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KENTWELL CUP - UNDEFEATED PREMIERS 1964

- Back Row. (left to right). M. Mathews, J. McNicol, J. Edmonds, G. Ahern, L. Dytor, S. Keir, J. Burkhart, M. Goldsmith.
- Middle Row. B. Williams (Coach), J. Mortlock, P. Wakeford, (Vice Captain), C. Walker (Captain), J. Barrett, J. Metcalf, W. Elder (President).
- Front Row. M. Elder, W. Harper.
- Absent. W. Leckie, D. Lindsay.

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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Gentlemen,

Your Board and Management Committee present to you the 46th Annual Report and Balance Sheet for your consideration and acceptance, with pride and pleasure. Pride, in our sporting achievements during the past year and pleasure in a generally successful year of the Club activities.

Footballers had a most satisfactory season. For the first time in twelve years we won the Kentwell Cup, with an undefeated record. To the best of our knowledge this is the first time a Briars team has accomplished this feat. For the first time in eleven years we won the Club Championship. The Burke Cup team entered the Grand Final only to be defeated by a very narrow margin. Our other three teams, whilst not achieving individual honors, are primarily responsible for winning the Club Championship, as without the points they collected on the way, this would not have been possible.

At the conclusion of the season a very successful football Dinner was held, attended by 107 members and their fathers.

Cricket had also a successful year, both Municipal and Shire teams reaching the semi-finals. They capped an enjoyable season by winning the Club Championship.

The "A" Shires are to be complimented on their improved performances over the previous year.

Teams were also entered in the "B" Grade Juniors and the City and Suburban competitions. The Juniors' team while not reaching the Semis, performed creditably, while the City and Suburban contend they are the best and happiest cricket team in the Club.

Again we fielded three teams in Hockey this year, and for the first time, were invited to play in the Second Division. This rise in status meant much harder hockey for our players. It is pleasing to report that our "B" team was able to make the finals, but was unsuccessful in the playoff.

A most enjoyable season for the hockey players, and the experience gained in tougher competition should mean an improvement next season.

Not a bad Sporting achievement for our Club, eleven

teams playing competitive sport presented us with two Club Championships, one competition, and four other teams in the finals and semi-finals.

Squash and Golf are still part of our Club activities, although the Golf days, during the year were not supported as well as they should have been.

Snooker, Billiards, and Table Tennis appear to have lost favour and the indoor activities in the Club were extremely disappointing. It is now debatable whether we should continue to maintain the billiard tables, although this situation would show considerable improvement if all members who used the tables were to pay the normal fee for each game.

The Annual Ball, held at Menzies Hotel was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, although the financial result was disappointing to its organisers.

Social activities were again of a very minor nature, and steps must be taken to improve this situation.

Club planning, with regard to a new ground remain static. We are still awaiting some determination from the Lands Department and although correspondence has been exchanged nothing concrete has yet resulted.

During the year your committee was compelled to take disciplinary action against two members. Members' behaviour, however, has been of a very high standard, generally.

Arrangements are in hand and approval has been given by the Australian Rugby Union for a tour of New Zealand in March, 1965. Already Social events and fund raising schemes have raised a considerable sum of money towards this tour and more functions are being arranged. This will be a trip money cannot buy and members selected are to be envied.

Financially, the Club's position and trading shows very little variation from last year.

Our thanks and appreciation are tendered to both the Burwood and Concord Councils for their help and assistance during the year and to the Sporting organisations who made it possible for our Club to participate in the various sports.

Our thanks are extended to our very efficient administrative Secretary, our Licensee, the members of the Management Committee, the Board and the members who act as Stewards.

Our membership stands at 339 compared with 344 of

last year and is made up of:-

		<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1962-63</u>
Full Members	*	247	249
Junior Members	*	5	9
Associate Members	*	60	60
Country Members	*	27	26
		<u>339</u>	<u>344</u>

F O O T B A L L 1964

Committee:

C. Walker (Chairman), C. McMonnies, G. Carroll,
K. Maughan, L. Dytor, L. Graff, L. McNeil,
P. Brand and I. McGregor.

Season 1964 has yielded our prime objective, the Club Championship.

This was achieved by five sound teams who exhibited and maintained tremendous keenness throughout the season.

Our season commenced as usual with trials at the National Fitness Camp, Narrabeen. On the first four Saturdays, we fielded four sides against A.M.P., Colleagues, C.B.C. Northbridge and New Zealand team, Waihi. The National Fitness Camp has proved an excellent location for trials. The field is located in an ideal setting and the barbecues which follow the games, are an ideal start to the season. On our last trial Saturday, we fielded five teams, three games at Rothwell on the Saturday and two against Eastwood on Sunday at Eastwood Oval. Our trials proved to be against the toughest teams in the Competition. In Kentwell Cup, the four teams named above, were the semi-finalists. Some credit for our successful season undoubtedly must go to the fortunate manner in which we arranged our trials. It is extremely difficult to find five opposition teams for social games in any one weekend and we were very fortunate to be able to conduct a dress rehearsal the week before the start of the Competition.

The rest of the season, that is the Competition, is of course now history, and the achievements are best read in the individual team reports. However, worth mentioning is our trip to Melbourne. This proved an eventful weekend and we thank Powerhouse Rugby Union Club for the hospitality bestowed on us. It is impossible to recreate the

happy incidents of a football trip away, so no attempt will be made. It is suggested that all interested footballers make themselves available for such a tour. Mention should be made that three other tours were arranged and subsequently cancelled because of insufficient numbers. This creates poor P. R. in the rugby game and certainly proved a great failing in '64. It is recommended to the next Committee that no future country trips be arranged until asked for by footballers.

Undoubtedly, there are many reading this Report who are trying to find the reasons for our success this season. The reasons were:-

1. Tremendous interest shown by all grades in procuring for Briars the Club Championship.
2. Continuity and merit of coaches.

The season, for the third year in succession, the Kentwell and Burke Cup coaches remained unchanged. Brian Williams and Lex Yule have devoted many hours to our football successes and increased experience has resulted in more improvement each season, culminating in this season's successes. These two were ably supported by John Harper, Bob Hillerman and Dennis Grady.

Coaching is an extremely thankless job and this opportunity is taken to thank these five for their efforts this season. Also to be mentioned is Frank Farrell whose interest is unwaning.

Congratulations to all who regularly played this season, on a tremendous effort.

It is already time we were realising that we will shortly be called upon to defend our Club Championship and Kentwell Cup. Training and trials commence soon and we should endeavour to forget the achievements of '64 and concentrate on keeping our trophies in '65.

Congratulations to Newington Old Boys on their Burke Cup win, C.B.C. on winning Whiddon and Pennant Hills the Judd Cup.

METROPOLITAN SUB-DISTRICT R. U.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS AS AT END OF FINAL ROUND

<u>BRIARS</u>	<u>168</u>
Woollahra-Colleagues	144
Bank of N. S. W.	89
C.B.C. Bank	87
A.M.P. Society	82
Newington O. B.	76

KENTWELL CUP 1964

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>BRIARS</u>	16	-	301	101	1

The drought has broken! — Success at last! -- and what success at that! Success not bought at the expense of sportsmanship but by a team who played Rugby as it was intended - as a challenge and as a game.

This writer can only speak from post-war experience, but in this period of time, there has been no team in the Club capable of playing better football, no team of players who supported a team-mate better, no happier team.

The combination of experienced players with sound "no error" football, added to the vigorous, speedy football of the younger players, provided a balance that achieved its just rewards - undefeated premiers - first ever by the Briars!

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Teamwork	90%
Effort	20%

To those of you who notice that the above figures total more than 100%, you are reminded that this should be so, as it takes just a little bit more to be the best at anything - a little more than the bare minimum is what brings success - a little more comradeship and team spirit is what gets a team over the hill and helps lift the team-mate who is off his game.

Some of the most stirring football ever displayed by the Briars team unfolded during this year and always when the going was toughest -- to be down at halftime was all this team needed to put on a display of dominating possession and passing bursts the opponents could not hold. Forwards and backs combining - determined driving football -- great to watch. What a pity so few Club supporters saw this team in action other than in the defensive G. F.

The criticisms of this team would be that unless roused, they only played well enough to win. No great interest was shown in running up a big score. With the premiership now won, this attitude could be a handicap next season when every opponent to be played will be out to beat Briars. Apart from this, running up a good score against a beaten team gives the try scoring machine repetitive practice which is so valuable when the tough times come.

Some of the high lights to be happily recalled are the dominating second half against Colleagues at Woollahra - the 10 minute burst of scoring in the second half of the semi - Elder's goal kicking and osoar in the G.F. - Edo's fantastic drop kicks early in the season - the forwards rucking and tackling against C.B.C. second round - Goldie's possession from lineouts - the domination of possession by our pack in the G.F. and many other games - reverse pass and try Mathews to Wakeford against Uni. of New South.

The Kento team and coach would like to thank those keen Club players who stood by as reserves week after week and who played their part so well when required. Thanks is also due to Lex Yule who made possible the replacement of injured players with competent, well-coached players. Thanks to Stan McGregor for organising his useful statistical reports and also Gunga Din Farrell for water supply.

CHRIS WALKER - Captain and Half: Has dedicated years of hard work to the success achieved this year. Led the team with imagination and inspired many attacking moves with good variation of tactics which kept the opposition off balance. The best all round performance from a Club half for many years and Chris' best ever.

PETER WAKEFORD - Vice-Captain, Second Row: Value to team as a player stemmed from his demonstration of sound Rugby experience combined with tons of fire. As Vice-Captain, Peter's efforts can not be overstated. His advice improved previously good players and pointed the way ahead to our younger forwards. With a further year of this education, our younger players could go far in Rugby.

BILL LECKIE - Hooker: What can be said of a player who gets 70% of scrums all year. With the support of a good pack, Bill did just this and in so doing, paved the way for many try-scoring moves, at the same time limiting our opponents chances - particularly in G.F. General play as good as ever.

WARWICK HARPER - Front Row: Very quick to loose ball, which helped start many moves. Ran with determination and tackled hard - particularly early in season. Worked very hard to avoid previous off-side errors for G.F. Good effort in his first year with Briars.

DAVE LINDSAY - Front Row: We had to wait a long time to get Dave into harness this year, but it was worth waiting to see his brand of tight sound football. His control of ball from kick-off was an object lesson and his rucking contributed to our good share of possession.

JIM BARRETT - Second Row: Excellent line-out forward. Gave opposition trouble bursting through loose spots in their line-outs. When roused, played as vigorously as one could wish. Jim's value was most noticed against the tougher packs in which his determination and drive showed out.

STEVE KEIR - Second Row: Line-out play as good as ever. A great covering forward, always turning up in most unexpected places in attack and defence. Good team man.

JOHN McNICOL - Lock: One of our most outstanding up and coming young players. Made good use of the advice available to him from our more experienced players and is now well on the way to being our best lock ever.

MAL. GOLDSMITH - Breakaway: Has an invisible string tied to the ball 5 yards long and never lets go. Terrific on loose ball as evidenced by his many tries. A great link between forwards and backs.

GARY AHEARN - Breakaway: Used his speed intelligently to back up and to harass opponents. Tighter than most breakaways and rucked well. With his partner in crime and lock, formed the best back row in the competition.

JOHN EDMONDS - Five Eight: John looks an unlikely five eight and therein lay some of the secret of his success. Speed deceptive, change of pace well concealed, long stride hard to hold - all these points added up to success. Good hands.

JACK BURKHART - Centre: Played good team football all season. Tackling of opposing centres contributed greatly to low scoring by opposition. Never more greatly needed was the try Jack scored in the semi. Backing up, excellent.

LYN DYTOR - Centre: Did everything asked of him - defended soundly, attacked strongly, developing a nice dummy. Good attacking play by Lyn and Jack helped our wings a lot. Used short kick to great advantage.

JOHN MORTLOCK - Wing: Ability is well known and because of this, had to contend with excessive defence. Despite this, made many rousing runs and scored his share of tries. Opposing wings found his defence too strong.

MIKE MATHEWS - Wing: Outstanding from start to finish. Every week we saw some tremendous running from this player. With this, added to good defence and sound covering, must be rated our best wing since the war. Good team player.

JOHN METCALF - Reserve Back: Fitted into team easily.

Played some really good football and was always welcome in the team. Performance in G. F. more than adequate.

MIKE ELDER - Full Back: Played the right kind of football to keep the top team on top. Handling with line kicking and tackling, kept us out of trouble. Apart from a short sequence of lapses, his goal kicking was very sound and in this regard, worked hard for his return to form.

From the above comments on individual players, the reader would possibly conclude that the team was perfection itself. This was not the case, but space does not permit a full commentary on each player, so main points only are reported and obviously in an undefeated side, most of the main points must be favourable. Besides this, all players were told frequently enough of their failings through the season and, apart from this, it seems illogical to point out our weaknesses to any future opponent who may read this report.

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BURKE CUP "A" 1964

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>Byes</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position.</u>
<u>BRIARS</u>	9	3	150	85	-	2	22	2

Players who represented Burke "A" this year were:-

J. Metcalf, P. Dromgool, G. Rolleston, J. McEwen, K. Windshuttle, P. Walker, I. Blair, L. McNeil, I. McGregor, I. Anderson, B. Angus, R. Davis, G. Greene, K. Searle, G. Corless, M. Mathews, P. Brand, T. Roberts, G. Sampson, R. Scott, C. Cable, J. Singleton, D. Joy, R. Stephens, R. Murpie, G. Keir, J. Randle, B. Eggleton, D. Kerrigan, D. Lindsay, G. Hurst, D. Hales, K. Maughan, L. Graff, C. McMonies, S. Keir.

Congratulations to Colleagues on being Minor-Premiers of the "A" division and to Newington Old Boys on winning the Burke Cup.

Semi-final v. Bank of New South Wales

Won: 3-0. Try: G. Hurst.

Final v. Colleagues.

Won: 16-3. Tries: J. Randle 2; G. Rolleston
Goals: G. Rolleston 2; L. Graff.

Grand Final v. Newington Old Boys

Lost 5-6:

Try: J. Randle

Goal: G. Rolleston

The team to play unchanged through semi-final, final and grand final was:-

<u>Full Back</u>	L. Graff
<u>Wings</u>	K. Windshuttle and J. Randle
<u>Outside Centre</u>	T. Roberts
<u>Inside Centre</u>	J. Metcalf
<u>Five Eight</u>	G. Rolleston
<u>Half</u>	I. Blair
<u>Breakaways</u>	I. Anderson and I. McGregor
<u>Lock</u>	L. McNeil
<u>Second Row</u>	C. Cable and S. Keir
<u>Props</u>	K. Maughan and D. Hales
<u>Hooker</u>	G. Hurst
<u>Reserves</u>	C. McMonies, R. Davis and D. Joy

The first round of the Competition saw us with many teething problems and two lost matches. However, as the season progressed we finished up with a happy run of seven games without our line being crossed. This sound defence was primarily due to our tireless back-row of McNeil, McGregor and Anderson.

Skipper this year was Clinton (that's what his sister calls him) Cable, and as the players will echo, was responsible for this team's victories and Newington Old Boy's ulcers.

Ian Blair skillfully ran the backs.

In contrast to last year's team, this was a "Forward" team with a fine blend of youth and experience (Kev. Maughan only looks old), but by the time the semi's came round, our backs were at last looking presentable in attack - their defence was never suspect. Contrary to popular belief, the full-back did actually tackle a player in one of the season's early games (I think).

This team more than any other team I have coached, showed more consistent drive and will to win - ask a spectator about Hollywood George (alias Windshuttle) and his tackling of the Colleagues skipper in the final. Hope Dave Hales is chased out of the "bush" again by next season. Greg Hurst called up late in the season, lived up to our expectations. S. Keir and K. Maughan actually made the line-outs look respectable on odd occasions. Rollo had a wonderful year as stand off half, notching up 50 odd points

and treating the cognoscenti to an impressive array of cars on Saturday. Metcalf J. was the Iron Man Utility - worth two schooners to a coach when you can nominate any position from half to full-back without a complaint (audible i.e.). Timothy Roberts claims he played in the forwards, however, we just refused to listen. Josh Randle's try against Newington Old Boys in the Grand Final is something we will never forget, as was that penalty from half way by Len Graff in the Final against Colleagues. These two improved with every game.

Oh yes, that Cup - well next year

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BURKE CUP "B" 1964

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>Byes</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>BRIARS</u>	3	11	98	241	-	-	6

This season, although unsuccessful was, I feel, the forerunner of many hard, long battles which will eventually be overcome. It must be remembered that this was our initial year in Burke "B" and the first time the Briars fielded 5 teams. As it proved in the Grand Final of Burke Cup, our team was playing in a division of strong competitors.

However, we cannot blame the above for our failure to produce better results. The greatest point to watch in the future is that there is one Captain on the field. He gives the orders and the team executes them. This applies to a number of persons who insisted on commenting to their "mates" about the ability of the Captain.

Although Burke "B" did not win many matches (3 in fact) in both rounds the spirit to play good solid, relentless football for 70 minutes, sometimes being down 20-nil, was an inspiration to all followers of our grade.

I must congratulate all team members for their attendance at training. There were only two occasions throughout both rounds that we did not field a full team at training. However, it should be remembered that training commences at 8.00 p.m. i.e. dressed ready to run.

C. McMONIES - Half and Wing: A solid 70-minute footballer. An inspiration to other team members.

J. SINGLETON - Centre and Full Back: Work commitments harassed John throughout the season. However, when in condition, a valuable team member.

- B. SPEDDING - Five Eight: A good pivot man with sound defence and attack. Seems to lose heart when inexperienced team members fail in their positions.
- B. RAY - Wing: A very fast and hard runner. Excellent in defence.
- P. BARTLETT - Wing: Every game, Peter shows improvement. Has definite potential as a good back. Must improve defence.
- J. BEVAN - Centre: A very forceful runner and defender. However, as every other season, lacks condition.
- P. BRAND - Centre: A very determined runner. Shows potential and should develop into an experienced team member.
- G. ASHDOWN - Wing: Commenced season with definite prospects, however, had to retire due to injuries.
- D. JOY - Breakaway: When playing for this team (usually in a higher grade) cover defence and tackling excellent.
- H. HUNTER - Forward: Started season well and showed promise as a good, tireless forward. Line-out work good. However, retired injured (fractured collar bone).
- B. STEPHENS - Forward: (Lock or Front Row). A relentless forward whose one object was to stop the man with the ball and to obtain possession. Defence excellent (even at full-back).
- G. KEIR - Second Row: A person who should be playing in a higher grade. Needs extra training to enable a full 70 minutes of hard, determined football. An asset to any line-out.
- B. ANGUS - Second Row: A second Graham Keir - requires that additional training. These two boys together are a second row that most coaches hope for. Tight, plenty of muscle and weight. Barry is also excellent in line-out.
- P. GRANT - Hooker and Breakaway: Cover defence from breakaway very good - a solid tackler. Also an excellent hooker but prefers to play at breakaway.
- I. BRABANT - Front Row: A solid, tight, hardworking forward always after the ball. However, called away to the sea.
- J. McEWAN - Wing or Centre: A very versatile player. Shows excellent promise and should develop into a useful team member. Could play higher grade. However, dogged by injuries.

D. EASTERMAN - Breakaway: A tough, solid footballer who follows the ball. Needs extra condition. Hope to see him on the field for a full season next year.

G. CARROLL - Front Row: A 70-minute footballer. Follows the ball with a determined drive. Excels in tight work. Tackling very good.

R. TYNDALL - Front Row: A forward who is learning with every game. A hard, determined player.

G. GREEN - Forward: An asset to any team he plays for. A tight forward who is very keen.

I. McLAUGHLIN: Our versatile reserve who can still play in any position with more determination than younger players.

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WHIDDON CUP "A" 1964

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>Byes</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>BRIARS</u>	8	6	156	123	-	-	16

The '64 season has proved a success to the Club - not only premiership wise, but also in the number of new faces to be seen after each game. Undoubtedly this has been a prime point in the winning of the Championship.

The fours have one wish; that our Competition should have commenced as from the fifth last game. Unfortunately, it was not until then that we were able to settle down to knowing each other and giving maximum time available to training. It is to be hoped that this situation will be rectified for next season by early consideration and thought by the football Chairman and his Committee.

Some very encouraging moments and some horrible hidings during others. This seemed to be the trend of the season until towards the conclusion, when our presence in the Competition was starting to be felt.

Training attendances were, at times, most encouraging and it is to be hoped that next year a similar situation will present itself.

I have enjoyed the season and feel the players have also. There lies much strength and ability in the lower teams. Experience and Club spirit are in the hands of future coaches and Committees. I hope all co-operate to ensure the best is developed in all.

Feel sure I speak for all in the fours when we offer congratulations to the "ones" and a very sincere "bad luck" to Lex Yule.

My thanks in particular to Frank Farrell for his constant assistance throughout the season. Dennis Grady who, at times, must have despaired through alterations forced on him. To Frank Payne, who led the side in my absence, and to all those who trained and played together and helped make '64 - "Briar's Football Year".

R. PERCY - Front Row: Ever keen to give that little extra; excellent team spirit. An effort to create a little more viciousness in rucking will encourage those around him.

R. SIMMAT - Front Row: Overall "best and fairest". Displays eagerness to learn which will produce even greater results in the future. Anticipation will improve with further positional knowledge.

B. GRAM - Second Row: Has size and weight to be of higher grade. Should endeavour to learn from higher grades, speed and vigour in regards to positional play.

T. STINSON: Our "long stepper" who played in many positions. Always keen to learn. It's hoped he will be with us next year.

J. SHARMAN - Second Row: Unfortunately for Briars, John had other commitments during the season which prevented him from playing every game. Tower of strength when playing. Hope we see him in a full season in '65.

G. HURST - Breakaway: Has good potential and displayed it often. Quick to loose ball made Greg perhaps our greatest try scorer.

K. SEARLE - Breakaway and Wing: If shortest in stature, then had decidedly the largest heart in our side. Placed in any position, has given best for sixty minutes in every game. Many thanks, Keith, for your adaptability and effort.

F. PAYNE - Half: Led the side several times. Our strength around the scrum base and if teamed with someone at the beginning of the season, will undoubtedly form a formidable commencement for attack.

R. HILLE - Breakaway: A breakaway should observe closely the positional play of those in higher grades. Has natural ability for loose ball when giving best. Must try to develop more vigorous approach to all games if we are to appreciate Dick's ability to the full.

I. HILL - Five Eight: Played in several positions when team was in need. Always showed natural ability to adapt. Greater fitness will bring Ian's ability to peak.

C. O'CONNER - Centre: A centre the Club should watch and encourage. Has ability to improve rapidly. '65 may see Col playing a higher grade. Sincerely hope he makes every effort.

L. GILLESPIE - Centre: To this player we could say very much. Has potential to play Kentwell Cup. Training, Larry's enemy, creates a personal loss to himself in not showing his best and furthermore, is a loss to the Club. Give it a go in '65 Larry, you'll be surprised the rewards it gives.

I. SYMONS - Wing: If keenness is a mark of ability, Ian has much. Must endeavour to anticipate quickly and use size in hard, determined running and defence.

B. STEVENS - Full Back: A player whose confidence needs encouragement. Always ready to offer sincere effort. Continual practice in his position will prove a valuable asset to the Club. Must learn to position himself with confidence.

T. FOWLER - Wing: Unfortunately for Terry and Briars, early injury left him on the sideline, just as his ability was starting to show itself. A very hard runner who, it will be hoped, will take the field next season.

R. LAURENSEN - Five Eight: Unable to play all the season - a great pity. Had ample ability to improve position. The old call - "will ye noo come back again??"

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WHIDDON CUP "B" 1964 - 5ths.

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>Byes</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>BRIARS</u>	4	8	68	218	-	2	12

The 5ths were capable of beating the best teams in either division of Whiddon Cup on their day. Unfortunately, because this team consisted of most of our non-trainers, there was lack of cohesion and understanding and this undoubtedly cost us the trophy.

We were unfortunate not to make the first four, as we were placed 5th, one point behind 4th. Our potential

was demonstrated in our games against C.B.C., the ultimate winners, whom we defeated in the first round and who narrowly defeated us in the second round.

We enjoyed a happy season, however, players are reminded that they cannot qualify for membership of Briars if they absent themselves from training.

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COMBINED TEAM

The undermentioned players were selected in the Combined Sub-District teams which played games against Second Division and City Colts:

1st XV	Jim Barrett
	Chris Walker
	John McNicoll
	John Mortlock
	Mike Mathews

2nd XV	Bill Leckie
	Steve Keir
	Jack Burkhardt
	Mal Goldsmith.

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NEW ZEALAND TOUR 1965

Committee: O. Hales, (Chairman), M. Mathews,
J. Edmonds, C. Dennis, B. Williams
and D. Walker.

Arrangements are well under way for the 1965 Tour. We had a surplus of applicants desiring to make the trip, which augurs well for its success. The standard of the likely team appears higher than that of the 1960 team.

The tourists will leave Mascot on Saturday, 13th March, playing matches at Auckland, Rotorua, Nelson, Timaru, Te Anau, Queenstown and Christchurch, returning on Sunday 4th April.

Our financial goal is £1,000, and with the continued support of Club members and friends, this figure should be in hand by March.

The Tour Manager is Don Walker, his assistant Maurie Hill and Coach, Brian Williams.

H O C K E Y

Sub-Committee: B. Trevenar (Chairman), E. Aikman,
M. Spencer, K. Willis, J. Scott,
P. Richardson and G. Gorton.

Whilst none of the teams became a premiership side this year, a most enjoyable season was had by all players.

This season, the Club was elevated to second division due to a change in policy by the Sydney Hockey Association as it was decided to run the competitions in three divisions, First and Second Divisions and Minor Division. This step-up in competition grading was very welcome as in the last sixteen years we have had one of our teams as a premiership team and at no time were the first XI out of the first four and had 13 premierships to their credit.

The hockey in general, was of a much higher standard and our players gained far more experience, particularly our third grade team, who were of the younger group. With this last year as experience, most of these players will next season no doubt make up the bulk of the second grade side.

The first grade had a reasonable season and finished fifth, and no doubt the team as a whole now realise that the days of social hockey are over, and they now have to get down to some solid training. The second grade were more fortunate to finish second in the premiership and were beaten in the final. The young third grade team was most unlucky not to make the final four, and finished fifth.

The Barton - Briars shield this season was played at Canberra and a most enjoyable trip was experienced by all who made the trip. On the Saturday evening we were entertained at a local hotel which was a very smart move by the Barton boys as the hospitality was something which is usually served out to Royalty and we paid dearly for this on Sunday morning. Needless to say, Barton won both games and this evened up the overall results of the visits.

Burwood Park was again used as our home ground, and we must thank Burwood Council for their co-operation at all times to have the ground in good order.

Our congratulations to Ian Trevenar, who was selected in the Association's Under 16 team which played in the N.S.W. Carnival at Lismore.

FIRST GRADE

The promotion into First Grade, and the consequent

clash with teams steeped in experience of this higher class of hockey, not unnaturally resulted in the team's performance being not of a standard sufficient to win a premiership as had been done so consistently in previous years of Minor District competition. This was the most exciting tense and stimulating season yet experienced, nearly all matches closely fought, and especially in the first halves, the team held to equal terms even the leading clubs. The knowledge that any lapse in defence or missed attacking opportunity could lose us a match, brought to bear on the players pressure, hitherto unknown in the bygone seasons of weaker competition, and exposed flaws in our methods perhaps previously unsuspected.

Especially in our matches against the ultimate Premiers, Western Suburbs, and against Gordon, Manly and University of N.S.W., it was obvious that the players were generally too slow in moving to the ball, and in positioning their feet to receive a pass, thereby taking too long in trapping or gaining control of the ball, resulting either in loss of possession or slow distribution of passes, enabling opposition to organise effectively, their defence. To cope with the superior stickwork of our opponent, we were perforce compelled to compensate by running (and walking) to cover more territory, which needed greater conditioning than the team had. This lack of fitness was painfully obvious in the latter stages of our matches and was the main cause of frayed tempers and some minor "back-chatting" between our own players.

As the comparison with other teams of our record of goals, for and against, would suggest, our halves and backs in defence were adequate, and our plan for playing opposition forwards into "off-side" position was successful, especially early in the season, and under good umpiring. However, one surprising feature of the season, was the general mediocrity of refereeing, and our circumvented defences were often left bewildered by the umpire's inability to detect off-side play.

Under constant pressure, our halves and backs were not able to control play, direct passes, or pierce the opposition with free hits as we have in past seasons, and this failing to turn defence into attack obviously hampered the forward line.

Our ineffectiveness in attack was the worst fault, and fewer goals were scored than by any other team. The selectors worked through many combinations of forwards, in an effort to find a suitable line, and with the unavailability of some of the players, it was not until the close

of the season that any combination of thrust seemed to be developing.

For future success, the faults of this season must be corrected. The time has arrived, surely, for the appointment of a knowledgeable non-playing coach, to develop an overall pattern of play for Club teams, to originate team tactics before and during matches, to supervise the development of stickwork, and lastly, to condition players. Without intensive pre-season, mid-week and/or Sunday morning training, most of this is not possible.

The past days, when players could have foggy Friday night - arrive 5 minutes before a match (having had no training) - then have a pep-talk - play the match and STILL expect to win, as some did this season - have finished.

This regime could certainly not be in the past tradition of Briar Hockey, wherein our members play mainly "for the fun of the game", and the post-mortems whilst quenching their awakened thirst. Such an edict as "no train - no play" would need the recruitment of some 33 more seriously minded players.

In conclusion, the Captain commends the team for their efforts and their fellowship during the season, and whatever our numerous shortcomings, we were not "bundle droppers", for in every match the team gave its best, right to the finish. Perhaps the highlight of our season was the closeness of our second match against the Premiers, Wests, when, after being down 4-0, we added three goals in the last few minutes, and had West's defence in panic.

The team all agree that this was a most rewarding and enjoyable season, and for the Captain, what more could be said than that he now thinks that cricket is something to play while waiting for the next hockey season.

DAVID WALKER (Captain) - Back: Considering the difficulties which had to be faced, captained the team well. A very reliable and sound back.

BRIAN COX (Vice-captain) - Centre half and left-back: Brian was one of the fitter and more agile players, and proved a helpful vice-captain, and a determined defender. Whilst perhaps best suited at centre half, performed creditably in the left-half position, though his tendency to do two men's roles causes him to wander out of position and confuse his associate half. Late in the season, he received a suspension, which no doubt, caused him at least to pull up his socks.

PETER RICHARDSON - Goalie: Defended well under extreme pressure from some players of interstate fame, especially early in the season. Peter was the victim of unnoticed illegalities, and was flattened many times, causing a lack of confidence and some hesitancy during the middle of the season. His back's pre-occupation with off-side play, and the vagaries of umpires' rulings, often left him without expected athletic support.

KEN WILLIS - Back: Played soundly and constructively, and whilst not always in agreement with our "off-side" plans, nevertheless, skilfully trapped many opponents into infringement of this rule. He mostly curbed his tendency to speculate, and tackled forwards well, though a little slow to recover when passed. Ken placed his hits skilfully but must not worry about the faults of others, and must learn to avoid Caffin's back swing.

BARRY WILLCOCKS - Centre half and right half: A newcomer from the Army team, who had a disjointed season, but proved himself a robust performer, whose distribution and position play is good, though perhaps a little slow in achieving this.

CHRIS JENNINGS - Right Half: Came into the team in the latter half of the season, and proved to be a good man to have, especially when a keg needs emptying. Chris was a determined half, with a good tackle and a firm hit and dealt effectively with most left wingers, though lagging behind them in pace.

WARREN PARTINGTON - Centre half and right half: Warren performed creditably in the key position of centre half against vastly more experienced forwards. Like most of our halves and back line was too busy defending to be able to control his distribution of the ball, but Warren, with more power in his hits and flicks and further experience, will develop into a top centre-half. Through associate halves usurping his territories, he was confused at times, but more confidence and assertiveness will remedy this.

GEOFF GORTON - Wing: As a fast left-winger, Geoff received close and effective attention from opposing defences, which caused a loss of his effectiveness, but he was learning methods of triking defences, which he had not previously needed. When switched to the right wing late in the season, was an instant success, adding needed thrust to our forward line, and being a "natural" at this position, should be a fixture in this position. After his late Friday nights, he needs to be near a side line.

GERRY FORBES - Wing: A youthful, fit and speedy winger, who showed much promise, but under close defensive attention gradually seemed to lose all confidence, becoming hesitant. Further experience would have allowed him to conquer this nervousness, but work obligations rendered him unavailable in the latter half of the season.

IAN SULLIVAN - Forward: "Sullo" had an unsettling season, being centre-forward and inside-left in both first and second teams at varying times, but ultimately settled at inside-left, where he positions himself in attack, with an effective short flick shot from the left side of the goal. Less weight and speedier footwork, combined with his present stickwork would turn Ian into a forward of Walker's calibre. Ian scored the goal of the season in a solo effort to topple the hitherto undefeated Uni. of N.S.W. team (2nd grade).

ERIC WADE - Forward: Played most of the season at inside-right, but here he did not seem to be able to get the ball under control quickly. When at centre-forward seemed better suited, though his efforts were frustrated by excellent defences. Eric was always determined, fast to the ball, and was the most dangerous forward in the circle. More attention to stickwork would enable Eric to elude defences which seemed this season impenetrable to him.

PETER CAFFIN - Rover: A player of ability and tremendous power, with a pre-occupation in pointing out the faults and unworthiness of his team mates, rather than of the opposition. Peter successfully filled the roles of inside-right, right-half and back, though being devoid of positional sense in these latter positions. At inside-right, later in the season, he combined well with his winger, and with more experience in this position, allied with his power hitting and good stickwork, will be a prolific scorer in ensuing seasons, particularly if he can shorten his swing, thereby shooting at goal more quickly.

ROSS SWAIN - Centre-forward: Ross, as the most experienced forward, tried hard to direct play from the centre-forward position, and to split opposing defences, but given limited opportunities by our backs and halves, and being closely marked, he was rendered less effective than in previous years. This frustration, and his determination and keenness, caused him some verbal impatience to show against his fellow forwards. A feature of Ross's play is his impeccable and speedy push-outs for short-corners, and it was remarkable that we did not score from these more frequently.

The following players appeared at various times, in varying positions, with variable success, and are thanked for their efforts. -

Colin "Fatty" "Cricket" "Off-Spin"
"Crew-Cut" "Epping" Jones,

Ted Aikman

John Beadsworth

Peter MacNeil

Geoff Streeter

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SECOND GRADE

The second grade team put up a fine performance this year although we did not win the premiership, as was the case last season, we were not disgraced. The team spirit was very high, and this was largely responsible for the team finishing second in the competition. The team lost to Manly in the final, and this team went on to defeat University of N.S.W. in the Grand Final.

Ted Aikman proved a valuable member to the side with some sound and thoughtful goalkeeping, but perhaps over used the stick where his kickers would have been more safe. He was always of great assistance on the field to defence combination.

Bob Snow is still one of the safest backs in the Club, always playing a good positional game and stopping many goal-scoring chances with sound thinking and clever stickwork.

Bruce Trevenar was Captain and father of the side, showed that brawn and brains can be a most effective form of defence or attack. Led the side capably and created respect from the opposition and all those who played under him.

John Rose, another of the older members of the hockey brigade, who did not play until late in the first round, but proved a valuable member with sound defence and the ability to set forwards up in attack.

Warren Partington proved he is best suited as centre-half with a sound all-round display in every game he played.

Max Spencer played steadily throughout the year but could be much more effective playing his own game, and less chatter on the field. Despite this, had one of his best seasons.

John Beadsworth played good hockey considering he lacked condition. Showed his backstick is still a force to be reckoned with, by giving his inners some perfect centres.

Geoff Streeter, this was his first season, and proved to be a real trier who made use of every opportunity. Goal shotting needs practise.

Ross Swain as usual, gave a good performance as centre-forward. Proved that determination and untiring effort play a big part in goal scoring.

Ted Lander once he found a bit of condition, proved to be the player of old. Stickwork and defence very good.

Peter Mansford was injured early in the season, and when fully recovered, played intelligently and set up many scoring chances with good centres.

Jock Scott had a mixed season. Started the season well, but his game fell away in the second round. Has the ability and showed his capability as a Captain when called upon.

Colin (Cricket) Jones only played the first round but as usual a very good team man and always a trier.

Colin Willis was another player who had a mixed season, and was dogged with a hand injury. He was sadly missed.

Gary Hanson, a newcomer to the Club, played as a forward and was a very spectacular player and scored most of his goals from the ground.

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE: The Seconds were a very happy bunch of players and a pleasure to Captain. There were times when players were omitted or dropped, but their team spirit still remained and they generally played their way back into the team.

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THIRD GRADE

At the commencement of the season, it was apparent that none of last season's enthusiasm and keenness had been lost by those members who had played in the third grade previously.

The standard of hockey encountered in the major division was of much higher standard than that to which we had been accustomed, however, the team was able to more than hold their own as results show.

Several new players were welcomed into our team. John Burford as Goalie, Lawson Smother - Right-Wing and Ian Trevenar - Inside-Right. All three showed greatly improved form as the season progressed. John Burford accepted the responsibility of guarding our goal with courage and stopped successfully, many an onslaught. Lawson Smother settled into the position as flank man really well, and covered the distance to the opponent's goal-line in near record time, and one wondered whether Lawson had a schooner planted near the goalpost.

The forward line consisted of Grahame Cooper, Ian Trevenar, Phil Wilson, Paul Mackay and Lawson Smother. Early in the season they lacked drive and finish, which resulted in the loss of many valuable goals, however, later they settled down and developed some really good movements, and should all go a long way after this season's experience.

The half-line - Kevin Bell, Colin Aikman, and Greg McIntyre - worked tirelessly, and were well supported by the two backs, Bob Curtis and Jim Bell. Bob Curtis was also a newcomer and showed great promise. It would not surprise if he is in a higher team next season. Jim Bell played his usual steady game until illness stopped his playing. The two backs and goalie combined well together, and proved with this season's experience, will strengthen the standard next season.

Although the team missed getting into the first four and this was the second successive year that we have missed by the narrowest of margins. Had the team performed as well in the first round as they did in the last, when only one game was lost, we would have made the first four.

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE: (Colin Aikman) Thank you, Fellas, for a most enjoyable season of hockey, and if you are all looking forward to next season as much as I am, it should be an even bigger success than this season. Your assistance during the year was greatly appreciated.

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C R I C K E T 1963-64

Sub-Committee: P. Mansford (Chairman), J. Balmforth,
 T. Mobbs, J. Wade, and L. Smother.

The 1963-64 season was, fortunately, a vast all-round improvement on the previous season, when we experienced one of our worst seasons in the Club's history.

The high-light of 1963-64 was the winning of the Municipal and Shire Club Championship for the second time in the last three years. This win was made possible by the improved showing of the "A" Shire team, who finished in last position the previous season, and in second position on the points table in 1963-64.

The "A" Shires were unfortunately eliminated in the semi-final by Roseville, in a very tight game, by three wickets, after leading on the first innings. Roseville were then defeated by Auburn-Lidcombe in the final and our sincere congratulations are extended to George Parry and the Auburn boys on their winning of yet another premiership.

The "B" Shires were minor-premiers by nine points at the completion of the rounds but, as has been the case in four of the last five years, were not up to winning the premiership, being eliminated by University of N.S.W. in the semi-final. University then went on to defeat Epping in the final in convincing fashion and our congratulations are hereby extended to Harold Bundy and the Uni. team on a very meritorious premiership win, after qualifying in fourth position for the semis.

The "B" Juniors were a disappointment, overall, although several satisfactory and pleasing wins were recorded intermingled with some convincing losses. Unfortunately, the usually high team-spirit was not so much in evidence as in previous years. It was particularly noticeable that some of the members of the Junior team had no regard for Team and Club Spirit and consequently, the team's performances suffered accordingly, several times playing a man short.

The City and Suburban had an outstanding year, winning fourteen games to six lost, a very good performance in such a strong competition. The success of the City and Suburban over the last few seasons has been one of the outstanding features of the Club's cricket and it is anticipated that they will continue in the same vein in future years.

We are again thankful to Concord Municipal Council for use of Rothwell Park over the season, although the usual

high standard of pitches to which we are accustomed was missing for most of the season. Unfortunately, the pitch at Rothwell was sub-standard for most of the season due to under-preparation, but it was extremely gratifying to see the strip that was prepared for the "B" Grade Semi. with University.

We were again fortunate in having the use of the Homebush Boys' High School practice wicket area for our pre-season practice, and whilst it would be preferable to have our early practices on the turf, it is felt that by using the true surface of malthoid it is of better value than using sub-standard turf practice wickets, good wickets being extremely hard to prepare so early in the season.

We are again appreciative of the assistance received from the respective Associations with which we are affiliated, namely the N.S.W. Cricket Association, the City and Suburban Cricket Association and the Western Suburbs Cricket Association.

Unfortunately, it appears as if we will not be entering a team in the W.S.C.A. Competition in the 1964-65 season as a "C" Grade Shire competition will be instituted and our third team will be competing here. This is unfortunate, considering our long association with the W.S.C.A., but it will now mean that all our teams will be playing on turf. It is visualised, however, that before long we will once again be able to field five teams, including one in the Junior competition.

An attitude of apathy was prevalent in the Club during the season, resulting in no social games being played. It is hoped that all members will show an increase in general keenness and co-operation in the 1964-65 season.

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CRICKET 1963-64 "A" SHIRES.

Once more we must offer our sincere congratulations to Auburn C.C. and their Captain, George Parry, for their third consecutive win in the "A" Shire competition. They proved beyond doubt to be the best eleven, and should again be the team to beat next year.

Though this could be classified a successful year for the "A's", any credit should be directed towards the bowling fraternity, who, in spite of mediocre and poor batting performances, carried the team to the semi-final. To underline this factor, it should be mentioned that only two

teams scored over 200 runs against the "toilers". It is to be hoped we can improve on this good performance in 1964/65.

D. A. WALKER (Vice-Captain): Provided the Core of Solidity in the team's batting. His natural dash was not sacrificed while performing this task, and showed shot-making can be implemented, while still adhering to the basic principles of concentration and dedication. His usual good performance behind the stumps.

T. MOBBS: Once more proved experience and keenness are a more than useful combination. His innings of 93 against Lindfield was matchwinning. Though he may have lost a little zip in the field, is still a very effective unit.

E. WATT: As ever, participated admirably with both bat and ball, though not as successfully as the previous year. His team mates will be happy he did not persist with "the off-break theory". Was his usual quiet self in the field.

B. CARDWELL: Throughout the early part of the season batted with delightful power and freedom. Though experiencing a slight run-off towards the final stages, he may well count this as a satisfying year's cricket.

G. IRELAND: Fell foul of what is commonly known in cricket parlance as "the lean trot". An average, conscious team mate was heard to comment at the end of the season "about time too". This speaks volumes. Both his fielding ability and general decorum remained on their usual high plane. A lousy bowler.

J. BALMFORTH: This player was an undoubted asset for his enthusiasm alone. Our success in the Club championship is due, in no small part to this man's administrative direction. In the field his best was a great 45 on a poor wicket against Lane Cove.

K. HOLLEY: Bowling-wise, had his best season in the Senior team, frequently disposing of troublesome partnerships. The ability of his cupped hands is readily shown by a total of 14 catches for the season. With more application and concentration to his batting would be the ideal all-rounder.

G. TWEEDDALE: Played in only nine matches out of 14 and found this sufficient time to collect 42 victims. Bowled consistently well all season and thoroughly deserved to take off the bowling average. Has been known to bat a lot better in previous years.

C. JONES: Bowled quite brilliantly at times, and proved

a very effective and integral component of the attack. Unfortunately for both him and the team, the scoring of insufficient runs by the batsmen curtailed his visits to the crease. His brother Wayne was a better batsman, it seems.

T. WELLS: Bowled with a lot more heart and at times was quite hostile. His 10 wickets against Lane Cove would be his best effort materially, but, with less reward though equal merit, is closely followed by his 2 hour perish against Canterbury. With limited opportunities proved a better bat than most.

J. WADE: If runs be the merit of a batsman then this fellow, particularly on last year's form, should be played only in Semi-Finals and Finals. Given more time, he could probably write a brilliant eulogy on his capabilities as a Benaud like Captain, but unfortunately his Fan Club awaits his presence.

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"A" SHIRES

S T A T I S T I C S

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won Out- right</u>	<u>Won</u>		<u>Lost</u>		<u>Pts</u>	<u>Position</u>
		<u>1st Inn.</u>	<u>Drn</u>	<u>0'right</u>	<u>1st Inn</u>		<u>in Comp.</u>
14	2	5	3	2	2	66	3rd
		<u>Average</u>		<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>	
Runs For	<u>Wickets For</u>						
2530	146	17.33		2478	171	14.49	

BATTING AVERAGES

	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not Outs</u>	<u>Highest Score</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
D. Walker	17	1	130	464	29
T. Mobbs	17	1	93	395	24.69
E. Watt	15	-	44	264	17.6
B. Cardwell	14	1	40	224	17.23
J. Wade	14	2	51	188	15.66
G. Ireland	15	1	21	191	13.64
J. Balmforth	13	1	45	161	13.42
K. Holley	15	2	27	128	9.85
G. Tweeddale	9	2	23	42	6
C. Jones	12	1	13	38	3.45

Also Batted: D. V. Prowse- 3 innings for 76; K. Trollope- 1 for 22; T. Wells- 5 for 95; P. Richardson- 1 for 11; N. Walker- 1 for 8; P. McEachran- 2 for 13; S. Hipwell- 1 for 6; W. Taffe- 1 for 5; B. Vaughan- 2 for 7; N. Young- 1 for 4.

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BOWLING AVERAGES

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
G. Tweeddale	134.7	20	416	42	9.9
E. Watt	110.5	19	350	29	12.06
C. Jones	102	8	475	32	14.84
K. Holley	112	12	408	26	15.69
T. Wells	137.5	9	553	29	19.06

Also Bowled: B. Cardwell- 2 for 7; P. McEachran- 1 for 5; B. Vaughan- 4 for 67; J. Balmforth- 0 for 2; N. Young- 0 for 24; J. Wade- 0 for 5.

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"B" SHIRES

An enjoyable and reasonably satisfactory season can be recorded for the "B's". It was a team which included no really consistent stars but most members had their day at some stage during the season, enabling us to complete the season with only one loss until being defeated by University of N.S.W. in the semi-finals.

To this team we convey our congratulations on their final success in becoming Premiers.

The atmosphere of the side was such that it could claim the "glib" title of "a happy side". Perhaps this could be said to be easy for a side which was mostly winning, but these wins were not always easy as no less than three matches were won in the last over of the day which indicates the spirit prevailing. This willingness to carry each game to a final outright decision whenever possible, plus an exceptional season of fine Saturdays enabled us to amass the total of 89 points, with decisions in 13 out of the 14 matches played. This surely must be close to a Club record.

Our sincere thanks to Frank Farrell and Bob Clark for their support and assistance with afternoon tea affairs.

H. LENNARTZ (Captain): Enjoyed the season's cricket but had little success with bat or ball, only adding variety.

P. MANSFORD, (Vice-Captain): Unfortunately, the season was cut very short by Peter's desire to write off his V.W. Had some good batting performances, highlighted by a splendid 63 against Sutherland. A very handy man in any team.

S. HIPWELL: The most consistent of our non-consistent batsmen, topping the averages and supplying the steady influence needed on a number of occasions.

G. CORDOROY: A fine cricketer. Ably carried out the function of wicket-keeper, and provided the team's most polished batting displays in topping the aggregates.

P. RICHARDSON: Had some good innings, but not often enough was he at the crease long enough to produce the good strokes of which we know he is capable. Wonderful in the field and the Club's best slip-field.

P. McEACHRAN: Justifiably enjoyed success with bat and ball and definitely will develop as one of the Club's best all-rounders, having a very pleasant personality and the right temperament for the game.

G. GORTON: "Slogger" can't be said to have the right cricket temperament, but he did excel himself with a gem of an innings against Lane Cove. Apart from that, we saw little of his prowess. A curtailment of his exuberance for 2 or 3 overs could help. A handy fieldsman.

J. WILSON: Spearheaded our bowling attack, but lacked some of the "fire" desirable in a bowler of his type.

B. VAUGHAN: Topped the bowling average and could always be relied upon to give a good performance. A fine, keen cricketer, all round.

R. YOUNG: Our senior bowler who can produce results or pin an end down regardless of his puffing and blowing. Couldn't be without him.

N. YOUNG: Usually quite dangerous early in his bowling spell with the new ball and capable of coming up with something "out of the box" later, when others are getting nowhere. Given little opportunity to show his batting ability.

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"B" SHIRE

S T A T I S T I C S

						Position
Matches Won Out-	Won	Lost	Lost			in
<u>Played</u> <u>right</u>	<u>1st Inn.</u>	<u>Drn.</u>	<u>O'right</u>	<u>1st Inn.</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Comp.</u>
14	5	6	1	1	1	89
						3rd.

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
2862	161	17.78	2573	194	13.26

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BATTING AVERAGES

	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not Outs</u>	<u>Highest Score</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
S. Hipwell	14	3	73	350	31.82
G. Cordoroy	21	-	101	452	21.52
P. McEachran	14	2	55	226	18.83
G. Gorton	19	1	76	305	16.94
H. Lennartz	19	2	45	286	16.82
P. Richardson	17	-	63	280	16.47
P. Mansford	14	3	63	155	14.09
J. Wilson	15	3	24	151	12.58

Also Batted: B. Cardwell- 1 for 64; D. Williams- 1 for 18; N. Walker- 5 for 80; I. Blair- 1 for 12; M. Melville- 8 for 92; B. Vaughan- 6 for 50; R. Young- 9 for 49; T. Parker- 5 for 31; N. Young- 4 for 16; J. Neale- 1 for 2; D. Prowse- 1 for 77; D. North-1 for 0.

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BOWLING AVERAGES

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
B. Vaughan	122.	26	358	33	10.84
N. Young	56.7	14	201	18	11.16
P. McEachran	156.2	25	574	50	11.48
J. Wilson	138.7	26	442	33	13.39
H. Lennartz	56	2	228	16	14.25
R. Young	136.5	19	508	34	14.82

Also Bowled: P. Mansford- 1 for 15; G. Gorton- 1 for 42; N. Walker- 0 for 7; P. Richardson- 0 for 17; J. Neale- 0 for 17.

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"B" JUNIORS

The Junior side once again was unfortunate in not making the semi-finals due to some disappointing performances at vital stages of the competition when wins would have assured us a place in the final four.

During the season, several outstanding performances were recorded, the most outstanding being Murray Melville's

169 against Malvern, which was instrumental in Murray being elevated to the "B" Shires.

Several of the members of this side showed outstanding promise during the season and it is to be hoped that they develop still further in the future. Ian Trevenar in particular, showed outstanding potential for a boy his age and it appears as if he is destined to follow in his father's footsteps. (Cricketwise).

The keenness of former years was not in evidence and consequently the performances of the team suffered. A few of the members were not available at vital times, and as a result, the team was unfortunately left short on a couple of occasions. It is to be hoped that the members realise their responsibilities in the future and make themselves available on all occasions.

GRAHAM ASHDOWN (Captain): Led the team for the first time and made a good job of an unenviable job. Graham's own performances seemed to suffer as a result of the Captaincy and his performances were not up to previous seasons.

LAWSON SMOOTHER: A good, stylish bat who met with fair success during the season. Has only to improve a little to be knocking at the door for higher honours. A good team-man who was always willing to give a hand.

JIM NEALE: Probably has more natural ability than most of the members of the Club and has only to adjust himself to be a very good cricketer. A handy bat and extremely good bowler, if he pitches them up. Likes to have a snooze in the field.

COL. DENNIS: Another good all-rounder who had considerable success with the ball and several good innings with the bat. One of the keenest cricketers in the Club.

PHIL. BERRY: Phil played quite a few hard-hitting knocks during the season which, while they weren't according to the text-book, were effective. A sound keeper, although not a Wally Grout.

JOHN HAZELWOOD: An enthusiastic, fastish bowler, who had several good performances during the season. Tends to try and bowl too fast and would be very good if he had more control of length and direction.

ALAN COOK: Was only available for about three-quarters of the season, due to work, but was a very handy bowler to have around when wickets were needed. Can bat a bit, too, on occasions.

MICK FARRY: One of the keenest young cricketers to come to the Club in years, who, whilst not possessing outstanding ability, was always available and willing to help out in any way required.

MURRAY MELVILLE: Had outstanding success with the bat and earned promotion to the Shires following his score of 169 against Malvern. An extremely keen young cricketer who should go a long way.

JOCK SCOTT: A good solid opening bat, who only had fair success during the season. Another good Club member who was always willing to help out.

IAN TREVENAR: Ian has great potential and should go on to higher honours before long. His one deficiency is his running between wickets and when he rectifies this, will be an accomplished cricketer.

IAN BLAIR: A nice, stylish left-handed bat who had several outstanding innings, and is an excellent fieldsman.

ANDY CLIFFORD: One of the keenest, even if not the fittest, cricketers in the Club. Andy possesses quite a bit of ability, both with the bat and ball, and could be a very handy cricketer, with adaptation.

GARY MacANDREW: Made only a few appearances during the season and only had mixed success. Missed out on his usual hat-trick.

JIM BARRETT: Also played very few games during the season, but was a very handy man to have around. A good all-rounder.

MIKE ELDER: Played few matches, but was extremely keen in all phases of the game.

** No Statistics available - Score Book temporarily
misplaced **

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THE GENTLEMEN OF THE BRIARS

(Being the experiences of the City & Suburban Cricket Team)

As a result of severe criticism in these columns last year and in an effort to improve the record of the season with which that criticism dealt, the big brains of the City and Suburban Cricket team met together at the end of the season in a soul-searching analysis of causes.

As basic doctrine it was decided to treat as axiomatic the following facts, viz.

- (a) A large percentage of the team is, and always will be, semi-senile
- (b) 100% of the team is stubborn and selfish
- (c) Concerted action as a team can never exist.

Bearing the above in mind, a fundamental change in policy was made. It was realised that the iron discipline and the reign of terror to which the team had been subject for so many years must be relaxed and a policy of more or less free enterprise allowed to develop. The practical application of this was also dealt with and the following edict issued from the Central Committee -

- (1) Captain to be appointed for the purpose of tossing only, and as a token gesture to the opposition
- (2) Order of batting and bowling to be decided by lot or the drawing of straws
- (3) Field placing to be abolished - each man to take the position he himself selects.

As a result of this revolution, it is pleasing to report that the team had one of its most successful seasons ever, and although at one match it was strange to see 3 men fielding close together at 3rd man (the closest point to afternoon tea) it can be stated with accuracy that the overall picture was a happy one. Seeing that this policy has only been in force for one season, the imagination boggles at what the future may hold for this highly skilled, if eccentric, eleven.

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CITY and SUBURBAN

S T A T I S T I C S

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won 1st Innings</u>	<u>Lost 1st Innings.</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Runs For.</u>
23	14	6	2	1	3,236
<u>Wickets for</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>	
182	17.78	2,822	188	15.01	

BATTING AVERAGES

	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not Outs</u>	<u>Highest Score</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
T. Parker	11	2	83n.o.	273	30.33
D. North	20	-	52	409	20.45
E. Stockdale	18	-	45	328	18.22
B. Trevenar	13	4	31n.o.	162	18
R. Lamb	6	3	22	50	16.66
D. Williams	23	-	79	369	16.04
J. G. Wilson	12	2	26	155	15.5
C. Mitchell	15	1	52	214	15.28
R. McLaughlin	18	-	78	274	15.22
W. McBurney	18	4	41	188	13.43
A. Rose	11	2	14	48	5.33

Also Batted: D.A. Walker- 1 Innings 62 Runs; N. Young- 1 for 46; T. Mobbs- 1 for 34; P. Richardson- 2 for 51; K. Trollope- 1 for 21; G. Tweeddale- 1 for 28; N. Walker- 1 for 20; I. Blair- 1 for 28; C. (Cricket) Jones- 1 for 23; J. Balmforth- 3 for 43; B. Williams- 5 for 57; J. McNicol- 1 for 1; B. Richards- 2 for 1; P. McEachran- 1 for 2; G. Williams- 1 for 16; J. Wade- 1 for 13; G. Gorton- 1 for 31; G. Cordoroy- 1 for 5; M. Elder- 1 for 2; I. Trevenar- 4 for 15; A. Clifford- 1 for 0; J. Edmonds- 1 for 15; J. Neale- 1 for 29; J. Scott- 1 for 0; A. Searle- 1 for 2; B. Cardwell- 1 for 3; J. Wilson- 1 for 2; M. Melville- 1 for 2.

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BOWLING AVERAGES

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
N. Young	76	9	293	32	9.15
A. Rose	119.2	7	605	47	12.87
B. Trevenar	207	19	900	55	16.27
D. North	8.7	1	40	6	6.66
C. Mitchell	14.5	-	137	3	45.66
B. Williams	41	4	174	9	19.33

Also Bowled: J. Balmforth-0 for 26; W. McBurney-1 for 73; P. McEachran-3 for 41; J. McNicol-1 for 20; B. Richards- 2 for 49; A. Clifford-0 for 29; G. Tweeddale-6 for 83; C. Dennis-0 for 8; A. Searle-3 for 29; J. G. Wilson-0 for 58; J. Wilson-4 for 37; C. Jones-1 for 45; D. Williams- 1 for 0.

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INDOOR ENTERTAINMENTS

Committee: C. Jones, M. Spencer

Two tremendous Smokoes were organised. The behaviour of those who attended was exemplary and the entertainers responded to the warmth and enthusiasm of the audience.

The suppers were of ordinary fare which brought the entrance fee down a bit and provided a few more bob for drinking money.

These were good nights, and the Club was alive once more with rollicking songs headed by our own, "The Boys of the Briars are Together".

Thanks, to Gordon "Zambuc" Young, who did the catering (and got paid) and to all the helpers, Stewards and otherwise, who were only too willing to help.

The cloths on the two Billiard Tables have been renewed and cushions re-covered. Smoking is not permitted while playing, and drinks are, of course, strictly forbidden in the area. Table Tennis has lost its popularity, although a notable tourney was held one Saturday night in September.

G O L F

Committee: C. Jones, C. Mitchell.

After such a terrific "1963" season, when outings were well attended, 1964 proved a very large flop. This was solely because of lack of attendance.

Apart from the dreadful response, those who attended (and, you'll agree, it's easier to win a prize with only a few starters) quite enjoyed the days - hacking Leura Golf Course about.

Next year we are paying a visit to Springwood Country Club, and to provide a better deal for Club golfers, a grand publicity campaign will shortly be under way.

Outstanding performances were recorded, the usual number of burglars presented themselves and some old faces were quite often present.

S Q U A S H

Sub-Committee: P. Mansford (Secretary) R. D. Vanderfield,
B. Cardwell, B. Trevenar (Captains).

The 1964 Squash Pennant competitions were played by the Club in typical Briars' fashion - slap-happy.

With more application and effort, we would possibly have notched our second premiership win, in the B1 Winter Competition, when our first team were minor-premiers. We were defeated, however, in the grand-final, after suffering an earlier loss in the semi., and using the "right of Challenge" for the grand-final. The second team, playing B2, finished well down the ladder in their grade.

In the Spring Competition, our teams were graded in A Reserve and B4, respectively, the first team finishing 7th, and the second team reaching the semi-finals in second position.

The B4 team won their semi. narrowly, and are due to play the final shortly, and to win the premiership, will have to defeat the minor-premiers twice, a formidable task, although we have had one convincing win over them during the rounds.

Although our efforts over the years have not been outstanding in the Squash field, it is considered that, allowing for the effort that we do put into it, it is remarkable that we have done as well as we have, most of our players only having one game a week, whereas, most of our opponents play at least two to three games a week.

We were again fortunate in having the use of "Bill McLaughlin's Burwood Squash Courts" as our home court, and to Bill we are most appreciative for the courtesies extended over the year, all except his moans about finishing late.

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THE BRIARS SKI CLUB

Committee: R. Anstey (Secretary), Directors: R. Anstey, Doug Vanderfield, R. Vanderfield, H. Ford, Don Walker, R. Thomson and R. Stephens.

It is now possible to gain a full appreciation of the effort which has been expended to establish a Ski Lodge in the Thredbo area.

At the 30th June, the Company had 34 members -

26 members had paid in full for 5,440 Shares of £1 each
 4 members had subscribed $13/4$ per Share for 720 Shares
 4 members had subscribed $6/8$ per Share for 720 Shares.

Further finance has been obtained from the Australian and New Zealand Bank Limited to the extent of £4,748 9 1, and R. D. Vanderfield has provided from his private purse an amount of £1,846 16 9, (disclosed).

It is the urgent desire of your Board (ski Directors) to effect partial repayment of these loan funds as expeditiously as possible and with this objective in view, it was decided that members be requested to increase their minimum subscription from 180 Shares to 210 Shares. The realization of this decision should ensure the eventual introduction of additional Capital of £1,590, which will be further increased as the number of members increases from 34 to 40.

The final cost of the building			
has been determined at -	10,923	13	11
which is only subject			
to minor contingencies.			

Lease cost amount to	500	0	0
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Furniture and Equipment	1,199	2	5
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Establishment Costs including			
road levy, land clearing levy,			
proportional rental for 2			
years, Legal expenses and			
Club Rules -	448	4	4

A Total Capital Expenditure of	£13,071	0	8
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The Lodge commenced in a reasonably completed state in July 1963, and the operations for that period have shown a surplus of £105 which was insufficient to meet our commitment for Bank Interest so that we reveal an ultimate deficiency of £151 11 5.

The furniture and equipment which did not receive very much use has been depreciated at only $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ for this year, but this figure must be increased in future. It is evident that a revenue of not less than £900 per annum is desirable to enable us to meet our present interest commitment and to make adequate provision for maintenance and replacements which will become necessary in future years.

Club members may use the hut during winter and summer

months. At times, bookings may be difficult in winter, but there is no trouble in the summer months. The latter time is good for trout fishing, scenic walks, and the hut can be made the headquarters for touring the Snowy Projects.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE 1964

Sub-Committee: J. Edmonds (Chairman), A. Clifford,
M. Elder, M. Mathews, P. Walker.

Our social activities started quietly in March when we played host to the visiting Waihi (N.Z.) footballers. A barbecue, dance and harbour cruise was arranged over the weekend from which we never really recovered.

The committee was indirectly placed with the task of raising £1,000 to assist the 1965 football tourists.

In this cause, a games night was arranged at the home of Alan Rose at Caringbah. The night was a success, even though attendance by Club members was well below that anticipated.

This year's Annual Ball was held in the "Banquet Room", Menzies Hotel, (in an effort to remove the stigma attached to the previous one) and was a splendid success. Nearly 200 people attended, and all agreed it was a splendid evening. Unfortunately, it was not a financial success, and steps will be taken to see it doesn't happen again.

An unusual feature, however, was the fact that we received a letter of thanks from Menzies, asking us would we consider the same venue next year. This we have done, and it may even become regular (bands, buns and profits permitting).

The committee also assisted Don Walker and some senior members arrange a footballers' dinner to honour our successes this season. Over 100 footballers, fathers and Club members combined to make this a memorable occasion. This was evidenced by the lack of members in the Club the following evening.

The prize for the best barbecue this year has been narrowly won by Mr. Lex Yule and his Burke Cup team. Team barbecues of this nature have proved popular with all - except wives and girlfriends.

Lex's barbecue was so well organised, they even had legal representation and chauffeurs to remove any victims of the festivities.

"THE WAIHI HARBOUR CRUISE"or "GET IN THE SWIM"

TAKE - 1 ferry, 5 x 18's, 150 steaks, 70 footballers and 10 girls, and you have the contents for a relaxing harbour cruise. Add 20 "Waihi" footballers, lead them to the kegs, add 5 hours, and you have a hopeless ferry captain, no kegs, no steaks, and a rabble of footballers insisting on swimming the five miles back to Drummoyne wharf.

This was Sunday, 15th March, a memorable day in any seafarer's calendar. Following an already extremely "social" weekend, we arranged an all-day cruise among the tropical isles of Sydney Harbour.

After a slow beginning (John Mortlock never drinks before eleven) the passengers became accustomed to the glare and realised Ales were being served - Mike Elder made a fatal mistake and offered the Captain a beer, and this was the invitation for our New Zealand friends to take a turn at the wheel - which resulted in some of the craftiest manoeuvring on Sydney Harbour since the war.

As an early barbecue lunch had been planned, we arrived at Clarke (or Shark Island, no-one remembers) at 2 p.m., where genuine attempts to put kegs and steaks on the island were made.

At this stage, Mr. Peter Kennedy (N.Z.) challenged P. Walker (Aust.) to a chug-a-lug aboard the ferry. To the masses, and Captain's (hic), astonishment, Mr. Kennedy established an Australian record of 11 straight middies (subject to confirmation) and promptly returned to his normal posture - (on his back).

A delightful barbecue of burnt steaks and flat beer followed, and with a quick blast from the relieving Captain, we continued on our way. This time, we travelled across the Heads, where non-seafarers learnt the difference between windward and leeward side (the hard way).

At this stage of the trip, our guests were showing definite signs of wear, as there was a distinct tendency for standing on the leeward side and taking deep breaths.

The trip home from Middle Harbour was quite an event. The Captain, at this stage, was still partaking of our wonderful drop and piloting was in the hands of our New Zealand friend, Mr. Peter Szalay. It was quite a feat, considering

he had never been on the harbour before - had a pint in one hand, a female accomplice in the other, and was half asleep. At this point, the general feeling was an urge to swim - or see someone else swim.

So, on our arrival at Drummoyne wharf, and after some careful plotting, it began.

The first victim, Mr. Peter Kennedy (N.Z.) was thrown head-first - to test the depth, I think - followed by many others. From this, a small game of water polo followed, between the two countries. After much bloodshed and oyster stars, the match was declared a no-contest, as the referee, A. Clifford, was noticed to be in difficulties, (went down twice).

As more beer was available, the day was concluded at another barbecue, at John Edmonds' (Blanche was away) which carried on till midnight.

However, all agreed, their whole stay with us was thoroughly enjoyed and perhaps this was emphasised by the tears in the eyes of the lady who played host to the Cook brothers.

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CLUB ROOMS

The bar trading result for this year was less than that of 1962/63, mainly due to a drop in the "Xmas Supplies" trade, and a falling off in attendance early in the football season.

The success of the football teams ensured a "full house" for Saturday evening trading, and it must be said that the stewards who were rostered for those nights, made tremendous efforts to maintain fast service to members and visitors.

Stewards: A number of new faces were introduced to bar work, John Bevan, Andy Clifford and John Edmonds volunteered as evening stewards, and Mike Elder, Peter Walker and Bruce Trevenar continued their valued efforts.

Maurie Hill and Olaf Osterman, two of the most ardent Clubmen yet produced, retired after years of untiring service. Bob Stephens was married during the year, and he too asked to be relieved of duty.

A. Cook, M. Mathews, B. Cardwell, S. Keir,
C. Jones, M. Spencer, P. Hotten, A. Reid, C. Dennis

D. Walker, R. Anstey, tackled their weekend jobs enthusiastically, and their help is much appreciated.

Plant: Although the capacity of the plant for extreme rush periods is inadequate, it is not economical to instal additional equipment.

The system was inspected in September, and problems were overcome with the gas-lines.

Stocks: Adequate variety for members' needs are maintained, and members are invited to ask the steward for assistance, as still and sparkling wines are not usually displayed. The bi-monthly reconciliations have shown results which are causing concern.

Deliveries: Mr. W. Simes is carrying out invaluable service in receiving our supplies. To him and his assistant, we offer our thanks.

Cleaning: A roster of stewards for Club Room cleaning on Sunday mornings has not worked as simply as before. Nevertheless, we are grateful to those who have given their time and help. Particularly should the name of Ted Stockdale be mentioned. Without Ted's mother, our laundering would become a problem, and we are extremely grateful for Mrs. Stockdale's work.

Cleaners included - Graham Carroll, Kevin Maughan, Brian Ray, Charles McMonies, Bob Stephens, Ian Blair, Don Joy, Mike Elder, Gordon Hutcheson, Andy Clifford, Graeme Sampson, John Mortlock, David Edmonds, Graeme Prowse and Colin Dennis (very often).

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J. H. STONE TROPHY

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

This year's winner is our Hon. Assistant Secretary, Colin Dennis. As well as being Assistant Secretary, Colin is on the Management committee of the Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union, organises the Cleaning roster and plays cricket with the Club.

As far as the Secretary is concerned, Colin is a pest

as he continually states that there is insufficient work for him to do - this may be the case, but whatever he does is done very conscientiously.

Our congratulations to Colin on the winning of this very valued trophy.

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GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

This shield is presented each year to the footballer who, in the opinion of the Club, has done most towards football, and to the Club in general.

It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. Points are awarded as follows:-

Attendance at training	-	20	points
Value to team	-	20	points
Most improved player	-	20	points
General keenness	-	15	points
Value as a Club member	-	15	points
Neatness of uniform	-	10	points.
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This year's winner is John Edmonds.

"Eddo" was a member of the premiership Kentwell Cup team, is Social Chairman and a steward. John's win will be very popular with the masses. He is extremely popular and a very handy lad to have around the Club. Can be relied upon to do most things without a grumble, but we wish that he would not play around with the gas cylinder gauge.

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CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is intended as a remembrance of those of our members who lost their lives during service in World War II. The basis of arriving at the winner is similar to the Football trophy, and points are allotted 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
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The Cricket trophy winner this year was Bruce Trevenar.

Not a year goes by without Bruce winning a trophy. This speaks for itself, as to the value to the Club Bruce is. He is Secretary, Hockey Chairman, hockey player, a cricketer and squash player. Bill McLaughlin can mainly be thanked for Bruce winning the trophy, as Captain of the City and Suburban team he saw to it that Bruce had every opportunity, by bowling right throughout the innings.

Congratulations, Bruce.

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A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD

This shield, donated by the late A. J. Robinson, is won by the player obtaining the most points allocated as follows:-

Value to team as a member	-	35 points
Value in hockey administration	-	20 points
Value to Club other than Hockey	-	20 points
Conduct on field of play	-	15 points
Neatness of dress	-	10 points
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The winner this year was Peter Richardson.

Peter is goalie for the first team, also a cricketer, and Hon. Assistant Treasurer - the latter position he carries out very capably.

Congratulations, Peter.

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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

Our task of recording the happy events which occur each year becomes harder, and for future years we may ask for assistance from the Women's Weekly. There are, no doubt, some members who have been overlooked, and to them we offer our apologies.

We note from the Births, that future members of the Club were just edged out by that other sex -

Engagements: John Singleton
Grahame Rolleston
Geoff Murray-Prior
Bob and Lindsay Dytor (not to each other)

Married: Chris Walker
Colin Dennis
Graeme Morgan
Bob Stephens
Graeme Farrell
Terry Wells

Births: Brian Williams (Daughter)
Lex Yule (Daughter)
John Harper (Son)
Bob Spedding (Son)
John Wade (Daughter)
Ray Young (Son)
Colin (Cricket) Jones (Daughter)

To all the above, our heartiest congratulations.

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"LEST WE FORGET"

David O'Keefe - David, at the age of 18, lost his life in attempting to rescue a friend from drowning, at Whale Beach, last summer. Although unable to swim, he showed no hesitation in entering the water to try and assist his friend - was caught in a rip, and drowned. David was a member of the "C" cricket team. Our sympathies go out to his family.

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Bruce Commens - Bruce passed away in September, at the early age of 32. Bruce will always be remembered for his casual attitude to football, and how at times, this attitude paid dividends. He was a most deceptive winger, and held until this year, the most number of tries scored in one match.

To Pam and family, we offer our sympathies.

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Sub-Committee: B. Williams (Chairman), S. Hipwell,
A. Reid, D. Prowse and R. Clarke.

Our plans for our own ground and Club Rooms adjacent thereto, are progressing, albeit slowly.

We have reached the stage where the Lands Department is examining the proposed site with our project in mind, and we are hopeful of making further progress in the near future.

ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors held 12 meetings, (December to November), and the Management Committee 11 meetings. (January to November), during the year, with attendances as under -

<u>BOARD:</u>	R. Clarke	3	D. Prowse	11
	W. Elder	10	E. Stockdale	10
	H. Ford	-	D. Way (Retd Jan.)	2
	A. Land	10	G. Whiddon	10
	P. Meulman	10	B. Williams (Apptd Feb.)	10

D. Williams, as Treasurer, was in attendance at 10 meetings.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

C. Dennis	11	P. Richardson	9
J. Edmonds	9	E. Stockdale	9
W. Elder	11	B. Trevenar	7
C. Jones	9	C. Walker	8
P. Mansford	7	B. Williams	11
M. Mathews	10		*

Please note that Harvey Ford and Bob Clark were granted leave of absence. Harvey, to attend to his duties as Alderman of Strathfield, and Bob left in February for an overseas tour for twelve months.

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ADDENDUM

As President, I wish to extend my personal thanks to our honorary office-bearers, stewards, and members who assist in the cleaning of the Club Room.

These members give their time, voluntarily and

unselfishly, and are to be commended for their efforts towards keeping our Club functioning smoothly.

W. A. ELDER,
President

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C O N C L U S I O N

We convey to members, both collectively and individually, our best wishes for success in the forthcoming year at the respective sports, and express our hope that the Club will continue to prosper and play its part in the community.

For and on behalf of the Board and Management
Committee -

W. A. ELDER, President.
B. TREVENAR, Hon. Secretary.
E. STOCKDALE, Hon. Admin. Secretary.

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F I N A N C E

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1964, together with the Balance Sheet as at that date and with the report of the Auditor thereon are appended to this report.

Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year amounted to £834, compared with a surplus of £1,344 in respect of the previous year.

The following extracts have been taken from the report of the Club's Auditor:

"An amount of £100 has been set aside out of current year's profits for provision for deferred maintenance which when added to the balance of the provision at 1st October, 1963, makes a total of £300 as shown on the Balance Sheet.

"During the year 5% Unsecured Debentures amounting to £635 and Interest Free Debentures amounting to £10 were redeemed at par and the equivalent amount of £645 was transferred from Debenture Redemption Reserve to General Reserve.

"I have received all the information and explanations
I have required during the course of my audit."

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STATEMENT OF FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED - 30th SEPTEMBER, 1964

Funds were provided by:

Net Surplus - transferred to Accumulated Funds		834
<u>Add</u> non cash items		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	100	
Provision for Depreciation	<u>115</u>	215
Decrease in Working Capital		96
		<u>£1,145</u>

These Funds were applied to:

Redeem Debentures	645
Deposit in Industrial Acceptance Corporation Ltd.	500
	<u>£1,145</u>

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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT - 30th SEPTEMBER, 1964

<u>1963</u>					<u>1963</u>					
£		£	£		£		£	£	£	
	<u>RESERVES & ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</u>					<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
4,626	GENERAL RESERVE	5,271			9,266	LAND & BUILDINGS-At Cost		9,266		
1,890	DEBENTURE REDEMPTION RESERVE	<u>1,245</u>	6,516			CLUB ROOM FURNITURE & FITTINGS				
	<u>ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</u>					At Valuation 30th Sept., 1962	606			
	Balance 1st October, 1963	3,192			545	Less: Provision for Depreciation	<u>116</u>	490		
	Add Net Profit for year ended					<u>BAR EQUIPMENT</u>				
3,192	30th September, 1964	<u>834</u>	<u>4,026</u>			At Valuation 30th Sept., 1962	657			
9,708			<u>10,542</u>		591	Less: Provision for Depreciation	<u>126</u>	531		
	<u>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</u>				20	<u>GLASSES, CROCKERY ETC.- At Valuation</u>	<u>20</u>	10,307		
	5% Unsecured Debentures of £5 each					<u>INVESTMENTS</u>				
1,850	due 1st July, 1970.	1,215				DEBENTURES IN INDUSTRIAL ACCEPTANCE				
	Interest free Unsecured Debentures					CORPORATION LIMITED - At Cost				
40	of £5 each, Due 1st July, 1970	<u>30</u>	1,245			£500 - 6½% Debentures maturing				
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS</u>					30th November, 1969				
478	TRADE CREDITORS & ACCRUEMENTS	477				(Market Value £485)		500		
481	SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID IN ADVANCE	385				SHARES IN RUGBY UNION CO-OP. TRADING				
200	PROVISION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE	<u>300</u>	1,162		5	SOCIETY LIMITED - At Cost	<u>5</u>	505		
						<u>DEBENTURE REDEMPTION FUND INVESTMENT</u>				
						4½% METROPOLITAN WATER SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE				
						BOARD LOAN-At Cost £700 maturing 1st December,				
					700	1968 (Market Value £693)			700	
						<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
						STOCKS ON HAND (At lower of cost or				
					373	replacement value)		386		
					35	DEBTORS		87		
					973	CASH AT BANK		711		
					17	CASH ON HAND		17		
					232	PREPAYMENTS		236	1,437	
<u>£12,757</u>		<u>£12,949</u>	<u>£12,757</u>						<u>£12,949</u>	

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITEDCERTIFICATE BY DIRECTORS

We, William Aubrey Elder and Douglas Vernon Prowse being two of the Directors of The Briars Sporting Club Limited do hereby state on behalf of the Board that in our opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 30th September, 1964 and that the accompanying Profit and Loss Account is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the business of the Company for the year then ended.

DATED at SYDNEY this TENTH day of NOVEMBER, 1964.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

W. A. ELDER)
D. V. PROWSE) DIRECTORS

DECLARATION BY SECRETARY

I, Edward George Stockdale, Administrative Secretary of The Briars Sporting Club Limited do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying Balance Sheet and accompanying Profit and Loss Account are correct.

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1900.

DECLARED at SYDNEY this 1st) E. G. STOCKDALE
day of NOVEMBER, 1964

Before me: F. C. DIXON, J.P.

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS

In my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and accompanying Profit and Loss Account are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1961 and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs.

The accounting and other records (including registers) examined by me, have, in my opinion, been properly kept in accordance with the said Act.

51 Pitt Street,
SYDNEY.

C. G. JONES,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

10th November, 1964

Registered under the Public Accountants
Registration Act, 1945, as amended

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

BAR TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED - 30th SEPTEMBER, 1964

1963 £		£	£	1963 £		£	£
164	LIQUOR LICENCE	194			GROSS PROFIT - BEER & SPIRITS SALES	4,441	
133	BAR EXPENSES & MAINTENANCE of EQUIPMENT	85		1,696	<u>Less:</u> Cost of Sales	2,999	1,442
66	DEPRECIATION - BAR EQUIPMENT	<u>60</u>	339		GROSS PROFIT - CIGARETTES, CHOCOLATES ETC. SALES	624	
1,484	PROFIT ON TRADING TRANSFERRED TO PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT	1,232		151	<u>Less:</u> Cost of Sales	<u>495</u>	129
<u>£1,847</u>		<u>£1,571</u>		<u>£1,847</u>			<u>£1,571</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1964.

1963

£	CRICKET	£	£	£
109	Ground Hire & Registrations	102		
192	Material	81	183	
	<u>HOCKEY</u>			
161	Registrations, Equipment, etc.		108	
	<u>FOOTBALL</u>			
106	Ground Hire & Registration	107		
129	Material & Equipment	169		
-	Lighting Equipment	60	336	
-	<u>LOSS ON NEW ZEALAND VISITING TEAM - WAIHI CLUB</u>		63	
	<u>CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS</u>			
17	Billiards & Table Tennis	18		
-	Loss on Social Activities	154	172	862
	<u>ADMINISTRATION & CLUB ROOM EXPENSES</u>			
138	Lighting & Heating		130	
64	Repairs, Maintenance & Club Room Expenses		254	
195	Stationery, Stamps & Telephone		206	
41	Insurance		48	
42	General Expenses		31	
22	Donations & Presentations		14	
61	Depreciation-Furniture & Fittings		55	738
	<u>PROPERTY EXPENSES</u>			
11	Commission		11	
80	Insurance		80	
125	Rates		124	215
114	<u>DEBENTURE INTEREST</u>			72
100	<u>PROVISION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE</u>			100
	<u>NET PROFIT FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1964, TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</u>		834	
1,344			834	
<u>£3,051</u>			<u>£2,821</u>	

£			
1,484	<u>PROFIT ON BAR TRADING</u>		1,232
	<u>CRICKET</u>		
241	Batting Fees etc.		199
	<u>HOCKEY</u>		
116	Ground Fees & Sale of Equipment		120
	<u>FOOTBALL</u>		
192	Registrations, Sale of Equipment etc.		152
	<u>CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS</u>		
6	Billiards & Table Tennis	4	
107	Surplus on Social Activities	-	<u>4</u> 475
579	<u>MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>		849
85	<u>DONATIONS RECEIVED</u>		12
33	<u>INTEREST RECEIVED</u>		48
	<u>PROPERTY INCOME:</u>		
208	Rents Received		205

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