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Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure I present to you the 80th Annual Report of The Briars Sporting Club. Each year has its own special challenges and this year has, indeed, shown this to be the case.

Your club strongly supports the state government's responsible serving of alcohol initiatives and this has impacted on the way functions are conducted. A contract worker now provides service on Friday nights, some Saturday nights and at functions. I am pleased to report that individual sports have given their co-operation and support. Members who have attended the club, particularly the "Friday nighters", have been impressed by the improved level of service and professionalism behind the bar. After an initial bedding down period, I would hope the club can examine other options and become more flexible in regard to bar trading opportunities.

Of concern to your Board is the continuing downward trend in bar trading takings. Whilst the primary objective of the club is the promotion of amateur sport, good bar taking figures allow the club to support individual sports; fund junior development programs; and assist in providing adequate club facilities. Your club is blessed with good, long term tenants and the shop rentals are the cornerstone of the financial viability of the club. You would be aware that many smaller licensed clubs are suffering because of the current financial and trading environment and the Board of Directors are mindful of their responsibility in ensuring the future financial viability of your club. You can assist by supporting club functions and calling into the club to share an ale or two with your fellow members. Your support in this manner would allow the club greater financial flexibility.

It is well known that other clubs have elected to go down the professional path but this can be very short sighted and cause long term problems. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Shires Cricket Competition. Burwood Briars had an outstanding season even though they finished second in the club championship. Each and every player became focussed in the second round in an endeavour to improve their club championship standing after a very ordinary start to the season. Their hard work proved successful as they moved from 7th position to finally finish 2nd. I personally rate this as one of cricket's finest performances in recent times and augers well for the 1998/99 season. Of special note is the fine band of younger cricketers playing the Under 24's series. Whilst they just missed the semi's, they really bonded together as a team and will be a potent force in future years, as well as becoming the next generation of players to keep Burwood Briars at the forefront of the Shires Competition.

Hockey had an outstanding season, culminating with winning the club championship and being invited to compete in the revised Premier Division. An active administration group dealt with the off field challenges and all players contributed to the win in the club championship. First grade simply blew away the opposition, losing only one game all season, and their performance is a credit to the players themselves and the coaching staff. Junior hockey went ahead in leaps and bounds and the Under 17 side are congratulated on their winning of the premiership. Jesse Borthwick and Dean Garland did much of the background work to ensure Briars will have an active and dynamic junior hockey development program in support of their senior counterparts. Allen Chu, John Price and Warren Birmingham were very focussed from the start of the season on what was required to gain promotion and their foresight and commitment can be measured by the invitation to compete against the "big boys" in Premier Division. Whilst competing at the highest level in Sydney Hockey will be a challenge, I am sure that the players and coaches will not be there to make up the numbers. On behalf of all club members, I wish Hockey players, coaches and administrators well as they strive to establish the club as a potent force at the senior level.

By their recent high standards, Rugby did not enjoy the best of years. The 1st Grade side, very ably coached by Mick Ellem, were very competitive and provided great entertainment for their legion of supporters. A number of high class players did not return for the 1998 season and the onfield performances showed the pride each player had in themselves when pulling on that 1st grade jumper. The other grades tried manfully but highlighted the need to undertake a recruiting program. The Colts team, coached by "young" Dave Guille, came into their own this season and made the playoffs for the first time. The side developed as a team all season and put in a spirited performance to just lose the semi-final. They are a fine bunch of individuals and, hopefully, will become the foundation on which Rugby can rebuild. Concentration is required on the Colts Under 21's and the establishing of an Under 19's side to ensure a steady flow of quality players into the senior grades.

Squash competed successfully but their numbers have been harmed by the move to Five Dock courts. There is a solid core of players, steeped in Briars tradition, but the sport is not getting



Cricket



## President's Report



any younger. Concentration on a quality junior development program could pay dividends but, I suspect, the Squash Racquets Association needs to have a greater involvement in bolstering playing numbers across the board. Briars' players are certainly enthusiastic about their sport and there is a basis for Squash continuing to perform at the highest level.

Your Board of Directors and members of the Management Committee are a very dedicated bunch of individuals who strive to ensure the ideals of your club are kept to the fore. I am very appreciative of their commitment and dedication and, on your behalf, I offer my heartfelt thanks for a job magnificently done. Tony Wozniak retired as a Director during the year and his thoughtful contributions assisted in many decision making situations. Members of the Management Committee who retired include Ken Williams(Rugby), Allen Chu(Hockey), Rodney Doig(Squash), David Kable(Assistant Hon. Executive Officer now Squash Chairman), Gerard Abood(Schools Liaison) and their contribution to their particular role is gratefully acknowledged.

During the year focus group meetings were held with active young participants in each sport and the feedback from those meetings will assist in formulating junior development programs and the development of marketing strategies. The Future Directions Group will be issuing a members survey form soon and your input is vital and valued in helping to develop the strategic direction of the club. After discussions with representatives with Concord Council I am very hopeful the club will play an active role in the future management strategy of the St Lukes area currently being considered by Council. This could have a very positive influence on the club's future direction.

As a result of recent legislation, clubs with a betting turnover above certain limits are required to consider granting donations to local community groups. I gratefully acknowledge the donation from Burwood RSL towards the club's various junior development programs. I am confident this presents a real opportunity for both clubs to forge an ongoing, long term relationship which will benefit the members of both clubs and the wider local community.

Whilst I have previously acknowledged the contribution of Board and Management Committee members, it would be remiss of me not to mention(again) the outstanding contribution of Bill Hooker as Treasurer and Director of your club. His commitment is legendary, his wise counsel is personally acknowledged and his love of the club and its ideals is obvious. Bill is retiring as a Director at the forthcoming annual meeting and there is no better personal example of commitment to The Briars than his contribution to the club in various positions held over many years. I also acknowledge the support of Brett Graham as Honorary Executive Officer; Stuart Lind for his banking duties; Norm Bush, Jim Alford and Spencer Hipwell who always assist when asked. Particular mention should also be made of the longstanding contribution of Board members, Ian Richard and Peter Richardson and Management Committee members, Gerard Price(Cricket), Anthony Clarke(House) and Chris Lamond(Bar).

Harvey Ford, our club's Patron, is not enjoying the best of health but still maintains a keen interest in all club sports and activities. Harvey continues to attend the club on many Friday nights and visits Rothwell Park when he can. I have always valued Harvey's advice when sought.

Congratulations to each of the trophy winners. You can rest assured the process of selection is rigorous and you are worthy winners.

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

My tenure as President is up and I will not be standing for re-election as President at the forthcoming annual meeting. It has been an absolute privilege and honour to serve as your President for the past three years. Whilst often demanding and challenging, I wouldn't have traded this opportunity for "quids" and I hope I vacate the position having contributed in some way to building on the reasons why the club continues to prosper and stand as a beacon for other clubs to aspire to. I am sure each and every member will support the incoming incumbent as I received such support.

The support of the following bodies is acknowledged:

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| ■ Concord Council                      | ■ Sydney Hockey Association         |
| ■ Burwood Council                      | ■ NSW Cricket Association           |
| ■ Burwood RSL                          | ■ Sydney Suburban Rugby             |
| ■ Squash Racquets Association(NSW)     | ■ Sydney Rugby Referees Association |
| ■ Sydney Hockey Umpires Association    | ■ Sydney Rugby Referees Association |
| ■ Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs |                                     |

John Threlfo  
PRESIDENT

The foundation has had further donations of \$6,000.00 for the year ended 30 June 1998 with overall funds of \$104,110.00 invested in gilt-edged securities and cash in hand.

It has taken a little longer to reach the 'ton' but since the end of the financial year there have been a number of bequests made which will benefit the Foundation at a later date.

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 projects.

The Foundation is for the Briars future, so do not hesitate to donate whether you are a member of the Briars or not.

IGS Blair

President



As the premier club in the competition over the past few seasons in which we had won three of the past four Club Championships, we were once again the measure of strength that other clubs used to gauge their ability. However, unavailability of players due to work, injuries, moves interstate and weddings proved to be very costly in the vital pre-Christmas games.

At the Christmas break we were in eighth place in the Club Championship some 300 points behind the leading club. But, with greater stability through the grades after this point, especially in second grade, our results improved and we were able to climb to second place by the end of the season – a fantastic result!

The four teams all performed very well this season with plenty of highlights. Obviously fourth grade was our most successful team, winning the minor premiership and the premiership in a nail-biting final. Congratulations to Terry Murphy and the team.

Third grade, led by Anthony Clarke, also played well during the season to finish in third place before bowing out in the semi-finals. Again, well done.

The team most affected by team changes during the season was second grade. Prior to the start of the season we needed a captain to lead the side and Rohan Appleton agreed to the task. Unfortunately, work commitments forced him and his wife Nikki to move back to Melbourne and we needed a replacement. Wayne Scott agreed to the job but dislocated his shoulder whilst fielding in his first game against Warringah and was out for the rest of the season.

The search for captain number three continued and Richard Freeman agreed to fill these shoes in the short term as choice number four, Roger Gerny, was still to return after his wedding.

## **Cricket**

### **Chairman's Report**



## Cricket

### Chairman's Report



Roger returned after Christmas to a side that had only won two games up to this date. The main aim was to finish the season in a respectable position on the table, but the team had other ideas and proceeded to score 50 points after Christmas courtesy of two outright and five first innings victories to narrowly miss the semi-finals by just four points – a super effort!

Led by Paul Price for the first time, first grade also performed well, missing the semi-finals by just two points. The season began with only one win in the first four matches, a fact that proved costly as they played catch-up for the remainder of the season.

The season began with former "supercoach" Steve Tomlinson leading the pre-season training sessions before taking up his full-time job at Barker College. We were able to replace him during the season with Western Suburbs first grader, Peter Burkhart. Peter did an excellent job in organizing the various fielding drills and helping to iron out problems in the wide array of batting and bowling techniques and we welcomed his presence.

As well as some fine team performances during the year, there were some notable individual performances which warrant special mention :

- Jeff Banks amassed 848 runs in fourth grade to set a new Club record for this grade
- Jim Carroll took the most catches by a wicketkeeper in fourth grade for the year
- Gerard Price took 61 wickets in first grade, including a double hat trick, and was a joint winner of the Shires Player of the Year

The off-season proved to be one of our most productive for many years. Sponsorship was one area in which we concentrated and thanks to Rohan Appleton and Nick Rojo we were able to attract the following sponsors :

- Pat Coles SMASHMASTER
- LIPTONICE
- Suttons Homebush
- South West Financial Services

The support of these companies certainly assisted our financial position and allowed us to provide caps for all players who had paid their fees in full.

One of the hardest workers on the committee during the season was undoubtedly Nick Rojo. He agreed to be my assistant for the year and took it upon himself to organize the Canteen Charity Day. Nick worked tirelessly to arrange auction and raffle prizes, celebrities and players to help raise money for worthy cause. Unfortunately the Canteen organization were not as dedicated as Nick but we still managed to raise over \$2,000 – a wonderful effort.

On the social scene, there were a number of dinners at various restaurants organized by Roger Gerny and Paul Price. These nights were extremely well patronized and greatly enjoyed by all those who attended. Thanks guys.

Functions at the Club included the Pre-season Night, the Epping night and the end of season function. The catering for all of these functions was provided by Spiro "le chef" Troubetas who spent plenty of sweaty hours both prior and during each night and his magnificent efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

I must also thank Roger Gerny for a tremendous effort in organizing the mini-trivia night at the Club, which was great fun for all who attended.

Our Under 24s side performed beyond expectations in winning four of their six matches and narrowly missing the semi-finals. In fact, the two teams who finished above them in the preliminary rounds contested the final, proving that we have plenty of young talent for the future. Congratulations go to the managers Richard Freeman, Terry Aili and Ross Squire, captain Robin Nandi, and all of the players on a fine season.

The tasks of a captain during the season are plentiful and time consuming with their work not only confined to match day but also to selection meetings after every game and numerous telephone calls during the week to finalise or amend the selected teams. My thanks go to all of our captains for their efforts during the season.

During the season we played against Epping for the annual Turnbull/Richardson Trophy. This trophy is won by the club that gains the most Club Championship points in that particular round and we were successful in winning for the sixth season in succession.

Once again we were fortunate enough to play on two of the best grounds in Shires, Rothwell Park and Ron Routley Oval. The groundsmen at both of these grounds did a splendid job and their efforts were appreciated by both Briars and our opponents each week. We thank the groundsmen and administration staff at Concord Council for a great job during the season.

There were many players during the year who were able to fill in at late notice and to all of those players we thank you. We also thank those supporters who came down to watch us play during the season and at the semi-finals and final.

To "Mr Stats", Terry Murphy, we thank you for your tireless efforts in updating the club's cricket records which are now surely some of the most detailed ever recorded.

A special mention also goes to my wife Jane for her understanding during the year when I attended numerous meetings and devoted plenty of time to ensure that our sport ran smoothly.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the other successful clubs through the grades. To all of our players – well done guys – and thanks to anyone else who I may have regrettably omitted.

*Gerard Price*  
*Cricket Chairman*

Despite a barnstorming finish to the season with seven wins in the last seven games, first grade fell one game short of a deserved semi-final position, a slow start to the season with only one win from the first four matches eventually coming back to haunt the side.

Round one against the eventual premiers Blacktown typified the team's early season. We were cruising at 3-159 before a short ball to Bart Pozuelo struck him a nasty blow to the cheekbone, forcing him to retire hurt and take no further part in the game. This lost us the initiative and the momentum we had gained and we eventually reached 6-218 off our 60 overs with Gerard Abood (43) and Paul Price

(40 n.o) top scoring. Dropped catches cost us dearly and despite having them at 8-179, Blacktown managed to pass our total with two wickets to spare.

A pair of half-centuries from Andy Macky and Gerard Abood helped us to reach 9-255 in round two against Auburn and some fine bowling from Gerard Price (5-27) saw us record our first win of the year, knocking our opponents over for a total of 215.

Round three proved to be a similar story to the first round. We batted well to finish with 8-274 thanks to a fine 78 n.o from Gerard Price. However, dropped catches once again proved costly and allowed Lane Cove to struggle past our total for the loss of eight wickets.

A superb 127 from Gerard Abood in round four enabled us to reach 9-305 but once again our early season fumbles prevented us from capitalizing, Bexley finishing with 9-236 to deny us a valuable six points.

Richard Tregeagle starred with 5-36 as we knocked over the eventual runners-up, Warringah, for 110 in round five. In reply we scored 169 before bowling our opponents out again for 146. Chasing 88 for an outright victory, we went for quick runs before closing up shop and finishing with 6-45.



## Cricket First Grade

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Gerard Price captured an incredible double hat trick as part of an outstanding performance in which he took 7-35 and 4-57 to help us defeat Roseville outright in round six.

Round seven saw us record a hard fought draw against Lindfield on a rain affected pitch before recording a narrow one wicket loss to Strathfield in the next round despite some superb bowling from Gerard Price (6-60) and Phil Adams (3-34).

The team returned to form against the "million dollar" team from South Sydney in round nine, knocking them over for just 89 and passing them four wickets down to record an emphatic victory.

A fine double of 4-25 and 29 with the bat from Gerard Price enabled us to sneak home 104 to 95 against Macquarie University in round ten, before easily accounting for Epping in the next round - 2/140 (G. Abood 43, T. Aili 46) to 139.

We narrowly missed an outright win in round thirteen (after a bye the previous round) by one wicket. After recording a total of 191, we dismissed Holroyd for 102 thanks to Gerard Price (5-64) and Sarkis Achmar (4-26). Batting a second time, we declared at 7-134 and Holroyd withstood a tense final five overs to finish on 9-125 with Gerard (6-53) again the star.

In round fourteen we easily defeated the lowly Hills 5-287 to 239 and 4-59 on a placid pitch, before finishing the season in anti-climatic fashion where we bundled Pennant Hills out for just 41 with Sarkis Achmar (4-14) and Richard Tregeagle (4-16) the destroyers. We passed their total for the loss of one wicket in just eight overs but unfortunately other results did not go our way and our season was over.

In closing a couple of performances deserve highlighting :

- Gerard Price becoming the first Briar to win the Shires Player of the Year award after an amazing season in which he captured 61 wickets and scored 263 runs
- our two openers, Gerard Abood and Terry Aili, scoring 484 and 483 runs respectively to ensure that we more often than not got off to a positive and aggressive start
- Sarkis Achmar's fine effort in capturing 30 wickets in his first full season of first grade
- the great form of Phil Adams before a back injury cut short what was his best ever season

In the end it was our slow start that eventually prevented us from completing what was building to be a great season but I would like to thank all of the players for helping to make our Saturdays (and nights) so enjoyable.

### PLAYER PROFILES

■ **Gerard Abood:** Gerard had an excellent season, combining with Terry Aili to get us off to a positive and aggressive start on more occasions than not. He scored a magnificent 127 against Bexley and was our best talker in the field. Gerard was never shy of giving advice to others.

■ **Terry Aili:** Like Gerard, Terry had a great season. His 70 against Lindfield in a tough situation was a highlight. The "Champion" is also never short of a word in the field and when he is switched on is great to have in the side.

■ **Paul Simpson:** Simmo had a reasonable season and got a lot of starts without really going on to post big scores. He hit an aggressive 58 n.o. against Roseville and did a super job with the ball when required, with 3-16 against Epping being his best effort.



■ **Bart Pozuelo:** This was not one of Bart's best seasons. He looked good with 81 against Hills but he generally struggled all year after being struck in the face against Blacktown. Bart could not quite find the same consistency in his bowling as in previous seasons.

■ **Paul Price:** Paul had a pretty good season in his first year as captain. After shifting down the order to number six, he had a consistent year with the bat with 53 n.o. against Strathfield being his top score, and enjoyed the season after round four, particularly the final seven matches where the team recorded seven successive victories.

■ **Gerard Price:** Gerard had an amazing season, taking 61 wickets and capturing five wickets or more on five occasions. The highlight of his season was capturing a remarkable double hat trick against Roseville in a match where he also captured eleven wickets. With the bat he also scored 263 runs including a terrific unbeaten 78 against Lane Cove, as well as taking eight catches during the season. Gerard was the first Briar to win the Shires Player of the Year award to cap off an outstanding season. I think that he enjoyed not being the captain.

■ **Andrew Blaikie:** Andrew took 27 catches and two stumpings to be the second leading wicketkeeper in the first grade competition. He took some great catches off the quicks and started the season well with the bat before losing confidence later in the year. A real nice guy to have in the team.

■ **Steve Arahill:** After being promoted in round six, Steve became a valuable member of the team. He chipped in with some handy 20s and 30s with the bat and always bowled well, his best being a superb 3-16 against South Sydney.

■ **Andy Macky:** Andy was another who made some valuable contributions to the team, highlights being 4-23 against Blacktown and scoring 50 in the match with Auburn. It was great to have Andy back in the team.

■ **Phil Adams:** Phil was having a super season with the ball before a back injury in round ten cut short his season. He regularly took three wickets per innings and was very quick at times as well as being, at times, one of our most dangerous fieldsmen. Phil will have a huge season in 1998/99.

■ **Sarkis Achmar:** In his first full season in first grade, Sarkis just got better and better as the year went on. He often got the early breakthrough and by the end of the season he was taking three or four wickets per innings with 4-14 against Pennant Hills being his best performance. Sarkis will just keep getting better if he remains fit.

■ **Richard Tregeagle:** Richard only played five games but he showed that he has still got it, taking nine wickets in the match against Warringah and 4-16 against Pennant Hills. It would be great to have Richard on board more regularly.

■ **Brad Scully:** Brad played the last few games and showed tremendous promise. He could be the next Richard Tregeagle – big, tall, young and learning all the time, Brad will have a big 1998/99 season.

■ **Kevin Price:** Dad once again did a wonderful job with the afternoon teas. Thanks again for all of your support – he feels our wins and losses as much as we do.

Thanks also to Brett Gregory and Phil Tregeagle who played the occasional game during the season, and to our regular supporters like David Blair for their encouragement during the year.

Paul Price

Captain



# Cricket

## First Grade

Matches	Won O/R	Won 1st Inn	Lost 1st Inn	Drawn	Points	Position
15	1	9	3	2	64	6th
Runs For	Wickets For	Average For	Runs Against	Wickets Against	Average Against	
2417	99	24.41	2692	170	15.83	

### Batting

Batsman	Matches	Inn	N/O	Aggregate	Average	H.S	100's	50's	Catches
P. Price		15	5	341	34.10	3x	-	1	5
G. Abood		18	2	484	30.25	127	1	1	6
G. Price		13	4	263	29.22	78x	-	1	8
T. Aili		18	1	483	28.41	70	-	3	7
B. Pozuelo		15	2	331	25.46	81	-	1	12
S. Arahill		9	2	163	23.28	36x	-	-	3
P. Simpson		16	4	276	23.00	58x	-	1	5
A. Macky		10	2	96	12.00	50	-	1	6
A. Blaikie		13	3	115	11.50	24	-	-	27c, 2st

### Also batted :

R. Tregeagle	3 innings for 13 runs
S. Achmar	6 innings for 11 runs
P. Adams	6 innings for 22 runs
B. Gregory	4 innings for 11 runs
P. Tregeagle	1 innings for 0 runs
B. Scully	1 innings for 0 runs

### Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best
G. Price	275	56	769	61	12.61	7-35
S. Arahill	64	19	159	12	13.25	3-16
P. Adams	100	19	281	20	14.05	3-31
R. Tregeagle	77.5	11	240	16	15.00	5-36
S. Achmar	198.4	63	493	30	16.43	4-14
A. Macky	64	9	221	12	18.41	4-23

### Also bowled :

P. Simpson	6 for 54
B. Pozuelo	3 for 152
B. Scully	1 for 84
B. Gregory	1 for 129





After toiling for fourteen rounds, seven months and using 25 players, season 1997/98 will be remembered by all who played as a season of lost opportunity. Finishing a mere four points out of the finals race, the team defeated both grand finalists and were certainly the best side in the competition by the end of the season, finishing with 62 points – a fine result given that we had only recorded 12 points prior to round nine.

The first round was a disaster with a loss to eventual "cellar dwellers" Blacktown – Rohan Appleton (44) and Phil Adams (4-38) being the main contributors.

Steve Arahill (49) and John Price (44) allowed us to post a reasonable total in round two against Auburn, but it was Steve Schomberg (4-37) who helped to ensure the victory.

This win was followed by another against Lane Cove in the next round – Phil Adams (54) and Rohan Appleton (48) setting the basis for a total of 255, with Richard Freeman (38) and Michael Abood (28 n.o) adding the icing on the cake. In reply Lane Cove could only manage 149 as Phil Adams showed his class in collecting 4-30. A brief innings by us set up an outside chance of an outright victory but Lane Cove hung on to finish with 6-68 (Phil Adams 3-23).

The next five rounds were extremely frustrating with captain, Rohan Appleton leaving to further his career in Victoria, and another two captains being used before Roger Gerny took the helm at Christmas. This instability certainly had an adverse effect on the side as they suffered five successive losses, but there were certainly some notable performances during this time – Phil Tregeagle's superb 139 against Bexley in round four, Rick Rojo (4-47) and David Abood (62) against Roseville in round six, Brett Gregory's magnificent 6-53 against Lindfield in round seven, and not to mention Richard Tregeagle's 6-17 from 21 overs in round eight.

A new attitude dawned upon us in round nine and the team started to demonstrate the talent that it undoubtedly had. New captain, Roger Gerny (4-32) and debutante Brad Scully (3-21) ensured that competition leaders, (and eventual premiers) South Sydney, were restricted to a modest total. Youngsters Corie Dickeson (50) and Robin Nandi (41) got us close to the line before Scott Castle bludgeoned a massive six from the last ball of the day (with no wickets in hand) to secure the points.

Round ten against Macquarie University saw us take another step up in attitude with Brad Scully defying his tender years to take 6-17 in a blistering spell, and receiving excellent support from Nick Rojo (3-16). We fared little better in chasing a modest total, but a vital 33 from John Price got us over the line, while a fiery 5-20 from Brett Gregory was not enough to secure outright points.

A winning feeling was now with us and we continued our improved form against Epping in the next round with fine bowling from Brett Gregory (4-17), Nick Rojo (3-17) and Robin Nandi (2-32) securing the points.

Following a bye in the next round we needed outright wins in our next two matches to have any chance of reaching the semi-finals and that is exactly what we did.

Against fifth placed Holroyd, Roger Gerny (50), Dan Rojo (38), John Price (37) and Steve Schomberg (31 n.o) ensured a large total to bowl at, and our bowlers responded magnificently, bundling Holroyd out twice for scores of 80 and 81 with Robin Nandi and Nick Rojo both taking five wickets for the match.

The demolition of Hills in round fourteen was nothing short of a power display from a supremely confident side. Nick and Dan Rojo were superb, both taking six wickets for the match, and were well supported by the ever reliable Steve Schomberg who captured four wickets for the match. The batting was equally impressive with Greg Wallace scoring a vintage 78, Phil Tregeagle a classic 71 and Robin Nandi a terrific 31.

The final round saw us embarrass second placed Pennant Hills as we bowled them out for 113 courtesy of Steve Schomberg who snared 5-29. In reply we cruised to victory,



reaching the target for the loss of no wickets (Greg Wallace 69 n.o, John Platania 29 n.o).

Unfortunately we finished the year four points out of the semi-finals – certainly a fine effort, but also a major disappointment as we were the best team in the competition by the end of the season. Next year – watch this space!!!!

### PLAYER PROFILES

■ **Steve Arahill:** Although only with us for a short time before finishing the year in first grade, Steve showed great class whilst batting, bowling and fielding.

■ **John Platania:** By his own standards John had a disappointing year with the bat but he was a vital part of our resurgence with his encouragement very important.

■ **John Price:** The stable influence of John in an unsettled year was a great support to his captains. Look forward to a century next year!!!

■ **Phil Adams:** Phil played most of the year in first grade, but while in the seconds he gave some great performance with both bat and ball before injury struck him down late in the season.

■ **Roger Gerny:** Roger led by example at all times to lead the side to what could have been a fairytale year.

■ **Richard Freeman:** A great support to his captain, Richard was not only ever safe and reliable with the gloves, but often brilliant. Higher honours may greet him with more runs. A great club man.

■ **Robin Nandi:** Captain of our Under 24s and one of the young brigade who has matured in all facets of the game. Robin has a future above that of second grade with continued development.

■ **Phil Tregeagle:** Our leading run scorer for the season, Phil's attitude to the game is a credit to him. Look forward to scoring 600 next year Phil – whether it be in this grade or higher.

■ **Dan Rojo:** Due to an interrupted year because of marriage, Dan took on an unfamiliar role and showed why he was the leading wicket taker in this grade over the past two seasons. He also showed batting prowess that warrants all-rounder status.

■ **Scott Castle:** Scott bowled very well early in the year and will play second grade again in the near future. Hits the ball long and straight too!!!

■ **Nick Rojo:** The pick of the side this year with his attitude totally focussed on the job given to him each week. Nick took 31 wickets for the season and was a great support and help to all in the club.

■ **Corie Dickeson:** Corie's power and timing will make him a valuable asset to the club. Although inconsistent, he has the class to play at our highest level with more application. A brilliant fieldsman.

■ **Dave Trewin:** Dave only played a couple of games but showed a great desire to compete and support his teammates.

■ **Steve Schomberg:** More than a bowling genius, Steve's batting was vital in our wins. A superb slips fieldsman, Steve's competitive spirit is vital to all in the club.

■ **Richard Tregeagle:** The magician was only with us for one game – how sad but oh so brilliant.

■ **David Abood:** David took the step up to second grade well and made a fine contribution to the side. A bright future welcomes David thanks to his positive attitude.



- **Colin Wilcoxson:** Colin only played one game but was great for the team.
- **Greg Wallace:** Three games produced two scores over 50 and six catches. Greg's undoubted class is vital to the continued success of second grade (and even higher) as is his fantastic spirit and enjoyment of the game.
- **Wayne Scott:** Injured after just one game as captain, we look forward to Wayne resuming next year and scoring plenty of runs.
- **Rohan Appleton:** The biggest loss of the year!!! Rohan's move back to Victoria robbed the club of not only a talented batsman, captain and cricketer of tremendous attitude, but also a fantastic club man.
- **Brad Scully:** In a year that saw him rise from fourth grade to first grade, Brad's skills with both bat and ball promise great things for next year.
- **Brett Howle:** Brett only played the one game this year after moving north. Look forward to many more next year???
- **Michael Abood:** Starved of opportunity in second grade, Michael's attitude was fantastic and rewarded with a premiership in another grade.
- **Ash Squire:** A year of learning for Ash that will bring him success in the future with further improvement to his fine leg spin bowling and batting.
- **Brett Gregory:** After starting the year in first grade, BG found his skills to be back to their frightening best with 21 wickets at 13.95 – a good reward when luck was not always with him. Had a year with the bat we will all remember – won't we "Billy"???

Roger Gerny  
Captain

### Batting

Batsman	Matches	Inn	N/O	Aggregate	Average	H.S	100's	50's	Catches
P. Tregeagle	11	1	339	33.90	139	1	1		
R. Appleton	5	-	126	25.20	48	-	-		
J. Platania	10	1	214	23.78	41	-	-		
C. Dickeson	7	-	162	23.14	50	-	1		
J. Price	12	1	222	20.18	44	-	-		
D. Rojo	5	1	74	18.50	38	-	-		
D. Abood	5	-	91	18.20	62	-	1		
S. Schomberg	9	3	95	15.83	31x	-	-		
R. Nandi	10	-	155	15.50	41	-	-		
R. Gerny	9	1	111	13.88	50	-	1		

### Also batted:

P. Adams	4 innings for 118 runs
S. Arahill	4 innings for 94 runs
G. Wallace	3 innings for 160 runs
R. Freeman	10 innings for 73 runs
N. Rojo	10 innings for 55 runs
A. Squire	5 innings for 53 runs
B. Gregory	5 innings for 6 runs



# Cricket

## Second Grade

D. Trewin	2 innings for 18 runs
B. Scully	3 innings for 5 runs
S. Castle	6 innings for 33 runs
W. Scott	1 innings for 35 runs
R. Tregeagle	1 innings for 0 runs
C. Wilcoxson	1 innings for 11 runs
B. Howle	1 innings for 4 runs

### Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best
P. Adams	59	16	118	12	9.83	4/30
N. Rojo	145	31	407	31	13.13	4/13
B. Gregory	142.3	40	293	21	13.95	6/53
S. Schomberg	162.5	54	360	23	15.65	5/23
D. Rojo	109	26	315	16	19.69	4/20
R. Gerny	40	5	142	7	20.29	4/32
S. Castle	62	10	214	9	23.78	3/54

### Also bowled :

R. Tregeagle	6 for 17
R. Nandi	8 for 105
B. Scully	9 for 60
S. Arahill	8 for 117
A. Squire	3 for 117
M. Abood	2 for 120
J. Price	1 for 6
R. Freeman	1 for 0
R. Appleton	0 for 1
P. Tregeagle	0 for 8
D. Abood	0 for 4





Third grade once again reached the semi-finals but were unfortunately beaten by Warringah who are to be congratulated for going on to win the premiership.

The team suffered many disruptions this season, but to their credit won five of their opening seven matches whilst having the one loss. However, after Christmas the wheels feel off and the side only managed to record three victories in their last seven matches with one of these wins being in the last round to secure a place in the top four.

We approached the semi-final against Warringah at Weldon confident in the knowledge that we had recorded a strong win over our opponents during the regular rounds, and we started the match strongly to have them in early difficulty at 4-29.

However, as had happened all season, we let Warringah off the hook and they were able to post a very competitive total of 277. Andrew Poole (5-75 off 22 overs) and Anthony Raymond (3-38 off 24 overs) were the pick of our bowling attack.

Needing to face seven overs prior to stumps, our top order batted poorly to crash to 3-22 by the day's end. Nevertheless we returned to Weldon on the Sunday confident that we could still secure victory, but as had happened all season the middle order collapsed with only Ash Squire (30) and Gary Schomberg (42) putting up a fight as we were bundled out for 144.

This was a most disappointing way to end the season but I would like to congratulate the team on coming so far and performing so well throughout the season.

In closing I would like to thank my fellow captains – Paul Price, Roger Gerny and Terry Murphy – for all of their help and guidance during the season, and Gerard Price and Nick Rojo without whom the season could not have been so successful or enjoyable.

### PLAYER PROFILES

■ **Sean Cogman:** Sean was one of only three players to play in every match this season and it would have to have been one of his best, taking 22 catches and four stumpings as well as scoring 218 runs. However, if Sean wants to remain in the top order he must remember to come forward.

■ **Leighton King:** Another to play in every match, Leighton gave his all with both bat and ball. Leighton finished the season with 24 wickets at an average of 24 and proved quite handy with the bat on occasion – who knows, he might even secure a spot a little further up the order next season.

■ **David Abood:** David only played six games for us this year but still managed to score 159 runs at 26.50 to be one of the mainstays of our batting. He also proved to be quite handy with the ball – just ask him what his bowling average was!!!

■ **Corie Dickeson:** Only played eight games with us during the season after securing a stint in second grade but was one of our main run getters with 226 runs at 28.25 including a terrific 99 against Auburn. Greater patience will see his batting improve next season.

■ **Ash Squire:** One of our juniors from Ashfield Catholic Club, Ash had a good debut season scoring 100 runs at 20.00 and capturing 10 wickets at 26.00. With a little more patience when bowling he should develop into a very effective leg spinner in the future.

■ **Anthony Clarke:** In his first year as skipper Anthony enjoyed a reasonably good season, scoring 208 runs at 23.11 and taking 19 wickets at 27.80, but must learn to be more patient when things are not going his way.

■ **Scott Castle:** Scott gave his all every time whether it be with the bat or the ball. As one of the many bowlers in the side, he was called upon to bowl some long spells and finished the season with 18 wickets at an average of 18.





# Cricket

## Third Grade

■ **Gary Schomberg:** Work commitments limited Gary to just six appearances this season but he still managed 128 runs at a very respectable average of 32. Gary was a great help to me with his advise when we were in the field.

■ **Andrew Poole:** Andrew played eight games this season and did not get much opportunity with the bat, but he certainly made up for this with his performances with the ball taking 22 wickets at 13.18. Next season will hopefully see him provided greater chances with the bat and a spot higher up the order.

■ **Anthony Raymond:** Anthony joined the side in round six and made a huge impact. Whether with the bat or ball, "Big Ray" had the ability to swing a match and he should aim for higher grades next year after scoring 151 runs at 25.16 and taking 15 wickets at 11.55.

■ **Paul James:** Paul joined us in round eight and batted higher up the order than he would probably have liked. Nevertheless he did the right thing and held up an end scoring, 110 runs at 15.71. When called upon, Paul bowled with good flight and spin to take eight wickets at an average of 24.

Anthony Clarke

Captain

### Batting

Batsman	Matches	Inn	N/O	Aggregate	Average	H.S	100's	50's	Catches
C. Dickeson	8	-	-	226	28.25	99	-	2	4
D. Abood	7	1	-	159	26.50	36	-	-	4
A. Raymond	6	-	-	151	25.16	64	-	1	-
A. Clarke	13	4	-	208	23.11	59	-	1	13
S. Cogman	12	1	-	218	19.81	68	-	1	22c 4st
A. Squire	6	1	-	95	19.00	30	-	-	3
L. King	9	5	-	65	16.25	29x	-	-	-
P. James	7	2	-	110	15.71	58	-	1	3
I. Hood	8	1	-	109	15.57	52	-	1	-
D. Trewin	7	-	-	107	15.28	28	-	-	2

### Also batted :

W. Giblin	1 innings for 4 runs
J. Platania	1 innings for 34 runs
W. Scott	2 innings for 111 runs
R. Nandi	2 innings for 7 runs
P. Adams	1 innings for 11 runs
G. Schomberg	4 innings for 128 runs
S. Castle	4 innings for 13 runs
S. Troubetas	4 innings for 28 runs
P. Tregeagle	1 innings for 31 runs
A. Poole	7 innings for 41 runs
B. Scully	2 innings for 63 runs
M. Abood	1 innings for 11 runs
N. Sheikh	1 innings for 18 runs



A. Hudson	2 innings for 32 runs
D. Friedrichs	1 innings for 6 runs
S. Arahill	1 innings for 38 runs
C. Toppfer	1 innings for 8 runs
B. Howle	1 innings for 0 runs
R. Walker	2 innings for 8 runs
R. Gerny	1 innings for 45 runs
S. Schomberg	1 innings for 19 runs
A. Beg	1 innings for 13 runs
P. Carapiet	2 innings for 61 runs
D. Metha	1 innings for 24 runs
B. Bailey	1 innings for 5 runs
J. Price	1 innings for 48 runs
R. Freeman	1 innings for 5 runs
B. Graham	1 innings for 4 runs
M. Docherty	1 innings for 11 runs
T. Kershaw	2 innings for 46 runs

### Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best
A. Raymond	94.5	29	170	15	11.33	6-22
A. Poole	111.1	21	290	22	13.18	5-75
S. Castle	108.4	27	324	18	18.00	4-25
P. James	69	21	192	8	24.00	4-26
L. King	184.3	38	582	24	24.25	5-34
A. Clarke	188	52	528	19	27.89	4-13

### Also bowled :

C. Toppfer	0 for 15
D. Abood	1 for 13
B. Sculley	3 for 98
D. Rojo	1 for 35
M. Abood	6 for 154
R. Nandi	5 for 71
S. Arahill	2 for 51
A. Hudson	3 for 51
R. Gerny	0 for 16
S. Schomberg	0 for 98
G. Schomberg	1 for 88
D. Trewin	3 for 60
D. Metha	2 for 22
B. Graham	1 for 7
P. Adams	0 for 10



## Cricket

### Fourth Grade

In my report last year I stated that my long term goal was to develop the level of cricket played by fourth grade to the point where it would be indistinguishable from that of our second grade side. This season saw us make some good progress towards this objective.

The club started the season in a similar vein to the year before with ten players being unavailable for the opening round. In fact, it was fortunate that the first round was washed out as we would have played short otherwise.

A solid base for the season was established during the following few matches with Jeff Banks signalling a record breaking season with an unbeaten century against Blacktown, and Gary Schomberg and Dave Trewin also reaching three figures in their only appearances for the season.

Our first real test of the season came in round four against Canterbury-Bexley. Useful scores from Jeff Banks, Nadeem Sheik, Terry Murphy, Terry Kershaw, Anthony Raymond, Brad Sculley and Saeed Khan produced a total of 242, while some quality bowling from the latter three saw off the visitors challenge.

The next round against Warringah saw us lose three wickets in the opening fifteen minutes on a spiteful rain-affected pitch, before Jeff Banks counter attacked with 62 in even time, combining with Ross Walker to hold the innings together as we cobbled together a total of 180 from 47 overs. After initial inroads with the new ball, Terry Murphy broke the back of the batting and Warringah conceded defeat at 8-92. A second innings run chase went down to the wire but we held on to retain the six points.

Round six saw us come back to earth with a thud against an ordinary Roseville team that recovered from being 6-80 to post a competitive total of 247. What followed was our worst performance of the season as we could only reach 176 in reply – 50 from Jeff Banks being the only effort of note.

The match against Lindfield also saw us fail to win any competition points but a great team performance against the odds put us back in a winning frame of mind.

Anthony Raymond hits the pads all afternoon without winning a decision, which allowed a reasonable batting line up to end the first day at 6-243. Lindfield continued batting on the second day despite a wet wicket and lost four wickets in five overs to set us a target of 262 for victory.

The run chase began well with forties to Andre Berenger and Jeff Banks but was followed by a middle order collapse before thirties from Brad Sculley and Terry Murphy brought us back into the picture. A late order collapse ended our chances of victory however, and we finished three runs short of the target in reaching 9-259 by the end of play.

We went to the Christmas break ten points adrift of the competition leaders Canterbury-Bexley and South Sydney. Injuries and other player losses throughout the club meant that we had to undertake some mid season recruitment. Brett Graham answered an SOS, Jeff Banks brought Gerry Vickery out of a twelve year retirement and Anthony Raymond recruited Brian Anderson. These players made an important contribution to our success.

Terry Kershaw dominated the Strathfield attack in the first match after the break, posting a century that included 15 boundaries and two sixes as the opposition decided to test out his pull shot. Some great bowling from Saeed Khan and James Ferguson secured the points for us on the second day.

Our second big test of the season came in the one-day match against South Sydney. Superb early bowling from Raymond, Khan and Graham had South Sydney floundering at 4-30 from 22 overs before an onslaught in the final ten overs saw us chasing a total of 176 for victory. When Vickery joined Raymond at 4-90 the match looked in the balance but a superb partnership between them allowed us to cruise to victory with the loss of no further wickets.



Round ten saw us face Macquarie University, a team with a couple of batsmen of significant grade experience but lacking a little in the bowling department. Khan and Michael Abood proceeded to make their batting look ordinary and then Banks did as he pleased in scoring 150 on the second day, scoring his last hundred in just an hour with a total of 22 fours and 3 sixes.

Solid batting from Banks and Murphy, backed up by cheap wickets from Anderson and the captain saw a clear-cut victory over Epping in round 11. The roll continued as Jim Carroll posted a fine 54 and Khan and Abood humbled Holroyd's much vaunted guest line up to secure an outright victory that took us to a share of the competition lead.

Despite a lacklustre performance against Hills where we dropped six catches, Banks led an undemanding run chase as he cruised past 750 runs for the season, before we finished the preliminary rounds with a one day match against Pennant Hills. Vickery showed his class by scoring 81 and taking 2-10, and was supported by some solid bowling from Abood and Murphy as we wrapped up the six points and with it the minor premiership.

The semi-final saw us face Macquarie University and after winning the toss we elected to bat despite a slightly damp wicket. At lunch we had reached 4-110 with Spiro Troubetas playing his best innings for two seasons to post 35. Murphy batted throughout the second sessions for the addition of only 29 runs to his score as we lost a further four wickets.

Some gritty batting saw us last 80 overs for the first time all season and the new ball was taken with our score at 9-191. Murphy and Abood attacked and posted a magnificent 75 for the last wicket to allow us to reach a total of 266.

Macquarie reached 0-24 by stumps and had progressed to 1-60 before Anderson came on to bowl a match-winning spell of 3-23, being well supported by Murphy and Abood.

In the final we faced the strong South Sydney club who fielded a side including six batsmen that had scored over 270 runs for the season, the leading wicket taker in the competition, another opening bowler who had taken the new ball for Randwick first grade, and an allrounder who had played professionally in England and Pakistan. History will show that we came away with the premiership.

Gutsy batting from Berenger, Kershaw (who broke his leg during this innings) and Banks saw us reach 1-80 by lunch. Three wickets fell in the next hour to even up the contest before solid contributions from Vickery, Murphy and Graham took us past 200.

Abood, Khan and Anderson experienced success before stumps as our opponents struggled to reach

3-33 and in the first session of the second day Khan bowled well above the level of this grade and took us to the brink of victory as South Sydney collapsed to 8-68.

Some half chances were not accepted and Souths edged their way to 9-120 at lunch but following the break the bowling lost rhythm and the captain made some errors under pressure that he had not experienced at any stage of the season. However, just when the unthinkable appeared probable Anderson produced the ball that secured the title.

Souths made us bat again and Kershaw's broken leg coupled with a broken rib to Banks produced a disjointed batting effort which resulted in our lowest score of the season – Graham the only batsman to find his way past 20. Nevertheless the job had been completed and the premiership finally secured.





## PLAYER PROFILES

**Jeff Banks :** Jeff scored two centuries, five fifties and two scores in the forties to finish with 848 runs for the season and a new competition record in this grade. By scoring quickly and hitting the good bowlers out of the attack, Jeff regularly put us in a good position. He was always keen to bowl his wrong-uns and made an effort to coach the younger players. After sharing in three premierships with his captain he attributes his poor catching to not being able to see the ball.

**Terry Kershaw:** Some had doubts that Terry could recover from a disastrous year last season but he showed with his century against Strathfield that he is still capable of big scores. Terry tightened his defence for a three hour innings in the final and was a useful slip fielder who maintained a sense of humour and decorum regardless of the circumstances

■ **Andre Berenger:** Andre played only one substantial innings prior to Christmas and was not called upon until unavailability saw him resurrected for the finals. He responded in great fashion to bat for over three and a half hours over two innings, while his fielding was robust and enthusiastic.

■ **Spiro Troubetas:** A player who relies on his will to succeed and an appetite for practice, Spiro made a couple of useful scores and filled in as a bowler when numbers were short early in the season. Spiro is a reliable slip fielder who puts in off the field – eg. providing the catering for the final and covering the wicket for home matches. Throughout the season Spiro was always willing to assist in developing opposition players by offering appropriate advice

■ **Gerry Vickery:** Gerry had not played for twelve years but eventually showed glimpses of skills long forgotten in a great match against Pennant Hills together with scoring some useful runs in the final.

■ **Terry Murphy:** The skipper batted at number eleven in his last premiership team, but at this level he proved to be one of the leading run scorers in the competition with a total of 428 runs following a very consistent runs of scores after round 7. Terry bowled a mixture of medium pace and off breaks to capture 26 wickets and was the leading allrounder in this grade for the season.

■ **Jim Carroll:** In his first season out of juniors, Jim snared 26 victims with the gloves to rank as the leading wicketkeeper in this grade for the season. He batted poorly before Christmas but improved dramatically after being placed on the rotation list for a game.

■ **Brett Graham:** Drafted into the side at Christmas, Brett contributed to our success without starring in either department. He showed some glimpses of form with the bat and produced useful efforts in both innings of the final and was always efficient in the field.

■ **Saeed Khan:** Saeed is a very under rated bowler who carried the attack following the promotion of Anthony Raymond, Brad Sculley and Andrew Poole. Combining an outswinger with a wicked off-cutter and change of pace, he captured 28 wickets after Christmas including four in each of the finals matches.

■ **Anthony Raymond:** A bowler with that rare ability of being both attacking and defensive simultaneously. Unfortunately he does not take his batting as seriously as it deserves but practices intensely before matches with South Sydney.

■ **Michael Abood:** Michael played higher grades in the first half of the season without much success but took 20 wickets at low cost after joining the team for seven games. He proved in the semi-final that he can be a useful batsman.





■ **Brian Anderson:** When everything goes right he can be very quick and destroyed Macquarie in the semi-final as well as taking the wicket that won us the premiership. Brian was brilliant in the field whether in the slips or the outfield and can hit the ball very hard but usually misses.

■ **Ian Hood:** Ian started the season superbly with a half century in third grade before talking himself out of success. He kept wickets superbly in the matches against South Sydney and Macquarie and was a good foil for bouncing ideas around.

■ **Darren Friedrich:** A mature entrant to turf cricket, Darren improved as the season progressed. He had a good match against Holroyd, scoring 23 and taking the catch of the century at leg slip.

■ **Craig Holman:** In his first year out of juniors, Craig improved as the season progressed, culminating with a score of 49 when batting up the order against Hills.

■ **Hiteharu Kojima:** A product of the Japanese intervarsity system, Hiteharu was always enthusiastic despite a lack of opportunities.

■ **Brad Sculley:** Brad demonstrated sufficient improvement with the bat and the ball to be selected in first grade within fifteen months of being cut by Bankstown.

Each season sees player turnover but the same expectations will apply – to win the premiership and to get enough points to return the Club Championship to The Briars.

Terry Murphy

Captain

### Batting

Batsman	Matches	Inn	N/O	Aggregate	Average	H.S	100's	50's	Catches
J. Banks		17	1	848	53.00	150	2	5	1
T. Murphy		17	3	428	30.57	72	-	2	3
A. Raymond		5	1	121	30.25	60x	-	1	-
G. Vicary		8	1	179	25.57	84	-	1	1
T. Kershaw		12	-	237	19.75	113	1	-	4
S. Troubetas		11	1	175	17.50	35	-	-	5
C. Holman		7	2	82	16.40	49	-	-	7
M. Abood		6	2	60	15.00	41x	-	-	-
B. Graham		8	-	117	14.63	27	-	-	1
D. Friedrichs		7	1	85	14.17	23	-	-	2
J. Carroll		13	2	145	13.18	54	-	1	20c 6st
A. Berenger		11	-	141	12.82	45	-	-	3

### Also batted:

D. Trewin	1 innings for 115 runs
G. Schomberg	1 innings for 101 runs
R. Walker	1 innings for 98 runs
A. Gelaney	1 innings for 12 runs
J. Ferguson	1 innings for 8 runs
B. Sculley	4 innings for 82 runs
M. Docherty	3 innings for 70 runs



Cricket
Fourth Grade



Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Innings and Runs. Rows include A. Poole (4 innings for 66 runs), N. Sheikh (2 innings for 62 runs), P. Da Silva (1 innings for 0 runs), J. Curliss (1 innings for 0 runs), H. Kojima (3 innings for 32 runs), M. Omer (2 innings for 19 runs), P. James (3 innings for 27 runs).

Bowling

Table with 7 columns: Name, Overs, Maidens, Runs, Wickets, Average, Best. Rows include M. Abood, T. Murphy, S. Troubetas, S. Khan, A. Raymond, B. Graham, B. Anderson, J. Banks, A. Poole, B. Sculley.

Also bowled :

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Wickets for Runs. Rows include P. James (5 for 118), J. Ferguson (2 for 18), G. Vicary (2 for 28), G. Schomberg (2 for 9), D. Trewin (1 for 25), A. Galaney (1 for 56), H. Kojima (0 for 26), M. Omer (0 for 16).

After the success that the team had achieved over the past two seasons in finishing third in the Western Division, this year's team was confident of making the next step and reaching the semi-finals.

Once again this was going to be a difficult task as we were not only the youngest team in our division, but we were also facing opponents who boasted many players with first grade experience.

Brad Sculley, who played a few first grade games this season, together with Robin Nandi, Corie Dickeson, Ash Squire and Michael Abood, provided the basis of a squad that changed each match given the fact that only seven players from our senior grades were eligible to compete.

The squad performed extremely well however, and were unlucky not to make the semi-finals after winning five of their seven matches, our only losses coming against the eventual finalists Strathfield and Blacktown.

A changing of the guard saw Robin Nandi take over the captaincy and he did a marvellous job both on and off the field. With three of our victories being by margins of less than ten runs, Robin and the team proved very adept at handling pressure situations.

Every player competed with great sportsmanship, spirit and talent and were a credit to the club. It is worth noting that all of the 22 players that participated during the season remain eligible to compete in this competition for at least the next two years so we can only get better.

There are a few people who must be thanked for their contribution to the team during the year :

- Richard Freeman and Terry Aili who managed the team, providing invaluable advice and inspirational words of wisdom.
- Ross Squire for doing the barbeques at all of our home games.
- Col, Clarke and Terry Murphy for their support at every game and to all those others who came out and supported us during the season.



## **Match Summaries**

### **Round One - Burwood 185 defeated Holroyd 162**

Batting first against the perennially strong Holroyd side, we finished with a solid total of 185, Corie Dickeson (69) and Ash Squire (45) being the main contributors.

A committed effort in the field saw us restrict Holroyd to just 162 on the small Monty Bennett Oval and secure our first victory of the season. Michael Abood was very unlucky to finish with 0/23 from his 12 overs while Scott Castle (3/39), D Oddman (3/13), Marty Hughes (2/18) and Ash Squire (2/40) were amongst the wickets.

### **Round Two - Burwood 8/232 defeated Canterbury-Bexley 8/229**

We won the toss and sent Canterbury-Bexley in to bat and they scored steadily throughout their innings to finish with 8/229 from their 60 overs. Michael Abood (3/33), Brad Sculley (2/30) and Robin Nandi (2/40) were the pick of our attack.

After losing early wickets, Robin Nandi consolidated with a dogged 40, while at the other end Corie Dickeson plundered the attack to finish with 82. Ash Squire (24) and Paul Beacroft with a quick fire 26 saw us reach the target in the final over and record another win.

## Cricket

### Under 24s Grade



#### **Round Three - Burwood 8/283 defeated Auburn 154**

Batting first, we set an imposing total of 283 thanks mainly to Ash Squire (77), Brad Sculley (50 n.o) and Adam Hudson (42).

The result was never really in doubt although Auburn provided stubborn resistance before being dismissed for 154. Ash Squire capped off a great game by taking 3/17 and he was well supported by Robin Nandi (2/30) and Scott Castle (2/36).

#### **Round Four - Burwood 216 defeated Hills 207**

A solid total of 216 after batting first set up another good away win for the team thanks to fine contributions from Robin Nandi (66), Corie Dickeson (39) and Paul Beacroft (36).

Hills got away to a flying start but the brakes were soon applied with the introduction of spin, Ash Squire bowling well to take 1/25 off his twelve overs with Robin Nandi superb in capturing 2/34 from his twelve (including sixteen from his final over). Paul Beacroft (2/20) and Brad Sculley (2/29) also bowled well to help secure our fourth successive victory as Hills were finally dismissed in the penultimate over.

#### **Round Five - Burwood 135 lost to Blacktown 188**

A great start in the field saw the eventual competition winners in difficulty all through their innings. Robin Nandi (3/31) and Brad Sculley (3/32) were the pick of an impressive attack that picked up wickets consistently to dismiss Blacktown for 188 after just 45 overs.

The team felt confident of chasing the target but unfortunately our batsmen failed to live up to the task. Scott Windon (33) and Dane Stevenson (42) were the only batsmen to provide any resistance as their teammates were swept aside for a meagre 135.

#### **Round Six - Burwood 230 defeated South East Sydney 185**

Although clearly the better team on the day, we found ourselves in the unusual position of not knowing the result of this match until several weeks later.

Batting first, we scored a solid total of 230 with most players getting among the runs. Brad Sculley scored 30 in the unaccustomed position of opener, Scott Castle reached a rapid 23 as a pitch hitter, while Corie Dickeson (39) and Ash Squire (35) continued their impressive runs of scores with the bat.

Brad Sculley (2/34) and Scott Castle (2/31) ripped through the South Sydney top order before several stoppages for rain reduced the total. After three delays we secured the final South Sydney wicket and this was the cause for great confusion as they had reached their revised target.

The umpires initially awarded the match to South Sydney but the knowledge of Terry Murphy ensured that our appeal was successful and we were awarded the match and with it the opportunity to secure a place in the semi-finals by winning our final match.

#### **Round Seven - Burwood 105 lost to Strathfield 6/108**

After losing the toss we struggled to reach 105 off 55 overs on a very slow Airey Park outfield with no batsman contributing anything of note.

Sensing our semi-final aspirations slipping away, we fought very hard against an older and more experienced opponent with several players of first grade standard. Robin

Nandi did a superb job opening the bowling with his off-breaks to take 2/13 from his twelve overs as we made Strathfield fight all the way before they passed our total in the 46th over.

Had one or two decisions gone our way we may have secured an unlikely victory but it was not to be and we bowed out of the competition in a very creditable third place.

Corie Dickeson

## Under 24s Statistics

### Batting

Batsman	Innings	NO	Runs	Average	HS	100s	50s	Catches
C. Dickeson	7	0	265	37.86	82	-	2	3
A. Squire	7	0	200	28.57	77	-	1	4
B. Sculley	6	2	109	27.25	50x	-	1	3
R. Nandi	7	0	157	22.43	66	-	1	4
P. Beacroft	5	0	106	21.20	36	-	-	4
A. Hudson	6	0	94	15.67	42	-	-	1

### also batted

J. Carroll	7 for 37	S. Hudson	1 for 10
S. Castle	5 for 28	E. Beams	1 for 8
M. Abood	6 for 12	B. Critchley	1 for 8
M. Hughes	3 for 25	R. Khanna	2 for 8
S. Windon	2 for 43	M. Docherty	1 for 4
D. Kelly	2 for 18	R. Latham	1 for 4
D. Stevenson	1 for 42	D. Oddman	1 for 4
S. Burnett	1 for 14	C. Holman	1 for 2

### Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	BB
B. Sculley	62	13	182	12	15.17	2/29
M. Hughes	21	6	76	5	15.20	2/18
R. Nandi	72	23	191	12	15.92	3/31
A. Squire	37	8	134	8	16.75	3/17
M. Abood	54	12	164	7	23.43	3/33
S. Castle	73	11	267	9	29.67	3/39

### also bowled

D. Oddman	3 for 13	P. Beacroft	2 for 61
D. Kelly	2 for 32	D. Stevenson	1 for 25
A. Hudson	0 for 23	C. Dickeson	0 for 4





## Overview

Although we tasted much success this season it was, at the same time coupled by much disappointment. However, it can be said that throughout the grades we played in the right spirit and that the players enjoyed the season, both on and off the field.

A passing glance at the Club Championship results show that we finished in fifth position.

## 1998 Club Championship – Final Standings

Club	Points
Forest	891
Drummoyne	832
Hornsby	738
St Ives	604
Briars	561
Oatley	503
Knox	450
Lindfield	427
Blacktown	414
Dundas Valley	340



Our position on the table represents a fall from last year and reflects the reduced competitiveness of our lower grades who struggled with numbers both at training and on match days. The majority of our points came from First Grade and Colts who performed consistently throughout the season.

Colts, under the guidance of Dave Guille, reached the finals series for the first time in the team's history. Apart from enlivening the club with their youthful enthusiasm, the Colts trained with a professionalism and commitment sadly lacking in most of the senior grades. Their commitment was rewarded with regular victories.

Although being beaten in the semi-finals was not the perfect ending to the season, the team will no doubt have learned from the experience and all the players will certainly be better for the experience that they have gained.

First Grade was also defeated in the finals, going down to Drummoyne in a tight match in a match where we had our chances to win. It is probably a measure of the professionalism of Mick Ellem and his coaching staff that such a result was so disappointing. In recent years to just compete has not been good enough and we have achieved a great deal of success as a result. No team expects an easy match when playing Briars and maintaining this attitude will be vital if we are to continue to be successful in the future.

## Coaching Staff

Briars rugby undoubtedly had the most professional coaching staff of any club in Suburban Rugby, although it was unfortunate that their experience was not fully utilised. A brief profile of each member of the coaching team is listed below :

■ **Mick Ellem (First Grade)** – Mick brought more to the club than any coach in our history. His attitude to training, professionalism and spirit improved the rugby of all those who had the good fortune to be coached by him.

During his two years in the position, Mick fundamentally changed the pace of Briars training from pedestrian to intense and our results are a testimony to this fact. He will be sorely missed next season as he pursues a coaching opportunity at AAMI Cup level.

■ **Ron Lipovac (Second Grade)** – In collaboration with Mick, Ron added a certain zest to training, especially amongst the forwards. All teams benefited from his philosophy of controlled aggression and he was largely responsible for turning the First Grade and Colts packs into the most dominant in their respective competitions.

In his role as second grade coach, Ron suffered from a distinct lack of numbers at training and this was reflected in their results during the season.

■ **Neil Coyte (Third Grade)** – Neil fed off the instruction given by Mick and was always extremely well prepared for each match. He did a fine job with limited resources and a team that constantly changed in personnel, making them competitive in most games.

Several close results did not go their way during the season which could easily have resulted in a far higher position on the competition table, and showed that Neil has the potential to coach higher grades in the future.

■ **Paul Viglienzzone (Fourth Grade)** – Paul is probably still too young to be coaching and should still be playing the game. He was the coach with the greatest vocabulary, but this was unfortunately matched by having the shortest player register which made for a trying season.

■ **David Guille (Colts)** – Once again Dave took a team to the finals, a fitting reward for his total dedication to his players and his ability to generate enthusiasm amongst them. The club is extremely grateful that a coach of his calibre accepted the challenge of coaching Colts at Briars and I am sure that all of the players benefited greatly from the experience.

## **Personnel**

Player numbers were down this season with eleven players from last year's first and second grade sides being unavailable in 1998. This has a considerable impact, so much so that fourth grade was often struggling to put a full side on the paddock, and this shortage of players and lack of depth was reflected in our results.

On the positive side, it was refreshing to see a large number of colts players join our ranks this year, many of whom contributed in the senior grades throughout the season. It is hoped that the majority of these players will stay on next season and strengthen our senior grades in 1999.

As usual there was a small core of players that trained consistently with the commitment and dedication required to play the game at this level these days. Overall however, attendances at training were poor from the majority of players and this was reflected in our results.

Briars aspires to play in the top division of Suburban Rugby, but based upon our current level of commitment, achieving this goal appears unlikely. It takes more than just first grade to win a club championship and overall the attitude of the players is well short of what is required if we are to gain promotion. Greater professionalism is required from all players if we are to make it.



## **Operations and Financial**

On the whole our financials for 1998 were good. We ended the year with a small deficit but it should be noted that there is a large amount of stock on hand which will be sold next season which should flow on to the 1999 figures.

Canteen takings were extremely good especially with at least three Saturdays being ruined by wet weather. On the other hand, this positive result was counterbalanced by the increased expense of hiring a second oval for training caused by an increased number of teams, a move which ultimately proved to be pointless as it remained unused for the majority of the season.

Sponsorship revenue was good this season and our association with Shaw Stockbroking courtesy of Mal Weber allowed us to provide the players with a kit including a smart chambray shirt that added to professional appearance during the season. I would like to thank all of our sponsors for their generous support during the season.

Unfortunately we experienced difficulty in obtaining fees from a number of players. Players should realise that the costs of playing rugby are increasing and that their fees make up a substantial proportion of our budget – any shortfall in revenue here impacts upon our ability to be successful.

A number of people contributed throughout the season and provided the energy and effort required to make rugby function during the season. To each of you I offer my sincere thanks.

A number of people are worthy of special mention for their efforts, starting with Reg Tiata who was a very worthy "Clubman of the Year". Reg's once again acted as our registrar, a thankless but essential job, as well as performing numerous other small tasks as required, and his dedication to the club both on and off the field is an example to everyone involved with rugby.

Once again Andy Craig contributed enormously in his capacity as manager and in the many smaller tasks that he performs that assist in making the place run smoothly. It was pleasing to see Andy also make a return to the playing ranks again this season.

I would also like to thank all of the other managers and coaches this season who were a vital ingredient to the ongoing success of our sport and who were responsible for the majority of the management of their teams, both on and off the field.

Scott Hyde deserves special mention for his assistance with the canteen this season, with able assistance from Dave Guille and Mark Kingston. Although 1998 was marred by wet weather, profits from the canteen were a considerable improvement from previous years and show what can be done when this facility is properly run. These funds are vital in the running of the sport and I thank these guys for a great effort.

Collectively the Colts deserve mention for their efforts on and off the paddock. Most would probably be unaware that they were responsible for setting up the ground prior to home games, and they were also of the most assistance in general. Special mention should be made of Matthew Grace who even went as far as to attend Suburban Rugby meetings on our behalf.

Stuart Pearce, our club captain, deserves thanks for his efforts at the after match functions. His performances were as they should be – entertaining.

James Steele, Matt Waddington and Chris Lamond were always willing to lend a hand wherever required and Steele's Lounge Bar was a popular destination for the younger players on Thursday evenings at the clubrooms.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every player who played with us this season. All of you played in a spirit that maintained the Briars' enviable reputation within the competition.



## Summary

Administering rugby this season was a great experience for me and has taught me a great deal. I have been honoured to serve the club in this capacity in the 75th anniversary year of the sport.

Clearly the chairman's job is a very large undertaking and I gained a lot of experience during the year through trial and error. In this regard I am particularly indebted to Milton Howell for his assistance and support.

These lessons would have served me well in 1999 but unfortunately work commitments will not permit me to continue in the position next season.

On a personal level my time with the club over the years has been extremely rewarding and I feel that as a member it is my obligation to give something back. Playing in my 100th first grade match during the season also gave me tremendous pride, and I must say that the past few seasons have been the most enjoyable of my career thus far.

In my opinion, Briars rugby provides a fantastic experience that can be matched by few others. Despite this there is still a considerable amount of work to be done. I wish Matt Waddington and his committee every success in 1999 when they take up the reins. Having served on previous committees, Matt is eminently qualified for the job and has recruited a number of very able assistants. I would encourage anyone that has an interest in rugby to provide them with assistance wherever possible next season.

Greg Guest

Rugby Chairman





At first appearance this season may seem a disappointing one compared with our efforts in 1997. Certainly in terms of our position at the end of the season, third, it was. However, considering that players of the calibre of Churchyard, Johnston, Coz, Shark, Beattie, Bryant, Bell, Browne and Folsom were unavailable for a variety of reasons, then our effort was extremely meritorious.

Our pre-season commitment to training and certainly our overall training attendances during the season was certainly well down on last season. This, together with the fact that we set such a high standard of play in winning the competition, meant that every team were very keen to do well against us. Unlike last season there were no easy matches for us and we had to play at our best in nearly every game to secure the points. This is reflected in the points table.

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Pt
Drummoyne	18	15	0	3	422	254	62
Forest	18	13	1	4	401	232	55
Briars	18	13	1	4	332	213	55
Hornsby	18	11	1	6	437	332	50
St Ives	18	9	2	7	342	353	40
Blacktown	18	8	0	10	297	285	39
Oatley	18	7	0	11	266	386	31
Knox	18	5	1	12	199	317	24
Lindfield	18	3	0	15	213	318	17
Dundas Valley	18	3	0	15	178	397	15

A comparison of our for and against statistics also makes interesting reading :

	1997	1998
For	684 (96 tries)	368 (41 tries)
Against	221 (26 tries)	224 (30 tries)

Obviously our attack was limited with the loss of those players mentioned above but our defence conceded only three additional points in comparison to last season. This is where the 1998 team stood up to be counted, defending their goal line under pressure and standing firm to frustrate our opponents.

Undoubtedly the experience that we gained last season held us together this year. Our resolve was a lot stronger and when we had to dig deep, as we had to on many occasions, we were able to come up trumps. Mentally we were a tougher side that was able to come together as one in pressure situations.

Even in defeat the team fought to the end and never gave up, earning the respect that marks a good side. Each player should be proud of their efforts in 1998. Unfortunately we fell at the last hurdle and rather than being beaten by a better side, we contributed significantly to our own demise.

There were many fine individual performances throughout the season, but unfortunately there can only be a couple of award winners. To this end congratulations should go to Scott Hyde for recognition by his peers as Players Player. Scott gave his all



each week and put his body on the line with some kamikaze type hits.

The Best and Fairest award was a very even affair and in the end the honour was shared by two very worthy recipients in Steve Davis and Marty Lubrano. Both players contributed to the success of the team in different ways – Marty with his sleight of hand, broken field running and marvellous kicking game in general play; and Steve who made inroads in attack and whose defensive efforts blotted out many midfield attacking raids by our opponents.

A special thanks must go out to the Colts this season for their unselfish efforts in backing up the various grades throughout the season. In particular, I would like to thank Matt Monroe, Matt Crippa, Phil Hall and Brad Sculley who all acquitted themselves with distinction when given the opportunity as first grade replacements. The second round game against Forest stands out, when although playing in a soundly beaten side, Crippa and Phil were outstanding.

Once again what would we have done without Andy Craig? On some days he just about managed every grade. I can not remember him missing a single training session and he was always at every game from Colts right through to First Grade performing various roles as manager, runner, water boy, linesman and of course parochial supporter. My sincere thanks for your support, loyalty and above all friendship.

To all of the coaching staff – Ron Lipovac, Neil Coyre, Paul Viglienzzone and Dave Guille – thank you for your support in what was more often than not a difficult year. I wish you all the best in your future coaching endeavours.

Some players may not have lasted through the season if it were not for the efforts of our physio and strapper, Louise. Her time and effort was very much appreciated by all of us.

I would like to thank all of those supporters who came out to watch us play each week and I can only hope that you enjoyed the style of rugby that the team tried to play.

To all of the players who contributed to our efforts this season, I thank you very much for your input, support, and above all your loyalty. This is what makes Briars such a great club and it will be up to you to carry on from where we left off and lead by example.

Lastly and not leastly I would like to thank my family for their support and understanding throughout the season.

I take fond memories of my two years coaching at Briars and have made many friendships in that time. Most of all I have seen the development of many players and I hope to see you all around from time to time for a few beers.

**Mick Ellem**

**First Grade Coach**



## Rugby

### Second Grade

Second grade did not enjoy a successful season in 1998 as can be seen by the competition table below.

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Pts
Forest	18	15	1	2	343	73	64
Drummoyne	18	14	2	2	380	161	61
Hornsby	18	12	2	4	350	209	54
St Ives	18	11	1	6	284	170	48
Lindfield	18	9	1	8	187	210	41
Knox	18	6	2	10	192	290	31
Oatley	18	5	2	11	130	266	25
Dundas Valley	18	5	0	13	135	282	24
Blacktown	18	3	2	13	144	261	21
<b>Briars</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>17</b>

Certainly a lack of commitment from the lower grades contributed to this poor result as well as a general lack of depth through the club this season.

On a positive note, there was a much improved performance in the second half of the season with some very satisfying results, particularly those against Dundas Valley and Oatley.

Nevertheless there were some very good individual efforts during the season and I would like to congratulate Steve Knight and Sol Taylor on winning their respective awards. It would also be remiss of me not to mention the courageous deeds of Matthew Waddington, Scott Munro, Reg Taiata and Phil Guest for keeping the team together.

If we are to achieve next season we need to realise that enthusiasm is contagious and that winning starts on Monday and not on Saturday at 1:00pm. I am sure that we will meet this challenge.

Ron Lipovac

Second Grade Coach



If you measure success by the number of games that you win then 1998 was not a successful season for third grade. However, if you measure success through the player's level of enjoyment and their competitiveness, then we enjoyed a successful year. In fact there was only one match during the season in which the team failed to be competitive, and that was the first round clash with Forest.

This can be seen in the competition table below :

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Pts
Forest	18	16	1	1	317	51	67
Hornsby	18	12	0	6	276	130	51
Oatley	18	10	1	7	187	148	45
Drummoyne	18	9	1	8	138	112	42
Blacktown	18	9	0	9	176	190	38
Knox	18	8	1	9	124	172	35
Lindfield	18	8	1	9	156	211	29
St Ives	18	6	0	12	117	199	29
Dundas Valley	18	6	1	11	93	218	28
<b>Briars</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>17</b>

That is not to say that there were not some disappointments during the year. Our second round loss against Dundas was bitterly disappointing and I am still spitting chips about the result. It was also disappointing to see so few players at training regularly, and this did not help the team build any combinations.

Nevertheless, I would like to thank all of the players for their efforts this season. I hope that you all enjoyed your season and that you will be back next year.

### Player Profiles

■ **Scott McGill** – Scott was enthusiastic but could not find the time to train as much, and as early, as he would like and he would certainly be a bigger attribute if he were fitter.

■ **Peter Robinson** – Peter mostly played in second grade but he made a great contribution to the team on those occasions when he took the field for us.

■ **Anthony Gill** – On the field Anthony always gave it his best but he lacked fitness and the ability to get to training on time.

■ **James Vianellos** – "Elvis" did me and the team a great favour by playing prop this season. He had some good games and was always looking to improve his game by talking to other people. More third graders should take a leaf out of his book.

■ **Ian Thomas** – "ET" was a great acquisition for the team this year and received Best and Fairest points in nearly every game that he played. Ian was great for his talk on the field as well as his deeds on the paddock and I would like to thank him for a great season.

■ **Sean Stevens** – Sean played two games nearly every week and played a number of positions. Each week he put his body on the line and could always be relied upon to give his best.

■ **Murray Brown** – Murray was not able to play in every game this season, but the fact that he was still able to take out the Players Player award says much for his contribution to the team. His defence, ability to get to the breakdown and his talk on the field benefited the team enormously.





- **Mark Carter** – Mark was another player who could not play with the team on a regular basis but when he did he invariably scored Best and Fairest points.
- **Brad Thomas** – Brad played for the majority of the season in fourth grade but assisted the team when needed. He shows great ability in the lineout and improved in defence towards the end of the season.
- **Palale Semini** – Unfortunately Palale's season was cut short by his family moving to Melbourne, but he proved to be a very good defender and runner of the football and was certainly a great find playing at either centre or breakaway.
- **Peter Gambrill** – Peter had a very consistent season as picked up points regularly in both the Best and Fairest and Players Player award.
- **Richard Vosper** – Richard played very well during the season but became frustrated on occasion with the team's performance. Although carrying injuries he performed consistently and was a great help to me and the team.
- **Andy Sills** – Andy loves his rugby and his enthusiasm is infectious. Although he did not play many games for the team, he always made a contribution when he took the field.
- **Rob Owens** – I have played with Rob for many years and this season was the best that I have seen him play. I believe that he developed confidence from starting the season in the forwards and realising that he was not an easy person to tackle. His running became harder and his defence improved immensely, especially when he decided not to go for the intercept.
- **Paul Andreatza** – Paul made a fantastic contribution when he played with the team. In my opinion he plays more like a second grader than a third grader. He tackled well and kept going for the full match and never let anyone down on the field. Off the field, well that's another story ... I still love you Pauly !!
- **Lee Tone** – At the start of the season Lee switched from the centres to the forwards and was a little slow to start off. However, once he familiarised himself with the position and gained a bit of confidence he was unstoppable.
- **Mirko Huthera** – Mirko could not play every week but when he did play he performed really well. His heart is bigger than he is and his efforts were greatly appreciated by his teammates.
- **Johnny Kauvai** – Johnny was a regular second grader who made a real contribution to the team when he played with us.
- **Willy Kauvai** – Like Johnny, he was a regular second grader but was fantastic when playing for us, particularly in defence.
- **Ian Hull** – Ian did me a favour by playing this year. He was not going to play at all this season until I talked him into playing a half game here and there and he ended up playing full matches for the majority of the year. He made a real contribution to the team, even if his cutting remarks were better than his defence.
- **Mick McDermott** – Mick could not play in all of the matches but he always contributed something when he did. Throughout the season he played in a variety of positions, but strangely received more ball when he was on the wing.
- **Scott Kerr** – Scott was one of third grade's better performers throughout the season and was unlucky not to win one of the major awards.
- **Andy Rolands** – Andy did not play many games for us but was a real asset when he did. If he would get a bit meaner he would be a regular second grader knocking on the door of first grade selection.
- **Gerald Puckey** – Gerald does not know how good he is !!!! He was the team's Best and Fairest Player and was sound in all aspects of the game with the exception perhaps of training. My thanks for a great season and for increasing my phone bill.

Neil Coyte

Third Grade Coach

As can be seen from the competition table below, 1998 was not a successful season for fourth grade.

Team	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Pts
Lindfield	18	15	0	3	336	108	61
Drummoyne	18	15	0	3	190	70	61
Forest	18	13	0	5	207	71	56
Oatley	18	11	0	7	278	141	48
Hornsby	18	11	0	7	300	119	47
Blacktown	18	8	0	10	139	185	37
Dundas Valley	18	7	0	11	136	197	31
St Ives	18	4	1	13	102	253	22
Briars	18	2	1	15	72	366	14
Knox	18	3	0	15	84	334	12

Although the table shows that we were the worst performed team in both attack and defence, it does not tell the whole story and there were some very good efforts this season considering the lack of depth in the club's ranks this season. I would like to mention the contribution of a couple of players in particular.

Anthony Clarke was one player who could always be relied upon to give 100% effort and commitment no matter what the state of the game. This drive made him the team's most consistent performer and he was a deserved, albeit narrow, winner of the Best and Fairest award.

Sean Stevens also made a tremendous contribution to the team and was a narrow runner-up to Anthony for the end of season award. Sean was ever reliable and by my count he saved an average of two tries per game with his exceptional defence. In fact, I do not think that he missed a single tackle all season irrespective of the size of the opponent.

I would also like to mention the efforts of Oscar, who ran the ball excellently and consistently beat the first line of defence, and also Blacky, who was easily our most improved player this season.

Terry O'Kane was, as usual, worth five men every time that he was on the paddock. He is the best player that I have ever played with at the club and he did most of the coaching for me when he was able to play. Thanks Terry !!!

In closing, I would like to thank Tim Entwistle for his sometimes assistance as manager, Neil Coyte for allowing me to use his players and for coaching mine for about half the time, Dave Guille for reluctantly lending me his Colts, and of course Andy Craig, for coming back and showing us all that even unfit he is still a pretty good halfback.

I would like to thank all of the players for their efforts this year and I hope to see you all back again next season.

Paul Viglienzone

Fourth Grade Coach





## 1998 SEASON

The first ever Colts team was fielded in 1996. That year the Colts won only 3 games, and came 8th out of 10 teams.

1996 was the year the Club started to generate a nucleus of young players. This initiated a future for Briars Rugby. Four of the players from that 1996 team are still playing with the Colts in 1998.

The 1998 season was the most successful for the Colts so far. The player strength was very good, and consistent throughout the team. Due to the tireless off-season recruiting of Matt Grace, twenty two players were fielded during the season.

At the beginning of the season, wins in the first three games made it look as though the side could be unbeatable, but losses to Dundas and Knox brought the team back to earth.

Injuries and unavailability of players contributed to five further losses, costing the team dearly, and leaving them to play the minor semi, rather than being in the first two and having a second chance at the Grand Final - as discussed - "two bites of the cherry"

Outstanding achievements for the season were:

- Making the Semi-Finals (Briars Colts) for the first time
- Big wins 42-0 and 60-0 against Drummoyne, and 62-0 against St Ives
- The memorable game against Lindfield, playing into a strong wind in the second half, winning 18-15, to secure a place in the 'semis'
- The fantastic camaraderie that developed during the season, and which will benefit the Club in future years, by maintaining its players, and therefore its strength
- Memorable goal kicking of Mick Oxley, scoring all points in the semi-final - 5 penalties, 15 points.

The points for the season were scored in the following manner

Tries:	60
Conversions:	25
Penalties:	18
Leading Try Scorer:	Phil Hall 11 tries
Leading Points Scorers:	Mick Oxley 72 points Simon Valencia 66 points

A summary of the games played for the season are as follows:

Round	Opposition	Score	Round	Opposition	Score
1	Drummoyne	42 - 0	10	Drummoyne	60 - 0
2	Forest	21 - 0	11	Forest	3 - 10
3	Hornsby	23 - 0	12	Hornsby	20 - 7
4	Blacktown	44 - 5	13	Blacktown	34 - 8
5	Dundas	0 - 3	14	Dundas	3 - 17
6	Oatley	17 - 3	15	Oatley	5 - 10
7	Knox	19 - 32	16	Knox	0 - 20 (Forfeit)
8	Lindfield	13 - 8	17	Lindfield	18 - 15
9	St Ives	10 - 18	18	St Ives	62 - 0
SEMIFINAL Briars vs Oatley			15 - 15		
Points for the season		TOTAL	389(for)	156 (against)	
		AVERAGE	20.5	8.2	



## SEMI-FINAL: OATLEY vs BRIARS

The semifinal was a game lost by Briars. Briars lead the whole game, to be denied a win by conceding a penalty with two minutes to play. The resulting penalty goal evened the score, Oatley progressing to the final due to their higher position on the ladder.

Oatley contested the Grand Final, losing in a close match to Knox. Knox had led the point score for the whole season, and were worthy winners.

On the day :

- some outstanding goal-kicking from Mick Oxley, which maintained pressure on Oatley (15 points scored, 5 penalty goals).
- Briars were incorrectly denied a try, which could have made them winners on the day.

The Colts must remember "that feeling" - of being so close and then being denied the win, - this will spur them on in the future.

### The 'Lesson to be Learned'!

When you are leading, and gaining good possession - adhere to the game plan - let the opposition make the mistakes!

■ **Adrian Mathewson (loose head prop)** Very good, strong, scrummaging prop. Very mobile in open play with a good defence. Adrian was a good acquisition for the team, a good team player, "the quiet achiever". Future prospects look good for higher grades.

■ **Matt Grace (hooker)** Very good and mobile hooker. Played like a breakaway in attack and defence. Had a good season, and is the most unselfish player in the team, never complained, stood aside to let another player have a go. Good team player, integral to the side. I congratulate you Gracey on your efforts and on 1998.

■ **Matt Crippa (Captain, tight head prop)** Very strong and technically sound. Very mobile for a prop. Lead the side by example. Matt was selected as Captain for his leadership qualities. A very popular team man, had a good season, 1st Grade potential, when he decides to have a go. Never let the coach down. Well done Matt!

■ **Ben Harrington (2nd row)** Another quiet achiever, often not seen in open play due to the fact that he's doing the hard yards. Ben had a very good season, one of the first selected each week, very strong in the scrums, good defence. 1st Grade potential.

■ **Luke Humphreys (2nd row)** Luke could play anywhere other than front row. Possesses enormous talent and mobility. With time will become an outstanding 2nd row player. A few injuries held him back until he regained his confidence late in the season. 1st Grade potential.

■ **Brad Scully (lock, b/away, 5/8?)** The most talented player in the team, possesses all the skills. A great No. 2 jumper who consistently won good lineout ball. Very good hands and attacking skills made him very dangerous around the scrum base. Definite 1st Grade potential. Won BEST & FAIREST.

■ **Dan Sherer (B/away, centre)** Great b/away, defender, with well disguised speed. Continually first to the breakdown, and made many breaks from open play. A very good season, and deserved of "PLAYERS PLAYER". Changed to the backs late in the season with good success. 1st grade potential.

■ **Phil Hall (2nd row lock)** Very talented player who added good attacking skills to the team. Always dangerous with the ball and a punishing defender. Runs a bit too high with the ball close to the line - but gets better with each game. My selection as one of the most valuable players to the team. Not bad for a KIWI!!!!

■ **Matt Munro (Half)** The best passing half in the club, with a big future. Will get better as he gets more experience. Needs to get more involved, and drive and direct the forwards. 1st Grade potential.





- **James Nott (Vice Captain, 5/8)** Has all the skills and "guts" beyond his size. Very good tactical kicker and lead the backs by example. A good defender. Needs to keep to the 'game plan' for the team's sake. A big future in the Club.
- **Matt Bodley (centre)** In my opinion the best centre in the competition. A very strong runner with the ball, and a great defensive tackler. Has all the skills. A 'fitter', Bodley could play 1st Grade with the Club. A future if he wishes.
- **Chester Wong (centre, wing)** Quick centre who changed to the wing towards the latter part of the season. Had a roving game, always dangerous with the ball. Good defender, needs to forget about the size of the opposition.
- **Darren Calleja (wing)** Good speed and elusive winger, who played well at the beginning of the season. Lost confidence but will come back better. Needs to concentrate on his own game.
- **Mick Oxley (5/8, centre, wing, FB)** Utility player and good long-range goal-kicker, playing all backline positions with ability to put players into a gap. On occasions, needs to watch where he passes. Had a great semifinal.
- **Simon Valencia (FB)** Safe under pressure, with a good boot. Good goal kicker, and good defence. To improve needs to hit the back-line at speed to be more effective. An important member of the team.
- **Ben Murphy (1/2 Back)** Tigerish scrum half, who works and controls the forwards well. Great defender, taking on players twice his size. Injury shortened his season. Big year next year.
- **Pat Summers (b/away, 2nd row, centre)** "Mr Utility". Played well wherever he played. Good defence and running skills. Great team person and player. Will do well at any level.
- **Brendon Grant (wing)** Very quick and elusive winger, who should have scored more tries. Needs to get more involved, read the game well and improve positional play. Always very dangerous with the ball.
- **Scott Nicholson (wing)** "Gunner". Led by example on the paddock. Scored some good tries with plenty of enthusiasm. A very good team player, with good defence. A good 'Have-a-chat'.
- **Brett Stephens (b/away)** Very talented. Good positional player. Always first to the ball, securing possession. Had a very good season. Needs to put more sting in his tackles and "turn up to training more often". Definitely 1st Grade potential.
- **Aaron Boyter (2nd row prop)** Big player with plenty of ability. Will get better with a greater understanding of the rules. With more mobility, will improve quickly. Very strong in the scrums. With work will have a good future.
- **Willie Kauvai (b/away)** Very strong, good runner with the ball. Great tackler. Unfortunately was not available to train with the team often which showed in his play. "A bit one out". Very talented player with a big future.

## Outstanding Efforts

- **Matt Crippa (Captain)**. Led the team from the front. Able to settle the team down, and concentrate on the game plan. Well done Matt.
- **James Knott (Vice Captain)** For his support and understanding in his position of Vice Captain. A good listener and visionary for the team.
- **Matt Grace**. The total "Organizer". The team has him to thank for the players, the socials, the attendances throughout the year. Excellent effort.

■ **Andy Craig (Manager)** Another year in which Andy ensured everything 'ran like clockwork'. Was a very good supporter of the colts as a past fellow coach. Great club man but not let his heart rule his brain.

■ **Tony Wozniak** Unfortunately Tony was not able to be there very often due to overseas travel. He was always there in enthusiasm and in spirit. Thanks for the help when possible.

■ **John Threlfo (Club President)** – for his unwavering and total support of the Colts 'concept'.

Thanks must also go to

■ **Mick Ellem** and **Ron Lipovac** for their efforts in training throughout the year

■ The support of **John Oxy** at all the games

■ **Greg Guest**, who worked hard trying to ensure a successful season, but who was let down badly by other members of the club.

1998 was a successful season for the Briars Colts. We won lots of games, had good times, made good friends and developed good cameraderie in the team – the ingredients for future successful years.

## BE PROUD OF YOUR EFFORTS - WELL DONE

To the Colts I must say that once again it was great to be associated with a fine bunch of men, and great sportsmen.

Not only were you able to play very good entertaining football, but you also worked tirelessly to support the other teams and the Club, and in social functions – and without complaint.

I look forward to attending home games in the future and watching the young Colts achieve their goals, and eventually 1st Grade status.

Thanks for the memories:

DAVID GUILLE

1st Grade Colts Coach, 1998



## 1998 Season Results

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Knox	18	15	1	2	562	118	444	63
Dundas Valley	18	15	0	3	312	98	214	61
Oatley	18	11	1	6	424	166	258	50
<b>Briars</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>47</b>
Lindfield	18	9	1	8	308	195	113	44
St Ives	18	8	2	8	336	321	15	40
Forest	18	9	0	9	192	265	73	37
Hornsby	18	7	1	10	217	357	140	32
Drummoyne	18	1	0	17	118	643	525	7
Blacktown	18	1	0	17	120	659	539	5



# Hockey

## Chairman's Report



### What a year !!!!

How could anyone have predicted the outstanding season that Hockey enjoyed in 1998. It was just three seasons ago that we finished last in the Club Championship but we managed to turn all of that around. Here is a brief description of our achievements this year :

- Yates Cup champions in First, Second and Third grades
- Minor Premiers in First, Second, Third and under 17s grades
- Grand Finalists in First, Second, Third and under 17s grades
- Premiers in First Grade and under 17s

In total eleven Sydney Hockey Association pennants were won this season and were proudly collected at the SHA presentation evening which was dominated by Briars.

This success could not have been achieved without the efforts of many people and my thanks go to them all for their assistance :

- Marc Burns, who kept our supporters up to date with his regular articles in The Glebe and who also managed to fill half of the October edition of FOCUS with hockey news.
- Paul Burgess for keeping the best set of records in Sydney hockey.
- Nick Pervushin for making sure drinks were available at the ground each week.
- Lachlan Boa for keeping us informed of his ill-informed views at committee meetings – but at least he was always there.
- Brent Diprose for breaking a few arms in the fight to ensure that fees were paid and ensuring that all of the boys were dressed nicely.
- Brad Fussell, Craig Ardill, Matt Yager and Jesse Borthwick for ensuring that the juniors were well coached and looked after.
- Brett Graham who assisted with various odds and ends wherever needed, in addition to be elected as the new Deputy President of the Sydney Hockey Association.
- Alan Alderson for organizing a great finale to the year with the Presentation Night.
- Adam Schasser for coaching third grade to the Grand Final.
- the parents who came down each week to support us and occasionally even umpire (thanks to Bob Tagg and Robert Bracey)

To anyone that I may have missed including from this list, my apologies and sincere thanks.

Our success this year could not have been achieved without careful planning. Back in 1996, when hockey was really struggling, we looked for someone to take the wheel and steer the ship. Fortunately Allan Chu stood still whilst everyone else took a big step back and became our new Chairman.

Allan put in the hard yards and ensured that all was well organized off the field. This was easy for him to do because even when playing he seemed to spend a lot of time off the field.

Having to escape to Singapore to avoid completing a third term we invited Dean Garland to warm the chair until his return. Dean has completed an outstanding job assisting with both juniors and seniors. Playing the political animal he laid much of the ground work to ensure that Briars was recognized when it came to being promoted to Premier Division in 1999, and I am confident that he will keep hold of the ship and maintain the course started by Allan.



Chairman's  
Report

This year we were also fortunate to have another quality coach ... and then we had John Siraci. Seriously though, John proved to be an extremely important part of our success this year. His partnership with Busta led to a very balanced and extremely skilful coaching team whilst off the field he occasionally displayed characteristics of being a nice bloke – but I think he was only acting.

Finally, there was Warren "Busta" Birmingham. Busta proved yet again what an impact he can make to a hockey club. With his initiative we recruited extremely cleverly through our Development Academy and the country imports. Guys like Adam Baker, Michael Banks, Bernard Hemmy, Jed Rutledge, Rybe Mattheson and Derek Wolfenden all moved to Sydney to play while others like Silas Moss, Kurt Miller and the Sharrock brothers drove hundreds of miles every week to both train and play.

Busta kept training interesting and team morale high during the season. Our results speak for themselves and both Busta and John were the driving forces behind each win and consequently our promotion to Premier Division, the highest level of hockey in NSW and arguably Australia. Thanks Busta !!!

1999 remains an even greater assignment. We are confident of making the transition and being competitive in our inaugural season of Premier Division.

My thanks go to all of those who helped during the year and I look forward to seeing you all again next season.

John Price

Assistant Hockey Chairman



The aims and objective of the team in 1998 was to perform to the level required to gain admission to the Premier Division competition in 1999.

I have always thought that there is little point in achieving Premier Division status if you are not in a position to realistically contest and compete against the top four clubs in that division. As a result a number of changes were implemented throughout 1998 to give the club and the players a thorough grounding in the requirements for success in Premier Division.

To achieve our goals we implemented a number of specific strategies both on and off the field to optimise our degree of success.

### **The Briars Hockey Development Academy**

Several players were chosen in our original intake of the Academy. These players were fundamentally assisted in their career endeavours and it was excellent to see that they have all progressed very well in both their hockey and their careers throughout 1998.

### **Match Plan**

It was my target at the beginning of the year to develop every player in the first division to a level that would see them very competitive in Premier Division in 1999. I was extremely pleased with the development of all the players and believe that season 1999 is looking good – especially if they continue their established learning curve.

Every player that played in first grade in 1998 now has a real understanding of the areas they need to improve and John Siraci and I will be utilising the pre-season to work with these players individually to ensure that they turn these areas into strengths.

### **Fitness**

The fitness level in the club in general is well below what is required for Premier Division and this will be rectified for 1999. I believe that the performance and playing ability of our first three grades would improve by 30% if we had a better level of aerobic and anaerobic fitness. This applies to all players and is the most noticeable area requiring urgent attention.

### **Confidence in Ability**

Along with fitness and skill development this is an imperative part of performance. As the season progressed, more confidence was displayed in individuals and team members. This was always going to be a great challenge as most of the guys had never played together before. My aim for 1999 is to foster genuine confidence within the group as it is such a vital part of performance and succeeding.

### **Training**

The first grade squad had an 82% attendance rate at training. I am very grateful for the effort of all of the guys as it does become hard work to attend and contribute throughout the long winter months – but as we realised, it certainly does pay dividends.

### **Player Personnel**

Throughout the year we used 23 players in first grade. Without the input of all these players it would have been impossible to achieve the level of success that we attained during the season.



The team's results were exceptional and they won everything available whilst only losing one game for the entire season.

When you coach guys that have the potential to win you are excited, when they win you are relieved, and when you have guys that try as hard as these guys do you are humbled.

Congratulations to all the players on a marvellous season and let's look forward to the challenges ahead in 1999.

### Individual Awards

Best and Fairest	Matthew Smart
Coaches Most Valuable Player	Alan Alderson
Players Player	Bernard Hemmy

Warren Birmingham

First Grade Coach



As "Busta" outlined in the First Grade report, our major objective this season was to perform to a level that would gain us admittance to the Premier Division and allow us to be competitive at this higher level.

A central part of this platform was the establishment of a far larger pool of players who had the ability to play first grade. Although we are still some way short of where we need to be in this regard, 1998 saw us make significant strides towards achieving this goal.

Throughout the season, each player worked diligently with Warren and myself to improve their fitness, tactical awareness and skills, and their improvement was reflected in a minor premiership and Yates Cup victory, as well as in the ability of many to slot into the first grade squad on several occasions.

Unfortunately the team were not able to achieve the ultimate success of a premiership, but each player can be proud of what they accomplished this season. At the same time however, each needs to be mindful of the challenges which lie ahead and focus upon the improvement of which they are capable next season.

### Player Profiles

■ **Derek Wolfenden (Goalkeeper)** – Unfortunately a training injury curtailed Derek's season but in the games he played he showed that he is a very talented player who is certainly capable of playing first grade in the Premier Division. To achieve this next season Derek will need to work on communicating better with his teammates to set up defensive formations.

■ **Wade Sharrock (Goalkeeper)** – Wade came into the side following Derek's injury and showed that he too was a player of great talent who is capable of claiming a place as a first grade goalkeeper in Premier Division. However, like Derek, he will need to improve his communication skills to achieve this goal.

■ **Mike Taylor (Fullback)** – As one of our most experienced players, Mike as captain, led by example and always motivated his teammates when things were going against them. He was a solid player with the ability to tackle the striker and come up with the ball, turning defence into attack.

■ **Brad Widdup (Fullback)** – Brad has played many hard games over the years, and he brought all of this knowledge with him in his first year with the club and proved to be a very difficult player to get past when on the field. On many occasions Brad was supportive of any task asked of him and bore, never once complaining, and I am grateful to him for his support.

■ **David Canon (Left Half)** – David possesses the most valuable attributes that any player needs to succeed – heart, the willingness to learn, and the desire to win !!!! This was important as David had a lot of weak points to work on at the start of the year. He attacked this task with relish and was not afraid of the challenge. The results were there for all to see as David's game improved with each match during the season, and he was a very worthy winner of the Players' Player award.

■ **Kurt Miller (Centre Half)** – At just sixteen years of age, Kurt has an abundance of ability waiting to be tapped and he will go a long way in the game if he remains focussed. Kurt played centre half for the majority of the season and his performance was crucial to our chances each week. Both Busta and I will be working with Kurt during the pre-season to improve his speed and strength as well as his communication with teammates as he plays an important role not only as a defender but also as an attacker.

■ **Craig Ardill (Right Half)** – A badly broken nose saw an end to Craig's year at the half way point. This was a real shame as his tackling, skills and footwork had improved with each game he played and the team missed his commitment and character on the field.

■ **Brent Diprose (Right Half)** – Brent was an extremely able replacement for Craig coming down to join us from the first grade side. His experience and ability to



communicate with the players was a calming influence on the side, and his cool, calm and collected nature helped to effectively neutralise his opponents. An added bonus with "Dippa" was his strong, hard hitting and the flare that he was able to inject into the forward line and he was a valuable contributor to the team.

■ **Nick Pervushin (Striker)** – Nick has good speed out on the wing and can be very dangerous on a good day when he settles down and concentrates on the task at hand. If Nick is to reach his potential and challenge for a first grade wing spot however, he will need to add more variety to his game during the off-season.

■ **Brad Fussell (Inside Left)** – Brad is a very skilful player who has the ability to beat his man easily and who reads the play quite well. When Brad was playing well our forward line ran hot – unfortunately this was usually only for thirty minutes of each match. This was largely a fitness problem and he will need to work on this during the pre-season. In addition, this lack of fitness translated into frustration and he became less positive and constructive on the field and far less selective in his decisions to run with the ball. Greater fitness will help to alleviate these problems next year.

■ **Rohan Mascarenhas (Inside Right/Right Wing)** – Rohan is blessed with outstanding stick skills but he needs to work out when best to use them as they can also get him into trouble as well – selectivity is the key to success here. A greater level of self-belief when in the circle would also see Rohan's game improve immensely and "Busta" and I look forward to working with him on these aspects so that he can challenge for a first grade position next season.

■ **Scott Commens (Striker/All Rounder)** – Aggression, speed and skill are three good things that any sportsman should possess, and that is what Scott demonstrated each time that he took the field. Any coach would love to have another ten Scott's in their team as he has the ability to play any position on the field and can deliver the goods when needed. If there is an area of his game that needs improvement it would be his tempestuous relationship with umpires and he will need to eliminate this from his game if he is to achieve his potential.

■ **Lyndon Tully (Inside Forward)** – Lyndon is able to eliminate his opposing player with ease, his passing is precise, and his leading is that of an experienced player. These are all tremendous attributes to have and one would think that he would average one or two goals per game. Unfortunately Lyndon's fitness undermines his natural ability and if he were improve this by 60% he would become a very deadly player.

■ **Jed Rutledge (Fullback/Half)** – Jed is a player with few weaknesses – he is strong, fast, skilful, a good communicator, and an astute reader of play. He also has an ability to find the back of the net. However, he lacks a little motivation and dedication. I hope that he finds these qualities during the off-season and starts pre-season training with enthusiasm and a commitment to improving his channelling and tackling.

■ **Ben Scully (Striker)** – Injury kept Ben out of the team for much of the latter half of the season but prior to that he was scoring goals, setting up plays, tackling opponents, and would not stop running until he broke down the play. On the field he showed great commitment and enthusiasm but would be helped by a better preparation the night before the game.

### Individual Awards

Best and Fairest	Kurt Miller	Players' Player	David Canon
Coaches Most Valuable Player	Mike Taylor		

I would like to thank all of the players for their efforts this season and I hope that they make the necessary improvements in fitness, attitude and motivation to be successful players in the Premier Division next season.

John Siraci

Second Grade Coach





## Hockey

### Third Grade

Two years of gradual improvement, culminating in a semi-final position last year, saw the team enter season 1998 with high expectations. The addition of Brett Graham and Adam Schasser, players with solid first grade experience, together with Lachlan Boa, gave the side a far more formidable look, particularly when combined with an ever improving bunch of players from last year's semi-final side. All of the ingredients for success were now present and we had our sights firmly set on a premiership title.

During the course of the season the team had a firm belief in their own ability and in each other, and this was extremely helpful in winning a number of tight matches involving the top five teams.

Following an early loss to Eastern Suburbs, a certain degree of momentum began to build as we surged to the top of the table by the half way point of the competition and entered the Yates Cup final.

We entered this game with some concern, having been defeated the previous evening by Randwick in a very physical encounter that saw a number of injuries, highlighted by Lachlan enhancing his rugged good looks with a nasty head gash.

Playing against Macquarie University, a team that we had not defeated in eighteen months, we arrived at the ground with only twelve players (including Lachlan) but quickly cast aside these difficulties to blow our opponents off the park with a 4-0 victory in easily our most impressive performance to date.

With our first objective secured we marched through the remainder of the rounds undefeated to secure the minor premiership and entered the semi-finals full of confidence.

Throughout the latter part of the season our major competition for the title came from UTS and we met them in the major semi-final with the winner earning the right to advance straight through to the Grand Final.

In a very impressive performance, we emerged 3-1 victors and thus achieved our second objective, becoming the first third grade side to shoot for the title in a decade.

Unfortunately, Grand Final day saw us produce one of our worst performances of the season against a UTS team that had saved their best for the big occasion, and we fell at the final hurdle in our quest for the title.

Naturally the players were extremely disappointed by the result but this should not take away from the fact that they had achieved a great deal this season, particularly those younger players who developed greatly during the season.

### Player Profiles

■ **Kurt Ravn (Goalkeeper)** – For a big guy Kurt could move very quickly and he saved the team on many occasions during the year, although he sometimes did not wake up until ten minutes after the whistle blew. I have no doubt however, that Kurt can make the first grade goalkeeper's position his own in the near future.

■ **Lachlan Boa (Fullback)** – Lachlan was one of the players who gave me more trouble this year than anyone else. Having said that however, he is probably one of the best fullbacks that I have ever played with and would be even better if he concentrated a little more on the game and less on taking players out.

■ **Graeme Moat (Fullback)** – Graeme may not have the same powerful hit as Lachlan, but he was always strong in defence and an excellent team player who forever had a word of support for his teammates.

■ **Marc Burns (Left Half)** – In any team this position is a vital one in the defensive pattern and Marc, after an unsettled start to the season, did not let the side down with



his efforts. His defence was strong and as the year progressed his skill level and confidence grew which provided the team with new attacking options down the left side.

■ **Brett Graham (Centre Half)** – "The Retro Kid", Brett was the pivot point of the team. This placed a lot more pressure on him, not only to concentrate on his own game but to accept the added responsibility of guiding the team in attack and defence. As such, his is not an easy position to play, but to Brett's credit he played it well whilst taking on the added burden of being vice captain. My thanks for a job well done.

■ **Adam Schasser (Right Half/Fullback)** – Adam enjoyed (most of the time) the challenge of coaching the team and took great pride in their performances this season. On the field he enjoyed a solid season and got better as the season developed with some games being reminiscent of earlier years.

■ **Ben Garland (Left Wing)** – Every team has one, and Ben was our team clown, always giving the boys something to laugh at both at training and on the field. Ben's season started slowly but he became more confident in his ability as the year went on and provided the team with some good attacking options down the left side of the field along with some much needed assistance in defence.

■ **Jesse Borthwick (Inside Left/Centre Forward)** – Jesse is one player who never ceases to amaze me, overcoming what many would see as a disability to demonstrate skills that would have the opposition running around in circles. Defence is another strong point of his game and he was tireless in this regard. I would like to thank Jesse for all of his help during the season.

■ **Bjorn Hook (Inside Left/Centre Forward)** – Bjorn played in both attack and defence this season and while showing that he could play both areas quite well, his skill and hunger for the ball made him one of our key strikers. As a young player he has a bright future in the game providing that he improves his fitness level, but then again he is not the only member of the team needing to do that.

■ **Nick Pacheco (Inside Right)** – Nick was always keen to get the ball and used his dribbling and passing skills to the team's advantage. Although he had an unsettled year with the impending birth of his child, Nick still enjoyed a solid season and his determination to do his best on the field saw him score a number of goals, but unfortunately not as many as he would have liked.

■ **Adam Bracey (Right Wing)** – Adam is a talented young player with a bright future ahead of him. He came into the side half way through the season and for a young man in his first season of senior hockey he impressed everyone with his determination not to take a backward step on the field. His speed and skills gave the team good attacking options on the right side of the field and he capitalised on his opportunities to become one of our leading goal scorers.

■ **Ben Scully (Left Half)** – Although Ben's year was interrupted by injury and regular shuffling between grades, he always did his best on the field and never let himself or his teammates down. It was a pleasure to play with Ben during the season and I am sure that he will bounce back bigger and better next season.

■ **Sean Forsyth (Fullback/Left Half/Right Half)** – Sean was a regular reserve for us this season and found himself in a few unaccustomed positions. To his credit he played well in every position from fullback through to wing where he scored a goal. The team really appreciated his contribution.

■ **Mark Folkes (Centre Forward/Left Wing)** – Mark was another of our regular reserves and he made a great contribution to our success this season. Although his over-enthusiasm saw him receive numerous warnings from the umpires, his aggression also saw him become one of our leading goal scorers this season. If Mark can learn to control this aggression he will become a very useful player next season.



## Hockey Third Grade

I would also like to thank Simon Orbell, Reece Eckersley, Greg Hunter, John Price, Peter Coulson and Daniel Tagg for their contributions during the season.

To all of those players mentioned above, my sincere thanks for your fellowship and commitment this season. Although we fell at the final hurdle, the team has much to be proud of and, with focus and dedication on our goals, I look forward to seeing each player achieve the success they are capable of next season.

### Individual Awards

Best and Fairest Brett Graham

Coaches Most Valuable Player Jesse Borthwick

Players Player Adam Schasser

Adam Schasser

Third Grade Captain/Coach



## Hockey Fourth Grade

At the beginning of the season I was asked if I would be prepared to take on the job of captaining the new fourth grade side. Initially I was a little hesitant to accept the position, but after speaking with a few people around the club I was convinced to take up the challenge and I am certainly glad that I did.

Throughout the season the side performed well and recorded some good results, but with the line-up changing constantly it was a little difficult to get a settled side on the field each week and our results were occasionally inconsistent.

Having said this there were some good things to come out of the season, namely the experience that some of our juniors from the under 15s and under 17s gained in senior competition. It was also pleasing to see a few of the players rewarded for good performances with promotion to the third grade side.

Playing in the third division competition, our results for the season were as follows:

Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Points	Position
18	9	1	8	32	47	19	5th

In the end we fell just short of a semi-final berth in our first season and it was a result that the players can be very proud of.

### Player Profiles

■ **Stuart Turnbull (Goalkeeper)** – Stuart came to us from the under 15s and proved to be a very talented player. He started the season a little timidly and appeared slightly overwhelmed by his opponents, but as the season developed he grew in confidence and

kept us in a lot of games in the latter half of the year.

■ **Sean Forsyth (Fullback/Half)** – Sean came to the club this season after several seasons out of the game and showed some good skills in the fullback and half positions that eventually earned him a well deserved promotion to third grade.

■ **Allan Lollback (Fullback)** – Like Sean this was Allan's first season with the club after moving to Sydney from the South Coast. Allan showed some ability during the year at fullback but will probably be best remembered for his knitted maroon and gold matching jumper and beanie which was the cause of much discussion around the club.

■ **Chris Detjen (Fullback)** – Chris was another player who returned to the fold after a few seasons away, and he enjoyed some good games during the year and demonstrated some good skills.

■ **Derek Welsh (Fullback/Half)** – Derek was another of our under 15s players gaining senior experience in fourth grade this season. He has great skills and in some games ran himself to an absolute standstill. I am sure that he can go a long way in the sport.

■ **Michael Bates (Half)** – Michael had a tremendous season this year and was a constant source of encouragement to everyone in the team. A player who never gives any less than 100% effort on the field, Michael possesses some good skills and tactical awareness and with some training next season should press for promotion to the higher grades.

■ **Allan Chu (Half /Forward)** – Allan was the elder statesman of the side this year and the side suffered greatly when business commitments saw him miss half of the season. When he did play however, Allan provided some stability and a couple of memorable moments, highlighted by his four goal spree in the opening game of the season.

■ **Adam Palmer (Half /Forward)** – Adam always gave 100% effort every time that he took the field. Unfortunately his appearances this season were limited by a mid season injury (perhaps a legacy of the annual Canberra pilgrimage ???).

■ **Reece Eckersley (Forward)** – Reece was another new player to the club this season who displayed some good skills during the year. With some training next season he could press for higher grades in 1999.

■ **Abbas Rana (Forward)** – Abbas had a good season and was easily the most talented player in the team. Using his excellent stick skills, Abbas created some magic moments this year but his game would benefit if he were to pass the ball more often to his team mates once he has beaten an opponent rather than trying to beat the entire team.

■ **Mark Folkes (Forward)** – A wholehearted competitor, Mark occasionally lost his cool with opposition players and the umpires, but when he settled down he played some really good hockey and finished as our leading goal scorer this season.

■ **Paul Burgess (Forward/Goalkeeper)** – Paul had a reasonably good season this year, particularly with the added responsibility of captaincy and many other tasks to perform.

■ **Chris Zol (Forward/Half)** – Chris is one of our emerging talents from the under 17s who showed great commitment to the team and the club. He will become a great club member in future years.

■ **Peter Coulsen (Forward)** – Peter found it hard to appear in a lot of games this season due to injuries and other problems, but he did play some good hockey when he played.

■ **Adam Bracey (Forward)** – Adam came to us from Baulkam Hills this year and was one of the finds of the season, his form eventually securing him a promotion to third grade for the second half of the season.





## Hockey

### Fourth Grade

In closing, I would like to thank those players from third grade who filled in from time to time when the team was short of players – Brett Graham, Jesse Borthwick, Marc Burns, Graeme Moat and Lachlan Boa. In addition, I would also like to thank Daniel Tagg, Simon Orbell and Andrew Clayton who all assisted during the year after their commitments in the under 17s.

Bob Tagg, Walter Zol, Dean Garland, and Megan and Ian Turnbull were a great source of inspiration for us each week as they came out regularly to support the team and all of us thank them for their commitment and support.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the players for their support and encouragement throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you all back again next season.

Paul Burgess

*Fourth Grade Captain*



## Hockey

### Under 17s

Under 17s Following the promotion of last year's premiers, Bankstown, to the A Division, we found ourselves in the unaccustomed position of competition favourites.

The team comprised of our now hardened veterans from 1997 – Kuma Manix, Chris Zol, Daniel Tagg and the kings of Pakistan, Sami Khan and Shan Rana – all of whom were keen to do well despite the disappointment of losing the final the previous season.

Deciding that they wanted to play again this year, Bjorn Hook and Garth Field were granted permission to play over age, which was good for everyone, in particular Garth who was still able to tell his horrible jokes to someone.

As well as these players, there were some newcomers to the club – Adam Bracey and Simon Orbell who had toured England with me during the summer; Andrew Clayton who had moved up from the under 15s; Tim Llewellyn from Australian Rules; and David Ratcliffe, a former ice hockey goalkeeper who was keen to play hockey with his school mates.

The team quickly came together with a tremendous sense of mateship and discipline, and this shone through as the team went undefeated throughout the first round, scoring forty goals and conceding very few.

A new player then joined the team in the form of fourteen year old Jeremy Burke, and with fourteen players in the squad now, positions became very competitive and everyone improved as we progressed through the rounds.

At the end of the preliminary rounds we were minor premiers having lost only one match during the season against Randwick during the school holidays when we had only seven players.

We played the major semi-final against arch-rivals Gordon who had finished the season in second position, and who were easily our most difficult opponents during the season.



It was a tough encounter and we were actually in the unfamiliar role of trailing mid-way through the first half. However, the players knew that they could do it and they did not panic, running out comfortable 5-3 victors to secure a grand final birth.

Surprisingly, there was not a lot of emotion or jumping up and down. We expected to make the grand final and we deserved to be there, but the job was not over yet.

Gordon defeated an unlucky Northern Districts 1-0 in the final to set up a replay of the major semi-final.

For the first time in many years we had made the grand final of the under 17s competition, and most of the players realised that it was the last time that they would play together as a group.

It did not take too much motivation from the coach to fire the team up and it showed on the field as we surged to a 4-0 lead by half time in a brilliant display of skill and discipline. The game was over after only thirty minutes but the boys wanted to go on with it.

In warm conditions fatigue set in to allow Gordon to score a few goals late in the second half but the 8-3 scoreline confirmed what everyone knew – Briars were by far and away the best team in the competition.

All of the players made a contribution to the team's success but I would like to single out the performance of our goalkeeper, David Ratcliffe. On the Wednesday before the grand final, David played in a school game against some of the players from Gordon. While sliding to stop a shot, the Gordon players played the man and not the ball, breaking David's finger, bruising his ribs and damaging his helmet. They finished by saying to David, "if you think that that's bad, just wait until you see what we are going to do to you on Saturday...".

David played in the grand final, broken finger and all, and was the best player on the field – a tremendous effort from a very passionate player.

Throughout the year it was quite clear that we were the best team in the competition, but what impressed me about the boys was that they continued to strive to be better, both individually and as a team, and played with the right attitude.

Congratulations to our captain and inspirational leader, Daniel Tagg, on being made a shadow player for the Sydney Representative team, and to Simon Orbell who gained selection in both the Sydney Firsts and NSW CIS representative teams.

A special thanks must go to all the parents who gave up their time at training and on match day to support their sons – although most of them will not admit it, they really did appreciate your support.

I enjoyed coaching all of the boys immensely and I hope that all of those eligible to play senior hockey for the club next season do so. In part this depends on the attitude of the senior club itself and hopefully they are aware of the depth of junior talent which is now available to them and do not allow it to fall by the wayside whilst providing opportunities to others outside the club.

I encourage all senior players to actively support our junior programme as it really is the future of our club. This type of support was a little lacking this season but the boys really do appreciate and welcome the advice and encouragement of the seniors at their matches.

Congratulations to every member of the team on your achievements in 1998, and I look forward to watching you progress through the ranks in the years to come.

### Individual Awards

Best and Fairest	Daniel Tagg
Coaches Most Valuable Player	Shan Rana
Players Player	Shan Rana

Brad Fussell

Under 17s Coach



### Overview

1998 was a year of improvement for junior hockey. Once again we were able to increase our player levels to approximately sixty in number during 1998, an improvement of about 20% from last year. There is a continued need to improve our playing numbers to maintain the overall strength of the club and provide new players to fill our senior ranks.

We actively promoted hockey within the district in 1998 for the first time in many years, undertaking coaching clinics and supplying coaches for schools. In association with NSW Hockey, Dean Garland, representing the club, and a junior development coach from NSW Hockey, conducted a six week introduction program at Burwood Public School.

Graeme Moat and Jesse Borthwick attended Concord High School to undertake coaching sessions for Year 7 students. These programs were supplemented with external development days held at our home ground at MLC Burwood. Further development has been scheduled in 1999 with five schools already participating in similar programs during the first term.

The season itself was relatively successful, highlighted by our Under 17B side which lost only one game throughout the season in collecting the minor premiership & premiership pennants. This was a marvellous effort from Brad Fussell and his team and I congratulate them on their achievements during the year.

Our other sides were not quite as successful, but after being promoted to A Grade in the Sydney North Competition, it was always envisaged that we may struggle. Nonetheless there were some highlights including the Under 13's finishing in third place at the Northern District carnival, and the Under 11s and Under 13s teams both recording hard fought draws against the eventual premiers.



### Under 11s (Position 5th)

The step up from B Grade was a large one to make both in terms of competitiveness and the skill levels required to be successful. The team dramatically improved throughout the season to become a competitive side by the end of the season, culminating in the side's only win in the last game of the season. During the latter half of the year the team also recorded encouraging draws against all but one side, including against the Premiers.

Team: Jesse McMillan, Jason Turnbull, Nicholas Smith, Ryan Maberley, Shane McMillan, Max Mason, Matthew Small, Melissa Wemyss, Troy Rossiter, Rachel Stevenson, Ryan Hollis, Laura Gaffey, Thomas Wilson, Robert Steinfeldt, Carly Fernando, Natasha Connellan.

Coach :	Craig Ardill
Manager:	Megan Turnbull
Sydney Representatives:	Matthew Small
Best & Fairest:	Matthew Small
Most Improved:	Ryan Hollis
Encouragement Awards:	Jesse McMillan, Melissa Wemyss

### Under 13s (Position 5th)

The beginning of the season looked very promising for the Under 13s, with good draws against the stronger sides. The highlights for the season were a third and fifth placing in the two knockout carnivals that the team entered.

Unfortunately with the loss of playing personnel through injury or unavailability, we went from a side which had too many players when all were available, to one which was continually struggling for numbers. This required the team to improvise and fill the missing positions with Under 11s players backing up and this made it difficult for the team. My thanks go to all those players who assisted throughout the season and I am sure that they will be better hockey players as a result of the steep learning curve they experienced this season.

Team: Bane Zigic, Jessica Ellem, David Jones, Lee Miliatis, Katherine Gilbert, Ben Jackson Goalie, Andrew Kilazoglou, Derryn-Paul Allsop, James Gaffey, Shaun Macdonald, Nadia Wemyss, Scott Fernando, Anthony Rizzi, Jay Stevenson.

Manager:	David Jones
Coach:	Jesse Borthwick.
Sydney Representatives:	David Jones, Ben Jackson
Best & Fairest:	David Jones
Most Improved:	Ben Jackson
Encouragement Awards:	Scott Fernando, Katherine Gilbert



### Under 15s (Position 5th)

The Under 15s started the season with much promise with an early win and a draw and there were thoughts that we could reach the semi-finals. Unfortunately the team failed to maintain this level of performance as consistently strong first half efforts were followed by lacklustre second half performances. Finishing just out of the semi-finals was probably an appropriate final position for the team who, although not winning many games, had a number of stand out players.

Team: Theresa Nguyen, Vy Nguyen, Nick Brassel, Peter Miliatis, Stephen Turk, Brian Barreto, Kelsey Williams, Jay Hook, David Detores, Stuart Turnbull, Simon Callender, Alan Logan, Alana Tagg, Derek Welsh, Chloe Tuffin.

Manager:	Megan Turnbull
Coach:	Matthew Yager.
Sydney Representatives:	Derek Welsh, Peter Miliatis, Stuart Turnbull.
Best & Fairest:	Peter Miliatis
Most Improved:	Brian Barreto
Encouragement Awards:	Steven Turk, Kelsey Williams
Umpiring Award:	Stuart Turnbull

## Junior Convenor



For the uninitiated and the initiated Briar alike, the squashies represent a curious bunch of late nocturnal club dwellers. Unless you have kicked on after a midweek practice (home nights are on Wednesdays) you may never have encountered our peculiar practices of eating and drinking around midnight. The excessiveness of our indulgences have been tempered over the years by fatherhood, chasing financial responsibilities, the introduction of RBT, and age but the shared passion is still there.

The club has approximately 50 players with teams ranging from Premier grade down to E grade. If you're looking for a new challenge or perhaps to lose a few kilos and get fitter for your regular sport we are always on the lookout for new blood (keen old blood will do).

The performance of the squash club in the last financial year has been somewhat inconsistent. A strong Spring 97 comp result with 5 out of 11 teams reaching the semi finals and two teams securing pennants (A4 and B2) was followed by a disappointing Autumn 98 comp where only three out of ten teams made the semis and no pennants were won. Pre-empting next year's report it would appear the club is a summer bloomer as the performances in the current Spring comp are far more encouraging.

After initial teething problems the relationship with management at the Five Dock courts has stabilised, and despite the occasional unique bounce (which can only add to our home court advantage) the playing conditions are satisfactory.

However, a lack of playing facilities in Sydney and updating the competition format represent the biggest challenges facing the future of our sport. While the rate of court closures has slowed in the Western District the ever-present fear of losing access to suitable facilities remains an unresolved issue for our club and a number of others in the District. The NSW Squash Association has started to develop closer links with councils in an effort to increase the numbers of squash court facilities. Recent expansions and upgrades at couple of universities have produced interesting results with squash usage rates rising and clearly out performing tennis court usage – all is not lost!

As we all are aware getting juniors playing for us is essential for the future of our ageing club and the sport in general. Incredibly, in true Peter Pan spirit I've remained as one of the youngest players in the club for 10 years now. The club has explored this issue and has found the will, want, need and funds to progress, but action has been about as scarce as the schools in the area who still participate in inter school competitions. The club will look to fill a new junior development position to road test some of these initiatives.

David Kable

Squash Chairman

## 1997 SPRING PENNANT COMPETITION

**Team 1 – State 3rd grade:** The team struggled with a few problems for most of the competition but produced a result that could quite conceivably have been better with a bit of luck. Up until the last few rounds there was still hope of reaching the semi-finals, but it was not to be and the side eventually finished eighth.

Rodney Doig, in winning six of his thirteen matches, performed creditably, and Christian Hennock (3/5) did well in his few outings, but the other guys found it tough going and managed only a few wins between them.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Rodney Doig	13	6	7	37	46%	2.85	82.10
2	Christian Hennock	5	3	2	16	60%	3.20	81.76
3	Matthew Hewson	5	0	5	5	0%	1.00	71.20
4	Lindsay Hetherington	7	1	6	16	14%	2.29	74.58
5	Bruce Graham	8	3	5	22	38%	2.75	76.44





**A2:** This team also struggled to find players at stages but, with the current depth in the club at this level, substitutes were easy to find. A late season surge saw them climb from sixth place to fourth but that is as far as they could progress.

Joe Caristo, lacking training and fitness, found the going tough and could only win three of his ten starts, while Paul Byrne (5/10) and Dominic Maggs (6/13) were a reasonable chance of winning each week. Dominic Caristo (3/6) also proved competitive but injury restricted his contributions in a grade where only David Kable was able to be dominant, playing every week and winning ten of his fourteen matches.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Joe Elias	10	3	7	22	30%	2.20	71.60
2	Paul Byrne	10	5	5	34	50%	3.40	74.99
3	David Kable	14	10	4	54	71%	3.86	75.97
4	Dominic Maggs	11	6	5	36	55%	3.27	71.73
5	Dominic Caristo	6	3	3	15	50%	2.50	68.11

**A3:** Luck was not with this team and they lost many close matches during this competition. On occasion they managed to produce some great form and scored a few healthy upsets but they were not consistent enough to give the heavies in this grade a shake, finishing seventh.

Adam Selway failed to regain his form of a year or two back, winning only three of twelve matches, while Paul Burgess (4/9), Barry Hannelly (6/12), Jim Farrell (4/11) and Ellis Patterson (5/11) had some good moments during the season.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Adam Selway	12	3	9	18	25%	1.50	66.16
2	Paul Burgess	9	4	5	26	44%	2.89	70.35
3	Barry Hannelly	12	6	6	28	50%	2.33	67.00
4	Jim Farrell	11	4	7	29	36%	2.64	66.87
5	Ellis Patterson	11	5	6	31	45%	2.82	66.15

**A4:** This side demonstrated the club's playing depth by dominating their grade and taking out the pennant by defeating Parramatta in the grand final to sweeten the win.

Tony Porter's return to the playing ranks proved an unqualified success as he won all but one of his nine matches (plus two in A2), while Paul Jones had grounds for complaint after being demoted to number two half way through the competition despite winning seven from eleven games. Victor Holubinskyj (9/10) was very strong, while Jordan Dean (6/9), Alan Cameron (5/9) and Ray Warouw (5/8) had good seasons to provide the strength required to win in the higher grades.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Paul Jones	11	7	4	41	64%	3.73	71.79
2	Jordan Dean	9	6	3	30	67%	3.33	68.90
3	Tony Porter	9	8	1	44	89%	4.89	76.29
4	Victor Holubinskyj	10	9	1	49	90%	4.90	73.60
5	Alan Cameron	9	5	4	31	56%	3.44	67.00
6	Ray Warouw	8	5	3	33	63%	4.13	68.74



**B1:** This team were dominant throughout the preliminary rounds but unfortunately could not manage to maintain the pace through the finals and they finished the season in third place.

Despite missing the finals, Rob Cameron enjoyed a good competition, with eight wins from twelve matches, as did Nenad Dobrijevic who won eleven from fourteen. Ed Alcaiano (5/8) and Robert Powell (8/13) made handy contributions, while John Gee, playing only occasionally in his last season with us, won two from four. John has been a terrific player over the years and a source of much useful advice to the rest of the club, and he will be sorely missed.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Rob Goodwin	12	8	4	45	67%	3.75	69.88
2	Nenad Dobrijevic	14	11	3	57	79%	4.07	69.66
3	Joe Caristo	0	0	0	0	0%	0.00	0.00
4	Ed Alcaiano	8	5	3	28	63%	3.50	65.36
5	Robert Powell	13	8	5	46	62%	3.54	64.84
6	John Gee	4	2	2	11	50%	2.75	61.04
7	J Skalkos	1	0	1	0	0%	0.00	51.36

**B2:** This team performed well throughout the preliminary rounds and finished second entering the finals. The depth of years (and we are talking YEARS) of experience saw them march straight into the Grand Final after disposing of the minor premiers very quickly and a repeat performance two weeks later secured them a well-deserved pennant.

In a strong team Eile Melke and Peter Anderson created the foundation for the team's success, each winning nine of their eleven matches, while Steve Madz (3/9), Reg Richardson (5/12) and Grant Heggarty (3/8) all chipped in to win vital rubbers and games.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Steve Madz	9	3	6	23	33%	2.56	62.46
2	Eile Melke	11	9	2	51	82%	4.64	69.83
3	Peter Anderson	11	9	2	47	82%	4.27	67.09
4	Reg Richardson	12	5	7	34	42%	2.83	59.61
5	Grant Heggarty	8	3	5	24	38%	3.00	59.40

**C1:** After a slow start this team recovered well once Rex Racklyeft came on board and sneaked into third place despite the early loss of Steve Taylor through injury. They won their way through to the Grand Final after Mick DiMonte filled in and came up with a big 3-0 win in the Final but unfortunately could not secure the desired result on the night.

Rex led from the top, winning seven of his eight matches and was well supported by Zelko Kalic who did well to win nine of his fourteen matches. Robert Bedic (7/13) had the dropshots working every second week, while John Contarino won half of his twelve games, and Steve won two of three before succumbing to injury.



# Squash Report

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Rex Racklyeft	8	7	1	38	88%	4.75	63.32
2	Robert Bedic	13	7	6	37	54%	2.85	54.76
3	Zelko Kalic	14	9	5	56	64%	4.00	57.68
4	John Contarino	12	6	6	38	50%	3.17	52.73
5	Steve Taylor	3	2	1	12	67%	4.00	55.04
6	Joe Trovatiello	0	0	0	0	0%	0.00	0.00

**C2:** This grade was probably not much weaker than C1 and the players performed very creditably to attain 199 points. Remarkably they only finished in seventh position when normally 210 points is a pretty good guarantee of a semi-final berth.

William Pace led strongly with nine wins from his eleven matches, and was well supported by some consistent efforts from Michael DiMonte (5/9) and Greg McManus (6/12). Unfortunately Peter O'Donnell (2/4) did not play enough, while Chris Virgona and Greg Anderson found the going tough, winning only one match between them.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	William Pace	11	9	2	46	82%	4.18	58.41
2	Peter O'Donnell	4	2	2	12	50%	3.00	51.92
3	Michael DiMonte	10	5	5	33	50%	3.30	53.30
4	Chris Virgona	6	0	6	7	0%	1.17	43.41
5	Greg McManus	11	4	7	28	36%	2.55	48.34
6	Greg Anderson	8	1	7	7	13%	0.88	40.34

**C4:** This team had a wealth of experience and an excellent pedigree but managed to disappoint the pundits by only managing to finish in sixth place.

Mick Jaroszewicz and Greg Kelly kept their heads above water, each winning five of their nine matches, but Ed Moore (2/7) and Ron Marshall (1/8) failed to live up to their early morning trackwork. Stuart Santer won six of his eight matches but his efforts were not enough to lift the team to the semi-finals.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Mick Jaroszewicz	9	5	4	28	56%	3.11	48.84
2	Greg Kelly	9	5	4	31	56%	3.44	48.81
3	Ed Moore	7	2	5	16	29%	2.29	43.03
4	Ron Marshall	8	1	7	8	13%	1.00	36.44
5	Stuart Santer	8	6	2	33	75%	4.13	48.06

**D2:** As a team of relative newcomers, this side found the going tough, but must have been in a very even grade, as they finished eighth despite scoring 167 points.

There is plenty of promise for the future with these players. Darren Peisley (2/8), Chris Leung (3/11), Troy Jefferies (4/12) and Tony Vergos (4/13) were very competitive in all of their matches and gave themselves a chance on most weeks. Only Rene Smeets looked a shade out of his depth, managing only one win from ten matches.



Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Darren Peisley	8	2	6	15	25%	1.88	33.34
2	Chris Leung	11	3	8	26	27%	2.36	34.33
3	Troy Jefferies	12	4	8	28	33%	2.33	32.83
4	Tony Vergos	13	4	9	28	31%	2.15	30.53
5	Rene Smeets	10	1	9	12	10%	1.20	25.36

**E1:** Consistent performances from old hands Ross Mitchell and John Siounis, plus good debuts from a couple of newcomers was almost enough for this team to make the semi-finals, despite a slow start to the competition. In the end they should not be too displeased with finishing fifth, especially in the face of persistent difficulties in getting a full complement of players.

Ross won half of his twelve rubbers, and John was also consistent with seven wins twelve matches. Chris Wilkins (6/10) performed well and should be encouraged enough to return for the next competition, while Michael Santer was still making the transition to competition, winning only a couple off his ten matches, and Jim Doig could only manage one win from a handful of starts.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Jim Doig	5	1	4	8	20%	1.60	19.04
2	Ross Mitchell	12	6	6	37	50%	3.08	24.39
3	Nigel Woolley	0	0	0	0	0%	0.00	0.00
4	John Siounis	12	7	5	36	58%	3.00	22.44
5	Chris Wilkins	10	6	4	35	60%	3.50	22.77
6	Michael Santer	10	2	8	12	20%	1.20	12.34



## 1998 AUTUMN PENNANT COMPETITION

**A1:** This team was leading the competition for the first four matches but their progress faltered as injuries and other disruptions restricted their ability to put a full side on court each week. By round twelve they had slipped to fifth and the late charge, which they mounted for the final two weeks, left them one point behind fourth place.

Rodney Doig performed well in the difficult number one position winning eight of his twelve matches, and Christian Hennock also performed consistently, winning nine of his thirteen starts. Bruce Graham (4/9) was competitive and Lindsay Hetherington (8/11) enjoyed a good competition, whilst David Kable (3/9) started strongly but struggled to maintain that form in the second half of the competition.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Rodney Doig	12	8	4	45	67%	3.75	80.44
2	Christian Hennock	13	9	4	53	69%	4.08	80.26
3	Bruce Graham	9	4	5	26	44%	2.89	73.87
4	Lindsay Hetherington	12	9	3	46	75%	3.83	76.52
5	David Kable	9	3	6	18	33%	2.00	68.55

**A3:** This side maintained a top four position throughout the competition and finished the preliminary rounds in equal second position. The checker advised that the tie-breaker countback left the team in second place at the expense of Leonay but had inexplicably overlooked the fact that ten wins are more than nine, and the decision was duly reversed on protest.

The minor semi-final was duly played and won, but a closely contested final saw our side lose by a game to finish third. Paul Byrne had a good competition, winning ten of eleven games, and Dominic Maggs (8/11) regularly lifted his game to the level of intensity required to win the close matches. Victor Holubinskyj (5/10) recorded some good wins after gaining promotion from A4 and Paul Jones was competitive each week, winning half of the matches that he played, while Joe Elias (2/9) rediscovered that no training and lack of fitness was not a recipe for success.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Paul Byrne	11	10	1	53	91%	4.82	79.43
2	Joe Elias	9	2	7	15	22%	1.67	65.46
3	Paul Jones	10	5	5	29	50%	2.90	69.65
4	Dominic Maggs	11	8	3	41	73%	3.73	71.39
5	Victor Holubinskyj	10	5	5	30	50%	3.00	67.41

**A4:** With Ken Kable available for only the opening few weeks of the competition, and Rob Goodwin being lost unexpectedly early in the season, this team was slightly understrength in a competitive grade, and their results reflected this fact.

The recruitment of Brett Townsend strengthened the line-up, and he won five from seven matches, with good support at different times from Paul Burgess (3/12), Barry Hannelly (5/10), Ellis Patterson (4/11) and Alan Cameron (4/8) who all proved competitive throughout the competition. Unfortunately a late surge in the final weeks was not enough to gain a semi-final position and they finished a close fifth.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Ken Kable	4	2	2	11	50%	2.75	68.52
2	Paul Burgess	12	3	9	26	25%	2.17	65.75
3	Brett Townsend	7	5	2	29	71%	4.14	72.33
4	Barry Hannelly	10	5	5	31	50%	3.10	67.10
5	Rob Goodwin	4	3	1	18	75%	4.50	72.44
6	Ellis Patterson	11	4	7	26	36%	2.36	62.65
7	Alan Cameron	8	4	4	25	50%	3.13	64.74

**B2:** Overcoming a lack of regular player availability, this side performed strongly to comfortably secure fourth place at the end of the preliminary rounds. Unfortunately they were beaten in the minor semi-final by a Parramatta team featuring a strong line-up supplemented by the mid-season registration of Dave Russo (last seen playing A grade).

Peter Anderson (4/11) struggled a little at the head of the team, but Eile Malke (7/12), Jim Farrell (6/13) and Ed Alciano (9/12) all performed solidly to make this side one of our three semi-finalists in this pennant.





Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Peter Anderson	11	4	7	30	36%	2.73	63.15
2	Eile Melke	12	7	5	44	58%	3.67	65.44
3	Jim Farrell	13	6	7	39	46%	3.00	61.40
4	Ed Alcaïno	12	9	3	50	75%	4.17	64.51
5	Robert Powell	4	1	3	10	25%	2.50	57.40

**B3:** This team had plenty of experience but unfortunately this did not translate into regular wins, their cause not being helped by the loss of Reg Richardson through injury. In the end the side finished in eighth position in a fairly even grade.

Steve Madz won five of his nine starts and Jason Doves won both matches that he played, but Reg (1/6) was hampered by back trouble and Rex Racklyeft (2/9), John Contarino (3/11) and Grant Heggarty (4/10) were unable to produce consistent wins.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Steve Madz	9	5	4	28	56%	3.11	62.04
2	Jason Doves	2	2	0	11	100%	5.50	71.60
3	Reg Richardson	6	1	5	11	17%	1.83	55.76
4	Rex Racklyeft	9	2	7	16	22%	1.78	54.56
5	John Contarino	11	3	8	20	27%	1.82	53.51
6	Grant Heggarty	10	4	6	22	40%	2.20	53.12
7	Tom Brabek	3	0	3	2	0%	0.67	48.16



**C3:** After suffering a few early defeats this team recovered strongly and were placed as high as third after ten rounds, but this momentum was not able to be maintained as they faded to finish in sixth position.

Mick Jaroszewicz had a good competition, winning ten of his thirteen matches and Michael DiMonte proved to be the best performed player in the club with a perfect record of nine wins from nine matches. However, there was little support for them - Zelko Kalic's lack of regular training contributed to him only winning four of his fourteen games, whilst Steve Taylor (2/11) could never manage to find his best form.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Zelko Kalic	14	4	10	25	29%	1.79	46.18
2	Steve Taylor	11	2	9	17	18%	1.55	43.46
3	Michael DiMonte	8	8	0	41	100%	5.13	56.24
4	Ben Thompson	3	1	2	9	33%	3.00	47.52
5	Mick Jaroszewicz	13	10	3	53	77%	4.08	51.15

**C4:** This team overcame early disruptions to be placed second at the half-way point of the competition but they faded over the final seven matches to finish in sixth place.

Joe Caristo, drafted after Peter O'Donnell's withdrawal, was very consistent in winning four of his five matches, whilst Greg McManus (6/12), Greg Anderson (4/9), and Ed Moore (3/10) all started strongly only to falter in the latter half of the season.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Joe Curisto	5	4	1	20	80%	4.00	52.40
3	Greg McManus	12	6	6	39	50%	3.25	48.81
4	Stuart Santer	1	0	1	0	0%	0.00	32.88
5	Greg Anderson	9	4	5	19	44%	2.11	42.50
6	Ed Moore	10	3	7	20	30%	2.00	41.06
7	Steve Humphries	8	5	3	30	63%	3.75	46.78

**D1:** The much anticipated return to the ranks of Steve Timpson unfortunately lasted only a few weeks before injury curtailed it, but the team overcame this loss and stayed in contention throughout the season to eventually finish third and rate as one of the better performed teams for the club.

Before injury Steve won two from three, but late recruit Fred Bharucha (1/3) was settling in well after dropping his first couple of matches. Greg Kelly had a tremendous competition, winning twelve from thirteen (plus three out of three when filling in for higher grades) and was well supported by Darren Peisley (6/8) and Chris Leung (7/10), while Ron Marshall (2/11) struggled all competition with a leg injury.



Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Steve Timpson	3	2	1	9	67%	3.00	40.48
1	Fred Bharucha	3	1	2	7	33%	2.33	37.81
2	Greg Kelly	13	12	1	57	92%	4.38	45.34
3	Ron Marshall	11	2	9	21	18%	1.91	33.72
4	Darren Peisley	8	5	3	29	63%	3.63	39.24
5	Chris Leung	11	8	3	46	73%	4.18	40.57

**D5:** This team made a slow start, losing early matches, and consequently gave the rest of the field a large head start. However, they showed plenty of heart over the following weeks to regain contact with the bottom half of the other sides in the grade only to lose their momentum at the end and finish eighth.

Troy Jefferies won six of his nine matches and was well supported by Rene Smeets (6/11) and Chris Wilkins (4/9) who had consistent seasons, while Tony Vergos only played six matches and won two of them, and Steve Pleasants struggled throughout and failed to record a win.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Troy Jefferies	9	6	3	32	67%	3.56	32.14
2	Tony Vergos	6	2	4	14	33%	2.33	26.08
3	Rene Smeets	11	6	5	37	55%	3.36	29.29
4	Chris Wilkins	9	4	5	23	44%	2.56	24.62
5	Steve Pleasants	8	0	8	0	0%	0.00	12.64

**E2:** A team which featured two old hands and several players new to competition squash produced a performance not unlike the D5 side, coming out of the gates slowly and being forced to try to overhaul the other teams from then on.

John Siounis started slowly but picked up to win eight from fourteen while Ross Mitchell played every week and finished with an impressive 11 wins from 14 starts. However the rest of the side, all new players, could only manage an occasional win between them.

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Percent	Average	Score
1	Ross Mitchell	14	10	4	54	71%	3.86	25.43
2	John Siounis	14	8	6	47	57%	3.36	21.67
3	Danny O'Brien	10	1	9	11	10%	1.10	18.80
4	Sean Mitchell	6	0	6	3	0%	0.50	15.52
5	Michael Santer	4	1	3	6	25%	1.50	19.08
6	Damian Santer	7	0	7	1	0%	0.14	13.21



## Administration & Trophies

The Board of Directors and the Management Committee met on twelve occasions during the period 1 October 1997 to 30 September 1998. Attendance by members was as follows :

### Board

J. Threlfo	12	
I. Richard	11	(re-elected AGM Feb 1998)
P. Richardson	11	
W. Hooker	11	
A. Wozniak	0	(approved leave of absence)
P. Mattick	10	(re-elected AGM Feb 1998)
P. Guest	11	
M. Howell	12	(elected AGM Feb 1998)

### Management

J. Threlfo	12	
B. Graham	11	
C. Lamond	10	
D. Kable	9	(resigned Assistant Hon Exec Dec 1997) (appointed Squash Dec 1997)
G. Heggarty	11	
G. Price	11	
G. Guest	8	(appointed Rugby Nov 1997)
A. Chu	9	
G. Abood	1	(resigned Schools Liaison Jan 1998)
M. Jaroszewicz	11	
A. Clarke	8	
W. Hooker	12	
R. Doig	0	(resigned Squash Dec 1997)
K. Williams	1	(resigned Rugby Nov 1997)
S. Carey	0	(resigned Assistant House Oct 1997)
P. Andreazza	0	(resigned Assistant House Oct 1997)

### J.H.Stone Trophy

This 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.

There was no nomination received for this award this year.



## 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 the Club as a member	25 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
	<hr/> 100 points

The recipient of this year's award is **Nick Rojo**.

As Assistant Cricket Chairman this year, Nick undertook a large number of administrative tasks so vital to the successful running of any sport and was an enthusiastic organizer and attendee of all social functions during the season.

In addition to this Nick was the driving force and inspiration behind the Canteen Charity Cricket Day that raised several thousands of dollars for children ill with cancer. The day was a huge success with an auction, celebrities, plenty of food and liquid refreshment and great fun had by all.

If these were not compelling examples of his worthiness for the award, then there were his deeds on the cricket field. Nick was a leading light in our second grade team during the season, devastating many an opposition batting up with his pace and ability.

## 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
	<hr/> 100 points

This year's winner is James Steele, a member of our first grade squad. Through the introduction of Stealy's Lounge Bar after training on Thursday evening, James helped to foster greater spirit within the club – and of course improved bar takings, which is always very much appreciated.





## Administration & Trophies



On game day, James was always one of the first to arrive and last to leave and he was always willing to volunteer his assistance in any capacity.

James is a very worthy recipient of this award.

### A.J.Robinson Shield

This 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
	<hr/> 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**.

After finally pulling the curtain on his playing days John devoted his considerable energies towards ensuring that administratively hockey remained focussed on achieving their objectives and assisting our new players come to terms with Sydney life.

For the second successive year, John was the driving force behind the organization of hockey's highly successful Businessman's Lunch which allowed us to continue to assist the family of former player Lazslo Kovacs after his recent passing through illness.

Congratulations to John, who is a very worthy winner of this award for the second successive year.

### Doug Vanderfield Trophy

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

Value as a team member	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	20 points
Keenness as a player	20 points
Improvement as a player	15 points
Conduct on the squash court	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
	<hr/> 100 points

This year's winner is **Jim Farrell**.

Jim is a tremendous club member who is very giving of his time and effort. Over the past four years, Jim has undertaken the time consuming and important role of Secretary and has contributed enormously to the smooth running of the sport.

On the court, Jim is a whole-hearted competitor who takes great pride in his performance and it will be strange not seeing him play next season as he hangs up his racquet and gives his crippled knees a rest.

Jim is an enthusiastic supporter of squash and Club social events and he is an extremely worthy winner of this award.

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

This trophy is awarded to a member of the junior hockey teams who has contributed most to junior hockey. 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 **Stuart Turnbull**. Stuart is an extremely talented young goalkeeper who is a current Sydney under 15s representative player, in addition to being a key member of both of the under 15 and fourth grade teams.

Stuart is a very impressive young man who was always willing to assist younger players with coaching tips and with umpiring duties. On the field he displays some tremendous leadership qualities and I have no doubt that he will develop into a fine clubman in coming years.

Stuart is an extremely worthy winner of this award and he is to be congratulated on his achievements this season.

### **Geoff Archibald Trophy**

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

There were no nominations received for this award this year.

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

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

The trophy has been awarded to **Grant Heggarty**. Grant is the current Focus editor and has previously served as a Squash Chairman.

Grant, and his family, have been enveloping and mailing Focus for many years which is a very time consuming task. He has also been our "computer consultant" for a long time and has been asked on many occasions, and at all hours of the day or night, to fix problems with the club's computer and printer. This he has done willingly and without complaint (most of the time).

Grant is an active Squash player and a very thoughtful member who is always willing to put forward suggestions for improving the club's ideals. He is a very worthy recipient of this trophy.



### 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.

There were no nominations received for this award this year.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the Club's office bearers to what has been a very exciting and reasonably successful 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 initiatives designed to ensure the Club's long-term viability with regards to playing performance and fiscal responsibility.

The Management Committee continues to perform an outstanding job in an increasingly professional sporting environment, and they are to be congratulated for their efforts during the year.

Anthony Clarke and Chris Lamond have done a superb job in their roles as House Chairman and Senior Steward respectively, devoting many hours of work to ensure that Club facilities are maintained and that our clubrooms remain an inviting place either for a function or a quiet ale with friends.

Unfortunately too few members are currently taking advantage of the facilities that the Club can offer. Your support is vital for the profitability and social fabric of the Club, and I would urge each and every member who is able, to make at least one more visit to the Club than you did this year.

To all of our award winners my sincere congratulations and thanks. As a club where the voluntary efforts of members are vital to its smooth and successful running, people such as yourselves are vital and your efforts are 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 unfortunately had to step down during the year after many years of tireless work) 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 and Dave Wright who, in their roles of Assistant Hon. Executive Officers, have provided me with tremendous support in meeting some tight deadlines throughout the year.

In closing, I would like to wish all members every success over the coming year and hope that the last year of the millenium brings great things for The Briars.

Brett Graham

Hon. Executive Officer



## THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

ACN 000 088 479

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

Your directors present their report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September 1998. 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	Financial Controller
HOOKE	William F	Accountant
WOZNIAK	Anthony	Corporate Finance Executive
THRELF	John	Public Service Officer
HOWELL	Milton	Manager

#### 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 \$9,331 (1997 - \$10,973). Income tax was not applicable as per Note 1(c) of the Notes Accompanying the Financial Statements.

The results of the Company reflect a further decline in bar trading. Most sports recorded a small surplus, apart from Rugby which recorded a \$2,213 deficit. Overheads increased marginally from the previous period.

#### 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. E. Threlfo	W.E. Hooker
Director	Director

Signed in accordance with a Resolution of the Directors  
at Burwood this 18th day of January 1999.





## THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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### 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, 1998, 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, 1998, 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 15th of January 1999.



**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED****ACN 000 088 479****(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)****STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS - 30 SEPTEMBER 1998**

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 18th day of January 1999.



**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1998**

	NOTE	1998	1997
	\$	\$	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
CASH	4	180,283	168,047
RECEIVABLES	5	2,875	1,158
INVENTORIES	6	9,249	11,819
OTHER	7	20,777	22,465
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>213,184</b>	<b>203,489</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
INVESTMENTS	8	65,051	44,866
PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	9	224,153	241,462
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>289,204</b>	<b>286,328</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>502,388</b>	<b>489,817</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	10	56,824	41,319
PROVISIONS	11	5,400	13,800
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>62,224</b>	<b>55,119</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
CREDITORS & BORROWINGS	12	45,051	48,916
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>107,275</b>	<b>104,035</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>395,113</b>	<b>85,782</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
RETAINED PROFITS		395,113	385,782

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

15th of January 1999



**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
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**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1998**

	NOTE	1998	1997
		\$	\$
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	3	9,331	10,973
INCOME TAX EXPENSE			
PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX		9,331	10,973
RETAINED PROFITS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR		385,782	374,809
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION		395,113	385,782
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		395,113	385,782

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.





**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED ACN 000 088 479**  
**A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) STATEMENT OF CASH**  
**FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998**

	NOTE	1998	1997
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Subscription fees received		6,915.00	9,102.00
Interest received		5,532.00	4,397.00
Rent received		67,251.00	63,876.00
Bar Sales		45,840.00	55,297.00
Sports playing fees		37,723.00	36,138.00
Golf tournament fund raising		6,840.00	8,779.00
Sponsorships		12,537.00	4,887.00
Focus newsletter (net)		(5,621.00)	(7,026.00)
Social functions		(994.00)	(735.00)
Payment to suppliers for bar purchases		(31,164.00)	(24,669.00)
Outlay for sports running costs and general administration (net)		(110,879.00)	(97,182.00)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	14	33,980.00	52,864.00
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payments for -Plant and Equipment purchases		(1,744.00)	
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(1,744.00)	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payments for non-current debentures		(20,000.00)	
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities		(20,000.00)	
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD</b>		<b>12,236.00</b>	<b>52,864.00</b>
<b>CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		<b>168,047.00</b>	<b>115,183.00</b>
<b>CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>180,283.00</b>	<b>168,047.00</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 1998****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:

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Bar sales	45,840	55,297
Subscriptions	7,248	8,178
Interest	5,532	4,397
Golf tournaments general revenue	1,580	3,286
Rent from shops	67,251	65,826
Donations and gratuities		112
Sundry income		58
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>127,451</b>	<b>137,154</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	2,549	2,555
Interest - other	2,983	1,842

### (ii) Charging as Expenses:

Amortisation of building	12,535	12,535
Depreciation of plant and equipment	6,518	8,019
Interest paid - bank		50
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	159,883	147,247
Cash on Term Deposit	20,000	20,000
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>180,283</b>	<b>168,047</b>

## NOTE 5 - CURRENT ASSETS RECEIVABLES

Sundry Debtors	2,875	1,158
<b>TOTAL RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>1,158</b>

## NOTE 6 - CURRENT ASSETS INVENTORIES

Bar stock	7,341	7,376
Clothing and sports equipment	1,908	4,443
<b>TOTAL INVENTORIES</b>	<b>9,249</b>	<b>11,819</b>

## NOTE 7 - CURRENT ASSETS OTHER

Prepayments	20,777	22,465
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1998 1997

## 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

Cash in Bank 1,334 1,334

2,698 2,501

### J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship

Bank Term Deposit 1,399 1,281

Cash at Bank 769 769

2,168 2,050

### R J Clark Outward Bound Scholarship

Secured Debenture in Listed Company 40,000 40,000

**TOTAL INVESTMENTS** 44,866 44,551

## NOTE 9 - NON-CURRENT ASSETS PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

### LAND & BUILDINGS

Freehold Land & Buildings - at cost 273,986 273,986

Less: Accumulated Amortisation 46,690 34,155

227,296 252,366

### FURNITURE, FITTINGS, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Furniture, Fittings, Plant & Equipment - at cost 108,171 108,171

Less: Accumulated Depreciation 94,005 85,986

14,166 22,185

**TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT** 241,462 262,016

## NOTE 10 - CURRENT LIABILITIES CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS

Trade Creditors and Accruals 29,520 19,110

Subscriptions in Advance 5,263 4,339

Unearned Income from Sports 6,536 8,220

Rent received in advance 1,950

**TOTAL CREDITORS & BORROWINGS** 41,319 33,619

## NOTE 11 - CURRENT LIABILITIES PROVISIONS

Provision for Deferred Maintenance 3,000 6,049

Provision for Junior Development (General) 2,400 2,400

Provision for Sports Development 7,000

Provision for Junior Hockey Development 1,400

**TOTAL PROVISIONS** 13,800 8,449



	1998	1997
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 12 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CREDITORS &amp; BORROWINGS</b>		
Trust Funds -		
R J Thompson Memorial Trust Fund	2,803	2,698
J Sheehan Sporting Scholarship	2,248	2,168
R J Clark Outward Bound Scholarship	40,000	44,050
<b>TOTAL CREDITORS &amp; BORROWINGS</b>	<b>45,051</b>	<b>48,916</b>

## NOTE 13 - CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash in Hand	400	800
Cash at Call	159,883	147,247
Cash on Short Term Deposit	20,000	20,000
	<u>180,283</u>	<u>168,047</u>

## NOTE 14 - CASH FLOW RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING

### PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX

Operating Profit after Income Tax	9,331	10,973
Depreciation and Amortisation	19,053	20,554
Increase in Provision for Deferred Maintenance		583
Increase in Provision for Sports Development	(7,000)	7,000
Increase in Provision for Junior Hockey Development	(1,400)	1,400
Write down of Inventories		1,334
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(1,717)	7,062
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	2,570	5,680
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets	1,688	(9,840)
(Increase)/Decrease in Non-Current Investments	(185)	(315)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade Creditors and Accruals	15,505	7,700
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions		(3,632)
Increase(Decrease) in Non-Current Creditors and Borrowings	(3,865)	4,365
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>33,980</b>	<b>52,864</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:

A Wozniak	R I Richard
P D Richardson	W F Hooker
J F Threlfo	P G Mattick
M R Howell (Appt. 27/2/98)	P A Guest

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 1998

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
<b>BAR TRADING</b>		
Sales	45,840	55,297
Less : Cost of Sales	28,911	27,160
Gross Bar Profit	16,929	28,137
<b>LESS: BAR OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Liquor Licence	(1,420)	3,383
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	2,254	4,338
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	2,591	3,845
	3,425	11,566
<b>BAR TRADING PROFIT</b>	13,504	16,571
<b>ADD INCOME FROM</b>		
Property Rents	67,251	65,826
Members Subscriptions	7,358	8,178
Interest Received	5,532	4,397
Interest Expense		(50)
Golf Tournaments	1,580	3,286
Donations and General Fundraising		112
Surplus/(Loss) Sale of Clothing	104	(1,276)
Surplus/(Loss) on Rugby	(2,213)	(32)
Surplus/(Loss) on Cricket	2,374	2,498
Surplus/(Cost) on Hockey	1,002	3,371
Surplus/(Cost) on Squash	569	1,304
Surplus/(Loss) on Social Activities	(994)	(235)
	96,067	87,379
<b>LESS OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
House Expenses including maintenance	14,144	11,183
Annual Reports and Accounting Costs	8,855	9,623
Depreciation (excluding Bar Equipment)	16,462	16,709
Rates & Utilities	5,897	8,288
Focus Newsletter (net)	5,621	7,026
Bank Charges, State Duty, etc.	1,386	1,011
Insurance	12,694	11,871
Postage	841	747
Sports Subsidies	8,043	9,901
Junior Development Costs	3,142	2,094
Amount Set Aside for Sports Development	3,000	7,000
Contributions to L Kovacs Benefit		1,294
Sundry Administration Costs	6,651	6,231
	86,736	92,978
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	9,331	10,972

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

