

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LTD

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87th Annual Report and Balance Sheet 2004 - 2005

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

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	E J Siddeley
	R W May
1958	R B Clark BEM
	H G Whiddon
1968	E G Stockdale
1985	H C Ford
1993	P C Murray CBE
1994	R S Jones AOM
1995	D V Prowse
2002	J Balmforth BEM

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

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J Slender (Rugby Chairman)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Briars

It is with a tinge of sadness that we are on the verge of saying goodbye to our home of many years - a house that has provided all of us with fond memories and events over the last six decades. Friday 2 December will be (in all probability) our final AGM for "The Briars" and will mark the start of our new journey as the "Briars @ Greenlees" club. Importantly our sporting teams will continue to be known as "Briars" and will carry the traditions and the colours that have made the club the institution it is today.

The last twelve months have again been inspiring on the sporting arena. The professionalism that our sporting teams are adopting in coaching methods, facilities and general demeanour is a credit to all those involved. Specifically, cricket deserves special mention. Lead by the evergreen Gerard Price, cricket has again been awarded the club championship establishing Briars as the most successful cricket club in the history of Shires Competition. Rugby continues building strength through the grades. This year a fifth grade side was added along with a junior rugby programme established for the first time within Briars. First grade made the final and the club as a whole will be again stronger next season. Hockey continues along its dynamic growth path established by John Price and is very well organised. The club won the first grade women's and overall went close to first grade men's final and Club Championship. As always, hockey is poised to continue its growth and success. Squash is now only five teams strong and in desperate need of an influx of players if it is to remain viable as a sport. Certainly the history of squash within Briars has been one of great participation and we await a return to those days.

The future at Briars @ Greenlees is looking very promising. We are well established now within the City of Canada Bay that provides us with all our sporting venues, and indeed without Council's assistance, many of our growth projects would not exist. We as a club should be excited about our new home and its ability to cater for our numbers both socially and administratively and I wish to remind members that participation is the key to success.

Overall, another year of hard work at the Briars has passed. I wish to pay tribute on behalf of the club to all those members who have gone before us and who have contributed to committees, been chairmen, captains, coaches, been involved in administration, shown leadership by becoming directors and the responsibility for doing so. To the patrons, life members and vice presidents thanks for keeping the history alive. We will do our best to carry it forward.

Finally, many thanks to Greenlees Bowling Club, its members and board. Also thanks must go to the Mayor and the City of Canada Bay for the support we receive in our endeavours to be the premier sporting club.

To Ian Blair, Bill Hooker and the Board - your work as been outstanding.

Mal Weber
President

THE BRIARS FOUNDATION LIMITED

At 30 September 2005, there were twenty-two financial members of The Foundation, and total assets stood at \$206,619.

Our ranks lost Doug Prowse in August, but during the year Richard Crookes and Colin Dennis both became financial members. Richard, in particular, contributed a very generous \$10,000. Ken Bell, who has been a member since 1996, made an additional donation.

There has been no call on the Foundation's funds during the year, however, there have been several discussions with the Cricket Committee about funding for new practice wickets, and it is anticipated that this will lead to a formal request.

High quality practice wickets would be an important boost to cricket's facilities, but a suitable location is yet to be negotiated with Canada Bay Council.

Although still to be ratified by members of The Briars, the merger with the Greenlees Club should be no more than a formality, and the newly merged entity will be operational in early 2006. The role of the Foundation will then be shaped around the needs of the new club, and it is anticipated that the ability of the Foundation to assist with funds for new projects will represent a significant challenge.

Twenty-two financial members constitutes just 3% of The Briars' membership, and a much more vigorous campaign will be necessary to lift that percentage.

The Foundation's Board of Directors has undergone a significant transformation in the last few months. Both Richard Crookes and Jim Barrett resigned, with four new Directors elected being: Peter Dunlop, Ken Kable, John Price and Warwick Williams. Each of these members has enjoyed considerable commercial success, and is a welcome addition to the Board. The Board is now at its maximum level of seven members.

I am very appreciative of the interest and efforts of Richard and Jim, and of the continuity provided, as Directors, by Ian Blair and Chris Walker. My thanks also to John Randle for his creative approach to the investment portfolio and, to Keith Wearne, for the preparation of the company's accounts.

Membership List

Laurie Routley	Dr Mal Goldsmith	Ray Ackerman
Jim Barrett	George Wright	Ian Richard
Ken Bell	Richard Crookes	John Singleton
Colin Dennis	Chris Walker	The Late Col Rankin
The Late Don Walker	Fai Tsang	Tony Wozniak
The Late Doug Prowse	Steve Keir	Ross Anstey
Five other members wish to remain anonymous		

Colin Dennis
President

VALE - DOUGLAS VERNON PROWSE

Doug passed away on 26 August 2005 aged 84 years. Doug Prowse joined The Briars in 1937 and played Rugby, Cricket and Hockey for the Club. Doug excelled in sport by playing in the top grade in each sport. To this date Doug is the only player to score a double century for the Club 219no, a record of over 50 years.

Doug was a Board Member for over 20 years, a Life Member and at time of passing, Club Patron. Doug was also instrumental in Briars obtaining a liquor licence in the 1950s.

When World War II broke out, Doug enlisted and became a Flight Lieutenant. Doug's contribution to Briars both on and off the field has been enormous and greatly appreciated.

CRICKET CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Once again the Burwood Briars boys can be very proud of their achievements during last cricket season where we continued to prove our dominance as a club by winning the coveted Club Championship for the 3rd year in a row and for the 8th time in the past 12 seasons. What a performance!

And as if that wasn't enough our 3rd grade side also defended the title they had won the previous year! We also had our 1st, 2nd, 4th and Under 24's play in the semis finals for about the fifth year in succession and 2nd grade was also Minor Premiers.

As always the next season proves to be the most difficult as we strive to better the previous years efforts. This year will be no different. One of the most remarkable things is that each year these performances have been achieved by a different group of players and reinforces our thoughts that the Briars is a special place to play cricket.

The season begins usually during early August with the net sessions with the actual competition commencing late September and the semi finals and Grand Finals played during late March, early April. So there is about an 8 month commitment from most of the players. We play the game hard but fair as evidenced by our high standing in the annual Spirit of Cricket award once again where we finished in the top 4 after winning this award the previous season.

To summarise the season the results are as follows;

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| • 1st Grade | Semi finalists |
| • 2nd Grade | Minor Premiers |
| • 3rd Grade | Premiers (again) |
| • 4th Grade | Semi finalists |
| • 5th Grade | Sixth |
| • Under 24's | Semi finalists |
| • Club Championship | Winners for the 3rd year in succession! |

Throughout the season there are plenty of guys who will put their hand up to help when needed. However, there is one who does a mountain of work behind the scenes who deserves special mention - Anthony Clarke. Pre-season Anthony assists in moving the covers to each ground or to the repairers. After the season he assists in moving them to storage and during the season assists with just about anything else. Thanks mate.

To Paul Price who gave up his time to attend the often tedious Shires Representative meetings during the year, to the captains who gave up plenty of time selecting teams, organising the laying of covers and afternoon teas, and to the other guys on the committee who helped in many other ways, I thank you all.

I would also like to thank Ken Welsh for his time in doing the scoring for our 1st grade side yet again.

We are very fortunate to have the services of some of the best grounds and best groundsmen in the area in Adam Powells and Adam Everson. These guys prepared top class wickets at Rothwell Park, Ron Routley Oval, and St Luke's Oval each week with Adam Powells being awarded the Groundsman of the year for the best ground in all the Shires. We thank him and know he is very pleased to win such an award.

The mighty Under 24 team this year under went a few changes through the loss of a few players due to age and going overseas however under the captaincy of Stephen 'Junior' Hudson and the management of Wayne Grimson we were able to remain competitive and narrowly 'lose' a semi final due to a wash out half way through the day. Well done guys.

Our major sponsor for the year Venus Packaging, was once again appreciated by all as they assist in the financing of Briars cricket. We would like to thank Ian Venus for his valuable contribution to our club. We would also like to thank Greenlees Bowling club for their sponsorship of cricket during the year and now look forward to a very prosperous relationship.

Over the past 13 years or so Briars and Epping cricket club have contested a trophy called the Turnbull/Richardson Trophy which is awarded to the club who earns the most Club Championship points during their clash. We are very pleased to say that we were victorious again.

The Sydney Cricket Association is also to be thanked for their assistance during the year, in particular David Ford and Ian Field. We would also like to thank the City of Canada Bay Council and their staff for their administrative assistance throughout the season.

At the Shires Cricket Presentation evening this year the Patron of the Briars, the late Doug Prowse, was inducted into the Shires Legends of Cricket joining another past Briars great in Ted Watt. Doug was on hand to receive this honour with his wife Gwen and the Briars were very proud to have them both there on the night. Doug was very humbled and honoured to receive the award.

Our Annual Presentation night was once again held at Briars at Greenlees with nearly 100 in attendance including plenty of old faces. We would hope to increase this number of past players next year and hope it will be the annual cricket reunion evening. As usual there were the various award winners including:

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| • First Grade Player's Player | Cameron French |
| • Second Grade Player's Player | Gerard Price |
| • Third Grade Player's Player | Richard Tregeagle |
| • Fourth Grade Player's Player | Brad Sculley |
| • Fifth Grade Player's Player | Jarrold Bergey |
| • Under 24's Player's Player | Ben Chapman |
| • Masters Player's Player | David Young |
| • Ted Watt Trophy (Best New Talent) | George Saleh |
| • David Walker Trophy (Services to Cricket) | Kevin Holley |

To all these recipients - congratulations.

In closing I would like to thank all players who played during the year whether you were just filling in or playing each week and congratulate you on your fine performances and great sportsmanship during the year. If there is anyone I have forgotten to mention for their efforts I apologise but extend my thanks to you as well.

Gerard Price - Cricket Chairman

CRICKET FIRST GRADE

It was a transitional season for the Briars First Grade side with only a handful of players remaining from the previous season. With new recruit Murray Raynor and the return of Cameron French to the playing ranks there were high hopes for season 2005-6. The side had an excellent season only losing two games throughout the normal season and a tight semi final against Warringah.

Adam Hudson "Slug" - Opening the batting for the side for the season Slug had a disappointing season by his standards averaging with the bat and a highest score of 44 against Georges River. He will look on the season as a learning one and with next season his third at the top level will be looking for some early performances

Cameron French "Sparky" - Cameron took over the captaincy after Neil D'Costa left after the opening five matches. Although a steep learning curb he was able to gain valuable experience in leading a cricket side, with the side making the finals. A strong contributor with the bat before Christmas he struggled for consistency after the break and ended up averaging 39 for the season. Highlight of the season was his knock of 192 against Macquarie University.

Ash Squire "Arright" - Ash showed his class as a batsman with an outstanding century against Lindfield. A row of consistent scores in the 30's and 40's highlighted his potential to dominate at the top order and further application should see him become one of the mainstays of the side in the coming seasons. His tremendous driving of the ball is a pleasure to watch and just needs to develop his shot selection to ensure he is no wasting his talents.

Murray Raynor "Maxi" - New to the club this season Murray brought a wealth of experience and talent to the side. Without a doubt the best batsman over the course of the season Murray scored three hundreds in a row early in the season and a consistent run of scores saw him average 54 for the season. It was a great first up season for Maxi and he will become an integral part of the First grade side for many seasons to come, not just on but also off the field.

Ben Chapman "Chappo" - Another of the younger brigade Ben continues to improve each season and as soon as he has absolute confidence to performance at first grade level will dominate (as he did in 24's this season). Chappo ended up averaging 27 with the bat but if he was able to convert a string of 20's and 30's could have had a much better season.

Mick Hosking "Hodghoskinson" - Hosko was promoted from the premierships winning third grade side from last season. Often required to dig the side out of trouble after the fall of several quick wickets the highlight of his season was an unbeaten 96 against Lane Cove in the one day match shortly after Christmas. He is a great club man and understands what it takes to be part of a team – an absolute pleasure to play with.

Steve Hudson "Junior" - Steve came into the side at the half way mark of the season and was a strong contributor batting at seven. He is a prodigious talent with ability to do almost anything on a cricket field. His economical bowling caused the fall of many wickets and his fielding ensured opposition batsmen were always kept on their toes. Relocation to Goulburn to Sydney should allow Junior to be more settled this season and result in improved performances.

Alan Logan "Al #7" - In his first full season in first grade Al took a while to find his feet batting lower than before at Number 8. Scores an excellent 34 against Warringah almost getting us over the line in a tight contest against the Green men. A talented cricketer and good bloke it is always a pleasure to share cricketing theories with Al #7.

Anthony Raymond "Big Ray" - Big Ray had an outstanding season not only with the ball but also with several critical innings' with the bat over the year. The big fella scored 240 runs at an average of 28. Anthony ended up finishing third in Sydney Shires player of the year award. The heart and soul of the team Ray's off field assistance to the other players was exceptional and a hallmark of the team man he is.

Steve Harvey "Harves" - On the batting friendly wickets this season Harves had an excellent season being leading wicket taker in first grade with 26 wickets. His best performance of the season was against Southern Districts where he took 5-69 from fifteen overs. Never one to hold back Harves was able to bowl with genuine pace of both his long and short run ups.

Sarkis Achmar "Soffie" - Sarkis returned to the first grade line up in the second half of the year and performed well taking 5 wickets at 25 a piece. Still a great team man it was great to have "Soffie" taking a deep breath and charging into the breeze at Rothwell.

Paul Pannuti "Nutes" - Following an early season elbow injury Nutes failed to capture his outstanding form from last season. With the injury resolved the club will be looking for big things from him this year.

Dave Willis - Dave only played one match for the side this season but impressed with a score of 80. This was a match winning innings against Southern Districts scraping the side out of trouble and ensuring a continued push to the finals.

Neil D'Costa - With work commitments finally getting the better of him Neil 'retired' after three games this season. His guidance of the first grade side (both at Rothwell and the Shellbourne) has been inspiration and as a group we owe him a debt of gratitude for teaching us the true spirit of cricket and how to sneak past the bouncers in the line up. A Briar for life we are sure to see Dougie over the course of the season.

Bowling	O	M	W	R	Batting	Total	Average
Steven Harvey	193	26	27	700	Adam Hudson	217	13
Brett Gregory	32	3	3	126	Cameron French	479	37
Anthony Raymond	172	36	28	473	Ash Squire	391	32
Paul Pannuti	58	1	5	248	Murray Raynor	602	54
Neil D'Costa	15	4	3	31	Ben Chapman	300	28
Cameron French	191	40	26	570	Neil D'Costa	9	9
Ash Squire	32	4	6	132	Mick Hosking	349	39
Steven Hudson	70	8	11	254	Alan Logan	193	16
Scott Castle	72	11	6	222	Brett Gregory	0	0
Sarkis Achmar	36	5	5	126	Paul Pannuti	5	3
					Steve Harvey	46	7
					Steve Hudson	144	18
					Anthony Raymond	240	27
					Dave Willis	80	80
					Sarkis Achmar	2	1

CRICKET SECOND GRADE

Another season has passed and despite again finishing the year as clear minor premiers, losing only 2 games during the regular season, the side was unable to take this form into the semis bowing out in the semi final to eventual winners Holroyd Hills.

The club achieved the trifecta this year to win its third consecutive Club Championship, and so the Briars era of dominance continues. The club championship is the most satisfying trophy that the club strives to win and is even more pleasing given the cheque book recruitment policies of some of our competitors that try and buy premierships. The culture within cricket is that no matter what grade you play everyone is equally important for those 5.5 hours on a Saturday afternoon as each team plays to win and get maximum points. Again congratulations to all players on this unprecedented achievement.

Throughout the year second grade performed strongly and were always around the top of the ladder after the pack settled. Whilst we did not enjoy the best of conditions in the finals we cannot use this as an excuse as the side lost its way somewhat during the last part of the season by losing 3 of our last 4 games, including both semis. As with prior seasons the batsmen needed to be more accountable as the bowling was generally solid at all times. In this era of Club championships within the club, seconds need to remain unsatisfied until the premiership trophy is back at Burwood again.

Congratulations to the other sides, in particular to Anthony Clarke and 3rds for their back to back premierships. Its one thing to have a good side, but it's another thing to defend a premiership. Cameron French and first grade were very competitive and should be well pleased with their year given the "imported" strength of some of the other clubs. Fourth grade with Greg Wallace seem to mirror the performances of second grade, this year also bowing out in the semi final, but well done Wal on another good year. Under 24's and 5th grade also remain an integral part of cricket within the club.

As cricket chairman Gerard Price and his committee has yet again produced the goods with performances during the year. Gerard continues to devote many hours of his time to ensure the ongoing success of cricket and this effort should never be taken for granted by any player. Also a special thanks to Gerard and the other captains for the many hours we spent during the season to ensure that we got selections right.

There were some fine team and individual performers during the year as follows:

- Minor Premiers including 4 outright wins
- Wayne Grimson 103* vs. Southern Districts
- Mick Hosking 115 vs. Strathfield
- Dave Willis 99 vs. Epping
- Gerard Price 273 runs at 39 and 33 wickets at 12
- Sarkis Achmar 32 wickets at 9
- Steve Hudson 110* and 4-22 vs. Pennant Hills

Sarkis Achmar was awarded the players' player of the year in a very close decision. Sarkis' ability to get a wicket in his opening spell and therefore have the opposition on the back foot early in the game was a key reason for the sides' success, as shown with his 32 wickets at 9. After his promotion to first grade late in the year the side lost its strike bowler and therefore lost some momentum.

Adam Powell our groundsman at Rothwell is to be congratulated for the fine work he did over the season which culminated in Rothwell Park being awarded the Shires ground of the year. It is simply a pleasure to play on such a high standard of ground during the year.

We are again pleased to acknowledge Venus Packing as the sponsor during the year. The club is most appreciative of the financial support provided and the club is pleased to reward that support with our performances.

Lastly after being skipper for 10 of the last 13 years, including the last 7 consecutive seasons, it is well overtime for someone else to have a go. This now means for next season that I am no longer assured of a spot in the side and will have to perform like everyone else! I have enjoyed my time as captain due to the success, culture and fun that we have both within the club and in 2's, and I thank everyone who has played 2's during that time for being part of that.

So into the round one round vs. South's with us posting a reasonable 224 due to some lower order partnerships, Gerard Price 48, Adam O'Keeffe 59. South's were 1-4 overnight and rain washed out the second week. Round 2 vs. Strathfield saw the team post a credible 270 thanks mainly to Mick Hosking 115

and Gerard Price 63. Strathfield were then dismissed for 122 the following week with Sarkis Achmar 3-34 and Gerard Price 4-26. Round 3 in a one dayer vs. Roseville was washed out and round 4 vs. Macquarie Uni saw an opening partnership of 164 between David Henschell 69 and Sanjiv Khalko 87 with the side batting out the day to finish at 7-292, then we bowled them out the following week for 147 with Scott Castle 3-33.

Round 5 vs. Auburn had them dismissed for 103 in the 40th over with Steve Hudson 5-26. First innings points were easily picked up on the first day as we finished at 7-236 from 42 overs due to Davie Willis 74 and Brett Howle 56*. Batting second time around Auburn were routed for 22 in the 11th over, with Gerard Price 5-16 and Sarkis Achmar 4-5 and no one else needed. Next were Georges River who were all out 112, Gerard Price 4-22 and we finished the day with a good lead at 3-209 from 37 overs, Andrew Blaikie 73 including fifteen 4's and a six. Georges River were dismissed second time for 186 Sarkis Achmar 4-46 leaving a target of 90 which we achieved 7 down after being 7-54.

We smashed Pennant Hills next posting 6-361 on day one, Steve Hudson 110*, Brett Howle 51, Wayne Grimson 95 then dismissed them for 236 with Steve Hudson 4-22 from 15. Round 8 into the new year in a one dayer vs. Lane Cove and we were all out for 168, Sanjiv Khalko 52, but dismissed them for 162 in a tight one, Paul Pannuti 4-33. Lindfield followed and posted 221 but we recorded our first loss for the year being dismissed for 159. We batted first against Warringah and posted 161 which was unlikely after we were 8-96, but then had them 9-40 overnight and dismissed for 44. Following on, they were dismissed for 114 for the outright with wickets shared both times. Southern Districts was an outright whitewash with the game all over on the first day. They were dismissed for 55, Sarkis Achmar 4-25, we posted 8-173 thanks to Wayne Grimson 103*, then they were bowled them out again in 11 overs for 22, Gerard Price 4-10, Sarkis Achmar 5-10. Round 12 vs. Holroyd they scored 253, Scott Castle 4-41 but we were dismissed for 120, Brett Howle 55*, and were 2-59 second time round. A one dayer for the final round vs. Epping had us batting out our overs for 9-232 due mainly to 99 from Dave Willis (unfortunately his second 99 in consecutive years!) and dismissed them for 135, Paul Pannuti 3-19, Adam O'Keeffe 3-11

In the Qualifying final at Rothwell vs. Lane Cove we did not enjoy the best of conditions and after a late start were sent in to reach 5-67 overnight to be all out 123 the next day, Gerard Price 28. As is the way with the team we still backed ourselves and with Lane Cove at 9-108 still 15 runs shy gave ourselves a good chance on winning but it was not to be as they passed our total in a tight finish, Scott Castle 3-26

In the Semi vs. Holroyd Hills we again started late, lost the toss and were asked to bat, again in bowler friendly conditions, where we under performed with the bat as we did in the rounds to be dismissed for 129, Wayne Grimson 36, Gerard Price 35*. Holroyd were 2-104 overnight as the wicket dried out, then posted 275 to secure the win, Gerard Price 3-49 from 20.

Overall despite the disappointing end to the season the side can be pleased with the spirit, efforts and enjoyment shown throughout the year, we had fun.

Andrew Blaikie - Started the season in 2's this year but did not enjoy the consistency with the bat that he would have liked. Spanked 73 in the run chase against Georges River to help set up the outright including ten 4's as his first ten scoring shots. Was reluctant to do it but still tidy as ever behind the stumps.

Sanjiv Khalko - Joined the side at round 4 with a season high score of 87 vs. Macquarie Uni. Got 52 vs. Lane Cove but his season fell away a little towards the end. As an opener Sanjiv's aim should be to occupy the crease for long periods of time and build partnerships. He should continue to develop his offies as this could become a handy fifth bowling option in any side.

David Henschell - Played 9 games during the year and provided the funniest moment of the year when playing at Monty Bennett and the absolute closest he could get to the ground was in the leagues club car park next door and for the life of him could not work out any other way to get to the ground. A gifted batsman top score was 69 vs. Uni. Enjoyed his time as fill in keeper but the team agreed best to keep him away from the gloves

David Willis - Makes batting look easy and had a good year for with 327 runs at 27, including a second 99 in as many seasons. Batted at first drop and best were 74 vs. Auburn and the 99 vs. Epping. Didn't bowl much this year due to sore knees but picked up 3 wickets anyway. Looks like captain material to me.

Matt William - Joined the team at round 8 due to some very solid lower grade performances but did not quite manage to bring this form into the higher grade. An easygoing batsman Matt keeps the run rate ticking over when at the crease. Got an occasional bowl with his offies and this provides a handy variation. Goal should be to secure a permanent spot in 2's next year.

Wayne Grimson - Grimo enjoyed a good year with the bat with highlights of 103* vs. Southern District setting up the outright win in a day and 95 vs. Pennant Hills. If Grimo occupies the crease the runs will flow given his hard hitting style of play. Unfortunately couldn't bowl due to a shoulder injury but now has the world's longest underarm throw.

Brett Howle - An inconsistent year with 3 scores above 50 but too many single figures as well. If wants to stay in the side will need to achieve better than the 263 runs at 24 next year now that he has given up the captaincy. Provided astute captaincy by refusing to bowl himself at any stage during this or previous seasons. Cannot wait to abuse next year's captain when *they* lose the toss.

Gerard Price - "Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn" Gets harder every year but Gerard continued to impress with both bat and ball. Top score of 63 vs. Strathfield when the side was in trouble at 6-116 to then post a 144 run partnership with Mick Hosking. Averaged 39 with the bat and 33 wickets at 12 with the bowl simply shows his value to the team.

Adam O'Keeffe - Played every game during the year and is a valuable team member. Handy with the bat with 59 against South's in the season opener, and a solid change bowler with 23 wickets during the year. Always gives his best on the field and sometimes suffered as the opening bowlers collected the wickets before he got the chance to come on.

Sarkis Achmar - A great year for Sofie. Played in 8 of the first 11 games until was demoted to first grade. During this time picked up 32 wickets at 9 including 4-5 v Auburn, and 5-10 vs. Southern districts. The team suffered when Sofie went to ones late in the year. Achieves his success with the ball as he can move it both in the air and off the deck. Did not get to show his wares with the bat as much as he would like.

Scott Castle - Started in 2's until he made his first grade debut but came back into seconds for the semis. A bowler with a bit of nip at this level Scott will always give his best with the ball in his hand. Best was 4-41 vs. Holroyd. Still hope for Scotty with the bat if McGrath can get a 50.

Brett Gregory - Joined the side from round 7 onwards and picked up 14 wickets at 20 and only once failed to get a wicket in innings. Best was 3-25 vs. Warringah in the outright win. Would have liked a few more wickets but can always be relied upon to do well when given the ball.

Paul Pannutti - Joined the side from round 8 but did not bowl at full tilt due to a leg injury. Picked up 18 wickets at 13 including a 4-33 against Lane Cove. Handy with the bat including 29 vs. Warringah when the side was in trouble allowing what was to become a winning score to be posted. Always good for a laugh, either at him or with him.

Brett Howle - Captain

STATISTICS 2nd Grade 04/05

	Matches	Won Outright	Won 1st Inn	Lost 1st Inn	Lost Outright	Draw	Points	Position
	15	4	5	3	0	1	70	1st
Runs scored		3006		Runs Against		2338		
Wickets lost		129		Wickets Against		170		
Average		23.30		Average		13.75		

BATTING

Batsman	Matches	Innings	Not Outs	High Score	Aggregate	Average	100's	50's	Catches
<i>Min 200 runs</i>									
S Hudson	5	5	2	110*	200	66.7	1	0	4
G Price	12	12	5	63	273	39.0	0	1	3
W Grimson	10	11	2	103*	334	37.1	1	1	8 2 as wk
D Willis	12	14	2	99	327	27.3	0	2	4
B Howle	13	13	2	56*	263	23.9	0	3	5
S Khalko	12	14	0	87	262	18.7	0	2	7
A Blaikie	13	15	0	73	275	18.3	0	1	15 12 as wk
<i>Also Batted</i>									
M Hosking	2	2	0	115	151	75.5	1	0	1
D Henschell	9	10	1	69	155	17.2	0	0	6 5 as wk
P Pannutti	8	8	1	29	108	15.4	0	0	4
S Achmar	8	5	3	18*	30	15.0	0	0	5
M William	6	6	0	39	85	14.2	0	0	3
S Brennan	4	5	0	34	68	13.6	0	0	2
B Hawgood	5	5	0	23	64	12.8	0	0	4
P Price	3	3	0	21	38	12.7	0	0	1
A O'Keffee	14	11	1	59	125	12.5	0	1	4
B Gregory	8	7	3	16	22	5.5	0	0	0
S Castle	7	6	2	3	6	1.5	0	0	0
P Simpson	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1
R Green	1	dnb	na	na	na	na	na	na	0
J Jardim	1	dnb	na	na	na	na	na	na	0

BOWLING

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best
<i>Min 10 wickets</i>						
S Hudson	55.5	19	118	13	9.1	5-26
S Achmar	122.4	30	303	32	9.5	5-10
G Price	167.4	43	406	33	12.3	5-16
P Pannitti	95	24	234	18	13.0	4-33
S Castle	71.3	13	195	13	15.0	4-41
A O'Keffee	140.2	28	400	23	17.4	3-9
B Gregory	103	22	289	14	20.6	3-15
<i>Also Bowled</i>						
M William	4.3	1	14	2	7.0	1-4
S Khalko	30.5	4	76	6	12.7	3-21
D Willis	20	3	53	3	17.7	3-32
J Jardim	10	1	45	2	22.5	1-15
R Green	13	0	34	1	34.0	1-34
B Hawgood	22	3	57	1	57.0	1-36

CRICKET THIRD GRADE

Nothing can be better than starting this report than saying Undeafated Minor Premiers and Premiers 2004/05. With back to back Premierships Third Grade has only lost one game of cricket in the last two seasons, something the boys should be very proud of. Compared to last years results this years were fantastic with only two draws throughout the season going on to beat these teams in the Semi Finals and the Grand Final. During the season we used some 24 players over the 16 games with 7 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 goes with running such a great cricket club as this one is.

Well done to the other captains and their sides Cameron French 1sts, Brett Howle 2nds, Greg Wallace 4ths and Steve Lucas and Warwick Giblin with 5th Grade. Having all grades contesting the semi finals, sort of makes all those selection meetings worthwhile.

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Adam, Adam and Scott our grounds man thank you for all the hard work this season.

Some of the highlights for the season,

- 2nd wicket partnership of 167 vs South Sydney, Scott Brennan (81) Sanjiv Khalkho (89)
- Jack Jardim 5/55 vs Macquarie Uni
- Rob Green vs Auburn 112 not out
- David Henschell vs Georges River 120 not out
- Mat William 102 vs Pennant Hills
- Anthony Clarke 5/30 vs Lane Cove
- Scott Brennan 172 not out against Lindfield a Club Record
- Richard Tregeagle 6/35 against Warringah
- Taking the outright points against Southern Districts in one day.
- Jack Jardim taking 4/8 and scoring 74 not out against Holroyd Hills

This brings us to the finals series we were playing Strathfield at St Luke's we lost the toss and Strathfield let us use the wet wicket first. We were bowled out for 98 on the second day. Strathfield's turn to bat to bat and we bowled them out for 60 with Richard Tregeagle taking 6/36 and Peter Catalovski 3/11. Strathfield pull stumps with 60 odd overs to go.

Playing Roseville in the semi final a side we had drawn with earlier in the season. Roseville had won the toss and sent us in. Thanks to some great batting from Phil Tregeagle (60) and Brett Hawgood (86) we finished the day at 6/225. On Sunday we lost 4/30 to be all out for 256. A strong bowling performance from the side we had Roseville in trouble from the word go with Richard Tregeagle 3/27 and Brett Hawgood 2/12 with the assistance of Peter Catalovski 2/31 and Anthony Clarke 2/21 Roseville were bowled out for 151 bring on the big one.

Here we are again this time we are playing South Sydney a side we had drawn with earlier in the season. Playing at Airey Park no side had the home team advantage. South Sydney won the toss and elected to bat. Neither team dominated we took regular wickets while keeping the runs down. We dismissed South's for 200 pick of the bowlers being Rob Green 5/50 and Richard Tregeagle 2/48 and Peter Catalovski 2/35 we had 10 overs to face that day and finished 0/13.

Sunday comes around and it's a simple game plan, bat the overs and we will score the runs and win the game. Paul Hall and Phil Tregeagle set us well with a 134 run stand for the first wicket, Phil(55) and Paul(76). Some middle order nerves saw us limp to 8/195, the most nerve racking 6 runs I have ever seen scored. Thank God we got there 8 down from a great cut shot from Jack Jardim for 4 to see us retain the Third Grade Trophy for another year.

Congratulations to Paul Hall for the player of the final award. Also to Richard Tregeagle on winning the Players/Player a more deserved player you could not find.

Anthony Clarke - Captain

The Premiers

Paul Hall - 304 runs at 23.38. Not the best start to the season with 3 ducks but once off the mark was a solid opener, saving his best for the grand final with a great 76.

Phil Tregeagle - 278 runs at 39.71. Always a pleasure to have Phil in the side, handy a turn to and seek advice in any situation.

Scott Brennan - 472 runs at 47.20. What can you say about Scott that he hasn't already told you? Loves fielding in close and having a chat. Set a 3rd Grade record with his 172* against Lindfield. Can run the 100 meters in under 11 flat?

Jason Harris - 140 runs at 23.33. Started the season late due to work commitments and had some good scores early. Always gives is best. Thanks mate for all the help.

Brett Hawgood - 202 runs at 40.40. Brett started the season in 2nd Grade and joined 3's late in the season. Always contributed be it with bat or ball. But with the bat he was at his best with a great 86 against Roseville in the semi final.

Will Hood - 85 runs at 17.00. 23 catches and 1 stumping. Will was great behind the stumps this season, he just needs to show that same confidence with his batting and the runs will start to come.

Rob Green - 205 runs at 25.62. 36 wickets at 16.27. The pommy import. Rob started the season off with a no ball problem after we fixed that up we started to see the best from him. Be it with bat 112* against Auburn or ball 5/26 against Lindfield Rob always gave everything he had.

Peter Catalovski - 199 runs at 22.11. 36 wickets at 11.88. Peter preformed better this year both with bat and ball .His 59* against South Sydney and 4/24 against Strathfield were proof of that. Well done Pet on a good season.

Jack Jardim - 157 runs at 52.33. 20 wickets at 19.65. Every team should have one Jack Jardim in their side. Be it with bat or ball or in the field jack just doesn't stop. His double against Holroyd Hills shows that 4/8 and then opened the batting and scored 74*.

Richard Tregeagle - 56 runs at 14.00. 50 wickets at 10.76. He just does it so easy. A lot like his brother always helpful in any situation. But it can be hard to get the ball of him to give somebody else a bowl. Thanks Richard for all the help in the season.

Anthony Clarke - 24 runs at 4.80. 17 wickets at 17.47. Some mat ask what he was doing in the side, I know I do but still managed to contribute, mainly with the ball and very little with the bat.

I would like to thank Lloyd Andrews for being our 12th man for the Grand Final, also Mat William and Adam Langhans how contributed through out the season.

Also I would like all the family and friends who have supported us through out the year, as well as the supporters we had Grand Final day.

Matches	Won Out	Won 1st inn	Lost 1st inn	Draws	Points	Position
16	3	11		2	78	1

Runs Scored 3326 Wickets Lost 101 Ave 32.93 Runs Against 2648 Wickets Against 189 Ave 14.01

Batting	Matches	Inns	N/O	HS	Agg	Ave	100	50	Cts
Scott Brennan	11	11	1	172*	472	47.20	1	4	1
Matt William	6	6	2	102	314	78.50	1	3	0
Paul Hall	13	13		76	304	23.38		1	1
Phil Tregeagle	8	9	2	60	278	39.71		2	3
Rob Green	14	10	2	112*	205	25.62	1		
Brett Hawgood	7	6	1	86	202	40.40		1	

Also batted Peter Catalovski 199/9 8 catches Adam Langhans 162/9 2 catches Jack Jardim 157/3 5 catches Jason Harris 140/6 2 catches David Henschell 120/0 Sanjiv Khalkho 115/2 catches 1 Will Hood 85/5 23 catches 1 stumping Paul Miller 65/4 2 catches Richard Tregeagle 56/4 4 catches Lloyd Andrews 51/2 4 catches Mark Maher 49/2 1 catch Anthony Clarke 24/5 8 catches Jason Bailey 22/2 2 catches Paul Price 18/1 Wayne Grimson 16/1 1 catch Gerard Price 0/1 1 catch Dan Haikin 1 catch

Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Best
Richard Tregeagle	235.2	69	538	50	10.76	6/35
Peter Catalovski	197.1	62	428	36	11.88	4/24
Rob Green	201.3	52	586	36	16.27	5/26
Jack Jardim	124.4	35	393	20	19.65	5/55
Anthony Clark	95.4	16	297	17	17.47	5/30

Also bowled Mark Maher 4/74 Sanjiv Khalkho 1/7 Adam Langhans 0/19 Phil Tregeagle 0/1 Lloyd Andrews 1/21 Jacob Swarts 0/15 Paul Hall 0/5 Jason Bailey 2/36 Brett Hawgood 2/52 Mat William 1/8 Gerard Price 2/73 Paul Miller 1/1.

CRICKET FOURTH GRADE

2004/05 was a season of firsts.

- Will Hood scored his first ever century with 101no against Georges River, and followed that with 79no against Pennant Hills at which time he was promoted to 3rd grade with a batting average of 81.7
- Lloyd Andrews scored his first-ever century with 114 against Strathfield and in doing so hit his first-ever six
- Adam Langhans hit his first-ever six along the way to a career high 165 against Southern Districts
- Brad Sculley scored his first century for Briars with 103 against Epping
- Mark Maher scored his first half-century for Briars with 66 against Lindfield and also took his first five-wicket haul for the club with 5/25 against Pennant Hills
- James Mani scored his first half-century for the club with 53 against Holroyd-Hills in the semi-final
- David Gain took his first-ever 5 wicket haul with 5/16 against Strathfield, then notified the captain that he doesn't usually bowl back in England
- Burwood successfully chased 327 against George River winning by 2 wickets, our first 300+ successful run chase in many a season and possibly ever
- Unfortunately the first we didn't achieve was first in the competition as we lost the semi-final to Holroyd-Hills, the first time in a long career that the skipper has experienced losing a play-off match after batting first.

Other season highlights were:

- 45 wickets in 8 games by player of the season Brad Sculley, his best being 8/27 against Lindfield.
- Greg Wallace's best season with the ball, taking 29 wickets including two 5 wicket hauls and two 4 wicket hauls.
- Lloyd Andrews averaging 45.9 with the bat and Adam Langhans averaging 41.3.
- Century partnerships of 120 for 4th wicket against Epping by Brad Sculley (103) and Lloyd Andrews (53), 104 for 6th wicket against Southern Districts by Adam Langhans (165) and Jason Bailey (36) and 102 for 6th wicket against Strathfield by Lloyd Andrews (114) and Greg Wallace (41).
- Warwick Giblin's return to Shires with many gritty innings at the top of the order.
- The emergence of George Saleh - 23 wickets in his first season with Briars and his first season on turf.
- The enthusiasm and thoughtfulness of Mark Smyck and Andrew Hurst who both love their cricket.
- The improved batting of Jacob Swarts who got out for the first time in the last game of the season.
- Dismissing the opposition for less than 100 on 5 occasions.
- The team averaging 26.1 with the bat and 14.9 with the ball for a healthy quotient of 1.76.
- Finishing second on the table before the play-offs.

Congratulations to all Burwood Briars cricketers for winning the Club Championship and to Anthony Clarke and 3rd grade for their second successive premiership.

Greg Wallis - Captain

Batsman	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	100s	50s	C	St
Will Hood	7	4	245	81.7	101*	1	1	3	-
Lloyd Andrews	9	1	367	45.9	114	1	2	3	-
Adam Langhans	6	0	248	41.3	165	1	-	2	-
Greg Wallace	14	2	346	28.8	82	-	2	10	-
Brad Sculley	9	0	257	28.6	103	1	-	3	-
Jacob Swarts	6	4	44	22.0	16	-	-	1	1
Mark Maher	10	2	154	19.3	66	-	1	3	-
Mark Smyck	12	6	114	19.0	40	-	-	6	-
David Gain	10	3	129	18.4	41*	-	-	3	-
Warwick Giblin	7	0	127	18.1	42	-	-	2	-
James Mani	12	0	213	17.8	53	-	1	3	-
George Saleh	11	1	165	16.5	47	-	-	5	-
Jason Bailey	10	0	136	13.6	62	-	1	3	-
Andrew Hurst	9	0	120	13.3	42	-	-	6	-
Bowler	O	M	R	W	Avg	R/O	O/W	5w/I	Best
Brad Sculley	154	54	388	45	8.6	2.5	3.4	4	8/27
Mark Maher	103	34	214	22	9.7	2.1	4.7	1	5/25

Greg Wallace	128	32	360	29	12.4	2.8	4.4	2	5/18
David Gain	52	23	119	9	13.2	2.3	5.8	1	5/16
Mark Smyck	83	19	242	15	16.1	2.9	5.5	-	4/20
George Saleh	177	26	499	23	21.7	2.8	7.7	-	2/21
Jason Bailey	55	7	187	6	31.2	3.4	9.2	-	3/41

CRICKET FIFTH GRADE

With a whole host of new players and a club championship under the belt for Briars Cricket, the 2004/2005 season was started with a great deal of excitement and anticipation. With a newly-landscaped home ground in Ron Routley and a good pre-season, it was clear the 5th Grade team had something to play for. The season was played with good enthusiasm and effort, however narrow losses and poor weather meant the Briars did not exactly repeat the efforts of the previous season.

The start of the season was not as expected, with three of the first six weeks washed out. However, Pramod Murali showed good signs in the first game v Auburn, taking 3-47 (16) in a washed out game. This momentum flowed into the second game, against Macquarie Uni, with Stefan Ellis taking 3-20 (7) and Tony Fisher making 72 to lead Briars to a first-innings victory. The third game, another washout, v South Sydney, was closely contested until the rain came, Captain Giblin leading from the front, making 61.

Another sound effort was made by Briars in the Game v Holroyd Hills at Ron Routley. The first major partnership came with the openers putting on 74, Stefan Ellis eventually making 57. The slow Mumbai-like wicket was used well by Jarrod Bergey, who took 4-41 (15). Versus Auburn in Round Six, Burwood batted poorly making 131, only Nick Beams showing any resistance but with the ball, taking 4-71 [20]. Andrew Wise, on debut for the Briars, also performed strongly, with three Healy-like stumpings. Round Seven v Macquarie Uni saw another 1st Innings loss, James Mani making 76 in a beaten side. Round Nine was again the same old story, Burwood making an average total in 183. Tom Watson yet took the only five-wicket haul of Briar's season in this match, with 5-56 [18].

Round Ten against Georges River was a good turnaround for Briars, Pramod Murali [3-47] doing well in assisting to bowl out the opposition for 227. The batting was superb by Briars, especially season-sole centurion Dave Trewin [101], well assisted by stand-in Captain Steve Lucas [77]. The next game versus rivals South Sydney had to be won, played right in the slums at Alexandria Oval, Redfern. Stef Ellis made 61 in the Briars total of 201, yet the bowlers could repeat this effort, with South Sydney going on to make the total with one wicket to spare. The one-dayer in Round Twelve v Holroyd Hills was played for nothing but pride, yet Dave Trewin backed up his good form, taking 4-32 [9]. This game finished off the season for Briars 5th grade.

In terms of performance, with the bat Stefan Ellis made 269 runs for the season, Anthony Fisher 210, Warwick Giblin 184 and Steve Lucas 171. With the ball, Jarred Bergey took 21 Wickets, Pramod Murali 13 and Gerard Lind 9. Spinners Nick Beam and Tom Watson took 16 wickets between them, doing well on the pace-friendly Ron Routley Oval. Andrew Wise was a revelation with the gloves, keeping at well-above 5th grade level. Yet Jarred Bergey was the clear standout of the season, making over 100 runs with the bat and taking more than 20 with the ball in his debut Shires season. Milan Smith, Grant Muddle, Joe Nasr, Sam Almalki and particularly Dave Trewin [146 Runs, 8 Wickets in 3 games] also contributed well.

Therefore overall the season did not live up to expectations for 5th Grade. Although, statistically we performed at a good level, with four wins and four losses out of the eight games completed, much more was expected. Clear negatives out of the season were the lack of batting solidarity in middle-lower order and inability to win the 50/50 situations. However with further net sessions and team stability wins will come next season as the foundations have been built.

The sun has not gone down at Ron Routley Oval, and, while there is light, there is always hope for Briars 5th Grade. Sooner than you think, we will all be putting on the Maroon and Gold once again.

Name	Games	Inn	Runs	Ave	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Ave	Economy
Almalki, Sam	6	8	91	11.38	11	53	2	26.5	4.82
Beams, Nick	4	3	13	4.33	35	139	8	17.38	3.97

Bergey, Jarred	9	9	111	12.33	139	395	21	18.81	2.84
Devandran, Arun	4	5	19	3.8	1	5	0	N/A	
Ellis, Stef	7	9	269	29.88	39	142	6	23.67	3.64
Fayad, Sam	2	1	16	16	43	118	3	39.33	2.74
Fisher, Tony	8	11	210	19.09	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hurst, Andrew	1	1	12	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giblin, Warwick	6	7	184	26.29	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lind, Gerard	6	5	31	6.2	42	109	9	12.11	2.6
Lucas, Steve	8	9	171	19	43	136	7	19.43	3.16
Mani, James	2	3	119	39.67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miller, Paul	1	2	36	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Muddle, Grant	3	2	32	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Murali, Pramod	7	3	31	10.33	82	269	13	20.69	3.28
Nasr, Joe	5	5	109	21.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nosworthy, Simon	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	27	0	N/A	2.7
Smith, Milan	4	4	45	11.25	6	26	0	N/A	4.33
Smith, Wayne	3	2	7	3.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Trewin, Dave	3	2	146	73	28	75	8	9.36	2.68
Watson, Tom	7	5	44	8.8	45	163	8	20.38	3.62
Wise, Andrew	5	6	79	13.17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

CRICKET UNDER 24'S

The season proved to be another successful one for the young Briars as we reached the semi finals yet again. Led very well by Stephen 'Junior' Hudson the guys finished 6th prior to the semis and were drawn to play the 1st placed Lane Cove in the semi final. After a late start due to rain we eventually were sent in on a rain affected wicket to score a very good 7-126 in the 35 over game. Unfortunately the rain returned with Lane Cove 0-9 and the rest of the day washed out resulting in a disappointing draw. As we were the lower placed team we were eliminated.

Round 1 vs Holroyd Hills - Holroyd Hills all out 81(M.Smyck 4-17, A.Squire 3-9) vs Burwood Briars 5-84(B.Chapman 33x)

Round 2 vs Pennant Hills - Burwood Briars 214 (B Chapman 79, R Green 27, A Squire 24) defeated Pennant Hills 113 (S Hudson 4-26, A Squire 3-12)

Round 3 vs Southern Districts - Burwood Briars 8-280 (B Chapman 145, R Green 31, A Squire 32) defeated Southern Districts 84 (Will Service 4-15)

Round 4 vs Lane Cove - Burwood Briars 174 (B Chapman 56, A Squire 33) lost to Lane Cove 8-175

Round 5 vs Lindfield - Lindfield all out 129 (S Hudson 4-19, A Squire 3-29) vs Burwood Briars 1-132 (A Logan 55x, A Langhans 42x)

Round 6 vs Warringah - Burwood Briars 107 (B Chapman 33) lost to Warringah 3-111

Round 7 vs Roseville - Burwood Briars 9-193 (A Logan 48, A Squire 40) lost to Roseville 6-194

Semi Final vs Lane Cove - Burwood Briars 7-126 (B.Chapman 38) drew with Lane Cove 0-9

Batting Averages	Innings	NO	Runs	Average	
B Chapman	7	1	385	55	
A Squire	8		178	22.25	
A Logan	8	1	154	22	
A Langhans	8	1	79	11.29	
S Hudson	7		57	7.125	
W Hood	7	1	57	8.14	
A Hurst	3		25	8.33	
R Green	6	1	78	15.6	
S Turnbull	3	1	22	11	
L Stewart	6	1	55	11	
M Smyck	4	2	22	11	
W Service	1	1	1		
D Gain	1		19	19	
P Wallace	2		22	11	
Bowling Averages	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S Hudson	57	4	155	15	10.33
A Squire	46.4	7	118	13	9.08
M Smyck	48	7	159	10	15.90

R Green	51	6	166	2	83
L Stewart	33.2	5	128	5	25.60
W Service	14	2	43	5	8.60
B Chapman	1	0	1	0	-
W Hood	2	0	7	0	-
S Turnbull	11	0	48	0	-

MASTERS CRICKET

Briars Masters Cricket celebrated its tenth year of participation in the Sydney Masters Cricket Competition in season 2004/05. For those unfamiliar with the Masters format the entry criteria is that players should be 40 years and over, 40 overs per side with batsmen retiring at 40 and able to return to the crease at the fall of the last wicket. Whilst in the field a bowler is allowed a maximum of 10 overs with a minimum of 6 bowlers used by the 30th over. There are 11 rounds played over the summer with matches every second Sunday. The competition allows celebrated former Shire players who are unable to make the fulltime commitment to cricket continue their playing career with the Briars in a somewhat more casual playing arena.

Season 2004/05 can be looked upon as a year of lost opportunities; we performed well in posting victories against the stronger sides whilst failing to put away the games we should have won. Strong wins against competition front runners Kenthurst and Hornsby were the highlights. In chasing down the Kenthurst total of 190 we compiled our highest ever chasing total. Our overall record was 5 wins, 3 losses, 1 draw and 2 washed out.

Some notable performances throughout season, Matt Young 5-28 and Gus Eriksson 40x vs Epping, Jeff Matchett 36 and Dave Young 35 against Castle Hill, Gus Eriksson 40x, Dave Trewin 31, Dave Young 40x and Dave Wright 3 for 36 vs Lane Cove, Terry Kershaw 36, Dave Trewin 41x, Les Cohen 40, Paul Alice 42x, Dave Trewin 2 for 8 and Jeff Matchett 2 for 3 vs Parramatta, Jeff Matchett 36, Dave Young 33, Aldo Cantori 40x, Paul Alice 38x, Col Blair 2 for 24 and Stuart Lind 2 for 27 vs Kenthurst, Aldo Cantori 33x and Jeff Matchett 2 for 18 vs Lake Macquarie, Brian Kirk 3 for 19, Jeff Matchett 4 for 10 and Andy Macky 38 vs Hornsby, Jeff Matchett 6 for 26, Richard Horwood 43x vs Mosman, Aldo Cantori 4 for 27 vs I Zingari.

Players' player was awarded to the evergreen Dave Young who scored 152 runs in 6 innings with 1 retired at an average of 30.4. Skipper Jeff Matchett who led the side well again last season was the outstanding bowler in the side capturing 18 wickets at an excellent average of 8.38.

All the Masters players express their gratitude in the support received from Gerard Price the Cricket Chairman and appreciate the opportunity to play our home games on the hallowed turf at Rothwell Park.

Stuart Lind - Captain

RUGBY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On the back of a revival year, season 05 had some great expectations to live up to. Taking over from Simon James as Chairman was the start and big shoes to fill they were. The majority of the rugby committee returned and a couple of new faces joined the ranks to ensure we could offer rugby a combined and effective administration. Those who left had to due to family and personal commitments, but our new recruits contributed more than expected to help Briars Rugby and to further its growth.

In hindsight, Season 05 was a very long one and for some of us the continuation of the season prior which began in February 2004.

Through the foresight planning of Matt Grimison and Briars Sporting Club, Briars Rugby conducted an Australian Rugby Union based kids rugby program called TryRugby where our scholarship rugby players and Briars volunteers delivered the most successful and enjoyable TryRugby venue in NSW. This initiative sponsored by the generosity of the Briars Foundation saw many happy children experience the program again in term one of this year. Here again the support of our players and volunteers have contributed to 32 children pioneering the way for Briars Junior Rugby.

Men's pre-season training continued the Briars Rugby theme from TryRugby with many new faces in attendance. Once again, the trend repeated with our average playing age falling by 2 years to that of 24.

As the rugby season is long, it can either be rewarding and also very cruel. Going into round 7, all 4 grades were placed in the top 4 and positioned respectively on the club championship ladder. By round 9 the physical injury toll from playing larger sides plagued us. Injury and player fatigue crept in hindering us for a few crucial rounds. Some questioned our fitness yet the true underlying fact was our younger and lighter players were more prone to injury from playing the larger clubs.

Unfortunate as it may seem, across all grades suffered for a short period as player promotion was required to fill injury vacated positions and some of those being key and pivotal. Although some players found it uncomfortable being shifted around the grades for those weeks, the coaching staff and I are proud of their efforts, thank them for seeing the season through and contributing to the advancement of 1st grade to the finals.

With so many new and young faces joining this year it was also good to see many past players return for a run in 5th grade. For the first time in 10 years and with a youthful mix, Briars fielded a Nicholson Cup side that competed in 5 rounds.

On the Briars representative front, two Briars were selected in the New South Wales Suburban Squad. Matthew Want and James Lagiloa both displayed their talents playing against the Armed Forces team and Queensland Suburban side. New South Wales defeated Queensland

Sponsorship plays an important role in Briars Rugby and we are fortunate to have such great sponsors who take interest in our sport. Without their loyalty and support the rugby committee would not be able to make our sport an enjoyable one both on and off the field.

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Briars Rugby Union 2005 Grade results

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| • Club Championship position | 6th | | | |
| • Clarke Cup | Shaw Stockbroking | Briars | 1st XV | 3rd |
| • Farrant Cup | Subakette | Briars | 2nd XV | 7th |
| • Campbell Cup | Buildfast | Briars | 3rd XV | 7th |
| • Nicholson Cup | Labella Workforce | Briars | 4th XV | 7th |

Briars Rugby 2005 Awards

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| • Clubman of The Year | Mathew Grace |
| • Encouragement Award | David Ananin |
| • Rookie of The Year | Craig Douglass |
| • Most Improved | Ben Ferrand |

• 1st Grade Best & Fairest	James Te Whata
• 1st Grade Players Player	Andrew Arquilla
• 1st Grade Coaches Award	Peter Etches
• 2nd Grade Best & Fairest	Mark Wilkinson
• 2nd Grade Players Player	Peter Saggin
• 2nd Grade Coaches Award	Alex McRae
• 3rd Grade Best & Fairest	Brett Sinclair
• 3rd Grade Players Player	Jess McKinnon
• 3rd Grade Coaches Award	Garry Reynolds
• 4th Grade Best & Fairest	Simon James
• 4th Grade Players Player	Reg Te Whata
• 4th Grade Coaches Award	Tom Watson & Paul McMoran

Season 2005 is now complete and strategic planning is already in place for next year with the introduction of additional juniors sides into the competition.

I would like to sincerely thank the following people for their contributions for the season passed:

- Col Dennis, Mal Weber, Bill Hooker and Ian Blair for their guidance.
- Briars Rugby Committee for their support and tireless efforts.
- Matt Grimison, Lachlan White, Andrew Cleverley, Adam Livingstone Robin Pascoe, Mathew Grace, Daniel Martin and Tony Watts for their professional attitude towards managing and coaching.
- Tess Havrlant for her committed administrative approach to making Briars Junior Rugby a success and for lifting the burden off the Briars Rugby Committee.
- Kevin Ivins Chiropractic for helping our rugby boys make it back out onto the paddock from injury.
- Greg McPhee, Ian Richards, Terry O'Kane, Paul Bevins and Chris Murray for their kind support.
- Our canteen lady Carlieann Martin for keeping us all well fed.
- Greenlees Bowling Club for making rugby feel welcome.
- The rugby boys who never had to be asked when a hand was needed.

Once again thank you to those of you who were part of Briars Rugby this season. I hope to see you all again next year.

John Slender - Rugby Chairman

RUGBY FIRST GRADE - CLARK CUP

The First XV completed the regular season in 3rd Place, behind frontrunners Epping and Barker Old Boys. It was an up and down season punctuated by more bonus point wins than last year, and more losses. In the end it was lack of consistency more than anything that caused us to fall one win short of back-to-back Grand Finals.

A number of new additions enabled us to field another very competitive team following the loss of several of last season's stars. Lachlan White at T/H Prop provided the fortification necessary to compete in the scrummage against many larger teams in the competition. Craig Douglass proved to be a rock in the midfield at Inside Centre, consistent in both offence and defence, while Mark Tartak at Flyhalf provided over 200 points with the boot and kept us in the hunt in many matches. Younger brother Dan Tartak excelled on the Wing with his bullocking runs and Peter Etches came of age in the ball running lock role that we had sorely been missing. Dan Youssef provided moments of excitement with his speed and agility when he was fit and able to play.

Of last years line up James TeWhata was a stand out at Outside Centre and was our most consistent player. Dynamic foot speed and bone-crunching defence were his fortes and with a little more speed I have no doubt he can progress to Premier Club Rugby. Andrew Arquilla at Flanker proved to be again this season our toughest player – pound for pound – and inspired all those around him with his domination in the tackle. He may have found his calling as a member of New South Wales's successful Under 85kg team.

James Lagiloa provided once again moments of brilliance on the field and moments of heartbreak off it. He was rewarded for his skills when selected in New South Wales' Suburban Rugby team. So to was Matt

Want who at Scrumhalf was our second most consistent player this year. His tenacity at the breakdown and clearance skills kept us on the front foot all season long.

Dan McPhee continued his good form on the Wing providing leadership at the back in defence and 10 well earned tries in offence. Tony Watts, Peter Watkins and Daniel Martin fought hard in the backrow, with the Rockstar clearly the best defensive jumper in the competition. The Chef and Stan played bone crunching roles week in week out and contested furiously at the tackle contest for the ball. Matt Waddington provided a strong game in the F/R as always, taking on bigger opponents and winning more often than not with brawn as well as brain.

No team will taste success without leadership and it is no surprise that the two players who played every match this season were those in charge. Ashley Walsh at Hooker and Team Captain and Aaron Boyter at Lock and Club Captain led from the front, as all leaders should week in week and week out. I take my hat off to their resilience and strength.

Thanks to Big Kev Ivins for providing rehab for the team - your professional diagnosis and rehabilitation skills are second to none and we are very lucky to have the best in the business supporting us at the Briars.

To the following, thankyou also for your support – you all played huge parts again this season; Andrew Cleverley – Forwards Coach, Adam Livingstone – Manager, Shaw Stockbroking – Sponsor.

There is no doubt Briars Rugby success off the field had an impact on our success on it. Put frankly all the hours put in by many of the above to support our Juniors, our Fundraisers and our Bangkok 7s Tour this year have worn us all out. So enjoy the off-season break and revitalise over the summer, because 2006 is going to be a great year for the Briars. We have a strong club with a bright future and the best is yet to come. We have tasted some success and there is no doubt next year we will yearn for more.

Notable Accomplishments

- James Lagiloa - New South Wales' Suburban Rugby team
- Matt Want - New South Wales' Suburban Rugby team
- Andrew Arquilla - New South Wales Under 85kg team
- James Te Whata – Best and Fairest
- Andrew Arquilla – Players Player
- Peter Etches – Coaches Award
- Craig Douglass – Rookie of the Year
- Mark Tartak – Leading Points Sorer (215)
- James Lagiloa – Leading Try Scorer (12)
- Ashley Walsh – Played every match this season (23)
- Aaron Boyter – Played every match this season (23)

Results

Blue Mountains	W 26-12	W 32-19	
Hills	W 44-18	W 45-15	
St.George	W 56-3	W 53-15	
Barker	L 23-22	L 53-24	
Hunters Hill	W 33-5	W 21-5	
Hawkesbury Valley	W 32-15	L 30-23	
Cbobs	W 31-10	W 24-7	Semi Final W 25-21
Chatswood	L 36-18	L 36-24	
Epping	L 35-22	L 19-7	Final L 31 – 22

RUGBY SECOND GRADE - FARRANT CUP

The Second XV completed the season in 7th Place, four wins out of the top four behind frontrunners Hawkesbury Valley and Barker Old Boys. It was a season of two halves, the first half being very successful and the second half not so successful. In a repeat of last season they finished on 31 championship points.

2005 welcomed a number of players back to the team and a number of new players into the team. They combined to form a good attacking unit on their day, strong and physical up front and fast and elusive out wide. It was defence though which sparked their early season success, notably from the centres and the tight

five. First round wins over Hunters Hill, CBOBs, St. George Hills and Blue Mountains signalled Briars intention to contest for the top four, and we found ourselves holding fifth spot at the halfway mark.

The second round began poorly with a number of players moving up to support 1sts and a number missing through injury and work/family commitments. The depth within the club was surely tested and the 3rd and 4th Graders who stepped up into 2nds performed admirably. Whilst the team's offence remained solid, its trademark defence became less organised and performances fell away as a result. Two wins from the final nine matches sealed the team's fate for 2005.

Despite the team's inconsistency, a number of players starred and were rewarded with cameo starting roles in the 1st XV as a result. Those being Lini Folau and Mark Ferris at Prop, Chris Lamond and Andrew Parks at Scrumhalf, Mark Wilkinson at Centre/Wing and Alex McRae at Wing. Others supported off the bench including Rob Borsak, Tim Callaghan, Gary Reynolds and Tony Zouein in the Backrow, Nick Lemon at Lock and Pete Saggin and Matt Conroy at Wing. Mark Wilkinson was a stand out at Centre and was our most consistent player. He broke the line regularly and provided a physical presence in defence. Pete Saggin also stood out displaying sound catch and pass and tackling skills. On the captaincy front, Chris Lamond once again provided valuable leadership to the team throughout the season.

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Matthew Grimison

RUGBY THIRD GRADE - CAMPBELL CUP

As I reflect on the 2005 season I am excited about the season ahead. The Third Grade team all showed us what they're capable of and everyone stepped out each week with determination to play good clean footy for their club.

The season started off with a bang with 3 from 3 and we were leading the competition. With a team of relative newcomers this success can be attributed to great pre-season training. We picked up some new recruits throughout the season – each of them bringing their skills and enthusiasm into the team. Even though results didn't go our way in the back end of the season the effort was always top class. The team was built around a core of dedicated players with plenty of youth and enthusiasm to continue in seasons to come. All players showed real Briars spirit backing up for the higher grades and sharing the load off the field at our home games.

Guts and determination shown at the end of the season can't be questioned as the tackles and hits kept coming. We aim to come back bigger and stronger next year and make it all the way to the finals.

I would like to thank in particular Tim Van Der Niewenhoff, Gary Reynolds, Brett Sinclair, and Tony Kerle.

Robin Pascoe - Third Grade Coach.

RUGBY FOURTH GRADE – NICHOLSON CUP

The season started well for a new look Fourth Grade in 2005. The team was a good mix of new young players and old heads that were all keen to get the season underway with some early success. There were mixed results in the first half of the draw with fours taking a couple of close wins, a draw and some very close losses, which gave us enough points to be well in contention for the second half of the season.

The second leg of the year saw fours get four solid wins and get closer to the teams ahead of us. Unfortunately some close losses saw us fall short of the finals by a few points. Full credit must go to the players who stuck with fourth grade throughout the season, and helped to make 2005 the most successful that Briars Fourth grade has had in a number of years.

Special thanks must go to Reggie, Simon James, Paul and Tommy, who's continual effort on and off of the field created a great atmosphere for many new players who started there career with Briars. These players would often play in a manner above and beyond of what was required, and then continue to back up and support the higher grades.

I would also like to thank, Scott McGill for his help with the forwards, Rob Pascoe, John Slender and Grimo for there coaching support and the entire 05 rugby committee for the support they provided to help make this season an enjoyable one.

Fourth grade has now become an important development grade for Briars Rugby and will no doubt build on the solid performance of this season in the years to come.

Mathew Grace - Fourth Grade Coach

JUNIOR RUGBY

2005 was the pioneer year for Briars Junior Rugby and a successful year at that. I am very pleased to write that this year was the first year Rugby introduced juniors into their club, and it was an absolute triumph for all concerned. This season we saw 32 girls and boys aged from 6-12 years running around with gold jersey and maroon socks at Rothwell Park, before watching the senior boys dominate the paddock.

The program was internally run, attempting to teach the players, whose experience in the sport was very limited, the basic skills of catching, passing and tagging other players – at this stage no tackling is allowed, however this was sometimes challenging to get into some of our eager players.

Briars Junior Rugby program ran every second week, and was played when there was a home game for the seniors, an attractive attribute for the parents. The season concluded with photos and a presentation, where all players received medallions for their participation. It was great to have some of our senior players at this presentation, awarding the players their medals.

The feedback from parents and players was extremely positive with much praise going to the format of the program; coaches; and their child's involvement and enjoyment. With this I would like to thank all the scholarship rugby boys for their coaching assistance during the season. I realise early Saturday mornings are not that appealing, but each coach did a wonderful job of keeping the children on the go every week. Much of the credit for the success of juniors, go to you boys. Furthermore, all the other rugby players that were up setting up tents and bbq's for the kids is greatly appreciated, as is the commitment of the Briars Rugby Committee ensuring the program was up and running.

With our first season completed and 2006 on the agenda, we are envisaging a 4 team Inner West competition centralised around the Concord area. It is our aim to develop Junior Rugby into a Briars Family that begins at 6 years and goes all the way to first grade, and seeing our young players enjoy this journey. For the pioneer year of Briars Junior Rugby, it was a phenomenal effort by all concerned, and with continued support and parental involvement, 2006 will see even more kids running around in their Briars jerseys.

Tess Havrlant - Junior Rugby Co-ordinator

HOCKEY MEN'S - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is with a degree of disappointment and a feeling of lost opportunity for season 2005 which will be remembered as a year that promised so much, but one that just fell short when it was time to deliver.

Only our 7th grade team managed a Grand Final appearance, but unfortunately went down in a 3-2 struggle after what can only be described as a SHA disgrace with a timing mix up on the day. Well done to the lads for holding the Briars flag high. It is a tribute these guys who have to play all over the country side at some very strange times that they managed to get the results they did – well done.

We also had a number of semi final aspirants this season with 1st, 2nd, 6th and U/17's all making the final four. Indeed they all progressed to the Preliminary Final, but in what can only be described as a horror show 24 hours for Briars Hockey they all lost in succession, going down in tight contests.

1st grade were up against Sutherland in a grand final re-match but could not muster the finishing on the day and went down 3-1. Another good year for the team and hopefully one that will build to next year and maybe then we can hold the cup aloft for the first time.

2nd grade, who I and many others had pencilled in as specials for the title, fell at the final hurdle with quite a lack lustre display in hot conditions, going down 2-1 to Moorebank. The team exemplified what we need in Briars across all the grades - teamwork, mateship and a rock solid defence.

6th Grade, well in the words of their coach/manager they played badly and lost 3-1. Sounds simple enough, but a good season from the guys who must be congratulated for having the best/worst post game fashion sense in the club depending on the presence or absence of colour blindness. Hopefully we can use their model for success in the lower grades to get more teams to the semis next year.

U/17 had another good season and with the core of this team playing in the senior ranks, it is providing a great platform for Briars teams of future. Well done again in making the semis guys and I look forward to playing with you all in the coming years and seeing you grow and develop into future Briars premier grade players.

And now for the rest of us who missed the semis. 8th grade tried all year but I am informed struggled some weeks to get players on the paddock. Then there were the just missed out hard luck stories for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. All three teams ended up 5th (I think) and both 4th and 5th grade were a chance for a semi final spot up until the final round. As a member of this wider group, my main comment is that we need better education of players and more concentration on individual skills development across the board in these grades. To that end next year we will be implementing some new coaching programs and ensuring that we begin to play a consistent style across the lower grades.

To all the coaches, managers, canteen helpers and committee members, thank you for your assistance and efforts through out season 2005 without you there would be no club.

To the players, I think we are at a bit of a cross roads if we want to go forward in 2006. For some of you, well done on the effort in training, playing and you support of the club socially. For others, I think it is time to have a good hard look at yourselves and work out what commitment you can make to your fellow Briars and whether you really want to be here in 2006. Enjoy reading about your team over the coming pages and I will see you all again next year. Here is hoping we can get over that final hurdle in 2006 and get ourselves a premiership or two for the mighty Briars!

Greg Dunn - Hockey Chairman

HOCKEY MEN'S FIRST GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	11	2	5	35	3rd

2005 for the Briars 1st team was a year in which the team scored 21 more goals than the prior year, started the year with 3 wins and 4 losses and then went on a 9 game streak without losing. They played as a cohesive unit determined to play together to achieve their best result game by game. Substantial gains were made in fitness, strategic game plans, forward formats and defensive capabilities. The player group was a pleasure to work with and deserved to be grand finalists this year. This group of players has a collective responsibility to the Briars Club to achieve and work hard to the best of their ability, a task that they achieved. The attitude of the team was fantastic and only with a desire to continue their journey toward the premiership, will this team realise their potential.

Special thanks must go to John Price for his untiring efforts in doing everything off field to make everything on field go to plan. Also like to thank Allen Chu and Mick for game-day management, Nathan Ball for his support and the players who came into the team from the 2nd's including: Sharpie, Blake-os, Borgy, Jay-Bro, Pikey, Sugar, Jan, Stu Turnbull, Crazy. Additionally, thanks to Warren Birmingham for his advice and guidance during the year.

Stephen Coombs - Young player who came from the bush with plenty of talent. Improved throughout the year and won votes when he saved games and was consistent in the net. Brave and quick, Coombsy will get better by working hard on his technique and experience at the last defensive post.

Ben Hurford - Played out of position again at FB for the make-up of the team and was outstanding. Probably leading the team's MVP when struck down by injury and then recovered to play off bench in finals. Barometer of the team in regards to effort and determination.

Al Charlton - Very consistent and good performer. Defensive skills are unmatched in the league and very skilful when going forward. Provides a focal point for the team in defence and lifts all those around him. Outstanding season.

Kurt Miller - Solid and consistent performer across the half line. Very versatile and tough defender who improved throughout the year with his ability to hit balls through opposing forward set-ups. Not many beat Kurt.

Josh White - Great "find" of the year. Came into the team with three rounds to go. Played an important role in the team and displayed all characteristics of becoming a great player for Briars 1sts. Good defensively and will develop a lethal penalty corner option.

Matt Lyons (C) - Heart and soul of the team with great motivational qualities. Plays with 110% effort and leaves everything out on the field to play his part in the team. Played in the middle and added plenty of spark in the forward line when given that task. Popular among players for his honesty and candid approach.

Matt Johnson - Commenced the year in the forward line and ended there in the finals. Made a large impact to the team with his skill and tenacity through the midfield. A player with potential, Matt will be looking to 2006 to build on his knowledge he has gained from 2005.

Josh Miller - Played a midfield role for the Briars and polled well in the SHA best player awards. Good team man and worked tirelessly to create chances for the strikers. Very fit and excellent dribbling skills, Josh will develop into a great Briars player for many years to come.

Mick McCann - Played his typical unselfish role all year for the team, when available to play. Was the pivot of the forward line, always in the right spot in the circle, but also providing options through the midfield. Mick improved on his defensive capabilities and will use this as his base for another high performance 2006 club year.

Kieran Gentles - Played a key midfield role in 2005, but also ventured into the striker line to add sharpness and determination. Great trainer and inspirational in his efforts week-in, week-out. Would lift for big matches and not afraid to carry the ball into attacking positions only to off-load to better placed team mates.

Ian McGregor - Very consistent performer in the striker line. Underrated by opponents, to their peril, as he set up numerous attacking options and worked persistently in defence. Great team man and improved

substantially in his ability to break lines and attack the circle. Very honest performer who set high standards on himself and for others to look up to.

Adam Bannister - Came back to the Briars fold mid-way through the season and fought his way back in to the 1st grade. Played with a high level of composure and very good basics. Played across the back, half and forward line and was a key figure in the team in the push to the finals. Very consistent season.

Nathan Fryer - Much like Bannister, Fryer returned to the 1st team outfit midway through the year and immediately made an impact with his basics, defensive capabilities and goal scoring ability. Consistent player in the forward line who worked hard for the team in his role as a striker and often set the play up for his team-mates with his unselfish efforts.

Hugh Brown - Young player who displayed potential all year. Very quick with the ball and always made himself available in good attacking positions in the circle. Improved on his basics all year and will look to build on this part of his game in 2006.

HOCKEY MEN'S SECOND GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	13	2	3	28	2 nd

This was a year of new beginnings, with a new coach a new system of play and a couple of new players. The Briars 2nd Grade team had by far the best defensive line up of any team within the Sydney premier competition. During the entire season this team only conceded 17 goals from 18 games. At the other end of the field we were almost as strong with a total of 55 goals for which ended up being the 4th highest for the grade. The reputation of 2nds being a transient squad was well lived up to with a total of 33 players being named on the card. Usually the players being pulled from one squad to another 10 minutes before we were due to go on to the field. This year's 2nd grade team earned the honour of being the best defensive team both within the Briars club and with in the Sydney 2nd grade competition. A disappointing end to a very successful year came when 2nd grade was knocked out of the final series after loosing 3 starting players to injury two broken fingers and a strained knee, leaving us 3rd in the competition.

My thanks must be extended to Stuart Carruthers and Dave Mike for their input and guidance through out the year, and to John Price for his understanding and help especially towards the end of the year when my work interfered with my commitments to the squad.

Darren Pike (Pikey) - Self-appointed Captain, lead the team all year as a captain should. When Pikey was focused and on his game he was outstanding in both defence and attack.

Michael Frost (Frosty) - Absolutely crucial player at the back – highly dependable defender, excellent distributor, contributed widely to the team.

Stuart Cayzar (Crazy) - Played well the whole year and played a key role in the outstanding defensive record for the year.

Blake Durance (Mud Guts) - Highly improved throughout the season; unselfish player with great vision and ability to distribute; prospective first grade player.

Andrew Borg (Borgy) - Has the ability to score some outstanding goals and with a little more patience on the ball could score many more.

John Godward (Dorothy) - Was always dependable and controlled the run of play in attack giving himself and others several goals through out the year.

Brett Manning (Mannas) - Always played with 100% intensity. His enthusiasm at both training and in the game rubbed off on the team, Mannas was highly missed in the middle part of the season and a asset to the strong defensive structure when he returned for the final series.

Paul Sharp (Sharpy) - An all round Briars player, Sharpy was prepared to put his body on the line for every member of the team and proved his commitment to the club and the team playing the last 2 thirds of the final with a badly broken finger.

Sam Everest (Sammy) - Perhaps the most focused players on the team. Sam almost never missed a tackle or opportunity to attack. Sammy scored some fantastic goals through out the year.

Scott Fernando (Scotty) - Naturally gifted player, willing to listen and learn. Scotty was always looking for advice and how to make himself more available for the team. Scotty truly believed in the team and put everything he had into his game.

Chris Mosley (Sugar) - Sugar put a lot into the year; He like a lot of the other guys would only miss training when he had no other alternative, often he played sick or injured and still gave everything he had. Sugar scored some fantastic goals and set up several opportunities unselfishly for his team mates.

Luke Reilly - Special thanks to Luke for his efforts this year stepping into a side and sharing the responsibility of an outstanding defensive unit. It was easy to see why Luke was Briars number one keeper last year and his help was greatly appreciated by the whole team

Stuart Turnbull (Turnstile) - Thanks go out to Stu as well, was often the only prem A keeper at training weather he was playing that week or not. Stu also contributed to the outstanding defensive unit with in the team.

Jay Rama (Jaybro) - Naturally gifted player, who's true potential really started to grow towards the end of the season. With a belief in himself and determination to drive himself further Jay will become an outstanding player in the future.

Chris Zol (Zolly) - Another up and coming player within the Briars Club. Chris improved his personal and team game immensely through out the year, with a hard task master frosty next to him Chris stepped up to the challenge with out question most days.

Hugh Brown (Fisty) - Hugh had a hard task one of the few players who had to back up for first grade most weeks, sometimes not knowing which team he would be playing for until after the warm up. A very skilled and talented young player who with focus and determination will go on to become an integral part of a future Briars first grade

Ben Hurford (Benny) - A late entry to the team due to injury Benny was a fantastic asset to both defence and attack. Ben has a natural ability to control the game and amazing skills which will see him playing first grade for a long time to come.

Nathan Fryer - An inspirational player with fantastic skills and commitment. Nathan was always going to play first grade because of his skills and commitment. It and was a pleasure to coach and watch Nathan's unique style of hockey.

Adam Bannister (Banners) - Another inspirational player with fantastic skills and vision. Adam has an amazing ability to control the game from anywhere on the field. It didn't matter where he was he was always in the perfect position to receive a pass and distribute the ball.

Josh White - It is easy to see Josh will be playing first grade for a long time. Josh was a large part of the defensive unit in the middle of the season. He personally saved several certain goals behind the keeper and kept the forwards on their toes with his drag flick at the other end of the field as well.

Thanks also to the guys who played for 2nds throughout the season: Adam Imer, David Good, Adrian Collins, Greg Dunn, David Jones, Sam Candido, Troy Prescott, Derryn Allsop, Nathan Ball, Glen Bullock and Ian Reynolds.

HOCKEY MEN'S THIRD GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	8	3	7	19	5

2005 could be classed as the year of the interchange. With so many players going through the grade (34 players) it was hard to stabilise the side throughout the season. Overall the season could be classed as a huge success as we progressed further up the ladder than in 2004. Again the introduction of younger players, combined with the more senior players of 3rd produced results that were positive for the up coming season (2006). The commitment and determination shown by all players through the season was

commendable. Training sessions were hard and somewhat physically and mentally demanding but there were no grumbles from any of the players.

Overall the season was very positive, only injuries and work commitment hindered the development of the side throughout 2005.

A large thank you must be extended to Michael for managing the side for the entire season and Rattie for his coaching whilst I was away.

Wayne Allsop - was as solid performer for the entire season. He was a highly dependable defender, excellent communicator and a valuable asset to the side.

Sam Candido - Was placed in a leadership role where he excelled throughout the season; he was an unselfish player, Sam has the potential to become a higher graded.

Ian Reynolds - Reno showed his class and experience by guiding the side through crucial games throughout the season. He assisted the younger guys to develop their games, while still personally excelling on the field. Reno as with so many of our players had his season cut short by injury, but I am hoping that he will again kit up next year.

Greg Dunn - The heart of the team – Dunny, not short of a guiding word, was instrumental in motivating the team. He assisted Sam with regard to leadership and guided him through some tough patches. He also contributed at training with running drills and talking to the less experienced players.

David Jones - David is a gifted player with sharp skills with a natural ability to play the game. With increased commitment and determination David should become a valuable asset to the higher graded sides.

Adrian Collins - Ace joined us in the seventh round (vs Ryde). He became our utility player because almost every week he would be playing in a different position due to players pulling out or being injured. Throughout the season Ace would normally double up for the 2s and I think that next year I may have lost him to the higher graded sides.

Glenn Bullock - Bulldog- what can I say. He has incredible vision but this was not his best asset. His determination was unbelievable as in almost every game he would come of injured by either throwing himself if front of an opposition pass or by being sent off because of the blood rule. He was placed in a leadership role half way through the season and didn't let the side down. He continued to criticise himself as he attempted to raise his own standard throughout the season and also doubled up for second grade. Hopeful his work commitments won't hinder his participation next year.

Thanks also to the guys who played throughout the season: S Rana, C Allport, S Fowler, A Imer, S Prescott, N Ball, B Garland, D Good, L Boa, S Fernando, A Kilozaglou, C Zol, N Parlett, L Mike, B Manning, J Godward, B Hutford, S Smith, G O'Sullivan, S Cayzer, Mason, D Van Trop, Chief, D. Allsop there are few others so I apologise if I have missed you out.

HOCKEY MEN'S FOURTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	8	2	8	26	5 th

After a very good first round the team faded in the second round to be pipped at the post for fourth spot by one point. There were over 30 players who played in this team during the course of the season, and the highlight of the season for me was how these players managed to gel together and put in good performances each week in changed line-ups. Many of the original line up managed to progress to 3rd grade through the course of the season, and it is encouraging to see the contingent of ex Briars junior players who are coming up through the seniors ranks.

Mark Holman - In his second year in seniors Mark really came of age and is developing into a reliable goalkeeper.

Andrew Cain - The “big guy”. Always safe and reliable defender.

Lewis Mike - Developing into a strong defender, with "attitude".

Nathan Ball - His experience and maturity was an asset to the team.

Brian Doughty - Captain Coach of the team.

Max Mason - A Briars junior who had a good first year in senior hockey.

Shayne Fowler - Another Briars junior in his first year of senior hockey. Provided drive, speed and control up front.

Gary O'Sullivan - A goal sneak who was always a target up front.

Andrew Kilazoglou - Moved from defender to the Centre Half position for most of the season. Very reliable defensively and provided control in the middle.

Laughlan Boa - A good solid head in the team and provided versatility in playing in defense and up front as well as a force on short corners.

Derryn Allsop - Had an outstanding season playing up front. Always a problem for opposition defenders with his speed and hustling

Simon Smith - Didn't get a lot of game time coming off the bench, but could always be relied upon.

Matt Small - First year in seniors after playing U17s and became a regular 4th team member in the second round. His eye for goal is something to look forward to in years to come.

Thanks also to the guys who played throughout the season: James Hallet, Kieran Cassells, John Godward, Ben Garland, Ian Reynolds, Matt Pullen, David Jones, Chris Zol, David Tatzenko, Sam Coleman, Craig Shadbolt, Nelson Parlett, Adrian Collins, Adam Imer, Scott Walmsley, Haj Sian, Derryk Van Ogtrop. Also thanks to Dave Mike and all those who helped out on the sideline with subs during the season.

HOCKEY MEN'S FIFTH GRADE

Trying to avoid that late season fall off in form that seems to happen so often with the lower grade teams, the aim with 5's was to get the organising done in the first half of the season and then storm home to the finals. This is very close to what happened, with some outstanding form in the final rounds of the season. Unfortunately the run was too late, and we missed out on the finals by a single competition point. The main focus of our game was to develop a style of play where players would always look to pass rather than take on the player. This fell into place as the year progressed with some excellent plays and goals. The players genuinely enjoyed being in the same team as junior playing their first year in senior hockey. All those in fives finished the season with memories of some difficult periods, and of playing some great hockey where the team just clicked.

Harmeet Sian - Fantastic pace and intensity. Harj also had great defensive skills and won games for us by cutting out key players of the opposition.

Derrick Van Oltropp - Organiser of the attack, with great ball skills. He showed great commitment to the team.

Simon Smith - Stalwart of the team, playing wherever he was required and doing an excellent job too.

Glen Briggs - The team LH. With Glen on the pitch we even forgot the other side had a right wing.

Jamie Gallagher - U/15 in his first senior year. Incredible agility, would just pop up in places and scored many goals from LW.

Matthew Small - When we moved him to CH we were worried he wouldn't score as many goals. Not only did he control the game but he kept scoring goals!

Kish Rathinan - Able to beat most players with one on one skill. Kish worked well to control the mid field as IR, and developed a passing game which fit in with the team psyche.

Sam Coleman - Played with the team late in the season, and would be playing in a higher grade if more available. Very fit and with a team spirit we all could learn from. Its not which grade we play in, its about playing for the Briars!

Scott Warmseley - Showed us all how it's done with combination of fitness, great leading and skills. He was a key player in the 10-3 demolition of Ryde.

Paul Semple - A full back who can read the game earlier than anyone I have known. Great tackle and reach.

Dave Tatzenko - Very quick and able to offload at the right time, forming a key part of our attack.

Matt Pullen - A great contributor to the team, on and off the field, it was his first year with the Briars and he is a great asset to the club.

Ben Jackson - A difficult season for Ben with clashes with work commitments. Ben saved many goals with his instinctive style.

HOCKEY MEN'S SIXTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	10	6	2	26	3rd

This was a season in which Briars Sixth Grade showed a lot a promise but ultimately did not perform as well as we would have liked, with the season ending with a disappointing loss to Manly in the Final. Overall it was an enjoyable year, with the players coming together well as a team. With a team made up of mainly veterans with some younger guys to do all the running, Sixth Grade were competitive against every team. With the same core group of players over several years, we have achieved a higher ladder position each year and hope to continue this with a Grand Final appearance next season.

Joel Osmond - Goal Keeper – One of the better keepers in the grade; kept us in numerous games with some excellent work

Mike Denniss - Full Back – Continues to contribute, even though age is slowing him down

Brent Diprose - Full Back/Half Back – Dipper is a solid defender and primary defensive organiser

Ben Scully - Full Back – season curtailed by injury – contributes in every game he plays

Adam Schasser - Half Back – Shazza provided valuable mid experience and transitions the ball from defence to attack effectively

John Denniss - Half Back/Full Back – limited number of games due to injury – mobile defender with a deceptively long reach

David Wright-Smith - Half Back – Fitted in at Left Half (rather than his usual right or centre half position) – another with an injured interrupted year

Craig Shadbolt - Half Back – came into the side late in the season and provided additional experience and skill across the half line

Dave Ratcliffe - Centre Half – Ratty had a year off Goal Keeping and proved his versatility with a solid performance in the critical central mid field role – his cameo goals following solo runs from defence turned the game for Briars on occasions.

HOCKEY MEN'S SEVENTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
21	13	3	5	29	2nd

The first three games of the season did not augur well for the Briars 7th grade team – all three were lost ! From this point, teams sorted out their squads, several players were acquired and the 7ths team evolved into a blend of youth and experience. The results achieved by the team reflect this turn-around; only two more games were lost and the team finished second on the ladder. The team displayed a strong resolve by coming from behind to salvage several draws and winning the major semi-final despite being two goals down at half time. This resolve was not enough in the grand final where the team put up a gallant effort only to lose 2-3.

David Osmond - Ozzie is one of the vets and an excellent goalkeeper.

David Paul - A good fullback from the old school, goes in hard for the ball

Nick Pound - The other side of the fullback combination, has the skills and a big hit and has used it to good effect in scoring goals from short corners.

James Brown - Dependable half who is laid back even when the going gets tough.

Sarbijit Singh - Very skillful center-half who could play several grades higher

Geoff Atkins - A very dependable halfback who can more than hold his own against wingers half his age.

Craig Miller - No matter where he plays in the forward line, Craig has that knack of being in the right place at the right time scoring two goals a game at the end of the season.

David Cahill - Handy forward who is a good open play ball-runner

Teaj Sian - Skilful forward who provided a strong mid-field link and the basis of controlled attacking moves. Could play several grades higher.

Joe Lyons - Handy utility player who has played fullback, halfback and in the forward line this season.

Viv Paul - Young and fast with good ball skills for a late starter in the game.

Bruce Jones - Speedy and skilful right wing.

Simon Bergfield - Chief organizer and utility player who fills in wherever he is required and does an all right job.

Thanks also to the guys who played throughout the season: Rishiv Rathore, Leon Hollaway, Allen Chu

HOCKEY MEN'S EIGHTH GRADE

Sean Birmingham – Keen forward forced to play goal keeper, did an excellent job between the posts.

Chris Baldwin – The Rock of our defence, always played well. Good stick skills and plenty of pace.

Ryan Hollis – Fast defender, good speed and commitment. Played well alongside Chris.

Bill Evans – a versatile ‘young’ player who adapted well from fullback to half back.

Rishiv Rathore – A fine young player with plenty of skills. Needs to be stronger on the ball, but a player with plenty of potential.

Peter Duigan – Joined the team mid season and always played with plenty of commitment.

Alan Jones – our energetic ‘left wing’. Always in space, unfortunately not able to convert as many chances as he would like.

Sunjeet Jetlet – ‘The fox’. Teamed well with his other forwards to produce goals.

Leon Holloway – A hard running forward with a keen eye for goal.

Allen Chu – Provided plenty of emotion to team. Good goal sense working well with his other forwards.

Naveed Ijaz – A quick and keen player with good goal sense. Played well throughout year and rewarded with a number of goals.

Roger Lee – Fine young goal scorer with good stick skills - plenty of potential for this young man.

Daryl – Joined the team mid season and always played with plenty of commitment.

Also played -Troy Rossitor

The Team

A great bunch of guys that teamed together very well. Always supportive of each other and tried hard in every game. Too many draws cost the team a place in the finals. Looking forward to next season.

Joe Lyons

HOCKEY MEN’S UNDER 17’S

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GF	GA	Points	Position
18	12	1	5	82	27	25	3 rd

This was a season that just managed to slip away. We lost a couple of close games against the better opposition teams whilst missing one or two key players culminating in the team finishing third on the table and having no second chance in the final series. A golden goal to St George in the preliminary final ended our season one match earlier than hoped for. We averaged 4.5 goals per game and conceded only 1.5. The boys grew as a team and found they did not have to rely on the representative players to carry them through matches. Special thanks to David Jones and Sam Candido for their coaching efforts this year. U17s can be a difficult task for young men (or old) to coach. The boys learned from and respected their coaching. Further thanks to Park Hyun Soun for standing in as training coach on occasions and umpiring and to Ilia Hristoforidis for standing in as Manager when I could not be at a game.

Matthew Hetherington - Confidence in a goalkeeper is all important. Matt’s confidence grew throughout the season. Being more vocal in the circle will further improve his game.

Garth Andrews - A capable defender. Has improved his mobility this season and will further improve as a player as he continues to widen his on-field vision.

Ryan Beattie - Started as a forward but made his home in the backline as a solid defender. A good eye for the ball, Ryan has worked well on improving his disposal skills.

Oliver Boudib - A real team player. Put him anywhere to annoy an opposition player, Oliver fits the task well. An emergency goalkeeper of value, needs to improve personal discipline with umpires.

Arjun Chandran - A good utility forward who could not play all games this year due to school commitments. Leads well and contributed to team goals.

Brendon Churton - A solid utility player on the back, half or forward line. Needs to work on his reverse tackle so as not to annoy the umpires as often.

Daniel Delimihalis - First choice left wing, a good attacker and unselfish passer of the ball. Contributed to many goals as well as consistently scoring on the post himself.

Martin Forrest - A reliable centre striker. Will continue to improve in strength and speed on the ball if he can become more aggressive.

Shayne Fowler - A player capable of developing into a 1st or 2nd grader. Great speed around the field and aggression in the circle. Found the uprights a few too many times.

Ian Hristoforidis - Has developed into a good halfback. Has a great attacking sense and will continue to rise as he learns better distribution skills. A willing listener and learner.

Adam Imer - The central controller of the team. Lead and motivated team-mates whilst maintaining an unselfish attitude on the field. Scored some excellent goals from corners and general play.

Roger Lee - A real "find" in his first season of hockey. Fearless and fast and well taught in the basics of hockey. Will develop into a top grade player with more experience.

Daniel Nassif - A rock of a defender. Stands up to any forward and usually comes away with the ball. Will continue to grow with experience and coaching.

Darshan Singh - New to the club this year, learned quickly how to fit in to a higher skill level. Will continue to improve with more experience and confidence.

Matthew Small - A highly skilled, yet unorthodox player. Ran rings around every opposition to score some memorable goals. An expert finisher who has potential to rise to the top grades.

Michael Imer - Manager

HOCKEY WOMEN'S - CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Women's hockey continued to grow and prosper at the Briars in 2005. This year women's hockey again featured eight teams, four in the Sydney Women's Hockey League and four teams in the Eastern District Competition, ensuring a busy season for the management team.

With two of our sides being pushed up a grade, 2005 acted as a building year that saw one of our key goals achieved. For the first time Briars had 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade teams in the Sydney women's hockey league, I would like to congratulate the coach John Godward, manager Carol Cassels and the players of Briars 3rd grade on a great first season and I look forward to watching this side develop. This season Briars also featured a 1st and 2nd grade side in the Eastern Districts competition, having five teams at the top level of women's hockey in Sydney pushed both our players and coaches, and a strong base was created for the seasons to come.

Women's Hockey this year came away with two premierships trophies for our 1st and 8th grade teams. 8th grade won their nail biting grand-final against St George with a goal in the last 2 minutes of play to make the final score 3-2. The team showed great dedication and club spirit following the leadership of coach David Ratcliffe. Both David and the girls are to be congratulated on a fantastic season.

A grand final is nothing new to our first graders however this year missing key players and utilising the strength of our second grade side, made their comfortable 2-0 win against Esquires a great victory for the team and their management, thank you to Aaron Omen and Gill Burns for all their effort and dedication.

The Briars women once again experienced great success in the number of players being selected for representative sides. We would like to congratulate the following girls for their outstanding performances throughout the season.

- Eastern District Under 13's Michaela Vincent, Sian Tutt, Stephanie Di Val, Harriet Boyle
- Eastern District Under 15's Grace Fowler, Alice Wilson
- Eastern District Under 18's Phoebe Robins, Rachael Stephenson, Charlotte Allan, Holly Griffith, Emma Esslemont
- NSW Under 16's Amanda Hese
- Half State Under 18's Ashley Cocking (Player of the Tournament)
- NSW Under 21's Ebony Barber, Kasey Cocking, Jessica Esslemont, Sam Gale, Laura Gane
- NSW Senior Team Hayley Burke
- Representing Australia in the Junior World Cup team Samantha Gale

Of course there are a few thank you's that need to be made to those people who made the 2005 season such a success:

- All the coaches and managers, your time and dedication is appreciated.
- The women's and men's committees who give up their time to administer the club.
- My fellow club captain Andrew Borg. Your passion for the Briars is endless.
- Men's chairman Greg Dunn. Your humour and spirit is inspiring, thank you for keeping me calm.
- Thank you to John Price. Your advice and huge amount of effort forms the foundation of Briars hockey.
- Cath Harland – The first female winner of the AJ Robertson Trophy, thank you for the years you have dedicated yourself to hockey and the Briars. You will be sorely missed by the management team and myself particularly. Thanks for the laughs coach!
- Cindy Goodridge – Another amazing season is over and you have again put in so much effort to ensure the Briars are a success on and off the field. Congratulations on an amazing two years as president and we wish you luck in your new role.

To all the players – thank you for your commitment and another great season, I look forward to playing with you all again next year.

Nicola Firth - Women's Hockey Club Captain

HOCKEY WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	12	3	3	39	1st

2005 was a successful season for the 1st grade side, despite a number of issues that would have seen other teams fail to make the semis. The first grade side used roughly 26 players during the season. This included 8 second grade girls in one game against Glebe, which we won 2-1. The girls started the season well, winning most of their early matches. The competition was very tight however and at the halfway point, we were no guarantee of finishing in the top four. With a number of players, suffering injuries and a handful of others missing games through rep duties, the side called on a number of 2nd grade girls to help.

In previous years, this may have been a problem, but the girls from 2nd grade played well and many of the regular first graders improved their games dramatically with the increased responsibility. The girls played very well in the last 6 matches and were pipped for the minor premiership on goal difference only. (1 goal). Despite this, the girls were too strong in the major semi final against the minor premiers UTS winning 1 nil. Moving straight into the grand final the girls played very well and finished the year with a convincing two nil victory against Esquires.

A big thankyou to Gil Burns the team manager. Gil organised everything. She was the first one to every training session and game and was always the last to leave. She sent messages to the girls every week, made sure the cups were always full and most importantly always had a full lunch box of lollies. Gil had a reasonably difficult year with a lot going on away from hockey, and the girls took great pleasure in being able to win the premiership for her.

Laura Gane - The best women's keeper I have ever seen. Missed a few games with representative duties but showed her class in the finals. I don't know how she missed out on the Junior World cup side.

Megan (Whitey) Oman - The best tackler in the competition. When Megsy's passing game was on song, no side came near us. Missed some games late in the year with an injury, but came back and played well in the finals.

Kasey Cocking - Started the year at fullback, but was moved to centre half when the injuries hit. Casey played well at fullback, but was an absolute standout at centre half. Our best player in the finals.

Emma (Minty) Esslemont - Another who had some injuries through the season. One of our youngest players, but one with a lot of potential. Moved to fullback for the finals series and did not disappoint. Defended very well.

Rachael Powell - Our trusty right half. Was at every training session and very reliable in every game. Rachael also improved out of sight in the finals.

Hayley Burke - Captained us in the finals and although she had some trouble finding the net during the regular season, she scored a great goal right on half time to set up the victory in the Grand Final. There isn't a better player in the competition at carrying the ball through the midfield or in a congested space.

Amanda Hese - Started at striker and scored the first goal of the season, but played most of the year at left half. Amanda made huge improvements throughout the year and was awarded with representation in a number of junior sides. Very promising back with good defensive skills.

Ebony Barber - Ebony has a lot of talent. Was selected in the NSW under 21's side and came back with a lot more confidence. Likes to be involved as much as possible and is very good around the circle. I would be disappointed if she wasn't selected in the NSW women's side in the next 2 years.

Ashley Cocking - First year at the club and started the year in 2nd grade. She was asked to become a regular 1st grade player after a few girls left the side early in the year. After 3 weeks of 1st grade, you would have been forgiven for thinking that Ash had been playing 1st grade for 4 years. Huge potential, she reads the game very well.

Jess "Monte" Esslemont - Played all year before injuring herself two days before the finals started. Played very well all season and managed to dig us out of trouble in a few games with some very good goals. Still

learning the small things to do as an inside forward. Jess has a lot of versatility and was one of the best players on the field in the two games she played at striker.

Airlie Halliday - Airlie left for England in the middle of the season. She received a job offer that was too good to refuse. An outstanding club person, she had a huge influence on the younger girls. Ran her butt off in every game.

Sam Gale - Made the junior world cup side and missed half the season. While in camp for the JWC she broke her thumb and had to withdraw from the championship. Although this was a huge disappointment for her, I have no doubt she will go onto represent at a higher level. Has a great drag flick and is very skilful. Has played a lot of positions and is still finding her ideal spot. Played very well as a striker and in the midfield.

Cindy Proctor - Cindy was also injured towards the end of the year after being hit playing in Newcastle. Cindy is a centre forward who always seems to find herself in the right position in the circle. Missed selection in the under 21's side, but if she plays again next year, I have no doubt she will represent NSW.

Jo Banning - Ex NSW player, Jo only managed to play a small number of games through the year. Was very busy juggling her hockey and work commitments. When she did play the girls lifted around her. Very skilful with a accurate and powerful shot at goal.

Tracey Nutt - Tracey was elevated into our side when the injuries hit. Scored a number of goals in 1st grade and was always dangerous around the circle.

Tina "Donut" Done - Tina almost took the award for the highest goal scorer in the side, despite playing in only 5 matches. She scored 4 goals in one of the last round games, followed by our only goal in the major semi final and a goal in the grand final. Had the tenacity in the circle that some of the younger girls are still learning. Should play 1st grade next year.

Olivia Piccirilli - Another second grader who found herself playing a lot of the games late in the year. Very solid defender and accurate ball distributor. Was extremely valuable in the last round games and finals.

Leigh Pasfield - Lee was our back up keeper, who played a number of games while Laura was away on representative duties. Lee is another player who would not have looked out of place as a regular 1st grader.

Thanks to the following girls who also helped when necessary during the year.

Anna McGeoch - Midfielder who even filled in as a striker in one game.

Kylie Norris - Tough defender who filled in at the back when Megs was out.

Annika Clements - Good midfielder who would have played the remainder of the season in 1st grade, if she hadn't left oz for South Africa.

Charlotte Board - Another half/midfielder from the 2nd grade side. Charlotte was even used as a striker in 1st grade where she performed well.

Alison Jones - Ali scored two goals in her first grade debut. Would have got a couple of games in 1st grade, but she also succumbed to injury.

Julie Prolov - Played a couple of 1st grade games including the victory against Glebe in the Trevenear / Wark Cup. Solid half back with a strong defensive game.

HOCKEY WOMEN'S SECOND GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	2	5	11	11	9th

Despite a slow start to the season, losing players early and many players assisting 1st grade, Briars 2nd grade remained confidant and developed individually and as a team every week. By the end of the season the on field play was a pleasure to watch with the girls putting goals away at will. One of the proudest

moments for the team was when 8 of our girls lead women's 1st grade in their win against Glebe and secure Briars the Derby Day Cup. One other thing that needs to be mentioned is out of the 16 games lost or drawn, it was only in the last 6 minutes of play that the opposition scored and most of the time it was a lucky goal that was opposite to the run of play. Well done to all the girls!

Kylie Norris (Captain) - Outstanding defensive player, a true leader and had the respect of her whole team and coach. Kylie was always dependable and led the girls through some hard games and heart breaking defeats.

Leigh Pasfield - Leigh was an absolute asset to the team the whole year with amazing saves each week, Leigh had regular call ups to first grade and her performance outstanding for them as well.

Julie Prolov - For a tennis player Julie is an outstanding player on the hockey pitch. Excellent strength defensively and helped keep out sometimes overwhelming attacks from the opposition.

Olivia Piccirilli - With an outstanding reverse stick tackle Liv was not often beaten. An asset to second grade as a all round player strong in defence but also able to score and was an integral part of both defensive and attacking penalty corners

Tina Done - Tina was an incredible player all year, often with an injury Tina would be there to do what ever it took to play the best game she could. Tina has fantastic vision and ability and showed this each week.

Nakia Chapman - Nakia has great skill and potential to become a very good player. With time and confidence in herself and her ability she will grow to be a integral part in any team she plays in.

Ashley Cocking - Ashley is an outstanding young player whose early loss to the team was defiantly felt across the whole team. With time and dedication Ash will be playing first grade for a long time to come.

Charlotte Board - Through out the whole year Charlotte improved each week both individually and as one of the senior players taking on more responsibility both at the game and at training. Charlotte will go on to be a strong dependable asset to the team in years to come.

Tracey Nutt - Tracey has great vision and stick skills often providing excellent scoring opportunities and penalty corners, one of the more senior forwards Tracey also provided a source of help and leadership to the younger girls around her.

Megan Rawle - Meagan has a gifted hockey brain and excellent vision, and would often play in several positions through out a game, this skill alone made Megan a fantastic player to coach and look forward to seeing her grow with in the club.

Bonnie Short - Bonnie was always willing to give anything a go, her youth and speed a definite asset to the forwards. With time Bonnie will learn to use her abilities and speed to become a very valuable player to second grade.

Anna McGeoch - Each week Anna added something thing to her repertoire making her dependable and reliable in both attack and defence. With confidence in herself Anna will improve even more than she has this year.

Melanie Picker - As one of the more senior players Mel stepped up to the challenge of coming into the team after the start of the season with ease and confidence. She was always excited to play and with excellent stick skills and pace on her side created several opportunities and goals from brilliant individual work.

Stephanie Hartup - Steph has excellent skills and vision of the game. A naturally gifted player who with a belief in her self and her ability will play first grade. I look forward to seeing Steph grow and improve in the coming years.

Alison Jones - Ali is an up and coming young player who is going to be a very good player in the future. She has strong skills and a good sense of the game, which with dedication will ensure she will become an invaluable player for the club.

Annika Clements - Annika proved to be an outstanding player, leader and role model for the rest of the team, along with Kylie, Annika took on a role of leading the girls during each game. Because of her skills

leadership and friendships within the team, the loss of Annika to a life in South Africa was difficult for the whole team and she was sorely missed at the end of the year by everyone.

I have an apology for all of the girls as coach this year. I don't feel the results we achieved this year not are a true reflection of the skills and dedication you all put in during the year. I feel responsible for most of this due to my inability to communicate my message effectively with you all. I truly believe that your performances against the top teams is a reflection of this and you should have earned a place in the final series.

A big thank you must be given to all those girls who played up for 2nd grade this season They saved us on many occasions and their effort was much appreciated; Lisa Hando, Charlotte Allan, Sonya Finlayson, Cath Harland, Georgina Cannon, Katie Martin, Courtney Cruikshank, Katie Ellem, Kim Moodie, Carol Pearson, Danielle Quoy, Nicola Firth, Pheobe Robbins and Ellyce Louden.

Nate Ball – Coach

HOCKEY WOMEN’S THIRD GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	3	5	10	14	8th

This has been an interesting season for ML3. Promoted from 4's last year, the girls have played well, with mixed results. There were times when the end score definitely did not reflect the hard slog and dedicated effort put in by the entire team each and every game. A few notable moments included a “bloody” game against Sutherland where one of their players lost all her front caps and Rachael got carted off to hospital after being knocked out. To their credit the girls took up the play and fought hard to the end of the game.

Forwards - Our forward pack consisted of Georgie Cannon, Danielle Quoy, Kate Martin, Veronica Lynch, Charlotte Allan and Alessia Campagna who came in late to help us out. It took a few games to sort things out but by the second round everyone was in the swing of things. It was a pleasure to watch the forwards confuse the defence by changing positions and confusion reigned in whom to mark. Ably assisted by our hard-hitting Sarah Sullivan on short corners the team scored a number of sensational goals. Georgie Cannon is our terrier in attack ably assisted by Danielle and Charlotte. Kate Martin who unfortunately became injured early in the season, was instrumental in many attack plays and we hope she will return to us in 2006. Veronica did not complete the season through injury too and was missed in the latter part of the season. Welcome back Alessia and thank you for your hard work to keep a team on the field during the last few weeks of the season.

Halves - Kate Sullivan, Alana Tagg, Lisa Hando, Rachael Stephenson and Jermaine Chau. Once again it was a delight to watch Kate Sullivan go about her business. Lisa Hando showed her determination and persistence both in attack and in defence. Welcoming our “Fangio” back in week 6 Rachael has had an interesting season. Alana Tagg at Centre Half again proved her value and works hard all the time. Jermaine again showed her versatility across the entire field from attack to defence – a true utility player.

Backs - In goals, young Leigh Bate has been a valuable member of our defence. So many goals saved by her speed and organization of our players. 2005 welcomed Sarah Sullivan back to hockey. It has been a pleasure to have her maturity and determination to support our younger players and her assistance in patching up “nasties”. Ellyce Louden has undoubtedly been one of our secret weapons this year. Another player who goes about her game with total focus, she has been responsible for some spectacular plays and has proved a very popular member of the team.

A big thank you to Veronica Castro, Carol Pearson and Ally Mullins who have all given their time and skills to ably assist us. You girls are the best! Another thank you to our coach John who put up with us with such good humour. On a personal note, I would like to say what a terrific bunch of girls these are, a pleasure to watch and a privilege to manage. This is our first year in ML3 and firmly believe we can do even better next year. It has been a pity that sickness and injury took their toll at crucial times during the season but I guess that's how things go. Thank you ladies for your friendship, good natures and fun times.

Carol Cassells - Manager ML3

HOCKEY WOMEN'S FOURTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
14	1	2	11	5	6th

Briars Women's 4th grade had a tough 2005 season facing several stronger teams due to the competition being restructured as well as the team having several injuries for the season. Despite this the girls bonded together well and faced every game with a positive attitude and a will to win. As each player's skills became stronger and the team started to play as a unit towards the end of the season they were matching it with the top teams and showing the strong Briars spirit. I hope to see all the girls back next season as their improvement this season shows they can be in the finals in the 2006 season.

4th grade were a pleasure to coach this year and a fun team on and off the field. I would like to thank the girls for their commitment and continual positive attitude throughout the season.

Briars 4th Grade came 6th in the Eastern Districts 1st division competition. Team trophies went to:

- Player's player in 2005 Carol Pearson
- Best and fairest in 2005 Natasha Lung
- Most improved in 2005 Jenny Prosser

Janet Adams - Captained the team in 2005 and did a great job with her enthusiasm at games and training. Janet played a striker and through the course of the season became stronger on the ball and her game awareness improved to make her a strong striker in the team.

Sue Bush - "The rock", Sue is a strong, quick and reliable back who always managed to come up with the ball at the back. Sue had a fantastic season and is a great asset to the team with her strong hockey knowledge.

Veronica Castro - Playing a right half, initiating a lot of attack up the right side of the field and pushing up into the goal circle to threaten the opposition. Veronica was also a great strength in the defending half line.

Nadine Collins - Playing a striker, faced an injured ankle at the beginning of the season, but once she returned to full fitness she helped strengthen our striking line as she improved with every game and her enthusiasm for the game showed.

Courtney Cruikshank - Playing a half and defender, was able to play in any position she was put in which became invaluable to the team as we faced many injuries. Courtney improved her strength on the ball and game awareness as the season progresses which was great to see.

Sonya Finlayson - Super mum, Sonya played an inner/striker after joining us mid way through the season only 9 weeks after the birth of her child and was amazing on the field with her never give up attitude and great stick skills.

Nicola Firth - Playing a left half after coming up a grade from last season. Nicola improved with each game and became a strong part of the defending half line due to her speed and game skills that just got better with each game.

Cath Harland - Playing a striker for the season Cath added strength, speed and determination to our striking forward line. Cath's game knowledge and tough on field attitude was invaluable to the team.

Natasha Lung - Does she ever stop, played a striker/inner and put in 110% at every game and was determined to win the ball every time she played. Natasha's great game attitude lifted the team.

Kim Moodie - Playing centre half, Kim played with confidence and presence and was always in the thick of the game. Kim's positive attitude and determination on the field was outstanding.

Alexandra Mullins - Goalkeeper with a booming voice, Alex improved her skills throughout the season playing some great games against harder team and pulling off great saves.

Laura Murphy - Playing an inner/striker, was persistent on the field and always positive. Her close skills improved throughout the season and her positional play, and Laura's always smiling attitude and team encouragement was fantastic.

Carol Pearson - Never say die, I am sure Carol never stops running. Carol played an inner and her skills, strength and speed, caused havoc for other teams and she was a key player in our attacking force.

Jenny Prosser - Playing a back for the second year, Jenny improved with leaps and bounds in her strength on the ball, positional play and disposal of the ball. Jenny had a fantastic season leading the team from the back.

Phoebe Robbins - Playing a striker, has great speed and as the season continued her confidence grew and her skills to see her slotting in much needed Goals for the team. Phoebe has great potential and will be a force for the Briars club in the coming seasons.

Mary-Rose Roche - Only playing a few games with us this year before injuring her back, but stayed a strong supporter of the team and her encouragement was much appreciated.

Many thanks to all the Girls

Cindy Parker - Coach

HOCKEY WOMEN'S FIFTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
15	2	3	10	9	6th

This season was challenging as the team was promoted to the Eastern Districts Women's 2nd grade competition, as a result of their excellent performance during the 2004 season. Unfortunately from the 2004 season only four members were again selected in this team.

Early on in the season the team experienced several convincing defeats, however team members continued to enjoy their playing experiences and were regulars at training. There is no doubt all players improved in their individual skills and come together by mid season as a competitive team. This was evident as the team either defeated or narrowly lost against the top four teams of the competition.

Susan Bell - never give up attitude, developed into a stand out defender (most improved player).

Lauren Candido - great competitor and established herself as the playmaker of the team.

Melanie Cochrane - an experienced campaigner, who added drive and determination the team.

Sally Dickson - quiet achiever, strengthen in confidence and ability throughout the season.

Penny Dickson - followed in her sister's footsteps in being quiet and unassuming, continually added to the team's attack.

Erin Gill - enthusiasm to burn, improved individual skills and anticipation.

Natasha Lung - tremendous competitor as player and assistant coach.

Ellie MacCarthy - laid back attitude, but determined to eliminate opposition players.

Bridgina Mackay - keen to learn and strengthen individual skills, definitely showed improvement.

Brock Mifsud - another outstanding season, skill and speed to burn (Best and Fairest player).

Melanie Nelson - suffered a broken wrist, but displayed exceptional goalkeeping skills throughout the season. Keep the team in many matches through outstanding saves.

Jessica Robinson - established herself as a mature and patient player. As team captain contributed to team motivation, organisation and the dominate force in the defensive line.

Alisha Wormald - determined to perform well and great contributor to team defence.

I would like to thank all the players for their positive and enthusiastic contributions throughout the season, particularly Jessica Robinson as Captain and Natasha Lung as Assistant Coach.

Also, the Briars Women's Hockey teams successes should be greatly attributed to the Club's President – Cindy Parker, Captain – Nicola Firth, the members of the Women's Committee and Coaching staff. Congratulations to all involved on a demanding, but rewarding season.

Cath Harland - Coach

HOCKEY WOMEN'S SIXTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
18	2	5	11	11	9th

Briars 6 started the 2005 season with high hopes and a mix of seasoned and new players. It took us too long to settle in as a team finding us in a 3-way battle in the very last game of Round 2 trying to avoid finishing last risking of relegation out of the SWHL competition. We avoided this potentially embarrassing situation by playing one of our best games against Ryde Hunters-Hill, one of the teams in the 4-way battle to play in the semi-finals. On paper, our team should have been more competitive than our results would indicate: 2 wins and 5 draws from 18 games, with the wins against teams in the top half of the table in the 2nd round.

Representative honours go to Grace Fowler who gained selection in the ED Under 15 team that competed at the Southern Half-State Championships and to Marg Sanders who gained selection in the NSW Over-50's Veterans team.

One thing our team did improve on this year was our participation in Briars fund-raising and social activities, particularly at the Trivia night where we more than doubled our attendance from 2004's roll-up. Unfortunately, our performance on the night was consistent with our game results and we finished in the bottom half of the competing tables, but we didn't come last!

Having avoided relegation, I hope that in 2006 we can put together a team that will be competitive and willing to come to training consistently.

Penny Mullins - Coach

HOCKEY WOMEN'S SEVENTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
12	2	5	5	11	5th

The Briars 7's (ED 4) women's team had a season of missed opportunities. The girls were able to control most games from the starting whistle, but unfortunately they were unable to collect maximum points as they had trouble finding the back of the net. The team was made up of a mixture of new players to the club as well as those returning from the year before. The girls worked hard throughout the season, and in turn built some good combinations, as well as great friendships. With good attendances at trainings the girls showed they wanted to better their skill level and be competitive in this grade this season. With a year of playing together now, I believe the girls will have the experience to push for the top 4 finish next season.

Kim Wood - Kim was an up and coming goalkeeper who continually kept us in the game with some brilliant reflex saves. Good season Kim.

Jenny McKellar - Unfortunately, Jenny missed the first part of the season through injury. When she came back though, she controlled the defence and provided loads of experience for the team. Pleasure to have you in the team, Jen

Tina Jackson - Tina was a brick wall in defence. As much as the opposition tried, they could never go through her. With a couple of stints up front, Tina managed to score herself a goal. Great year Tina

Belinda Wong - Bel always showed a great willingness to learn. From that she was one of our biggest improvers and became a dominant halfback overlapping in attack at vital times. Well done Bel

Natalie Shiel: Nat had a long reach which continually picked off attacking raids by the opposition. With a strong hit Nat was able to move us from defence into attack. Good job Nat

Hayley Wong - Hayls played a position which was new to the team this year. It was a roaming sweeper. This position was very demanding and with Hayleys ability to read the play and respond quickly she was the right candidate for the position. Nice work Hayls

Kate Schafer: Kate captained the side this year and every game she led by example. Kate had sound skills which proved to be vital in our match play. Thanks for the season Kate

Chu Wai Liew - Chu Wai was a player with a never say die attitude. Chu pressured her opponents through out the match giving them no more then an inch of room. This proved to be critical, as it broke down the opposition midfield play. You were a pleasure to coach Chu Wai

Chu Yook Liew - Like her sister Chu Yook gave it all every game she played. Chu was a player who continually improved her skill level and used it in games to eliminate players and set up our players. Fantastic season Chu Yook

Amelia Barthelmess - Amelia had the ability to put the opposing defence on their back foot with her swiftness around the field. Amelia had a nice drag which at pace could beat any defender. Nice work Amelia

Georgie Nicol - Georgie is a player who could be relied upon to play every position on the field. She worked hard and never took a step backwards. Georgie also looked dangerous everytime she got near the circle. Good season Georgie

Charlotte Foote-Davidson - Charlotte was a skilful young player who had a lot of potential. Charlotte is also blessed with a hard hit which would make any defence take a step back. Good job Charlotte

Alicia Nucifora - Alicia refused to let any of her opponents walk all over her. She was a player that would continually run hard and always do what was asked of her. Well played Alicia

Heather Jarvis - Heather was another big improver this year. She became one of our strongest attackers with good runs up the right hand flank, which in turn brought some of our best attacking plays. Well done Heather

On behalf of Mel Picker and myself, I would like to thank all the girls and supporters for a fun filled season. We have enjoyed our time coaching and the friendships we gained are invaluable. On a final note, I would like to thank David Ratcliffe and his team, Allan Jones and Briars women's committee for helping this season.

Darren Pike - Coach

HOCKEY WOMEN'S EIGHTH GRADE

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Position
15	9	4	2	31	1st

Coming last two seasons ago and just missing out on a finals birth last year the girls had entered a place they have never been. After 4 rounds and with only three changes to the teams line up the girls sat on top of the ladder but a couple of draws and two losses later the season looked grim but the girls spirit showed through they worked harder every week rain, hail or shine pushing them into the finals to face a team they

had never beaten and that had never lost a game all year. The girls shocked everyone by defeating St George 5-0. With the week off the girls didn't stop having 2 sometimes 3-hour trainings so they stayed at their best. The final started well, by half time 0-0. The second half started with a stroke to Briars taken by Caryn Maxwell and then a short corner conversion by Beth Edwards gave Briars a 2-0 lead. Disaster struck when St George levelled the score to 2-2 quickly. The girls training and spirit shone through, holding out a St George onslaught until the last 5 minutes until an intercept by Alice Wilson and a good bit of defensive work by her sister Amy pushed St George back on their heels allowing our forwards to have one more crack. And with 2 minutes to go, training paid off. A one timed back stick from Hannah White secured the game for Briars.

Caryn Maxwell (Captain) - Caryn's leadership was put to the test game after game but held strong leading by example always making our younger girls strive to play their best

Leanne Best - Lee proves that anything is possible pushing herself and all around her to give their all no matter what, her improvement this year stood out moving from an ok forward to being one of the strongest backs never giving up doing whatever it took to win

Beth Edwards - Beth's skill and strength lifted all, her ability to control the centre of the field helped our forwards finish the job, Beth never let anyone give up!

Yolanda de Winter - the wall (the tyre) putting body, soul and heart into her position making save after save holding the back line strong leading from the back

Julia Gould - year after year Jules amazes, always there when she's needed. Her ability to adapt to all forms of the game makes her a good forward.

Emma Smith - leading goal scorer Emma gave her all in the forward pack pushing all around her, diving, pushing hitting, putting body on the line to score, well done Em.

Meghan McMahon - Megs strong will gave her the edge needed this year in a tough comp she was always the first to step up making her a strong forward as well as a back

Amy and Alice Wilson - these two sisters showed so much heart this year. Amy found her spot in half, and Alice became our strongest weapon in the backs

Holly Griffith and Hannah White - this year these two worked so hard not only making the ED rep team but becoming the main weapons in the season well done you two

Sally Richards and Amanda Scarfo - Sally not only played in goal for most of the season, but also became one of our strongest backs showing that goalkeepers also make great field players and little Amanda all the way up there with the best scoring goals pushing her self to the limit.

Zoe Hart and Maree Sisson - great improvement was shown in these two always-giving 110% Zoe the goal scoring machine and Maree always pushing herself that extra step

Grace Ward-Cullen - Grace found her spot on the wing her speed was her biggest weapon outrunning other teams defence.

It was an honour, privilege and an inspiration to coach the girls this year. Thank you.

David Ratcliffe - Coach

HOCKEY - JUNIORS

Some hard work recruiting at the start of the year boosted our numbers for 2005, letting us enter 2 teams in the U/11's and U/13's. For the first time in many years, one of the U/11's and one of the U/13's teams made it into the A pool after their performance in grading matches. Although it was good to make it into A pool, this made it difficult for these teams with a big jump in standard from the previous season. Dave Ratcliffe, coach of the U/13A's had the job of keeping the teams chins up for a season without a win. The team however managed 3 draws, and a single win would have lifted them off bottom of the table. The team also had huge injury problems, with 6 players later in the season being out with injury. Don't think that hockey

is a dangerous sport – it had a lot more to do with the tendency of 12 yo's to fall off walls! None of the injuries were from hockey.

The U/11 B's and U/13 B's had their own challenges. U/11 B's weren't far off an U/9's team with some courageous performances from knee high players, some already determined to play for Australia. Lucas Bickerton, Sid Cremer, Declan Maher and Sarah Boyle all were call ups from Minkies. The U/11 B's finished the season with 1 win and 1 draw. U/13B's were a collection of raw novices with some experience. All of these players learned plenty and will come back with some valuable experience for next year.

Briars junior competition success was with the U/15 and U/17's. U/15's were minor premiers but unfortunately lost the grand final to Ryde. U/17's won the grand final to take the premiership. Several players from these teams made their debut in men's hockey in the 2005 season, with some stand out players chosen for representative duties. Adam Imer was a regular 2nd grade men's player, and had the honour of representing NSW in the Australian U/16 championships. Shane Fowler played mens 3rd grade and captained the U/17 Sydney 2 team. Mathew Small became a prolific goal scorer in 5's and 15 yo Jamie Gallagher also scored a handful of goals as the 5th grade LW. Moving juniors early into senior teams is essential to the clubs competition success.

Finally when it comes to raw enthusiasm nothing matches the energy of the Minkies. The Minkies are the U/9's with coaching run by Adam Schasser. Kids as young as 5 years old participate in this program. In 2006 Briars will be replacing this with a program revamped by Hockey Australia – the "Hook in 2 Hockey" program.

A successful season for all with the Briars Juniors emphasis on fun and participation. The spirit of the players, officials and coaches continued to be excellent, with all remembering that our first priority is for the kids to enjoy themselves while they learn some skills, and most importantly, how to work in a team.

Thanks to our Sponsors 2005

AMCAL Chemist at Burwood Plaza continued their sponsorship of the U/11A team in 2005 and Briars sincerely thank George Bournazos for their continued support.

Briars Junior Hockey is also pleased to announce a new sponsor, Oporto Chicken at Rhodes Waterfront, for a new sponsorship arrangement for the U/13's. Peter Karavolas, proprietor of the Rhodes store looked for sponsorship because "sponsorship of the U/13's gives Oporto at Rhodes Waterfront a chance to put something back into the community, particularly since Briars hockey is such a positive environment for children".

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SQUASH

Autumn 2005 - Was a disjointed comp, with a number of teams losing key players for various medical or work related dramas at the beginning of the season. We finished the Autumn 2005 Pennant with 1 pennant (out of 5 competed) and finished 11th out of 16 in the Club Championship. NSW Squash has adopted a new website (www.squashmatrix.com) and new ranking system throughout all comps. This website provides an up to date record of how each player in the current season, as well as looking back over time to see your performances. The number after each name fluctuates on a weekly basis. If you know a squashy, look up the site to see how they are going. It will be particularly helpful for our ex-members to keep in contact.

A3 Premiers on 257 points - A very strong comp from outset, winning 10 from 14 matches played. Defeated in major semi by Wentworthville Leagues only to register 2 wins in preliminary and Grand Final. Especially good comps from Geoff and Peter Barry. The major problem with this team is that they are no longer with Briars, all having moved to Northern Districts comp. We wish them well and look forward to them returning soon.

Pos	Team Players	Rating	W	L
1	Geoffery Dimes	224.99	10	5
2	Jeremy Dimes	203.54	6	7
3	Robert Penwill (Captain)	198.44	9	5
4	Peter Barry	197.81	10	5

A4 7th on 157 points - This Briars side struggled in what was a very strong grade. With only 3 regulars, but Victor being the stand out. We farewell Victor after many years as he has moved North as well.

Pos	Team Players	Rating	W	L
1	Victor Holubinskyj	225.14	9	5
2	Kurt Mellor	205.25	2	3
3	Alan-2 Browne (Captain)	170.08	3	11
4	Ellis Patterson	166.97	5	8
5	Alan-2 Cameron	173.24	2	0

B3 8th on 103 points - One of the worst comp in years for these long term Briars. Only Chris performed well on a regular basis.

Pos	Team Players	Rating	W	L
1	Michael Dimonte	151.44	1	5
2	Christopher Leung	157.73	5	5
3	Greg McManus	154.98	3	9
4	Mick Jaroszewicz	150.72	2	4
5	Darren Peisley (Captain)	130.92	1	8
6	Ron Marshall	119.45	1	9

B4 5th on 228 points - Missed the play offs by 1 points. Struggled to field a team at the beginning of the season but stormed home. New recruit Vincent Truong did exceptionally well only losing 1 match.

Pos	Team Players	Rating	W	L
1	Steve Jones (Captain)	150.96	4	3
2	Grant-1 Heggarty	135.97	3	5
3	Thomas Stanley	115.12	0	11
4	Vince Truong	145.9	9	1
5	Tony Park	120.32	2	4
6	Jonathan Tran	125.56	2	0

C2 5th on 205 points - Fairly solid season, just missing out on semis. Good comps by Luke, Simon and Glen.

Pos	Team Players	Rating	W	L
1	Simon Siounis	116.11	5	3
2	Luke Phillips	129.37	6	0
3	Robert Elliott (Captain)	100.55	3	7
4	Walter Tullipan	89.9	2	6
5	Glen Tullipan	107.21	6	5
6	John Siounis	77.55	1	12

ADMINISTRATION AND TROPHIES

The Board of Directors met on twelve occasions and the Management Committee met on five occasions during the period 1 October 2004 to 30 September 2005.

Attendance was as follows:

Board		Management	
P Richardson	9	M Weber	6
J Threlfo	11	I Blair	6
M Weber	12	G Dunn	3
R Tregeagle	10	G Price	4
S Schomberg	10	N Firth	3
A Clarke	10	C Parker	5
G McManus	7	S James	1 (Resigned October 2004)
J Price	2	C French	2
		G Phillips	3
		J Slender	4 (Appointed November 2004)

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 winner for this year is David Ratcliffe. David has given outstanding service to the Club by being the men's, women's and junior hockey coach. David umpired many hockey games during the year and was on the Hockey Committee. David played 6th grade hockey during the year. Well done David.

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.

This year's winner is Paul Price. Paul, aside from playing cricket and hockey for the Club, has carried out much behind the scenes work such as personnel and social chairman. Paul has also been on the Briars Cricket Committee and represented Briars on the Sydney Cricket Association Committee over many years. Congratulations Paul.

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

The winner of this award is Anthony Clarke who has contributed much behind the scenes assisting cricket to run profitably and professionally. Anthony is always willing to lend a hand any time of the day or week and has combined all this with the job of captaining 3rd Grade to its second successive Premiership. It is a well-deserved award.

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

This year's winner is Cath Harland. Cath played 4th grade and coached 5th grade and Briars Juniors. Cath was also on the Womens Hockey Committee and a selector for Briars Womens Hockey and Eastern District Representative sides. Congratulations Cath.

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.

Timothy Van Den Nieuwenhof is this year's winner. Timothy played Campbell Cup and was responsible for setting up Rothwell Park for home games. Congratulations Timothy.

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

Tony Watts is this year's winner. Tony played Clark Cup and was in charge of fitness training during the season. Tony was one of the organisers of the Bangkok Tour at the end of the season.

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.

This year's winner is Gilbert Fuller. Gilbert is an under 13 player who broke his hand early in the season ruling him out for most of the season including the NSW Championships. Despite this setback, he continued to assist his father as ground marshall each Saturday morning, umpired across all junior age groups and divisions (sometimes at the request of other clubs and sometimes at away games on a Friday night), and attained his Sydney Junior Umpire badge. Gilbert managed to act as ballboy for the Men's first grade team on numerous occasions and even umpired some of the men's lower grade matches. He attended the NSW Championships in Taree to cheer on his Sydney team and rarely missed a training session where he could support the Briars Junior Hockey Club. Gilbert is a worthy winner of this prestigious trophy.

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
Keeness 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

This year's winner is Allan Browne. Alan was the treasurer and member of the Squash committee. Alan played in the B2 competition.

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.

Not awarded this year.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 September 2005.

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 a licensed club under the provisions of the Registered Club's Act 2003 as amended.

Operating Results

The reported profit for the year amounted to \$18,006 (Fiscal 2004 \$15,846)

Review of Operations

The Club has continued to provide competitive amateur sport at a reasonable cost to it's 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 total membership at September 30, 2005 was 808 (FY2004 was 685) of which 727 were Full Members (FY2004 626) 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.

Following the conditional approval of the Licensing Court for the amalgamation with Briars at Greenlees Limited (formerly Greenlees Park Bowling Club), approval will be sought from the members for the liquidation of the company and the transfer of the net assets to Briars at Greenlees Limited.

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. The relocation of the Club to the premises at Greenlees Park will provide the Club with good community exposure to develop our junior sports. The relocation will also offer members and their families a strong community based club with facilities currently unavailable at George Street, Burwood.

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:

	Number Eligible to Attend	Directors' Meetings Number Attended
Anthony J Clarke	12	10
Gregory J McManus	12	7
Peter D Richardson	12	9
Steven Schomberg	12	10
John Threlfo	12	11
Richard J Tregeagle	12	10
Malcolm J Weber	12	12

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 \$4,016.

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

CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussion and Analysis of Financial Statements

The financial statements and disclosures in the concise financial report have been derived from the 2005 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, 2005.

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. A significant contribution by Cricket to the Club's results have also assisted in maintaining our liquid assets during a period of reduced revenue from external sources.

Statement of Financial Performance

A moderate increase in reported profit to \$18,006 was achieved (Fiscal 2004 \$15,846). In Fiscal 2004 the Club was able to provide \$26,900 to future development provisions. Operating profits prior to provisions have reduced by \$26,662 (62.1%).

Total revenue decreased by \$12,348 (3.3%) due to the cessation of grants from Burwood RSL and Breakfast Point amounting to \$30,000 and revenue from Golf labour services of \$14,896 in Fiscal 2004. Rental income fell by \$14,393 due to financial difficulties experienced by a shop tenant. Recovery proceedings are currently in process for the recovery of unpaid rents. Increased sporting fees, social income and Cintra Hockey Turf rentals have helped fill part of the vacuum.

Bar turnover reduced by \$18,293 (42.3%) with the partial transfer of social and after-game functions to Greenlees Park.

The Club has incurred \$30,056 (FY2004 \$12,730) in costs associated with the amalgamation with the Greenlees Park Bowling Club. A further \$12,097 has been incurred on the production and purchase of a Promotional DVD for use in promoting the Club to schools.

Increases in coaching costs (\$9,469) and building maintenance (\$4,063) have been offset by reduced sporting costs, ground hire, and subsidies by the Club to sports.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

	2005	2004
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash assets	126,635	91,136
Receivables	3,841	13,010
Inventories	3,272	3,187
Other financial assets	21,618	27,252
Other assets	<u>313,472</u>	<u>305,113</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>468,838</u>	<u>439,698</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	2,296,756	2,310,706
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,296,756</u>	<u>2,310,706</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	2,765,594	2,750,404
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	68,721	86,842
Tax Liabilities	265	- 100
Provisions	<u>80,165</u>	<u>81,934</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>149,151</u>	<u>168,676</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables	<u>75,370</u>	<u>58,661</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	224,521	227,337
NET ASSETS	2,541,073	2,523,067
EQUITY		
Reserves	2,160,357	2,160,357
Retained profits	<u>380,716</u>	<u>362,710</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	2,541,073	2,523,067

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

	2005	2004
Revenue from ordinary activities	361,128	373,476
Bar trading costs	(20,758)	(33,625)
Marketing & development expenses	(33,697)	(31,106)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(13,950)	(19,157)
Ground and court hire	(37,360)	(45,807)
Insurance costs	(23,439)	(22,784)
Sporting expenses	(138,621)	(132,653)
Occupancy costs including maintenance	(21,689)	(18,156)
Administration & corporate expenses	(55,376)	(27,442)
Amounts set aside to provisions	<u>1,768</u>	<u>(26,900)</u>
Operating (loss) / profit before income tax	18,006	15,846
Income tax attributable to operating profit	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
OPERATING (LOSS) / PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX	18,006	15,846
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	<u>362,710</u>	<u>346,864</u>
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	380,716	362,710

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2005**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Rentals from commercial premises	60,358	74,752
Receipts from members fees	9,873	2,568
Interest received	14,263	12,741
Bar sales	24,979	43,273
Sporting fees	99,985	95,891
Other revenue	149,356	145,724
Payments to suppliers	<u>(314,956)</u>	<u>(292,913)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>43,858</u>	<u>82,036</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Payments for investments	(8,359)	(57,673)
Payments for property, plant & equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,868)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(8,359)</u>	<u>(63,541)</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

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

Net increase in cash held	35,499	18,495
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	<u>91,136</u>	<u>72,641</u>
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	126,635	91,136

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE CONCISE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 2005**

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.

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Operating activities -		
Members Subscriptions	8,440	5,962
Sporting fees	103,652	90,944
Rentals from shops	60,358	74,752
Bar sales	24,979	43,273
Sponsorship and grants	54,832	70,711
Cintra Hockey Turf rentals	54,658	47,346
Social income (net)	39,866	27,624
Interest received	14,343	12,821
Sundry revenue	-	43
Total Revenue	361,128	373,476

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 2005.

(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

(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 \$5,000 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 14th day of November, 2005

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 September 2005 there have been:

no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and

no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Name Of Firm Byrons, Chartered Accountants

Name of Partner Jeffrey Matchett

Date 29/11/05

Address 62 Burwood Road,
BURWOOD NSW 2134

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

Scope

We have audited the concise financial report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the financial year ended 30 September 2005 as set out on pages 49 to 56 in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the company. The company's directors are responsible for the concise financial report.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the concise financial report is free of material misstatement. We have also performed an independent audit of the full financial report of The Briars Sporting Club Limited for the year ended 30 September 2005. Our audit report on the full financial report was signed on 29 November 2005 and was not subject to any qualifications.

Our 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, discussion and analysis, and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the full financial report. These 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.

Independence

In accordance with ASIC Class Order 05/83, we declare to the best of our knowledge and belief that the auditor's independence declaration set out on page 57 of the financial report has not changed as at the date of providing our audit opinion.

Audit Opinion

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

Name of Firm	Byrons, Chartered Accountants	Name of Partner	Jeffrey Matchett
Date	29/11/05		
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