My efforts were not helped by a serious shoulder injury. I need to show far greater application when batting.

In conclusion I congratulate the club on achieving its third Club Championship in four seasons. My long term goal is to convert the status of the 4th grade team from "the left-overs" to a side capable of interchange with the second grade. This task requires recruitment and development on a large scale. I anticipate that 1997-98 will show the first signs of such plans.

Terry Murphy  
CAPTAIN



### 4th Grade Batting

	M	INN	NO	HS	AGG	AVE	CTS
J. Bailey	3	3	1	76	156	78.00	1
J. Banks	3	3	1	85	145	72.50	2
R. Walker	5	4	2	65*	118	59.00	6
D. Abood	4	5	1	63	135	33.75	1
A. Raymond	6	5	1	47	104	26.00	3
A. Eastcott	5	5	2	20	75	25.00	1
T. Thompson	5	4	1	28	73	24.33	3
S. Cogman	9	6	2	31	78	19.50	23(1st)
D. Hemming	3	4	0	49	75	18.75	4
T. Murphy	13	9	0	28	123	13.67	5
A. Love	7	7	0	26	92	13.14	9
S. Troubetas	9	9	2	23*	87	12.43	8

### also Batted

M. Jennings	8 for 62	C. Dickeson	1 for 113
T. Kershaw	7 for 51	J. Harris	1 for 60
A. Berenger	6 for 34	B. Gregory	2 for 60
M. Burns	5 for 23	D. Haikin	2 for 42
P. Catalovski	3 for 46	A. Terentis	1 for 33
J. Fraser	3 for 30	D. Allen	1 for 19
S. Munro	3 for 27	M. Patterson	0 for 14
A Poole	3 for 16	L. King	2 for 12
R. Khanna	1 for 4	G. Schomberg	1 for 0
B. Scully	1 for 4	E. Eisler	1 for 0
M. Abood	1 for 2	D. Sallway	1 for 0



## Cricket

### Under 24s Grade

After the success of the previous season our task for the 1996/97 season always going to be difficult. Our aim was to either equal or improve on our four wins and two losses from 1995/96, and we achieved that goal, finishing with four wins and two losses and a costly wash out against the lowly placed Auburn, from our seven matches.

Once again the team finished third in the very strong Western Division, with a wash out against Auburn costing the team its well deserved chance of a semi-final birth.

However, the team once again provided the vital club championship points which enabled the club to clinch its 3rd title in four years.

Congratulations to the team on performing so well against teams often consisting of 7 or 8 first graders. It is particularly pleasing to see our younger guys now progressing through the grades, most notable being Phil Adams, Sarkis Achmar, Terry Aili in 1st grade, and Cory Dickeson and Robin Nandi who made it to 2nd grade during the season.

We must continue to place the importance we have over the past few seasons on our U/24's as they are the future of our club.

Peter Richardson and I set out two years ago to lift the profile and performance of our U/24's after a season where they lost seven from seven. I believed we achieved that goal and I thank Peter for his assistance in what was a very satisfying two seasons, as we hand the reigns over to Gerard and co. Thanks also to Clarkey for all his help at the home game BBQ's and once again well done to captain Phil Adams and his team for a very good season.

Here is a summary of the games -

**Round One:** Burwood 7-123 lost to Blacktown 268.

Peter Catalovski took 3-12 as Blacktown finished on 268 on a perfect deck. Rain intervened and we lost wickets trying to achieve a reduced target finishing 10 runs short at 7-123 with Terry Aili 40 and Sam Hraki 38 not out doing best.

**Round Two:** Bye

**Round Three:** Burwood 188 beat Strathfield 141

Terry Aili 58 and Robin Nandi 79 battled superbly in our 188. Sam Hraki 4-33, with two wickets in the first three balls of the innings and Peter Catalovski 3-17 bowled brilliantly to help dismiss our neighbours for 141 and a very satisfying victory.

**Round Four:** Holroyd 9-259 beat Burwood 181

Holroyd went on to make their fourth successive final, and they were too good for us on the day. Phil Adams 3-41 with the ball and young James Kirrane 43 with the bat were the stars for the day.

**Round Five:** Burwood 8-110 beat Bexley 109

They scrambled to make 109 after being 6-29 with Sarkis 4-30 and Peter Catalovski 3-37 bowling well. Terry Aili with 43 Brad Scully enabled us to sneak home in nail bitter.

**Round Six:** Auburn (washed out)

A very costly result

**Round Seven:** Burwood 169 beat Hills 34

A fine 44 Peter Catalovski and an impressive 52 not out by James Kirrane saw us finish at 169. In reply the Hills slumped to 3-0, 4-5, 5-12 then 6-17 before being dismissed for just 34. Sam Hraki 3-12, Phil Adams 3-3 and Sarkis Achmar 2-6 were the stars. A more than impressive finish to a successful season. Well done guys!

Paul Price  
MANAGER



#### Final Competition Table (Western Division)

Holroyd 36, Strathfield 30, Burwood 24, Bexley 12, Blacktown 12, Hills 6, Auburn 6.

#### Averages

##### Batting

Name	Innings	Runs	H/Score	Average	Catches
James Kirrane	2	95	52x	95.00	2
Terry Aili	5	176	58	35.20	2
Robin Nandi	5	116	79	23.20	2
Brad Scully	4	35	18x	17.50	-

##### Also Batted -

Phil Adams	5 for 61 runs	Rohit Khanna	4 for 32 runs
Andre Berenger	2 for 6 runs	Peter Catalovski	5 for 50 runs
Bill Cruft	3 for 18 runs	Sarkis Achmar	2 for 0x runs
Matt Pemberton	3 for 21 runs	Michael Abood	1 for 9x runs
Sam Hraki	4 for 43 runs	Cory Dickeson	4 for 32 runs
Chris Bettiol	1 for 0 runs	Stuart Munroe	1 for 2 runs

##### Bowling

Name	Overs	Wickets	Runs	Average
Sam Hraki	42	11	107	9.72
Peter Catalovski	34.1	10	121	12.10
Michael Abood	20	4	56	14.00
Sarkis Achmar	51.4	9	145	16.11
Phil Adams	48.5	9	145	16.11

##### Also Bowled-

Robin Nandi	3 for 117
Brad Scully	1 for 65
Stuart Munroe	0 for 3



# Rugby

## Chairman's Report



Prior to the commencement of our 1997 rugby season our now First Grade Coach, Mick Ellem, organised a band of dedicated Briars into light a training squad to fit them for the season ahead. Official trial matches followed, as did a weekend bus trip to play Gloucester Rugby Club on their home turf.

This most successful trip allowed players and coaches to get to know each other - a great start for 1997. Then we are off - with one ambition - to gain promotion to Suburban Rugby's First Division for the 1998 season. Unfortunately, as we all now know, our aim was not fulfilled.

**Our First Grade** did their job extremely well, playing well-controlled and entertaining football throughout, whilst defeating some formidable opponents.

Only one loss all season, a great effort.

Having defeated Newport (the second best team in the competition) twice during the season and in the semi-final, Briars went into the Grand Final a firm favourite to win the Barraclough Cup. (The opinion of most other Subbies teams).

This they did at Eastwood's Vimiera Oval, defeating Newport 28 points to 27. We certainly saved our worst game for last - but we still won - what a game! No one, in the large crowd, moved until the final bell - twenty minutes late. Yes, the game went into extra time.

Our congratulations to all who played Firsts throughout the season and also to Mick Ellem, his assistant coach Ron Lipovac, and Andy Craig, team manager. A great effort from each of you. Dianne Porter, Club Physiotherapist, and her fellow physio, Louise Santos, tended and strapped the wounded throughout the season - many thanks ladies.

**Our Second Grade** put in an excellent effort for the first half of the season but unfortunately inconsistency, coupled with a lack of dedication and attendance at training, crept in causing the team to drop from 1st to 4th position. In a "sudden death" semi-final they were most unlucky to be downed by Newport 19 points to 18, the game was a real "cliff hanger", particularly in the last 10 minutes.

**Third Grade**, for the first half of the season had little or no guidance, incentive or dedication. A big turn-around occurred however at the half-way mark with Neal Coyte taking over as coach. He and his team manager, Milton Howell (out of retirement) revived their team which, after such a disastrous start managed to finish only 7 points away from 4th position on the table.

**Fourth Grade**. Although not winning a game all season, must be congratulated on their efforts. Overall their attendance at training was second only to that of First Grade. They always gave their best.

**Colts**. Most of the boys had never played together before this year, their first year at Briars. What a credit they were to the club. During the season they played some inspired football against bigger, better and more seasoned teams and were always eager to back up in fourths or thirds when required. Their efforts in preparing our ground and canteen for home matches was greatly appreciated and I expect to see most of them back in 1998.

### Veteran's Day

On May 10 we played St Ives at Rothwell - this was to be our Veteran's Day. Drinks and refreshments were on hand for the large crowd expected - it was not to be. But it was most pleasing to welcome the few who attended, on possibly Rugby's coldest and wettest day for years. We appreciated the efforts of the club stalwarts who attended in the atrocious conditions.



## Briars Rugby Presentation Night 1997

This was celebrated on Friday, September 19, when we enjoyed the hospitality of the UTS - Haberfield Rowing Club. A most memorable evening, attended by over 90 Briars, wives and girlfriends, with good food and great company.

Our thanks to organiser, Andy Craig and to UTS Haberfield management and staff.

## 1997 Player Awards

The recipients of awards, listed below, are congratulated for the efforts made over the whole season

Name	Grade	Award
Brad Scully	Colts	Players Player
Daniel Sherer	Colts	Best and Fairest
Scott Nicholson	Colts	Most Improved
Paul Welch	4th	Players Player
Greg Landy	4th	Best and Fairest
Mirko Huter	3rd	Players Player
Lachlan Bransgrove	3rd	Best and Fairest
Phillip Guest	2nd	Players Player
Paul Koziollek	2nd	Best and Fairest
Matt Smith	2nd	Rookie of the Year
Jarrold Bryant	1st	Most Improved
Nicole Andreazza		Social Organiser
Dianne Porter		Club Physiotherapist
Greg Brown	1st	Highest Point Scorer
Andy Craig		Best Club Man
Reg Taiata		Best Playing Club Man
All first grade players	1st	Grand Final Trophies
Steve Davis	1st	Players Player
Greg Guest	1st	Best and Fairest

Special mention must also be made of persons who put in exceptional efforts in 1997:

**Nicole Andreazza** - Social organiser. Went to great efforts to organise functions but only received the support of dedicated regulars.

**Reg Taiata** - Registrar. Player who set-up training ground organised after-match eats at the club and also the All Black TV function.

**Andy Craig** - 1st Grade Manager, Colts Coach. Also set-up and cleaned-up at home games and organised presentation night.

**Greg Brown** - Club's Highest Point Scorer. Put in another great season.

Tries: 8, Conversions: 31, Penalties: 11, Field Goal: 1, Total Points: 135





# Rugby Chairman's Report



**Milton Howell** - Came out of retirement to manage 3rd Grade (at a minutes notice). His efforts greatly enhanced their attitude and success.

**Anthony Johnston** - 1st Grade (Second Row). Another great season for this talented footballer. A finalist for Suburban Rugby's Second Division Player's Player Award and also the prestigious W W Ellis Trophy Player of the Year (for all Subbies Rugby Divisions). You did us proud Anthony!

## Committee

To carry out duties as a committee member in these times, as work commitments demand more, is becoming quite difficult. I realise some of this year's committee have had such difficulties and sincerely thank them, one and all, for their effort and support.

The 1997 Committee consisted of:

Secretary	- Terry Cleary
Treasurer	- Neal Coyte
Recruitment	- Alex Palmer
Sponsorship	- Anthony Johnston
Social	- Nicole Andrezza
Registrar	- Reg Taiata
Club Captain	- Matthew Waddington
Ex Officio Members	- Andy Craig, Chris Lamond.

## Sponsors

Amateur sports such as ours, regard sponsors as very special friends.

A big thank you is extended to our sponsors listed below:

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 Richard Horwood - Real Estate - Strathfield  
 District News - Five Dock  
 Multinational Bodyworks - Five Dock  
 Edward Moore Floorcoverings - Ashfield  
 Yalumba Wines  
 Bourbon and Beefsteak - Kings Cross  
 Scott McGill - Taxation

I commend you all to use their products and services and don't forget to tell them you're a Briar.

## **Internet**

I have forwarded Grand Final match photos to Subbies Chief Executive Officer, Mike Benn. It's his intention to use these on the Suburban Rugby Internet. (all you computer bugs keep your eyes open for them.)

## **Thank you Canterbury**

Canterbury have presented Briars with a full set of 20 jerseys in recognition of our First Grade's success in the Barraclough Cup. Thank you to all at Canterbury.

## **Suburban Rugby's Presentation Night**

Briars were well represented, at the Concord Function Centre on 26/9/97, at this prestigious dinner where our Mick Ellem was master of Ceremonies. With Anthony Johnston a finalist in both the Barraclough Cup, Player's Player and the W W Ellis (1997 Player of the Year) Medal, the fourteen Briars in attendance were full of hope.

Although Tony's grand effort did not proceed further with an award, our evening was still most enjoyable (great red wine).

Johnno - a great ambassador for our club.

## **Thanks**

On behalf of Briars Rugby, I wish to express our gratitude to the following:

- Suburban Rugby Union - management, staff and all our 1997 opponents.
- Concord Council - management and ground staff.
- The Board and members of the Management Committee of The Briars Sporting Club Ltd.

Their continued support and encouragement made possible our enjoyment of the past season.

## **Conclusion**

Discipline is essential throughout life, particularly in sport, both on and off the field.

Greater dedication and attendance at training and games would, no doubt, have allowed us to achieve our goal of promotion to First Division in 1998.

I believe that about 40% of our personnel left a lot to be desired in 1997.

Think to yourself, am I one of the 40%? If so make sure you improve greatly in 1998 for the sake of your club.

Perhaps we were not as successful as we should have been in 1997, but I am personally most grateful of the efforts of most members and coaches.

Let's do it better in 1998.

Thank you.

Ken Williams  
RUGBY CHAIRMAN



# Rugby Chairman's Report



## Final Table for 1997 Rugby Season

1st Grade	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Briars	18	17	0	1	638	191	68
Newport	18	14	0	4	392	199	56
Forest	18	13	0	5	440	231	55
Lindfield	18	11	0	7	412	285	45
Dundas	18	9	0	9	371	344	39
St Ives	18	8	1	9	344	341	37
Oatley	18	7	1	10	347	311	35
Knox	18	4	0	14	196	491	18
Barker	18	4	0	14	277	657	18
2nd Grade	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Ives	18	15	1	2	392	144	63
Forest	18	14	1	3	333	100	60
Newport	18	14	1	3	334	121	60
Briars	18	12	0	6	378	160	53
Lindfield	18	8	2	6	289	169	46
Dundas	18	4	0	10	210	199	36
Oatley	18	4	2	12	192	258	24
Knox	18	2	1	15	147	392	19
Barker	18	2	0	16	115	688	8
3rd Grade	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forest	18	16	0	2	265	99	65
Lindfield	18	13	1	4	270	101	57
Newport	18	13	0	5	220	104	54
Dundas	18	8	1	9	160	219	38
St Ives	18	8	0	10	227	213	37
Oatley	18	8	0	10	200	215	37
Knox	18	8	0	10	217	173	36
Briars	18	6	0	12	182	209	29
Barker	18	4	1	13	140	383	19
4th Grade	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lindfield	18	17	0	1	434	50	69
Forest	18	15	0	3	265	90	62
Newport	18	15	0	3	240	102	49
St Ives	18	9	2	7	218	184	43
Dundas	18	9	0	9	197	168	39
Oatley	18	7	2	9	204	196	35
Knox	18	5	1	12	132	329	24
Barker	18	4	0	14	124	313	18
Briars	18	2	1	15	87	356	14
Colts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newport	18	18	0	8	557	54	72
Barker	18	13	1	4	413	182	56
Oatley	18	12	2	4	279	156	54
Forest	18	13	0	5	264	162	54
Dundas	18	9	1	8	321	216	52
Knox	18	7	0	11	262	316	33
Lindfield	18	7	0	11	232	299	31
Briars	18	6	0	12	241	364	26
St Ives	18	3	0	15	95	575	12

Rugby recorded a small deficit for the year of \$32. Having a deficit is disappointing, but it should be pointed out that expenses have increased by \$4,315 or 24% from last year, which is a rather large amount when you only have in the vicinity of \$21,500 in revenue. Nonetheless this expenditure did help us to become successful on the football field and we should be pleased about that.

Looking at the particular areas in more detail I advise that:

- Player fees were up by \$1,065 or 22%. This a great result considering that we had less players available in all grades this year than in 1996. Thank you to all those players that paid their fees.
- Our golf contribution was down by \$999 or 58%. The amount received for this year was \$702.
- Socials (eg Retro Night), General Functions and Fund Raising Raffles were run at a combined profit of \$832.70. The social functions would have also contributed significantly to the bar profit share. Whilst there was a profit, it was still evident we need to have more people at the functions. The functions were well planned and great fun. Congratulations to Nicole Andrezza who put in such a great effort. Another thanks must go to Reg who organised the Bledisloe Cup function.
- The canteen was our major disappointment. The revenue for the canteen was \$3,544.39, down \$3,168.68 from last year. This is a drop of 47%. The contributing factor to the failure of the canteen was the fact we purchased a number of items in bulk which did not sell as well as we first thought.
- Other fund raising contributed \$2,560.95 to our revenue. The previous year didn't have an entry for this item.
- The End of Season Presentation cost was \$617.20. This was down by \$191.80 from last year - a great effort considering we had won a premiership and had more trophies to hand out and pay for. This was a great night and we must all thank Andy Craig for organising this and keeping the cost down. Thanks must also go to Ken Williams who negotiated a great price for the pewters.
- The bar profit share was \$3,338.41 up \$2,035 from last year. This was an increase of 124% and we must thank the die hards for having a drink after training, attending the after match speeches and various functions. However, this figure is still not impressive compared to previous years and we must make a greater effort to get more people to use the club.
- The park hire cost of \$3,667 was down from last year by \$508.
- The pre-season away trial games to Gloucester and St.Ives amounted to \$780, up by \$354 from last year. The cost would have been less if we had more people attend our trip away. These trips away are invariably a lot of fun but we must have more people attend these or give consideration to cancelling away pre season trials.
- Equipment costs amounted to \$6,838.95 up by \$3,220.05 or 89%. This covered the purchase of the new jerseys, hit shields, tackling bags and medical equipment. The outlay this year will mean little or no expenditure for the same items next year and possibly the year after.
- Registration costs were down by \$450 to total \$1,350 for the year.
- Rugby insurance was \$4,350 up by \$920 from the previous year. This equates to an increase of 27%.
- Rugby administration amounted to \$4,954.71 up by \$2,067.93, Rugby administration costs cover postal, print, fines and coaching administration expenses.
- Sponsorship revenue was up by \$1,752 or 70%. Sponsorship will be an increasingly important item in years to come and could be the single most important item other than fees. We have to give a huge thank you to our sponsors who are part of the reason for our success this year. Thanks also to those people who were responsible for attracting the sponsors, namely Mark Kingston, Alex Palmer, Ken Williams and Andy Craig.

I should also thank Scott McGill for putting in sponsorship monies towards the end of the football season when sponsorship is not as attractive. Thanks Scotty. Thanks also to Andy Craig who secured some sponsorship monies towards the end of the season.

In summary it was not a bad result. We should learn from our successes and failures of the season just gone to ensure we have an even more successful year, next year.

Neal Coyte  
RUGBY TREASURER



# Rugby First Grade



The season commenced early for a hard core of players with Saturday morning runs at Bicentennial Park, beginning in the middle of November 1996. After a short break for Christmas we continued our Saturday runs and combined biathlons at Cabarita pool until our first trial game (who will ever forget Jarrod struggling in the swim leg?). That core of players who turned up, sometimes the worse for wear, showed the benefits of these sessions with their consistent displays on the field.

My first pre-season training session with the club was certainly an eye opener from my point of view for 2 reasons, (a) lack of general fitness and (b) lack of basic skills. To my mind, they go hand to hand. To this end we decided it would be more beneficial to combine both and thus introduced the football early in our pre-season sessions. The continued development of players personal skills and the inter-reaction of those skills into a team situation produced some improved rugby as the season progressed. In this respect the commitment of the 1st grade squad to their training sessions and the effort put in during those sessions laid the foundation for our success in 1997.

Major semi-final	Briars 18	Newport 3
Grand Final	Briars 28	Newport 27

1997 points for and against were as follows:-

## Competition Proper

	For	Against
Tries	90 (450)	24 (120)
Goals	51 (102)	13 (26)
Pen. Goals	22 (66)	15 (45)
	638	191

Includes 20 points for bye against Matraville in 2nd round



### Final Series

Tries	6 (30)	2 (10)
Goal	2 (4)	1 (2)
Pen.Goals	1 (3)	5 (15)
Field Goals	1 (3)	1 (3)
	46	30

### Total Points 1997

	684(96 Tries)	221(26 Tries)
	(53 goals)	(14 goals)
	(25 P/Goals)	(20 P/Goals)
	(1 F/Goal)	(1 F/Goal)
Average per game	34	11

Anyone reading the above statistics would be entitled to believe that the grand final was a foregone conclusion. Having beaten Newport in our 3 previous games, there would seem to have been some justification for an air of confidence in the 1st grade team. However there was one vital factor - the opposition had nothing to lose and everything to gain, and played accordingly.

I still have nightmares of that field goal wobbling through the posts to send the game into extra time. We had to dig deep in that final 20 minutes and come up with something special, and to the credit of the players they did just that. All that hard physical work throughout the season held us in good stead and we were able to hold out in the end. That final 20 minutes meant something special to both Ron and myself, it was very satisfying from a coaching point of view.

Having said that, I would have been devastated had we lost the grand final. Briars was indeed the most dominant side in the Barraclough Cup competition and thoroughly deserved to be crowned premiers for 1997. It was a fitting reward for all the players who contributed throughout the year for the efforts that they put in both on the training paddock Tuesdays/Thursdays and game days on Saturdays.

Whilst there were many outstanding performances throughout the season, on the score of consistency week in and week out, the Best and Fairest award went to a worthy recipient in flanker Greg Guest, whose ability to go forward and non-stop support play were a feature of his game.

In the most improved category, Jarrod Bryant was a stand out performer and a worthy winner of this award. Playing in only his second year of rugby, and his first as a tight head prop, he went from strength to strength as the season progressed. He was a willing learner and achieved his goal of cementing a 1st grade position.

The Players Player Award, voted by the players on a weekly basis, went to Steve Davis for his consistent displays, highlighted by his crunching defence and improved attacking skills. Steve showed great courage in playing through the semi-finals series with a broken thumb.

Congratulations must also go to our representative second rower Anthony Johnston, whose domination at the lineout and outstanding broken field running was recognised with his nomination for 2nd Division Players Player and as a finalist in the William Webb Ellis Medal for the Best and Fairest player in Sub-district rugby.





# Rugby First Grade



It would be remiss of me not to recognise the efforts put in by our 1st grade captain Ted Churchyard who did a great job continually leading from the front and having the respect of all within the team and club in general.

We were fortunate enough to gain the services of several grade players at Briars, who blended in well with the established talent already within the club and it was no coincidence that their arrival had a steadying effect on the team - Stuart Pearce with his uncompromising play in the scrum, and Adam Brown and Marty Lubrano who complemented each other at the scrum base, Adam giving new direction to the forwards, often turning bad ball into good and off-loading to his supports and Marty at five-eighth adding another dimension in attack with his ability to read the play and his astute kicking in relieving pressure situations. Finally landed a field goal when it counted.

At fullback we had two very talented players in Greg Browne and Anthony Bell. Both displayed a variety of talents that saw them vying for the 1st grade position. Greg with his robust attack (2 tries vs Dundas in the 1st round) and his ability to organise his players in defence, and Anthony with his speed and sleight of hand in attack and his linkage with his wingers in counter-attack. Both gave 100% and it is the kind of depth that we require throughout the club if we are to seek promotion to 1st division.

Competition Proper	Tries	Goals	Pen/Goal	F/Goal	Total
G.Browne	8	31	11	-	135
A.Bell	3	18	5	-	66
A.Johnston	11	-	-	-	55
T.Folsom	10	-	-	-	50
S.Arnold	9	-	-	-	45
S.Hyde	7	-	-	-	34
S.Brisbane	1	2	3	-	26
T.Churchyard	5	-	-	-	25
S.Pearce	5	-	-	-	25
C.Lamond	5	-	-	-	25
S.Davis	4	-	-	-	20
M.Lubrano	4	-	-	-	20
G.Guest	4	-	-	-	20
T.Guest	3	-	-	-	15
J.Steele	3	-	-	-	15
B.Bailey	2	-	-	-	10
A.Brown	2	-	-	-	10
M.Kingston	2	-	-	-	10
D.Anese	1	-	-	-	5
M.Gray	1	-	-	-	5
	90(450)	51(102)	22(66)	-	638

Final Series	Tries	Goals	Pen/Goal	F/Goal	Total
T.Folsom	1	-	-	-	5
C.Lamond	2	-	-	-	10
S.Davis	1	-	-	-	5
A.Bell	-	2	1	-	7
S.Pearce	1	-	-	-	5
T.Churchyard	1	-	-	-	5
M.Lubrano	-	-	1	1	6
I.Beattie	-	-	1	-	3
	6(30)	2(4)	3(9)	1(3)	46

To all those players who contributed to the success of the team I thank you very much for your time and effort and trust that you were amply rewarded. Personally I enjoyed my year at The Briars and look forward to that continued association next year. You can be happy with what you achieved but don't be satisfied. We must go forward and build on the success of 1997. Start preparing now! "By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail".

As with any on field success, there is always a group of people behind the scenes who give up their time and effort for no apparent award other than the ultimate success of the club. My thanks to club physio Dianne Porter, ably assisted by Louise, for their expedient diagnosis of injuries and keeping time off the field down to a minimum. When stitching was required or bloodied heads needed bandaging, Kylie was always on hand to help out. (Who'll ever forget the job on swami Kingston?)

On the social scene, one could not fault the efforts put in by Nicole and the Rat Pack (Catherine and Lou) in organising our various Saturday nights. Unfortunately these were not very well supported and the girls had no option but to drown their sorrows. Lift your game next year guys!

To all those players, officials and supporters who helped out in the canteen, barbecue and ground preparation on game days, thanks for your efforts. In this respect, special mention must go to our Rugby Chairman, Ken Williams. Thanks for your support in all areas. There is plenty to do next year, so don't be backward in coming forward. Put up your hand and volunteer.

To the coaching staff-Tom and Terry, Neale and Milton, Alex and Rod, Andy and Gary, thank you for your support in 1997.

To Richard Horwood, Boulevard First National, Strathfield, thanks for your support in donating the pewters for our Players Player awards. For our weekly case of VB, our thanks go to John Daley, Palace Hotel, Mortlake.

In first grade manager Andy Craig we had a man who is 100% Briars and his commitment to the team and club is to be applauded. Andy was there every training session and game, eventually taking on Colts after only a handful of games and doing a great job under difficult circumstances. Thanks for your loyalty and friendship.

The input that Ron "fish and chips paper" Lipovac had as assistant coach, as usual, was first class. Always on hand when advice was needed, his experience and expertise was invaluable whether tinkering with or fine tuning the Briars engine room. It was no coincidence that the 1st grade pack became the most respected in the competition. His relentless verballing of Ken was well worth turning up for on training nights. Well done Ron, your input was much appreciated.

The 1997 season holds many fond memories of what coaching is all about, ie. the continued development of players personal skills and the interaction of those skills into a team unit. Whilst we achieved this to some degree, we were sometimes vulnerable in pressure situations. With the experience gained this year, I am sure that we can build on the foundations laid in 1997 and go on to bigger and better things in 1998.

Lastly but by no means leastly, the support offered by my family throughout the year, and the understanding and encouragement given to me, in what proved to be a hectic year, is without doubt most appreciated. All I have to do now is keep them away from the Rat Pack!

May I take this opportunity to thank all those people involved at Briars for your continued support and for making both my family and I feel so welcome within the club.

Mick Ellem

1ST GRADE COACH



## Rugby Second Grade



Finished 4th in the competition, 254 for 153 against

### Players' Player:

Phil Guest

### Best and Fairest:

Paul Koziollek	9pts
Ian Beattie	8pts
Dave Webb	7pts
Ian Thomas	7pts

### Coach's Choice

Reg Taiata - 100% effort every game  
 Ian Thomas (ET) - Always on the ball, always committed  
 Dave Webb - First to breakdown  
 Paul Koziollek (Coz) - Best and fairest decision speaks for itself

### Coach's most improved player:

Andy Rowlands

### High Points of the year

First 7 rounds undefeated  
 Beating Forest (premiers) in the 1st round at their home ground coming from behind 8-5.  
 Beating Barker by 81-3 in the 1st round and 90-3 in the second round.  
 Making the Semi final series.  
 Mick Ellem's guidance and contribution.

### Low Points of the year:

Mid season slump which we found difficult to get out of.  
 Loss to Dundas by 19-21 in 1st round which was the start of our slump.  
 Inability of players to commit to training sessions.  
 Inconsistency in the second round and not being able to string wins together.

I would personally like to thank all the players who participated in 2nd grade in 1997. Due to the high turnover of players it is very difficult to write individual reports. I discovered the highs and lows of coaching this year, going from a winning streak into a major slump which we found hard to get out of. I believe the main contributing factor to our form reversal was our lack of fitness.

I would like to say a special thanks to my manager, Terry O'Kane, whose input and ideas are highly respected. Thanks also to Milton Howell for his assistance when work commitments kept Terry away. Thanks to Tony Wozniak for helping out with the forwards in the later part of the season. Thanks also goes to Mick and Ron for teaching and encouraging the club and myself to go on to the next level of professionalism.

Thomas Rampoldi

2ND GRADE COACH



The third grade side got off to a slow start due to a lack of playing staff. As the season progressed and more players became available, the side gained some strength. With this strength came some wins and team spirit. As it turned out, the side were only two wins away from a semi final spot. My thanks to Milton Howell who could only be described as a great manager. Also thanks to those guys like Ken Williams, Rod Smith and countless Colts who backed up from another game to play thirds.

### Player Profiles

**Scott McGill** - (Prop and spokesman) Scotty had some good games, one game in particular against St Ives where his clean outs were aggressive and hard. In my opinion it was the best game he has played for the club. His defence in the last game against Dundas was also good.

**Anthony Gill** - (Hooker/ Prop and dietitian) This is Anthony's first year of rugby for a couple of years and he was a bit of a novice for the first part of the season. As the year went on he gained more skills and fitness and became an important part of the team, to the extent that his team mates were asking me to pick him. Gilly, keep fit in the off season and get down to training early next year.

**Richard Jarvis** - (Prop and team psychologist) Jarvo was another of those players who wasn't available in the first part of the season due to work commitments. Due to the late start, Jarvo's fitness wasn't at the level of the other players, but with a few games under his belt, this improved and hence his promotion to third grade. Jarvo played out of position at loose head but adapted well and was a good team member. Thanks Jarvo!

**Tepe Taia** - (Prop and team lounge) Tepe could only play the first half of the season due to a crippling back injury (or was it a gambling and drinking problem?). Tepe, when he ran, always took it up hard. Tepe is an aggressive player which every team needs. (A fit and aggressive player who doesn't concede penalties is even better). Tepe, we hope to see you next year, perhaps in the social fifths and don't forget to pay your fees!

**Cameron Slapp** - (Second row and motivator) Slapps unfortunately wasn't able to start the season until late due to work commitments. His season also ended prematurely due to injury. If Slapps was available for more games, I'm sure we would have been closer to making the semis.





# Rugby Third Grade



**Lachlan Bransgrove** - (Second row hit man) This was Lachie's first season playing rugby. It was the second part of the season that Lachie really got going. He gained more confidence and was one of our best players in the second round. His line out skills are good and will get better. His defence is good and hard and it won't be long before he'll be playing higher grades. Lachlan was the team's best and fairest player.

**Paul Brooks** - (Second row and rugby student) Another player who wasn't available until later on in the year. Brooksie just keeps on going and has a fantastic work rate. He largely contributed to the few wins we were able to notch up in the second part of the year.

**Murray Brown** - (No.8/ Flanker and Captain) Muzz was a very important member of the team and always led well. His contribution to the team both on the paddock and at training was great and he assisted me well. Thanks Muzz and we hope to see you next year.

**Mirko Hutera** - (Flanker and fighter) Mirko was our best player for the first part of the year. Unfortunately, due to Tech commitments he wasn't able to play out the year. Mirko was great in defence and was never too far from the ball. He loves playing hard and is well respected by his team mates. Come back next year Mirko! Mirko was the Players Player!.

**Johnny Kauvi** - (Flanker/ No. 8) This guy just loves playing rugby and hurting people legally of course. Johnny was one of our best players and his team mates appreciated his presence. With a bit more fitness, Johnny will undoubtedly play higher grades.

**Paul Andreazza** - (Flanker and comic relief) Love this man! Every team needs a player like Pauly. He would do anything for his team and team mates. He is a very hard player; defence is his strong point. It was most unfortunate he was injured in the second half of the season as he would have been a candidate for best and fairest player (if he didn't go to second grade.)

**Mark Carter** - (Hooker/ Flanker) Mark came to Briars later on in the season. Mark is a flanker but helped us out by playing hooker on couple of occasions. Mark played some good games for us and received the "best and fairest" points in the last game.

Neal Coyte

3RD GRADE COACH





1997, for Briars 4th grade, was one of those seasons that never quite seemed to settle down until relatively late in the year. New players to the club with anything resembling ability immediately found themselves in higher grades. The end result of this settled down late in the season to a core of enthusiastic and reliable players, who tried to the best of their ability, more often than not, out of position.

A person who has much to offer Rugby in the future is Rod Smith, whose input as assistant coach was always appreciated by all. He also played every game this season. Apart from another television appearance, this time on A Current Affair, a relatively quiet year for Ken Williams - he didn't break any records - he just kept adding to old ones. After a tireless effort as Rugby Chairman he is now well and truly known to all as a Briar.

The Best and Fairest award was a close contest with the consistent Greg Landy receiving the trophy. Players Player, an award rated for by the players after each game, was won by Paul Welsh, who played several positions with good skill and judgement. Robert Owen was leading points scorer for the team; and for the record, 58 players were used for the competition.

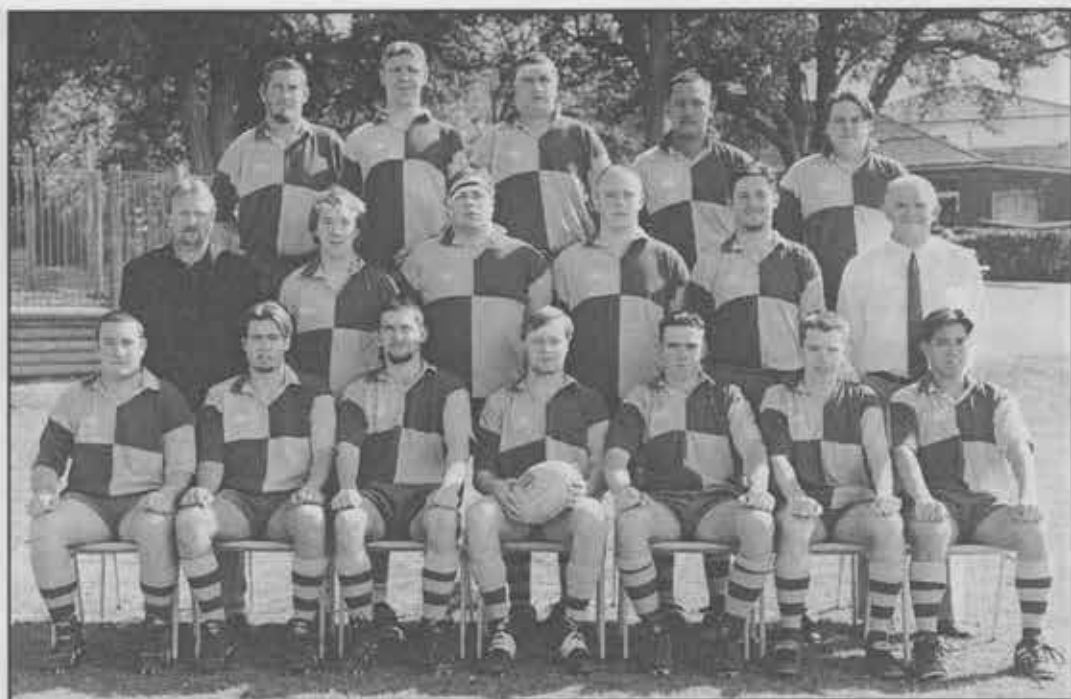
The presence of higher grade players and supporters during 4th grade was very much appreciated. First graders Scott Hyde and James Steele were always on hand to run the water, run the line or allocate Best and fairest points.

It is pleasing to see the future of the club, the Colts, have a very competitive year. May they go from strength to strength. Their coach Andy Craig, captain Matt Grace and the players were always assisting 4th grade without question.

So, summing up 1997? Sure, the results weren't real flash, but at the end of the day the scores will be forgotten and we will remember that we do enjoy our rugby and the friends and memories that go with it.

Alex Palmer  
COACH





**Rugby Colts** Played 18 Won 6 Lost 12

The Colts in their second year have become a very important part of Briars Rugby. Many of the players are 19 years of age or younger meaning availability for the Colts next year. The players realise their fitness and skill level will need to improve to make the semi finals next year. As coach I would like to thank all Colts for their support on and off the field.

The team had many close games with some good wins in the second round against Lindfield (20-18), Knox (28-22) and St Ives (62-0). The Colts were competitive against all clubs except Newport who were undefeated minor premiers and the grand final winners.

The side created more scoring opportunities than any previous year but the main problem was our defence.

My aim as coach was to instill the Briars spirit and make sure they enjoyed their rugby. I hope I have achieved this in some way.

I would like to thank Mick Ellem for his support and the encouragement he gave to Colts. He proved what a great coach he is by winning the Barraclough Cup

Thanks to Ken Williams, Neil Coyte, Reg Taiata and Milton Howell for all their work behind the scenes.

Also thanks to Gary Pearce (Team Manager) for all his time and effort throughout the year.

## Player Profiles

**Matthew Grace** - (Hooker) Matthew was captain of the side and led by example. He has involved himself in strengthening the Colts and the introduction of the U/19's next year. A very good Clubman.

**Matthew Crippa** - (Prop) A very good scrummager and has good ball skills. Suffered a damaged shoulder early in the season only playing a handful of games after the injury. Matt will be an important player next year.

**Tim Arnold** - (Prop) Tim is only 16 years old and has a ton of potential. He also plays 1st grade for Homebush Boys High. Tim needs to improve his mobility and ball skills but he is a first grade player of the future.

**Daniel Moss** - (Prop) Daniel enjoys his rugby on and off the field. Needs to improve his fitness and make a more committed effort at training.

**Bronson Delaney** - (Prop) Bronson only played 6 games due to injuries and overseas commitments. A good strong competitor.

**Ben Harrington** - (Second-Row) Always gave 100% effort, has good lineout and scrummaging skills. Will undoubtedly improve with more experience.

**Ed Pearce** - (Second-Row) His commitment on the field was excellent. He has a good attitude and the willingness to learn more about the game.

**Brad Scully** - (Lock) Brad had an excellent season. He was our best lineout jumper, a good defender and showed good skills around the paddock. He is a must for Colts to achieve next year.

**Daniel Sherer** - (Break-away) Won Colts Best and Fairest. Daniel showed he was prepared to do the hard work week in week out. Very popular player and I'm sure he will make a bigger impact next year.

**Sebastian Powell** - (Break-away) Sebastian was a very consistent player throughout the season. Always quick to the breakdown but needs to improve his defence.

**Sean Stevens** - (Break-away) Played many different positions but never complained. His last year with the Colts and will have no problems playing higher grades.

**Matthew Munroe** - (Half back) Matthew turned in some very impressive performances and showed great potential. Very talented and with more experience will play higher grades.

**Mike Oxley** - (Five-eighth) A very good attacking footballer who made many breaks. I am not sure five eighth is his right position but with his attacking flair he can fit into any position in the back line.

**Matthew Bodley** - (Centre) Matt is one of the most talented players I have coached. He sustained a leg injury which did not allow us to see his full potential. A must for next year.

**Chester Wong** - (Centre) Enjoyed tackling the opposition. Possesses a good turn of speed, good hands and sound attacking skills. A very good competitor.

**Daniel Heseberg** - (Winger) He is the only player I have ever seen run half a dozen laps of the oval before a game. Daniel is a good aggressive footballer and will only improve with experience.

**Scott Nicholson** - (Winger) Scott was our most improved player. He became a good defender and always took the ball up strongly.

**Brendan Grant** - (Centre/ Winger) An excellent attacking player. Brendan was always able to beat his opposite man. Must improve his defence.

**Simon Valencia** - (Fullback) His first year at fullback and was improving with every game. Simon has good attacking and defensive skills also the ability to listen and always wanted to learn.

Thanks to all the other players not individually named above.

Andrew Craig  
COLTS COACH



# Hockey

## Chairman's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 1997 Hockey Report. This year has been my first as Hockey Chairman and it has been an eventful year but a successful one. Our 1997 achievements will be the start of, what I hope, will be some very successful years ahead for Hockey. When I look back and reflect at the start of the season, there have been some successful achievements that we should all be proud of. The following reports detail our performances in all of the senior and junior teams, but I would like to summarise the major achievements.

### 1997 Highlights

To have Warren Birmingham coach our 1st grade team was a huge bonus for the Briars. Warren's hockey achievements at club, State and International level are of the highest quality and we were very fortunate to have him join the Briars. The year's 1st Grade was an inexperienced team and although they did not make the semi-finals, Warren has worked with each player and I am sure they have benefited from Warren's coaching guidance.

Our results on the competition table were: 1st grade; finished 8th [3 wins, 5 draws, 10 losses, 22 goals for and 46 against = 11 pts; 2nd grade; finished 5th [11 wins, 7 losses, 38 goals for and 45 against = 22 pts] and 3rd grade; finished 4th [8 wins, 6 draws, 4 losses, 33 goals for and 34 against = 22 pts].

Congratulations to our 2nd and 3rd grade senior teams in reaching the semi-finals in the 1st Division competition. The 2nd grade team won the preliminary semi-final against Glenorie (3-1). We then lost to Parramatta in the minor semi-final after a 4-4 draw in extra time because Parramatta were higher placed on the competition table. My thanks to Andre Declase and Brett Graham for their efforts in coaching and captaining the team. Our 3rd grade team lost to UTS in the preliminary semi-final (3-2) and congratulations to Brett Graham and Jesse Borthwick for their efforts throughout the season.

Our best performing team this year was our U/17 team. This team defeated St George 3-0 in the major semi-final and then in the Preliminary Final, lost to Illawong in a tight struggle. My sincere thanks to Brad Fussell and Craig Ardill, as Coach and Manager respectively, for their tremendous efforts this year.

In 1997, we have had a few players who were rewarded with representative honours. Congratulations to the following players:

**Seniors:** Rohan Mascarenhas was selected to represent Sydney in the U/21 State Championships at Bathurst.

**Juniors:** We had seven players selected in the Sydney North Area teams as the first step towards representing Sydney in 1998 – U/11: Thomas Wilson; U/13 David Jones; U/15: Alan Logan, Derek Welsh and Stuart Turnbull; U/17; Muneeb Allie and Daniel Tagg.

From these trials, we have four juniors who are to represent Sydney at the 1998 NSW Championships. These players include David Jones (selected in U/13 Sydney (3) team); Stuart Turnbull and Alan Logan (selected in the U/15 Sydney (3) team) and Daniel Tagg (selected in the U/17 Sydney (2) team).

Congratulations to all of our representative players (and their coaches) in attaining this great honour.





I would like to congratulate all trophy recipients this year in all senior and junior teams.

**Seniors:** The Presentation Night was on 5th September 1997.

Grade	Best & Fairest	Most Improved
3rd Grade	Graeme Moat	Paul Burgess
2nd Grade	Lyndon Tully	Marcus Thicle
1st Grade	Rohan Mascarenhas	Mathew Yager

**Juniors:** The Presentation Night was on 17th September 1997 and the Club premises was full. All junior players and their parents attended this evening and it was an enjoyable function.

Grade	Best & Fairest	Most Improved
U/11	David Jones	Thomas Wilson
U/13	Jessica Ellem	Vy Nguyen
U/15	Stuart Turnbull	Simon Callander
U/17	Adam Aduckiewicz	Kurt Ravin

Hockey (through the fantastic efforts of John Price) organised our first ever Businessmen's Lunch on Wednesday, 10th September 1997 at the Coronation Club in Burwood. Our guest at this function was Lazslo Kovacs with part of the proceeds of this function donated to Lazslo. The guest speaker was Warren Birmingham and MC was Stephen James (former Australian Rugby player). Both Stephen and Warren were great and did a tremendous job in ensuring the afternoon was entertaining, both giving insights into some of their memorable moments as they toured in their respective sports. Special thanks to Stephen and Warren for their efforts in entertaining and making this an enjoyable afternoon.

Financially, we have turned around a very unsatisfactory \$6,000 loss in 1996 to a profit of approx. \$3,000 in 1997. Congratulations go to the players in paying their fees (and efforts of John Price and Brett Graham in fee collection) and to Jesse Borthwick in organising the raffle. It gives me great pleasure (and Bill Hooker) that we can all be focussed to ensure that Hockey can be a cost-effective sport. Well done guys!!!!

### Management, Coaches and Managers

I would like to personally thank all of the Senior and Junior Management Committees, Coaches and Managers. Your efforts in 1997 were fantastic and our club could not have functioned as smoothly without your tireless efforts through the hockey season.

To John Price and Brett Graham, I express my sincere thanks for helping me throughout this year. They both honoured their promise that they would assist me in my first years as Hockey Chairman. Their support was greatly appreciated - we were on the phone consistently throughout the season, particularly John Price - I think we spoke daily!!!

1998 is shaping up as a tremendous year of opportunity and will be a natural progression of seeds that we have planted in 1997. 1997 saw the formation of the Briar's Hockey Development Academy. With the assistance of Warren (Buster) Birmingham and the Hockey committee, invitations were sent out to applicants from all over NSW. These future champions were invited to attend a series of trial days, where they were given the opportunity to display their skills.

From these trials we then offered approximately 10 positions in our Hockey Development Academy. The successful applicants are being assisted either by introducing them to employment opportunities which compliment their hockey commitments, or in the form of scholarships which subsidise their education expenses.

The Academy is designed to create opportunities for those who are committed to achieve in Hockey, whilst playing for The Briars. It is envisaged that Hockey will successfully compete in the Sydney Premier Division Competition within the next 2





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## Hockey First Grade

years. Training for the Academy commences in February 1998, by which time we hope to have relocated all successful applicants to Sydney. It is envisaged that our home ground will be at the synthetic surface at MLC in Park Rd Burwood, which is of enormous benefit to Hockey given its close proximity to the club.

The Academy has taken an enormous amount of time and effort to create. To ensure it's LONG TERM SUCCESS, we need the help of our members. If you are able to assist in either of the following areas:

1. Giving players in the Academy the opportunity to apply for employment with your organisation.
2. Sponsoring an Academy player currently furthering their education (this can be TAX DEDUCTIBLE).

or would like to find out more details, you are encouraged to contact John Price (9712 0011) at your earliest convenience.

Let's see how long it takes to produce our first ever Australian Hockey player.

To all our Club members, especially to those who were associated with Hockey, I would like to wish you and your families a healthy, safe and prosperous 1998.

Allen Chu

HOCKEY CHAIRMAN

The First Grade side performed well in the first half of the season with some excellent results including a draw with top side Gordon thanks to a sensational last minute goal. As the team struggled with injuries, losing vital players like Peter Carapiet at centre-half, as well as a number of unavailable players we were also frustrated by an inability to find a regular top-class goalkeeper which resulted in Paul Bergess, in his first year of goalkeeping, often playing for us. The team appreciated Paul's assistance throughout the season and he surprised us with good performances.

On a positive note, many players had their first taste of the top grade this season and they will be better players for the experience. My congratulations go to Matt Yager for taking out the Most Improved Trophy, and to Rohan Mascarenhas for winning the Best and Fairest award and being selected in the Sydney 2 representative side.

In a closing I would like to thank our coach, Warren Birmingham, for his guidance throughout the season. We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Warren's experience, wisdom and dedication and all members of the team are very much improved players as a result.

With the introduction of a few new players there will be high expectations on us in 1998, and with the lessons learned from this season, I am sure that we can rise and meet the challenge.

Brent Diprose

For many years second grade has been a grade with an abundance of talent which unfortunately has not been realised in terms of results. 1997 saw a reversal of this trend with a group of talented players finally playing to something approaching their ability and reaching the semi-finals.

During the course of the season the side recorded a number of very fine victories and gave a good account of themselves against all opposition. The season's results can be summarised as follows :

Played	Win	Draw	Loss	For	Against	Points	Position
18	11	-	7	38	45	22	5th

Although just scraping into the semi-finals, the team was full of confidence for the challenge ahead after recording victories in 8 of their last 11 games, and played with great skill and assurance throughout.

In the sudden death semi-final the side were far too good for a physical Glenorie team winning 3 - 1 and having a score of opportunities to increase this margin.

The scene was set the next week for another sudden death tussle with our old foes from Parramatta whom we had easily defeated a few weeks previously.

A brilliant opening to the game saw us open what looked to be commanding 3 - 0 lead and with 25 minutes of the game remaining we looked destined to be challenging for the right to play through to the grand final. However, a lack of fitness and an over-willingness to attack allowed Parramatta to strike back, and with a goal in the final 5 minutes the scores were tied at 3 - 3.

After surrendering such a seemingly unassailable lead many sides would capitulate in extra time, even more so after Parramatta scored a goal in the opening 30 seconds of the period, but I am proud to say that the boys never gave in and always believed that we could turn the game around.

This belief was vindicated when we scored near the end of the second period of extra time to level the scores and force the game into a third sudden death period. Needing a goal to advance to the next round (as Parramatta finished higher on the table they would advance in the event of a draw) a very weary side threw everything at their opponents but to no avail with Parramatta advancing to the final.

Naturally the side were disappointed with this result and felt that so much more could have been achieved, but in comparison to other years this was a particularly fine effort.

Much of the reason behind this success lay in a far more harmonious relationship among the players this season and a greater willingness to give to the common cause, and for this I thank each and every player involved for a thoroughly enjoyable and successful season.

Another major reason for the team's success lay in the unearthing of some very talented younger players in Marcus Thiele, Lachlan Boa and Dave Cannon who improved and matured considerably this season and who will form the basis of a very good side next season.

Finally I would be remiss not to mention the considerable influence of Warren Birmingham in the skills development of each and every member of the team, and Andre Declase for his continued support of the team by co-ordinating drills on training nights and coaching the side on match days. My thanks to you both on behalf of all players who benefited greatly from your guidance.



## Player Profiles

**Vived Angre** (Goalkeeper) - the team had a real struggle to find anything resembling a permanent goalkeeper for much of the season and were very fortunate to find Vived late in the season. Vived is a very talented and courageous player and the team undoubtedly played with a lot greater confidence with him at the back. I hope to see Vived back full-time next season.

**Lachlan Boa** (Fullback) - Lachlan improved his game considerably this season and was one of our better players throughout the season. As part of our short corner battery Lachlan was our highest goal scorer, and even more importantly, he formed part of a solid defensive unit with his strong tackling skills and good clearances. Overall Lachlan enjoyed a very good season and will improve even further when he develops the ability to beat players at pace and dispose of the ball more quickly when in possession.

**Andy Wang** (Fullback) - injuries prevented Andy from making quite a few appearances this season but in the games he played he always produced a strong performance, characterised by rugged tackling and tenacious marking. A real team player, Andy was a tremendously calming influence throughout the year and I look forward to seeing more of him next season.

**Dave Cannon** (Left Half) - Dave worked tremendously hard on his game this season and improved greatly as a result. The strength of Dave's game is his fitness and his commitment to marking and tackling his man when in possession, and he could often be found saving us in crucial situations. Next season, with the confidence of 1997 behind him, Dave will develop even further as a player and will be able to contribute more in attack in addition to his solid defence.

**Mike Taylor** (Centre Half/Fullback) - without question Mike was one of the major reasons behind the team's performances this season. Whether at fullback, or later in the season as centre-half, Mike was the player controlling the pace and tempo of the game for us and assisting in keeping the players focussed on the task at hand. My sincere thanks go to Mike for his support throughout the season and for the extremely high quality of his play during the year.

**Andre Declase** (Centre Half) - unfortunately suspension deprived the side of Andre's talents towards the end of the season which had a marked effect on our playing style. Andre was also called upon on several occasions for first grade which further reduced his availability, but his tremendous drive and will to win were an example to the rest of the side and his contribution to the team, through taking on the duties of coach, were considerable and very much appreciated by all of the players.

**Brett Graham** (Right Half) - unfortunately not one of the most memorable years for the skipper although he derived a great deal of satisfaction from seeing the achievements and unity of the side during the season. A lack of fitness had some effect on his game this season but still produced some good games (particularly towards the latter part of the season), striking up a good combination with Lyndon and Keith, and assisting Mike in controlling the game.

**Kevin Lewis** (Left Wing) - work commitments affected Kevin's availability but he was an important contributor to the team using his experience and stick skills to create many opportunities on the left side of the field for us given the limited amount of ball that he received.

**Bob Singh** (Inside Left) - Bob returned to the side mid-season and made an immediate impression with his excellent ability to read play and very solid all round game in attack and defence, combined with tremendous vision which created many opportunities for our forwards. Bob's advice at half-time and after the game were often very valuable and I look forward to him being available for the full season next year.



**Marcus Thiele** (Inside Left/Left Wing) - Marcus was easily the most improved player in the side (and probably the club) this year. Always a player with good natural ability, Marcus combined this with a far more dedicated approach to fitness and training and the results were there for all to see. Marcus' skills and ability to beat players improved considerably as did his general tackling and reading of positional play and he was a very important player for us this season. However, Marcus can sometimes allow his eagerness for work affect his judgement, and he needs to learn to pace himself for the whole game and remain in position at all times and not just some.

**Kevin Fernandez** (Centre Forward) - Kevin was a welcome addition to the side late in the season and boosted our strike power considerably with his aggression in the circle and his willingness to take any shot he could. Unfortunately Kevin was injured in the game against Glenorie and was unable to take further part in our finals campaign but I am sure that he will be back and ready for a very successful season in 1998.

**Lyndon Tully** (Inside Right/Centre Forward) - Lyndon was undoubtedly our best player this season. A player with tremendous stick skills Lyndon created an enormous number of opportunities for us this season but lacked the assistance in the forward line to finish the good work off. Having said this Lyndon missed a great many opportunities himself and needs to work on his finishing if he is to achieve a true reward for his efforts.

**Keith Isaacs** (Right Wing) - although Keith did not wish to play in this position he made quite a good fist of it and was a strong contributor to the side this season, striking up a nice combination with Lyndon and Brett. However, poor finishing tarnished much of this good work and Keith needs to find the back of the net far more often which, with a little bit of practice, I am sure he can improve upon.

My thanks also go to Mark Degaris and Graeme Moat for assisting the side throughout the season, and particularly to Jesse Borthwick and Paul Burgess who often backed up at short notice and always put in whole-hearted performances.

I look forward to seeing all of the players next season and setting our sights on the premiership.

Brett Graham

CAPTAIN







Commitment was the catch cry of Third Grade in 1997. From committing to the club, to the game, to training, to playing, to coaching and to management, but foremost to the team. Third Grade was much more than the 3rd team of Burwood Briars. Much more than an extra point in the Club Championship Table. Third was a driving force in the club. The Management Committee was filled with a majority of Third Grade players and in the Junior Club, many of the players contributed greatly with coaching duties and in fulfilling roles on the Junior Committee.

Our on field commitment was fantastic this year, with many new faces to the Grade and new roles for old players. Mark Folkes, Peter Coulsen and Graeme Moat were the crux of the new players and their commitment to training, playing and social activities was a true reflection on this team and how we enjoyed hockey and performed on the field. Graeme, a lost Junior returned to the fold after 5 years, proceeded not to miss (I think) a training session or game all year. He was this year's Best and Fairest which was thoroughly deserved, if only because Graeme spilt more blood on the battlefield (sorry John, but you only managed to injure yourself at training) than any other 3rd Grader this year. Graeme's "never say die" attitude was an inspiration to me and the rest of the team during the season. This commitment to the team was also reflected by Matt Gorton who cut short his Queensland holiday to fly back for our final game.

On the field the team showed ever persisting commitment backed by aggression. Where skill was missing, aggression and commitment took over. Paul Burgess, a stalwart of this club reverted to goalkeeper this year and despite a few hiccups produced a solid performance. The defensive duties were shared by Graeme Moat, Mark Degaris, Marc Burns, Mark Folkes and Dave Bosma. Mark Folkes was truly our most aggressive player. For someone who had never played hockey, he took to it with the aggressiveness of a front rower. Unfortunately, someone forgot to tell him he was carrying a stick. Still, Mark was consistently one of our most reliable players, although his enthusiasm on occasions needed to be quelled with a quiet word. Marc Burns and Mark Degaris, two of the quieter members of the team, were a tower of strength. Without both of these players, I'm sure Burgo would have felt more like a deer in hunting season than a 'keeper'. Both showed a hidden side during the season with Marc having what might possibly be his first alcoholic beverage and Mark, quite probably his last rum on Presentation Night.

Our midfield was relatively static with myself, Allen Chu, Nick Pacheno filling the roles for most of the season. Allen and Nick were the backbone of skilled players with their pin point passes and ball control to organise play, whilst I of course used my influence as captain to maintain my position.

Our forwards were Matt Gorton, Peter Coulsen, John Price, Ben Garland and John Wurtz. Pricey once more was the mainstay up front being the main contributor to the score sheet. He was also a major contributor to the injury list which seemed to rise dramatically after each training session. Third graders were great believers in game intensity training just with 10 times as many balls, hence the injuries. Matt and Peter were both new to the club and showed true Briars spirit in their performances on the wing this year. Sorry Pete, but you did lose the bet - Matt, I'm sure will enjoy his \$10 (\$5 for each extra goal scored).

That leads us to Ben and John Wurtz. Both were Under 17's who stepped up to play against the big boys. It was great to see them develop during the year. Both players with talent, they had to learn to be tougher in the senior grade and I'm certain we have two club stalwarts in the making. Some further mention should be made to Kurt Ravin, Brett Graham and Dave Cannon, who all stood in when needed during the season, thanks greatly, especially to Brett who coached us for a second season which again saw Third Grade finish as the most successful senior side.



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### Third Grade

That leaves us with the season itself.

Unsure of how we would perform with so many new players, we struggled early. We started with a devastating 9-0 loss. Two narrow wins followed, proceeded by a number of losses and draws. At the half way mark we were in 6th position, and not looking likely to make the final four. But with improved performance, commitment and team harmony, we only lost two games in the second round to storm through in equal third place (fourth on goals).

This lead us to the sudden-death semi-final, a game against our great rivals for the season UTS. UTS shared training facilities on Thursday nights with Briars and quite a few friendly rivalries developed from there (not to mention the occasional romance with ladies of UTS - Graeme, Folksey and even yours truly). Perhaps lacking a semi-final's hardened attitude (the first team in the seniors in 3 years) we got off to an extremely poor start to be down 3-0 by half time, only to fight back strongly but to go down 3-2. This was seen by many as a disappointing end to the season but I believe this was a great learning experience and a stepping stone to what we hope will be a championship in 1998.

I would like to thank all the players for their efforts during the season. This would definitely be most enjoyable so far with the Briars.

Jesse Borthwick

CAPTAIN



When I initially agreed to take on the coaching position for this team, I was a little apprehensive. The team had a very poor year in 1996 and had lost a lot of players for one reason or another. There was a lot of names that I was not familiar with who were still quite young even for this particular age division, so I decided to keep an open mind when I attended the team's first training session in early February, not knowing if we had enough players to fill a team, let alone worrying whether we would be competitive or not.

Well that first training session was very different to what I thought would be the case. I arrived to see 10 players who gave me respect from the start and who were, by their own admission, not the greatest individual hockey players you will ever see, but who wanted to learn and were hungry to win. I could not have been more surprised.

Together with these existing players, a small player from Campbelltown, together with another who had just moved to Sydney from Melbourne, formed the nucleus of a team which would eventually go on to achieve higher honours than even themselves would have thought possible.

After about 6 weeks of fairly intensive training, where each player was virtually taught how to play hockey all over again, we were ready for the first game against Glebe. The team was picked with players covering positions they had never played before, but you could see that they were naturally suited to that position.

Even though we were in the second division, it was still an extremely tough competition. The likes of Glebe, Illawong, Bankstown, St George and Baulkham Hills made the standard of the competition quite high, with many Sydney representatives involved.

## Hockey

### Under 17s

## Hockey Under 17s



Glebe consisted of a team which had dominated both the U/17A & B divisions during the past few years, and it was certainly going to be a baptism of fire for our team coming up against them in the first round. It was a game which shocked all that were there, including the Briars themselves. Our guys completely dominated all areas of the game, and by the final whistle, the score was Briars 3, Glebe 0. The Glebe players shook their heads in disbelief. Some of that side were part of the Glebe team that beat Briars 21-1 the previous season. Victory was very sweet. All of a sudden, the Briars were no longer the laughing stock of the competition. People suddenly took notice and they knew that this team were no longer the easybeats.

Throughout the year we won more games than we lost, and on the final day of the normal competition, the Briars learned that they had finished in fourth place, one ahead of Baulkham Hills. **THEY WERE IN THE SEMI FINALS!!!!**

To the players it was an enormous boost and an achievement they deserved. Many of the players could not believe that they were in. There was this feeling though, that the team had done well enough to get to the semi finals, and if we get beaten by our opponents St George, well that's fine. This line of thinking was quickly dispelled at training. We had beaten St George in the first round 2-0, and drew 1-1 with them in the second round in a game where our players were very flat. We trained well in the week leading up to the game and everyone was feeling confident.

The game turned out to be one where the team would come of age. St George were a very good team, and had the majority of their players already playing senior hockey. They had been in these sorts of games before and knew how to handle the pressure. Man for man, the Briars won every individual position on the field, and when Chris Zol popped in a goal with 45 seconds to go, the game was as good as over. The final score was 3-1 to the Briars, and we were now one game from the Grand Final. Our opponents were Illawong, a team many thought would go through undefeated, with so many rep players in their ranks. It was a game which we knew would be much tougher than the week before.

Within the first 3 minutes of the game, it was obvious that all of our players were very nervous, and Illawong scored a relatively soft goal. For the remainder of the first half, our team was under attack from a continuous barrage of shots. At half time, a number of players came off the field who just did not know how to handle a big game like this. During the half time break we regrouped, talked about what had got us where we are, and how we were going to get back into the game.

The umpire blew his whistle to start the second half, and within two minutes the score was 1-1. All of a sudden, the tide turned. It was the Briars who were on the constant attack, but we just could not get the ball into the back of the net. It was terribly frustrating for everyone concerned, including the coach!

With about ten minutes remaining, our captain was sent off for an "illegal tackle". A very harsh decision in the opinion of nearly every person there, except the umpire. Even though the interchange bench was in constant use, our players were getting tired, and with a few minutes remaining, Illawong scored a very good goal which would prove to be the winner.

It broke our players' hearts to be beaten in that game. We were within the grasp of the grand final and everyone felt that they had failed at the final hurdle. This is certainly not true. Even though I was probably more disappointed than anyone, I reminded the players of how far they had come. I suppose the fact that the players were so disappointed, was a credit to themselves and an indication of how much all of them had improved over the season. Probably the biggest credit was to come from the eventual winners Bankstown, who watched our final match and privately mentioned to me after the game how relieved Bankstown were that Illawong had beaten us, as they did not believe that the Briars would be beaten if they had made the grand final.

If there is one thing that the players learned throughout the year, it was to believe in themselves. I think that it is appropriate to mention all the players individually, as I cannot single out any one player:

**Adam Aduckiewicz:** A player with a tonne of heart, and a captain courageous. A non stop worker who kept the team in many games with his relentless pressure on the opposition's backs.

**Muneeb Allie:** A player who did not get much of a go in the past but who turned out to be a tremendous asset to the team at left half.

**Ben Garland:** A player who when he started to really concentrate on his game, became a terrific centre half even though it was not his favoured position. A tremendous servant of the team who will be missed when he graduates to the senior ranks.

**Garth Field:** Garth joined the team from Campbelltown, and improved dramatically as the season went on. In charge of stopping the opposition's inside right, and did an excellent job.

**Sami Ullah Khan:** A player who lacked confidence, but when he did come out of his shell, he showed the way for the bigger guys. The team's best player in the final who will be a very important player next year.

**Kuma Manix:** A fantastic team player who played very well at fullback. Might just make a handy goalkeeper next year. Always had a smile on his face.

**Kurt Ravin:** What a goalkeeper! Thrown in as goalie at the last minute, a player definitely capable of playing 1st grade in the future, if he gets a haircut.

**Daniel Tagg:** Well what a sensation this little dynamo turned out to be! A player who last season played a lot on the bench, who turned out to be the best fullback in the competition. A class player.

**John Wurtz:** Mr Mobile phone himself! Always seemed to score goals just when we needed them. A tireless worker in defence (when he got enough sleep!).

**Christopher Zol:** A young player who improved dramatically over the year and was the focal point of our attack. Very passionate about his game. Watch him go next year!

**John Byrne:** Moved up from Melbourne at the start of the season and showed touches of brilliance in many games. Will become a very important player with a bit more training and improved fitness.

**Shan Rana:** Sami's cousin, and one of the two Pakistani Kings. A player who is a natural athlete and will become a goal-scoring machine with a bit more training.

**Bjorn Hook:** Returned from injury mid season and scored many important goals. Has excellent skills and will become a very good senior player next year with improved vision with his passing.

**Ian Moran:** Injured very early in the season after a very promising start. A player who hopefully will continue playing hockey during the cricket off season if he is well enough.

A special mention and thanks must be given to a number of U/15 players who filled in for us at crucial parts of the season, most notably Allan, Derek, Andrew and Stuart. You are always welcome to play with us, and we look forward to you coming up through the grades in the coming years.

There are a number of people I would like to personally thank for their contributions this year. Craig Ardill, the manager of the team ensured everything ran smoothly and his effort and input was much appreciated throughout the year. Mr. Garland, Mr Tagg and Mr Zol did not miss one game, and their support and help was indeed appreciated.





## Hockey Under 17s

Also, I would like to thank both John Threlfo and Bill Hooker for their constant support of the team both financially and morally.

Congratulations to a number of players are in order:

To Daniel Tagg for being selected in Sydney U/17 2nd representative side

To Muneeb Allie for being selected in the Sydney North U/17 representative team

To Adam Aduckiewicz, Kurt Ravin and John Wurtz on being selected in the Antipodeans U/18 Australian invitation hockey team to tour England in January 1998.

To the senior players in the team who will be graduating to the senior ranks next year, I urge you all to continue playing hockey. You are all good enough and I am sure that unlike past seasons, you will be given every opportunity to progress through the grades. The the players who are eligible again this year, you will be pleased (or maybe disappointed) that I have again accepted the role to coach you next year. Plans are already underway for next year with some U/15's moving up, as well as a number of good country players joining our team. I look forward to seeing all of you in February.

Finally, I would like to thank the players for their effort, respect and friendship during the year. It is without a doubt the most enjoyable year I have had as a coach, and that is due to all of you. The team dinner was great, as was our presentation night, and it was great to be associated with such a tremendous group of young men.

Brad Fussell

UNDER 17'S COACH



## Hockey Under 15s

So much was expected from last year's Under 13's premiers, but the jump to Under 15's, promotion to a higher division and an influx of new players was all too much for our championship team I must still congratulate our team on a courageous performance with all players putting in a good effort throughout the season.

During the year we won 2 games, both against North Sydney, and lost the rest.

The most positive thing to come out of 1997 was to have three of our players make the Northern Area Representative Team then make the Sydney 3 Rep team, which is a huge achievement.

I would like to thank all the players for a very enjoyable season and the parents for supporting the games and training sessions. I would also like to thank Graeme Moat for the outstanding refereeing performance, and Jesse Borthwick for assisting in coaching towards the end of the season. If I have left anyone out I sincerely apologise.

Finally, I wish every good luck in 1998!

### Player Profiles

**Simon Callender:** Wing/Half - Simon continued his enthusiasm from last season to put in a solid performance through the year. He continued to improve from week to week. Keep going!

**Andrew Clayton:** Fullback - Very first year of hockey but made an impression from the first game. Andrew is undoubtedly a talented player and put in an enthusiastic and outstanding performance. Has a future.

**Mark Eggers:** Forward - Did not play many games this season, but still showed he has the ability to become a very good player.

**Jay Hook:** Centre Half - A disappointing season for Jay. He only showed in small bursts what he is capable of. Could easily play at a high level in future years but fails in his determination. Really needs to start training a lot harder.

**Allan Logan:** Centre Forward - Had a tremendous year, improved in all aspects of the game. Alan once again lead the way this year as captain. He made both the Northern Area Rep team and the Sydney 3 team. Big future. Well done!

**Briony Lockwood:** Wing - This was Briony's first year of hockey. She showed glimpses of what she is capable of but seemed to hold back at times. Has the ability to become a good player.

**Kim Ravn:** Forward - Full of enthusiasm, really enjoyed herself during the year. She has the ability to play the game and is a pleasure to coach.

**Alana Tagg:** Right Inner - Had a good year, improved throughout the season and has the potential to become a good player. It is always enjoyable to coach someone who enjoys hockey.

**Chloe Tuffin:** Wing - A talented player who can create havoc in attack and defence. Unfortunately Chloe missed most of the games this season. Hopefully we will see more of Chloe in 1998.

**Stuart Turnbull:** Goalkeeper - Had an outstanding year, made the Northern Area Rep team as well as the Sydney 3 Rep team. Also claimed the Best and Fairest Trophy. Huge future for Stuart.

**Derek Welsh:** Full back - Best field player for 1997. He made the Northern Area Rep team and was in line for the Sydney 2 Rep team but an unfortunate injury kept him out. An exciting player for the future. Give Derek 2 years and watch out!

**Kelsy Williams:** Left Half - Had an outstanding season, definitely the most improved player all year. Showed the will and determination to make more of a contribution to the team.

**Shannon Wong:** Half - First year of hockey, but still played some outstanding games and is a really confident player. A reliable defender.

**Amanda Wurtz:** Forward - First year of hockey. She showed a lot of enthusiasm but a lack of experience let her down. However, she showed potential and will improve in years to come.

Nick Pervushin

UNDER 15'S COACH



# Hockey





I took on the job as the coach of the team with very little experience but I feel that I learned very quickly. I was very impressed with the team's commitment at training and on the field. The players proved that they are not only players, but they are a TEAM. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the support of all parents, especially Mr Thompson for supplying the oranges, and Mrs Nguyen for her help at training and the games. The 1997 season was not successful as far as the scoreboard was concerned but with a team mainly of beginners, we were extremely competitive. This season we were upgraded to the A Division, however I know that my goal for the season was achieved. This goal was that no matter where we finished on the table all players could look back on the 1997 season and say that they learned something and that they had fun, which is what hockey is all about! I would like to thank all players for their effort this season and I hope I see everyone in the 1998 season.

### Player Profiles

**Vy Nguyen:** At the beginning of the 1997 season Vy proved to herself that she was not only a beginner at Hockey, but that telling left from right was also a challenge. After overcoming the second challenge Vy grabbed the first challenge with both hands. By the end of the season Vy was not only leading the team but also showed that she had the potential to be a really good Hockey player. Winner of the Most Improved Award.

**Therese Nguyen:** Therese started the season as another one of the "First Timers," but she showed that she had a lot of natural athletic ability. Therese played the season at Right Half and, along with her sister Vy (Left Half), the team had a very strong flank-half line up. Winner of the North Area Award.

**Lisa Malek:** Lisa played most of the season on the Right Wing and was very impressive with her field positioning. Lisa seemed to always be in the right place at the right time and although she didn't score any goals this season, it will only be a matter of time before we see Lisa's name on the 'Top Goalscorers' list.

**Kobi Lockwood:** Kobi played a few different positions this season but was mostly on the Left Wing. Once again Kobi was a 'First Timer' but she showed exceptional stamina and is a player that will run all day. With a little bit more experience Kobi will be a great player.

**Jessica Ellem:** Jessica joined the U/13 team although being eligible to play in the U/11 team. Jessica spent most of the season in the Inside Right position and was a deserved winner of the Best and Fairest Award. Jessica added a lot of skill to the team and I believe that she will be a member of a North Area Representative team in the near future.

**Jessica Matthews:** Jessica Matthews played the season in the Inside Left position and played an excellent role. Jessica is the type of player that will run all day and will always put in 110%. Jessica will be another player to watch out for in the future.

**Peter Miliatis:** Peter was the player in the team that supplied the most experience. Peter played Centre Half and really coordinated the team from the centre of the field. Peter had a lot to offer this season was a deserved winner of the North Area Award.

**Lee Miliatis:** Lee put in one of the biggest efforts that I have seen by any player in the competition this season. Lee was the Goalkeeper for our team but he also found himself keeping Under 11's every week. Lee has a talent for goalkeeping and I think that he will be a real asset to a senior team in the near future.

**Alex Thompson:** Alex was the player that I used as a specialty player this season. Alex has a talent for eliminating players, so when there was a player that was becoming a real threat, they would find that Alex would always be 'taking care of them'. With a little bit more experience Alex will become a major player.

**Nick Brassel:** Nick was another one of the more experienced players this season and he really held strong at Fullback. Nick spent a lot of the season teaching a few of the other players how to play this demanding position and I think that he did a really excellent job. After a few more seasons I'm sure Nick will be a good coach.

**Shaun Mac Donald:** Shaun showed a lot of heart and spirit this season and I hope he sticks to playing hockey. Shaun can do a lot of good things on the field when he is nudged in the right direction and if he stays on his feet will make a great fullback.

## Hockey Under 13s



## Hockey Under 11s

It is hard to comment on our performance because there is nothing to compare it against. Last year we won the competition, however we were in a lower division. Overall, we won 4 matches (including a forfeit) and had one draw. We were competitive with Gordon, who finished fourth, with a win and loss against them. However we were not competitive against the top three sides, Ryde, Northern Districts and Baulkham Hills. In my opinion, the main reason for that was sheer numbers. These teams have four teams for the Under 11 age group whilst we had only one. With 4 teams the chances of finding players of genuine talent increases dramatically. Another reason for those sides being superior was that they practiced on astro turf. Early in the year I was one of the main advocates to practice on grass. I still believe we made the right decision (i.e. cost of having a regular training spot), however, it was a factor in not being of the standard of the top three sides.

On a positive note, the harmony of the side was excellent. There was next to no infighting and the support of parents was superb. Every week parents would brave the cold night air watching their sons and daughters perform a few exercises that probably meant very little to them. Some of the fathers were willing to be used in training and refereeing and this was greatly appreciated. I must say that supportive parents made my job so much easier.

Training which has a direct relationship to parental support, was well attended. We regularly had ten or more kids to training. At a guess the percentage of kids attending training to those available to attend would have been higher than many adult hockey teams. I made an effort to make training enjoyable through using games to teach a variety of techniques. This I believe was successful.

I felt disappointed that the kids played as few matches as they did. A match against my school team (Lurnea) and the carnival were really successful days in my opinion. They

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helped develop team spirit as well as skill. The more they play the better they will become. In retrospect more matches should be organised to fill the void caused by the inadequate amount of matches provided by the SHA competition.

Looking to the future I believe that there needs to be a greater emphasis on developing the basic skills even at the expense of holding back a few talented players. I regret not spending enough time teaching the basic skills of hitting, pushing, stopping and running with the ball. A team where every member could do that would achieve more than a team which relies on a few individual players. I felt we did too much of that. I also feel there needs to be a greater recruitment drive for girls. There were only 3 in the side and if this is not addressed then you might lose all girls and that would be a great shame.

Overall I'd like to thank The Briars for their support this year despite me not playing for them as a player. I felt I had their total support and because of that I found my job stress free and enjoyable.

Jonathan Pears

UNDER 11'S COACH



The last year has been a difficult one for the Squash juggernaut, but recently some semblance of order has been restored and we are now looking toward the future from a solid base. Chairman, through this time, Joe Caristo, put a great deal of effort into running the club smoothly and in the face of great adversity was continuing the tradition of a well oiled Squash machine until other commitments forced his premature departure from the helm. Thanks to Joe for all the effort he put in. Following in Joe's large footsteps, Rodney Doig took over briefly before he too succumbed to outside pressures. The effort required in running any sport in Briars should never be underestimated and all club members should strive to give as much help to your respective officials as possible. It is only possible to get out of the club what you put in to it, and it can only be hoped that the new Chairman, David Kable, will get as much help as he needs.

Special thanks to Greg Kelly who finally managed to rid himself of the Squash Treasurer tag at the end of the Autumn 97 comp. Greg has put in a tremendous amount of effort over many years to keep Squash in its envied position as the most financially stable sport in Briars. Many thanks Kell from all the Chairmen who you outlasted. Good luck to your successor, Stuart Santer.

Thanks also to Dominic Caristo who co-ordinated results for the club during this period. Unfortunately general apathy from some captains made this task more difficult than it should have been and the practice was discontinued part way through the Spring 97 comp.

## Spring 96

Fourteen teams were entered with eight teams making it through to the semi-finals. Three Grand Finals and three pennants ended a very difficult comp, and a very successful one under the circumstances. Congratulations to the A4, C2 and C4 sides who came home with pennants under great adversity.

This comp was one of probably the greatest turmoil the club has had to endure. As touched on in the last Annual Report, Burwood Squashlands closed at the end of the Autumn 96 comp after over 20 years, forcing Squash to move to other courts. Given the short timeframe in which to make a decision and also the lack of suitable venues, an extraordinary meeting voted to move to the Battlezone courts at Granville. At the time this seemed like a viable and cost effective solution to the Burwood closure. We had been rather spoilt at the Burwood courts with superior facilities at minimum cost (\$36 per court per comp night).

The Granville court owner offered courts at \$45 per court per comp night which was substantially lower than other offers at the time. Very quickly however, it became painfully apparent that the Granville owner had no interest in Squash and there was no future in staying there. The Granville venue boasted 9 courts when we were negotiating - just enough to support our bulging club of 15 teams given that we needed either 7 or 8 courts for home matches each week.

On the very first comp night at our new courts and to our complete surprise, one court was being demolished - not a very good omen to say the least. Imagine playing comp next to the sounds of demolition! At this stage the owner admitted that another court was due to go as well, but promised that the remaining 7 courts would stay. This would have been more disastrous if all teams were playing on one night due to lack of courts. Luckily a few teams had elected to play on Friday nights but there was still one night where a team had to move a match elsewhere because there were not enough courts.

Coupled with this, the courts were varnished, very slippery and some would say downright dangerous. Repeated requests for something to be done were met with empty promises. At this stage, with club moral at an all time low, emergency talks were held and a move to the Five Dock courts was made at the end of the first round of the Spring 96 comp.





The Five Dock courts, while still not up to the high standard enjoyed at Burwood have proved themselves to be 100% better than the aborted move to Granville. It has also allowed us to enjoy the club facilities once again. Incidentally, at the time of writing, I believe the number of courts at the Granville facility has now been reduced to 3 or 4 courts, this fact alone vindicating the hasty move away.

Coupled with the move to and from Granville, C grade and below had to endure the nonuniformity caused by the merging of the colour zones into one zone. As you can appreciate it is difficult for the district selectors to be successful in creating uniform grades without any merger, let alone with the complexity that the merger introduced. Some grades found the going a bit tough, some found it easy, but with this comp behind us now we can look to the future with a solid foundation.

Basat Hussain won the performance trophy with an excellent average of 5.22 in his first comp with Briars. He obviously needs a healthy push up the grades next comp to maintain his interest. Peter Anderson was unlucky to miss out after recording a 100% win rate but unfortunately for him his average of 5.13 wasn't quite good enough this comp.

## Team 1 - 3rd Grade

After a brilliant 4th Grade win, the boys were all hyped up to make their presence felt in 3rd Grade, and that they did. Playing at State level in any sport is an excellent feat and to make the semi-finals is even sweeter. Alas, while the team had been strengthened by the veteran Lindsay Hetherington, they were unable to put it together on semi-final night and lost. With the exception of David who found the going a bit tough, the rest of the side had very presentable stats and this augurs well for the next pennant.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Christian Hennock	1	5	3	1	4	1	0	14	9	58	64%	4.14
Lindsay Hetherington	2	3	1	2	3	1	3	13	6	38	46%	2.92
Matthew Hewson	3	0	1	3	2	2	0	8	4	23	50%	2.88
Rodney Doig	4	2	6	1	1	2	0	12	9	50	75%	4.17
David Tesoriero	5	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	0%	0.17

## Team 2 - A2

A disappointing 6th from a side which on paper promised a lot more. Only points off semi-finals last comp and strengthened by the addition of Lucas Blacker, it was hoped that a semi-final berth would be forthcoming. Alas, although Lucas managed a 58% average, the rest of the team had a disappointing comp.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Joe Elias	1	1	1	3	4	1	2	12	5	32	42%	2.67
Paul Byrne	2	1	1	0	1	5	2	10	2	18	20%	1.80
Lucas Blacker	3	2	2	3	1	3	1	12	7	39	58%	3.25
Jim Farrell	4	0	2	2	2	2	4	12	4	24	33%	2.00
Joe Karam	5	0	0	1	0	3	1	5	1	7	20%	1.40

## Team 3 - A3

Coming from an excellent pennant win in A4 in the previous competition and being moved up one grade to A3, one can only put the poor result down to the turmoil caused by the moves. David Kable did well to record a 67% average while special mention must be made of the inimitable KK who quite possibly now holds the record for the most kilometres travelled to play Sydney pennant squash in one comp. KK usually travelled up from Jindabyne on comp day for probably his last hurrah in the Sydney pennant competition.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Ken Kable	1	1	2	1	2	2	4	12	4	26	33%	2.17
Paul Burgess	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	5	1	10	20%	2.00
Victor Holubinsky	3	0	0	1	3	2	4	10	1	12	10%	1.20
Barry Hannally	4	1	1	2	1	4	3	12	4	25	33%	2.08
David Kable	5	3	5	0	2	1	1	12	8	48	67%	4.00

## Team 4 - A4

This team of "Young Guns" is a team stacked full of players to watch. Old campaigners Ports and Jonesy were teamed up with promising young players from last comps B1 and B2 grades. Commendable effort for the first foray into A grade for some players, finishing 3rd and making the Grand Final. Although not pennant winners this comp they are sure to pick up a flag soon.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Tony Porter	1	3	2	0	3	0	3	11	5	34	45%	3.09
Dominic Caristo	2	0	2	3	2	0	2	9	5	26	56%	2.89
Paul Jones	3	4	0	1	1	1	0	7	5	31	71%	4.43
Brett Townsend	4	7	1	2	1	2	1	14	10	59	71%	4.21
Dominic Maggs	5	2	1	1	1	3	1	9	4	26	44%	2.89

## Team 5 - B1

On paper this side should have done much better, but knowing that some of the players could not get motivated, it was always going to be an uphill battle. With the exception of Steve Madz and Alan Cameron, this side struggled and will be glad that this comp is behind them.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Ellis Patterson	1	0	1	2	0	7	3	13	3	20	23%	1.54
Alan Cameron	2	1	4	2	1	2	2	12	7	38	58%	3.17
Joe Caristo	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0%	0.33
John Gee	4	0	0	3	3	4	3	13	3	22	23%	1.69
Steve Madz	5	6	1	2	2	1	1	13	9	54	69%	4.15
Frank Bortollotti	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	11	100%	5.50



## Team 6 - C2

For this team the competition was a total mixup until the start of the second round. After losing the Final in C1 last comp the side was restructured to include new players at 1 and 2. The side nominated for B4 but got pushed down to C2 by the district selection committee. Team problems early on saw Reg playing at number 1 some weeks from the number 4 position - not a good start. The addition of Elle part way through the comp gave the side an invincible look at they stormed home to claim the minor premiership and then go on to win the Grand Final. Congratulations and special mention to Peter Anderson who remained undefeated for the comp.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Elle Melke	1	3	1	2	0	2	0	8	6	33	75%	4.13
Peter Anderson	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	8	8	41	100%	5.13
Patrick Hui	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Reg Richardson	4	2	2	2	1	2	1	10	6	34	60%	3.40
Grant Heggarty	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	4	19	100%	4.75

## Team 7- C4

Like the C2 team, this side had applied for a higher grade but due to the restructure of grades C1 and below, found themselves in C4. Eager to compensate for the grading "slap in the face" they finished minor premiers with daylight second and then went on to win another pennant for the Briars stash. The district selectors surely must have egg on their faces now.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Nenad Dobrijevic	1	4	4	3	0	0	1	12	11	56	92%	4.67
Ray Warouw	2	3	5	2	0	1	0	11	10	52	91%	4.73
Robert Powell	3	4	3	2	2	0	0	11	9	51	82%	4.64
Ed Alcaino	4	8	1	2	0	0	1	12	11	61	92%	5.08
Zelco Kalic	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

## Team 8 - C5

This team finished a credible 5th in C1 last comp only to find themselves in a demoralising C5 after the merging of the colour zones. A mix-up concerning attendance at a "Rules" night cost the team 28 points and saw them pushed back to 4th place from 1st and only one bite at the cherry during the semi-final. When your luck is out nothing seems to go right and unfortunately they lost the semi to put them out for the count. Mention must be made here of the District's continual habit of lack of notice for the "Rules" nights and also for the last minute changes to venues. It was only a matter of time before it affected a result and unfortunately it was this team that suffered.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
William Pace	1	2	1	2	0	0	1	6	5	25	83%	4.17
Peter O'Donnell	2	0	4	1	1	2	0	8	5	28	63%	3.50
Michael DiMonte	3	3	5	1	1	0	0	10	9	49	90%	4.90
Chris Virgona	4	1	1	0	4	1	0	7	2	20	29%	2.86
Greg McManus	5	2	2	1	4	1	1	11	5	35	45%	3.18
Greg Anderson	6	1	1	1	0	1	2	6	3	16	50%	2.67



## Team 9 - C6

The first of two sides in this grade dropped from C2 to C6 due to the restructure managed to win the Semi-Final from 4th place but alas lost the Final to end a credible comp. The old evergreen Johnny DeGeorge was very happy in the number 4 spot while Steve Taylor showed promise at number 5.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Luke Tollemache	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	12	5	30	42%	2.50
Anthony Newton	2	0	2	3	0	2	2	9	5	24	56%	2.67
Ed Moore	3	2	1	0	3	2	2	10	3	25	30%	2.50
John DeGeorge	4	5	3	2	0	1	2	13	10	54	77%	4.15
Steve Taylor	5	3	2	2	3	1	0	11	7	43	64%	3.91

## Team 10 - C6

The loss of last comps number 1, John Healy, proved too great for this team, and while Wayne Rastall came in with a 50% average, the rest of the team found the going too tough. The team finished in 8th place - a disappointing final result from a team which was travelling neck-in-neck with Team 9 (above) for at least part of the comp.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Greg Kelly	1	0	2	2	5	2	3	14	4	30	29%	2.14
Wayne Rastall	2	0	1	2	0	2	1	6	3	15	50%	2.50
Ron Marshall	3	0	1	2	4	4	2	13	3	25	23%	1.92
Martin Kamaz	4	2	1	1	2	3	4	13	4	28	31%	2.15
Mick Franco	5	1	1	1	0	3	2	8	3	18	38%	2.25

## Team 11 - D2

Essentially the same side that played C3 last comp and essentially the same result (improved their placing to 6th from 7th). They were always in with a chance but lack of time on the practice court told in the final analysis.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Tony Cariola	1	1	0	1	0	3	4	9	2	13	22%	1.44
Stefan Krnel	2	0	3	1	2	1	3	10	4	24	40%	2.40
Paul Bruner	3	1	2	2	0	0	1	6	5	24	83%	4.00
George Waird	4	1	1	0	0	2	5	9	2	13	22%	1.44
Andrew Kmcl	5	1	0	2	3	1	2	9	3	21	33%	2.33

## Team 12 - D4

This side proved to be a very credible force and finished 3rd to make the semi-final and then the final. Bowing out in a final is still a good result in any comp and it makes it all the more credible when there is as much disruption as there was this comp. Special mention goes to Basat Hussain who won 8 out of his 9 matches for an impressive average of 5.22. He picked up the performance trophy for this effort in his first comp and looks to have a good future with the club.





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Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Darren Peisley	1	3	0	1	1	1	2	8	4	25	50%	3.13
Barney Rudd	2	2	1	2	2	1	0	8	5	30	63%	3.75
Basat Hussain	3	6	2	0	0	1	0	9	8	47	89%	5.22
Steve Kodela	4	1	0	0	1	3	4	9	1	11	11%	1.22
Chris Leung	5	0	1	3	2	2	2	10	4	23	40%	2.30

## Team 13- E1

Not a particularly good comp for the boys. Stuart had a good result at number 1 with 57% and that rotund young fellow, John Siounis, came in with 67% for his best result in a number of comps. Sadly the team as a whole finished 6th but there is always next comp. Tony and Troy obviously didn't party enough - Tony for one plays better when he has been drinking all night.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Stuart Santer	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	7	4	22	57%	3.14
Troy Jefferies	2	1	1	0	1	1	4	8	2	14	25%	1.75
Rene Smeets	3	2	1	0	0	2	4	9	3	19	33%	2.11
Tony Vergos	4	1	0	0	0	3	3	7	1	9	14%	1.29
Ross Mitchell	5	1	0	1	0	3	2	7	2	13	29%	1.86
John Siounis	6	3	1	2	1	1	1	9	6	34	67%	3.78

## Team 14- E5

Came in 3rd for a crack at the prizes but inexperience saw them go down in the semi-final. While the side didn't progress from the semi, mention must be made of the excellent performances from Nathan Chang and Nick Criniti. Both relatively new to the club and both young players, they look to have a good future if they stick with it.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Alf DiMonte	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	4	2	14	50%	3.50
Nathan Chang	2	3	2	1	1	0	0	7	6	34	86%	4.86
Jay Jayadev	3	0	1	3	0	3	3	10	4	20	40%	2.00
Dominic DeSantos	4	0	0	2	0	1	3	6	2	9	33%	1.50
Nigel Woolley	5	0	2	1	1	1	1	6	3	17	50%	2.83
Nick Criniti	6	8	1	1	3	0	0	13	10	63	77%	4.85

## Autumn 97

The turmoil of last comp took its toll on teams for this comp. We lost a total of 3 full teams and now are in a rebuilding process. Five Dock is proving to be the best choice around at present but should these courts close then the future of Squash at Briars must be under a cloud. There are simply no more courts in close proximity to clubrooms and unless we build our own courts we must continually live with the fear that one day the Five Dock courts will close. Thankfully at present the court owner at Five Dock is riding on a wave of excessive demand over supply, although the down side of this is that the cost of a court per comp night has now risen to \$54. This represents a 50% increase in court hire from the \$36 per court we were paying at Burwood just two comps ago - a cost we have absorbed with a minimal increase in comp fees. Comp fees must obviously increase unless some serious fund-raising can offset the increase.



Eleven teams were entered this comp but the pennant average suffered with us picking up only one solitary flag. Nonetheless, congratulations to the B2 team, the nucleus of which travelled some 7 grades up. They obviously enjoyed being reunited with old team-mate Jordan and came home with a well-deserved pennant.

Congratulations to Zelko Kalic, fresh back this comp from a knee injury which prevented him from playing last comp, the winner of the performance trophy with an average of 5.17. Zelko was the only player to record an average of 5 this comp, although there were a few players with averages in the high 4's.

## Team 1 - 3rd Grade

Major team problems saw this team calling on subs at regular intervals. Rodney was the only shining light in this team and the Checker has directed that he must play number 1 next comp. The frequent unavailability of Alex in this 4 man team made life very difficult and although still in it at the end of the first round, faltered towards the business end of the comp.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Christian Hennock	1	1	1	1	3	3	5	14	3	24	21%	1.71
Rodney Doig	2	5	5	0	1	2	1	14	10	59	71%	4.21
Lindsay Hetherington	3	0	1	2	0	4	5	12	3	17	25%	1.42
Alex Marsh	4	1	4	2	3	2	1	13	7	42	54%	3.23

## Team 2 - A2

This team had the form on paper to go all the way, but unfortunately injuries to key players Paul and Joe put too much pressure on the newly promoted remainder of the team. Just missed out on the semis and looking forward to next comp.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Joe Elias	1	1	1	2	0	0	5	9	4	19	44%	2.11
Paul Byrne	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	8	33%	2.67
David Kable	3	1	0	2	0	2	5	10	3	16	30%	1.60
Brett Townsend	4	1	0	0	2	5	2	10	1	15	10%	1.50
Dominic Caristo	5	2	1	0	3	1	2	9	3	24	33%	2.67
Dominic Maggs	6	3	1	1	0	2	2	9	5	29	56%	3.22

## Team 3 - A3

Another disappointing comp from a team which should be doing better. Missed out on the semis but pulled off some big upsets after the return of Paul in the second round. Unfortunately too much ground was lost during the first round, but a change in team order for next comp should see a better start and hopefully set the wheels in motion for a better final result.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Paul Jones	1	0	2	2	1	1	2	8	4	21	50%	2.63
Jim Farrell	2	0	0	3	3	2	4	12	3	20	25%	1.67
Paul Burgess	3	0	0	0	2	4	2	8	0	8	0%	1.00
Barry Hannelly	4	1	2	4	4	2	0	13	7	42	54%	3.23
Ellis Patterson	5	1	1	4	3	0	3	12	6	33	50%	2.75



# Squash Report

## Team 4 - A4

Internal problems throughout the comp no doubt demoralised this team and contributed to a disappointing result. Newcomer to the club, Rob Goodwin had a good start and recorded the best percentage (although not quite the best average) in this team - a player to watch in coming comps. Good to see Adam back at Briars again - a credible first comp back with 50% in a very difficult position. A little more concentration and Adam could be jumping through the grades - he has ability and speed to burn but, as with many young players, lacks concentration and killer instinct at vital times.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Adam Selway	1	2	1	3	4	2	0	12	6	39	50%	3.25
Victor Holubinskyj	2	1	1	0	2	5	2	11	2	20	18%	1.82
Alan Cameron	3	1	1	2	3	2	1	10	4	27	40%	2.70
Steve Madz	4	0	0	2	4	1	3	10	2	17	20%	1.70
Rob Goodwin	5	1	1	4	1	0	2	9	6	29	67%	3.22

## Team 5 - B2

The surprise packet for this comp. After the nucleus of this team jumped a massive 7 grades they ended up as our only pennant winners for this comp. The addition of old team-mate Jordan was obviously a welcome one, and Jordan relished the task to record 92% with a 4.58 average. Impressive performances by the rest of the team as well - an exceptional comp and exceptionally well done.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Jordan Dean	1	5	1	5	0	0	1	12	11	55	92%	4.58
Nenad Dobrijevic	2	5	0	1	1	0	2	9	6	36	67%	4.00
P Gardiner	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	8	33%	2.67
Ray Warouw	3	1	4	2	1	2	0	10	7	38	70%	3.80
Ed Alcaino	4	5	1	0	0	2	2	10	6	37	60%	3.70
Robert Powell	5	2	1	3	2	0	4	12	6	33	50%	2.75

## Team 6 - B4

Good performances by the whole team and just a solitary loss by Peter Anderson ensured that this team easily made the semi-finals. Unfortunately didn't go all the way - better luck next comp but great performances nonetheless.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Elle Melke	1	2	1	3	3	1	0	10	6	36	60%	3.60
Peter Anderson	2	5	1	2	0	0	1	9	8	43	89%	4.78
Reg Richardson	3	1	4	3	1	2	2	13	8	42	62%	3.23
Grant Heggarty	4	1	3	3	1	2	4	14	7	37	50%	2.64
Rex Racklyeft	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	4	24	57%	3.43

## Team 7 - C3

Solid performances by half the team ensured mixed success - a semi-final berth but that's where it ended. Bill found the going reasonably easy and recorded a good average but his success was not matched by the remainder of the team.



Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
William Pace	1	5	2	1	1	2	0	11	8	48	73%	4.36
Michael DiMonte	2	0	1	1	4	0	3	9	2	17	22%	1.89
Peter O'Donnell	3	0	1	3	2	1	1	8	4	22	50%	2.75
Chris Virgona	4	2	2	1	0	5	1	11	5	31	45%	2.82
Greg McManus	5	3	1	1	1	1	3	10	5	30	50%	3.00
Greg Anderson	6	1	0	0	1	1	3	6	1	9	17%	1.50

## Team 8 - C4

Basat still proved his worth in a healthy jump up the grades after winning last comps performance trophy. New recruit John was solid at number 1 but playing in a 4 man team (it wasn't selected as such but that's the way it goes) took its toll and although this team made the semis they couldn't quite go all the way. Well done guys for turning up so many weeks in a row in these busy times.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
John Contarino	1	2	2	3	2	2	1	12	7	40	58%	3.33
Basat Hussain	2	3	3	3	1	2	1	13	9	49	69%	3.77
Steve Taylor	3	2	1	3	2	2	3	13	6	35	46%	2.69
Ed Moore	4	3	1	2	3	2	2	13	6	39	46%	3.00

## Team 9 - C6

Impressive performance by number 1 Zelko was unfortunately not matched by the rest of the team, with the exception of Mick "Unspellable" who recorded a credible 80%.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	PD	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Zelko Kalic	1	6	4	1	1	0	0	12	11	62	92%	5.17
Greg Kelly	2	0	3	1	3	2	3	12	4	27	33%	2.25
Ron Marshall	3	1	0	2	2	1	5	11	3	19	27%	1.73
Mick Jaroszewicz	4	6	1	1	0	1	1	10	8	46	80%	4.60
Stuart Santer	5	3	1	0	1	3	1	9	4	28	44%	3.11

## Team 10 - D4

Chris and Tony recorded commendable averages but various team problems saw this team struggle towards the latter stages. Commendable effort saw Chris play all 14 rounds and still record a 64% average - well done.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	Pl	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Darren Peisley	1	2	1	2	5	1	2	13	5	36	38%	2.77
Chris Leung	2	3	4	2	3	2	0	14	9	54	64%	3.86
Troy Jefferies	3	2	4	0	3	0	4	13	6	38	46%	2.92
Tony Vergos	4	4	1	1	1	2	2	11	6	37	55%	3.36
Mick Franco	5	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	9	33%	3.00





# Squash Report

## Team 11 - D6

Sadly out of their depth this comp, totally demoralised and in need of large quantities of R&R. Unfortunately, comps like these do happen occasionally and unfortunately only the most hardy of this team plan to turn out for next comp. Struggled all comp and no doubt are glad its over.

Name	Pos	P6	P5	P4	P2	P1	P0	P1	Wn	Pts	Pct	Avg
Ross Mitchell	1	0	0	1	2	1	8	12	1	9	8%	0.75
Rene Smeets	2	0	0	0	3	1	4	8	0	7	0%	0.88
Dominic DeSantos	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0%	0.00
Nigel Woolley	4	0	0	0	0	2	5	7	0	2	0%	0.29
Nick Criniti	5	0	0	0	1	1	4	6	0	3	0%	0.50
John Siounis	6	1	1	1	3	3	5	14	3	24	21%	1.71

Jim Farrell  
SECRETARY



The year-end for 1996 was celebrated in traditional Briars style with the Christmas Party at the club on Saturday 21 December. Many thanks to Nicole Andrezza and rugby members who gallantly volunteered to prepare the meal for the evening. However, numbers for the evening were less than usual and that was disappointing to all of those who put in the hard work preparing and also those attending.

I do realise Christmas is a busy time for members with young families, but I urge you to try and support the club during this festive time. Even to drop in to the club for an hour or two to wish your fellow Briar the seasons greetings will be most rewarding for all. This applies not just to current playing members but also to retired players. How about getting a few of your old playing mates to join you up there. This would create another opportunity other than the Annual Dinner and Old Members Night for past members to get together and what better time than Christmas to cheer each other up with some good old reminiscing of years gone by.

To end 1997 the Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 20 December from 8 p.m. onwards, (see below for more details).

The change of format from Dinner Dance to another Social evening took the form of a Trots Night at Harold Park on Friday 18 April. Well, there were enough of the elements trying to put a downer on the night. The rain, it certainly was cats and dogs and those trying to enter through the centre of the track needed more than just a pair of gum boots to get through to the function room. Rugby, another big fat zero attendance; – going for the hatrick on the next event no doubt,. Try and prove me wrong, hey boys!!!!

But to no avail, the night was a triumph, more to some than others, hey Johnnie Price ?? beers are on you for the next ten years !!! Hope you bought the wife that car with the some of the winnings!! Ronnie Marshall also had his way with some of the nags, (well that's not unusual !!!)

The food was superb and plenty of it to the delight of the 53 attendees who battled the elements and enjoyed a thoroughly entertaining and exciting evening. The soprano singer's performance after the last race capped off a beaut night.

The Annual Dinner on July 12 received a mixture of comments from those attending. Generally the more senior members of the club (and I am referring to age) applauded our guest speaker and were well pleased with his deliveries and our catch for the night. Whereas, the junior members (and of course there were exceptions to this rule) were more critical of Slippery's pace and swing and many voiced they could easily have hit him for a few 4's and 6's. Consequently, I am currently under going a brain storming exercise and am looking into an alternative form for the Annual Dinner, the details of which I have mentioned below and beyond.

But firstly to the night itself and a brief mention of a few memorable happenings:

As you are all aware our guest speaker was the ex Australian pace bowler Len 'Slippery' Pascoe. He delivered his speech with much sincerity and heart but lacked adequate finesse and punch lines to win over the spontaneous belly laugh from an audience left gasping for an indication to applaud.

Rugby again proved to be the major contributing sport with their numbers at 50. This was largely due to the excellent efforts from Ken Williams. Many thanks Ken – considering this weekend coincided with the Bledisloe Cup in Melbourne the rugby numbers were very surprising and pleasing. Does this mean our rugby members prefer the Annual Dinner to other great sporting events or that they just don't have the brass to get them down to Melbourne??? The foremost of course says I!!!! However, the Bledisloe Cup did result in a few casualties, as expected, with many more senior members, who are generally avid attendees, of the Annual Dinner spending July 12 in transit to Victoria.



## Social Report



The remaining numbers were accounted for by Squash 21, Hockey 18, Cricket 14, guests 10 with the remaining 59 being a combination of non playing members and their guests. So the evening's tally was 172 which I consider not too bad considering!!! I was particularly pleased to see so many attending from Hockey this year as previous years the numbers have been single figures. This reinforces the emerging strength of Hockey. Once again a big thank you to all the table organisers, without whom my task would be impossible.

A good turn out of 17 from Spencer Hipwell and The Good Old Boys. However, Gordy was notably absent, Madame Fiffi commitments no doubt, hey Spencer?

Local officialdom was represented with the usual good humoured Peter Woods, who as was well oiled by Cricket & Co, as were Rothwell Park's groundsmen.

Schools (Trinity, Homebush, and Concord) were also guests that night and were represented by a combination of pupil, teacher and head master. Lets hope such exemplary behaviour of our members that night enticed the young stars to yearn to pull on a Briars guernsey in the future.

Guy & Co. produced a delicious menu comprising Chicken Satay in Filo or Penne Bolognese for the entree and Ocean Perch Fillets in Champagne sauce or Beef Cacciatore for the main, with dessert being Tiramasu or Apple Berry Tart. It certainly was a gastronomical delight and with the never empty glass of Hahn, or red or white wine, it definitely was a night I (and many others no doubt) did not remember. More of the same excellent service from The Concord Function Centre gang may go unnoticed but when things run like clockwork such is the case.

Mick Ellem's reply to 'Slippery' went down well with the audience, but at times Len seemed not too happy with a few of Mick's bouncers.

The raffle for the evening was organised by Rugby. A framed Australian jersey signed by the Wallaby squad was up for grabs. A worthy winner was Paul Byrne of Squash and he even managed to get it home in one piece.

As usual there were the occasional few who called me to cancel their numbers on the afternoon of the dinner. Unfortunately guys, as previously mentioned, numbers have to be confirmed by the Wednesday before the Dinner (at the very very latest) and those of you who have cancelled late will be up for payment of the cost. Those of you know who you are, so I urge you to please pay the money you owe before letters of request are sent.

So what of this new Annual Dinner format? Well I have been in contact with a number other venues to see if a more favourable financial arrangement can be arranged if the Club and all sports hold all social functions, (too big to be held at the club) at that one chosen place. Furthermore, I am looking for alternatives to a guest speaker (e.g. comedian John Doyle) rather than a sporting character. Here is your chance to have your say. Please fill out and return the questionnaire enclosed and return to me either by fax on (02) 9809 7511 or send it to the club. Remember, the Annual Dinner is for you and how it is arranged will be directly down to comments received, then discussion and approval by Management and Board so get your pens out and have your say.

Two social events remain for 1997. The Christmas Party, will be held at the club from 8 p.m. on Saturday 20 December 1997 with food available thanks to Jesse Borthwick and his fellow Hockey colleagues (entrance \$5). Bring your partner, mate or whoever and celebrate the festive season in style with The Briars.

The final social event of the year is a Rugby New Years Eve party at the club. For full details contact Greg Guest on Tel. (02) 9373 3555.

As the festive season draws near I would like to wish all Briars' members and especially their wives, partners, mums, 'The Her Indoors' or 'She who must be obeyed', and families a most joyful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Good Sporting New Year.

Cheers!

Mick Jaroszewicz  
SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

The Board of Directors and the Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1 October, 1996 to 30 September, 1997. Attendance by members was as follows:-

## Board

J. Threlfo	12	
I. Richard	9	
J. Price	4	(resigned Feb 1997)
P. Richardson	12	(re-elected AGM Feb 1997)
W. Hooker	12	
A. Wozniak	6	(appointed Sep 1996) (elected AGM Feb 1997)
P. Mattick	11	
K. Kable	1	(resigned Dec 1996)
P. Guest	6	(appointed Jan 1997) (elected Feb 1997)
M. Howell	4	(appointed Jun 1997)

## Management

J. Threlfo	12	
G. McManus	4	(resigned Hon Exec Mar 1997)
D. Kable	10	
P. Price	1	(resigned Personnel Nov 1996)
G. Heggarty	11	
G. O'Brien	2	(resigned Sen Steward Dec 96)
A. Clarke	8	
G. Price	12	
M. Waddington	4	(appointed Personnel Dec 1996)
J. Caristo	7	(resigned Squash Jun 1997)
R. Doig	1	(appointed Squash Jul 1997)
P. Guest	3	(resigned Rugby Dec 1996)
K. Williams	8	(appointed Rugby Jan 1997)
G. Abood	7	(Schools)
J. Hughes	3	(Liaison)
W. Hooker	11	
B. Graham	5	(appointed Hon Exec Apr 1997)
M. Jaroszewicz	7	
C. Lamond	11	(appointed Sen Steward Jan 97)
M. Yager	2	(resigned Hockey Nov 1996)
A. Chu	7	(appointed Hockey Dec 1996)
S. Carey	5	(assist House P. Andreazza - 7)





## Administration & Trophies

### J.H.Stone Trophy

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

Chris Lamond assumed the role of Senior Steward in January 1997, and has put a great deal of time into ensuring that the bar is adequately stocked and that functions and social events are well planned for. Chris has been an enthusiastic contributor to the club in this role and his professional approach augers well for the future.

Chris has represented the club in rugby for many seasons and this year was a valuable member of our premiership winning First Grade side. It is pleasing to recognise Chris' contribution to the club, both administratively and sportwise, by the awarding of this trophy.

### Cricket Memorial Trophy

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

Value to the 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

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100 points

The winner of this trophy is Paul Price. Paul has been involved in many administrative areas of the club as well as in the area of cricket. For two years Paul combined with Peter Richardson to manage the Under 24's side and has been able to build steadily on some emerging talent. He has been a prominent member of the First Grade side for many years and has been a member of the Shires Representative Committee. He has also assisted in the organisation of training and supports every club social during the year. A more deserving winner would be hard to find.

### Gordon Bevan Shield

The Gordon Bevan Shield is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has done the most towards football and the Club in general. 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

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100 points



The Shield was once again awarded to Reg Taiata. Every club would love to have such a dedicated official and player amongst their ranks as Reg (perhaps even to have ten of Reg would be more desirable). Playing first or second grade, registering and photographing all fellow players, as well as setting up the ground for training, organising after match food at the club and the All Black TV function, all indicate that Reg was the top dog to win this award again. Congratulations Reg.

### A.J Robinson Shield

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

Value to the team as a member	35 points
Value in hockey administration	20 points
Value to the Club other than hockey	20 points
Conduct on the field of play	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points

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100 points

The success that Hockey achieved this year could not have happened without the unselfish commitment and involvement of this year's winner, John Price.

John displayed tremendous focus towards Hockey's cause in 1997. Hockey went from recording a \$6,000 operating loss in 1996 to a \$3,000 operating profit in 1997 and a major contribution was John's involvement in ensuring that fees were collected each week and special attention given to noted 'slow payers'. John was the driving force behind the organisation of our first ever Businessmen's Lunch, which was an extremely successful function and allowed us to continue to assist former player, Laszlo Kovacs, in his fight against illness. In addition to this, John has been a prime force in the establishment of The Briars Hockey Development Academy, which will ensure a flow of young talented players to us for many years to come.

From a playing viewpoint John was the dominant striker in our Third Grade side this year as well as managing to find time for a little bit of cricket for the club in the off-season.

Congratulations to John, who is a very worthy winner of this award.

### Doug Vanderfield Trophy

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

Value as a team member	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	20 points
Keenness as a player	20 points
Improvement as a player	15 points
Conduct on the squash court	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points

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100 points

There was no nomination received for this award this year.



## Administration & Trophies

### **R.D.Vanderfield Trophy**

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

This year's winner is Lee Miliatis. Lee is a young man of great commitment, skills and character who joined Briars in the Under 11's team three years ago and took a liking to being goalkeeper. He has developed the basic skills of this position and is progressing well.

This year Lee was the goalkeeper for both the Under 11 and Under 13 sides and because of his skill ensured that in the close games we were always in with a chance. In 1997, The Briars were grouped into Pool A of the Sydney Junior Hockey (North Area) competition and we were often outclassed by more experienced teams. However, Lee would not give in and tried his best at all times even when the opposition had scored a handful of goals.

Lee is a worthy winner of this award and is to be congratulated for his efforts.

### **Geoff Archibald Trophy**

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

This year's winner is Stuart Pearce. Stuart was a key member of our victorious First Grade side and his hard running and scrummaging strength make him a definite player of the future for the Club.

Great work Stuart!!

### **The Ted Stockdale Memorial Trophy**

This award carries the name of the late Ted Stockdale and is awarded to a Club member, not on Board or Management, who has engaged, over an extended period of time, in performing behind the scenes tasks which are not otherwise acknowledged.

The winner of the trophy this year is Col Jones. For over 30 years Col has been the Club's auditor, a task which he has performed with distinction and thoroughness. Col's unsung contribution epitomises the spirit of this award and he is a very worthy recipient.

### **Robert Bruce Clark - Outward Bound Scholarship**

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

The executive is very pleased to award this scholarship to Matthew Grace. Matthew is the captain of our rugby Colts side and has played with the team for a couple of seasons, always leading by example. During some very difficult periods in the early days of the team, Matthew was a staunch source of support for the concept and this year played a major role in ensuring better player recruitment and hence a more competitive side for 1997. He is also keenly involved in the work of organising our Under 19 Colts team for next season.



I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the Club's office bearers to what has been a very successful and exciting year, both on and off the field. John Threlfo, as President, and the Board of Directors have attacked their roles with enthusiasm and commitment and have supported some excellent concepts such as The Briars Hockey Development Academy, whilst ensuring that the club remains true to its ideals.

The Management Committee continues to perform an outstanding job with all sports recording good results with very much improved financial performance and all Sports Chairmen are to be congratulated for their efforts in this regard.

Anthony Clarke and Chris Lamond have done well in their roles of House Chairman and Senior Steward respectively, with many hours of work being put in to ensure that Club facilities are improved and maintained and that the club remains an inviting place either for a function or a quiet ale with friends.

Unfortunately there appears to be a significant trend away from this and I would encourage all members to take advantage of the facilities that the Club can offer.

To all of our award winners my sincere congratulations and thanks. As a club where the voluntary efforts of members are vital to the smooth and successful running of the club people such as yourselves are vital and your efforts very much appreciated by all.

At the same time it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the behind the scenes efforts of Stuart Lind and Marty Watts who carry out such duties as checking the till, receipting monies and banking on a weekly basis. I thank you both for your efforts.

Lastly, and certainly not least, I would like to thank Dave Kable, who as Assistant Hon. Executive Officer, has provided me with tremendous support and assistance in my first year in this role, and for meeting some tight deadlines during the year.

In closing, I would like to wish all members every success over the coming year and hope that 1998 is an even more successful year for The Briars.

Brett Graham

HON. EXECUTIVE OFFICER



On behalf of the Board of Directors

J. F. Threlfo, President

Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors

at Burslem on 19th July 1997



## House Chairman's Report

Well this must be a first!!!!!! In the ten years that I have been doing this job I have not had too much to report.

But as I have reported previously elsewhere, we still have members that are causing damage to the club and the same story repeats itself - nobody knows how it happened or saw who did it. This is only costing the Club money in repairs that does not really need to be spent. I would ask all members to report such damage and those responsible for it, to me.

The Club this year has decided to hire a storage unit through Kennard's Hire, at Homebush, which should leave the clubrooms looking a whole lot cleaner. The unit is for the use of all sports, so please make sure that you take advantage of the facility.

In closing I would like to thank all of those people (too numerous to mention individually) who have assisted me throughout the year and made my job easier - it is very much appreciated.

Anthony Clarke  
HOUSE CHAIRMAN



## Senior Steward's Report

1997 was a disappointing year for the bar due to the lack of support by the members. Players are not making a consistent effort to get back to the Club. Apart from players, former players and friends are also not supporting as much as they could and I would ask everyone to make a little more of an effort in 1998 to support the Club facilities.

Many thanks go to Jenny Murray for continuing to do a great job in the cleaning of the kitchen and the glasses behind the bar.

Matt Yager has also been doing a great job in opening the club on each and every Friday evening at 5:30pm and serving behind the bar for several hours to the few who turn up.

The bar and the Club need your support, so please make the effort to organise a group and come up for a few beers.

Chris Lamond  
SENIOR STEWARD

## THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

ACN 000 088 479

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 1997

Your directors present their report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September 1997. The following persons hold office as directors at the date of this report:

RICHARD	Robert I G	Company Director
RICHARDSON	Peter D	Accountant
MATTICK	Paul G	Solicitor
GUEST	Phillip A	Corporate Finance Executive
HOOKE	William F	Accountant
WOZNIAK	Anthony	Corporate Finance Executive
THRELFO	John F	Public Service Officer

#### Activities:

The principal activity of the Club during the year was that of the promotion and playing of amateur sport. The Club is a licensed club under the provisions of the Registered Club's Act 1976 as amended. There has been no change in the company's activities since the last report.

#### Results:

The net result of operations for the year was a Profit of \$10,973 (1996 - \$9,653). Income tax was not applicable as per Note 1(c) of the Notes Accompanying the Financial Statements.

The results of the Company reflect the continued difficult bar trading conditions. Tight financial control of all sports has ensured that the Club has returned an improved financial result compared to recent years.

Significant improvement in the financial results of all sports has facilitated the allocation of funds for the future development of our junior sports. The financial direction of the Board is to ensure that sports remain in a financially viable state and that bar trading be improved to help provide funds for the future growth of our sports.

#### Directors' Benefits:

Since the end of the previous financial year no director of the company has received, or become entitled to receive, any benefits.

#### Indemnity against Liabilities:

The company has not, during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is, or has been an officer or auditor of the company or a related body corporate:

- (a) indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- (b) paid, or agreed to pay, a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

J. F. Threlfo	W.F. Hooker
Director	Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors  
at Burwood this 19th day of January 1998.



# Auditors Report

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

### Scope

I have audited the financial statements of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the year ended 30th September, 1997, consisting of the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and accompanying notes. The Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Company.

My audit has been planned and performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide a reasonable level of assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Company which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

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

### Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of The Briars Sporting Club Limited are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of:
  - (i) the state of affairs of the Company as at 30th September, 1997, and of the Profit of the Company for the financial year ended on that date;
  - (ii) the other matters required by Division 4, 4A and 4B of Part 3.6 of the Corporations Law to be dealt with in the financial statements;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Law; and
- (c) in accordance with the Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

C.G. JONES

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Signed at Sydney

this 14th of January 1997.



**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED****ACN 000 088 479****(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)****STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 1997****PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1997**

1. In the opinion of the Directors of the company:
  - (a) The accompanying Profit and Loss Account gives a true and fair view of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year;
  - (b) the accompanying Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year;
  - (c) the Statement of Cash Flows gives a true and fair view of the cash flow for the financial year.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company can meet its debts as and when they fall due.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

J. F. Threlfo

W.F. Hooker

Director

Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors

at Burwood this 19th day of January 1998.







**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
**ACN 000 088 479**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1997**

	NOTE	1997 \$	1996 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
CASH	4	168,047	115,183
RECEIVABLES	5	1,158	8,220
INVENTORIES	6	11,819	18,833
OTHER	7	<u>22,465</u>	<u>12,625</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b><u>203,489</u></b>	<b><u>154,861</u></b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
INVESTMENTS	8	44,866	44,551
PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	9	241,462	262,016
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b><u>286,328</u></b>	<b><u>306,567</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>489,817</u></b>	<b><u>461,428</u></b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	10	41,319	33,619
PROVISIONS	11	13,800	8,449
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>56,119</b>	<b>42,068</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	12	48,916	44,551
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>104,035</u></b>	<b><u>86,619</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>385,782</u></b>	<b><u>374,809</u></b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
RETAINED PROFITS		<b><u>385,782</u></b>	<b><u>374,809</u></b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED****ACN 000 088 479****(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)****PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1997**

	NOTE	1997	1996
		\$	\$
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	3	10,973	9,653
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		-	-
PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX		10,973	9,653
RETAINED PROFITS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR		374,809	365,156
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION		385,782	374,809
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		385,782	374,809

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1997

	NOTE	1997 \$	1996 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Subscription fees received		9,102	7,260
Interest received		4,397	5,531
Rent received		63,876	67,755
Bar Sales		55,297	59,285
Sports playing fees		36,138	30,617
Golf tournament fund raising		8,779	7,372
Sponsorships		4,887	8,265
Focus newsletter (net)		(7,026)	(8,265)
Social functions		(735)	587
Payment to suppliers for bar purchases		(24,669)	(30,763)
Outlay for sports running costs and general administration (net)		(97,182)	(89,451)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>52,864</b>	<b>58,193</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payments for - Refurbishment of building			
Payments for - Plant and Equipment purchases			
<b>Net Cash Used in Investing Activities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds upon maturity of debentures and deposits		-	-
<b>Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD</b>		<b>52,864</b>	<b>58,193</b>
<b>CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		<b>115,183</b>	<b>56,990</b>
<b>CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>168,047</b>	<b>115,183</b>



**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED****ACN 000 088 479****(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)****NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1997****NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the Corporations Law, including the disclosure requirements of Schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations. The financial statements have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Accounts:-

- (a) Depreciation  
Non-current assets, at cost or valuation are depreciated at rates based upon their expected useful economic lives, using the prime cost or diminishing value as applicable.
- (b) Inventories  
All inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost has been determined by specific identification.
- (c) Income Tax  
The club considers its operations to be exempt from income tax under section 23(g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act in that the Club is established for the encouragement and promotion of amateur sport.
- (d) Subscriptions in Advance  
Subscriptions in Advance represent membership receipts beyond the current financial period. Such income is brought to account in the period to which the subscription relates.

**NOTE 2 - OPERATING REVENUE**

Included in the operating results of the company are the following items of gross revenue:

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
Bar sales	55,297	59,285
Subscriptions	8,178	7,495
Interest	4,397	5,281
Golf tournaments general revenue	3,286	2,538
Rent from shops	65,826	65,805
Donations and gratuities	112	127
Sundry income	58	72
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>137,154</b>	<b>140,603</b>







## NOTE 3 - OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit before income tax is arrived at after crediting and charging the following specific items:

### (i) Crediting as Income:

Interest - bank	2,555	3,037
Interest - other	1,842	2,244
Write back of deferred maintenance provision	-	3,823

### (ii) Charging as Expenses:

Amortisation of building	12,535	12,535
Depreciation of plant and equipment	8,019	8,186
Interest paid - bank	50	16
Write down of cricket equipment	-	3,811
Write down of clothing stock	1,334	-
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	583	-
Provision for Sports Development	7,000	-
Provision for Junior Hockey Development	1,400	-

## NOTE 4 - CURRENT ASSETS

### CASH

Cash in Hand	800	800
Cash at Call	147,247	94,383
Cash on Term Deposit	20,000	20,000
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>168,047</b>	<b>115,183</b>

## NOTE 5 - CURRENT ASSETS RECEIVABLES

Sundry Debtors	1,158	8,220
Interest Receivable	-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>8,220</b>

## NOTE 6 - CURRENT ASSETS INVENTORIES

Bar stock	7,376	7,419
Clothing and sports equipment	4,443	11,414
<b>TOTAL INVENTORIES</b>	<b>11,819</b>	<b>18,833</b>

## NOTE 7 - CURRENT ASSETS OTHER

Prepayments	22,465	12,625
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**NOTE 8 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS INVESTMENTS**

Secured Debentures in Listed Companies - at cost

Trust Funds:

R.J. Thompson Memorial Trust Fund

Unsecured Note in Listed Company	1,364	1,167
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Cash in Bank	1,334	1,334
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	<b>2,698</b>	<b>2,501</b>
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J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship

Bank Term Deposit	1,399	1,281
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Cash at Bank	769	769
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	<b>2,168</b>	<b>2,050</b>
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R J Clark Outward Bound Scholarship

Secured Debenture in Listed Company	40,000	40,000
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**TOTAL INVESTMENTS**

	<b>44,866</b>	<b>44,551</b>
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**NOTE 9 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT****LAND & BUILDINGS**

Freehold Land & Buildings - at cost	273,986	273,986
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Less: Accumulated Amortisation	46,690	34,155
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	<b>227,296</b>	<b>239,831</b>
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**FURNITURE, FITTINGS, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

Furniture, Fittings, Plant & Equipment - at cost	108,171	108,171
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Less: Accumulated Depreciation	94,005	85,986
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	14,166	22,185
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**TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT**

	<b>241,462</b>	<b>262,016</b>
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**NOTE 10 - CURRENT LIABILITIES****CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS**

Trade Creditors and Accruals	29,520	19,110
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Subscriptions in Advance	5,263	4,339
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Unearned Income from Sports	6,536	8,220
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Rent received in advance	-	1,950
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<b>TOTAL CREDITORS &amp; BORROWINGS</b>	<b>41,319</b>	<b>33,619</b>
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**NOTE 11 - CURRENT LIABILITIES PROVISIONS**

Provision for Deferred Maintenance	3,000	6,049
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Provision for Junior Development (General)	2,400	2,400
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Provision for Sports Development	7,000	-
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Provision for Junior Hockey Development	1,400	-
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<b>TOTAL PROVISIONS</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>8,449</b>
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## NOTE 12 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

### CREDITORS & BORROWINGS

Trust Funds - R J Thompson Memorial Trust Fund	2,698	2,501
- J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship	2,168	2,050
- R J Clark Outward Bound Scholarship	44,050	40,000
<b>TOTAL CREDITORS &amp; BORROWINGS</b>	<b>48,916</b>	<b>44,551</b>

## NOTE 13 - CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash in Hand	800	800
Cash at Call	147,247	94,383
Cash on Short Term Deposit	20,000	20,000
	<b>168,047</b>	<b>115,183</b>

## NOTE 14 - CASH FLOW

### RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX

Operating Profit after Income Tax	10,973	9,653
Depreciation and Amortisation	20,554	20,721
Increase in Provision for Junior Development (General)	-	1,000
Increase in Provision for Deferred Maintenance	583	3,823
Increase in Provision for Sports Development	7,000	-
Increase in Provision for Junior Hockey Development	1,400	-
Write down of Inventories	1,334	3,811
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	7,062	(1,782)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	5,680	(2,912)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets	(9,840)	5,867
(Increase)/Decrease in Non-Current Investments	(315)	18,890
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Creditors and Accruals	7,700	8,610
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(3,632)	(10,597)
Increase(Decrease) in Non-Current Creditors and Borrowings	4,365	109
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>52,864</b>	<b>58,193</b>

## NOTE 15 - COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

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



## NOTE 16 - SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company operates as a Licenced Club in New South Wales providing services and facilities common to Sporting Clubs.

## NOTE 17 - AUDITORS REMUNERATION

The audit of the accounts is undertaken on an honorary basis.

## NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTIES

The names of persons who were directors of the company at any time during the financial year are as follows:

C R Hickey (Resigned 28/2/97)	R I Richard
P D Richardson	W F Hooker
J F Threlfo	J K Price (Resigned 28/2/97)
P G Mattick	K R Kable (Resigned 28/2/97)
A Wozniak (Appointed 28/2/97)	P A Guest (Appointed 28/2/97)

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive any remunerations.





## THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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### BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1997

	1997	1996
	\$	\$
<b>BAR TRADING</b>		
Sales	55,297	59,285
Less : Cost of Sales	27,160	29,376
Gross Bar Profit	28,137	29,909
<b>LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Liquor Licence	3,383	2,988
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	4,338	7,758
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	3,845	3,845
	11,566	14,591
<b>BAR TRADING PROFIT</b>	16,571	15,318
<b>ADD INCOME FROM</b>		
Property Rents	65,826	65,805
Members Subscriptions	8,178	7,495
Interest Received	4,397	5,281
Interest Expense	(50)	(16)
Golf Tournaments	3,286	2,538
Donations and General Fundraising	112	127
Surplus/(Loss) Sale of Clothing	(1,276)	72
Surplus/(Loss) on Rugby	(32)	1,776
Surplus/(Loss) on Cricket	2,498	(4,100)
Surplus/(Cost) on Hockey	3,371	(6,161)
Surplus/(Cost) on Squash	1,304	337
Surplus/(Loss) on Social Activities	(235)	(587)
	87,379	72,567
<b>LESS OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
House Expenses including maintenance	11,183	10,204
Annual Reports and Accounting Costs	9,623	6,425
Depreciation (excluding Bar Equipment)	16,709	16,876
Rates & Utilities	8,288	7,749
Focus Newsletter (net)	7,026	8,265
Bank Charges, State Duty, etc.	1,011	1,089
Insurance	11,871	12,375
Postage	747	1,115
Sports Subsidies	9,901	6,978
Junior Development Costs	2,094	3,815
Amount Set Aside for Sports Development	7,000	
Contributions to L Kovacs Benefit	1,294	
Sundry Administration Costs	6,231	3,341
	92,978	78,232
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	10,972	9,653

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



# Social Report Questionnaire

## Questionnaire

Are you satisfied with? :

Yes

No

1. Current venue, (Concord Function Centre)

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Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

2. The formality of the evening – black tie?

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☐

Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

3. The cost of \$60

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☐

Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

4. Increase cost with a high profile entertainer/guest speaker.

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Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

5. Prefer to reduce cost by not including beverages

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Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

6. Sporting guest speaker

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☐

Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

7. Comedian or other entertainer

☐
☐

Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

8. 3 course meal

☐
☐

Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

9. Frequency

☐
☐

Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

10. Date - currently usually on the eve of Bledisloe Cup in July

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Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

11. Others

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