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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wow, what a year we have had!

Board and management have had no time to catch our breath in keeping up with the achievements of the club in sport, social activities, club promotion, merger discussions, annual dinners, hockey dinners, speakers, meetings and more meetings, grand finals, junior development and administration of the club.

From the time of the rugby world cup in 2003 and Nick Farr-Jones being our guest speaker at our 2003 Annual Dinner to the Olympics and our wonderful representation of Briars first Olympians, Michael McCann and Melanie Twit in hockey (our first gold medallist in Michael) and our guest speaker at the 2004 Annual Dinner – Kerry O’Keefe – the club activity has been frantic.

In between, somehow, we have continued our dominance of the metropolitan shire cricket with a customary win of the club championship, as a club we do not take the winning approach of cricket lightly. This success has been built up over decades and continue with excellent management, discipline and leadership and operates in an environment where every other club in the competition now views the Briars cricket club as the team to emulate and defeat. The inaugural “Spirit of Cricket Award” was won by the club for its on field demeanour and its carriage of spirit, competitive nature and comradeship. The club is now being approached by players from other clubs so that they can also participate in the Briar spirit.

On the heels of cricket came the winter season, a rejuvenated rugby environment, a well prepared hockey club and new visions for squash.

Rugby, under a new chairman and the elevation of a club coach, bought a new administration and development approach to our club. The efforts of rugby and calibre of personnel can be seen vividly in the success and turnaround in the 1st grade side moving from last in 2003 to unlucky grand finalists. With two sides making the semi finals, the efforts of previous seasons, the time and professional approach now being administered provides the springboard and base to herald in a new growth period for rugby in the Briars. The initial steps have been undertaken to develop a junior rugby club with up to 80 children participating in ‘try rugby’ - an initiative between the Briars and the ARU in Concord to develop rugby.

Hockey is always saying “we can do better” but what a year Briars hockey has seen. Hot on the heels of the rugby grand final came three grand finals in hockey - first grade men's, first grade women's and third grade women's. The third grade women's won the premiership. It was a great achievement by the players and administration to play in the finals. Olympians Mel Twit and Mick McCann were obviously unavailable but these results have the Briars Hockey Club firmly placed as “the” hockey club to play for. Briars Hockey had their inaugural overseas tour this year cementing the spirit and fellowship that has been created over the last 3 years between the men's and women's clubs. Again, like cricket, rugby and squash the success here owes much to the ongoing administration and determination to succeed of management.

Squash is on the verge of a huge growth period. It is fair to say that squash has meandered along over the last 5 years looking for vision and ownership. The club has resettled to Five Dock and now has a firm growth plan and a very active administration. The Autumn competition saw teams in premiership contention and whilst only seven sides are currently in the club, it's with confidence that the management of squash sees this growing over the next 12 months.

In all sports, Briars participated in 21 semi-finals out of 32 teams competing. This is a great effort by the club.

Most members are aware of ongoing discussions with Greenlees Bowling Club in Concord of merging the Briars and GBC. In September GBC voted overwhelmingly to support the merging of the two clubs and in adopting the new constitution of the merged identity. Briars members will be voting at the AGM 2004 on the same issues. The Board of the club and its operating committee have worked tirelessly to bring this proposal and merger opportunity to a finality. These discussions have been ongoing for nearly three years and it is heartening that over that time a friendship and understanding of each of the clubs needs have evolved. In short, the Briars Sporting Club is growing at a rapid rate. As a club we have now 685 members, more than at any time in our history. Hockey obviously is our fastest growing sport and with 40% of new members last year being women the dimensions and needs of our membership has changed dramatically. The Board sees the GBC opportunity as a base for junior development, a suburban identity

located within Canada Bay Council and close to our sporting fields. It offers an environment for all our members – men, women and juniors – to participate in and grow.

Each year, I reflect on the efforts of individuals, management, Board, committees within sport and the like. The administrative efforts of many have contributed to this being a momentous year by the club, a year of great leadership in our sports and a cohesive vision of what's needed to bring further success "in the spirit of cricket award" to our club. It's a blessing to see such a spirit that's within the Briar to want the club to succeed and grow.

Amongst all this, the club turned a profit of some \$15,000, provided large provisions in our balance sheet and expensed all legal bills in regard to merging with GBC. We continue to employ a development officer and offer scholarships to sporting members. All of our sports are in positive cash positions and are well funded for future growth. I would like to thank GBC, Breakfast Point and Burwood RSL in sponsoring the club.

All members should be congratulated on your achievements.

Finally, the support of the following is acknowledged:

- Canada Bay Council
- Burwood RSL
- Greenlees Bowling Club
- Burwood Council
- Breakfast Point Development

MAL WEBER

President

THE BRIARS FOUNDATION

This report details the financial position of the Foundation at 30th June 2004, but also contains information that reflects on the full year.

At 30th June, total assets from members' contributions plus interest stood at \$196,210. Just short of Harvard University's Foundation funds of \$28 billion!

Membership numbers stand at twenty.

Last year's report suggested that the Foundation might well be expected to contribute, in some form, to the future development of the expected joint venture with the Greenlees Bowling Club.

That did not eventuate, but it is likely to be no more than a moving end game, about which the Briar's President will have had much to comment on in his report.

None of the four sports had reason to apply for funds this year. However, in October the Foundation agreed to contribute \$10,000 to support the Club's capital requirements for Try Rugby, a new initiative for The Briars in a community development programme for juniors, established under the auspices of the NSW RU.

Three new members joined the list during the year. Two long-standing members who wish to remain anonymous, but whose contributions, through a codicil in their wills, were very generous. In October, Ian Richard weighed in with a wonderful \$25,000 contribution, also by way of a codicil.

My thanks to the Directors, Ian Blair, Jim Barrett, Chris Walker and Richard Crookes, for their interest and advice. To John Randle for his expertise as Treasurer, and Keith Wearne for the preparation of the company's accounts.

Colin Dennis
President

SOCIAL GOLF REPORT

Since the publication of the last Briars Annual Report we have had just the one event completed on the Briars tour that being the 2003 Briars Open golf tournament

In October 2003 a smaller than usual number of fearless and intrepid souls braved the cool and blustery conditions of the chilly mountain air to face an early morning hit-off at the frosty Blackheath Country Club. Once again the advantages of spending an hour or so meditating on the peaceful and relaxing air-conditioned coach provided by the Briars Open's generous sponsors on the trip up once again proved to be a decisive factor in the final outcome.

The tournament winner, after more than 20 years of trying without success, was the long serving and suffering handicapper Peter (Chang) Bowyer. Chang finished with a net 62 using a very generous 21 handicap and appeared to enjoy receiving the perpetual Briars Open trophy almost as much as swallowing the half dozen schooners he and tournament organizer "Long " John Threlfo received from perennial bridesmaids A Clarke and C Lamond. Runner up on the day was former champion Gary Pearce with a net 65 playing off a handicap of 26 just two shots ahead of the unlucky Milton Howell (III) with a 67 off a 28 handicap. The best scratch score on the day was achieved by senior's tour veteran Craig Hickey with an 83 off the stick. A most commendable effort in the treacherous gale force conditions.

The rookie (Calloway) prize for first time qualifiers went to Ken Savage with a net 74 off 20 handicap closely followed by Mark Harrison with a 76 playing off 28.

Bradman prize went to Neil Shoobridge with a magnificent 125 (not out).

Peter Bowyer

CRICKET CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CLUB CHAMPIONS FOR THE 7TH TIME IN THE PAST 11 SEASONS!

Once again, the cricketers have done the club proud with another amazing season. Our successful defence of the prestigious Club Championship trophy, victory to the mighty 3's, and back to back success of the Under 24's proved we are the dominant Shires club yet again. As well as these achievements the club was as close to perfect as possible in that we lost the 2nd grade Grand Final due to weather intervening and the 4th grade were also washed out after having Souths on toast in their Grand Final before rain stopped play.

To summarise the season is as follows;

- 1st Grade - Semi Finalists
- 2nd Grade - Minor Premiers and runners up
- 3rd Grade - PREMIERS
- 4th Grade - runners up
- 5th Grade - Semi Finalists
- Under 24 - PREMIERS
- Club Championship -WINNERS
- Spirit of Cricket -WINNERS
- Turnbull/Richardson Trophy (vs Epping) – WINNERS

This season also marked the presentation of the inaugural Spirit of Cricket Award which the Sydney Cricket Association awarded for the first time. Points were awarded every game by either the umpires or the opposition captain and mighty Briars were awarded this trophy for the season-a wonderful achievement and something we should all be proud of.

The season was not only successful on the field but off as well. There were many contributors to the seasons success with the captains of each grade obviously playing a large part in the winning of the Spirit of Cricket. They also were required to ensure covers were laid, afternoon tea organised, teams selected, and that teams played hard but fair.

The club was once again privileged to be involved in a sponsorship arrangement with VENUS PACKAGING who provided financial assistance to the cricketers. On behalf of all the cricketers I would like to thank IAN VENUS for his ongoing support.

Throughout the season there were plenty of exceptional individual performances which will be highlighted in the various grades reports but I would like to thank all the players for the way they played the game and their efforts have truly been rewarded.

During any season there are plenty of guys who put their hand up to help out when needed and I would like to acknowledge their efforts. Firstly, Anthony Clarke, a true mate and Briar who never said no to my requests for help. He was amazing in the way he helped moving covers prior to and at the end of each season, repairing equipment that needed fixing, taking covers to and from the repairers etc, etc. His efforts go unnoticed by many and so on behalf of all the cricketers I thank him. Terry Murphy, although not playing cricket any longer has agreed to continue to represent the Club at the various meeting in at the SCA offices and for his time and effort we again thank him. Paul Price was a representative on the Shires Rep committee again and he also gave up many hours to attend the various meetings that involved Shires matters. Thanks.

There were also many guys who helped in many ways through the season concerning fund raising and training including Jason Harris, Peter Catalovski and Adam Hudson and I again offer my thanks. Andrew Blaikie was the manager of the victorious Under 24 team this year and gave up about 10 of his Sundays to help the team on game day. I know they appreciated his help and thank him for his efforts.

The club is very fortunate to have some of the best grounds in Shires being Rothwell Park, St Lukes Oval and Ron Routley Oval. We are also lucky to have ground staff who take pride in the work they do to ensure the wickets are prepared to the best of their ability each week. To Adam Powell, Adam Evans and Simone, we would like to thank you all for your outstanding work yet again.

We would also like to thank the SCA for their assistance throughout the year in particular David Ford and Ian Field, and to all the umpires who served in our games as well. We appreciate their work. Congratulations must also go to the other clubs who were successful in the various grades being Strathfield, Souths and Warringah.

To the Board and Management of the Briars we would like to thank for their help and their provision of the new Club Championship shirts as well.

Our Annual Presentation evening was held again at Greenlees Park Bowling Club with plenty of old faces in attendance. The award winners in the various grades were:

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| • 1 st Grade Players Player | - Anthony Raymond |
| • 2 nd Grade Players Player | - Gerard Price |
| • 3 rd Grade Players Player | - Mick Hosking |
| • 4 th Grade Players Player | - Michael Towells |
| • 5 th Grade Players Player | - Mark Smyck |
| • Under 24 Players Player | - Ash Squire |
| • Masters Players Player | - David Trewin |
| • Ted Watt – Best New Talent Trophy | - Fergus Beams |
| • David Walker - Services to Cricket | - Peter Mansford |

To all these award recipients we congratulate you and to Paul Price for his organisation of the evening.

Congratulations must also go to Ted Watt who was inducted in Shires 'Legends of Cricket' team with four other players from various Shires clubs. I know he was very pleased and proud to receive this award with Ruby on the night.

Well, as you can see, it has been another fantastic season for the Club and I would once again like to thank all those who contributed in some way.

Can we repeat this astonishing performance next season? We hope so.

Gerard Price
Cricket Chairman

CRICKET FIRST GRADE

In almost a carbon copy to last year we once again lost to the eventual premiers in the semi-finals. Going into the last game of the regular season a win would have seen us finish in 3rd position with a home semi-final, but unfortunately a loss saw us finish in 6th position and facing the daunting task of playing the minor premiers in a sudden-death match.

A number of 2nd day wash-outs throughout the season, most notably against South Sydney, with victory in sight, probably cost us a higher finish up the ladder and definitely cost the team some momentum at important stage of the season.

On a brighter note the number of young players making their mark grew again this year with Adam Hudson, Ash Squire and Ben Chapman, all members of our Under 24's squad, cementing their positions in the first grade team.

A number of new players to the club including Wayne Grimson, Grant Nati, Brett Hawgood and Dave Willis all made important contributions at different times throughout the year.

From a batting perspective, the season highlight was Ash Squire's 98 against Lindfield, the early season form of Captain Neil D'Costa in making 4 half centuries in consecutive games was also a standout and Andrew Blaikie making two scores in the 80's in the early games.

On the bowling front Player's Player Anthony Raymond took a career best 36 wickets in the season, proving there is still a bit left in the old legs. Paul Panutti again proved his class taking 29 wickets including a 9-for in the match against Georges River over two innings. Sarkis Achmar was rewarded with

Representative Honours by being selected for a Shires XI against the Churches XI and Adam O’Keefe made his first grade debut, giving him a taste of what hopefully lies ahead for him.

All in all, probably a season of missed opportunities but the future of Briars Cricket certainly looks bright with the young guns coming through the ranks.

Congratulations to Brett and Greg on their teams making the Grand Final in their respective grades

Hearty congratulations to Anthony and Peter on securing another two premierships for the mighty Briars and to Gerard on leading the club to yet another Club Championship.

Player Profiles

Adam Hudson – After a taste of First Grade in season 2002/03, Adam found himself as a permanent fixture at the top of the order this season. A top score of 57 against Epping and two scores in the forties showed that Adam has what it takes to play first grade shires. A concerted effort to improve his fielding skills will enhance Adam’s value to the first grade squad.

Andrew Blaikie – If you asked “Blakes” he would probably say he was slightly disappointed with his form with both the bat and the gloves this season, but he still managed to average 30.82 and accumulate 339 runs for the season with highlights being an 89 not out against Pennant Hills and 86 against Epping. A great contributor to the team both on and off the field.

Ash Squire – “Just Ash” celebrated his first full season of first grade with a majestic 98 against Lindfield in Round 7, other highlights included a 49 not out against Epping and a 4/59 against Warringah with the ball. One of the most gifted and stylish batsman in the club and a useful leg-spin bowler. The future of Briars cricket.

Neil D’Costa – A fantastic start to the season with the bat making scores of 57, 64, 68 and 76 saw ‘Dougie’ top both the batting average and aggregate this year. Also chipped in with 8 valuable wickets throughout the season. A brilliant leader on the field, he certainly knows how to get the best out of his players.

Ben Chapman – Benny’s first season back after suffering a serious knee injury saw him average 31.22 with a top score of 67 not out against Roseville. Another highlight was taking his first first grade wicket. A great middle order batsman and handy fielder, has a bright future in the top grade at Briars.

Wayne Grimson – Deservedly came into first grade after some big scores in 2’s and scored two ducks in his first two innings in the top grade. Showed his class with a fighting 62 against South Sydney. Good team man. Fitted in well being his first season with the club.

Brett Hawgood – Brett was another player making his debut for the Briars after coming across from Roseville. Unfortunately his stats do not tell the whole story of his contribution to the team. Highlight with the bat was a 45 against Georges River when we were bowled out for 100, and with the ball a 4/33 against Holroyd/Hills.

Anthony Raymond – Ray had a sensational season leading the bowling and contributing on numerous occasions with the bat. Fielding needs a bit of work but that’s what happens when you get a bit older. A deserved Players Player. Also finished high up in Shires Player of the year points.

Grant Nati – A tall, aggressive new ball bowler, the opposing batsmen certainly knew they were in for a torrid time when facing him. A shoulder injury unfortunately disrupted his season just as he was hitting his straps. Best figures were 4/28 against Epping. Didn’t get many opportunities with the bat until late in the season.

Paul Panutti – Once again showed his class with the ball taking 29 wickets @ 18.97, during a season where he had many off-field distractions. Always puts in at training and his stats show that that hard work paid off on game day. Season highlight was a 9-for in the match against Georges River taking 5/30 in the 1st Innings and 4/52 in the second.

Sarkis Achmar – A recurring statement in the end of season player profiles for Sarkis tends to be ‘the unluckiest bowler in the comp’ and nothing changed this season. A modest return of 11 wickets @ 38 was highlighted with a 4/62 against Southern Districts. Was rewarded with Rep Honours this season being selected in a Shires XI against the Churches XI.

Batting

Name	Matches	Inns	NO	HS	Agg	Ave	Catches
Adam Hudson	13	12	1	57	289	26.27	9
Andrew Blaikie	13	12	1	89	339	30.82	16c 1st
Ash Squire	14	13	1	98	238	19.83	7
Neil D’Costa	14	12	1	76	387	35.18	12
Ben Chapman	14	12	3	67	281	31.22	4

Wayne Grimson	10	7	-	62	111	15.86	6
Brett Hawgood	8	6	-	45	75	12.50	5
Anthony Raymond	14	9	1	48*	176	22.00	3
Paul Panutti	14	8	1	19	56	8.00	4
Grant Nati	8	5	2	12*	31	10.33	3
Sarkis Achmar	14	7	4	6	17	5.66	4

Also Batted

Cameron French	1	1	-	4	4	4.00	-
Alan Logan	1	1	-	9	9	9.00	2
Fergus Beams	1	1	-	51	51	51.00	-
Stephen Hudson	2	1	-	22	22	22.00	1
Dave Willis	4	3	-	26	40	13.30	-
Rob Nandi	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wayne Holdsworth	2	2	-	18	23	11.50	-

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave	Best
Grant Nati	86.1	19	18	234	13.00	4/28
Paul Panutti	186	35	29	550	18.97	5/30
Anthony Raymond	208	54	36	493	13.69	5/27
Sarkis Achmar	148	35	11	420	38.18	4/62
Neil D'Costa	82	11	8	315	39.38	3/45
Ash Squire	74.5	15	11	286	26.00	4/59

Also Bowled

Adam O'Keefe	50.2	10	6	167	27.83	2/31
Stephen Hudson	10	2	0	30	-	0/30
Cameron French	14	5	2	25	12.50	2/25
Dave Willis	7	2	2	14	7.00	2/14
Rob Nandi	20	6	1	50	50.00	1/50
Ben Chapman	4	3	1	5	5.00	1/0
Brett Hawgood	24.5	5	6	83	13.83	4/33
Wayne Holdsworth	12	3	1	33	33.00	1/22
Adam Hudson	1	-	-	9	N/A	0/9
Wayne Grimson	7	-	-	22	N/A	0/22
Fergus Beams	0.3	-	-	10	N/A	0/10

CRICKET SECOND GRADE

After winning the premiership in 02/03 second grade was unable to repeat the quinella by going down in the final to Warringah. This was a disappointing way the end the season after being clear minor premiers with a very competitive side only to be beaten by the conditions more so then a better opposition in the final.

Again second grade, and the club in general for that matter, fielded very competitive sides at all times, and the results showed. We won a lot more games then we lost which makes captaining a side pretty easy. My appreciation goes to all those who played second grade during the year and hope that you enjoyed yourselves along the way.

There were some fine individual contributions during the year including:

- Rob Nandi 88* and 3-38 vs. Auburn
- Adam Hudson 121 vs. Auburn
- Fergus Beams 108* vs. Epping and partnership of 220 with Wayne Grimson 125
- Gerard Price averaging 57 with the bat and 40 wickets at 12 with the ball
- Scott Castle 34 wickets at 15, including 5-48 vs. Warringah
- Dave Willis 99 from a total of 185 vs. Pennant Hills
- Peter Catalovski 6-35 vs. Lindfield

During the year we played 16 games; won 11, 3 draws (2 due to wash outs) and lost 2.

We utilised 26 players during the year with 8 players playing 10 or more games. We batted 18 times and only lost 10 wickets 3 times. We bowled against the opposition 17 times and only failed to get 10 wickets on 3 occasions which included two 9 fors and bowling again in a second innings. We took 50 more wickets

then what we lost, bowled around 1070 overs, got 18 ducks, took 75 catches and dropped a few as well. But perhaps then poorest stat of the year was that we won the toss on only 2 occasion from 16 during the year which allowed for the skipper to be continually ridiculed.

Gerard Price should accorded every possible accolade as Cricket Chairman for the performance of cricket again this year. Another club championship, 2 premierships, 2 losing finalists, and another semi finalist and Burwood as winner of the inaugural "spirit of cricket award" is simply a sensational year and the envy of every other club in shires cricket. For the club to win 4 of the 7 major trophies available in shires cricket, and be runners up for 2 more is phenomenal.

Whilst on Gerard, he was a clear winner of the players player award for the season. Gerard performances with both bat and ball in some games were the difference between winning and losing. None more so in the semi final when we passed them 9 down with Gerard 35*. Gerard's value to both the club and second grade is immeasurable.

The club secured yet another Club championship and congratulations to all players who contributed during the year. This is the first trophy the club strives for every year and every player has a role to play in winning it. The winning of this trophy is a recognition of the spirit within the club and the hard work done by many on and off the field.

Congratulations to Another Clarke and his merry men of third grade. There was no doubt that our third grade was the strongest side but simply needed to get onto the field and play cricket. Well done also to Peter Catalovski and his under 24's side for their premiership. To Greg Wallace and fourth grade we know how you feel to lose a final. First grade under Neil D'Costa should be well pleased with their year and should only improve given the youth in the side. Warwick Giblin performed a great job in fifths which greatly assisted the strength in our lower grade sides. Together with Gerard we all spent many hours through the season on selections. Some tough decisions were made and my thanks go to my fellow selectors for their time and efforts. It is difficult to drop players who are also your mates however it is just a reflection of the strength within the club.

As we report every year our thanks go to Adam and his staff from Canada Bay Council for their time and efforts in the standard of pitch that greets us every week at Rothwell. It is the best ground in shires cricket and is well regarded by umpire and opposition alike.

A special mention to Steve Schomberg who has decided to hang up his boots at the end of the season in exchange for the golf clubs. I had the pleasure of playing second grade with Steve over several seasons and his competitive nature and true sportsmanship has reflected on all those that played with him over the years. Steve was an absolute team player that always gave his best in any circumstance, and he always loved winning.

Our thanks to our sponsors, in particular Venus Packing. The club is most appreciative of the support from Venus and we are pleased to repay that support with our on field performances and being the most successful club in shires.

Fergus Beams 324 at 32.4 - First year at Briars for Fergus and performed very well. Best was 108* against Epping together with 73* vs. Georges River. A talented young player Fergus will continue to improve his batting skills and should secure a permanent top grade berth in the near future. He should continue to work on his leggies as this will proved good variation in any team.

Phil Tregeagle 178 at 35.6 - Joined the side midway through the season and did not achieve high scores but played with his usual consistency. Phil's 41* from 89 overs in the qualifying semi exemplified his perfect temperament and the discipline required as an opener. Never one to throw his wicket away.

Alan Logan 318 at 22.7 - Moved up the order this year to make the most of his batting skills. Started the season well with 74 vs. Macquarie uni and 65* vs. Lindfield but missed out a bit late in the season. Was solid behind the stumps with 18 catches and 1 stumping. Not far off playing in the top grade and continues to improve every year and still has his best cricket to come.

Dave Willis 284 at 23.7 - Joined the side from round 7 and provided a solid foundation at number 3. Scored 99 inn the one dayer against Pennant Hills in extreme conditions with a few 40's during the season. An experienced player Dave is a valuable member of the side who is always contributing to the sides success's.

Steve Hudson 202 at 22.4, 9 wickets at 27.2 - A reasonable year for Junior but he is capable of better performances than the above figures display. 55* was his best against South's. Steve can always be relied upon to come on as a change bowler and generally gets the breakthrough bowling 6 different deliveries in the one over. His aim should be to consistently be part of the first grade side as he has the ability.

Paul Price 125 at 15.6 - PP ended up playing 13 matches which was much appreciated for someone who, at the start of the season was a game by game proposition but helped out when the club was short in numbers. Did not perform to his ability this year but can always be relied upon to keep the team focussed on the job with. Was appointed covers captain and did this job with distinction.

Brett Howle 186 at 20.7 - A disappointing year with the bat with 47* the highlight vs. Holroyd. Was consistency mocked by team mates after losing 13 from 15 tosses during the year. Missed one game during the year due to the arrival of daughter Emma on a Saturday morning and was admonished for that too.

Gerard Price 171 runs at 57.0, 40 wickets at 11.6 - Would be the first person picked and the most integral part of the side, not least because of the above statistics. The least likely person to throw this wicket away. Was principally responsible for turning reasonable totals into good ones with the bat and could be relied upon to get a breakthrough in his opening spell. Best was 36* against Pennant Hills.

Adam O'Keeffe 43 at 8.6, 21 wickets at 20.8 - Started the seasons in 2's before a promotion to 1's then back to 2's in preparation for the finals. A solid team player Ad's always gives his best with the ball in his hand. As change bowler Ad's is reliable to keep things tight and frustrate batsmen into playing a rash shot. Best was 4-23 vs. Roseville and Ads is also a very handy later order batsman.

Richard Tregeagle 17 at 4.3, 10 wickets at 23.4 - Joined the side from round 11 in preparations for the semis after some good third grade performances. Still crafty as ever with the ball and can be relied upon to give his best whenever he has the ball in his hand.. Best was 3-20 vs. Roseville. Has not lost any of his competitive spirit over the years.

Scott Castle 19 runs at 6.3, 34 wickets at 15.1 - Enjoyed his best season to date as secured a permanent spot in 2's and performed well throughout the season. Only missed 1 game as a result of a hand injury in sustained in warm ups. Captured 34 wickets during the season, generally opening the bowling. Best was 5-48 vs. Warringah. Scott's batting did not develop as well as his bowling during the year but did the job against South's in the semi for which the side was grateful.

Also Played

Jason Harris 101 runs at 12.6 -Unfortunately Jason did not enjoy the best of seasons and is capable of better performances. A confidence player Jason did not establish the momentum during the season to achieve the high scores he is capable of but can always be relied upon to keep the team focused on the job and spirits high.

Chris Gillard 25 runs at 8.3 , 11 wickets at 11.9 - Gilly did not reach the standards for which he is better known within the club which was a frustration to him. Capable with bat and ball Gilly will be get back to his best form without too many problems.

Peter Catalovski 2 runs at 1, 12 wickets at 15.4 - Came up for 7 games in the middle of the season and should aim to become a permanent part of the second grade side as he has the ability to achieve this. A reliable change bowler with a best of 6-35 vs. Lindfield and more then handy with the bat.

Brett Howle
Captain

STATISTICS

	Matches	Won Outright	Won 1st Inn	Lost 1st Inn	Lost Outright	Draw	Points	Position
	16	0	11	2	0	3	60	Second; Minors Premiers & runners up
Runs scored		2759				2936		
Wickets lost		113				163		
Average		24.42				18.01		

BATTING

Batsman	Matches	Innings	Not Outs	High Score	Aggregate	Average	100's	50's	Catches
Min 150 runs									
W Grimson	3	3	0	125	176	58.7	1	0	0
G Price	16	10	7	36*	171	57.0	0	0	9
P Tregeagle	7	9	4	41*	178	35.6	0	0	3
F Beams	13	14	4	108*	324	32.4	1	1	3
D Willis	10	12	0	99	284	23.7	0	1	4
A Logan	14	15	1	65*	318	22.7	0	2	18, 1s as wk
S Hudson	12	12	3	55*	202	22.4	0	1	7
B Howle	15	14	5	47	186	20.7	0	0	7
Also Batted									
A Hudson	1	1	0	121	121	121.0	1	0	1
M Hoskings	1	2	1	48*	52	52.0	0	0	0
B Hawgood	1	1	0	38	38	38.0	0	0	0
P Price	13	10	2	44	125	15.6	0	0	0
A Blaikie	1	1	0	15	15	15.0	0	0	2 as wk
A Langhans	5	5	0	59	69	13.8	0	1	2
J Harris	8	9	1	31	101	12.6	0	0	3
S Watson	3	1	0	10	10	10.0	0	0	0
A O'Keffee	11	5	0	21	43	8.6	0	0	3
C Gillard	8	3	0	21	25	8.3	0	0	4
A Berenger	3	3	0	12	22	7.3	0	0	0
S Castle	14	5	2	16	19	6.3	0	0	2
R Tregeagle	6	5	1	12	17	4.3	0	0	1
P Catalovski	7	3	1	1*	2	1.0	0	0	3
W Pepper	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1
R Rosenberg	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
R Nandi	1	1	1	88*	88	-	0	1	1
M Maher	1	DNB	na	na	na	na	na	na	1

BOWLING

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best
Min 10 wickets						
G Price	242.5	86	466	40	11.6	5-41
S Castle	178.2	32	513	34	15.1	5-48
P Catalovski	86.2	24	185	12	15.4	6-35
A O'Keffee	146.3	31	437	21	20.8	4-23
R Tregeagle	81.5	17	234	10	23.4	3-20
C Gillard	96	9	373	11	33.9	4-20
Also Bowled						
S Watson	11.5	2	26	4	6.5	2-7
D Willis	14	2	36	3	12.0	1-9
R Nandi	15	4	38	3	12.7	3-38
B Hawgood	9	2	18	1	18.0	1-18
W Grimson	28.3	4	81	4	20.3	3-32
M Maher	16	3	46	2	23.0	2-46
S Hudson	104	28	245	9	27.2	3-39
W Pepper	19	3	48	1	48.0	1-48
A Langhans	17	4	55	0	na	na
F Beams	5	0	33	0	na	na

Third Grade Report

Nothing can be better than starting this report than saying Third Grade Premiers 2003/04. The first time since 1998/99 season and the 7th time overall sitting just behind Epping as one of the most successful clubs in Third Grade.

We probably had one of the worst starts to the season that we could have hope for, sitting at 9th place on the ladder after 4 rounds with two draws one win and one lose. But we never lost the will to win and the side stayed positive and some great cricket followed.

During the season we used some 26 players over the 16 games with 8 players playing 10 or more games. A big thank you to the players that played in Third Grade throughout the year either as a short term fill in or as the mainstays of the team.

Congratulations to Gerard and his management committee for all the hard work that go's with running such a great cricket club as this one is. To repeat what we did last year by winning 3 of the 6 trophies that were on offer as well as having 2nd and 4th grade contesting in grand finals and having 1st grade in the semi finals must be most rewarding for all the work and time he has put in.

Well done to the other captains and their sides Neil D'Costa 1sts Brett Howle 2nds and Greg Wallace 4ths. Having all grades contesting the semi finals and 3 out of the 4 playing grand finals, sort of makes all those selection meetings worthwhile.

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Adam Evison our grounds man thank you for all the hard work this season.

So on to the first game of the season against Auburn with the new 80 overs in a day instead of the 85 in the day Auburn finished the day at 9-224. Auburn then batted for 10 more overs on day two to be all out for 250, leaving us 70 overs to score the runs. We didn't start that well being 1 for 18 then Adam Langhans and Andre Berenger put on 98 for the second wicket to give us a slight chance of victory. With wickets in hand we pushed the run rate, alas the overs ran out leaving us short by 24 runs. Draw 1. Adam Langhans played a top innings scoring 128 no. Rnd 2 was against Mac Uni we won the toss and elect to bat scoring 8/327 Sanjiv Khalkho 70 Shan Rana 63 Peter Catalovski 55* Declaring on day two at 8/327 we tried everything to get the boys from Mac Uni out, but with the new cricket laws bought in through the week it was near impossible 8/232 at stumps. Draw 2. Sanjiv Khalkho 3/19 Ben Critchley 4/74. Round 3 finally saw us get the points against Epping 8/269 with Sanjiv Khalkho 59 Simon Watson 47 Andrew Morris 40*. Peter Catalovski bowled well taking 5/28 sitting 5th at this stage. Round 4 would have to be one of our worst efforts for the year. Bowling Holroyd out for 159 off 45 overs, Steve Harvey 3/22 Jack Jardim 2/26 Jason Bailey 3/20, it should have been a walk in the park. 50 overs to score the runs how wrong we were bowled out for 89 never again.

Round 5 Southern Districts we won the toss had a bat 4/265 declared Phil Tregeagle 139* Mick Hosking 40. Southern Districts had 10 overs to bat and finished the day at 1/20. Week two more rain. Draw 3. Round 6 Warringah sent us in. We were 8/226 at the end of play Phil Tregeagle 105* was the star. Week two rain Draw 4. Lindfield were next up in a one dayer, we won the toss and elected to bat 6/260 declared Mick Hosking 142 David Henschell 59 set us up with a good target for Lindfield to chase. Lindfield were never in the hunt bowled out for 95 Richard Tregeagle 4/24 Simon Watson 2/15. Sitting 7th Round 8 yet another Draw we batted first being all out 220 Mick Hosking 48 Anthony Clarke 39 again it rained washing week two. Draw 5. Sent in against Pennant Hills we were bowled out for 220 very disappointing effort if not for Mick Hosking 87* and David Henschell 64 it could have been worse. Pennant Hills finished to day at 1/10, as the norm for us week two washed out. Draw 6. Now sitting 9th. Playing Georges River they won the toss and had a bat, I don't think they were ready for what hit them. Bowled out for 111 with Richard Tregeagle 2/23 Simon Watson 2/23 Chris Gillard 3/20 all bowled well. We declared at 7/180 Simon Watson 40 Mick Hosking 46 setting it up for us 1st innings point's day one. On day 2 we went one better bowling them out 75 Richard Tregeagle 5/7 Steve Harvey 2/24 Simon Watson 2/10 doing a great job leaving 8 runs for the 10 points, a great win to put us in 7th place. Round 11 saw us up against Roseville needing a win here to get into the top 6, Roseville sent us in we declared at 9/205 after Steve Harvey injured himself batting. With a bowler down the boys had to stand up and what a job they did Simon Watson 6/42 and Chris Gillard 3/20 to have Roseville all out for 125. Sitting 6th. Round 12 the game everybody was looking forward to South Sydney. We won the toss and elected to bat and bat we did. 80 overs of pure joy we finished the day at 5/368 Mick Hosking 146 and David Henschell 135 put on a 3rd grade all wicket record 248 partnership to totally dominate the South Sydney attack. But as luck would have it rain denied any play on day two. Draw 7. Final Round before semi finals we need to win playing Strathfield all we needed was for the rain to stay away to give us some sort of chance. Rained Friday wet deck how strange? After a delayed start we sent them in and bowled them out for 127. Mark Maher 4/31 Anthony Clarke 2/19. After a early scare 2/15 we managed to posts 5/128 thanks to David Henschell 35 and Will Hood 27*. We finished the season in 5th placed. Bring on the semi finals. Playing South Sydney at Sydney park we had to be at our best, winning the toss we elected to bat posting 216 not a bad performance David Henschell 30 and Chris Gillard 33 top scoring. We had 13 overs at Souths that night. We had them in trouble from the start finishing the day with Souths all-out 146, thanks to Steve Harveys 6/40 from 25 overs. One down two to go. Playing Mac Uni at St Lukes we lost the toss and bowled Mac Uni decaled 8/269 leaving us 4 overs to face that night, unfortunately we lost a wicket to finish the day at 1/11. We arrived at St Lukes to see the wicket under water; vandals had turned the sprinkler system over night. After losing some 40 overs, we started play on a wet deck having to face 55 overs we managed to hang on two finish the day at 7/164. Mac Uni had played the game under protest, meaning a late night in town to see if we will be playing in the Grand Final or not? The protest went our way off to the Grand Final against Auburn. The day didn't start the best with Auburn kicking us out of our dressing room, thinking they were the home team. With Briars winning the toss we elected to bat, the simple plan was to occupy the crease off as long as we could. What a job we did, Sanjiv Khalkho 56 and Adam

Langhans 28 set it a well, followed by David Henschell 52 and Mick Hosking 57*we finished the day at 4/235. Day 2 saw it raining with little chance of play. Play was abandon at 1pm the comp was ours. Thanks to Dan Haikin and Ken Welsh for scoring and all the family and friends for their support over the two days.

Anthony Clarke
Captain

The Premiers

Sanjiv Khalkho 384 runs at 24.00. Sanjiv had three scores over 50 this year his best against Macquarie Uni in round 2. Just has to work on his running between the wickets, calling makes it easier for everybody Sanjiv. The bowler's bets mate when in the field.

Adam Langhans 300 runs at 30. Adam had one of his best seasons to date. 128 not out against Auburn round 1 saw Adam move into second grade for a while until coming back to 3's were he continued to perform. Handy bowler and a good fielder. Did a lot of the calling when batting with Sanjiv.

David Henschell 458 runs at 50.88. David was great to have in the side, getting lost every second week. Just needing the little nap before he bats must of worked scoring plenty of runs. His 135 against South Sydney was just fantastic teaming well with Mick Hosking. Worked well behind the stumps. Will play higher grades for sure.

Mick Hosking 667 runs at 73.77. What can be said about Mick broke the 3rd grade batting record. Scored 2 centuries and had two other innings over 50. Work well with David, both on and off the field. Will play higher grades like David. Hands down the player's player.

Jason Harris 102 runs at 14.57. Jason started the season late after coming down from 2nd grade. Not one of his best seasons with the bat but gave his best in every game. Safe hands at second slip and not afraid to offer his advice on the game, the skipper was listening most of the time.

Simon Watson 283 runs at 28.30. 15 wickets at 14.60. Simon had one of his best seasons with the club. He can out of his shell a bit this year and his results proved that, a great talent either with bat or ball Simon is a true competitor.

Chris Gillard 105 runs at 26.25. 10 wickets at 15.58. Like Jason started the season late after a stint in 2nd grade. Chris gave his all in every game he played, enjoyed tormenting the opposition every chance he got whether with bat or ball.

Peter Catalovski 80 runs at 20.00. 8 wickets at 23.37. Peter was on fire when he went up to 2nd grade. But by the time he had come back down to 3rd grade the fire was out. Peter will have to work on his fitness as a lot of little injuries keep him showing us his best.

Mark Maher 148 runs at 24.66. 8 wickets at 15.87. Every team should have one Mark Maher. A true clubman just loves his cricket. Mark gives his all at all times; it was great to see him claim his 1st premiership with the club.

Steve Harvey 61 runs at 15.25. 14 wickets at 17.35. joined the club late in the year and what a find. His pace was fantastic and certainly help 3rd grade in many a tight spot, really enjoyed bowling to South Sydney in the semi finals. Will play higher grades.

Statistics

Matches	Won	Out	Won 1 st inn	Lost 1 st inn	Draws	Points	Position
16	1		5	1	9	34	5

Runs Scored	3473	Runs Against	1764
Wickets lost	124	Wickets Against	106
Average	28.00	Average	16.64

Batting	Matches	Inns	N/O	HS	Agg	Ave	100	50	Cts
Phil Tregeagle	5	5	2	139*	258	86.00	2		3
Mick Hosking	11	11	2	146	667	73.77	2	2	3
David Henschell	10	9		135	458	50.88	1	2	3/2st
Adam Langhans	11	12	2	128*	300	30.00	1	1	
Simon Watson	13	13	3	47	283	28.30			2
Sanjiv Khalkho	16	17	1	70	384	24.00		3	4

Also Batted W Hood 1 for 28, 2 catches. C Gillard 4 for 105, 1 catch. W Giblin 1 for 25 M Maher 6 for 148, 2 catches. S Rana 5 for 106, 2 catches. A Berenger 3 for 60 P Catalovski 4 for 80, 3 catches. J Mani 1 for 20, 1 catch . A Clarke 4 for 74, 3 catches. S Harvey 4 for 61, 2 catches. J Harris 7 for 102, 3 catches. D Haikin 4 for 45, 2 catches. J Bailey 7 for 68, 1 catch. B Critchley 4 for 23. S Turnbull 1 for 5. C French 2 for 4, 1 catch. J Jardim 1 for 1. A Morris 0 for 40*. R Tregeagle 0 for 14*, 2 catches. J Swarts 4 catches 2 stumpings

Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Best
R Tregeagle	41.3	15	74	12	6.16	5-7
A Morris	7	4	10	1	10.00	1-10
S Khalkho	11	4	31	4	10.33	3-19
J Jardim	10	3	26	2	13.00	2-26
A Langhans	17	3	41	3	13.66	3-41
J Bailey	18	4	42	3	14.00	3-20
S Watson	71.2	15	219	15	14.60	6-42
C Gillard	77	23	158	10	15.80	3-20
M Maher	50.3	14	127	8	15.87	4-31
A Clarke	86.1	18	251	15	16.73	3-50
S Harvey	98	24	243	14	17.35	6-44
B Critchley	16		74	4	18.50	4-74
P Catalovski	82.3	23	187	8	23.37	5-28
D Haikin	23	8	72	2	36.00	2-20
S Rana	35	5	95	2	47.50	1-16
C French	6	3	11	0	n/a	

CRICKET FOURTH GRADE

2003/04 was a great season for Burwood 4s. Inclement weather prevented it from being a fabulous season. At the end of day one in the final Burwood were in a dominant position with minor premiers Souths at 6/52 chasing 144. Not a ball was bowled on day two due to persistent rain.

Despite the disappointment of failing to be anointed premiers there were many highlights of the season:

Mick Towells took his first-ever hat trick.

Greg Wallace and **Pascal Wallace** shared the club's first-ever father-son century partnership, their 129 opening stand against Southern Districts being the team's highest partnership of the season.

Greg Wallace and **David Cox** equalled the 4th grade record for the 8th wicket with a partnership of 123 against Roseville.

Player Profiles:

Mick Towells was our player of the season. He was very excited taking his first-ever hat-trick and bowled superbly all season snaring 44 wickets at 9.4, including 6/24 against Georges River and 5/33 against Auburn. The mark of his consistency was that Mick took at least one wicket in each innings he bowled bar one, and took 3 or more wickets on 8 occasions. Mick had a mixed season with the bat beginning well with scores of 74 not out, 21 not out and 17 not out and ending well scoring 78 runs throughout the play-offs.

Greg Wallace led from the front with several big scores including 144 against Warringah in the semi-final, 104 against Southern Districts, 96 against Macquarie Uni and 79 not out against Roseville. He bowled well on occasion taking two 5 wicket hauls, 5/12 against Roseville and 5/44 against Warringah. Greg topped the batting awards with 481 runs at 40.1 and was runner-up in the bowling averages, his 16 wickets averaging 12.4. Importantly Greg figured in 3 century partnerships and 3 fifty run partnerships.

Adam Syddall was a great addition to the team. Visiting from UK Adam took some time to get used to Australian bowling condition, although by season-end showed his class taking a total of 8 wickets for 36 in the play-offs including 5/13 off 18 in the qualifying semi-final against Macquarie Uni. Adam also contributed solidly with the bat including 86 against Epping and 68 against Macquarie Uni.

In his farewell season the ever-reliable **Steve Schomberg** took 24 wickets at 13.9, including 3/8 in the final and 3/17 in the qualifying semi, caught 10 catches in slips and shared a 74 run 10th wicket partnership with Greg in the semi-final.

Jack Jardim was a pleasure to have in the team as he always gave his best. He bowled well when given the opportunity and took 3 wickets on three separate occasions and figured in a century partnership with Greg when acting as night-watchman.

Paul Towells batted solidly throughout the season, including scores of 68, 65, 51 and a very disciplined 47 in the final.

Pascal Wallace grew as an opening batsman this season, scoring back-to-back fifties including a century partnership both times. He fielded well in close taking 8 catches.

The enigmatic **David Cox** added much to the team both whilst wicket-keeping or batting. He scored a good 53 against Roseville following his 44 not out against Georges River.

Will Hood played his way into the team with reliable wicket-keeping and solid batting and showed his versatility taking 2/4 to wrap-up the semi-final.

Ben Critchley commenced the season well with 65 and 3/27 against Auburn but struggled with consistency. Another to always give his best, Ben fielded brilliantly taking several gems and regularly effecting stunning run outs.

Shan Rana, **Andre Berenger** and **Ryan Rosenberg** each batted well in their limited games in fourth grade.

Batsman	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	100s	50s	Ctch	St
Greg Wallace	13	1	481	40.1	144	2	2	5	-
Andre Berenger	5	1	145	36.3	75	-	1	2	-
Adam Syddall	10	2	260	32.5	86	-	2	-	-
Paul Towells	9	0	260	28.9	68	-	3	4	-
Ryan Rosenberg	6	0	167	27.8	69	-	1	1	-
Mick Towells	12	3	234	26.0	74*	-	1	5	-
Shan Rana	6	0	120	20.0	44	-	-	4	-
Jack Jardim	13	3	190	19.0	38	-	-	4	-
Pascal Wallace	16	2	261	18.6	54	-	2	8	-
David Cox	9	1	146	18.3	53	-	1	1	1

Will Hood	7	0	120	17.1	40	-	-	2	2
Ben Critchley	9	0	140	15.6	65	-	1	5	-
Steve Schomberg	12	5	84	12.0	17*	-	-	10	-

Also batted: J Mani 92/5, M Smyck 31/3, Jason Bailey 3/1, S Turnbull 16/2, A Verma 11/1, A McLaren 6/1, B Georgeson 12/1, M Dwyer 21/1, P Frost 9/1, T Watson 20/1, S Harvey 16*/1, J Hopkins 116*/1, A Hurst 10*/1, J Swarts 1*/1

Bowler	O	M	R	W	Avg	R/O	O/W	5w/I	Best
Mick Towells	173	49	412	44	9.4	2.4	3.9	2	6/24
Greg Wallace	72	15	199	16	12.4	2.8	4.5	2	5/12
Adam Syddall	118	42	229	18	12.7	1.9	6.6	1	5/13
Steve Schomberg	145	45	334	24	13.9	2.3	6.0	-	3/8
Jack Jardim	132	38	328	21	15.6	2.5	6.3	-	3/37
Ben Critchley	38	8	112	7	16.0	2.9	5.4	-	3/21
Shan Rana	57	14	171	9	19.0	3.0	6.4	-	3/10

Also bowled: M Smyck 5/84, A McCarron 4/36, W Hood 2/27, B Georgeson 2/19, T Watson 1/86, J Mani 1/15, S Harvey 0/50, A Verma 0/48, P Towells 0/38, P Wallace 0/28, J Bailey 0/11, S Turnbull 0/2

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE

If the side that you trounced in the preliminary final goes on to win the premiership then you can draw some satisfaction from the season. But that sense of achievement suffers from more than a tinge of disappointment over what might, indeed could, have been.

That is the story of the 2003-2004 season for the Briars 5th Grade side playing in the Metro Shield competition.

After beating South Sydney by an innings and 59 runs, the 5th Graders went on to be soundly beaten in the semi-final by Lindfield, who were in turn beaten by South Sydney in the final.

The final series saw two standout performances with the ball. In the match against South Sydney, opening bowler Sam Fayad, in a fiery display, captured 6-12, his best display in a season which saw him take 22 wickets at an average of just 12.95. In the match against Lindfield, Mark Smyck turned in a lion-hearted performance to take 7-74 and finished his season with a total of 18 wickets at 17.94.

Third on the wicket-taking list was Pramod Murali, who also got into the action against South Sydney, taking 4-40, and finished with 17 wickets at an average of 17.71 – the result of consistent performances throughout the season.

But it is in the batting that the story of 5th Grade's season is told – good performances on occasions but not enough of them to put pressure on the opposition. When that did take place, for example, in the preliminary final after the openers Andrew Hurst and Stefan Ellis put on 99 for the first wicket, the opposition was always under pressure.

Two centuries were scored in the season. The first was 130 scored by the mercurial Andrew Donikian in the first match, where he also returned the standout bowling figures for 5-5. Donikian was to make 54 in the third round but was unable to recapture his early season form in the later rounds, possibly due to absences through injury. The second ton was scored by David Cox, but that was the last the 5th Grade saw of him as he was quickly called up for higher duties.

Warwick Giblin, who guided Donikian to his ton and scored 67 himself in a 191-partnership for the sixth wicket, topped the aggregates at 350, with an average of 35, while Mark Smyck, with the some fast-paced innings in the lower order, headed the averages at 39.4, with an aggregate of 39.4 to complete a good all-round performance.

Another to feature with both bat and ball was the irrepressible English import Andie Mashiter who kept the team entertained both on and off the field, finishing with seven wickets and 188 runs at an average 37.60.

Tom Watson also sold his wicket dearly in the bottom half of the order narrowly missing out on his first 50 in round three and completing the season with an average of 20.43

The veteran leg-spin bowler Nick Beams finished with 8 wickets for the year and, in a figure which belies his notorious lack of net practice, managed five not outs in a total of seven visits to the batting crease – a statistic which no doubted prompted the lament of all No 11s: Ah, if only the rest had stayed, what could we have done.

CRICKET UNDER 24'S

They say winning a title is hard but defending it is even harder and this was the challenge facing the boys in the under 24's squad this season. After losing three long serving members of the team from the previous season the challenge looked even more daunting. However the boys went into the season full of confidence in being able to emulate their previous years performances.

The season started off with a wash out against Epping which would have been an almost guaranteed victory to start with. The next game was played against Macquarie Uni at Rothwell which ended in a comfortable victory for the Briars. Ash Squire notching up his first tonne for the club with an entertaining 110 off 112 deliveries. Ash was well backed up by Adam Hudson scoring 52 off 77 balls in an opening partnership of 124. After a quick start by Macquarie's top order, skipper Peter Catalovski came on at 2nd change to swing the game back in Burwood's favour with a very tight spell of 3 for 13 off his 10 overs and Ash topped off a Man Of The Match performance taking 2-0.

The next game saw the team take on Lindfield with a slightly under strength side with some key players unavailable. The boys got off to a bad start being 5 for 85 with Ben Critchley and Simon Watson put on a much needed 80 run partnership. Ben scored his first 50 for the 24's and young Watto with a well made 38. Adam Hudson got the team off with a steady 28 despite playing with a injured finger. Getting to 220 the boys came out and dominated Lindfield's batting order with Watto staring with the ball as well as the bat taking 5 for 41. Peter Catalovski with 2 wickets knocking Lindfield over for 178.

Next came what would be the side's hardest opposition in the rounds Auburn. After getting sent in on an under prepared and wet deck at Mona Park the team managed to set a competitive total of 186. Top score for the innings was Peter Catalovski scoring 31 not out off 27 balls. With the pitch getting progressively better throughout the day Auburn made the total 6 down in the 47th over. Best bowling for Burwood was Ash Squire who took 3-57.

With many of the competition front runners staying undefeated the boys had to work hard against arch rivals South Sydney. After winning the toss at the new and improved Sydney Park, the Briars massed a huuuggggge total of 6 for 310. Stand out performances from "One Day" Al Logan with 130 off 118 balls. His first century for the club and junior Hudson 77 not out off 56 balls with some interesting shot selections during his innings. Not sure if they had enough on the board the boys went out pumped to destroy the South's young order (for once) dismissing them for 88. Micky Towells lead the way with 3 for 29 with fine support from junior with 3 for 9.

Coming up against Strathfield the boys used their momentum from the previous match to over run the Strathfield batting line up dismissing them for 120. Standing out with the ball was Peter Catalovski with 3-19, Ash Squire 3-35 and Junior Hudson with 2-9. The two openers went out to finish the demolition getting the total without losing a wicket. Ash scored 80 off 80 and Adam 'Slug' Hudson giving Ash most of the strike to the bad bowlers making 23 off 68 balls.

Going into the last round Briars were in the perfect position to take the minor premiership with a victory over Georges River. However due to some complacency Briars met defeat for the second time in the season. Georges River batted first scoring a respectable 218 being bowled out in the 50th over. Best with the ball was Shan Rana taking 3-33 and Peter Catalovski taking 2-41. In reply Burwood were bowled out for 177 after putting on 80 for the first wicket with Ash Squire making 60 off 65 balls, Ben Chapman 31 off 61 balls and Adam Hudson 18 off 40 balls. This was a most disappointing loss after such a great start by Adam and Ash.

Going into the qualifying final Briars had to face new arch rivals Georges River again, twice in as many games, this time at their home ground. Deciding to bat first Cata and the boys made a good score of 190 on a dodgy Bexley Oval pitch. Ash Squire and Stephen Hudson both top scoring with 33 each and were well supported by Al Logan scoring 31. Knowing that there was every chance this could be the last game of the season after finishing fourth Briars came out determined not to go out this early in the finals. With a wicket from the first ball of the innings from Shan Rana there was no looking back eventually dismissing them for

165. Two wickets each to Michael Towells, Stephen Hudson and Ash Squire stopped Georges Rivers quest for their maiden Frank Grey Shield.

The semi final was to be played against the other team to have beaten Briars during the year Auburn. Again the skipper elected to bat first on a belter at Rothwell Park. This time around Burwood batsman showed Auburn what they could do with the bat scoring a very good 244 off their 50 overs. The best batsmen were Furgus Beams with 88 off 101 balls, Ben Chapman 62 off 57 balls and Adam Hudson getting the team off once again to a solid start scoring 37 off 104 balls. Burwood then took the field feeling pretty confident after a great effort from the batsmen. Auburn got off to a solid start and were slowly taking control of the match at 4-139 before Junior Hudson once again stepped up taking the prized wicket of Auburns captain to have Auburn all bowled out for 215. Best bowlers were Ash Squire with 4-15 and Peter Catalovski with 2-48.

The final was being called the rematch of the century with Briars coming up against previous years whipping boys Lane Cove. The boys however knew that this years final would not be such a walk over. After heavy rain on the Friday and Saturday before the day of the final, the final was washed out. The following Sunday Burwood got their chance to make it two in a row on the final reserve day. With good weather finally coming through and a cracker Mona Park wicket, Burwood lost the toss and Lane Cove elected to bat. A little bit of de ja vu occurred with last years Dave Gilbert winner Shan Rana once again taking a wicket in the first over to rattle Lane Cove's top order. After a slow start Lane Cove's batsman settled in to make a respectable 173 from 49 overs. Best bowling was Ash Squire taking 4-52, Peter Catalovski with 2-27 and Shan Rana 2-30. Burwood went into the lunch interval feeling pretty confident of getting Lane Cove's target. After a slow start with Burwood losing Ash Squire for a duck in the 2nd over, Adam Hudson and Ben Chapman set out after Lane Cove's total and when Adam was dismissed for a match winning 54 off 84 balls to go with his 2 catches, Burwood were 3-87. Chappo went on to make a well needed 42 runs off 67 balls before being controversy run out. This left Burwood 6-136 and the match in the balance. Captain Peter Catalovski then stepped up to the crease and made a quick 22 off 23 balls to once again swing the game Burwoods way before being caught trying to hit the winning boundary. As Peter went off with Burwood 8 down and only 4 runs short of victory, he gave Shan some last second advice, "Just hit it". This motivational speech from our skipper seemed to work as Shan just swung as hard as he could next ball and smashed the ball to the boundary giving Burwood back to back premierships. Adam Hudson won the Dave Gilbert award for Man Of The Match in the Under 24's grand final keeping the award in the club for the 2nd year in a row.

A special thanks to our team manager Andrew Blaikie for giving up his Sundays to manage the team. It is much appreciated. Thanks also to Gerard Price, Anthony Clarke, Jason Harris and Adam O'Kieffe for their help over the year as well.

Congratulations to 3rd grade on their premiership success and also to 2nd and 4th grade for their Grand Finals appearances. Another great season to the mighty Burwood Briars.

Ash Squire (Just Ash or JA) Ash had a super season and by far his best in the Under 24's competition. Ash scored a massive 384 runs at 48 as well as taking 20 wickets at 12.85 being the teams leading run scorer and leading wicket taker. Ash also scored his maiden ton for the club this season. Ash is now classified as the best all-rounder in the club this year. Ash won the Under 24's player of the year.

Adam Hudson (Slug, Maurice or Morris?, Crumbles) Slug had another good year in his last year in under 24's. He was named Man Of The Match and won the Dave Gilbert award in the final against Lane Cove scoring 54 and taking 2 catches. Adam scored 240 runs this season at an average of 30 and also took 3 catches. Adam formed a formidable opening batting partnership with Ash getting the team off to great starts most matches and being a member of the slips corden. Adam will be sadly missed being the rock at the top of Burwood's batting line up over the past 7 years.

Fergus Beams (Chicka, Male Model From Mudgee) Fergus had a good year with the bat after a slow start in his comeback to the under 24's team. Fergus scored 168 runs at an average of 24 with a top score of 89 against Auburn in the Semi Final. Fergus has one of the best arms in the competition along with his long flowing locks to go with it.

Ben Chapman (Chappo) Ben had a solid season scoring 201 runs at an average 25. Ben had a top score of 62 in the Semi against Auburn featuring in a match winning partnership with Fergus to steer Burwood to victory. Ben got a bowl this season taking 0-15 of 3 overs after showing some promise with the ball taking 1-0 in 1st grade. Ben has made a successful recovery from a serious knee injury and will be a key figure in Burwood's march towards a 3rd straight premiership.

Stephen Hudson (Junior) Stephen had an average year by his standards scoring 170 runs at an average of 24 and taking 11 wickets at 18. Stephen's highlight of the year was his slog sweep pull against South Sydney which went a mile out of Sydney Park. We heard all about this shot for weeks as he wasn't doing anything else worth bragging about. Stephen will hopefully be back to his best next season with both bat and ball and he has a good chance to break his own bowling record for number of wickets taken in a season.

Al Logan (There's only 13 Al Logans) Al had a good season with the bat scoring 221 runs at 27. His highlight being his 130 off 118 balls against South Sydney. Al took 7 catches and 4 stumpings to go with his fine batting this season. Al is a great asset to our side with his excellent keeping and also solid batting that held our middle order together on more than one occasion.

Michael Towells (Sparkles, Country Fresh, Refrigerator, Tackle Bag) Michael had an ordinary year with the bat scoring just 9 runs at a super average of 2.25. Even with Sparkles ability with the bat this was a disappointing season result for him. Michael more than made up for this with the ball taking 8 wickets at 21 and forming a good opening ball partnership with Shan.

Adam Syddall (Pom) Adam was one of the most unluckiest bowlers in this years under 24's competition. Never has a bowler beat the bat so many times and go unrewarded. Adam scored 20 runs at an average of 10 and took 7 wickets at 22. Adam was one of the most economical bowlers in the comp and was regularly called on by skipper Catalovski to slow down the run rate of the opposition.

Shan Rana (Bringelly Express) Shan had a disappointing year with the bat only scoring 56 runs at an average of 14. Shan opening the attack for Burwood every game taking 11 wickets at 20 often putting the opposition opening batsmen on the back foot from the start of each innings. Shan was a motivational player who played his heart out every game no matter whether in a winning or losing situation.

Peter Catalovski (Catta) Peter had a great debut season as skipper leading the boys to their second straight premiership. Peter scored 84 runs at an average of 16. Most of Peters runs were scored when the team needed it and when they needed a cool head under pressure in the grand final, Peter stepped up to the mark with his very valuable 22 of 23 balls which lead the team to victory. Peter also took 16 wickets at an average of 14 to top off his great year. Peter will be sadly missed next season as the boys go for premiership number 3 in a row.

Ben Critchley (Critch) Ben came into the team after a few games and immediately made an impact showing everyone his talents with a fine 59 against Lindfield when the team was in trouble. Ben ended up scoring 94 runs at an average of 23 and took 2 catches (but he was really in the team for his fielding ability). Ben always put pressure on the opposition batsmen every time the ball went in his direction saving many runs and also running out a few opposition players in the process.

Simon Watson (Watto) Simon had his best Under 24's season playing 3 games and scoring 48 runs at an average of 16. Simon also took 5 wickets as well against Lindford to go with his 38 in his best 24's game to date. At the tender age of 16 Simon has many years of 24's to go if we can manage to keep him at the club as many grade clubs will surely be chasing him as he is a very talented cricketer.

Stuart Turnbull (Ernie Dingo, Professional Fielder) Stuart only played a hand full of games this season and got a bat and bowl and once again Stuart showed us all what his best attributes are, his fielding. Stuart is the best professional fielder in this year competition and once again showed that if you close your eyes and swing as hard as you can when you bat, eventually you will hit the ball and it will go a long long way. Stuart will be called upon for his batting and bowling next season where he has the ability to step up and be a key member of the team.

Adam Langlands (Changa, Secret Weapon) Adam only played two games this year being used as a secret weapon and a pinch hitter against South Sydney. Changa's season was summed up with Junors comment when he came out to bat against Souths, "What the hell are you doing out here". Changa promptly replied "I'm a pinch hitter". This after Adam had been padded up since ball one waiting patently for his turn to come to play a major role in the match. After blocking the first ball he switched in his "Pinch Hitter" mode and smoked the next one hitting it right off the middle of the bat. The only bad thing was poor old changa picked out the only fielder within 10 kms and hit it straight to his chest and was back on his way to the pavilion. Never has a batsman got such applause for a second ball duck. Adam will be a key member of next season's 24's team and will be required to call upon his off spin once again.

Marc Symck (Smycks) Marc played his first 24's game this season in what will be a great experience for his future cricketing career. Marc took his first 24's wicket against Lindfield taking figures of 1-16 off 4 overs. With more hard work Marc will become a permanent member of the 24's bowling attack for years to come.

Name	Runs	Average	Catches
Ash Squire	384	48	1
Adam Hudson	240	30	4
Alan Logan	221	31	7
Ben Chapman	201	25	2
Stephen Hudson	170	28	6
Furgus Beams	168	24	4
Ben Critchley	98	24	2
Peter Catalovski	84	21	2
Shan Rana	56	18	2
Simon Watson	48	16	2
Adam Syddall	19	9.5	2
Stuart Turnbull	14	14	0
Michael Towells	9	4.5	1
Mark Symck	4	4	0
Adam Langhans	0	0	1

Name	Wickets	Average
Ash Squire	20	13
Peter Catalovski	16	14
Stephen Hudson	11	18
Shan Rana	11	20
Michael Towells	8	21
Adam Syddall	7	24
Simon Watson	5	16
Stuart Turnbull	1	8
Mark Symck	1	16

RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A phone call in October of 2003 would mean that Briars Rugby would never be the same for me again. A committee meeting was convened for later that month to begin preparations for the 2004 season. Along with those that stick their hand up every year there were some new fresh faces around, including myself, which was comforting as they say many hands make light work. Those faces are not so fresh now, however we can look back on 2004 as a year that the Briars Rugby Club regained some of its past glories. As alluded to in the President's report in last year's annual report, Rugby had been successful in all other aspects of its operation and 2004 was the year that successful on-field performances came.

Matt Grimison, back for his second season with the club, took on a different role this year as player / coach for first grade. A second grade coach was secured, but unfortunately had to withdraw his services just prior to the season commencing due to family reasons. Ben Murphy assisted the 2nd grade side where he could and took a lot of pressure off the coaching staff through his efforts. Andrew Kirk (his first year in a coaching role) and Reg Taiata took on the reigns in 3rd Grade and Daniel Martin and 'Damo' (both first timers) took charge of 4th Grade. Finding competent and willing coaches and managers able to give up one night and their Saturday afternoon's, continues to be an issue for the club. Our resources were stretched this year and it is only due to the hard work of those that were willing to help out that the club achieved the results it did. Volunteers in these areas are most welcome.

Some of the players got together over the summer for a few 'training sessions' but the official pre-season started in February at Rothwell Park. With good numbers and a lot of new faces, conducting early sessions at the majestic Rothwell Park proved a good move, introducing them to 'Briars Corner' before the season began. Following this we moved to our regular training venue at Powells Creek Reserve, which while out of the way has good lighting and gives us plenty of room to spread out.

Pre-Season saw the club embark on two trips out of Sydney, one to Cowra for the annual 10's tournament and the other to Orange for a game against Orange City (the second consecutive year we have done this). We also played 2 trial games in Sydney. Success at the Cowra competition, where we won the second tier competition, was an indication of the year ahead. The close ties between the players of West Harbour and Briars was demonstrated by a good night out in Young after the competition and it is a shame that these close ties are not in place at an administrative level.

The results and achievements of each grade are outlined in the coaches reports following this report. In 2004 Briars Rugby finished in 4th place on the club championship table behind Kings, Christian Brothers Old Boys and Barker Old Boys, even spending some time up the top early in the season.

Final Club Championship Table finished up as follows:

CLUB	Pts
Kings	700
CBOBS	683
BOBSRUFC	658
Briars	612
Epping	574
Blue Mtns	569
Hawkesbury Valley	556
Hunters Hill	398
St George	340
Lane Cove	130

On the 29th of October in conjunction with the ARU a pilot Telstra Try Rugby program commenced at Greenlees Park in Concord. This is the first step in producing Briars Junior Teams and I urge all members to get behind the initiative and support it in any way that you can. Through initiative such as this and by developing links with existing groups, rugby can develop a sustainable junior program that will assist ongoing success at a senior level. It will allow use to have a structured feeder system and be able to compete with clubs that have links to schools or their own junior clubs.

Congratulations to the following players who received awards at the Presentation night held in September. Best & Fairest and Players Player awards are outlined in the respective reports for the 4 grades.

- Clubman of the Year – John Slender
- Rookie of the Year – Daniel McPhee
- Most Improved Player – Angus Collins
- Encouragement Award – Bruce Chen

Special mention to for Kenny Williams on reaching the 950 game milestone and Matt Waddington for 250 games for Briars. Congratulations to both of you.

The rising cost of putting sporting teams onto the field each week means that Sponsors are a vital part of amateur sport these days. Shaw Stockbroking, Subakette, Buildfast, Embassy on Time Smash Repairers and JPM Crane Hire were all sponsors of Briars Rugby in 2004 and provided invaluable support to the club.

Thank you to Damien, Stan, Kirky, Reggie, Andrew Cleverly, Hugh Carpenter and Matt Grimison for their coaching contribution through the year. Grimo your commitment and professionalism cannot be questioned and your contribution is much more than just coaching, assisting greatly in taking the club forward. Congratulations on achieving the results that reflect the effort you put through the season. To those that helped with the ground set up, particularly Reg Taita there every week setting up the Marquee, and Carly-Anne Martin for running the Canteen this year, thank you.

Finally to all the committee members thank you for putting up your hand to help out and lightning the work load. Matt Waddington as Secretary and IT expert, Simon Pickett as Treasurer, John Slender and Andrew Kirk on Sponsorship and Promotion and Reggie Taita and Daniel Wilkinson for their work on the social activities.

Simon James
Rugby Chairman

RUGBY FIRST GRADE

Clark Cup

The 1st XV fulfilled a number of goals in 2004, the highlight being winning through to the Clark Cup Grand Final for the first time since 1995. Whilst the records show that our opposition from CBOBs won 27-25 in the last play of extra time, the Briars gave the title their best shot as they had all season long.

Following a competitive pre-season which included a Cowra 10s victory the 1st XV began cautiously winning well consistently at Rothwell but faltering away from home as combinations were tried and tested. We finished the first round 6 wins from 9 games in 3rd place having strengthened our lineout, our anaerobic fitness levels, breakdown skills and goalkicking accuracy.

The second round began as the season started with a close victory over 1st placed CBOBs and following the addition of James Bula Bula, Pete McCormick and Matt Want to the backline and the return from injury of Pete Watkins to the forwards we hit our straps at full stride playing entertaining running rugby with the ball in hand and ferocious defense without.

This began a run of victories, 10 wins from 11 in all, highlighted by improvements in our scrummaging, speed and ball skills. We finished the regular season clear 2nd with 14 wins from 18 games and began our finals campaign with a core team of 25 eager players. Following a lack lustre second half loss in the major semi final we responded well defeating Epping in the Final by four tries to earn the right to play CBOBs in the Grand Final.

Looking back on a year where Briars Rugby learnt how to win again, it would not be complete without acknowledging a number of milestones; James Ronsisvalle - Competition Leading Points scorer, Clark Medal R/Up, Best & Fairest Winner Andrew Arquilla - Player's Player Award Winner Daniel McPhee - Rookie of the Year Gus Collins - Most Improved Aaron Boyter - Played every minute of every game of the season Matt Waddington - 250 games Milestone.

To the following, thanks for your support - you all played huge parts in the teams success; Andrew Cleverley - Forwards Coach, Adam Livingstone - Manager, Kevin Ivins - Sports Rehabilitation, Shaw Stockbroking – Team Sponsor, John Slender - Statistics, Briars Committee.

The path has now been laid for a successful 2005 season and I look forward to continuing to develop Briars Rugby with the Committee next year into the force that it deserves to be. See you all again in February.

2004 Result

Team	Rd.1	Rd.2	Finals	
CBOBs	W 13-12	W 20-15	SF - CBOBs	L 21-12
HUNTERS HILL	W 17-11	W 24-10	F - EPPING	W 32-17
EPPING	L 28-16	W 24-17	GF - CBOBs	L 27-25 ExT
LANE COVE	W 24-7	W 43-13		
BARKER	L 60-21	W 25-15		
BLUE MTNS	W 29-23	W 48-7		
H'BURY VALLEY	L 15-14	L 12-10		
KINGS	W 27-18	W 28-24		

Matt Grimison
Coach

RUGBY SECOND GRADE

Farrant Cup

After a good pre-season it was apparent that the club had the depth to field strong 1st & 2nd Grade sides. As with many 2nd Grade sides however the turnover in playing personnel disrupted the continuity of the team and certainly hindered our on field performances. Over 60 different players took the field for second grade, highlighting the disruptive year that we had. However this can also be considered a positive, with many of those changes due to players being promoted to 1st grade. This displayed the depth the club had in 2004 and I hope provides some satisfaction to the 2nd grade regulars.

Upon reflection our first game was an indicator to how the remainder of the season would be. We were up against CBOBS and were reeled in after taking an early lead. We had a couple of chances to score points that would have seen us back in front but seemed unable to make the most of our opportunities. We ended up losing the game by 4 points, the first of seven games where we would go down by less than 7 points.

The sides performances for the remainder of the round were up and down, we displayed the ability to win games at home, however it was a different story away from home. The second round saw the team work hard to put itself into semi-final contention, however those close losses meant that going into the final few games we were out of contention and this reflected in our application and commitment in those final few games of the season.

The Best and Fairest award went to Stephen Waddington who week in week out, put in 100% on the field and on the training paddock. Jimmy Taiata won the Players Player award, every time he played for 2's he showed how much class and ability he has and was rewarded with a start in the 1st Grade Grand Final.

To Chris Lamond and Nathan Pierpoint who both displayed great leadership when given the captaincy role, Craig Crocker (played much of the season in 2's), Nick Lemon, Chris Gamble, Tony Jenkin & Mark Wilkinson, it was a season that could have been, thank you for the year. To all the other guys who came into the side through the season and gave us 100%, thank you as well.

It was also a season where the players pretty much had to fend for themselves as unfortunately the coach that was lined up to take on role in 2's had to withdraw just prior to the season commencing due to family reasons. Thank you to Ben Murphy for stepping up and helping out when he could and Andrew Cleverly and Matt Grimison for their coaching input. A great foundation for next year!

Simon James

RUGBY THIRD GRADE

Campbell Cup

What a year. We had lots of highs and a few lows. From the start of the season we had three goals, first to really enjoy our rugby, second to bring on the new young players to Briars (and hide some old bastards) and third, make the final four. In 2004 we achieved these three goals, in fact we did better! But it wasn't without a lot of hard work, commitment and a good bunch of talented footballers.

We started the season well, winning the first five out of six matches, putting us top of the table. A couple of those were very, very close, something we seemed to do a lot this season. The Barker game in round 5 was the highlight with the boys playing with intense controlled passion, well most... Kevin Ivans earned his nickname "Kranky Kev" after a few quiet words to his opposite number. The forwards were one hell of a pack that day and the backs cut them to pieces with our new welsh import David "bucket arse" Cox playing a blinder.

The good old tall poppy syndrome kicked in with every side wanting to cut us down, and that they did. We travelled to Hawkesbury for probably the worst game of the season. Nothing went right and it was a long trip home. The next week, in front of a big home crowd, we went poppy chopping, knocking off Kings in a ripper. That high was immediately followed by four weeks of lows, all close games. We then re-grouped and realised we slowly slipping out of the top four. It was time to focus on the finals and unfortunately Lane Cove found themselves our first victims, copping a 54-nil belting from a re-invigorated Briars side. We went on to win 5 out of our last 6 games, cementing us in third place.

The morale and spirit of third grade, which had slowly built through the year, was now at a high. This was the first time in almost a decade a third grade had made the semi's and it was a tough game, that came down to the final whistle, literally. We were two points in front with CBOB's kicking after the bell to win the game. They missed and we were to face Epping in the finals. It wasn't to be our day... Epping were a tough opponent and outplayed us, never letting us into the game. While we were bitterly disappointed we were proud of our achievements.

I'd like to thank Reggie for all his support as co-coach and stand-in manager this year, Slim Slender for stepping in whenever he was called upon, Punchy for his help during the finals and Grimo for all support and advice throughout the season. But most of all I would like to thank the boys of third grade. We achieved all our goals and had a bloody good time doing it. I hope to see you all back next year to go two places better.

• Best and Fairest: Stefan Ellis
Andrew Kirk – Coach

Player's player: David Fiorio

RUGBY FOURTH GRADE

Nicholson Cup

A frustrating season for the side that often had one of the strongest looking teams on paper, but could not seem to get the on field results the team richly deserved. Credit to the side however for sticking to it the whole season and coming away with a couple of rewarding wins at the end of the season beating Lane Cove 48 – 0, Hawkesbury Valley 12 – 0 and St George 26 – 0.

A positive to come out of the season was the number of younger players gaining vital rugby experience at a senior level. I am sure many of these guys will go on to play up the grades in the future. One of these, Bruce Chen, deservedly gained the 'Encouragement Award' at the presentation night which recognized his dedication and commitment shown at training and on game days. Thanks for everyone who helped out in running the team, Johnny Kuvai and Damo in particular for their efforts. I would also like to thank those players that stuck with it, when it would have been a lot easier to throw in the towel. Congratulations to Tom Watson earning Best and Fairest Award and to Reggie for the Player's Player award who played only a handful of games but his intensity and commitment at each game is not matched in the club.

Daniel Martin

MEN'S HOCKEY

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hockey continued to grow and prosper at the Briars in 2004 and is now firmly established as the largest participation sport in the Club. This fact was recognised by the Board during the year and we now have both a Men's and Women's representative on the Briars Management Committee. Personally, it was an honour once again to be Men's Chairman in 2004, however it was the role of Club Captain that was more rewarding this season. I think we took our first steps in achieving more cross sport interaction at the club and this is something that should continue further in the coming years.

Hockey at Briars broke some amazing new ground this year including:

- Two Olympic representatives in Mel Twitt and Michael McCann - well done to you both! Michael also had the amazing achievement of a becoming part of Australian Hockey history and winning Australia's first Olympic Gold Medal. (Super effort Chesty!)
- Hockey went on our first overseas tour to New Zealand. The tour was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by yours truly as well as all the other tourists. Despite our lack of results partly due to injury and some dodgy local rule interpretations, I am sure this will be the first tour of many in the coming years.
- We retained the 57th Annual Briar's Valley's trophy in Canberra for the first time in living memory (albeit with a 2-2 draw).
- We won back the Trevenar-Wark Trophy from Glebe with an amazing 5-0 whitewash.

In terms of results on the field it was a year of great achievement (you can read more about these in the coming pages). As a quick snapshot of some highlights we had the following teams make their grand finals: Women's - 1st, 4th and 5th grades, Men's 1st grade and in Juniors the U/17 and U/15's.

As always some very heartfelt "thank you's" to the people who made season 2004 a great success for making this year a success:

- Thank you to the Michael Imer for chairing the Junior Committee and to Cindy Parker the Women's committee. Also to each and every Committee member who gave up their time to administer the sport within our club.
- Thank you to the coaching staff and managers at all levels in all teams.
- My fellow Club Captain, Nicola Firth for her help and laughs.
- Cath Harland another Briars work-a-holic coach, player, selector and junior mentor.
- Gil Burns for her efforts in managing and committee work.
- Al Jones and Wal Zol for running the canteen and making sure the field is well looked after.
- John Price who works (sleeplessly I imagine sometimes) to organise "everything" and for his commitment to Briar's hockey.
- Finally to Dave Ratcliffe - AJ Robinson winner for the second year in a row and a tireless worker, player, committee member, coach and organiser of the New Zealand trip.

Finally, I would again like to thank all the players for their commitment this year and I look forward to playing again with you next year and lets hope we bring home those premiership medals we came so close to getting this year.

Greg Dunn - Hockey Chairman

MEN'S HOCKEY FIRST GRADE

Well what a year. First grade were competitive all throughout the season and with finals being a new competition anything could have happened from week to week. To the team's credit we went beyond the outcome of 2003 as we finished third after competition rounds to face Moorebank (who we had been successful against previously) making our mark yet again in the minor semi final. Next encounter, Glebe where we convincingly moved through to the grand final against Sutherland. Unfortunately this was where our run ended not without a gallant fight.

I would like to thank all the people who contributed to the first grade team in 2004, including players and administrators (otherwise known as the off-field team).

As for each player, it was encouraging to see you all develop your knowledge and skills, which aided in the team being a cohesive unit. Generally, to my GK your dominance to protect the net is to your credit; FB's your defensive skills kept many teams out of even entering the circle whereby you then started our attack; Halves your commitment to both attack and defence was vital in the team's build up and counter attack; Midfielders the running, linking and presence enabled us to be a tight unit; Strikers your commitment in defensive strategies enabled us to attack with conviction and gave the team a great defensive and attacking base.

Luke Reilly – A player who never amazes me with his tenacity, assertiveness and leadership qualities from the back. Demanding the respect he deserves in his circle.

Alan Charlton – Al was an activist with his sturdy defensive skills - tackling. He led solidly from the position of full back and linked in often attacking for the team to gain an advantage.

Ben Hurford – The most selfless person in the team. A great team player who played full back all year instead of his half position so that the team had the right balance and success.

Adam Pascoe – consistently dominated at the left half position as he tussled with every striker that opposed him because he didn't want them to pass. A dogged and determined defender.

Scott Barker – a player who is committed to the development of the team. Another competitive player who worked hard to control the team's defensive press allowing the team to stick to the strategies whilst truing to eliminate the oppositions plays.

Kurt Miller – Joined midway through the season and slotted in to right half without any troubles. His passes to midfield and strikers being either effective penetrating passes or link passes where the team got great attacking advantage.

Matt Lyons – This year's leader who did as a leader should by displaying strength in attack and defence, where he often ended up being battered and bruised by the opposition. Great motivator who gained the respect from all team members.

Kieran Gentles – His zest for playing is unquestionable - very passionate while playing, who always wants to win – a definite driving force in the team, as he would always give 100% in attack or defence.

Ian McGregor – Started the season off on a high after playing for NT in AHL. As all the strikers in the team he stepped up to the defensive challenge which meant rewards (goals) would come.

Josh Miller – a striker who also proved how to turn defence into attack. His dispossession skills against opposition defenders were outstanding for us to gain a quick counter attack.

Dane Petit – a new comer to the club whose goal scoring ability is indisputable. Another of the strikers who worked together up front to put the opposition defenders on their back foot.

David Hegarty – a new comer to the club who didn't play striker previously who developed throughout the season and has gain an enormous amount of confidence to go with his superb elimination skills.

As a final point I would again like to thank all the first grade players and for all the players that played up (Sharpy, Chris, Wally, Ricky, Blake, Chris, Borgy, Stuart and Jamie) for their efforts this year. I feel that all the players this year had the desire to achieve and wish the luck in the future.

Alex Lupton - Coach

MEN'S HOCKEY SECOND GRADE

Briars Second Grade tantalized us yet again this year with consistently strong individual performances and glimpses of the team game I know they are capable of implementing. Unfortunately the disparities between the highs of team and individual performances, that left many oppositions, spectators and supporters alike slack-jawed and the lows of some of our more inconsistent and remarkably conspicuous performances, were vast.

The season began on a very positive note with the resting of some demons, comprehensively defeating Glebe who had finished our season prematurely in the finals last season and was arrested one week early by Ryde in the Major Semi Final in a Jekyll and Hyde performance that saw us let Ryde out to a two-goal half-time ascendancy and almost reign them in in the second half with a display of physical and mental resilience more akin to the personality and capabilities of the team I have come to know. The final score was 3-2 to

Ryde and another season is ended in which we have furthered our finals experience without being able to achieve our ultimate goal.

The Second Grade squad this year included:-

Stuart Crayze - Goalkeeper with great reflexes and an understanding of the game which promoted the development of the team and our strategies. Attributes which saw him rise to a representative level.

Darren Pike - Fullback. Experienced player possessing a much more mature and focussed mindset this year which saw Darren back to past form. Darren's ability to read the game and his ability to diffuse situations saw him perform strongly this year.

Michael Frost - Strong imposing fullback with the ability to control the ball from the back. Michael's strong ball control facilitated his pivotal roles in both the defensive and attacking systems of the team.

Lindsay Burrows - Solid tackling fullback with the ability to read and anticipate play which allows him to constantly turn defence into attack.

Blake Durance - a strong and dependable left-half with the skills and talent to perform anywhere on the field. Blake has the capacity to turn teams on their heels with his attacking abilities.

Jai Rama - Midfielder/Centre-half with immaculate deceptive skills and a strong-tackling ability. Jai has developed again this year and is on the precipice of being a strong representative player.

Ricky Stainkey - Midfielder with presence of mind and ability to control a game. Ricky was also a regular member of the First Grade team.

Paul Sharp - Strong attacking and defending right-half whose determination and commitment to his team is second to none.

Sam Everist - Attacking midfielder with deception and evasion skills and an aptitude to read oppositions which make him a formidable opponent.

David Jones - Attacking midfielder who can construct and initiate attack from anywhere. An untapped talent for the very near future.

Andrew Borg - Striker with the ability to score from anywhere. Andrew has unexploited leadership qualities which give him the capacity to turn games and oppositions on their head.

Michael Wallis - Striker with strong stick skills, an intuitive hockey understanding and goal sense which combine to make Michael a potent striker.

Chris Mosely - Striker who's work rate and commitment to the team is unquestioned. Chris's ability to follow a game plan for 70 minutes and his desire to constantly develop and learn new skills saw him succeed in both First and Second Grade.

Brett Manning - Utility with a strong team game. Brett's ability to draw players to him and make the critical pass mean he is an attribute to any team.

Scott Fernando : Attacking midfielder. Scott's resourcefulness in constructing attack and his relentless attitude in defence saw him become a strong midfielder in Second grade this year.

David Quoy - Striker. A developing younger striker/midfielder with a flexible skill set. Dave's commitment and performance this year will see him progress and evolve as a hockey player.

Other much appreciated and notable contributions were made to the Second Grade team throughout the course of the season from, in no particular order Troy Prescott, Chris Zol, Sam Candido, Greg Dunn, Ben Garland, Shan Rana, Harvey Singh. Sincere apologies to anyone I may have inadvertently omitted.

Whilst it is always comfortable at this time of year, or at any time of the year for that matter, to focus on positives and wax lyrical about successes and achievements throughout the year it is also an opportunity to reflect on the not so successful aspects of our performances during the season. This is true of any position of performance where humans that perform at the elite level constantly assess themselves and their weaknesses in order to construct and set goals and a program or processes in place that will lead to the achievement or acquisition of these goals.

To succeed at anything and more so at the elite level requires self-determination, drive and a physical and mental commitment to your programs and goals. Without this the process is futile on an individual level but even greater on a team or group level. To see what was achieved this season in Second and First grades without these levels of commitment should bring to realisation for all of us what could be achieved if we are willing to be honest with ourselves and our team members, put our individual desires aside and become part of a true and definitive team. From this sort of leadership a truly strong team and club can form and develop. I hope we can learn from these experiences and carry them forward to next year.

Congratulations and thanks to Second Grade and all the players whose performances helped us achieve again a position in the top four and finals success to a Major Semi-Final. Many thanks to Allen Chu, John Price, Alex Lupton, Warren Birmingham, Mick Howlum and again to anyone I have inadvertently omitted, for your assistance and input throughout the season. It is never appreciated enough.

Nick Rollings -Second Grade Coach

MEN'S HOCKEY THIRD GRADE

This was a year of infinite promise for 3rd grade, but one that ended in disappointment. After an opening game that offered great promise, but ended in missed opportunity, there were fears that we would continue our form from the previous year of not converting opportunities. To the teams credit they went through the rest of the first round with only one more loss. The boys started off the second round with their best victory of the year: a 1-0 victory over Glebe on Derby day which set the platform for a famous day for the Briars Club. The tempo, intensity, desperation and team effort in this game were outstanding. At this point of the season hopes were high for a return to the finals for 3rd grade.

Unfortunately the remaining eight games of the year saw the team lose four games by only one goal and have a disappointing draw against North West Strikers. A lack of intensity and desperation, at times cost the team dearly. Having said that, there were some very skilful patches of play in the second half of the season which resulted in some great goals. The bleeding of younger players such as Adam Imer, who played very well when given a chance, is a step forward for the club. Ending just three points out of the top four was bitterly disappointing for all the boys. Increased discipline, commitment and concentration will allow this team to go all the way.

Special mention must be made about Wayne Allsop – he is Mister Dependable at the back of the 3rd grade defence, was always willing to put in 100% for the team and maintained a positive outlook throughout the year. If he retires, as he is threatening to do, it will be a tremendous loss to both third grade and the club.

Ian (Mary) McGregor and I would like to thank Mick Howlum for the great job he did as the third grade manager this year. Among other things Mick kept all the statistics, made sure we had the balls for the warm up, called the guys who were late and not least of all gave me a lift to a lot of the games!

David Ratcliffe - Ratty earned his position at the start of the year through sustained hard work and solid performances on the field. He continued this form throughout the year and kept us in more than one game during the season. Through adversity he managed some amazing performances. With continued training Ratty can cement his spot in third grade or higher.

Wayne Allsop - As already mentioned BC was a defensive machine at the back. He provided a solid foundation on which to build the attack. BC managed to slot a few goals as an added bonus through the season as well.

Michael Frost - Frosty was a great new asset to the third grade side. His tackling and intensity on the field helped the team build a solid base. Frosty's attacking ability and capacity to find the player with a long ball was sorely missed when he moved up to 2nd grade at the tail end of the season.

Martin Wood - Before he got injured, Woody used his experience to make some crucial tackles while in combination with BC. He also managed to score a goal in injury time against Moorebank which gave us an important result in the first round.

Brett Manning - Mano plays with a great level of intensity and heart. At the start of the season he was playing well, but not quite in line with the game plan. After a brief stint in 4th grade Mano came back better than ever and was one of the outstanding players in the second half of the season.

Harvey Singh - A player of tremendous skill, Harvey was frustrated at times. He displayed some sublime skill in the middle of the field and in patches took our game to a new level. Harvey put in a lot of effort off the park as well.

Ben Garland - Benny G's right to left drag was famous in the third grade team. When G Man was playing with confidence he was very difficult to stop down the right hand side. As with Ratty, sustained training will lead Benny to cement his spot in the third grade line up.

Chris Zol - Zolly played some great games throughout the year. When he was mentally switched on and fired up he was a great defender and skilful attacker. Special note must also be made of Zolly willingness to

step into goals on a day when we thought Ratty wouldn't be able to make it (without a box!). Again, Zolly has a chance to lock in his 3rd grade position.

Glen Bullock - Bulldog had a number of stand-out performances during the year. If he hadn't been working all through the previous night, you could almost guarantee he would have a solid game. Increased discipline will help his game and the teams.

David Quoy - Quoy is a very skilful player with good positional play. When he concentrated and was injury free he created some good opportunities for his team mates. If he manages his injuries and concentrates at training and in the games Dave will be an asset to any team.

Troy Prescott - Presso once again put in maximum effort throughout the season. He was one of the key players in the team and was never afraid to take on the opposition. His diving tackles at the back were an inspiration. Presso had the ability to play all over the park when required.

Scott Fernando - After going through a bit of a down time early in the year, Scotty came back with a vengeance and scored some great goals. Whenever asked to mark a strong player from the opposition he did the job powerfully.

Shan Rana - Shan's impact early in the season was marked. His movement up front, particularly against Sutherland was excellent. Shan's tackling and intensity improved greatly towards the end of the season. With increased individual skills training, Shan can be a very good player.

Gorang Merani - Gorang was a new addition to the third grade side during the year. He scored some great team and individual goals throughout the year and ran well up front. With more time playing with the other forwards in our team he could be part of a strong forward line-up. His sharp stick work and hat-trick against UTS were a standout.

Greg Dunn - As the Captain of the team Dunny's intensity, motivational speeches and mid game cries, helped the team push through the tough times. The fortunes of the team seemed to flow with Dunny's success in front of goal: when he scored we won. After some strong performances late in the season in 2nd grade, it looks like Dunny is playing almost as well as he ever has.

A big thanks to all the guys who played a part through the year, sometimes at late notice including Peter Gray, Sam Candido, Adam Imer, Lindsay Burrows, Gary O'Sullivan, David Jones and Ian (Mr 30 seconds) Reynolds.

Adam (AJ) Pascoe and Ian (Mary) McGregor - Joint Coaches

MEN'S HOCKEY FOURTH GRADE

It was almost a completely different team to last year. Quite a few players moved up thru the grades, well done to those players, and some moved on. So we started the new season with a new team, made up of some old heads, some new players and some great young talents. But it showed at the beginning that we hadn't played together as a team. We started off slow and gathered momentum as the year went on. The results were mixed throughout the season but good enough to just qualify for the semi's in the final round. The first week of the finals we crushed Manly 8-2, but the next week against a very professional Sutherland side, we valiantly went down 3-1 (great goal Corry). Ending the season with 9 wins, 3 draws and 6 losses. 49 goals for, 29 against

Throughout the season 4th grade used 31 players, the core of the team were

- Ben Jackson – Goalkeeper
- Harrai Roopra, Keiron Cassells – Fullbacks
- Brian Doughty, Daniel Whitwell, Peter Grey – Halfs
- Gary O'sullivan, Teaj Sian, Ranbir Singh, Derek Van Ogtrop, Adam Imer, Derryn Alsopp, Gaurang Merani – Forwards

For those I did not mention, and there are quite a few, thank you for your efforts.

One last word, With one or two exceptions this team will still be the same next year, but if it is to improve players have to, 1 turn up to training, 2 arrive at least half an hour before the game, 3 if you're going to play commit to a full season not just half of one. This will not only provide a good team spirit but will help the Coach out a great deal.

Adam Schasser – Coach

MEN'S HOCKEY FIFTH GRADE

This was the best season for a Briars 5th Grade side for a number of years, reaching the semi-finals. By early in the second round we had secured 3rd spot, but unfortunately fell away in the second round, lost form and were beaten in the semi finals in a close encounter. Next year is a new season and hopefully we can keep the team together and go all the way.

Player Profiles:

Mark Holman – our keeper who progressed to seniors from the U17s and kept superbly throughout the year

Paul Semple – ever reliable full back

Alan Dougherty – captain of the side, solid defender and team organiser

Adam Schasser – experienced defender and key motivator and organiser.

Sarjib Singh – new to the club this year. Provided maturity in defence and was good in attack when moved to inside forward

Jess Singh – versatile player as a half or as a forward. Could slot into the side anywhere and make an impact

Sanji Rathinan – returned to the club this year. Having played at inside forward previous, Sanji took on the responsibility of Centre Half to great effect

David Tatzenko – transferred to Briars from Bega this year. Provided many good attacks with his speed and control from the Right Half position

Harmeet Sian – our dashing right wing, always provided an option and control up front

Adam Imer – at 14 year made his seniors debut and was a great contributor to the team but moved on the play 4ths, some 3rds and made the bench for one game in 2's. A player for the (not too distant) future.

Jeff Bennet – joined the club this year and troubled opposition sides with his great reach. Scored a hatrick of hatricks up front.

Kevin Fernandez – returned to fifth grade this year and provided lots of movement up forward.

Derryn Allsop – not too many players have the instant acceleration that Derryn has. This provided the team with the ability to mount speedy counter attacks and was the source of many goals.

Corey Allsop – returned to hockey this year after a two year break. Provided the team with attacking options through his leading, speed and skills up front.

Simon Smith – a sixth grader who often hung around as reserve without getting a run. When given the opportunity took the chance and was rewarded with a couple of goals.

Also, a big thanks to the other sixth graders who contributed to the side during the year.

MEN'S HOCKEY SIXTH GRADE

Briars Sixth Grade had their best ever year, making the finals for the first time. The squad is a blend of youth and experience, and is made up from the core of last year's sixth grade with the addition of some new players to the club and players from last year's fifth grade.

Player Profiles:

Joel Osmond - Goalkeeper with great reflexes – kept us in several games this year with brilliant saves

Mike Denniss - Fullback - missed most of the year through injury

Brent Diprose - Fullback or halfback – uses his experience to control the defence

Dean Winner - Fullback – solid, cool under pressure, very hard hit

Ben Scully - Fullback – makes up for lack of mobility by his ability to read a game

John Denniss - Fullback or halfback – dependable, always puts in for the full game

David Wright-Smith - Centre Half – mid field general – sets up the attack

Simon Smith - Halfback – young, enthusiastic – has the ability to move up the grades over the next few years

Glen Briggs - Halfback and Forward – another solid performer who is willing to play a variety of positions to suit the needs of the team

James Brown - Halfback and Forward – used as utility player, never let us down – was playing his best hockey in the last few games

Craig Miller - Forward – enjoyed his first season at inside forward – always gave his all

Ashok Kumar - Forward – skilful, good shot on goal, makes himself available

David Slater - Forward and Centre Half – found his feet in his first year in the forwards and was a reliable backup centre half

Ian Kelly - Forward – genuine striker – runs will off the ball to make space, beats the first man, uses the ball well

Dion James - Forward – another striker who played mainly at inside forward always put in even after some of his big nights

Ian Brown - Forward – mainly a winger, but filled in at inner when required, good trap and hit, can run with the ball when required

In a year when we proved competitive against all teams in the comp, we were disappointed not to progress further in finals, losing the minor semi to eventual premiers Ryde. Overall it was an enjoyable year with all players contributing consistently. The quality of the players in the squad is an indication of the strength of the club, which augurs well for the years to come. Having a group of guys who play hockey more as a social event than a sport, are always willing to have a beer or two after the games and ended up winning a lot more games than we lost, made the season an enjoyable one.

We are all looking forward to building on this effort and contributing to Briars best year ever next year.

Mike Denniss - Manager

MEN'S HOCKEY SEVENTH GRADE

From top of the pile to cellar dwellers in 15 rounds and we have the scars to prove it !

The Team:

David Osmond - weight for AGE, the best goalie in the club.

Joe Lyons - another good fullback wanting to become a forward.

Bill Evans - a quiet achiever

David Paul - plays good and hard in whatever position and managed not to get sent off this season.

Simon Bergfield - centre-half wanting to play somewhere else.

Geoff Atkins - half or occasional inner; very hard to get past

Alan Jones - is he tough - broke his elbow and no one knew it.

Sergio Calacaro - strong at inner; still trying to work out whether he plays better with a hangover or without.

Harj Sandhu - centre forward who put a few in when he got his sights in.

Adam Palmer - played well at wing or inner

Jesse Borthwick - a very strong inner; was missed when out injured.

Michael Bates - filled in here and there; played well in whatever position.

The Season:

7th grade started the season in a blaze of glory and were top of the ladder through to round 4. From then on, for a variety of reasons, we played a good hard game but did not quite do enough to get the points. A key problem was that we could only manage to get a full strength side with everyone playing in their regular position on a few occasions. Overall, a bit disappointing but we get over our losses fairly quickly over a few beers.

MEN'S HOCKEY UNDER 17'S

Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Points	Position
10	8	2	0	54	14	18	1 st

This side performed well in the C Division competition, considering there were only two players that will be out due to age restrictions next year. The side comprised of 7 players who were under 15's and 3 players who were in their first season of hockey. Despite all of these factors the side went through the regular season undefeated and with an impressive goal difference. The semi finals were upon the side and in the Major semi final the boys forgot how to score goals and progressed through to the grand final with a nil all draw. The grand final was upon us and we were stunned in the first 10 minutes going 3-0 down. The boys performed well to get back to 3-2 but could not quite get that final goal. This result however was promising with the side remaining pretty much intact for next season and their assault on going one better next year.

Player Profiles

Mark - Mark made the step up well from juniors to under 17's and men's this season and made the big saves when they were required. Mark saved his best game for the grand final where he kept the side in the match with some excellent saves. With a continued effort at training Mark will continue to improve in the net.

Simon - Simon is one of the players that this side will loose next year and this will be a great loss. Simon was able to hold the side together at the back and provide excellent attacking options from the defensive end of the field. I hope that Simon decides to put in a greater effort to the development of his game because he has the potential to climb the grade quite quickly.

Kieran - Kieran has amazing natural skills and an even better understanding of the game. He has the ability to throw and excellent overhead as well as a more than efficient drag flick, but needs to show up to trainings and matches in the right state of mind to reach his full potential as a hockey player.

Max - Max was able to make the impossible tackle all year this year and this lead to him being a deserved winner of the MVP award for the season. His excellent hitting ability provided a good release from defence as well as a good first shot on short corners, which saw Max score, many goals this season. Max will now have to make the transition into men's hockey and I'm sure he will have the same success there as he has this season

Jason - Returned to hockey this season after a few years off and got back into the game. By the end of the season Jason was able to make the impossible traps as well as scramble in defence. A greater emphasis on his fitness levels will see Jason's game dramatically improve.

Brendon - Brendon has a natural aggression on the hockey field and this made him a valuable asset to the defensive unit. Brendon would always put his body on the line for the side and this saw him receive many stitches as well as two yellow cards with one fowl dive. With a few year left in under 17's Brendon has the ability to grow into an excellent hockey player

Adam - Adam was our centre half this season as well as one of the youngest players in the side. His ability to dominate the midfield as well as lead the players around him into the correct positions made Adam a very valuable player to this side. I would like to see Adam get down to the early preseason training next season and to really push his hockey to the maximum level he can achieve.

Matthew - Simply amazing is the only word to describe the season Matty had in 2004. His ability to beat numerous players in the midfield or attacking regions on the field made him a player for the oppositions to watch. Scoring goals and making strong tackles will see Mat be a force within hockey at the Briars at not only the Under 17's level but also the men's level.

Shayne - Shayne was another player who returned to hockey this season and proved that he has the skills to go along way in the sport. Shayne never stopped running at any stage on the field and was always in the thick of the action. For Shayne to succeed in the senior men's grade he will have to choose his position and stick to it and I'm sure he will be a force to be reckoned with within the club.

Arjun - Arjun played with determination and 100% effort in ever match he player. His effort on the field saw him attain a starting spot in the grand final side after spending a majority of the season starting off the bench. With an increased attendance level at training there is no telling how far Arjun can go in hockey.

Ryan - It is hard to believe that this was Ryan's first year of hockey. He adapted to the style and pace of the game and was able to fit into many different roles within the side. Ryan grew in confidence as the season progressed and with another season of under 17's next year will sharpen up the skills that he has learnt during the season.

Andy - Andy was another player who was in his first season of hockey and his enthusiasm did not die during the season. With a great turn of speed Andy was able to get into many good goal scoring positions

throughout the year and with more training on goal scoring technique Andy will score a large number of goals next season.

Ollie - Ollie was the inspirational leader of this side and was always the first to get the team going during times when the side was down. His ability to communicate with all players in the side as well as make the crucial pass at the right time saw Ollie become a valuable player in the side. With a greater effort on development Ollie will be a star of this side next season.

Daniel - Daniel scored the crucial goals throughout the season and was always in the right spot. He improved in both his skill level and positioning during the season and became a valuable member of the forward line working as effectively as they did during the season. Daniel has a bright future in the game of hockey.

Steve (Chief) - Steve was the captain of this side and always led from the front. Steve suffered an injury just before the grand final, which saw him miss the game and the impact of this was seen in the result. He is always willing to put the team first and was one of the star performers in the forward line for this side. Hopefully Steve will fully recover from the injury he sustained and reach his full potential as a hockey player.

A special thanks has to go to Ronda Holman and Michael Imer who always took care of the administration of the side and the umpiring when it had to be done. Another thanks must go to David Quoy and Sam Candido who filled in when I was away at the national championships. Finally thanks to Scott Fernando who helped coach this side during the year and helped turn this group of players into the future of this club.

Stuart Turnbull

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The 2004 season was our most successful season since the inception of Women's Hockey at Briars. Briar's Women's Hockey has increased and now features eight teams, four in the Sydney Women's Hockey League and four in the Eastern Districts Hockey Association.

The club's eight teams this year had a wide range of players from seasoned veterans to schoolgirls playing in their first women's competition. This diversity made for a very social and competitive season at all levels.

All teams performed fantastically throughout the season as shown in the following results:

- Three teams as minor premiers 1st, 4th, 5th
- Four teams were in the finals series 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th
- Three were grand finalists 1st, 4th, 5th

With half our teams in the semi finals it was unfortunate to not take away a premiership however we are very proud of all the girls involved who showed great commitment to get that far.

Briar's Women's success was also displayed through having eight players chosen in various representative sides. We would like to congratulate the following girls for their outstanding performance throughout the season.

- Amanda Hese NSW Under 15s State Team & Under 18s NSW Development Squad
- Emma Esslemont Under 16s All Schools Team & Under 18s NSW Development Squad
- Cindy Proctor NSW Under 18 State Team
- Alison Bruce NSW Under 18 and under 21 state team
- Jessica Esslemont NSW Under 21s State Team
- Laura Gane NSW Under 21s State team and Junior World Cup team
- Hayley Burke NSW Opens State Team
- Melanie Twitt Athens Olympian

This year could not have been such a success without the time and dedication of several people.

- The coaches and managers of all teams who spent many hours organising teams, training and developing the players.
- The committee who gave up their time to administer the sport within the club.
- John Price who again worked tirelessly for the sport and provided much advice and assistance to the women's club.
- Cath Harland and Cindy Parker who have put in countless hours to assure the success and smooth running of the sport. Their tireless efforts have ensured the Briar's Women's Hockey Club remains dominant and victorious, whilst providing a fun and supportive playing environment.

Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow players for their commitment throughout the year and I look forward to playing with you all again next year.

Nicola Firth
Women's Hockey Club Captain

WOMEN'S HOCKEY FIRST GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
17	13	2	2	41	2nd

Briars first grade women reached the Sydney Women's Hockey League grand final. This in itself was a major achievement as they lost three original players due to injury for the season. Due to these injuries two players from second grade were afforded an opportunity to compete in the first grade team for the entire season, two other players were brought up to fill the shortfall of players each week. I wish to advise that

these replacement players did such a superb job during the season that in combination with the regular team members and co-captains Megan Sargeant and Haley Burke the team was able to maintain the standard to which we are so used to seeing from them.

Unfortunately the girls lost the grand final to Esquires 2-1 in extra time. We should all be very proud to have achieved the grand final in the first place Well Done Team!

First Grade Squad

Laura Gane	Arlie Halliday
Alex El Shamy	Kasey Cocking
Haley Burke	Jessica Esslemont
Ebony Barber	Rachael Powell
Megan Sargeant	
Cindy Proctor	Coach
Melanie Hope	Matthew Lyons
Cindy Parker	
Emma Esslemont	Assistant Coach
Annika Clements	Paul Sharp

WOMEN’S HOCKEY SECOND GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
21	7	1	13	22	8th

This year started out looking good, strengths were added with some good new players, the side had trained well in the pre-season, and the score was 2-0 at half time in the first match of the season. Then all the troubles began, one of our new players hit the goal post and this saw her out for the year and the start of the longest feeling season possible. The squad of 14 was reduced to just 10 after injuries to both first grade and second grade players, and many players each week were forced to play full games in first and second grade, sometime back to back. On a brighter note the development of the younger players in the team is promising for the club in the future and the girls final performance against the semi finalists Moorebank showed everyone that this side will have what it takes to go all of the way in 2005.

Player Profiles

Maeve Donnelly (Goalkeeper)- Maeve had an up and down season with some great performances mixed in with some soft goals. This season saw Maeve injured for the majority of it which led to her missing the final few games. With a greater emphasis on training I’m sure Maeve can get back to where she was as goalkeeper

Leigh Pasfield (Goalkeeper)- Leigh came into the side from ED1 (3rds) with Maeve injured and performed remarkably. With her achieving the players player in almost all of her matches this shows what Leigh did and can hopefully do in the future

Kylie Norris (Fullback)- Kylie was given the role of captain this year and handled it well. With her personal skills improving remarkably as well as her ability to lead the team, Kylie held the team together on many occasions when we could have crumbled and always led from the front.

Olivia Piccirilli (Fullback)- Olivia came to us from Sydney Uni and was a key factor in enabling the side to get out of the defensive end with ease. A strong flat hit under pressure gave Olivia both and excellent transfer option as well as some excellent goals from the short corner options.

Anna McGeoch (Half/Inner)- Anna improved in a number of areas from last year and was one player that was truly missed when she departed on her South American adventure with 5 weeks to go. Anna was able to move up the field with the ball and beat players with her skills and this saw her really shine in the inside forward role.

Julie Prolov (Half)- Julie was once again solid as a rock this season and is always the first player to put her body on the line, which Julie did a lot of the time with the ball winning every time. The ability to channel and make a strong tackle was something that enabled Julie to pick off many opposition players with ease.

Annika Clements (Centre Half)- Playing almost the entire season as the first grade center half shows how well Annika played this season. An excellent all-round player Annika showed that she has the skills to play at the highest level and we all hope that she continues to play there for many seasons to come

Mel Picker (Inside Forward/Forward)- Mel matured a lot through the year and learnt how to get the impossible shot away when playing in the forward line. Her role as a leader of the side was seen in her attitude to the new young players, which came into the team, and her influence on them both at training and games. A deserved winner of the Best And Fairest for second grade.

Charlotte Board (Forward/Half)- Charlotte started this season in an unfamiliar position, and started to perform brilliantly before she was moved back into the defensive unit with players unavailable. Charlotte has the ability to beat players with ease and with a greater self-confidence on her ability Charlotte will score a lot of goals at the front end of the field.

Emma Esselmont (Inside Forward)- Emma was playing her first season in women’s hockey and no one could have predicted that she would have such an impact. Her strength and maturity are both well beyond her age and there is a bright future in hockey for Emma with a continued commitment to training and matches.

Alison Stainkey (Half/Inside Forward)- Alison was another of the new players for the season and fit straight into the side. Alison was a natural leader on the field and was able to direct the play in the midfield to ensure the team was able to perform. Alison always gave 100% and will be a player that will be missed if she returns to Brisbane.

Alison Jones (Forward)- Alison came into the side late in the season from MLC and adapted to the style and play that women’s hockey has compared to schoolgirls hockey. An excellent drag as well as good positioning around the goals will see Alison develop into an excellent hockey player in the future

Tina Done (Inside Forward)- Tina was another player who joined the team mid way through the season and what an impact she had on the side. Amazing skills and strength made Tina one of the best in the side and one can only wonder what could have happened if Tina was there at the start of the season.

Many thanks have to go to Mary-Rose, Carol, Sonya, Minnie, Rachael, Kate and everyone else that had a run in second grade this season. Amanda Hese and Cindy Parker were the two players who were chosen to play in first grade midseason from seconds and it was great to see both of these players have an impact in the top side.

To Lindsey, Kim, Nicola and Ricky who all put in an enormous amount of time into this side ensuring that the matches were run smoothly and the team was always where they had to be on time. Thanks to all of the girls and I look forward to seeing you all next season.

Stuart Turnbull - Coach

WOMEN’S HOCKEY THIRD GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
15	7	3	5	24	3rd

Briars 3rd grade started the season strong with a full squad of 15 great girls. There were several new players to the club but the team gelled together very well. Many players playing in a position for the first time as the team was made up mostly of strikers. The team set out to play a short passing style of hockey for the season. They adopted this style with fantastic results, and some games were just magic to watch.

The Girls played a fantastic season coming in 3rd place at the end of the comp. They played against Dolphins in the semi finals and won 2-1, it was a very hard fought game with Briars winning in extra time. In the finals they were up against Cronulla and the game was at deadlocks until Cronulla were awarded a penalty stroke and won 1- 0. The girls were a delight to coach and I thank them very much for a great season and hope to see them all again in 2005.

Player Profiles

Leigh Pasfield (Goalkeeper) - Leigh came to Briars this season and fitted into the Briars 3rd grade goalkeeping position nicely. Leigh had an outstanding season making some fantastic saves. Her encouragement to the team was a boost for the ED1 girls.

Sue Bush (Back) - You can always rely on Sue to make that saving tackle, she is a strong and level headed back. Sue had a great season showing here precise tackling and skills in each game.

Jenny Prosser (Back) - Jenny started with Briars this season and volunteered to play the back position which she had never played before. Jenny took to the position and before long showed she was made for it. Jenny's game and positional play improved with every game.

Courtney Cruikshank (Half) - Coming up from the grade below to play in ED1 this season Courtney started a little of the pace, but before long we were seeing a strong and skilled player in Courtney with a keenness to learn and energy to burn.

Cath Harland (Centre Half) - Cath gave great strength to the team as centre half this season, a new position to her being a former inner. Her skill and ability to read and control the play allowed the team to play a short passing game. Cath is a great asset to the team and the Briars club as she also puts in a huge effort helping organising, coaching and selecting for the club.

Kim Moodie (Half) - Kim once again played right half this season with the 3rds. Her persistence, channelling and great tackling helped create a strong defence line in the team. Kim is always positive and encouraging to her team-mates helping the team to gel.

Hyun Soun Park (Half and Striker) - From a back to a striker Park can play anywhere on the field giving strength to the team where ever we needed it. As a striker Park always had the opposition fooled due to her great skill and speed.

Sonya Finlayson (Inner) - Starting the season as a new Briar, Sonya had not played hockey for a while and was returning to the game. Her enthusiasm made sure that before long she was playing great hockey. Her skill and ability to read the game improved every weekend.

Natasha Lung (Inner and striker) - Tash is another player that can slip into a position and play as if she had always played there. Tash has great strength on the ball, far to much energy, as she never stops running and showed some great skills as a striker throughout the season.

Carol Pearson (Inner) - A new Briar this season Carol's great skill, strength on the ball and fitness gave a great boost to the 3rd grad team this season. Carol was a delight to coach always thirsty to learn something new and execute it on the field.

Janet Adams (striker) - Moving from a half to a striker Janet learnt to player hockey in a different style. Her skills and attaching strength was showing through at the end of the season becoming a valuable player in striking line up.

Mary-Rose Roach(Striker) - The team entertainer, Mary-Rose managed to get her self tangled up on occasions. Always striving to get that goal, Mary-Rose is a force to be reckoned with on the field never giving in and showing the opposition up with her close skills.

Elizabeth Shepherd (Striker) - Elizabeth has fantastic stick skills and is a pleasure to watch as she weaves her way through the opposition. Due to work commitments we did not see Elizabeth every, we hope to see her next season.

Jessica Taylor (Striker) A young and promising striker with deceptive speed and the ability to trap any ball thrown her way. Jessica adds valuable strength to the forward line of the 3rd grade team, scoring a many unbelievable goals throughout the season.

Charlotte Wannop (Striker) - Charlotte is always ready to learn and have a go and is another player that just does not stop running. Playing a short passing style of game Charlotte's leading and ability to travel with the ball gave great strength to the striking power of the team.

Cindy Parker - Coach

WOMEN'S HOCKEY FOURTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
22	17	1	4	52	2nd

Our team has had a terrific year. It is always daunting to go into such a strong competition as SWHL with high expectations, and I am delighted to say that this team has done the Briars Club proud this year. Throughout the competition all the girls have shown themselves to be consummate professionals even in the face of severe provocation and adversity. With Jamie Edington as our Coach the team learned lots of new skills, honed the ones they already had, and learned to look at the game of hockey in a totally different way.

It is a credit to all these girls that they turned up for the 8.30 pm training slot and put so much effort in. As the competition progressed it has been a pleasure to watch them grow as a close-knit group, sharing problems and discussing options.

The team consisted of a range of players aged between late twenties to teens. It is testament to their strength that when Jamie had to leave us with ten weeks to go, that they picked themselves up and threw themselves into the remaining sessions and games, ably guided by Dean Garland. Both Dean and I are very proud of the way the girls have played this year and it has been a great pleasure working with them. They are a great bunch of girls and I look forward to working with them again in 2005.

Ally Mullins - Ally is a young goalie coming into Briars for the first time in 2004. She worked hard to become an integral part of the team and by the end of the season has shown her true talents and has grown personally and professionally

Katie Ellem - Our Captain and 'engine room' of the team. What more can one say, 18 goals during the season and one of the driving forces within the group.

Alana Tagg - Always consistent at center half and has the distinction of turning up for every training and every game, even when injured.

Alessia Campagna - Alessia has played exceptionally well this year on the wing and had a number of goals to her credit. An important part of our forward pack.

Veronica Lynch - New to the club in 2004, Vonnie showed her talent as Inner. Gave her all and worked hard to be a force in the left forward lineup and defence.

Jermaine Chau - Started the season as a power forward but showed additional strength and determination as a defensive player when two of our team dropped out. Jermaine is responsible for some spectacular saves and worked exceptionally well with Ally in goals.

Kate Edwards - Nicknamed "The Rock". As the name implies always in the right place at the right time with exceptional tackling skills. Kate's ability to steal the ball from right under the forward's nose has earned her great respect and on many occasions has powered up the field to score goals herself.

Kate Sullivan - As left half Kate has gone about her work quietly and with persistence. A determined tackler and always ready in support of the forward line, Kate has been responsible for some intuitive defensive tactics and has proved herself to be a key player in the team.

Rachael Stephenson - One of our youngest players, 2004 has seen Rachael mature both in the skills area and as a team player. Her speed on the ball up the right hand side of the field has become legendary with her earning the nickname "Fangio", a worthy recipient of a 2004 trophy.

Erin Richards - Minnie has been a consistent player all year. This consistent performance earned her the Player's Player award for 2004. As Right Inner she has formed a good relationship with the rest of the forward line and her persistence and determination when under pressure contributed to many of our winning performances.

Kylie Mosely - Kylie has had a terrific year. Playing up in the forward line, her dogged determination when under pressure resulted in some spectacular goals. After a period of sickness Kylie came back stronger than ever. When off the field and the team was struggling, Kylie's chin out and let me at them leadership made a difference on many occasions.

Shehara de Soysa - Shehara was the youngest of our team this year. Having come over from Junior reps she has learned a lot and benefited from playing with a very 'together' team. Up in the forward line, Dino soon realised that Shehara was our strongest weapon when allowed to follow the ball. Although away for a spell during the season, she came back ready to give her all and this talented young lady has a lot to offer in the coming years.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my lovely girls for their support and generosity and exceptional personalities during my personal travels this year. You have all made a terrific difference and I look forward to managing you again in 2005. Briars is a great club and we will go forward next year with renewed energy and optimism.

Carol Cassells – Manager
On behalf of Jamie and Dean

WOMEN'S HOCKEY FIFTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
14	11	2	1	35	2ND

Overall the 2004 season was very rewarding and relatively successful with the team finishing Minor Premiers. Briars 5 was a well balanced and cohesive team with each player willing to adapt to different playing positions when necessary. Briars 5 consisted of nine new players to the Club, this provided a challenge for all involved in building positive teamwork and allowing time for players to become familiar with each others playing style.

From the first competition match it was clear that Briars 5 had the potential to perform well throughout the season. The team had difficulty coming together as a complete unit for training sessions due to a number of player commitments throughout the season. To the players credit this did not hinder performances until the Finals series. The team's results were outstanding throughout the season with only dropping one match during the competition rounds, unfortunately we met this same team in the Major Semi final and Grand final.

In the Grand final Briars 5 played an exceptional match, however all the positive lead up was not capitalised on, as the team had difficulty in putting the ball in the back of the net. Congratulations to team members on their persistence and tenacity to finish 2004 Runners Up. Each player participated to the best of their ability and hopefully developed further hockey knowledge throughout the season. I wish the players success in their hockey for future years.

I would like to thank all the members of the Women's Hockey Committee for making the season a positive and constructive time, particularly Cindy Parker, Nicola Firth and Dean Garland for all their time and effort towards the Briars Club.

Briars 5

Susan Bell – high work rate, provided great team link.

Helen Benson – great team player, unfortunately moved overseas during 2nd half of the season.

Amelia Board – quiet achiever, developed in strength and confidence during the season

Marianne Burke – stand out player, demonstrates a depth of hockey skill

Veronica Castro – Best and fairest player, exceptional return to hockey

Melanie Cochrane – Determined and committed to team defence

Carolyn Davies – Guest appearance and offered tremendous experience to the team

Nicola Firth – Born Captain and Leader, provided outstanding support and assistance

Brock Misfud – Most Valuable player and Player Best & Fairest for Grand Final.

Emma Oberg – Energetic and committed to positive performances

Alice Pearlman – Demonstrated excellent deception and elimination skills

Jessica Robinson – Determined and committed to performing at the best standard

Jo Sikkens – Club's Highest goal-scorer, encouraging to all team members

Sophie Sproats – Versatile player, excellent cover defender

Cath Harland - Coach

WOMEN'S HOCKEY SIXTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
22	3	6	13	15	10TH

The challenge for Briars 6 this year was to put together a team that brought together schoolgirls with experienced older players including one player in her 50's. My challenge as the coach was to provide training sessions that gave the younger players the opportunity to develop new skills and which allowed the more experienced players the opportunity to develop and improve on existing skills. At the same time, creating a sense of "team" took a while to achieve but by about Round 9, we were starting to put it together. We had 3 wins and 6 draws out of the 22 game competition and there were quite a few games where our

main problem - not being able to convert - resulted in losses that did not reflect our majority of possession. As a coach, I want to have a team of utility players with the only specialist position being the Goalie. Some of my players responded to this challenge, notably Jo, Jasmine, Lisa, Kylie, Louise and Alix. These players were willing to try out new positions and extended their on-field skills accordingly.

Katrina and Katie improved enormously over the season and were contenders for the Most Improved award. Katrina's challenge was to "get a bit of mongrel" into her play and after a lot of unmerciful badgering from me, she unleashed the terrier within which was a big improvement on the puppy I started working with. After suggesting that Katie commit to a field position [rather than sharing the GK duties with Lyndel], her natural feistiness resulted in a very effective goal-scorer. Katie scored the majority of our goals in the 2nd round this year.

Special mention goes to Marg Sanders who provided on-field leadership for the team and was an able assistant in our training sessions.

Our award winners this year were Kylie Beckhouse, Player's Player, Louise Bickerton, Most Improved and Jo Morley, Best & Fairest.

I have hopes that a core of 9 or 10 players from this year's Briars 6 will provide the nucleus for a stronger team that can win the Div 5 comp in 2005. With a strong commitment to the club and to the team, I hope to bring together a stronger and more effective team for Briars in SWHL Div 5 next year.

Penelope Mullins - Coach

WOMEN’S HOCKEY SEVENTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
14	5	3	6	18	5TH

WOMEN'S HOCKEY EIGHTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
14	1	1	12	4	8TH

Briars 8 were a late entry into both the club and the Eastern Districts competition. It was a team mixed in age and in skill however all girls did extremely well to pull together and turn themselves into a team who got along extremely well, encouraged each other and had a lot of fun. Although the team was unfortunate and did not make the finals, huge improvements were seen from the team as a whole as well as from all individual players. The team consisted of:

Adriana- Our powerful CF and highest goal scorer who used her incredible speed to give her a number of one on one opportunities with the goalie.

Amelia -Amelia developed her knowledge of the game and of various positions and by the end of the season had not only improved her positional play dramatically but had developed skills in leading and dragging the ball around the opposition.

Georgie Nicol - Georgie was another player who played almost every position at some point throughout the season. Her vision and knowledge of the game allowed her to defeat defenders time after time as a forward and set up a number of shots on goal.

Josie Nicol - Josie began as our CF but throughout the system became a vital inner who used her speed, skills and endurance to carry the ball through the midfield into the circle and to get back in defence each and every time.

Marika Hesketh - A solid back with a powerful hit who used her skills as well as her power to dribble the ball out of the circle and out of danger.

Melissas Simonetta - Another solid back who was always there as our last line of defence using her vision to get the ball wide to the wing halves.

Alicia - Alicia slotted into the forward line very well and showed many developments in skills and confidence throughout the season.

Grace Fowler - One of the youngest players, Grace was a key player in the position of CH who used her skills and vision and directed the ball extremely well.

Kirsty Tallis - Kirsty was another player who showed incredible improvements throughout the season. her skills and vision matured and she became one of our most relied on forwards.

Isabella Barnes - Another youngster of the team who grew in skills and in confidence to become an important forward and the most improved player for the season.

Chu Wai - Half of the dynamic sister team who was both solid in defence and a versatile player.

Chu Yook - The other Half of the dynamic duo, Chu Yook used her speed and skills as an inner and gave her all in defence as a half.

Tanja Moijson - Great skills allowed Tanja to weave her way through the midfield and continually get the ball through to the forwards while always being in the right spot in support.

Hayley Wong - Hayley was a versatile player who played numerous positions throughout the season and improved her hit and skills dramatically throughout the season.

A big thank you must also go to Caroline Davies (ED3 Goalie) who played 2 games each week in order to fill in for us as goalie. Congratulations to all girls for a great season and we hope to see you all again next season.

Courtney Cruikshank - Coach

JUNIOR HOCKEY

2004 saw the junior hockey club continue to grow and develop. An influx of new players saw teams fielded in each age group with a few experienced under 15s playing up in under 17s to ensure a fair number of players and reserves all round. A great thank you goes to the coaches and their various assistants throughout the season who took the time and had the patience to teach young players.

The minkies (under 9s) had a wonderful time each week under Adam Schasser's keen eye and often with the help of Mark Holman and Jessica Robinson. They even managed to get a game against Glebe on Derby Day. An award, the Lisa Huggett Memorial Trophy, for the most improved minkie player was initiated this year and won by Sarah Bermingham.

The under 11s were reduced to one team this year coached by Grant Wakefield with Alessia helping out on training nights. Playing in the "B" Division was a challenge for a number of players new to hockey but the kids proved themselves by finishing in the top four. Unfortunately, they lost their semi-final but walked away smiling. Ethan Doughty and Monique Imer were later selected to represent Sydney in 2005.

The under 13s had a disappointing season despite continued great efforts by all the players and their coach, David Ratcliffe. They struggled early in the season and were relegated to "C" Division where they acquitted themselves in some very close games. Congratulations to Gilbert Gough-Fuller and Jake Imer who were chosen to represent Sydney at the State Championships in Taree in 2005.

The under 15s had a surfeit of players at the start of the season, yet as seems to happen, natural attrition saw some games played with no reserves. A new coach in Parki saw a heavy emphasis on skills and fitness with a large dose of enthusiasm which rubbed off onto the players. Every team member improved their individual and team skills through the season. This team, with the help of David Jones and David Ryan, were minor premiers in "B" Division and ended the season joint premiers with Ryde.

The Vanderfield Trophy for the junior player who has contributed the most to the junior club was awarded to Adam Imer. Adam played up an age group in the under 17s competition as well as senior grade where he was variously selected in 5th, 4th, 3rd or 2nd grade, was selected to represent Sydney at the State Championships in Tamworth in 2004 (which Sydney duly won convincingly 7-4 against Illawarra in the final), umpired many under 11, 13 and 15 matches throughout the season and was always at training to assist, demonstrate or generally help new or inexperienced players in any age group.

Finally, a large thank you to the junior committee who continue to give up their personal time to encourage junior hockey at Briars. There can never be enough helpers and to those who coached, managed, umpired, marshalled and just plain helped, thank you and please continue again next season.

Michael Imer - Junior Co-ordinator 2004

SQUASH SPRING PENNANT 2003

A2 1. Bruce Graham, 2. T. Trimble , 3. Victor Holubinsky, 4. Robert Powell 5. George Deubler, 6. Peter Barry

Position No Points
3rd 228

PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %
Bruce Graham	10	10	0	100
T. Trimble	10	8	2	80
Victor Holubinsky	8	4	4	50
Robert Powell	11	7	4	64
George Deubler	4	2	2	50
Peter Barry	5	1	4	20

A3 1. Kurt Mellor, 2. Ed Alcaino, 3. Ellis Patterson, 4. Allan Browne, 5. Allan Cameron, 6. Guy Amadee 7.

F Wassaf

Position No Points
7th 171

This was a difficult comp for us, we weren't graded too high, not with the players we had but other circumstances restricted our ability to field a side most weeks. Firstly we received a Tuesday home night, not good for 3 of the boys playing in the East, then the ever present injuries and work commitments slowed the progress of the team even further for the first part of the season.

Alan played mainly 1 and 2 and Guy played 2 and 3 most weeks and the always willing to help out dynamic duo of Ellis and Alan Cameron filled the other positions.

We got a little better when Kurt and Ed returned finishing 5th or 6th in the competition. We were competitive most weeks just not able to get that crucial point or game when it was needed.

Guy (I lost because) Amadee - had a serious shoulder injury, we thought we may lose him, (put him down you know shot him), it was his drinking arm, he couldn't lift his glass to his mouth. Thank God he learned how to use his left arm, not for squash, Guy has sadly left the squash playing to us younger boys. And just let me say if you see him in the street, don't mention his deformed left arm, he's still a little touche about that, but if you want to have a good laugh say something because he still punches with his right.

Ed (The Volcano) Alcano – quite nature, pleasant chap, good player 100% man, nothing like his nickname it just rhymed with Alcano.

PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %
Kurt Mellor	6	4	2	67
Ed Alcaino	5	1	4	20
Ellis Patterson	6	2	4	33
Allan Browne	11	3	8	27
Allan Cameron	1	1	0	100
Guy Amadee	8	2	6	25
F Wassaf	1	0	1	0

B1 1. William Pace, 2. Mick Di Monte 3. Greg McManus 4. Mick Jaroszewicz 5 Anthony Medich 6. Peter O'Donnell

Position No Points
6th 165

This was always going to be a tough comp. after being promoted from B2 to B1 and then losing a number of key players. After Round 5 Greg 'Macca' McManus required a knee construction sustained during indoor cricket going for a catch...!. William Pace only managed to play 6 games and consequently the Micks (Di Monte and Jaroszewicz) were moved up to No's 1 and 2 respectively, where they took a hammering. Only Mick Di managed

the solitary win during the comp. However, at No 3 our new team member Anthony Medich was proving a good find winning 5 form 9. Peter O'Donnell proved again to be Mr Reliable and played in 11 games although 3 wins were frustrating for him. (Next comp would prove to be his best form).

William Pace	6	4	2	67
Mick de Monte	8	1	7	13
Greg McManus	4	0	4	0
Mick Jaroszwicz	6	0	6	0
Anthony Medich	9	5	4	56
Peter O'Donnell	11	3	8	27

B3 1. Chris Leung, 2. Roger Shewell 3. Darren Peisley 4. Greg Kelly 5. Ron Marshall

Position No Points
6th 171

The comp started off strongly with a 70% win/loss ratio in the first round, with us scraping through on many nights winning just one game. However, it seems the tide and luck seemed to turn against us in the second half with the close wins turning into close losses. Although there was plenty of team spirit and the will to win was strong, injuries sustained in the team meant we were not able to maintain the level needed to get into the semis.

Chris Leung	11	5	6	45
Roger Shewell	11	4	7	36
Darren Peisley	9	4	5	44
Greg Kelly	9	5	4	56
Ron Marshall	12	2	10	17

C1 1. Andrew Fowlds, 2. Gary Phillips, 3. Steve Jones, 4. Thomas Stanley, 5. Grant Heggarty

Position No Points
1st 282

PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %
Andrew Fowlds	10	6	6	60
Gary Phillips	10	6	6	60
Steve Jones	9	7	2	78
Thomas Stanley	10	6	4	60
V. Troung	9	9	0	100

D2 1. Simon Siounis, 2. John Siounis, 3. Russ Mitchell 4. J Leone, 5. Wally Tullipan, 6. Rob Elliott

Position No Points
2nd 245

PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %
Simon Siounis	5	5	0	100
John Siounis	7	1	6	14
Russ Mitchell	11	8	3	73
J Leone	6	4	2	67
Wally Tullipan	11	10	1	91
Rob Elliott	14	8	6	57

SQUASH AUTUMN PENNANT 2004

A1 1. Bruce Graham, 2. Kevin Ryan, 3. Brendon Krone, 4. Victor Holubinsky, 5. George Deubler, 6. Robert Powell

Position 2 ND	No Points 256				
PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %	
Bruce Graham	10	7	3	70	
Kevin Ryan	12	10	2	83	
Brendon Krone	2	1	1	50	
Victor Holubinsky	11	6	5	55	
George Deubler	10	9	1	90	
Robert Powell	7	0	7	0	

A4 1. Geoffrey Dimes, 2. Peter Barry, 3. Jeromy Dimes, 4. Rob Penwill, 5. Simon O'Brien

Position 5 th	No Points 188
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We had a great season, just missing out on the finals by 3 points. Geoff Dimes and Jeremy Dimes were very consistant throughout the season. Geoff got off to a slow start losing the first due to rustiness but was unbeaten from then on. Jeremy played very well occasionally filling in at the #1 spot if Geoff's absence. Probably get my vote for the player of the season. He had some hard earned wins over some very tough opponents. Rob and Simon, playing in there first ever comp struggled early but started putting some wins together as the season progressed. All that is needed is more court for both of them to keep improving. Peter Barry, what can you say about Pete?! He had a mixed season playing some stunning squash at times and some average squash at others. Always giving his absolute all. All in all a pretty good season for a new team.

PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %
Geoffrey Dimes	11	9	2	82
Peter Barry	9	3	6	33
Jeremy Dimes	11	7	4	64
Rob Penwill	11	4	7	36
Simon O'Brien	8	1	7	13

B1 1. Kurt Moeller, 2. Alan Browne, 3. Ellis Patterson, 4. Allan Cameron
Subs – Steve Madz, Gus Carozza and Darko Pasakov.

Position 4 th	No Points 199
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With a few minor player changes from the previous comp we looked forward to a better finish this time around. Well you can only hope, we must be cursed or something because this comp started like the previous one. Firstly Kurt was out for the first 5 rounds, Alan Cameron was injured for a period of time and clashers of nights and times hindered us using lower graded Brairs members to fill in for us. We looked to the East again, (we are a religious group), sucking in, rather recruiting 3 "young" talented players from West Leagues, namely Steve, Gus and Darko. At round seven we were 7th on the table, the second half of the comp was better for us we won most matches, elevating us into 5th spot. We had to win round 14 to make it into the semi's, but our problems weren't over yet, Kurt was away for this last round and the semi's as well if we made them, due to work commitments. We played the last round thinking it was to be our last round, however to the boys credit they had a win and scaped into 4th spot. Ok not a bad effort, after last comp, but we couldn't go all the way, or could we. We played the semi and final winning both in spectacular fashion, elevating us into the grand final. We had to play Wenty Leagues, minor premiers by a long way, a young fit and not drinking team.

The Grand Final took place at Werrington and unfortunately we went down 3 rubbers to 1, however, the scores on paper don't indicate the closeness of the evening, all 4 rubbers were strongly contested and they could of gone either way.



The B1 GF team consisted of (left to right) Ellis Patterson, Alan Browne, Gus Carozza, front , Alan Cameron

Kurt (I've never been beaten in Adelaide) Moeller – an excellent player, eager to play and socialise, consistently late to game nights, (he's been diagnosed with Brownie's disease) and an all round nice fellow.

Alan (I'm never late, I have a good reason) Browne – handsome, virile, has good dress sense, has excellent social skills and plays squash very well sometimes.

Ellis (I want to win or loss in 3 so I can start drinking) Paterson – plays with the wrong hand in squash, drinks with the right hand. Consistent, punctual and always the last to leave, (with Brownie), a true Briars Member.

Alan (we can still make the semi's) Cameron – Al was our historian, knew every score from the previous matches, (this comp and last) a true pessimist, never gave up knew we could make the top 4 all year, he told us every week. It's because he drinks light beer, everyone else can't remember getting home from the game let alone what happened that night.

Steve, Gus and Darko – the boys from the east, quite fellows, early leavers at supper time, need to work on that if they wish to become Briars members. Played very well when filling in, eager to help out even if we played at Dural or Penrith, as long as I picked them up and drove them before midnight, yah sure boys I can do that, (they may not fall for that story next comp, we'll see).

It's been a honour to captain and play with these two sides, there's a strong feeling of mateship between all the players and we all enjoyed ourselves, all the boys are dedicated, maybe not squash every week but dedicated to something we'll have to try and work that one out.

Yours in Sport Alan Browne

PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %
Kurt Moeller	9	9	0	100
Allan Browne	12	5	7	42
Ellis Patterson	12	7	5	58
Allan Cameron	8	4	4	50

B2 1. William 'Pace, 2. Anthony Medich, 3. Mick Di Monte 4. Peter O'Donnell 5. Mick Jaroszewicz

Position **No Points**
1ST **273**

A fantastic comp. B2 were deservedly Minor Premiers and Grand Final winners. In particular exceptional performances from William and POD, even though William had an injured elbow most of the comp to win 9-10 is outstanding. Similarly POD winning 9 from 10. This stat is also exceptional considering one of those games was v Northmead when POD played their No'1 and beat him 3-0. Anthony had a nervous comp (with a bub on the way he thought he may have missed the birth during a couple of matches) but played some excellent solid squash to get a 63% win. Mick Di Monte had a difficult comp playing gennerally at no 3 and sometimes 2 and no 1. He would usually win his first game or two by smashing the oppo' and then run out and steam after the oppo'. sussed out the drop shot winner. Mick Alphabet was going fairly well until a shoulder spur put an end to his comp. Many thanks for our 6th player from B3, Chris Leung for playing up so many times when we were in need.

PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %
William Pace	10	9	1	90
Anthony Medich	8	5	3	63
Mick de Monte	10	2	8	20
Peter O.Donnell	10	9	1	90
Mick Jaroszewicz	5	3	2	60

Grand Final Report B2 V PREMIER B2 WIN 18-10

B2 Team 1. William 'Mr Cool' Pace, 2. Anthony 'IceMan' Medich, 3. Mick 'The Rock'Di Monte 4. Peter 'POD' O'Donnell

This was a very close contest with the Pennant being decided on the final rubber. **Peter O'Donnell (POD)** won the toss and called No 1 but neither 1's had arrived so 2's went on with **Anthony "IceMan" Medich** facing Joe 'The Volcano'. The Volcano plays an unconventional game, his strength the drop shot from the back of the court. But after leading 9-6 The Volcano erupted after a close rally. The IceMan picked up his game and played some great winnings drops and cross-court drives to take the first game 15-12. The 2nd game was similar to the first with the Volcano getting a lead only to erupt under IceMan pressure of down the wall good lengths, Ice Man winning 15-10. Into the 3rd and IceMan took control cooling the Volcano's heat into submission with superb lobs and drives. Ice Man winning 15-10 and the rubber 3-0 , 6 points thank you, great start.

Premier called 3 next our **Mick 'The Rock' Di Monte** v Dave. It was an up and down first game with the lead changing every other point until Dave broke away 13 -9. The Rock kept his cool even when 3 game points down to pull back to level 14-14 and force a long game. Dave went up 16-14 with more game points but The Rock drove a cannon ball down the right wall to leave Dave swinging fresh air. The last point The Rock wrapped up to win the first game 17-16. That was the game we needed. As for the next three Dave took control playing the short game which The Rock could not reach and Dave went on to win comfortably 15-6, 15-5 and 15-4. Loss to Briars games 1-3, points 1-5

Next on were the No.1 's, our **William "Mr Cool" Pace** v Thierry. The first game Mr Cool was in total control playing a very tight and dominant game to win 15-6. Theiry fought back well in the second with good drops putting Mr Cool under pressure and winning the game 15-11. The third Mr Cool repeated his form of the first game with some excellent lobs and drops forcing Theiry into mistakes for Mr Cool to win 15-8. However, in the 4th with some crucial calls going against Mr Cool, Theiry broke back to win 15-11. Mr Cool's injured elbow was now under severe pressure and so was his racket, which broke at 13 -10 down when the floor made contact with the racket after another contentious call from the umpire, Theiry going on to win 15-12 . Loss to Briars, games 2-3 Points 2-4. Points were now 9-9 with the final rubber to be the decider.

Our Peter "**POD" O'Donnell** V Paul, Premier.(PP) During the past 2 weeks POD had been nursing a knee injury suffered during his semi final win and it was 50 -50 if he would play, but with Mick Alphabet Jaroszewicz out (shoulder) there was little option. So on he went needing a win to bring home the bacon (and the Pennant, rather towel see later). After a close first few points POD took control with winning drop shots to the right corner

and won the 1st 15-9. PP came back in the 2nd and made it a close game POD going down 11-15. POD starting to put the pressure on in the 3rd with good tight play and more drops to win easily 15-5. The 4th saw a resurgence from PP but POD had it covered and played a combination of tight serves, winning drops and lobs to win 15-10 and the Grand Final was Briars 2 rubbers all, 18-10 on points.



B2 Minor Premiers & Grand Final Winners V Premier 18-10

Left to right: Anthony Medich, William Pace, Mick Di Monte, Mick Jaroszewicz, Peter O'Donnell.

B3 1. Chris Leung, 2. Jim Farrell 3. Darren Peisley and 4. Ron Marshall

Position No Points
6th 142

After a bruising spring pennant, we were forced to field a skeleton B3 team for autumn pennant 2004 to continue on the tradition. Chris Leung, Darren Peisley and Ron Marshall were part of the run on team, with Jim Farrell brought back from retirement in an emergency draft to complete the team. Due to work commitments and starting the team with just 3 players, the comp started off dismally. In the first two rounds we drew on the trusty C1 team for players who injected much needed manpower. Special thanks must be given to Gary Phillips, Steve Jones and Andrew Fowlds of C1 who became our defacto B3 team. With such turmoil the team struggled in the first round. However, the arrival of Jim Farrell into the team gave us all a new lease of life. Close losses turned into good wins and our fortunes seemed to turn. The team continued to improve however, due to the poor start, were once again unable to make it to the semi's. As they say, there is always next comp!

PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %
Chris Leung	10	5	5	50
Jim Farrell	5	3	2	60
Darren Peisley	12	1	11	8
Ron Marshall	12	3	9	25

B4 1. Andrew Fowlds, 2. Gary Phillips, 3. Steve Jones, 4. Thomas Stanley, 5. Grant Heggarty

Position No Points
7th 142

PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %
Andrew Fowlds	13	5	8	38
Gary Phillips	9	3	6	33
Steve Jones	11	6	5	55
Thomas Stanley	8	2	6	25
Grant Heggarty	10	5	5	50

D1 1. Simon Siounis, 2. Luke Phillips, 3. John Siounis, 4. Wally Tullipan, 5. Chris Bourquine, 6. Glen Tullipan, 7. Rob Elliot

Position No Points
1ST 335

PLAYER	PLAYED	WIN	LOSS	win %
Simon Siounis	7	7	0	100
Luke Phillips	7	7	0	100
John Siounis	6	3	3	50
Wally Tullipan	8	6	2	75
Chris Bourquine	6	5	1	83
Glen Tullipan	8	8	0	100
Rob Elliot	10	9	1	90

ADMINISTRATION AND TROPHIES

The Board of Directors met on twelve occasions and the Management Committee met on five occasions during the period 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2004.

Attendance was as follows:

Board

P Richardson	10
J Threlfo	10
M Weber	11
R Tregeagle	8
S Schomberg	10
A Clarke	11
G McManus	5

Management

M Weber	5
I Blair	5
G Dunn	3
G McManus	1 (resigned)
G Price	1
N Firth	2
C Parker	2
S James	4
J Harris	2
G Heggarty	1
C Lamond	1
C French	3
G Phillips	2

J H STONE TROPHY

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

The trophy was awarded to Dan Haiken. Dan plays Cricket for the Club. Dan has been a tireless worker not only for cricket but is also willing to help in re-stocking the bar, closing the Club and other administrative duties. Well done Dan.

THE TED STOCKDALE TROPHY

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

The trophy this year has been awarded to Gerard Price. This could not go to a better recipient. Gerard has been Cricket Chairman for many years and in that time has won many Club Championships and Premierships while he was at the helm. His administrative skills are second to none. The Club achieved the inaugural 'Spirit of Cricket Award' this year which is voted on by opposition Clubs and much credit for winning this award goes to Gerard. Congratulations Gerard.

CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

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

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

Anthony Clarke is the winner this year. Anthony was Captain of the winning Third Grade team and was very involved in social events and fundraising during the season. Anthony also helped at with the general running of cricket.

A J ROBINSON SHIELD

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

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

The winner for the second year in a row is David Ratcliffe. David was the third grade goalkeeper this year and worked tirelessly for hockey during the year being a coach for the grade sides and organiser for the New Zealand trip.

GEOFF ARCHIBALD TROPHY

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

The recipient of the award this year is Ashley Walsh. Ashley played first grade in 2004 and was a very enthusiastic player and trainer. He participated in all Club activities during the year and is a worthy winner for 2004.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

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

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

The winner of this year's award is Aaron Boyter. Aaron was Club Captain for 2004 and played every game this year in 1st Grade. Aaron was one of the players who helped revive Briars Rugby in 2004 by his leadership on and off the field.

R D VANDERFIELD TROPHY

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

The winner this year is Alan Imer. Alan played in the Under 15, Under 17 and 4th Grade sides for the 2004 season and is a worthy winner of this prestigious award.

DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY

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

Points are awarded as follows:

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

The winner for 2004 is Grant Heggarty. Grant was on the Squash Committee this year and did a lot of work behind the scenes when Squash was having administration problems. Grant was also the organiser of this year's Annual Dinner which was a great success.

ROBERT BRUCE CLARK OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

ACCOUNTS

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED ABN 91 000 088 479

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 September 2004.

Directors

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

Anthony J Clarke
Gregory J McManus
Peter D Richardson
Steven Schomberg
John Threlfo
Richard J Tregeagle
Malcolm J Weber

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The objective of the Company during the course of the financial year was to promote and conduct amateur sport.

Primary activities involved the conduct of cricket, hockey, rugby union and squash. Our marketing and development program has continued to conduct an extensive junior coaching program within a number of local schools as well as providing junior sports awareness and development programs within the local community.

The Club is licensed club under the provisions of the Registered Club's Act 1976 as amended.

Operating Results

The reported profit for the year amounted to \$15,846 (Fiscal 2003 \$8,692)

Review of Operations

The Club has continued to provide competitive amateur sport at a reasonable cost to its members.

The schools based program involving qualified coaches attending local schools to conduct sporting development activities in a number of different sports has been very successful in providing a valuable resource to the local schools, while also lifting the profile of The Briars Sporting Club as a leading provider of sport within the local community. The Club recognises the considerable contribution that Burwood RSL and Rosecorp Pty Ltd (Breakfast Point Residential Development) have made to assist in the conduct of these programs.

The total membership at September 30, 2004 was 685 of which 626 were Full Members and 14 Life Members.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

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

After Balance Date Events

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

Discussions are reaching the finalisation stage with Greenlees Park Bowling Club Limited regarding the possible merger of the two clubs. It is expected that this process should be finalised during the course of the next six months.

Future Developments

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

Environmental Regulation

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

Directors' Emoluments

No director is entitled to receive any benefit either by way of remuneration or as a result of a contract made by the Company with the director or with a firm of which the director is a member, or with an entity in which the director has a substantial interest.

Information on Directors

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

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Meetings of Directors

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

	Directors' Meetings	
	Number Eligible to Attend	Number Attended
Anthony J Clarke	12	11
Gregory J McManus	12	5
Peter D Richardson	12	10
Steven Schomberg	12	10
John Threlfo	12	10
Richard J Tregeagle	12	8
Malcolm J Weber	12	11

Indemnifying Officers

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

The Company has paid premiums to insure each director against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the Company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company. The amount of the premium was \$3,451.

Proceedings on Behalf of Company

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

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

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

M Weber
Director

P. Richardson
Director

Dated this 6th day of December 2004

CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussion and Analysis of Financial Statements

The financial statements and disclosures in the concise financial report have been derived from the 2004 Financial Report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited. A copy of the full financial report and auditor's report will be sent to any member, free of charge, upon request.

The following discussion and analysis is provided to assist members in understanding the financial results of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the financial year ending September 30, 2004.

Statement of Financial Position

The Club continues to reap the benefits of the professional management by Hockey of their sport and the Cintra Hockey Centre. The growth in hockey has been in player numbers and in financial performance which has enabled the Club to increase its cash reserves.

The Briars Sporting Club continues to be able to set aside funds for the development of our major sports and facilities. To this extent provisions amounting to \$81,934 have been provided for within the Statement of Financial Position.

Statement of Financial Performance

After providing for provisions of \$26,900 the company has achieved a \$7,154 increase in profit.

On the revenue side the contribution from services provided at the AAMI Women's Golf Tournament was \$14,896. Interest revenue increased by \$4,593 (55.8%) due to higher cash reserves and a more efficient management of our investments.

A \$15,136 increase in sporting equipment & clothing and general increase of \$17,114 in fees paid to the various governing associations, was offset partially by a \$19,816 reduction in hockey ground hire.

The Club was able to provide subsidies of \$5,600 for the Hockey Tour of New Zealand and \$5,000 for Rugby Education Scholarships.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

	2004	2003
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash assets	91,136	72,641
Receivables	13,010	17,229
Inventories	3,187	3,722
Other financial assets	27,252	247,440
Other assets	305,113	16,759
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>439,698</u>	<u>357,791</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	2,310,706	163,792
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,310,706</u>	<u>163,792</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>2,750,404</u></u>	<u><u>521,583</u></u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	86,842	59,625
Tax Liabilities	(100)	3,741
Provisions	81,934	55,034
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>168,676</u>	<u>118,400</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	58,661	56,319
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>227,337</u></u>	<u><u>174,719</u></u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>2,523,067</u></u>	<u><u>346,864</u></u>
EQUITY		
Reserves	2,160,357	-
Retained profits	362,710	346,864
TOTAL EQUITY	<u><u>2,523,067</u></u>	<u><u>346,864</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

	2004	2003
Revenue from ordinary activities	373,476	377,182
Bar trading costs	(33,625)	(34,643)
Marketing & development expenses	(31,106)	(42,884)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(19,157)	(19,668)
Ground and court hire	(45,807)	(65,623)
Insurance costs	(22,784)	(20,241)
Sporting expenses	(132,653)	(98,420)
Occupancy costs including maintenance	(18,156)	(21,325)
Administration & corporate expenses	(27,442)	(32,186)
Amounts set aside to provisions	(26,900)	(33,500)
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Operating (loss) / profit before income tax	15,846	8,692
Income tax attributable to operating profit	-	-
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OPERATING (LOSS) / PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX	15,846	8,692
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	346,864	338,172
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RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>362,710</u>	<u>346,864</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2004**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Rentals from commercial premises	74,752	76,737
Receipts from members fees	5,962	7,390
Interest received	12,821	8,227
Bar sales	43,273	50,372
Sporting fees	90,944	88,380
Other revenue	145,724	146,076
Payments to suppliers	(291,440)	(331,191)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<hr/> 82,036	<hr/> 45,991

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Payments for investments	(57,673)	(58,071)
Payments for property, plant & equipment	(5,868)	(839)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<hr/> (63,541)	<hr/> (58,910)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Repayment of borrowings	<hr/> -	<hr/> 0
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<hr/> -	<hr/> 0

Net increase in cash held	18,495	(12,919)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	<hr/> 72,641	<hr/> 85,560
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u>91,136</u>	<u>72,641</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 2004

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORTING BY SEGMENTS

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

	2004 \$	2003 \$
REVENUE		
Operating activities -		
Members Subscriptions	5,962	7,390
Sporting fees	90,944	88,380
Rentals from shops	74,752	76,737
Bar sales	43,273	50,372
Sponsorship and grants	70,711	66,218
Cintra Hockey Turf rentals	47,346	53,123
Social income (net)	27,624	26,565
Interest received	12,821	8,227
Sundry revenue	43	170
Total Revenue	373,476	377,182

PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

The fair values of land and buildings at 30A George Street Burwood have been determined by reference to Directors' Valuations, based upon an independent valuation undertaken by a registered valuer as at October 5, 2004.

Land was valued at \$1,900,000 and buildings at \$400,000. This has resulted in an Asset Revaluation Reserve of \$2,160,357.

REGISTERED CLUBS AMENDMENT ACT 2003 DISCLOSURES

The following information is required to be disclosed by the Registered Clubs Amendment Act 2003 for the year ended 30 September 2004.

(a) Disclosures, declarations and returns received under sections 41C to 41F

(i) Disclosure of interest in contracts (s41C)

No director of the company has declared to have a material personal interest in a contract that relates to the affairs of the company.

(ii) Director and officer interest in hotels (s41D)

No director or officer holds any financial interest in a hotel.

(iii) Gifts from affiliated bodies (s41E)

No director received a gift of \$500 or more from an affiliated body during the financial year.

(iv) Gifts from organisations with a contract with the company (S41F)

No director or officer received a gift of \$500 or more from an organisation that is a party to a contract with the company.

(b) Director and officer overseas travel

No director or officers have travelled overseas in their capacity as a director or officer.

(c) Officer loans

There were no loans made to officers during the year.

(d) Employee remuneration

There were no employees of the company during the year. All officers are on an honorary basis.

(e) Details of approved contracts

During the year the company did not enter into a contract with any of the directors or officers, in which the director or officer has an interest.

(f) Related parties

During the year, the company did not have any employees or contractors related to a director or officer.

(g) Payments to consultants, exceeding \$30,000

There were no payments made to consultants during the year, which exceeded \$30,000.

(h) Payments to consultants - other

During the year, the company incurred \$1,672 in consulting fees that were less than \$30,000.

(i) Legal fees

During the year, no legal fees were incurred by the company on behalf of a member of the Board or an officer of the company.

M. Weber

P.D. Richardson

Dated at Burwood this 6th day of December, 2004

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Scope

I have audited the concise financial report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the year ended 30 September 2004 comprising the Analysis of the Financial Statements, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to and Forming part of the Concise Financial Report and the Directors' Declaration. The Company's directors are responsible for the concise financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the concise financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Company.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the concise financial report is free of material misstatement. I have also performed an independent audit of the full financial report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the year ended 30 September 2004.

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

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

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

Qualification

The financial report is qualified because, as with other sporting associations administered on a voluntary basis, it is not always practicable to establish accounting controls over sources of sporting fees, canteen sales and fundraising prior to banking the monies received.

Audit Opinion

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

C.G. Jones
Registered Company Auditor