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Sporting Club Limited
Burwood



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H. G. WHIDDON	1943-1948
E. F. WATT	1948-1953
R. S. JONES	1953-1957
A. J. LAND	1957-1960
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THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

Gentlemen,

The 47th Annual Report and balance sheet is presented for your perusal and acceptance.

For the first time since 1923 the Club was not represented in the Western Suburbs Junior Cricket competition. This season saw the introduction of a 'C' Grade Municipal and Shire Competition and your Club entered a team in place of a junior team. This action was taken with considerable regret and after serious consideration for this Club has enjoyed its long association with the Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Association. The 'B' Shire team was successful in winning the competition. Three Shire teams and one City and Suburban enjoyed a very pleasant season.

Four football teams were entered in the Sub-District Competition. For the second year in succession the Kentwell Cup team won the top grade, while the Whiddon 'A' team was defeated in the finals.

At the beginning of the 1965 season a team of Club footballers enjoyed the pleasures of a three-weeks tour of New Zealand, under the managership of Don Walker with Brian Williams as coach. Two games only, out of seven, were won, but our representatives left behind in New Zealand a fine record of good behaviour and good sportsmanship and greatly enhanced the reputation of our Club.

Three hockey teams again played in the 2nd Division, but due to a shortage of players and much stronger competition than that of the Minor Division they had been used to playing in, prior to the season before last, very little success was achieved.

Our three major sports are facing a very critical situation with regard to the recruitment of younger members. Cricket generally does not appear to be attracting the same percentage of the younger generation as in past years, our football is feeling the intense competition for players created by the formation of school Old Boys teams in our immediate vicinity and hockey, as always, finds new players difficult to find. We call on all members, both active and retired, to keep this situation in mind and make every endeavour to introduce new members to the Club.

We are endeavouring to make an annual event of our dinner. The second one, held this year at the conclusion of the winter season, was reasonably well-attended and

thoroughly enjoyed by those who were there. Keep it in mind for next year.

The usual golf days at Leura were very enjoyable, but numbers at times were rather disappointing. Indoor entertainments such as billiards, snooker and table tennis are now very minor activities. Squash was again played by two Competition teams under the Club name.

We take this opportunity of reminding members of the Briars Ski Lodge, and suggest that any member being interested in a very delightful holiday during either summer or winter, should contact Ross Anstey.

The possibilities of a new sports ground in the Concord Municipality now appear to be rather remote. The Lands Department has informed us that the area in mind is being held intact until such time as the whole area has been completely reclaimed, and this will take a number of years. The project will no doubt be kept in mind by future committees, although the necessary finance may prove a difficult, but not insurmountable, problem.

The Annual Ball was held at the Menzies Hotel, 230 attended, and a very good time was had by all. Generally, social activities were rather quiet, and a little closer attention to this phase of our Club life is suggested.

The Club is in a very sound financial position, our trading figures for the year were an all-time record. We are pleased to report that increased rentals have been obtained from two of our tenants, and at the moment, the position of the third tenant is under consideration.

You will note the improvements in the Club - new carpet, heaters, and new lino and Club crest in front of the bar.

Our thanks to Mr. Gordon Crookes for donating the lino and crest, and to Dick Crookes and Mike Elder for laying the same.

During the year the Club was saddened by the loss of our Patron and past-President, Pop Siddeley, and past-President, Ron Thomson.

Our thanks are tendered to our honorary office-bearers, our board, our committeemen, our stewards and all members who assist in the smooth running of the Club. Our thanks are also due to the Burwood, Concord and Strathfield Councils for their assistance to the Club during the year.

Also to the N.S.W. Rugby Union
Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union

Sydney Hockey Association
N.S.W. Cricket Association
City & Suburban Cricket Association
St. John Ambulance.

Our membership stands at 344, compared with 339 last year, and consists of the following -

	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1963-64</u>
Full members	248	247
Junior members	5	5
Associate members)	91	87
Country members)		
	<u>344</u>	<u>339</u>

C R I C K E T

Sub-Committee: P. Mansford (Chairman), J. Wade,
J. Balmforth, H. Lennartz.

The 1964-65 season was probably the most encouraging that the Club has experienced in recent years, the highlight, of course, being the winning of the "B" Shire Premiership.

On the surface, the performances of the other teams do not appear to suggest cause for great enthusiasm, but looking ahead to the future, it can be seen that we have a large number of young promising cricketers who should serve the Club well in years to come.

The "A" Shire team, result-wise, was disappointing, finishing in 11th position. However, it was in this team that the younger members figured most prominently, and though the overall results may have been disappointing, it was evident that the experience gained during the season will stand these younger members in good stead for the future.

The "B" Shire team's performance in winning the Premiership was a very well-deserved and meritorious one, and it was most unfortunate that our old friends Epping had to be, once again, relegated to the runners-up position. The team was a slightly older one than those that we have fielded in recent years, quite a few members having been elevated to the "A" Shire team. There was still a sprinkling of youth, however, and this blended with the experienced players paid dividends in the Final.

Our third team, normally an entry in the Western

Suburbs Cricket Association competition, was this time entered in the newly founded "C" Shire Competition. This competition was in its inaugural year and was run on an unofficial basis by the Council of Municipal and Shire Clubs. Our team fared moderately well in the Competition considering that they bore the handicap of not having a home ground, except for a couple of matches over Christmas when Hudson Park, Homebush was available, which necessitated constant long travel as far as Caringbah and Daceyville, on several occasions. The C's had several good wins, as well as some disappointing losses and it is to be hoped that some of the talent that was displayed during the season will be reproduced in the new season. Despite the inconveniences that were experienced during the season it was gratifying to realise that we had all our teams playing on turf wickets for the first time.

The City and Suburban team again performed creditably, on most occasions, although several resounding defeats were inflicted upon them. The C. & S. suffered through key players being taken to fill positions in the Shire teams on numerous occasions, and this, no doubt, affected their results greatly. However, whatever the result of their match the C. & S. players appeared to enjoy their cricket immensely and the enthusiasm of these older members is a lesson to all.

During the season, due to the organisation of Colin Dennis and Peter Richardson, a single-wicket competition was run. This particular competition is becoming very popular among clubs, and ours was no exception - a very good day being had by all who participated. The eventual winner was Graham Ireland, who defeated Phil McEachran in the final.

We are indebted to the various Associations with which we are affiliated, and in particular our thanks are expressed to Messrs. Barnes and Pitkethly of the N.S.W. Cricket Association, Bill Ray of the City and Suburban Cricket Association and Tim Creer, Secretary of the Council of M. & S. Clubs. Of Tim, special mention must be made, for if it had not been for the perseverance and efforts of Tim and the other members of the Council, it goes without saying that the "C" Shire Competition would not have eventuated.

To the respective Premiership winners, we offer our hearty congratulations - University of N.S.W. for winning the "A" Shires and Club Championship, and Sutherland for winning the "C" Shire Competition.

"A" SHIRES

Success, sweet and rewarding, has at last come the way of University of N.S.W., and we would like to sincerely offer our congratulations on their Premiership win.

Our "A" Shire team's relatively low position on the table this year, can be contributed to many factors, but primarily to much drastic recasting within its structure. The 1964/65 team would no doubt be the youngest "A" Shire team for many long years, and although it had to fight desperately to avoid the dreaded "wooden spoon", the courage and enterprise of this year's youthful selections should prove itself in the seasons to come.

Once more we offer our many thanks to Mr. Walker (Snr.) for his frequent attention to the scorebook on our behalf.

J. WADE, (Captain): Had his best season with the bat for some years, topping both aggregate and average. Perhaps, could be more forceful on occasions. Picked up some valuable wickets on his occasional visit to the bowling crease.

D. WALKER, (Vice-Captain): His wicket-keeping was of a standard beyond many, and proved a constant inspiration to his team-mates. Despite much effort, was unable to use his bat to advantage. It is hoped he soon returns to form, as his guidance and influence with the younger members is much needed.

G. IRELAND: Took most of the year to outlive his exceptionally long lean trot. Finished the season with scores of 75 and 66, and batted as we know he can. We expect big things next year. Brought off his usual excellent catches in close.

N. YOUNG: As 'youth' was the order of the day, this colt was graded in the senior team after the first match of the season. In taking out both the aggregate and average (bowling), Noel more than merited his elevation. At all times a most stout-hearted trier, and wonderful team-man.

P. McEACHRAN: Most successful of the young brigade. Although promoted as a medium-pace bowler, Philip grasped the opportunity of batting up the list. His final average of 20 is due to good determined batting, with the right degree of application. He must, however, guard against a certain measure of overconfidence which crept into his last few innings.

C. JONES: This year once more suffered, due to poor team batting and the corresponding lack of opportunities. Certainly, he is still the best slow-bowler in the Club, and

showed us his skill during the latter few games on a helpful wicket at Rothwell.

E. WATT: Obtained enough "big not-outs" to finish second in the batting averages. Due to an ankle injury, was not a force in the team till well into the season. His ability was sadly missed over this period. Bowled beautifully late in the season - except in the single wicket competition (0-58 off 24 balls).

P. MANSFORD: Proved a success in his first full year in "A" Series. In spite of his inner feelings, should remain batting about No. 7 for the time being. A perusal of the score book will verify this statement. Has good temperament, but must curb a tendency towards impetuosity.

P. RICHARDSON: Showed he has gained the necessary confidence to succeed in "A" Shires. Played some good innings late in the season, and should be able to look forward to next year with anticipation. Best field in the Club.

G. CORDEROY: Had a good season with the bat, and improved his technique most noticeably. This young man will be a big asset in the years to come. His team-spirit and uncomplaining attitude are worthy of mention. A most unselfish player.

G. TWEEDDALE: Lost his penetration of past years and had to work much harder for success. Has now been transferred to Queensland and we must look for a suitable replacement for 1965/66 season,

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"A" SHIRES

STATISTICS

<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won O'R</u>	<u>Won 1st</u>	<u>Drn</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>Lost O'R</u>	<u>Lost 1st</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Position in Comp.</u>
14	-	4	2	-	1	7	35	11
<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>			<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>	
3045	161	18.9			2935	114	25.7	

BATTING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
WADE, J.	17	3	84*	417	29.8
WATT, E.	18	4	49*	309	22.1
TWEEDDALE, G.	8	5	23*	65	21.7
McEACHRAN, P.	18	2	72	320	20.0
MANSFORD, P.	13	1	56	237	19.8

Batting: (cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
IRELAND, G.	18	1	75	319	18.8
CORDEROY, G.	14	-	47	242	17.3
RICHARDSON, P.	12	1	54	181	16.5
WALKER, D.A.	19	1	45	275	15.3
JONES, C.G.	14	1	46	188	14.5
WELLS, T.	7	2	29	61	12.2
YOUNG, N.	10	4	5	22	3.7

(* Not out)

Also batted: T. Mobbs 2 innings for 53 runs; J. Dess 3 for 40; K. Holley 3 for 16; B. Cardwell 3 for 50; D. Simpson 5 (1 n.o.) for 53; B. Trevenar 1 (1 n.o.) for 13; R. Young 1 for 0; L. Davis 1 for 3; J. Hazelwood 1 for 1.

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
YOUNG, N.	125	13	464	28	16.6
TWEEDDALE, G.	94	16	413	22	18.8
WATT, E.	117	14	404	17	23.8
JONES, C.G.	118	12	570	21	27.1
McEACHRAN, P.	63	6	323	7	46.1

Also bowled: T. Wells 3 wickets for 237 runs; K. Holley 1 for 107; J. Dess 0 for 15; J. Wade 5 for 182; R. Young 1 for 23; G. Ireland 1 for 8; G. Corderoy 0 for 6; L. Davis 0 for 1; J. Hazelwood 2 for 38.

"B" SHIRES

As we took out Premiership honours it is quite natural to record that all members of the team were wonderful, with enthusiasm and keenness leaving little to be desired. The composition of the team enabled us to play the type of cricket we all wished for, and close, interesting games were played against all teams, with walkovers non-existent. The final game, played against our respected and friendly rivals, Epping, illustrated the capacity of the team to play as such as well as producing some of the brilliance of which all members were capable. The fielding through the season was generally good, but in this particular game, the keenness and sureness in this phase of the game could not really be faulted. The splendid catches taken by Barry Cardwell, Doug. Simpson and Joe Dess, plus the anticipation and manner all players moved to the ball, kept the Epping batsmen somewhat frustrated and less inclined for stroke play than

they were normally. It was this as much as the sterling batting effort of Spencer Hipwell and the bowling of Young, Holley, Vaughan and Mobbs, which won the game.

It is worthy of note that our grand cricketer, Tom Mobbs, was our secret weapon in this match. He was only asked to bowl in the last two games in which we participated, and in securing figures of 5-15 in the first innings and by effecting a very necessary breakthrough in the second innings, was a great influence in this final game.

Throughout the season the only real run-getting consistency in the batting line-up came from Hipwell and Mobbs, who contributed the majority of our runs in quite a number of matches played. The balance of batsmen can hardly be singled out for special mention and you could possibly class Simpson, Dess, Gorton, Cardwell, Holley, Dennis and Lennartz as the unpredictable middle with their usually dormant ability revealing itself only on rare occasions. Great competition existed with the other batsmen in the tail-end position, Ray Young eventually winning the honours due solely to one square-cut by Barry Vaughan in one of our numerous pleasant games against the University of New South Wales team.

The bowling was more inclined to be full of guile than fire, but it was much more consistent than the batting and demanded respect from all opposition teams. Ray Young was the most outstanding, with Kevin Holley settling down well as the season developed and bowling better on many occasions than statistics indicated. Barry Vaughan developed as the able, steady influence of the second line of attack. Unfortunately, due to the state of most games, Col Dennis could not be given as much bowling as he would have liked. The team's captain feels that there must be some message to be found somewhere in the fact that we won games much easier and with less nervous tension to our players when he didn't front the bowling crease.

After considering all aspects, it was a very pleasant season with a very satisfying result. Our thanks to our supporters, particularly Frank Farrell, for his attendances and his faithful attention to afternoon tea.

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<u>"B" SHIRES</u>					<u>STATISTICS</u>			
<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won O'R</u>	<u>Won 1st</u>	<u>Drn</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>Lost O'R</u>	<u>Lost 1st</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Position in Comp.</u>
14	4	7	1	-	-	2	86	1

"B" SHIRES - Statistics (cont'd)

<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
3261	148	22.0	3572	220	16.2

BATTING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
RICHARDSON, P.	7	1	80*	205	34.2
HIPWELL, S.	19	3	82*	523	32.7
SIMPSON, D.	8	2	75*	193	32.2
MOBBS, T.	18	2	75	489	30.6
HOLLEY, K.	13	2	52	263	23.9
CARDWELL, B.	14	1	48	293	22.5
GORTON, G.	19	3	100*	300	18.8
LENNARTZ, H.	14	1	56	200	15.4
DESS, J.	17	2	44	185	12.3
VAUGHAN, B.	11	4	29	71	10.1
YOUNG, R.	11	5	16*	41	6.8
DENNIS, C.	7	-	21	40	5.7

(* Not out)

Also batted: J. McNicol 5 innings (2 n.o.) for 21 runs;
 G. Corderoy 1 for 29; P. Mansford 2 (1 n.o.) for 110;
 C.J. Jones 3 for 50; B. Trevenar 3 for 39; J. Neale
 1 for 14; I. Carr 1 (1 n.o.) for 2; T. Roberts 1 for
 8; B. Williams 2 for 46; D. North 2 (1 n.o.) for 16.

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
YOUNG, R.	209	41	744	54	13.8
VAUGHAN, B.	187	28	668	45	14.8
HOLLEY, K.	170	30	572	38	15.1
LENNARTZ, H.	106	7	549	33	16.6

Also bowled: B. Trevenar 2 wickets for 105 runs;
 J. McNicol 5 for 165; T. Roberts 5 for 56; J. Neale
 3 for 47; P. Richardson 1 for 43; P. Mansford 1 for
 29; I. Blair 0 for 10; C.J. Jones 0 for 4; I. Carr
 3 for 41; G. Gorton 2 for 64; B. Cardwell 2 for 22;
 C. Dennis 4 for 115; T. Wells 4 for 45; S. Hipwell
 1 for 24; T. Mobbs 9 for 66; D. Simpson 0 for 9.

"C" SHIRES

This was the first season of the newly constituted
 "C" Shire Competition and because of lack of ground avail-
 ability it was a restricted competition constituting

the following sides - Auburn, Burwood, Epping, Lane Cove, Lindfield, Sutherland and University of N.S.W. This meant a season of 12 games, but unfortunately, one was lost due to bad weather. Although only 11 games were played, the side was represented by a total of 28 players, and in spite of this large number, in many of the games we had to field with an under-strength side. The results were, as a consequence, very poor. Many of the newer members of the side did not come up to expectations in regard to performance, nor did some of the regulars, and it was not possible to maintain a good team-spirit because of the many changes and shortages.

J. BALMFORTH (Captain): Performances well below potential, and suggests that retirement would probably be the best move.

J. WILSON: The steadiest batsman in the side, played some innings of great concentration, but does not take his sport seriously enough to produce results which should be achieved.

T. PARKER: A very happy cricketer, who should do much better with the bat with greater care in the early stages of his innings, and a curb on the hook-shot. Very alert in the field and substituted well as stumper.

J. SCOTT: Very successful season as a wicket-keeper, took some astounding catches from the quicker bowlers. Produced some attractive innings, but needs to be more consistent. A very good team-man.

C. DENNIS: One of the two all-rounders in the side, showed great potential with the ball and stubbornness with the bat. An inspiration to the side in the field. Deserved the promotion to "B" Shires, which came in the second half of the season.

G. THORNHILL: A batsman who could defend quite well if in the mood, but like a few others, could not take his own game seriously and his personal results suffered.

I. TREVENAR: One of the youngest members of the side, shows potential with the bat, but needs to quicken movement both in defence when batting and in the field.

A. CLIFFORD: The side's happiest player, a pleasure to play with in spite of performances which could be improved, as demonstrated by both fine batting and bowling in one of the matches.

J. HAZELWOOD: The find of the season. Has great potential as a fast-bowler. Very dangerous on a wicket which suits and not afraid of hard work on an unresponsive wicket. With good advice and careful nursing could become a great asset to the Club in future years.

R. EVANS: A new member, very young and lacking in technique when batting, needs a great deal of coaching and must concentrate at all times when fielding.

L. SMOOTHER: Did not fulfil expectations, lack of concentration when batting and fielding resulted in most unsatisfactory performances.

K. FELTHAM: In the side as a bowler, but approach and delivery needs correction, erratic bowling resulting from the lateness of delivery. Fielding not up to standard necessary.

I. CARR: An asset to the team as an all-rounder, had some useful performances with both bat and ball. Most dangerous as a bowler when he gives the ball a lot of air.

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<u>"C" S H I R E S</u>						<u>S T A T I S T I C S</u>		
<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won O'R</u>	<u>Won 1st</u>	<u>Drn</u>	<u>T.</u>	<u>Lost O'R</u>	<u>Lost 1st</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Position in Comp.</u>
11	1	2	-	-	5	3	25	7
<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>		<u>Runs Against</u>		<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>	
1789	174	11.5		2058		113	18.2	

BATTING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
WILSON, J.	10	-	47	191	19.1
PARKER, T.	10	1	51	132	14.6
BALMFORTH, J.	13	1	77	165	13.7
SCOTT, J.	14	-	54	168	12.0
CARR, I.	15	-	51	172	11.8
DENNIS, C.	12	1	41	130	11.5
THORNHILL, G.	11	-	28	118	10.7
TREVENAR, I.	12	-	30	109	9.0
CLIFFORD, A.	9	1	24	59	7.3
HAZELWOOD, J.	12	5	19	48	6.8
EVANS, R.	7	3	7	18	4.5
SMOOTHER, L.	9	-	12	26	2.9
FELTHAM, K.	13	4	3	8	0.9

Also batted: E. Aikman 3 innings for 22 runs; J. H. Balmforth 1 for 0; J. Bevan 2 for 22; A. Cooke 1 for 0; C. Jones 5 for 33; J. McNeal 1 for 31; N. Millar 2 for 11; R. Percy 6 for 52; Pike 1 for 1; N. Potts 2 for 7; D. Simpson 2 for 187; M. Spencer 6 for 2; E. Stockdale 2 for 29; C. Trevenar 2 for 9; J. Wells 2 for 39.

"C" - (Cont'd)BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
WELLS, T.	31	7	67	8	8.3
DENNIS, C.	60	9	207	21	9.9
HAZELWOOD, J.	100	10	343	24	14.2
FELTHAM, K.	58	4	273	16	17.0
CARR, I.	67	9	306	18	17.1
CLIFFORD, A.	28	1	125	4	31.2
BALMFORTH, J.	52	4	219	7	31.2

Also bowled: E. Aikman 1 wicket for 41 runs; J. Bevan 0 for 34; C. Jones 0 for 6; J. McNicol 3 for 32; T. Parker 1 for 27; R. Percy 0 for 4; N. Potts 1 for 16; B. Trevenar 1 for 65; I. Trevenar 1 for 50; J. Wilson 2 for 55.

CITY AND SUBURBAN

Over many years now, the Club has tried to incorporate this body into its otherwise smoothly efficient cricketing machine but, so far, all efforts at integration have failed, and the rumour is about that the C. & S. will make a unilateral declaration of independence.

In order to get some idea of the individuals in this team, we sent our roving reporter into the jungle of the C. & S. underworld, and published below are his reports of the interviews with the various members. They were all asked one question only, viz. "How did you enjoy the season just past?" -

DON (Bluestreak) WILLIAMS: How can I give of my best continually when knowing week after week that if I fail the whole team has had it. It doesn't happen often, but I am only human, and the strain on my nerves is now undermining my health in the form of a broken arm and facial soars. Anyway, even with no arms, I could bat better than some of the no-hopers who follow me.

TED (Schooner) STOCKDALE: I have heard some grouches about the openers being slow, but don't forget that when your partner has to take his abacus out and adjust the counters after every run, it takes time. I don't think my method of jotting down the runs in my pocket scorebook after every over is nearly as cumbersome.

BILL (Mantis) MCBURNEY: I started out pretty poorly - couldn't get a run, and I don't think I'd had a bowl for five years. Then the Skipper told me about a little fund

he had started called "The Bowling Crease Appearance Fund", which I joined and in no time at all I was a regular opening bowler. From then on I had a nice season.

TED (The Brain) AIKMAN: I thought I was batting pretty well in the early part of the season, but I couldn't get in any higher than about No. 9. Then I happened to hear about a little fund our Captain was running called, I think, "The Batting Order Promotion Fund", and naturally enough, I made a modest contribution. Thereafter, the confidence engendered in me by batting No. 4 ensured that I really did enjoy the season.

DAVID (Squeaker) NORTH: "Enjoy" is hardly the word I would have chosen. They can talk about those emasculated games like football and wrestling, but for real ruggedness give me cricket! Until I received a minor knock, I wasn't going badly. Anyway, the Captain told me he's going to give me a new ball next year, so I should be O.K. - that is, if my wife lets me play. Also, the Northern Districts Choir tells me they're going to move me back from the altos to the baritones again.

ALAN (Fingers) ROSE: I can say that for once in my career I felt I was batting quite well and got fairly consistent scores, but I couldn't get a rise in the batting order, try as I might. I heard some talk about some fund or other but didn't pay any attention to such nonsense. All I know is that the better I batted, the further down the list I went.

CHRIS (The Dude) MITCHELL: I can't say that I had a good season. Indeed, at one time I considered I was in danger of missing selection. I approached our Skipper, who felt that the opening by him of a fund to be known as "The Permanent Selection Guarantee Fund" might perhaps overcome this problem. I heartily agreed, and this move, combined with the regular provision of a transistor, coffee and sandwiches, soon put my mind at rest.

ANDY (Killer) CLIFFORD: In my first season in the C. & S., I can say that I enjoyed it, but I felt that I did not quite attain self-fulfilment. Although fortunately endowed with plenty of natural ability, my real strength is in the intelligent outwitting and out-thinking of a batsman, until he finally becomes putty in my hands. This aspect of my bowling, I feel, was never fully exploited.

BRUCE (Iron Man) TREVENAR: Over the years in these columns, you may have gathered that, at times, I felt I wasn't getting enough bowling, but brother, that's all in the past! I bowled 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, and would have been on

both ends if the rules had allowed it. When I ventured a mild protest that I was now in riper years, the reply was invariably "Get in there and bowl until I tell you to stop", which was never.

REG. (Grindstone) McLAUGHLIN - (Captain): Did you say "Enjoy"! How could you enjoy playing with a bunch of refugees from the Lidcombe Old Men's Home, let alone trying to captain them. At the start of the season, I was somewhat beset by worry at having to meet the cost of a rather delicate operation. However, some of the players proved their team-spirit by co-operating in a few incentive schemes, which I inaugurated, and I am glad to say that everything is now hunky dory.

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<u>CITY AND SUBURBAN</u>			<u>STATISTICS</u>		
<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Tied</u>	
24	9	13	1	1	
<u>Runs For</u>	<u>Wickets For</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Runs Against</u>	<u>Wickets Against</u>	<u>Average</u>
3057	201	15.2	3403	196	17.5

BATTING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
NORTH, D.	12	2	302	30.2
WILLIAMS, D.	23	1	524	23.8
STOCKDALE, E.	23	1	479	21.8
MITCHELL, C.	15	2	179	13.8
McLAUGHLIN, R.	20	1	239	12.6
AIKMAN, E.	14	4	121	12.1
ROSE, A.	13	1	92	7.7
McBURNIE, W.	18	2	116	7.3
TREVENAR, B.	11	-	72	6.6

Also batted: T. Parker 6 innings for 97 runs; J. Balmforth 4 for 64; L. Miller 3 for 10; C. Williams 1 for 0; B. Tyndall 1 for 13; D. McBurnie 2 (2 n.o.) for 4; J. Neale 7 (1 n.o.) for 74; B. Cardwell 2 for 30; C. McMonnies 4 (1 n.o.) for 51; A. Clifford 8 (3 n.o.) for 30; R. Tyndall 1 for 8; M. Spencer 3 for 1; J. McNicol 2 (1 n.o.) for 54; B. Vaughan 1 for 5; C.J. Jones 5 for 27; L. Petts 2 (1 n.o.) for 18;

Also batted (cont'd)- C. Thornhill 1 for 0; J. Bevan 2 for 2; H. Lennartz 1 for 54; J. Wilson 1 (1 n.o.) for 31; L. Smoother 1 for 0; R. Evans 1 for 0; A. Cook 1 for 0; I. Trevenar 2 for 2; G. McEachran 1 for 21; P. McEachran 1 (1 n.o.) for 8; E. Annetts 1 for 0; J. Edmonds 1 for 12; J. Hazelwood 1 (1 n.o.) for 4; C. Dennis 1 for 0; J. Feltham 3 (2 n.o.) for 7; J. Hollands 2 for 9; C. Willis 1 (1 n.o.) for 1; D. Prowse 1 for 6; J. Scott 1 for 7.

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
ROSE, A.	110	5	605	55	11.0
CLIFFORD, A.	38	-	235	15	15.7
TREVENAR, B.	167	6	844	43	19.6
NORTH, D.	62	4	388	18	21.5
NEALE, J.	38	1	233	9	26.0

Also bowled: J. Balmforth 3 wickets for 46 runs; T. Roberts 2 for 66; W. McBurney 5 for 106; N. Young 2 for 28; B. Cardwell 2 for 24; D. Williams 1 for 23; C. McMonnies 0 for 22; L. Miller 0 for 22; J. McNicol 2 for 47; B. Vaughan 5 for 37; J. Bevan 3 for 40; J. Wilson 0 for 4; A. Cook 0 for 15; C. Mitchell 7 for 172; P. McEachran 0 for 24; E. Annetts 4 for 32; J. Hazelwood 2 for 74; R. Feltham 2 for 62; E. Aikman 0 for 14; J. Hollands 0 for 21.

F O O T B A L L

Committee: M. Mathews (Chairman), C. McMonnies, J. Edmonds, J. Metcalf, G. Carroll, K. Maughan, G. Hickey, R. Simmat, I. Blair and P. Darragh.

Our season concluded on the high note of last year with the retention of the Kentwell Cup. We fielded four teams, whereas 1965 Club Champions, Colleagues, fielded five; last year we had five and Colleagues four, the significance being that in recent years the Club Championship has been won by the Club fielding most teams. The lesson to all footballers for 1966 being to:-

- (a) Support the call for regular attendance, specially during trials when team numbers are decided, and

- (b) Bring new players to the Club. Some of the "has-beens" of 25 or so might also be tempted to delay thoughts of retirement, remembering one Charles Easterbrook, who still plays Rugby in England at the age of 53!

On the brighter side, we entered semi-finals with two Minor Premier teams - Kentwell and Whiddon 'A', Kento's going on to win the Cup in a hard-fought and entertaining Grand Final against Colleagues, and Whiddon 'A', after winning their division, losing the Final to Whiddon 'B' winners Sydney High Old Boys. The Burke Cup team looked a premier-ship team in mid-season, but tailed off in the second round, whilst the Whiddon 'B's' suffered the fate of the lowest grade in having a high turnover of players, which naturally affected their performances. It is hoped that next season, the Sub-District Union will field Judd Cup (fourth grade) matches on the same ground as Kentwell, Burke and Whiddon, thereby bringing an extra fifteen players and coach closer to the atmosphere of the Club, instead of being the "loners" week after week. Should this scheme eventuate, we will field a team in this grade in lieu of Whiddon 'B'.

The season started with the New Zealand Tour - comments following. Trials were held at Narrabeen in March, where the shortage of football grounds compelled us to utilize this venue; this is inconvenient for trial matches for, although the facilities are excellent, distance makes the prospect of trials less attractive to many. During the Easter weekend we had Powerhouse (Melbourne) up, where we won the Briars-Powerhouse Rugby Trophy; this trophy has never been won by the touring team, thanks to some solid ground-work before the match by the host Club's social team.

A team played against Dubbo on the Queen's Birthday weekend in June. Those who went vouch its social success, such trips providing evidence of the joys of Rugby through the contacts with and personalities of one's fellow players. We also played National University here on the same weekend.

Our thanks to coaches Brian Williams, Nick Marshall (who was transferred to Brisbane in mid-season), his replacement Ted Stevenson, Steve Keir and Ray Elvery. As these five will agree, coaching is the most demanding phase of a match, and the keenness and ability of the above earned the appreciation of their teams. To Brian, who replaced Lex Yule (resigned), the credit for his team being both Premier and Minor Premier; Nick and Ted, our hopes that next year our assault on the Burke Cup will at last be successful and that they will both be on hand to taste the

fruit of victory; Steve, who has to coach again next year ("I want to be around to win something"); Ray, who took the Whiddon 'B's' to faraway places, thanks for the grounding he gave to many of our younger and newer players.

Thanks also to Bill Elder in his capacity as non-aligned selector; Olaf Osterman for his assistance to selectors on Wednesdays and Saturdays; Frank Farrell and Stan McGregor whose water buckets soothed many a parched throat, and to all members and friends for their support, especially Bob and Ted, who could reduce the easiest victory to a very lucky win with their critical comments back at 34a George Street.

Congratulations to the following, who gained selection in the Combined Sub-District team, which drew 11-all with Combined Second Division; - evergreen Chris Walker, who captained the team and who first represented in 1960, Dick Crookes, John McNicol, Les McNiel and Brett Lockett.

Chairman's thanks to the Committee who performed the tasks allotted them with willingness and efficiency and at all times provided the guidance and direction expected from a Committee.

Congratulations to Colleagues on winning the Club Championship, Trinity Old Boys - the Burke Cup, Lane Cove - the Whiddon Cup, and Dundas - the Judd Cup.

KENTWELL CUP, 1965

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
12	9	-	3	223	114	18	1st

SEMI-FINAL versus COLLEAGUES WON 11-8

GRAND FINAL versus COLLEAGUES WON 23-19

This year's team put on a most creditable performance in bringing home the Cup. Following a season of very even, and often too close results, the premiership obviously rested with the team most determined to win. It was this determination from Briars, rather than any marked superiority in ability, which carried the day in the Grand Final. What a contrast to the second round match against Colleagues, where an inner feeling of over-confidence and some brilliant football from our opponents brought about our thrashing. It was from this game that our players realised they had to battle hard to retain their premiership and training became a serious business.

There is no doubt that the experience gained on our New Zealand trip contributed to the all-round soundness of our football. More particularly in relation to tightness and less gentility in forward play, as well as a lesser tendency to do silly things when under pressure in the backs.

The closeness of this year's competition points up the fact that if we are to retain the cup next year, we need new players of ability to supplement the experience we now have. This is no time for complacency.

Some of the features to remember from last year:

- the forwards' try in Grand Final;
- our difficulties against the speedy Knox side;
- the Edo-Lockett-Randy dummy try;
- the forwards' mastery in last few games;
- Darragh's effort on "the night";
- Crookes as five-eighth at practice.

Start planning now to make next year a hat-trick.

DAVE LINDSAY - Front Row (Vice-Captain): Knowledgeable, vigorous forward leader. Fast for an old man - particularly following kick off and up and under. Gave no quarter in the tight, yet was able to follow loose play also.

BILL LECKIE - Hooker: The centre of the invincible trio "up front". Hooking needs no comment, but general play, particularly around lineouts and on loose ball, was more than competent. Team man of the highest order.

DICK CROOKES - Front Row: Part of the best front row in Sub-District - a good fiery forward in tight play and somewhat speedy in the loose. Determination to help win the competition most evident.

JIM BARRETT - Second Row: Line-out work excellent, particularly towards close of season and grand final. Hard man for opponents to stop and generally a good all-round forward.

PETER DARRAGH - Second Row: Hard, honest forward with tons of fire in tight work. Always did his best and never had a bad game.

MAL GOLDSMITH - Breakaway: Perhaps more sound but less brilliant than last year, but has the speed and "know-how" to worry opposing backs and capitalise on the errors.

JOHN McNICOL - Lock: Tower of strength in all phases of forward play - excellent cover defence. Tends to close up

game when, on occasions, it should be opened up, but this is less dangerous than the reverse. Sound footballer.

GUS AHERN - Breakaway: Covers the field at a fantastic rate - backs up attack and defence well and through this, scored a number of good tries.

CHRIS WALKER - Half, and Captain: Personally had a quieter year but had saved up a mighty try for Grand Final. Captained in a level-headed manner while still supplying inspiration. Team-man all the way.

JOHN EDMONDS - Five-Eighth: Played some very sound games, particularly in Grand Final. Ability to vary play most useful, although at times unorthodox. Positional kicking much improved.

JOHN METCALF - Centre: Nippy in attack and well able to take advantage of a break - good hands and more than useful goal kicker.

BRETT LOCKETT - Centre: Good hands, most deceptive swerve and dummy and made many breaks. Excellent goal kicker. Perhaps tends to run too far on occasions.

GREG WILLIAMS - Wing, Centre: Achieved the rare distinction of playing in a winning Kentwell side in his first year. Plenty of fire and hard to stop with the line in sight. Needs to steady his defence which is basically sound but sometimes over-anxious.

MIKE MATHEWS - Wing: Attack and defence of high quality. Provided stability and experience in many tight spots.

COL DENNIS - Full Back: Overcame early injuries to settle in as a sound, reliable "last line". Also provided penetration and spark to our attack.

To the following players who played with the team during the season and who stood by for some weeks as reserves (still training), goes the sincere thanks of the team and the coach -

Mike Elder, Ian McGregor, Ian Anderson,
Ian Richards, John Mortlock, Graham Rolleston,
Ian Blair, Bill McLaughlin Jnr., Ross Davis,
Josh Randall, Brian Ray, Don Joy.

Well done chaps - you did your bit when required and we know you would have covered your position with spirit when called upon.

BURKE CUP, 1965

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Points</u>		<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
				<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>		
14	7	6	1	137	125	15	5th

The team started the season on a mediocre note but after settling down were leading the competition at the start of the second round; then came the big downfall, which seemed hard to explain at times. The key factors in our decline seemed to be lack of condition and our tremendous team spirit off the field, usually on a Friday night.

Our congratulations and sympathy must go to our two coaches, Nick Marshall and Ted Stevenson. Congratulations to Nick for putting us to the top of the competition until he was transferred to Brisbane, and our sympathy to Ted for having us for the other half of the season, this being no reflection on his coaching.

Of the players there were only a few bright spots in the season, that of David Edmond's goalkicking against his old school, Col Dennis' rock-like defence at full back after a two-year lay-off, Greg Hurst's fifty-yard try and the tackling of John Singleton, whether the opposition had the ball or not.

C. DENNIS - Full Back: One of the keenest players in the side. Proved his worth in all aspects of the game and thoroughly merited his promotion to Kentwell Cup.

M. ELDER - Full Back: A reliable player, but slow to move, mainly due to lack of condition.

J. RANDLE - Winger: The fastest man in the Club, but must impart more variation to his game and think a little more.

J. SINGLETON - Winger: Scored many good tries but spoiled many a good performance by playing the man instead of the ball.

J. MIDDLETON - Centre: Lacked penetration for a good centre.

P. GARDINER - Centre: A very capable back, whose tackling was outstanding.

R. SPEDDING - Five-eighth: Played many good games during the year and was unlucky not to remain with the team for the full season.

G. ROLLESTON - Five-eighth: A sound handler but must introduce more variation to his play and move quicker. Goal kicking fell away compared with last year.

I. BLAIR - Half Back, and Captain: Proved an able leader in his initial year. Play generally sound.

I. MCGREGOR - Back Row: A good tight forward, but lacked real condition.

I. ANDERSON - Back Row: One of the fittest players in the side and would have gone higher if he had played regularly.

D. JOY - Back Row: Injury plagued this member for most of the season and he was never able to produce the form of which we know he is capable.

R. RAY - Back Row: Played very well early in the season, but his game seemed to fall away in the later stages.

G. GREEN - Second Row: A good tight forward who played his best games when the going was wet and heavy.

R. DAVIS - Second Row: One of the biggest men in the team, but did not use this physical advantage to the full.

G. HURST - Hooker: We lost this player early in the season due to his transfer to the country and missed his valuable experience in this key position.

I. RICHARD - Front Row: Lost form during the season after playing so well on tour in New Zealand.

W. McLAUGHLIN - Front Row: A promising young forward, but he must get into better condition if he is to go higher.

WHIDDON "A", 1965

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
13	10	2	1	203	52	21	1st

Quarter-Final	versus	Bank N.S.W.	won	17-0
Semi-Final	versus	Colleagues	won	6-0
Final	versus	Sydney High O.B.	lost	14-12

The semi-final and final teams were:-

Full back	-	L. Graff
Wings	-	P. Brand, B. Ryan
Centres	-	P. Gardner, P. Burt
Five-eighth	-	P. Spedding
Half	-	C. McMonnies
Breakaways	-	C. Bova, N. Humphries
Lock	-	J. Cooper, G. Hutcheson

Second Row - C. Keay, S. Keir
 Props - G. Sampson, R. Simmat, K. Maughan
 Hooker - P. Grant.

Others who played with this team during the season were:-

T. Anderson, P. Brown, K. Beh, P. Bartlett,
 J. Burfort, A. Carless, R. Davis, T. Egan,
 D. Edmonds, J. Edmonds, D. Easterman, G. Greene,
 T. Ginns, M. Goldsmith, B. Harrison, W. Harper,
 B. Little, J. Metcalf, W. McLaughlin, M. Mathews,
 J. Middleton, R. Pontiflex, T. Richards,
 B. Stevens, J. Singleton, J. Sharmon, B. South-
 well, K. Windshuttle.

The season was almost a complete success as far as the competition went, as the team was minor premiers and finally won our division. Sydney High Old Boys beat us in the final and Lane Cove beat them to become the Whiddon Cup Premiers.

Team spirit in the side was excellent, and because of this, the team was a very pleasant side to play with and coach. One of the reasons for this was probably the fact that the average age of the team was a few years more than is usual in Briars Whiddon Cup sides.

The forwards won more than their share of ball from set play but we needed more possession from loose play as it is here that games can be won or lost.

The backs ran well with the ball and varied their play quite well. Captain of the backs (Spedding) had a good season with excellent support from all his backs, both in defence and attack.

One fault, common to all Briars football, was that we gave too many penalties away. They are inexcusable errors most of the time and until this has been rectified it will be difficult not to suffer a loss in important matches.

All Sub-District Competitions are hard to win, and success can only come in all grades by full co-operation of all players. As is shown above, 45 players participated which means a team cannot be moulded until well into the second round. This demonstrates how necessary it is for players to notify selectors of unavailability to train to avoid last minute changes at training.

Thanks are due to the Whiddon "B" side for supplying us with many of their players.

Congratulations to the Kentwell for success in their competition. Next year I hope the Club Championship and other Cups can return to the Club because of the full support of all members whether they be players or spectators.

WHIDDON "B", 1965

Statistics

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drew</u>	Points <u>For</u>	Points <u>Against</u>	Comp. <u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
13	2	11	-	70	214	4	8th

This team achieved little success in terms of games won; however, those five or six players who formed the hard core throughout the season, obviously enjoyed their games, otherwise they would not have attended training so regularly.

The Fourth team provided a game for two groups of players, (1) those who for a variety of reasons cannot attend training throughout the year and for this reason are not considered for selection in higher teams and (2) those necessary reserves for the first three teams, who would not otherwise have a game. Unfortunately, the former group figured too largely in the composition of the team and very little teamwork could be built up. More than 50 players represented the Club in this grade during the season.

It should be remembered, however, that the benefit to the Club of having such a team should be considered from a long-term viewpoint and not only from the amount of success achieved.

It is not proposed to hand out individual bouquets or brickbats, due to the large number of players involved, but the efforts of "Manager", Grant Hickey, in organising replacements for last minute withdrawals on a Saturday morning are to be commended.

NEW ZEALAND TOUR, 1965

(Report - Don Walker, Manager)

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

The tour was organised by a New Zealand Tour Committee under the Chairmanship of Owen Hales for the period March 13th to April 4th inclusive. The party consisted of 21 football players, the manager and coach and an "assistant

manager".

All itinerary and booking arrangements were completed before the party left Sydney and provided for six nights of hotel or motel accommodation and sixteen nights of billeting. All bookings had been confirmed and prepaid and the party travelled by coach from Auckland to Wellington and from Picton to the completion of the tour at Christchurch after three (3) weeks.

These arrangements have been carefully conceived and executed with particular detail so that no problems presented themselves on tour whatsoever, and it only devolved on the manager to keep in contact with the secretary of the Clubs sufficiently in advance to confirm billeting and estimated time of arrival at each destination. The principle of billeting was excellent and popular both with the touring party and with our hosts which enabled the touring members to get a much closer view of New Zealand and its people than could possibly be achieved by any ordinary tourist and, of course, at the same time keep the cost of the tour within economical limits. Several of the Clubs with whom we were billeted expressed their appreciation of this method drew favourable comparisons as to their enjoyment with the visits as compared with other Rugby Clubs in Australia who stayed at hotels and thereby failed to mix socially with the local teams. Despite these preceding comments it is also desirable that two nights a week should be spent in hotels, as it brings the whole of the team together and maintains essential spirit of the tour which is so important for teamwork.

The tour was heavy in that so much ground was covered and so much pains taken to ensure that no opportunity was missed to see and appreciate the particular beauties of New Zealand and all members of the touring party could feel satisfied at the conclusion of the tour that nothing of importance had been missed.

While it had been stated that the tour was heavy, it was not over-exhausting nor beyond the capacity of any future visiting team and could well be taken as a satisfactory basis for future planning.

FOOTBALL: In all the team played seven (7) matches and five (5) of these were well-fought engagements, while on two occasions it may be said that the standard was in excess of the ability of the particular touring party. The results were as follows:-

v. Club Rifles	lost 45-14
v. Rotorua Pirates	lost 14-12

v. Tapawera	won 22-6
v. Waihi	lost 15-3
v. Te Anau	won 26-11
v. Queenstown	lost 11-6
v. Merivale	lost 31-9

The team was seriously handicapped with the loss of its only 5/8th in the first 20 minutes of the first game and the subsequent loss of the captain in the Waihi game and neither of these players was able to appear again, as a consequence either 2 or 3 forwards were used in the back line for each succeeding game. The forward play showed marked improvement during the tour and the pack developed into a strong aggressive unit capable of playing good type football and spearheading the team's efforts for victory. It was a very marked improvement that we had the benefit of Brian Williams as a coach and it is strongly recommended that in future, touring teams should include a coach in the party wherever possible. As a whole we were most impressed with the approach of the New Zealand coaches who have developed a much higher degree of science as to tactics and individual responsibility than has been apparent amongst Clubs in Sydney.

It is felt that it is of the utmost importance that the knowledge gained on tour by the coach should be passed on to and assimilated by the coaches of this year's Briars' teams. The highlight of the tour was probably the hour of intensive coaching given by Ivon Vodanovich in Wellington, this man being a recent player with the "All Blacks".

By comparison, the grounds in New Zealand provide ideal playing surfaces and while we were plagued by heavy rain in three of the matches the fields did not become muddy at this time of the year. Some difficulty was inevitably experienced by the varying interpretations of the rules by New Zealand referees particularly the custom of that country in allowing a tackled player to pass the ball from the ground, provided the ball has not made contact with the ground, and often to regain his feet and play on.

We also found an overwhelming desire by all New Zealand teams to beat Australian teams at any cost with the consequence that several of the games were against invitation teams rather than against an individual Club.

SOCIAL ASPECTS: It was of tremendous importance to the touring party that all persons participating were members of the Briars' Club who provided an extremely fine example of the standard of the personnel we have. Naturally enough, the boys were high-spirited and well able to enjoy themselves

KENTWELL CUP PREMIERS - 1965



Back Row (left to right): M. Elder, R. Crookes, G. Williams, W. Leckie, I. Richard, I. McGregor, J. Metcalf.
Centre Row: G. Ahern, J. Barrett, P. Darragh, J. McNicol, J. Edmonds, C. Dennis.
Front Row: M. Mathews, D. Lindsay(V. Capt.) C. Walker(Capt.) B. Williams(Coach), B. Lockett, M. Goldsmith.

SKI LODGE - THREDBO VILLAGE



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

MUNICIPAL AND SHIRE "B" GRADE PREMIERS 1964-1965



Back Row (Standing): G. S. Gorton, K. J. Holley, C. K. Dennis, S. E. Hipwell, B. D. Cardwell, C. J. Jones.

Centre Row (Sitting): J. R. McNicol, H. W. Lennartz (Captain), W. A. Elder (President), T. G. Mobbs (Vice-Captain), P. D. Richardson.

Front Row: J. A. Dess, D. E. Simpson.

Insets: R. J. Young, B. Vaughan.

BRIARS SPORTING CLUB

NEW ZEALAND TOUR 1965



Back Row (left to right): P.J. Bartlett, I. W. Anderson, J. R. McNicol, J. H. Edmonds, P. A. R. Brand, P. S. Darragh, J. W. Burkhart, G. A. A. Hutcheson.

Centre Row: I. G. S. Blair, W. B. Leckie, L. McNeill, M. Elder, G. C. Hurst, I. J. McGregor, R. G. Crookes, J. G. Mortlock.

Front Row: D. P. Walker (Manager), P. Grant, J. L. Metcalf, M. B. Mathews (Captain), B. U. Williams (Coach), M. G. P. Goldsmith (Vice-Captain), R. I. G. Richard, A. Clifford (Asst. Manager).

with an apparent minimum amount of sleep, but at no time was there any evidence of vandalism or disrespect for other people's property. Without exception, the officials of the team with whom we were billeted expressed their appreciation of the fine group present as well as their envy at the seemingly unlimited capacity of the boys to absorb New Zealand liquor.

The hospitality experienced was of an exceptionally high standard and the open-hearted welcome had to be experienced to be believed. This, of course, made it somewhat difficult as regards football conditions, since it was the custom of most Clubs to provide a welcome for the team on arrival, and although some restraint was exercised, it was often impossible to leave these functions before midnight without upsetting our hosts. Naturally, the functions after the game gave ample opportunity for uninhibited fraternization.

GENERAL: It is extremely pleasing to be able to report that while the team lived very close together for a period of three (3) weeks and had long and sometimes arduous bus trips occupying a major portion of some days, there was not the slightest sign of disharmony at any stage and it can be safely said that every member enjoyed himself and his teammates' company thoroughly.

The trip was undoubtedly most successful from the members point of view and from the aspect of the Clubs who entertained us. These Clubs were extremely pleased with the boost they felt their season would receive as a result of the preliminary match against an Australian Club and were most enthusiastic about prospects of future tours both by our Club and by their own Clubs to Australia. Four of the Clubs have expressed their intention of making tours in the next two (2) years.

These tours provide such a wonderful opportunity for the young men of Australia and New Zealand to get to know each other and to improve their knowledge of geography, economics, industry and personnel as well as deriving an appreciation of the different customs and methods of each country, that they should be encouraged to the limit of all players' capacity and endurance to participate. It is sincerely believed that the Briars' Club will have a very beneficial experience to assist them in the forthcoming football season as well as a depth of clubmanship to sustain them in the years to come. From my own personal point of view, while I did have some reservations prior to making the tour, I now feel that it was an experience I would not have missed for anything and only regret that these

opportunities were not available in my earlier years.

Finally, I should like to express my appreciation to the organising committee for their very competent arrangements and to all the members of the touring team for a very happy experience.

H O C K E Y

Sub-Committee: K. Willis (Chairman), D. A. Walker,
M. Spencer, C. Jennings, E. Wade,
J. Scott, G. Gorton and R. Snow.

For the second year, we fielded three teams in the Second Division.

Although the past season was not one of the Club's best result-wise, the hockey was enjoyable, particularly to those stalwarts who played three games in an afternoon. There was more Club and team-spirit evident than has been the case for the past few years. We now have got used to losing in the stronger grades and do not expect to win as a right. To get back into the winning lists, each of us will have to expend even more effort.

A shortage of players, caused by injuries and premature retirements, resulted in teams being continually altered, and with players doubling up each week our standard of play depreciated. This was amply shown at the end of the season when we were at last able to field reasonably complete teams, and recorded better results. The standard of hockey now encountered precludes fielding other than full and fit teams.

To overcome our difficulties and to make the Club a force to be reckoned with once again, it is incumbent on each of us to find and introduce new, young and promising players. Members will also have to take a greater interest in training. We all know training is on Wednesday nights, and should be able to arrange our social activities accordingly.

Over the Queen's Birthday weekend, we were visited by the Barton Club from Canberra. Our annual games were played at Gardiners Park on the Sunday morning and we recorded two losses.

Our thanks to the St. George Club for making their ground available to us.

We are also grateful to Col. Willis, Chris Jennings and to the wives and girl-friends for the beautiful lunch provided at the Club rooms.

Appreciation is also extended to Burwood Council for its co-operation at all times in maintaining our ground at Burwood Park.

Congratulations to Ian Trevenar on again being selected in the Metropolitan Under-16 team. Ian was unfortunate enough to sprain his ankle playing some other "heathen" game and could not make the trip to Goulburn.

In conclusion, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation of the co-operation of those members who played this year, particularly of the way players willingly "doubled up" rather than have the Club field teams with less than eleven players.

1st GRADE (Second Division)

Statistics

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
18	2	2	14	15	48	6	8th

Now that we no longer rise, or increase position and strength, but "escalate", it is regretted that this new-found term is inapplicable to the 1965 season. Rather, the ignominy of being the first hockey team in the Club ever to finish last was suffered. Nor can it be said that the team's performance over most of the season was deserving of any higher position.

The overall deficiencies of our approach to, and style of, hockey exposed last season in our initial entry into Second Division remained, apparently, irremediable. The approach to the correction of this malady is still the same as went unheeded in the last annual report, and it is essential to repeat the most pertinent paragraph - "The time has arrived, surely, for the provision of a knowledgeable coach to inculcate an overall pattern of play for Club teams, to devise team tactics before and during matches, to help develop stickwork, and to supervise training and conditioning of players. Without intensive pre-season mid-week and/or Sunday morning training, most of this is impossible".

Such a regime would not automatically bring success, for the players themselves must give more enthusiasm and dedication to their own approach, if the Club is to be a force in Second Division. Evidence that this is currently lacking is visible in the poor attendance at training on Wednesday nights. Whilst admitting that the training facilities and organisation leave a lot to be desired, no incentive is given to the Hockey Committee for improvement, in the face of apathy from players.

Certainly, in its matches, the team was determined and tried hard, but to offer these attributes only between 3-15 p.m. and 5-00 p.m. on Saturday afternoons will never suffice to win other than an occasional game.

In fair consideration of the team's effort, other factors were contributory to our failure. The loss of key players and the general team shortages caused at least two of the team to play in earlier games in every match of the season. Especially early in the season did this happen, and on two occasions ten of the team had played earlier. Surely this position is not conducive to success.

Consequent reshuffling of, and experiments with, team members' positions resulted in a lack of teamwork, as the same line-up was never fielded consecutively.

In view of all the foregoing, it was most pleasing to note that when a settled combination was achieved, and benefiting from the return of the redoubtable "Hockey" Jones, the team was able to match for most of the game two semi-finalists and, indeed, convincingly defeated Sydney University, another semi-finalist.

If this improved form, which brought two wins and two draws in the late stages of the season, had been produced earlier, a semi-final position would have been a probability.

How great a premiership threat could we become **IF** we harkened to the "message" earlier in the report.

Doubtlessly, this will remain a big "if", whilst the players retain their "social hockey" attitude.

On the field, the team was a fine group to lead, though it might be expected that a bunch of "wooden spooners", on a losing streak of thirteen matches, would become despondent and break-up into dissentient cliques; this was not so and morale remained high, as was proved by the fight back to respectability at the season's close. Inclined early in the season to berate umpires and castigate verbally each other, the team responded well to the Captain's irate, garbled and too frequent rantings.

Whilst the Club and the team could not be pleased with our final position, our praise is high for the manner in which this happy bunch of "spooners" played the game on the field and, profitably, to the Club after it.

The cliché, "An enjoyable and happy season" has never been applied more appropriately, and stimulation to greater effort in all aspects of hockey and its administration might allow us next season to invite the footballers to a hockey dinner, or rather a Club dinner.

PETER RICHARDSON: As goalkeeper, can be described in one word - superlative. He really kept goals magnificently, combining well with his backs and, generally, has obviously benefitted by playing as Captain with the 3rd Grade side, in the field.

KEN WILLIS: A very effective and consistent back, who played many outstanding games and even improved on his previous season's form. Ken is hitting the ball more powerfully, though he could, perhaps, make himself more aware of his forwards' positions when placing his hits.

CHRIS JENNINGS: Played as a Half and as a Back, where he appeared to be more in his element. His biggest attribute was his tackling of opponents, and in this department he stood above his team-mates. As a very determined player and a good team man, his absence in many matches, due to an injured thumb, was keenly felt.

WARREN PARTINGTON: Was an effective Right-Half and usually held his winger in control, even under the heavy pressure to which our defences were always subjected. Warren still needs some more power in his flick to distribute the ball more crisply and effectively. He also should resort more to short swing hits.

COL WILLIS: Filled the Centre-Half spot adequately, especially in defence, though some of the more elusive centre-forwards gave him trouble. His lack of mobility lessened his ability to control the team's attack from his pivotal position, as the often speedier opponents harassed him.

BRIAN COX: Was Left-Half most of the season and was our most mobile and elusive half, backing up the forwards well in attack, though his passes need better direction. In defence, Brian was inclined to wander far up-field, giving his right-winger too much latitude.

IAN SULLIVAN: Moved from the centre to Left Wing and showed promise in his new position. He has the ability to hit or flick to his centres, and is always dangerous close to the left goal-post. If Ian could only trap the ball effectively away from his feet, his value would soar, and place him above being just another "hairy" winger.

ERIC WADE: Played as Inside-Left, Inside-Right and Centre-Forward, with his usual enthusiasm and determination. His hunger for goals was unsatiable. This year, our "danger man" in the circle suffered through lack of opportunity. Although he squandered many shots, probably due to shock at actually seeing the ball in the opponent's circle.

GEOFF GORTON: Shifted along the forward line from Right-

Wing to Centre, bringing to each position speed and exuberance previously lacking. Whilst an ideal Right-Wing, team deficiency caused us to try him late in the season as Centre-Forward, with promising results. With experience in this position, he should score many goals with his mighty and accurate swats at the ball, though he seems to be a little deterred by robust defence.

PETER MANSFORD: Had his first season in 1st Grade as a Right Winger, and after initial nervousness, settled down to play efficiently in the position. His centring is good, but he must learn to position himself to gain control of the ball more surely. This will give him greater speed off the mark to beat the opposing halves, who are now able to harass him and thus destroy some of his effectiveness. In passing, how Peter ever reaches cricket at 1 O'clock in Summer is intriguing to his team, who never saw him before 10 to 15 minutes past three.

The Maestro, alias COLIN JONES, reappeared midway through the season as an Inside Forward, displaying all his experience and skill, which was so obvious as to draw opposition defences and allow the other forwards more freedom in attack. Only from J (Jones) Day did the team start to have any purpose in attack, and he was able to enthuse and direct his fellow-forwards into thinking and playing constructively. If the reluctant "Maestro" will only play again next season, we could promise a semi-final berth. After reading this eulogy, which is meant sincerely, how can he refuse?

DAVID WALKER: Captain and Full-Back. Captained the team in his usual competent manner. Dave's own skill and dependability continue to be an example and inspiration to the team, although all were dismayed at the way he "upset" the Manly inside-right.

Of the remaining members who played a few games during the season, JOHN ROSE defended well in the Halves; JOHN BEADSWORTH proved he can still hit a winning back-stick centre; GEOFF STREETER was one of the most promising inside-forwards to appear, and GERRY FORBES, in his one appearance, made us wonder why he had been in 3rd Grade all the season.

SECOND GRADE

Statistics

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
18	4	3	11	23	44	11	7th

An enjoyable and reasonably satisfactory season was had by this team. The side finished well down in the competition and found the standard of hockey to be higher than last season.

In the coming year, we must look to the younger players to make their way to the 1st Grade. Although we may not win a premiership for a few seasons, we will be able to build a side that should place the Club back on top again.

This year, the same cry must go out to all players and members to assist in recruiting more hockey players to help build up the strength through the three grades and possible Fourth Grade also.

A team comprised of 2nd and 3rd Grade players was decisively beaten 4 goals to 1 by our visitors from Barton (Canberra). They proved too strong for our inexperienced lads.

BRUCE TREVENAR - Captain, and Right-Back: Has lost some of his pace, but his experience and long clearing hits proved invaluable assets to the team.

JOCK SCOTT - Vice-Captain: Showed his versatility by playing as a forward and on occasions in the halves. He was called upon to lead the side on occasions and gave a good account of himself. He warrants the opportunity for further experience in this direction next season. His play was of his usual standard. He goes better when under pressure.

TED AIKMAN: Was goalie for most of the season until he was injured. This led to Ted following his doctor's advice and hanging up his boots. His experience in defence will be missed, as he combined well with the backs and always gave of his best. Although Ted has retired as an active player, we are pleased to see him take to full-time umpiring.

BRIAN COX: Filled the vacant goal position and this was appreciated. Brian - a regular centre-half in 1st Grade - showed his true Club spirit and played many good games in his new position.

VERN MUNDELL: A newcomer to the Club, played as Left-Back and acquitted himself quite well although his style of play was a little strange, and he soon combined with his Right-Back and played some very good games. We look forward to further improvement from Vern.

COLIN AIKMAN: Played mostly as Centre-Half, but in that position he was inclined to wander a little too much. He was moved to a Wing Half and proved to be a much better player in this position. Colin has plenty of what it takes

but is a little hot-headed at times.

JOHN ROSE: Played first as a Wing Half but later as Centre-Half when a vacancy occurred. He was a little out of position at first but soon settled down and with this season's experience behind him he will be one of our main players in 1966.

PAUL MACKAY: Was promoted from the 3rd Grade during the season and played in the Halves. With the experience gained he should be a much stronger player and a regular starter next year.

CHRIS JENNINGS: Played most of the season in 1st Grade until he was injured. On his return he played with the 2nd Grade and proved a tower of strength in the Halves. He is always up with the play in attack.

VIC KOH: Another newcomer to the Club, played on the Right Wing. After a short settling-down period he played some good hockey. Uses his head and speed to outsmart the opposition. He lacks a firm hit at present and is a little impatient in the circle, but when he overcomes these faults he could force his way into 1st Grade.

IAN TREVENAR: Started the season as Inside-Left but finished at Centre-Forward, and it was in this position that we saw his best hockey. He combined well with the inside-forwards and, with other younger members of the team, could be the foundation of a team-building programme in the future.

MAX SPENCER: Played his usual game at Inside-Forward and Centre-Forward. He was moved about mainly to fit in with the younger forwards. Max has now been playing hockey for some years and should be able to assist the younger players at training, but not on the field when a game is in progress. He is a very good Club man and does his share of umpiring.

ALAN WILLIAMS: Was having his first season with the Club and proved a very likely player with a future in front of him as an Inside-Forward. Alan played good hockey and showed superior stickwork and positional play. He is one of the younger players who could go a long way in the game. His combination with the other forwards had the opposition at sea many times and resulted in some good goals.

JOHN BEADSWORTH: John again played at Left-Wing, a position he has held for some time now, and with his experience and a good back-stick drive he was an inspiration to the younger players and all that was needed to encourage a little more effort from them.

GARY HANSON: Was unfortunate that he could not complete the season due to his posting overseas with the armed forces. He played in the Forward Line and gave a fiery display always looking for goals. We wish him luck while he is overseas and a safe return.

To conclude, the Seconds were a happy bunch of fellows and while their team-spirit remains high they must recruit new players for the future. It was a pleasure to be captain and I appreciate their efforts, which all went to make a very enjoyable season.

THIRD GRADE

Statistics

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drew</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals For</u>	<u>Goals Against</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
18	6	1	11	14	33	13	5th

Had this side played the same calibre of hockey in the earlier stages of the season as in the last few matches, it would probably have reached the semi-finals. When one considers that a number of the team had had little or no hockey experience prior to this season, the results would appear to reflect credit upon the team as a whole. It is most gratifying that not once during the season did the keenness of the players or the team spirit in the field flag.

However, it is to be noted that other aspects, vital to the team and Club success, were sadly neglected. Attendances at training were most disappointing, and unless this aspect of the game is treated with a great deal more enthusiasm, particularly by those new to the game, we cannot hope to compete successfully on the same basis as other participating clubs. Furthermore, it was most noticeable that players were content to arrive right at, or shortly after, the appointed commencing time and leave soon after the game was over. This is not the most desirable manner in which to engender both team and club spirit.

COLIN AIKMAN - Goalkeeper: Without Colin, the side would not have fared nearly so well as it did. On numerous occasions he was responsible for upsetting many a threatening attack by the opposition. Would not be out of place in this position in higher grades.

JOHN FRIPP - Fullback: John, the most experienced member of the side, proved to be a most steady influence from his position at fullback. Unfortunately, he was lost to the side late in the season due to business commitments.

KEVIN BELL - Fullback: Proved a reliable partner for John, although would benefit considerably by moving to the ball and distributing a little more quickly.

PAUL MACKAY - Wing Half and Fullback: Probably the most improved player in the team. Unfortunately was required to move to the fullback position late in the season, and this did not suit his style of play.

BRIAN CAMM - Wing Half: In his first year of hockey, after a slow start, capably filled the position of Left-Half. However, would do much better if he concentrated on steadying the ball first before hitting, rather than speculating.

PETER RICHARDSON - Captain, and Centre-Half: In his first full season in the field, was at times a little out of position in the pivot position. In his capacity as captain, he was greatly assisted by the enthusiasm and support of his team.

JOHN RICHARDS - Wing and Inside-Forward: Another member in his first year of hockey. Showed ability to pickup the ball well on the run, but this advantage was often lost by a tendency to hit the ball too hard and too far ahead, instead of dribbling or short passing to his supports. Assisted the defence well by tackling back. Should now fare well with his initial season behind him.

GERRY FORBES - Inside-Forward: The most experienced of our young forward line, and in time will regain his former position in the higher teams.

WARREN ANDERSON - Centre-Forward: Performed creditably in his first season with the Club, particularly in the unselfish manner in which he linked up with his inside supports. Was conspicuous in scoring a number of quite good goals.

GREG. McINTYRE - Inside-Forward: Always a trier. Greg may have been a little out of position as an Inside-Forward, nevertheless he combined well when opportunities were presented.

TONY AIKMAN - Wing-Forward: Showed boundless enthusiasm in his first season of hockey and, with a little more experience, should develop into quite a handy winger in the years to come.

LAWSON SMOOTHER - Wing-Half: It was unfortunate that Lawson was not able to participate for the full season, but in the games that he did play there were signs of continued improvement - signs that were evident during the previous season.

INDOOR ENTERTAINMENTSChairman: C. J. Jones

Competition Table Tennis and Billiards and Snooker, continue to be virtually defunct activities. Of the two pastimes, Billiards and Snooker are the most popular, Table Tennis, being the more energetic, is a very bad second.

G O L FSub-Committee: C. J. Jones and C. Mitchell.

In line with the trend for more people playing Golf, 5 days instead of the usual 4 were arranged this Winter. As a diversion, Springwood Golf Club was included in the fixture list. The four other days were spent at our "Home Course", Leura, where we are amply accommodated both Golf and Socialwise.

Results were up to the usual standard of Briars golfers over the years - poor. Nevertheless, this is a tremendous attraction for those, who, in making their first visit to the "Circuit", appear that their standards will be overshadowed by the already-initiated. Nobody could be out of their depth in the Briars Club, and indeed, we saw some atrocious play from the first tee. This not only provides encouragement for those with the inferiority complex, but warrants a good laugh as well, the latter being of the utmost importance.

Varying numbers attended, depending on the weather, late nights and the like. More newcomers are required, and should be encouraged by their teammates to come along.

"See you on the circuit"...

S Q U A S HSecretary: P. MansfordCaptains: L. Fozzard, B. Cardwell, R. D. Vanderfield.

The Squash Pennant Competitions contested this year proved that there has either been a general improvement in the standard, or a decline in the Clubs.

In the Autumn Pennant, our two teams participated in B1 and B3 grades respectively, the former reaching the final after winning the semi, and the latter finishing well down the ladder.

The Spring Competition was much the same story, with our teams contesting A2 and B3 Grades. The A2, having been

up-graded for the previous Comp., found the improved standard much harder and failed to qualify for the semis, finishing in fifth position. The B3 team was again disappointing and again finished well down.

To Bill McLaughlin, we are again thankful for the use of his courts.

BRIARS SKI LODGE, THREDBO VILLAGE

Secretary: R. Anstey

We enter yet another year and look back on the previous twelve months with certain satisfaction, as our bookings, particularly during the Winter months, were pleasing.

At present, we have 35 members and are pressing to raise this number to 40 in the near future.

To date, we have not produced any champion skiers, but it seems our fishermen have had more success and, if the stories are to be believed, your correspondent will retire to this less active, far more restful, pastime next year.

More of the members might well consider this aspect of the Mountains, as the Lodge offers an excellent stepping off point for the Snowy area, and our rates of £5 per week for members and £8 per week for visitors during the period October to June, are extremely moderate for what is virtually "a home away from home".

Tenders have been let for the new dam at Jinderbyne. It will be some 3 to 4 years before the lake fills, but the scope offering for fishing, boating and even water-skiing will be tremendous; it is only 30 minutes drive from the Lodge.

The members are looking forward to even better things to come as Lend Lease are planning to spend a great deal of money at Thredbo itself, mainly to improve Winter facilities and are determined to create the Number One Village in the Mountains.

The Briars Ski Lodge can be well satisfied with its present position and looks forward to a promising future.

S O C I A L

Sub-Committee: J. Edmonds, A. Clifford,
R. Crookes, M. Elder.

Social events were not as numerous as planned, but were an improvement on previous years.

The first - a New Year's Eve Bar-B-Q Dance held at the Edmonds' residence at Concord, was well attended.

In late February, we saw (or witnessed) an inaugural Surf Carnival between Newport Surf Club and The Briars, which was followed by a very successful barbecue and dance in the Surf Club rooms.

The Briars managed to hold their own in most events, which the exception of the boat race (on water), which had to be abandoned (by The Briars), as several waves estimated to be in excess of 2'6" were considered dangerous.

Newport were the winners of the elaborate trophy (a gaily-painted portable convenience).

Our Powerhouse (Melbourne) friends visited once again at Easter and were entertained with another "famous" harbour cruise, which unfortunately, resulted in a slight loss.

This year also saw the revival of the "Club Social" in the Clubrooms. This function was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Special thanks are due to wives and girl-friends for the delicious supper which was provided.

More of these evenings are planned, and we look forward to further support from members.

This year, the Annual Ball was held at Menzies Hotel in August, and we are pleased to announce that this socially successful evening was also profitable. Two Hundred and Thirty guests attended.

It was pleasing to see so many senior members present.

At the conclusion of the Winter sports, a Dinner was held at Sundowner Hotel, but attendance was not as good as expected.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Peter Crittle, and those who attended voted it an "interesting" evening.

Plans are now in hand for a Christmas Social, as well as the "Stewards'" night on Xmas Eve at the Club.

Club social events can only improve if members and friends support the functions with their attendance, and we look forward to seeing more members in the coming year.

CLUB ROOMS

The bar trading result for this year was the best since the Club became licensed. The success of the footballers no doubt had much to do with the improved result

but trading during the week day and evenings has been steady.

STEWARDS: The Club is extremely grateful to our week day stewards - "Jock" Scott, Colin Willis, John Edmonds and Ian Sullivan. The service given by these members is good but sometimes the hours they trade are a little longer than they should be. Members could co-operate by not embarrassing the stewards by asking to keep the Club open. During the year three members had to relinquish their posts for varying reasons, Bruce Trevenar, Andy Clifford and John Bevan, and we thank them for their valuable efforts.

The late Friday and Saturday evenings service was maintained by the undermentioned:

R. Anstey, B. Cardwell, A. Cook, P. Darragh,
C. Dennis, G. Green, G. Hutcheson, C. J. Jones,
S. Keir, G. McIntyre, A. Reid, M. Spencer,
E. Stockdale and D. A. Walker.

We are indeed appreciative of their work.

STOCKS: The Federal budget suggested a drastic increase in our prices, but members can be assured that no exorbitant charges are made. A perhaps slightly larger variety of lines are available than previously, and we draw your attention to this fact.

Bi-monthly stock reconciliations are continued, and after a tightening up on waste, have produced satisfactory results.

PLANT: The present equipment is satisfactory for most trading nights. However, during the Winter seasons on home game nights the equipment cannot maintain service. The plant was never intended to cope with such demands. Enquiries are being made at present to see if additional equipment is warranted. So much will depend on the cost angle as the nights it would be actually required would only be about ten times a year.

During the year major repairs were made on the beer unit, including new taps.

DELIVERIES: Mr. Bill Simes and his nephew maintained their very ready assistance in receiving our supplies, and we cannot adequately express our thanks for their willingness.

CLEANING: The following members cleaned the Club on Sundays, but unfortunately, on many occasions the rostered cleaner failed to appear and it was left to Bob Clark to carry out. To those who did turn up we are indeed grateful..

G. Prowse, I. Blair, L. Smother, B. Ray,

C. McMonnies, G. Sampson, R. Crookes, M. Elder,
G. Gorton, J. Scott, G. Green, A. Clifford, and
G. Hutcheson.

We again thank Mrs. Stockdale for doing the Club's
laundering.

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
		<u>100 points</u>

The Cricket trophy winner this year was David Walker.

David is the wicket-keeper for the "A" team, a posi-
tion he has held for a considerable number of years and car-
ried out very competently. He was also captain of the "A"
Grade hockey team.

He is a steward, too - and a worthy winner of this
fine trophy.

GORDON BEVAN SHIELD

This shield is presented each year to the footballer
who, in the opinion of the Club, has done most towards foot-
ball, 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
		<u>100 points</u>

This year's winner is Peter Darragh.

Peter was a member of the Kentwell Cup team and a
very honest forward, and a good team man. During the year,

Peter became Assistant Secretary, a position he carried out well, and he is also a steward - Congratulations, Peter.

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
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner for this year is Ken Willis.

Ken took over the chairmanship of the hockey sub-committee this year and although the season was thwarted with some difficulties, Ken was able to overcome the majority of these and carried out this work very conscientiously. He was a member of the "A" hockey team and a very worthy winner of this trophy.

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 Peter Richardson.

Peter is a member of the "A" cricket and hockey teams. Because of a shortage of players in hockey, he played in the "C" Grade hockey as a forward, and was captain. He is goalie in the "A" Grade team.

Peter is also Assistant Treasurer of the Club and a member of the management committee, and in both of these positions he carries out his work very creditably. The selection of Peter is a good one.

"LEST WE FORGET"

The Club mourns the passing during the year of four old and valued members, and extends its sincere sympathy to their relatives.

Ernest Joshua Siddeley - The late Mr. Siddeley passed away on 14th September, 1965, in his Ninety-third year.

He is best remembered by the older fraternity of members, who knew him as a most lovable character, keenly interested in all phases of the Club's activities, but with a strong leaning towards Cricket. A competent player himself in his younger days, he carried on his enthusiasm for the game by being a regular spectator at our games, and for many years was scorer for our "A" Shire team.

In the Club's formative years, Mr. Siddeley's advice and help was invaluable. He served on Management Committee, was a Vice-President of the Club since its inception and was President on four occasions - in 1924/25, 1928/29, 1931/32 and from 1939 to 1942.

He became a Club Trustee in 1932, was elected a Life Member in 1948 and Patron in 1956.

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Ronald John Thomson - As a Club, we should be ever-grateful to members who have freely given faithful service, and thereby made an invaluable contribution to our prized tradition and record.

Such a member was Ron Thomson who, to the great sorrow of us all, passed away on 21st October, 1965.

He was a true sportsman and participated with credit in most of the Club's sporting activities. His cricket record was outstanding, and hockey today owes much to him, because he was one of the prime movers in establishing the sport within the Club. He was a member of our first hockey team.

Ron joined the Briars in 1935 and soon commenced to build up a record of administrative and executive service of rare distinction. He served the Club for varying periods as a member of the Board of Directors, Management Committee and several sub-committees. As Assistant Secretary and later Joint Secretary for some years and even thereafter, his writings for annual reports, sections of Club History, the guidance of sub-committee chairmen and the like were examples of his talent in this particular field.

In 1951, he was elected a Vice-President and in 1960 he became President, holding this high office for three years.

Thank you, Ron, for your comradeship and example in many ways, including fortitude in the closing days of your life.

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John Albert Rudd - One of the Club's old and well-loved members, Jack Rudd, passed away at Orange on 1st April, 1965, after a long illness.

"The Colonel" as he was affectionately known, had been a member for many years, his main sport being cricket and, in fact, he was a cricket fanatic. He played in the Shires for many years and later, as he loved to remind us, was promoted to the "C. and S." team.

However, he took a great interest in all the Club's activities and had a fantastic knowledge of sport generally, as far back as the early part of the century.

The Club was a big part of Jack's life, and it is nice to think that it gave him so many friends, whose companionship he so much enjoyed.

The Colonel was a Club character and will be with us in memory for a long time. *

Colin John Holmes - "Jacko" Holmes, as he was better known to his many friends, passed away in Melbourne on 7th May, 1965.

He joined the Club in 1925 as a footballer and was hooker in our 1931 Kentwell Cup side, a team which is still looked upon by members who witnessed their play, as being the best ever fielded by the Club.

John Holmes, besides being a committee member for many years, was Treasurer of the Club for a period. He was also organiser of the Club's weekend cottage days at Collaroy and Cronulla and had a steady influence on the more exuberant fraternity of those days.

About 1936, John was transferred by his firm to Melbourne, where he continued to take an interest in the Club's activities and was always eager for news of his confreres and the progress of our footballers.

John's father, the late Mr. J. E. Holmes, was President of the Club in 1935/36.

CONGRATULATIONS

As mentioned in previous reports, the task of keeping in touch with the social aspects of members is becoming increasingly difficult with a spread over such a wide area. However, we list a record of the achievements of which we are aware, and apologise to those members who have been overlooked.

Engagements:

Lawson Smoother
 Bob Ryan
 Mike Mathews
 Jim Bell
 Bob Snow

Marriages:

Alan Cook
 Ian Hill
 Barry Little
 Bob Ryan
 Kevin Maugham
 Graeme Carroll
 Philip Vickery
 Grahame Cooper
 John Beadsworth
 Kevin Holley
 Ted Lander
 John Singleton
 Lynn Dytor
 John Wearne

Births:

Bob Stephens	(a daughter)
Jim Barrett	(a daughter)
Ian Fischer	(a daughter)
Steve Keir	(a daughter)
Graeme Farrell	(a daughter)
Peter Wakeford	(a daughter)
Nick Marshall	(a daughter)
Ken Willis	(a son)
Peter Paterson	(a son)
Bill Marshall	(a son)
David Hotten	(a son)
John Love	(a son)

ADMINISTRATION

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

<u>Board:</u>	R. Clark	6*	L. Meulman	7 (retired 8/65)
	W. Elder	11	D. Prowse	12
	H. Ford	1*	E. Stockdale	12
	A. Land	11	H. G. Whiddon	6*
	H. Lennartz	3	B. Williams	8**
	Don Williams (Treasurer) attended 8 meetings			

Note: *) Please note that R. Clark, H. Ford, H.G. Whiddon
 **) and B. Williams were granted leave of absence.
 ☐) Bob was overseas for part of the period under review and did not return until April.

Geoff left for overseas in June. Brian was attending a business course between July and August and Harvey was granted leave to attend to his Mayoral duties at Strathfield. H. Lennartz was appointed in August, 1965.

<u>Management</u>	P. Darragh (appt. 6/65)	6	P. Richardson	11
<u>Committee:</u>	C. Dennis	11	M. Spencer	11
	J. Edmonds	12	E. Stockdale	11
	W. Elder	11	B. Trevenar	8
	C. J. Jones	10	C. Walker	7
	P. Mansford (Retd 5/65)	4	B. Williams	9
	M. Mathews	10	K. Willis	7
			(appt. 4/65)	

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 Clubrooms.

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.

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 of Directors and the Management Committee.

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

FINANCE

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1965, 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 £773 compared with a surplus of £834 in respect of the previous year.

During the year under review income increased by £403 due to an increase in rentals received and additional profit on house trading. Administration and Clubroom expenses were £200 higher than last year due mainly to depreciation of the carpet laid during the year and a donation towards the cost of the footballers' visit to New Zealand.

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, 1964, makes a total of £400 as shown on the Balance Sheet.

During the year 5% Unsecured Debentures amounting to £70 were redeemed at par and the equivalent amount was transferred from Debenture Redemption Reserve to General Reserve.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1961 as amended, the Directors state:-

1. Otherwise than as outlined herein the results of the Company's operations in the period covered by the Profit and Loss Account have not, in their opinion, been materially affected by items of an abnormal character.
2. No circumstances have arisen which render adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Company misleading or inappropriate.
3. No contingent liabilities have been undertaken by the Company since the end of the period covered by the last report and no contingent liability has become enforceable or is likely to become enforceable within the succeeding period of twelve months which will materially affect the Company in its ability to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th SEPTEMBER, 1965

1964				Page 50.
£		£	£	
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
9266	LAND & BUILDINGS - At Cost		9266	
	CLUBROOM FURNITURE & FITTINGS			
	At Deemed Valuation 30th Sept. 1962	606		
	Additions at Cost	<u>509</u>		
		1115		
490	Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>323</u>	792	
	<u>BAR EQUIPMENT</u>			
	At deemed Valuation 30th Sept. 1962	657		
531	Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>179</u>	478	
	GLASSES, CROCKERY, ETC			
20	At Valuation	<u>20</u>	10556	
	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>			
	DEBENTURES IN INDUSTRIAL ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION LIMITED-At Cost £500 - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Debentures maturing 30th November, 1969 (Market Value £486)			
500		500		
	SHARES IN RUGBY UNION CO-OP TRADING SOCIETY LIMITED - At Cost	<u>5</u>	505	
	<u>DEBENTURE REDEMPTION FUND INVESTMENT</u>			
	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % METROPOLITAN WATER SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE BOARD LOAN- At Cost £700 maturing 1st December, 1968			
700	(Market Value £686)		700	
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
	STOCKS ON HAND (At lower of cost or replacement value)	416		
386				
87	DEBTORS	36		
711	CASH AT BANK	1225		
17	CASH ON HAND	17		
<u>236</u>	PREPAYMENTS	<u>193</u>	<u>1887</u>	
12949				£13648

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, 1965, 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 8th day of NOVEMBER, 1965.

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 8th
day of NOVEMBER, 1965 } E. G. STOCKDALE

Before me:

A. J. LAND 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

8th November, 1965.

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, 1965

1964 £		£	£	1964 £		£	£
194	LIQUOR LICENCE	188			GROSS PROFIT - BEER & SPIRITS		
85	BAR EXPENSES AND MAINTEN- ANCE OF EQUIPMENT	173			SALES	5160	
60	DEPRECIATION - BAR EQUIPMENT	<u>53</u>	414	1442	<u>Less:</u> Cost of Sales	<u>3462</u>	1698
					GROSS PROFIT - CIGARETTES, CHOCOLATES ETC.		
1232	PROFIT ON TRADING TRANS- FERRED TO PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		1386		SALES	605	
				129	<u>Less:</u> Cost of Sales	503	102
<u>£1571</u>		<u>£1800</u>		<u>£1571</u>			<u>£1800</u>

THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED (A Company Limited by Guarantee)
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

1964	£	£	£
	<u>CRICKET</u>		
102	Ground Hire & Registrations	150	
81	Material	293	443
	<u>HOCKEY</u>		
108	Registrations, Equipment, Etc.	173	
	<u>FOOTBALL</u>		
107	Ground Hire & Registrations	73	
169	Material & Equipment	200	
60	Lighting Equipment	-	273
	<u>LOSS ON NEW ZEALAND VISITING TEAM</u>		
63	<u>WAIHI CLUB</u>	-	
	<u>CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS</u>		
18	Billiards and Table Tennis	15	
154	Loss on Social Activities	8	23
	<u>ADMINISTRATION & CLUB ROOM EXPENSES</u>		912
130	Lighting & Heating		123
	Repairs Maintenance & Club Room		
254	Expenses		112
129	Stationery Stamps & Telephone		167
77	Annual Reports		102
48	Insurance		76
31	General Expenses		36
14	Donations & Presentations		125
55	Depreciation-Furniture & Fittings	207	948
	<u>PROPERTY EXPENSES</u>		
11	Commission		8
80	Insurance		145
124	Rates		127
	Repairs & Maintenance		140
72	<u>DEBENTURE INTEREST</u>		420
100	<u>PROVISION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE</u>		71
	<u>NET PROFIT FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 30th</u>		100
	<u>SEPT. 1965 TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATION</u>		
834	<u>ACCOUNT</u>		773
£2821		£3224	

1964	£	£
1232	<u>PROFIT ON BAR TRADING</u>	1386
	<u>CRICKET</u>	
199	Batting Fees etc.	221
	<u>HOCKEY</u>	
120	Ground Fees & Sale of Equipment	135
	<u>FOOTBALL</u>	
152	Registrations, Sale of Equipment etc.	210
	<u>CLUB ROOM AMUSEMENTS</u>	
4	Billiards & Table Tennis	8
	<u>MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>	863
12	<u>DONATIONS RECEIVED</u>	-
48	<u>INTEREST RECEIVED</u>	75
	<u>PROPERTY INCOME</u>	
205	Rents received	326

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