

58th      ANNUAL      REPORT  
AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
1975      —      1976

The Briars  
Sporting Club Limited  
Burwood





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**Fifty-Eighth  
Annual Report  
and Balance Sheet  
1975 — 76**

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Presented to members at the Club Rooms  
30A George Street, Burwood,  
on Friday, 3rd December, 1976.

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

Office-Bearers 1975-76

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## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED.

Gentlemen,

Your Board of Directors and Management Committee present for consideration and adoption by members, this 58th Annual Report of the Club's many activities, and of the financial position for the year ending 30th September, 1976.

With a major part of our membership being resident in the local Municipalities of Strathfield, Burwood and Concord, the Briars Club remains viable within the community, promoting the amateur sports of Cricket, Rugby Union, Squash and Hockey. The organisation of these sports and the maintenance of a licenced club is carried out in a mutually co-operative system of voluntary and honorary service by the members.

The benefits of this system are what makes Briars the unique Club it is. Not only are members afforded the opportunity to compete in sports they love, and enjoy the facilities of a licenced club without the temptations provided by poker machines, but find that unlike in most clubs, they share a common interest with every other member, the joy of playing and talking amateur sport.

As can be gleaned in the various following reports by the Sporting Chairmen, we did not enjoy one of our better sporting years in terms of high positions in competitions. Indeed, in Cricket and Football we fared poorly.

Obviously our sporting needs are more members with youth, talent and purpose, if we are not to become known as a Club of social sportsmen and non-achievers. To recruit newer members the Club undertook a promotion in the local newspaper, the Aeroplane Press. With considerable skill and expertise, Col Dennis and Bob Spedding, planned the three page presentation to show more widely to the community than heretofore, what Briars Club is all about, the advantages and excitements it offers to members, and how to join the Club. The cost of this was partly borne by the Club, and by some members who inserted advertisements at their own cost, within the presentation. To all involved, I am grateful for their foresight and effort, as results have been encouraging.

Many new members to Cricket resulted from this promotion, its success suggesting a repetition of the campaign before next football and hockey seasons.

Newspaper publicity and promotion is costly in terms of money, time and effort, and to an extent is wasteful in that in order to reach the small percentage likely to be interested in our Club, a blanket cover over the whole community is required.

The most effective way of reaching this small section, is by our own members acting as a recruiting force, for they are in everyday contact with other sportsmen, know of our needs, and should be constantly espousing the virtues of joining our great and unique Club. In order to sheet this responsibility home to members, all were circulated with the aforementioned promotional material. An aggressive letter, for which I offer no apology was included stressing how urgent is our need, and the onus members have to lift Briars back to a pinnacle of sporting success.

The sponsoring of junior teams in hockey has also been a successful method of achieving an available source of talent, flowing through to senior teams, beneficial not only to us but very importantly, to the juniors themselves.

Further, the Club has undertaken to sponsor, guide and equip a junior side in cricket, hopefully with results as pleasing as in Hockey.

In consideration of present and future needs of Briars, and of an anticipated expansion of sporting strengths, Ian Richard and the Planning Committee have been extremely active.

A detailed presentation of Briars and our requirements was skilfully prepared, and being granted audience with the local Council committees, was shown to Aldermen. As a result, and after further meetings, Briars tender for the lease of an area of some seven acres of land at Elliott and Water Street, Belfield, is favoured by Strathfield Council, and is recommended for approval by the Minister for Local Government.

Generally, on a twenty year lease, we undertake to develop the area with football and hockey fields, a turf wicket, dressing rooms, parking areas and a general beautification of the area. Facilities such as softball and netball fields are envisaged to meet other community requirements.

If final acceptance of the tender is gained, a general meeting of all members will be held to inform in detail of the plans for the area, how the project will be financed, of how deeply members will need to be involved, and finally seeking the approval of members.

This extended planning and necessary negotiations have involved an enthusiastic Ian and an architect member, Terry Daly, in a vast amount of time and toil. I am very appreciative of their detailed work, and proud of the manner in which Briars and our requirements were presented to Councils.

The next few years could see us achieve the long awaited dream of our own sporting complex. As well as being the most exciting and challenging years since the purchasing of our own club premises, they could also be the most demanding on members for once committed to this project, we just cannot afford to fail.

The secretarial duties of running our Club, and of generally supervising administration was very capably and efficiently managed by Ian Blair, as Chief Executive Officer. During Ian's overseas cricket tour, Craig Hickey, Ted Stockdale and John Kemp at varying times all acted in this capacity. As Focus pointed out we did for two weeks have an assistant, assistant Honorary Chief Executive Officer. Ian has carried on in the tradition of Bob Clark and Ted Stockdale. Congratulations Ian!

Ken Gray as Senior Steward, and his helpers, had the unenviable task of maintaining services and profitability of trading to offset the continuing increases in cost of running the Club. Their success is evident in the trading figures, which were again most satisfactory, with the total monetary sale figure up, though the total number of sale transactions was down. An unprecedented downturn in the latter six months

of the year, was caused by a drop in post match attendances during the ailing football season.

Investment of surplus funds has been maintained, income from the shop rentals has increased and the Club is in a sound financial position.

John Crockart has been a most able Honorary Treasurer, always meticulous and correct in his presentation to Board and Management Committee and with John Kemp and Craig McIntosh as hard working deputies, they have formed a most efficient Treasury Department.

As President, on behalf of all members I would like to thank the Sporting Chairmen, Jack Balmforth, Tony McSweeney, Mike Sterry, Ray Pontifex for their hard work during the year.

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A pleasing feature of administration has been the fine efforts of Bruce Ferguson as Social Chairman and Greg McPhee as Personnel Chairman. The future of the Club is assured when we have such fine young administrators and members as these.

I am proud of the way in which your Board of Directors and Management Committee have controlled this Club, and during my term as President, I have become increasingly aware of the enthusiasm, effort and interest given.

Our membership stands at 442 compared with 420 last year, and consists of the following:—

	1975-76	1974-75
Full Members	335	299
Junior Members	8	2
City Associate Members	59	66
Country Members	<u>50</u>	<u>53</u>
	<u>442</u>	<u>420</u>

In conclusion we wish to record our appreciation for the support that we have always received from our Municipal authorities, namely Burwood, Concord and Strathfield.

In addition we wish to thank the Clubs we compete against and the undermentioned sporting bodies for their assistance in making competitions possible:

Sydney Rugby Union  
Metropolitan Sub-District Rugby Union  
Rugby Union Referees Association  
Sydney Hockey Association  
Sydney Hockey Umpires Association

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a) Club Championship	9th	a drop of 7 places
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c) "B" Shire	7th	a drop of 5 places
d) "C" Shire	4th	unchanged
e) C & S	Played 16, won 9 lost 5 with 1 draw. 56% wins as against 55% in previous season.	

These are without doubt the worst performances in cricket for more than a decade and one must conclude that we have reached a cross-roads, any further deterioration is unthinkable and yet the means of improvement are not so easy to achieve. We need "new blood", as many of the cricket stalwarts of the past years have now reached middle age and the need is for younger dedicated ready made cricketers, together with a more serious approach from our present players.

While not decrying our amateur status, what is needed is to continue to play cricket for the games sake, but, to produce results we need a more professional attitude from each player. Over the years of my Chairmanship, each year we have set a "slogan" at the commencement of each season and it is a combination of all these which will be needed to put the Club back to where it should be in the 1976-77 season.

In the 1967-68 season, the "slogan" was based on the word BRIARS, and this has been repeated at the commencement of this report instead of our usual poem. The word BRIARS interpreted in the way suggested is a standard against which all players in the coming season should measure themselves. Other key words which have been recorded in the past 8 seasons have been "keenness", "attendance at practice", "fitness", "team spirit", "fielding prowess as a vital contribution to performance" and lastly but by no means least, "consistency of availability". This latter factor has become more and more serious in recent years and one cannot expect consistent satisfactory performance by sides if they are altered weekly because players do not fulfil their obligations of regular availability where chosen.



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The cricket Sub-Committee at its meeting to review the 1975-76 season took two major steps to rectify the downward trend:—

- (a) Arranged to take over the Management and Coaching of a Junior (under 16 side) which will appear as "Croydon Briars" in the Western Suburbs Junior Cricket Association. This project will be controlled by Kevin Holley who will need all our support.
- (b) A major advertising programme designed and organised by Col Dennis.

However, in order to put cricket on its feet properly, every players support in joining new players of a suitable standard, preferably "A" Shire or "B" Shire, is urgently needed.

This report is the first for very many seasons where the C and S section has not been contributed by the master "Chris Mitchell", and the report is all that poorer, however, all good things come to an end and Chris felt that as he now doesn't see all the C and S games he can no longer write about the players with his usual acknowledged truthful appraisals.

The "double wicket" competition was taken out by Michael and Derrick Sterry at the completion of a very enjoyable day's cricket which also put the Chairman in bed for 24 hours, no, not because of partaking of too much liquid gold.

Congratulations also to R. Perrin (a ton) and W. Poulden (a hat trick) while D. Broomham had the season's outstanding performance of 44 wickets for only 6 runs. Congratulations are also in order to Ian Blair on his selection to tour with the 1976 Old Collegians. Ian could do some very useful coaching of our bowlers.

On the social side of cricket, we entertained two sides from New Zealand, winning against Burnside West University and losing against a CTA side from Auckland. On both occasions our "ladies" did a fabulous job on the entertainment side and special thanks are due to the Presidents Lady for the use of her home. We are most fortunate and appreciative of the way the ladies come to the party when we need their help.

Once again our annual country tour, this time to Taree, was washed out. It was not even possible to pitch the wickets. However, a good week-end resulted and these trips help build Club spirit.

On behalf of all cricketers, I record with a deep sense of loss the passing of two great "Briars" who over the years were very prominent in our sport, Brian Williams and Frank Farrell.

The Club congratulates Canterbury who took out the Club Championship and the "A" Shire Competition, and the Epping Club who were Premiers of both "B" and "C" Divisions.

A.J. (Wisden) Land received many letters of congratulations from older members on the publication, with last years report, of "Cricket Statistics" and provided the following information in respect of the season under review.

# RECORDS CREATED DURING 1975-1976 SEASON

GRADE	NEW RECORD		OLD RECORD	
<b>ALL GRADES</b>				
Aggregate runs scored by the Club	½ million total recorded (506,829)		—	
Most runs	11823	Mobbs T.	11690	Mobbs T.
Best all round performance	880 <sup>w</sup> 11823 <sup>r</sup>	Mobbs T.	877 <sup>w</sup> 11690 <sup>r</sup>	Mobbs T.
Most overs	4776	Watt E.	4702	Watt E.
Most "maiden" overs	687	Watt E.	670	Watt E.
Most catches — fielding	286	Watt E.	284	Watt E.
Most dismissals — wicketkeeping	664	Walker D.A.	647	Walker D.A.
Most catches — wicketkeeping	409	Walker D.A.	397	Walker D.A.
Most stumpings — wicketkeeping	255	Walker D.A.	250	Walker D.A.
<b>"A" SHIRE</b>				
Most runs	9082	Walker D.A.	8873	Walker D.A.
Most innings	426	Walker D.A.	410	Walker D.A.
Most dismissals — wicketkeeping	582	Walker D.A.	565	Walker D.A.
Most catches — wicketkeeping	361	Walker D.A.	349	Walker D.A.
Most stumpings — wicketkeeping	221	Walker D.A.	216	Walker D.A.
<b>"B" SHIRE</b>				
Lowest team score-innings	23 for 10 v Canterbury 7.2.76		29 for 10 v Cumberland 10.1.42	
<b>"C" SHIRE</b>				
Lowest team score-innings	42 for 10 v Auburn 20.3.76		44 for 10 v Northern Districts 15.10.66	
Most wickets in a season	51	Shorter M.	45	Kemp J.
Most catches in a match — wicketkeeping	6	McIntosh, D.	5	(Scott J. (2) ) (Dess J. (1) ) (Jarrett J. (1))
<b>CITY &amp; SUBURBAN</b>				
Lowest average per wicket in a season	6.0	Broomham D.	7.8	Bailey I.

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## "A" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1975-1976

The 1975-76 Cricket Season for "A" Shires, could be likened to a sprinter in a long distance race, a great start but a poor finish.

The first three games of the Season were won convincingly, where we batted,

bowled and fielded extremely well, but it was in the fourth game against Lindfield where our cricket started to slip. We were given an excellent chance to win outright after losing on the first innings, but due to poor batting by some team members, caused by panic, we lost.

The following games, we proved to be an average "A" Shire side and justifiably we finished around the middle of the competition.

Reasons for our "hot and cold" performances, were due to two things –

- a) injury and sickness to certain members of the team and
- b) unavailability of players during the season.

–the latter causing problems, not only with this team, but all other teams in the Club.

The game which was the most enjoyable was against Epping in a one day game where Burwood declared at 8 – 221, leaving Epping 190 minutes to score the necessary runs, but they failed to reach their target by only 17 runs and three overs left to play.

As mentioned in my last two reports, Jeff Jarrett again deserves high praise for the organisation of cricket practice but again attendance by all was very poor. The "A" team will not win a competition unless more effort is put into attending practice during the season.

The passing of Frank Farrell was a sad blow during the year but his "understudy" Carol Smith kept up the first class service in providing afternoon teas.

The team was also fortunate in having a competent scorer in Rhonda.

Summarising the season, the team was one of the youngest fielded by the Club for a number of years and with a good blend of youth and experience we should have done far better than the statistics show. Let's hope with a lot more dedication, the "A" team can put up a far better showing next season.

**IAN BLAIR – Captain.** Had a most disappointing season due to injury and this led to poor form with the bat. Could become a handy spin bowler with his performance late in the season.

**KEVIN HOLLEY – Vice Captain.** Kevin showed some of his old form during the season with a fine innings against Wentworthville, and a match winning bowling performance against Auburn, taking 5 – 36 from 13 overs. His fielding improved during the year. Handled the Captaincy well in Ian Blair's absence.

**MAX ASTRI –** Max moved to the country mid-way during the season. He was greatly missed in all departments as was shown by the averages. He also took the second highest number of catches for the season.

**GRAEME CORDEROY –** Graeme started the season off well and with Max was

providing good opening scores, but his form seemed to fall away in the middle of the season. His fielding at times was below standard.

**ROSS PERRIN** — Had a very good Season with the bat, being the only team member to score a century during the year. Proved to be a handy change bowler. If Ross can be available for all the Season he will be a great asset to the Club in future years. His out-fielding was of a good standard but did not have the consistency in the slips.

**DAVID WALKER** — David did not have a good Season with either bat or gloves. He seems to have lost confidence with his batting. There may be some excuse for the glove work as some bowlers seem to bowl well wide of the stumps. When David relinquishes his Club duties next season it may bring him back into form.

**ROD SMITH** — Rod had the same problem as previous years, when on top of the bowling he loses concentration and is dismissed. When he does apply himself he can score a lot of runs as was shown at Auburn. Bowled well during the year and his best effort was at Epping taking 4-46 in a tight game.

**DON O'CONNOR** — One of the most talented cricketers in the Club, and at seventeen years of age has a good future in cricket but must give 100% effort every time he plays. Batted well during the year, his best innings was against Bexley. Although he did not bowl as much as the Captain would have liked due to injury, his performance against Macquarie University taking 6-21 from 7 overs was a good effort for a leg spinner of this age.

**STEVE SCHOMBERG** — Another new member to the side who also performed very well. Proved to be the "not out King" and with this saved the side on a couple of occasions. Bowled well during the year but must concentrate more on the off stump. Took the most number of catches outside the keeper, with ten, and provided the team with a very good gully field.

**DAVID SCOBLE** — A lot of credit to our early success goes to David for his fine bowling. In the first game against Wentworthville, he took 11 wickets. As the Season progressed, David's wickets did not come as in the first few matches due to poor catching. David has taken over 100 wickets in the last three seasons. Feels that the time has come to be moved up the batting order.

**MICHAEL STERRY** — Michael took over from Max when he moved to the country. He filled the opening position well and proved a stumbling block for the opposition. Did not bowl as much as he would have liked. Must anticipate more in the field.

**TREVOR PARKER** — Did not have a good season but always comes up smiling. With the unavailability of players, Trevor was moved between "A"s and "B"s and thus found it hard to settle down. A very keen team member.

## "A" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	—	5	1	3	4	34	7

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2715	144	18.9	2401	115	20.9

### BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
R. Perrin	13	1	101	420	35.0
D. O'Connor	14	2	67x	311	25.9
M. Astri	11	—	52	275	25.0
S. Schomberg	15	7	28x	177	22.1
R. Smith	16	—	49	287	17.9
M. Sterry	8	1	30	110	15.7
K. Holley	13	3	53x	146	14.6
I. Blair	13	2	40	160	14.5
G. Corderoy	16	1	39	214	14.3
D. Walker	16	1	62	209	13.9
D. Scoble	10	4	15x	51	8.5
T. Parker	11	1	28	74	7.4

**Also batted:** J. Hanscomb 1 for 69  
P. Burt 1 for 13  
B. Cardwell 7 for 36  
J. Crockart 5 for 12

### BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Scoble	182.4	37	613	44	13.9
M. Astri	73.0	15	231	13	17.7
R. Smith	56.0	7	236	13	18.1
D. O'Connor	37.0	3	191	10	19.1
K. Holley	75.0	10	259	12	21.5
S. Schomberg	75.0	13	343	11	31.2

**Also bowled:** I. Blair 2 for 20      J. Crockart 4 for 156  
R. Perrin 1 for 20      P. Burt 1 for 40  
M. Sterry 2 for 68      B. Cardwell 0 for 11

## "B" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1975-1976

From grand finalists to a middle-to-low position in one year does not read too well, but it is not only disappointing from the team's viewpoint to have finished in this position, it is also very alarming from the future standpoint, because, not in any consecutive match in this past season were the "B"s able to field the same team. In fact, for most of the season, we engaged as regular members of the side, the persons of Graeme Ireland, Col Dennis, Craig Hickey and Ray Young, all of whom admit to a preference to playing the more leisurely C & S style of game.

However, I thank them for their consideration and adequate performances — and a reliability in attendance which was often lacking in the younger personnel.

**NOEL YOUNG — Captain.** Did not have his best season with the ball and lacked a speed partner at the other end after Mike Sterry left. Missed a few games with back trouble and was perhaps a little tentative afterwards. Batting aggregate was better than usual, which still leaves a lot to be said.

**JEFF JARRATT — Vice Captain.** Due to constantly changing teams, Jeff was obliged to vary his batting position constantly and so suffered as a result of this by way of aggregate. However, he played some fine innings and as usual was confident and capable behind the stumps. Captained capably while Noel was out with injury, and offered sound advice when asked.

**PETER MANSFORD —** Not quite as successful as his previous season, but Peter must have had ten different opening partners during the year, due to the critical shortage of players, and this no doubt had an influence on his performance. Nonetheless, a solid performance. Fielding not up to Peter's usual high standard.

**COL JONES —** Due once again to our consistent low scoring, Col did not get as much bowling as he needed to keep him at top performance, but he showed he is still a very capable spinner.

**RAY YOUNG —** Ray played the entire season and was bowling very tidily and well until Christmas when he injured his arm and could not take further part at the crease. Like the other recalled members, always gave his best, and took some excellent catches over the season.

**CRAIG McINTOSH —** Not a good season for Craig, and he must apply himself much more, both in his batting and more importantly, in his attitude towards punctuality. He has a lot more ability than he showed us this year. Excellent in field.

**MIKE STERRY —** It is hard to write about Mike this year, as he was obliged to play half the season in the "A"s, but suffice to say that we never really recovered from his loss as opening bowler, nor from his ability to score runs and defy opposition bowling for long periods.

**KEN O'BRIAN —** Ken like Craig, needs to apply himself much more to arriving on time and applying himself to the game. Can be a dangerous bowler and a competent bat. Fielding in covers is good.



**RAY SMITH** — Due to his unavailability for most games, Ray has still to prove himself as a top order batsman, but showed promise in his limited appearances.

**GRAEME IRELAND** — Graeme must be happy with his batting performance and is always keen and reliable. Failed badly with the ball when called upon by the Skipper and became abusive when removed from the crease.

**COL DENNIS** — The batsman's delight — loves bowling short deliveries outside the off stump, sometimes eight per over — remember Roseville? However, Col always gives his best with bat and ball and was a welcome team member.

**CRAIG HICKEY** — Craig joined us late in the season and apart from being party to the Canterbury debacle, provided adequate stability in his partnership with Peter Mansford as opener.

**DAVID GUILLE** — Also arrives late on the scene, but we were pleased to see him quickly back into form both with ball and bat. We look to David as a regular member for some years to come.

**COL BLAIR** — Until selected for a Rugby tour overseas, Col provided good solidity in the batting, and as always, attracted gully catches like a magnet. Bowled well when called on, on rare occasions.

**TED WATT** — Last but not least — I have left Ted to the end because as is common knowledge now, he decided to retire mid-season and suffice to say what an obvious impact his departure made to the team. He was still performing at a high standard, but felt his talents could be better directed to assisting Junior Cricket, a job he will do so well. Thanks, Ted, for all your great performances over the years.

### "B" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	—	4	4	3	3	30	7

**NOTE:**— 1 game won on 1st, then lost outright.

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
2209	153	14.4	2362	128	18.5

### BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
J. Jarratt	17	2	80	313	20.87
G. Ireland	12	—	45	238	19.83

## BATTING (Contd.)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
P. Mansford	16	2	51	269	19.21
M. Sterry	10	1	33	160	17.78
B. Cardwell	8	—	34	119	14.87
N. Young	12	2	31	115	11.50
C. Blair	11	—	45	116	10.55
R. Young	13	8	11	47	9.40
C. McIntosh	16	1	18	131	8.73
K. O'Brian	8	—	28	60	7.50
C. Jones	13	2	36	71	6.45

<b>Also batted:</b>	T. Parker	3 for 39	M. Elder	2 for 11
	E. Watt	6 for 101	D. Young	2 for 3
	R. Smith	5 for 52	D. Guille	3 for 33
	P. Burt	1 for 2	C. Hickey	6 for 107
	L. Williams	2 for 4	C. Dennis	6 for 81
	J. Crockart	3 for 13		

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
E. Watt	74	17	182	15	12.13
N. Young	106	18	308	23	13.39
D. Guille	43	9	155	9	17.22
R. Young	56	5	197	11	17.91
M. Sterry	113	13	369	18	20.50
C. Jones	114	7	500	24	20.83

<b>Also bowled:</b>	K. O'Brian	4 for 101	B. Cardwell	0 for 10
	C. McIntosh	2 for 75	C. Dennis	3 for 64
	C. Blair	3 for 116	C. Hickey	0 for 5
	R. Smith	0 for 17	P. Mansford	1 for 9
	P. Burt	1 for 32	G. Ireland	0 for 5
	J. Crockart	1 for 44		

## "C" SHIRE CRICKET REPORT 1975-1976

The season was a successful and enjoyable one. The batsmen applied themselves a lot better and the bowlers performed well too.

The bowlers toiled well throughout, with Malcolm Shorter having a tremendous season finishing with 50 wickets (a Club record for "C"s) at 8.3 apiece. Congratulations Malcolm. The fielding was excellent throughout the summer, especially the catching, with Stuart McIntosh, Ross Huggett, Warwick Poulden and Allan Thompson really outstanding.

Once again we reached the semi-finals, this time against Macquarie University, but unfortunately the rain played a big hand in the game. Chasing 133 runs we were 6 for 60 when play was abandoned on the second day, the first day having been washed out.

To the premiers, Epping II's, congratulations. A fine effort.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the team for their support throughout the season.

**DAVID JAMIESON – Captain.** His batting was more consistent this season, finishing with 313 runs. Kept wickets earlier in the season, then showed his versatility by bowling, finishing with 20 wickets at 9.1 apiece. Enjoyed the Captaincy.

**DEREK STERRY** – Opened the bowling with Malcolm but unfortunately, he did not have a very good season with the ball. His line was not as good as last year, but nevertheless, finished with 32 wickets at 16.0 each. Batting was poor, but fielding was excellent.

**LYN WILLIAMS** – Must concentrate more, for Lyn has the ability to tear an attack apart, but must learn which ball to hit. When this is done consistently, will enjoy his cricket a lot more. Fielding was good. Handy bowler.

**WARWICK POULDEN** – A tremendous improvement on last year. Warwick batted extremely well, in particular a beautiful knock of 54 against Lane Cove "I"s and two innings of 72 and 76 giving him 273 runs for the season. What happened to the other innings played? Best bowling performance 5 for 17 from 9 overs including a hat trick against Epping "I". Excellent field.

**STUART McINTOSH** – Stuart in his first year of cricket with the Club, performed creditably, his wicket keeping was good, but inclined to be untidy. Batting was found wanting due to lack of technique. Perhaps if he can control his exuberance, next season would see an improvement for the ability is there and he enjoys his cricket very much indeed. His innings of 71 against Pennant Hills was a gem. Finished with 19 catches.

**RAY HUGGETT** – Ray batted well early in the season but tentativeness crept into his batting until a knock of 48 against Canterbury "I"s restored his confidence. His technique was sound but must move his feet more to the slow bowlers. Good field.

**ALLAN THOMPSON** – Thommo had a good season scoring 174 runs at an average of 10.9. Also bowled very well throughout the season, finishing with 24 wickets at 10.3 apiece. Fielding excellent. Allan is returning to the United Kingdom in the off season and from the team all the best, it was a pleasure to have had you in the team.

**ROSS HUGGETT** – Ross did not have the best of seasons with the bat, but showed ability on occasions. Must learn to adjust his style against the spinners if he is to score more runs. Lack of confidence must be overcome before improved results will be expected. One of the best fieldsmen in the team and took most catches outside the keeper.

**MALCOLM SHORTER** — Malcolm had a great season with 50 wickets at 8.3 apiece and in that total some impressive efforts, perhaps that 7 for 15 against Lane Cove "I" being his best. His bowling at times was really fast and dangerous and his ability to cut a ball and make it lift is a credit for a person so young. Perhaps the only criticism of his play is batting, where he must learn to concentrate more. Fielding good.

**KENNY GRAY** — Kenny opened the batting with Warwick and between them they formed an excellent pair. Ken did not score a lot of runs, but could have done if only he would concentrate a little more. (C & S cricket still in his blood). Kodak is the possessor of a glorious cover drive and perhaps next season with a little more application we will see more of it. Fielded well throughout the season.

**JOHN GUEST** — Smiley joined us at the end of the season and in his games bowled well but without luck. Must learn to bowl with more fire as he possesses a good quick ball. Took some good catches and batted very well especially in the semi-finals.

**TONY HASTINGS** — Tony, in the matches he played, showed potential, but lacked determination. Must learn to hate the batsman, if this can be worked on, Tony with his usual action will improve. A young cricketer, Tony fielded well throughout the season.

**ROBERT TURNER** — Bob started the season well until the Captain bowled him for 16 overs without change forcing him to Macquarie Street for mending. Bob's comments and help were missed by the skipper and we hope to have him back next season.

Many players filled in throughout the season and my sincere thanks to those concerned, especially Jeff Buttling and Ian Huxtable.

### "C" SHIRE STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won O/R	Won 1st	Lost O/R	Lost 1st	Drawn	Points	Position
13	2	4	1	4 *	2	49	4

one match then ended as a tie, awarded 3 points.

Runs for	Wickets for	Average	Runs against	Wickets against	Average
1964	170	11.7	2153	167	12.9

### BATTING (x not out)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
D. Jamieson	18	2	54x	313	19.8
W. Poulden	15	1	76	273	19.5

## BATTING (Contd)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
S. McIntosh	17	1	71	211	13.2
A. Thompson	17	1	43	174	10.9
K. Gray	14	2	20	129	10.8
L. Williams	15	—	43	153	10.2
M. Shorter	17	3	35	123	8.8
Ross Huggett	18	—	20	149	8.3
Roy Huggett	17	1	48	134	7.9
D. Sterry	16	5	21	87	7.9
T. Hastings	10	3	8	21	3.0

<b>Also batted:</b>	I. Huxtable	2 for 11	K. O'Brian	— for 10
	J. Guest	1 for 53	B. Williams	— for —
	J. Buttling	1 for 19	R. Turner	1 for 2

## BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. Shorter	174	42	416	50	8.3
D. Jamieson	62	10	182	20	9.1
A. Thompson	105	25	248	24	10.3
W. Poulden	42	9	129	11	11.7
D. Sterry	138	16	514	32	16.1

<b>Also bowled:</b>	K. O'Brian	4 for 42	Ray Huggett	0 for 2
	R. Turner	5 for 90	L. Williams	0 for 26
	T. Hastings	7 for 143	J. Guest	0 for 42
	Ross Huggett	1 for 8	K. Gray	0 for 5

## CITY & SUBURBAN REPORT

This season was probably one of the most successful in the history of C & S in the Club, as in 16 games played, we won 9, lost 5, tied 1, drawn 1. However, bad weather prevented 10 matches being played. Suggest next season's games should be played in the North of England.

The teams success was due to a particularly fine bowling attack. It was hostile and accurate, allowing only 4 runs per over of total overs bowled. A new bowling record was created by Don Broomham; 95 overs, 265 runs, 44 wickets, an average of 6.02.

In the batting, some good performances were noted, not so much in runs scored but in application to the occasion. When in trouble the batsmen applied themselves and grafted for runs or held up an end while the hitters went for runs.

It is most disturbing that the team was decimated by the failure of the other teams in the Club to maintain their personnel, making the selection of the team a very onerous and time consuming task. It is to be hoped the Shire teams can instil some Club team spirit into their players and so relieve the burden of the C & S.

My sincere thanks to all the players who filled in and helped us keep a team in the field. There were 36 players used during the season.

**T. MOBBS — Captain.** Took over Captaincy from (General) Hickey midway through the season. Did not bat very well until the last match. His running has improved as he stole the C & S sprint.

**DON BROOMHAM** — Took out the bowling and batting averages. A beautiful swinger of the ball and also a good swinger of the bat. A fine performance.

**DAVE BROOKS** — Batted very solidly when runs were needed. His 23 runs against Mosman Vets being a very good effort on a nasty wicket. A fine Club and team man.

**JOHN HAZELWOOD** — Only played occasionally but still bowls as well as ever. Still quite fast and accurate and still persists that he is a class batsman.

**PETER BURT** — A good all round performance and looks very promising as an opening bat. His bowling fell away after having a stint in the Shires, apparently not enough discipline up there.

**GARY KIMBLE** — Old reliable was there once again, batted well on occasions. If all players had his team spirit what a Club we would have.

**JOHN HANSCOMBE** — John missed a lot of games and did not bat as we know he can. Kept wickets very well and we look for better things next season.

**CRAIG HICKEY** — Had a good season until he was demoted to the Shires. Scored a very good 50 against Hawkesbury and let his side in his usual ruthless manner until his demise.

**COL DENNIS** — Another good all rounder. Had a good double against Old Sydneians, 51 and 5 for 30. Became another Shire casualty.

**BARRY WILLIAMS** — A wonderful team man whose potential as a cricketer is about to be realised. His presence will be felt in the coming season. Kept wickets really well.

**LINDSAY CALLOWAY** — Shows quite a deal of ability as a batsman. Hits the ball very hard. When his defence improves will score a lot of runs.

## CITY & SUBURBAN STATISTICS

Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Tied	No Result
16	9	5	1	1	—

Runs for	Wickets	Average	Runs against	Wickets	Average
1810	135	13.4	1475	130	11.24

### BATTING (10 Innings)

Name	No. of Innings	N.O.	Highest Score	Aggregate	Average
D. Broomham	13	4	24	169	18.78
J. Hanscombe	9	—	42	151	16.77
P. Burt	9	—	36	149	16.55
C. Dennis	9	—	51	139	15.44
C. Hickey	11	—	50	166	15.09
D. Brookes	11	—	30	129	11.73
T. Mobbs	14	—	36	133	9.50
L. Calloway	11	4	18	54	7.71
G. Kimble	12	—	16	71	5.92
B. Williams	9	1	14	42	5.25

<b>Also batted:</b>	G. Ireland	4 for 32	A. Clifford	2 for 2
	K. Gray	2 for 5	R. Perrin	1 for 45
	M. Smith	1 for 48x	W. Poulden	1 for 18
	W. McSweeney	2 for 8	J. Butling	1 for 2
	E. Watts	1 for 41	M. Elder	3 for 2
	I. Blair	1 for 40	J. Hazelwood	2 for 17
	G. Houston	2 for 17	I. Castle	2 for 14x
	P. Mansford	1 for 42	K. O'Brian	1 for 12
	M. Astri	1 for 29	P. Richardson	1 for 0
	M. Sterry	1 for 9	D. Jamieson	1 for 8
	S. McIntosh	1 for 7	C. Blair	1 for 2
	A. Barke	2 for 7	J. Crockart	2 for 3x
	G. Young	1 for 0	I. Huxtable	2 for 7
	B. Robinson	1 for 1x	B. Roberts	1 for 33

(x not out)

### BOWLING (20 Overs)

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Broomham	95.3	15	265	44	6.02
J. Hazelwood	50	6	176	17	10.35
P. Burt	73	9	270	24	11.25
C. Dennis	40	—	166	11	15.09

<b>Also bowled:</b>	D. Brookes	3 for 54	W. Poulden	1 for 8
	T. Mobbs	3 for 85	M. Smith	3 for 11
	A. Clifford	7 for 98	C. Hickey	0 for 29

<b>Also bowled (Contd)</b>	J. Butling	0 for 3	D. Sterry	0 for 14
	L. Calloway	0 for 16	G. Houston	1 for 9
	K. O'Brian	2 for 18	J. Crockart	3 for 32
	M. Astri	1 for 10	B. Williams	0 for 14
	M. Sterry	3 for 41		

## HOCKEY

**Sub-Committee** — M. Sterry (Chairman), D. Scoble (D.C. till June), R. Huggett (D.C. appointed June), I. Sullivan, J. Kemp, C. McIntosh, G. Trevenar, C. Jennings.

This year was a much harder year than any in the history of Briars hockey. Harder in regards to competition. For this year the Sydney Hockey Association reorganised the 1st and 2nd Divisions. The 4th grade 1st Division was disbanded and four more clubs were added to second Division. This meant that we were playing a grade higher than we were last year. The result was that we lost the club championship for the first year since its inauguration three years ago. However our A grade side finished one position higher in the competition than last year i.e. 3rd, after being beaten 1-0 in the final by the eventual premiers.

The B's finished 6th just missing out on the semi-finals. The changes that resulted in this team during the year did not help teamwork and they must be considered unlucky in not finishing 5th and making the semi-finals. The C's had only what can be described as a bad season; finding the grade higher too much. The D grade found themselves in A grade 3rd Division this year after finishing only 4th in C grade 3rd Division the year before. They found the rise too great and team morale suffered greatly from the loss to the higher grades of their last years Captain and vice-captain John Kemp and Ian Sullivan.

The Junior teams had a reasonable year with the A grade making the semi-finals and the C grade just missing out. It was pleasing to see some new faces amongst the juniors from our original source, Marsden School. This was thanks to our older original juniors who in spite of their lack of support from their school are coaching and enticing 1st formers.

In the A grade senior side there were 5 players that were lost from last years team. Although the strength of the A grade side was still good; the other grades suffered from the loss of their top 5 players.

In line with the previous three years something new was inaugurated in hockey. This year it was the entering of 2 teams in the Sydney Indoor Hockey Associations Competition. Two teams were entered with only one player ever having played in an indoor hockey competition before. The fact that Briars were the only non-first Division team to enter the competition meant that we met some very good competition. The competition ended only a few weeks before hockey training started and was therefore found to be valuable pre-season training.

Unfortunately season training was limited by the numbers that attended. However as more of the ex-juniors move into the A grade side so the numbers of A



grade players attending practice increases. Hopefully team practices could become a reality in the near future. Briars over the past few years have had the good individual players but have not had consistent team work. When it is obvious that practice as a team must improve team work; it is more than frustrating for organisers to have the practice facilities and yet not have them used.

The winner of the R.D. Vanderfield Trophy was won by Robert Wood. Robert was the Captain of the A grade junior side and won the best and fairest player for that grade. Robert after starting in the D grade senior side at the beginning of the season finished the season in the B grade side; this shows his great improvement this year. Robert helped organise the junior teams on Saturday mornings and together with Neil Huggett and Geoff Evenden started coaching classes at Marsden High School, creating a future source for juniors.

The Annual Briars-Barton game was held in Canberra this year and Bartons hospitality was once again first class. The junior team was billeted by Barton and they all thoroughly enjoyed their week-end. The junior team won their match 4-1 but the A and B grade sides (senior) were well beaten. The lunch put on after the games was much appreciated and rounded off a first class weekend.

The winner of the best and fairest competition was Ray Larkin, who played centre-half in the A grade side. Ray had one of his best seasons and played some great hockey. Ray's ability to keep on trying no matter what the score was a great inspiration to the rest of the team. Ray showed this year that he has plenty of good hockey left in him yet and his ability and experience will be invaluable for a rebuilding of the A grade side next year.

This year a few of our players tried out for the Sydney 2nd Division team and Allan Fisher, Craig and Stuart McIntosh made the senior team and Ross Huggett made the Colts side. It is good to see the Briars being represented in this team. Congratulations must go particularly to Allan Fisher who was selected as the Captain of the side.

David Scoble, the Deputy Chairman of hockey left this year and will be a great loss to hockey and the club generally. David's administrative and playing ability was greatly appreciated by hockey and our loss will be some Club's gain in Wagga. We wish him well in his new life.

Considering the change in the competition this year the season turned out quite well. It looks as if the competition may change again next year; once again improving and strengthening the second Division competition. The 'shadow' spoken of in last years annual report is starting to move away from us, placing us in the light of higher competition. In order to meet this higher competition we must think and train more competitively. Sydney hockey in the next few years is heading for bigger and better things. Briars has the resources to ride with and even help out in this improvement and Briars name in hockey circles generally is well thought of. Let's try and grow with Sydney hockey and not waste our opportunities and slip back into obscurity.

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## A GRADE HOCKEY

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
22	13	3	6	63	45	29	3rd

Is hockey a team sport?

At the start of the season a lot of people would have believed the 1st grade side was comprised of eleven single players. But after a couple of weeks and urgent phone calls to semi-retired players we got together a team of not too diligent trainers but a team of fellows willing to do their best each Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately, the best form was shown after the game in the club house.

But even so, our season was a very successful one, managing to win most of our games by the odd goal. So with a bit of skill and a lot of luck we achieved fourth place and then making it through to the final was a great effort from the fellows concerned.

The team members:—

**BOB FORBES** — goalie. Came up as a replacement but showed great form to gain a regular first grade shot, he has a good future as a goalie if he can stay off the ground.

**GREG McINTOSH** — fullback. Defensive type of player but always there when we were in trouble.

**GEOFF GORTON** — fullback. I don't know if a big stomach makes a big hitter but Geoff certainly excels in both departments.

**PHIL WAKINS** — halfback. Showed a lot of class in ball distribution, but I think his style of play was wasted on the Briars.

**RAY LARKIN** — centre half. Showed a lot of determination and at times lifted all the players around him to do a lot better. A tremendous season.

**WARREN PARTINGTON** — left half. A solid player, his experience came through when a controlling influence was needed.

**NIGEL STERRY** — halfback. Form player of the side until a bad knee stopped him from playing. A big future in Briars hockey.

**DAVE JAMIESON** — Filled in whenever called upon, experience gained this year will make him a top player for years to come.

**ALLAN FISHER** — left winger. Hardworking player a little out of position but did a great job for the team.

**ROSS HUGGART** — centre forward. Gained experience and confidence this year will be with the top goal scorers next year.

**MIKE TASS** — right inner. Busy little player who sticks at the job all the time.

**CLIVE THURLBY** — right winger. Did not see all the play required but helped a great deal in defence when condition was showing.

**KEITH HARVEY** — inside left (Captain). Still the most penetrative forward in the team and scored many goals this season. On his day a match winner. Reluctant to take on captaincy, but stuck to his task well and was not frightened to try new team formations. (not written by the captain editor).

I hope that we see all these players next year to make another successful season.

## B GRADE HOCKEY

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
22	12	2	8	45	34	26	6th

This year was the first year that B grade have missed out on making the semi-finals since 1971. That seems to indicate that there was a poor display this year. However when everything is taken into account the performance appears quite good.

The B's only missed out on making the semi-finals by one point. The team was playing one grade higher than last year and 7 of last years B graders were either unavailable or in A grade. The team generally suffered from the great turnover in personnel during the year; i.e. 17 players played at least 50% of the season in B grade. The team at the end of the season had vastly improved as can be seen from the fact that in the first round Glebe beat us 6-1, but in the second round the score was 1-1 with Briars hitting the opposition posts twice in the game.

Perhaps the downfall of the B's was the absence of real goal scoring forwards. Malcolm Shorter's and Stuart McIntosh's work up to the circle was at times outstanding, but only Merv Baxter could be relied on to put the ball in the back of the net. The game against A.M.P. was a good example. Briars halves completely dominated the mid-field and gave their forwards numerous scoring opportunities, yet only 3 field goals were scored by the forwards — making the score tally about 1 goal in 10 scoring chances. This is nowhere near good enough and forced the team at times to rely on penalty corners to win games.

The return of David Walker to the backline strengthened the defence greatly after the loss of David Scoble half way through the season.

Congratulations to Cumberland on winning the Competition.

**GRAHAM TREVENAR** — goalkeeper. Found his form rather ordinary at the beginning of the season but started to pick up later in the season. Graham should have more confidence in his own ability, as he has proved in previous years he can be a very good keeper.

**DAVID SCOBLE** — right back. Playing great hockey till he left in late June.

David's positional sense, hard hitting and speed in recovery were outstanding this year. Strengthened the defence greatly and linked well with the halves.

**ROBERT WOOD** — right back. Came into the team at the end of the year and improved with every game. Has the speed to recover well in defence but has a bad habit of wandering up the centre of the field with the ball, giving his centre half nightmares. With more experience and some guidance Robert is heading for A grade.

**DAVID WALKER** — left back. Has the ability to change defence into attack with a long well directed hit. Positional sense is excellent and this more than makes up for his lack of pace. One of the major reasons for the teams improvement. Established himself as an indispensable part of the defence.

**CRAIG JENNINGS** — left back. Unfortunately Craig was unavailable for a lot of the season due to work. Still retains his never say die attitude. Has a good hockey brain and always combines well with the defence.

**DEREK STERRY** — right half. Stickwork has improved; but at times does not pass the ball quick enough. His defensive work was often outstanding — his fitness being his strength there. Is still however playing below his potential in that he does not use enough variation in his play.

**GEORGE FREITIS** — left half. Improved throughout the year. Found Briars style of play a bit hard to adapt to at first; but his ability to learn and his natural stickwork made him a valuable member of the team.

**MICHAEL STERRY** — centre half —(Captain). Gradually improved in his combination work with the forwards until he was playing his best hockey at the end of the year. Relied too much on intercepting opposition passes rather than direct tackling, which should have been varied on bumpier grounds. Still more variation needed in his play.

**STEVEN SCHOMBERG** — right half. Came in at the end of the season playing this position for the first time. Plays very much like Derek Sterry. Has great potential as he adapted himself to the new position quickly. Runner up in the overall best and fairest competition.

**DAVID JAMIESON** — left half. Found his form varying at times and loses confidence in himself too easily. Has the ability to improve his stick work. Positional sense is very good. His emotional outbursts seem to be due to his demanding too much from himself too often.

**ERIC WADE** — left wing. Found the going on the wing a bit harder this year. However hit top form in the middle of the season. Has a tendency to wander inside regardless of what type of forward is playing alongside him. Still has the knack of scoring spectacular goals.

**PETER BARTLETT** — left wing. Hit good form just after the middle of the season. His positional sense was very good but found that this combined with his determination did not at times make up for his lack of pace. Always had his best games on Burwood Park.

**STUART McINTOSH** — inside left. Used his speed a lot more intelligently this year. His scoring ability and his 'unpredictable moves' are the only things stopping him realising his potential. Unpredictability can be a great asset in a forward as long as his own team knows what he is doing. Tireless worker and his fitness was a model for others. Covering defence was excellent.

## C GRADE HOCKEY

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points	Position
22	4	6	12	14	9th

C grade suffered greatly from the flow of players into the upper grades. In all 30 players played in the team throughout the season. With the constant turnover of players and the higher grading this year it was impossible to create any sort of teamwork which probably accounted for our poor performance more than anything else. For instance, most of the six draws could have been turned into wins with more understanding between the halves and forwards. Even the position of goal-keeper varied this year with 5 different goalies being used. At times throughout the season there was as many as 12 players not available, mostly because they were on holidays. This was just not good enough!

Congratulations to North Sydney for winning the premiership.

The main players for the season were:—

**WARREN WIDGER** — goalkeeper. He is starting to gain in confidence and at times played brilliantly. Has the ability to learn quickly and his enthusiasm is first class. Must remember however, that he will make mistakes and must not let them worry him so much.

**MAX SMITH** — right back. Was greatly hindered by the constant changing of the team players but tried hard throughout the season. Good team man. He has a tendency to commit himself to take a tackle near the halfway line.

**IAN TRIMBLE** — left back. Must compensate for his slowness by only committing himself for last ditch tackles inside the 25. His 16 yard hits are very good. Ian was varying his play more this year and as a result he is combining better with his halves. Very cool and fair player.

**LLOYD DAVIDSON** — left back. Has an uncanny ability to fly hit the ball in the air (another Gorton). But tends to be rather clumsy in tackling and must learn to get rid of the ball quicker.

**NEIL HUGGETT** — left half. Had a good season being one of the most reliable members of the defence. The understanding with the winger was not quite there, but the changes in that position did not help him. Must try and develop a quick hard hit.

**PAUL MACKAY** — right half — Captain. Never stopped trying and worked even harder this year to link up the defence and the forwards. In his efforts to be

everywhere tended to let his winger get away. In a hard unrewarding role did exceptionally well.

**STEVEN SCHOMBERG** — centre half. Improved throughout the year and deserved his promotion to B's. Hard and fit player. Likes to run with the ball and must learn to vary this a bit. Reliable defender and used his speed well in joining up with the attack.

**DEREK FORTUNE** — right wing. Good stick work and great positional player. Has a good hockey brain and combines well with the other forwards. Needs a harder hit for the centre and more confidence in himself to go up the grades. Only 16 and has a great future.

**PETER MANSFORD** — inside right. Came out of retirement to help swell the players when we were short. Proved an invaluable player scoring valuable goals and sending the faster forwards away with neat passes. Helped the younger forwards greatly with his experience.

**RON HODGE** — centre forward. Hard bullocking type of player. Needs more coolness on the field generally but particularly when shooting for goal. Has a tendency to call too much for the ball.

**MAX ASTRI** — inside right. Tends to hit the ball and run onto it rather than trying to dribble the ball. Tries hard but too stereotyped in his play. Scored a hat-trick of goals in his first game through pace and stamina, but against teams that could match him for that he was lost. Has great potential but needs to develop it by hard work and by thinking more.

**JOHN MACDONALD** — left wing. Enthusiastic player. Improved stickwork and control this year but has the potential to improve more. Tended to be marked out of the game too easily and he does not use his speed often enough.

**KEVIN HOLLEY** — left wing. In his first year of hockey found he enjoyed the game immensely. If he had taken the game up earlier would have been playing A grade now. Improved with every game. Positioning sense was excellent. Needs more ball control generally and this will come with experience. Very enthusiastic and hard working player.

## D GRADE HOCKEY

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points	Position
22	4	2	16	10	10th

The D grade side was promoted to A grade 3rd Division this year after being in C grade the year before. The fact that we did not finish last as was expected but beat 2 teams. The D's were only beaten on two occasions by large scores. This was due to the hard work that all players put in during the season.

Thanks must go to Warren Widger, Peter Mansford, Kevin Holley, Max Astri and a few other players who doubled up in D grade or Umpired after playing in C grade when we were short of players.

It would be impossible to say how many players played throughout the year but it was no less than 40. The D grade started off mainly as a learning grade for juniors and great benefits are being reaped from this. For already one ex D grade junior has reached A grade; two have reached B grade and four the C grade. As long as this continues so will D grade.

The main players for the 1976 season were:—

**WARREN WIDGER** — goalkeeper. Overworked when playing against top teams. Very keen and stirred the team on with his enthusiasm. Improving in his general skill and a great asset to the team.

**ROBERT BAUMAN** — goalkeeper. Played a few games before going to America. Tried to make up for his lack of mobility by good gutsy performances. Improved but still needs a lot of work on positioning and clearing the ball.

**IAN TRIMBLE** — left back. Solid defender and very reliable. Found the added responsibility to his liking and played very good hockey. Saved the team on many occasions. Sometimes filled in as Captain.

**KEN DOBBINS** — right back. Has a good hard 16 year hit which often set the attack going. Lacked in pace but never stopped trying and probably had one of his best seasons.

**BRIAN GILBERT** — right half. Tried hard but with his lack of pace and inexperience found the going hard. With more hard work will improve and may be better suited as a full back.

**GREG McINTYRE** — centre half. Captain. Found the task of captain an onerous one but never gave up trying. Often with Ian Trimble was the stalwart of the team.

**GEOFF EVENDEN** — left half. Somewhat slow but only young. Found the older and bigger oppositions a bit frightening, but has a good positioning sense.

**PETER JONES** — right wing. Has a hard centre and at times combined well with the other forwards. Must however, learn more variation in his play and must think more when playing.

**COLIN HUGGETT** — inside right. Only 14 and shows great promise. Like all Huggetts is super keen, super fit and very reliable. Could develop into the best of the juniors as he has good stick work and positioning sense as well as a good turn of speed.

**COLIN JONES** — centre forward. Tried hard but found the pace a bit much. Unfortunately was injured half way through the season. Helped the team out when they were short and added experience to the side.

**JOHN MASON** — inside left. New player coming back to hockey after a few years off — found the going hard. Started to improve later in the season. Needs to tackle back more.

**KEVIN HOLLEY** — left wing. Playing in his first year of hockey showed you never know which sports you like till you try them. Found he had a lot of natural ability. A great team man.

## A GRADE JUNIOR HOCKEY

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals for	Goals against	Points	Position
13	3	2	8	19	36	24	4th

The 'A' grade side never really got off the ground and played as a team. Although they had some draws with the leading teams it was not until the match before the semis, that they had a big win and played as a team.

This win came about with the change of tactics, playing five forwards instead of their usual four, but when playing Northmead in the semi-finals, could not keep this performance up and lost miserably. So ends the season.

On most occasions the team played mediocre hockey, this could be due to the lack of attendance at training.

During the Queen's birthday long weekend, not only senior teams were sent to Barton but a junior team was also sent. The junior side played tremendous hockey and showed the seniors how to 'win' a game. However this winning performance was lost when they returned to Sydney.

I would like to thank Mike Sterry, who worked with the team and conveyed them to the grounds. Thanks must also go to the parents who help with the transport, and such seniors like Mike Sterry and Warren Widger who at times were the only Briar barrackers.

Thanks of course must go to Ross Huggett and the Huggett family generally for Umpire, Coach, supporters, transporters and players.

## TEAM

**MALCOLM SHORTER** — centre forward. Malcolm was consistent throughout the year, has good stickwork and knowledge of tactics. He led the forward line into attack many times, 'from behind the nets'. Showed his great goal-scoring ability in Canberra.

**DEREK FORTUNE** — inside right. Played inspiring hockey and never gave an inch when tackling. Excellent dribbling ability and together with Malcolm and Colin Huggett made a good attacking combination. Won the 'A' grade "Most Improved Player" Award.

**KEVIN ADAMS** — right wing. Kevin's speed and intelligence made it possible for him to play some good hockey. But sometimes he could have exerted himself more, like getting to the game on time. (Invest in an alarm clock, Kevin).

**PETER JONES** — full back. Peter played some good games, and with his hits opened up the opposition side many times. Tended to forget he was playing hockey, not 'soccer'.



**GEOFF EVENDEN** — left wing. Played conscientiously throughout the season and got 'stuck' into it towards the latter half. When he learns to think faster and gains better stickwork, will be a fine player.

**COLIN HUGGETT** — inside left. Has good natural ability and an understanding of the game, Colin found a disadvantage in his size when playing against some of the bigger opponents. Has a good future. Made the under 14 Sydney West Side again this year.

**LLOYD DAVIDSON** — full back — right half. A dependable player in defence stopping many goals. Was not scared to attack and recovered well. Has an efficient tackling ability, taking feet and sticks from the opponent.

**ROBERT WOOD** — full back. (Captain). Very reliable defender with a good hockey brain. Used the 16 yard hit well and often changed defence into attack with a long searching pass. Couple this with keenness, enthusiasm and a sense of responsibility and you have some of the reasons why Robert won the Best and Fairest and the R.D. Vanderfield Trophy this year.

**NEIL HUGGETT** — centre half — left half. Neil's general play is excellent, having a good knowledge of the game, stickwork, tackling and covering ability. Lacks the 'killer' instinct.

**JOHN SMITH** — full back. Late addition to the 'A' grade side and proved to be invaluable in defence. Has a good hit and covering ability is excellent.

**LAZLO KOVAKS** — goalkeeper. Had a good season, saving many goals. Has the ability to be an excellent goalkeeper and has already experienced senior matches in the C's and D's.

**RESERVES — SCOTT RANKIN, STEPHEN DOMINISH, SANDOR KOVAKS.**

These three players filled in at various times and always played their best.

Sandor showing great attacking ability in the forward line.

Steven normally playing in the halves had some good games.

Scott, added strength in defence, and has a useful hard hit.

### **C GRADE JUNIOR HOCKEY**

<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Goals for</b>	<b>Goals against</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Position</b>
13	3	3	7	19	26	24	5th

The team struggled early in the season due to a lack of members. This problem was soon to be remedied. Three of the 'A' grade juniors Robert Wood, Neil Huggett and Geoff Evenden introduced hockey as a school sport, which was previously impossible to do, at Marsden High. They concentrated their efforts on younger players and began coaching interested first and second formers during

sport time. New players entered the Saturday team. The increase in numbers proved a turning point and the team won more games.

Unfortunately the team missed out on the semi-finals by a count-back by one goal. However, next year these players will help to fill the gaps in the A grade side and hopefully the increased support given to hockey from Marsden will prove invaluable next season.

## THE TEAM

**SCOT RANKIN** — (full back — goalkeeper). Unfortunately missed a few games due to illness. However proved a reliable defender with previous years experience proving valuable when confronted with difficult situations. Adapted well to the unaccustomed position of goalie and made many fine saves of seemingly certain goals.

**PAUL HUGGETT** — (full back). Was moved from left wing to full back early in the season to hopefully fill a large hole. He did this, much to the delight of his coaches, with an improvement in hockey skill and responsibility.

**STEPHEN DOMINISH** — (half) — Captain. Showed the benefit of previous years hockey and led the team many times by example. Always encouraged the new members of the team and determination when the team was in difficulty.

**GRAHAM DOMINISH** — (half). Played with plenty of spirit and a good sense of positional play. Shows excellent potential. Scored important goals when placed in forwards.

**GEOFF EVENDEN** — (Mr. Versatile). Played almost every position on the field at one time or another. Produced some very classy hockey blended with the experience of one of the original juniors.

**PAUL HUGINS** — (full back). Played only a few games because he is still fond of soccer. Showed good positional sense as well as good hockey ability. Hope to see him full time with hockey in the future.

**ROBERT LENNIE** — (right half). Improved as season progressed and is obviously learning with every game. Plays position well however is frightened to go in and tackle at times.

**LACHLAN WALKER** — (right wing). Scored first goal of his hockey career this season which boosted his confidence immensely. Will play better with increased size and strength next year. Lachlan has the ability and with confidence he will prove to be a match winner.

**SANDOR KOVACS** — (forward). New boy this year. Shows strength on the field and works hard at all times. Has an excellent hit by which he scored many goals. Tends to use back stick unnecessarily.

**COLIN HUGGETT** — (forward). Showed the skill and class that has made him one of the leading forwards in the Sydney West U 14 side. Combines well with

other members of the team and shows great determination when hurt or when the team is down.

**SEAN CASHMAN** — (inside left). Scored 2 goals in his first game of hockey. Plays good position and it was noticeable that he had been practicing ball control at home. He needs to improve his passing accuracy. This should come with experience.

**MICHAEL DOMINISH** — (left wing). Played some excellent games and proved to be a valuable man in attack. Scored a few key goals. However in his enthusiasm to score goals tended to wander offside.

**ANDREW SPITTLER** — (half). Took a few nasty knocks in his first game of hockey. However he showed true Briar courage to continue with the game. He showed increased competence and improvement as the game progressed.

## FOOTBALL

(Chairman: **A. McSweeney**)

1976 season for football was a year in which we gained a number of young players who played in our lower grades and with further experience will later become quite an asset to the Club. Overall it was not a good season, particularly in Kentwell Cup which recorded only one win for the season in the opening match against St. Ives.

The Burke Cup side reached the final against St. Patricks Old Boys only to be defeated 9-6 in a match where they did not play up to their potential in that we had beaten this team in both rounds of the competition. They are, however deserving praise for a consistent effort for the year.

Both Whiddon Cup and Judd Cup teams were subject to many alterations throughout the year necessitated by injury to players in the higher grades and consequently were not able to field teams of a consistently good enough standard for these grades.

The Kentwell Cup side lost quite a few matches. By a narrow margin of points late in the second half which was very disappointing and obviously gives rise to doubts about condition, however, they did usually finish strongly, particularly up front, so the standard of players was patently not good enough. It should be mentioned several Kentwell Cup players suffered injury — namely Pegler, Barron, Allan, Magrath, Gray, Patten and Smith and this considerably weakened the side so that by end of season there was very little difference in standard between the two top sides.

I would like to thank the four coaches Dick Thornett, Keith Wearne, John Bailey and David Watkins for their efforts throughout the season and particularly Keith Wearne and Burke Cup on reaching the semi-finals. Thanks also to football committee and to Ian Richard who represented the Club at combined sub-district level.

Viewing the oncoming season I would suggest that serious thought should be given to the idea of Bi-weekly training.

Congratulations to the following clubs for winning the various cups:—

St. Patricks Old Boys	Club Championship
St. Ives	Kentwell Cup
Lindfield	Burke Cup
St. Patricks Old Boys	Whiddon Cup
St. Patricks Old Boys	Judd Cup

### KENTWELL CUP

PLAYED	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST	TOTAL POINTS	POSITION
20	124	307	2	10th

The team was subjected to many changes throughout the year due to injury to key players. After winning the first match of the season in good style against St. Ives, this proved to be the only victory although many matches were keenly contested. Despite the poor record the team maintained a good spirit to the end.

Unfortunately the standard of players available for selection was — with a few exceptions — not good enough for Kentwell standard and although different combinations were tried we were faced in almost every match with teams of greater size and superior speed in both backs and forwards.

The improved standard of play throughout sub-district rugby must emphasize the necessity of training twice a week if Briars want to stay in first division.

It was evident that certain clubs such as St. Ives, St. Pats and Lindfield with greater junior depth, from junior competition and schools have the ability to move for promotion should sub-district move towards a promotion and relegation system and this I think would ultimately be the best system leaving clubs with the old idea of sub-district i.e. not aiming for promotion but playing for the sake of the game although trying at all times to win.

I think that our forwards with youth and reasonable size can be moulded into a good combination with the addition of a couple of mobile back rowers, however there must be greater dedication to attendance and application at training.

I feel that special mention should be made of the team captain — Ian Castle who gave of his utmost as a player and leader throughout the season and was ably assisted by Bruce Robinson at hooker whose knowledge and guile helped us on many occasions. Ian was always in the thick of the heavy work in the scrums, mauls, rucks and line-outs and was still able to cover ground to save many opposition moves. Thanks Ian.

Due to the many changes throughout the season it is difficult to list all the players, however, both Chris Snelling and Peter Williams in the second row and

Paul Bevans in the front row performed well and being young fellows with size and weight should be a good basis for next years pack.

In the backline both Ralph Sadler and John Magrath playing at half-back did well under pressure from bigger and taller packs whilst Tom Cusbert and later Russ Wilde with good hands and judicious kicking were reliable and strong in attack with limited good clean ball. Chris Murray tackled well and with more experience in centre play will be an asset. Thanks too, to David Guille and Phil England for backing up to help us toward the end of the season.

### BURKE CUP

PLAYED	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST	TOTAL POINTS	POSITION
20	182	109	24	3rd

There is no doubt that the Briars Burke Cup team should have won the competition. Unfortunately, there is no prize for coming second, or in our case, third. The only way that next year's Burke Cup team or any other team in Briars is going to win a competition is by more than one night a week training. The Briars Burke Cup team could not have trained harder on the one night a week it trained and gave Phil Brooks (Captain) and me everything that was asked of them. In the end, however, it was the one night a week training that let us down.

Bearing the above in mind, 1976 year was a good year for the Burke Cup and what was very pleasing was that it was a good team effort, more than the performance of a few good players. The team played very well in the first part of the season and at one stage won seven games in a row. It was, then, through injuries in Kentwell a much changed team and it was not until we got the team back together again that we started to win games. There is no doubt that the Briars unfortunately suffer from a great lack in depth of players and this applies to Kentwell as well as Burke. Once a good player is injured, it is very difficult to get another good player to replace him.

The forwards performed very well during the year. Their mauling and scrummaging improved as the season progressed. Line outs were our biggest problem and this lack of good line out possession told in the latter games of the season. The backs played good Burke Cup standard football and were extremely solid in defence.

Due to the large number of players that played with the team during the year, I only list below the players who figured prominently in the latter part of the season.

**PETER BURT** — (full back). Line kicking and tactical kicking get better as Peter gets older and without doubt has the ability to gain more ground with tactical kicking than any other player in sub-district. He has the ability to get his boot to the ball faster than most other players.

**LINDSAY CALLOWAY** — (wing). Lindsay did not get a lot of opportunities during the year and needs to sharpen up his pace. Copped heaps of training but kept coming back for more.

**PHIL BRAND** — (wing). Also did not get much chance with the ball this year but when in possession, very hard to stop. Defence was good.

**DAVID GUILLE** — (centre). As he approaches the veteran class, he is playing better football. Determination and hard running make David an attribute to any back line.

**JOHN BAKER** — (centre — Vice Captain). Excellent in defence and stopped a number of the big names around sub-district. If you don't think he knows a lot about football just ask him and he'll tell you that he does.

**KEN O'BRIEN** — (five-eight). Very quick hands, able to make a number of breaks, and towards the latter part of the season, proved he really could tackle.

**RALPH SADLER** — (half). The grand old man of Burke Cup, must be aged 40. Losing just a little speed around the base of the scrum but still throws a very long and accurate pass. Did a lot of cleaning up and tackling close to the rucks.

**JIM ABBEY** — (breakaway). Mr. Perpetual Motion, Jim had some outstanding games in Burke Cup and his cover defence together with covering the full back was a lesson to other breakaways.

**PHILIP ENGLAND** — (breakaway). With Jim playing the open game, Phil was able to concentrate on his tight play and tackling close to the ruck. His work in these areas was excellent during the season.

**PHIL BROOKS** — (lock — Captain). If Phil lacks for anything, it certainly is not enthusiasm and the will to win. He gave his best all year and assisted me in a number of ways with my coaching. Phil's open style of lock play was what we wanted and he did it well.

**BRUCE FERGUSON** — (second row). A coach could not ask for a harder working and more dedicated footballer, a lock that we made play second row even though he liked it. His future football will probably be played at lock. One thing Bruce is, and that is punctual.

**BOB BISHOP** — (second row). Bob will probably play Kentwell next year. A very strong and fast second rower. Once he learns to slip the ball he will be a dynamic player.

**CRAIG DAVIES** — Came in towards the end of the season and played strong football. Hope he comes back next year.

**GABRIEL MA** — (hooker). Probably the most improved player in the club. Covers more ground more quickly than most backs. Scrummaging techniques improved greatly during the year.

**KEN GRAY** — (prop). Tireless worker. Very fit and very fast for a big man. Doesn't say a lot but gets the job done. A very good prop for his hooker.

**JOHN STANAFORTH** — (prop). Played under a great deal of physical pain without complaining. Did not let the side down, and rucked well. A 30 year old with the neck of a 60 year old.

My thanks also go to all the other club members who played in the Burke Cup team and especially to Bob Hodgson and John Bailey who both copped bad injuries during the season but were with us in spirit. I cannot let the opportunity go without thanking the many supporters who got behind the team in the latter part of the season and really helped us along with their support, not the least of these being Stan McGregor who really hung in there, even when we weren't winning games.

### WHIDDON CUP

PLAYED	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST	TOTAL POINTS	POSITION
20	90	218	13	9th

The Briars Whiddon Cup Rugby Team performed well at the beginning and at the end of the 1976 competition, but a sustained lapse mid-season denied any chance of making the semi-finals. Whiddon's were not beaten in the first four matches and at that stage were placed second in the competition. Then followed a series of defeats relieved by a win and a draw until at the close of the season the last two games were won against strong opposition.

The success of the Whiddon Cup team towards the end of the competition was an encouraging indication that a policy of persisting with young players usually bears fruit. This year's team was one of the youngest on record. Indeed three of the players were still at school and showed loads of potential: Derrick Nix, Tony Hastings and Michael Powell.

Derrick Nix in particular demonstrated that he will develop into an attacking back of some class. He showed on numerous occasions an ability to vary play and set up attacking moves by the intelligent use of the high kick. I might add at this stage, that as in past years Briars backs in all grades took the opportunity to kick away possession down the throats of their opponents. Derrick Nix, at five-eighth combined well with another youthful player at half back, namely Andrew Craig. Both Derrick and Andrew are slightly built, but often showed more enthusiasm and fire than more robust players. Andrew particularly was always quick to take advantage of disorder in the opposition's backline and turn defence into attack.

The defence of the Whiddon backline tended to be brittle and this more than any other factor led to the mid-season slump. The coach despite repeated attempts, evidently failed to convince the players that a small young backline can only halt their opposition if they are prepared to make a crisp clean tackle around the ankles. Head and chest high tackles are at risk at the best of times but when the opposition is heavier than the defenders the tackle must be at the level of the ankles. Fortunately our centres Ross Sharkey and Gary Phillips were effective in defence and were able to stem the tide on many occasions.

This year's forward back was both young and fairly light, but had the advantage

of generally being fitter and more mobile than the opposition. Captain Greg McPhee, playing at breakaway improved all the year and his spirit of every minute effort during the whole match no matter what the score, could serve as an example to players in higher grades. Greg quickly developed into a mature thoughtful leader well able to inspire his younger team members. Warrick Williams in the backrow developed tremendously during the year and generally deserved selection in higher grades. No doubt he shall be so rewarded in the coming year. Michael McGill at lock is another player who can be expected to shine next season.

Recruits from squash (Ken Kable) and Rugby League (Warren Bryan) learnt their rugby in Whiddon Cup, and quickly became a force in the side. Ken never learnt the rule of looking but found that no disadvantage and Warren moved on to greater things in Burke Cup. Dave Lewis played for Whiddon many times during the year and showed a marked improvement over 1975.

As always in the 3rd and 4th teams at Briars there was an incredible turnover of players during the year, although after a year as selector I now appreciate the difficulties in attaining a continuity of teams. Although many players in going up or down passed through Whiddon, I think I have mentioned most of the regulars in the comments above. Terry Daley, Bob Elliott, Mark Foreman, Greg Patterson, Craig Hickey, Alan Letchford and Bob Montgomery took the field at various times, but unfortunately were unavailable or injured at other times.

Although wins were few I do not regard Whiddons 1976 as a failure. The potential is there. The wins at the end of the year affirm my belief that the Whiddon team this year contains a reserve of talent that should be tested by the selectors early in the trials 1977.

On a final note I wish to record thanks and appreciation for the work Tony McSweeney has performed in the past two years as football chairman. Best of luck Barry Williams.

### JUDD CUP

PLAYED	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST	TOTAL POINTS	POSITION
20	90	218	13	9th

Before I discuss this year's Judd Cup season I have a few acknowledgements to make:—

Many thanks to:—

Alexander Graham Bell, without his marvellous invention I might have been playing 14 men short each game (incidentally, I must be the only forward in the Briars who received his cauliflower ears from a telephone).

Ian Castle, for providing a football (most of the time) for Judd Cup training sessions at 11.55 a.m. and 12.25 a.m. each Saturday morning.

To those veteran players, shocked out of retirement who returned to the arena to do their bit and help us reduce the 'points against' margin.



To those players from higher grades who arrived at the ground at 12.00 noon to help us form a team.

To Tony McSweeney and his magic little pencil and rubber combination, who can change a team list faster than anyone I've ever met.

My apologies to:—

The little old lady who unfortunately has a similar telephone number to Paul McWood (she never did turn up for a game, even though I rang her four times).

This year I had real hopes of forming a Judd Cup squad of older, experienced players and built a team around them. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons this was not to be, and most weeks it was a struggle to ensure we had fifteen players on the paddock. Rugby football is and always will be a team game. It is virtually impossible to put 15 players on the field of play and expect them to function as a team if they don't know each other. Yet that is exactly what we did all season and the results speak for themselves. Next season, before you make that excuse on training night or cannot be bothered to get out of bed on a cold Saturday morning, think of the effect it is having on the team, and the Club.

However, the season did produce some enjoyable football and I would like to thank all those players who turned out for the Judd Cup team for their efforts and I am only sorry that we could not win a few more games.

The following players deserve special mention:—

**CRAIG DAVIES** — lock. A player of great potential, Craig played many games in Judd Cup until his overdue promotion to the higher grades.

**JOHN POPE** — five-eighth. Another young player destined for greater things, John showed his football ability in his consistently good play during the season.

**STEVE RUDLIN** — half-back. Our top try scorer, a good player who should be playing in a higher grade, but must remember that not everyone who calls for the ball is playing on his side.

**DICK VANDERFIELD** — hooker/prop. One of the old 'dependables', gets meaner every season, has to leap three feet in the air (and does!) for an eyeball to eyeball confrontation with the opposition.

**PAUL McWOOD** — 2nd row. Persuaded out of retirement to replace a nine stone 2nd rower, Paul became the main-stay of the pack, a real grafting performance and at least one two-handed catch.

Finally a mention of our two guest goal-kickers, Keith Wearne and Phil Brookes. Keith's kicks currently lack height, distance and angle, whilst Phil has the distance, but both should improve with a few more seasons with the Club.

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## 1976 SQUASH REPORT

Sub-Committee: Ray Pontifex (Chairman), Ken Kable (Deputy Chairman), Peter Olde (Treasurer), Brian McGuren, Gary Nicolls (Social Chairmen).

With the 1976 season drawing to a close the Squash Club has had an average performance compared with our previous years, especially last year where Briars were equal second most successful club in Western Districts winning four pennants. There has been a large turnover of squash players this year with our total of 50, 13 of these were new players as follows:—

A. Krallis, C. Priest, J. Ward, T. Boyce, J. Elvy, R. Bedic, L. Brander, P. Long, P. Murray, B. Stevens, H. Simpson, I. Richard and J. Edwards.

Ten teams were entered for the Autumn Competition from A1 to F2 grades. Highlights of the three most successful teams are listed below.

**A1** — A. Krallis (Captain), T. Pearce, R. Pontifex, C. Priest, C. Stevens.

With the acquisition of a State 2 graded player in Arthur Krallis, we were able to field an A1 side for the first time since the early '60s. That side went off like a rocket winning the first six matches straight. However, things didn't stay that way with the side dropping the next three. They did continue on with the job to end the second round a close third. The team probably went into the semi-finals a little too sure of themselves of winning and were looking forward to a chance in the finals of defeating the minor premiers. It is history now that they lost the match by one game, although winning on points.



**A4 PREMIERS**

John Barry, John Ward, Ken Kable (C), Ken Axtell, Ken Bailey

**A4** — J. Ward, K. Axtell, K. Kable (Captain), J. Barry, K. Bailey.

Our one and only pennant coming from this side which led from the start of the competition and were never headed, although the position was a little shaky when number two Ken Axtell was rushed to hospital for an emergency appendicitis operation two weeks before the semi-finals. They won the semi-finals 3-1 but the team they had to meet in the finals had beaten them before and a win looked doubtful. With a large gathering of Briars supporters on hand they lifted their game to have a magnificent 3-1 victory and the pennant.

**F2** — D. Smith (Captain), B. Stevens, H. Simpson, S. Kaposi, I. Richard and J. Edwards.

Half the side, as always in our last team, had not played competition squash before and they soon found out the difference between competition and social squash. After trailing badly at the end of the first round they started to cause a few upsets in the second round as the other teams thought of them as 'easy pickings'. With a couple of wins under their belt and confidence in their play they continued up the ladder to just make it at number four for the semi-finals. They had their chances on the night but probably the semi-final atmosphere and a little nervousness were the cause of their undoing.

Listed below are the teams which did not make the semi-finals:—

**B1** — D. Walker, B. Cardwell, P. Olde, K. Edwards (Captain), A. Cameron.

**B2** — R. Churcher, J. Walsh (Captain), R. Godden, J. Elvy, T. Boyce.

**B3** — F. Mandile, B. McGuren, K. Bell (Captain), R. Bedic, P. Stewart.

**C1** — V. Hudson (Captain), D. Scoble, F. Robinson, K. Holley.

**C2** — K. Trollope (Captain), B. Scotchbrook, G. Lackey, R. Jurd, G. Nicolls.

**C4** — T. McAdam (Captain), L. Brander, J. Fripp, J. Hannan, P. Long.

**D2** — P. Wilson (Captain), D. Williams, P. Murray, D. Cooke, P. McKenzie-Wood.

Winner of the Autumn Best All Round Performance Shield was Arthur Krallis. Arthur played in fourteen matches winning them all and only dropping three games. On that performance the Squash Racquets Association registered him a 99.3 rating which is the highest ever recorded.

The Spring Competition is now in its latter stages and we have nine teams battling for semi-final positions. The teams with chances are as follows:—

A1, B1, B2, C1, C3 and C4.

The teams not making the first four will be:—

A3, D4 and F2.

Of the last three teams, A3 found the competition too tough and the D4 and F2 sides had problems with the members having other commitments on the night of their matches too many times for them to be a force.

Looking back on the year of competition, the squash standard in Western Districts has increased to such an extent that it would equal Southern Districts as the two strongest areas in Sydney. The difference in standard between the grades has shortened considerably which means that a player cannot rest on his merits and expect to stay in grades that he has played for a couple of competitions without more than the odd practice game and expect to do well. This happened in a couple of grades this year which makes it a little disheartening for the other team members who consistently practised for the competition matches. Hopefully next year this will not happen.

Socially, it has been a good year starting the year off with our trip to Dubbo in February. Two aircraft were chartered to take 20 squash players to play against Dubbo R.S.L. Club. Hospitality was tremendous and Briars were successful in defeating Dubbo R.S.L. overall in the challenge match.

In May Dubbo R.S.L. returned the visit to us and Briars Squash held its first social since the Nelson, New Zealand squash team in 1974.

July saw our first defeat by Bankstown Squash Club for the Briartown Cup, the result of which was not certain until the last match with Bankstown winning by the odd game.

A wine tasting-come-barbecue was held at Gledswood Winery on the 29th August with over 70 squash players and friends enjoying a great day.

The end of competition night is to be held on the 1st December at St. George Leagues Club with, hopefully, 60 people attending.

Squash is holding down bar duty on Monday nights very well and through this and attending other Club functions progress has been made towards better relationships with the other sports.

Jim Walsh continues to hold his position on the committee of Western Districts Squash through which our Club is kept at the forefront in any discussions.

Finally, thanks go to Ken Kable, Peter Olde and the committee for their help throughout the year and look forward to bigger and brighter things in 1977.

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## SOCIAL REPORT

**Chairman: B. Ferguson**

**Committee: R. Smith, J. Kemp, T. Daly, B. McGuren**

This year Club socials have achieved a small degree of financial success much to the delight of the committee. However, the support given by the majority of members was again disappointing.

Throughout the year we endeavoured to widen the variety of social activities other than the usual annual events. Undoubtedly these functions were enjoyed by those attending and will probably be continued in following years, but only through your participation can this be achieved.

## **DINNER**

The Annual Dinner was again held at Concord Golf Club and thanks to the President's rally cry for support, there was a near record attendance. Our guest speaker this year was Mr. Tim Caldwell, O.B.E., immediate past Chairman of the Australian Cricket Board, who provided us with an excellent after dinner speech and was most popular with all those present.

## **BALL**

The Annual Ball was not continued this year owing to the poor response shown and heavy financial burden of this function. However, there has been a proposal to hold a Dinner Dance as an alternative to the ball and this will be introduced in the near future.

## **PICNIC**

The Annual Picnic was held once again at the Lane Cove River Park. This year we decided to cater lunch for the day and if successful this idea should continue for future picnics. A most enjoyable day for all those present.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

This year saw the revival of the snooker and table tennis tournaments that have not been held for a number of years. The winners this year were Peter Burt and Lindsay Calloway, who proved to be too strong in the snooker pairs championship, taking out the title in very fine style. In the table tennis, Geoff Gorton outclassed all opposition and won the cup with very little effort. Well done gentlemen.

## **GENERAL**

A large number of other functions were held during the year. Several in conjunction with the Rugby Tour Fund, as well as various activities organized by the individual sports committees.

To the committee, and all those involved in this years events thank you. Finally, a special vote of thanks must go to all those ladies who so kindly organized all our committee meetings.

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## **SKI LODGE THREDBO**

This year there was no really good snow until August however from then on skiing conditions were excellent. Apart from the snow itself much work has been done during the summer clearing trees and providing more ski trails.

The Lodge is now fully carpeted and cooking and hot water facilities have been

improved, putting the Lodge in its best condition yet. Because of the past few good seasons, the Club is in an excellent financial position and more improvements are planned for the future.

During the last two years the Club has acquired the downstairs flat from the Vanderfield family. In future, during the snow season, the flat will be for the exclusive use of members. The larger upstairs area will still be available for members and their guests as has been the practise in the past. For bookings contact Andy Clifford.

The Club membership is full and because of the large number of applications in hand it has been necessary to close the waiting list.

Thredbo is not only a ski resort but is a delightful place in Spring and Summer when a large number of activities await the visitor. These include: golf, tennis, lawn bowls, trout fishing, bush walking, horse riding and others. The Lodge is available at a reduced rate during this time.

In conclusion I would like to thank the people who have supported the Club over the past year and I trust with their continued support the Club will remain prosperous.

PETER JOHNSTON  
Honorary Secretary.

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## **BAR AND HOUSE REPORT**

**Ken Gray (Senior Steward) Aud Land,  
Stan Jones, Jim Alford and Peter Miller.  
Barry Williams (House Chairman).**

Bar Trading over the last year has continued the healthy increases of the past few years. It is pleasing to see that members and their friends are continuing to frequent the club.

The Bar facilities have been updated with the provision of the soft-drink machine and spirit dispenser rack. As well, some members may not be aware that the regular price of draught bottled and canned Sydney Beer sold in the Club is approximately 10% less than normal hotel prices.

As has been the case for the last two years, the Club is giving a special 10% Christmas discount on all beer, wine and spirit orders over \$35 placed before Christmas. I hope that all members will avail themselves of this offer as it helps not only yourselves, but the Club as well.

I would like to thank Aud Land and Stan Jones who do a really marvellous job looking after the stocktakes, a service we cannot do without.

My appreciation also to Jim Alford for his work in looking after the general maintenance of the Club and its equipment.

Also my thanks to Peter Miller for his assistance with stocking the bar when his studies have permitted.

Ted Stockdale, although "officially retired", has assisted with looking after the balancing of the till and this has been appreciated.

This year also saw a re-organisation of the management committee with the former role of "House Chairman" being divided into "Senior Steward", responsible for the bar and associated duties, and "House Chairman" responsible for the Club Rooms. This position has been filled by Barry Williams and his views of the preceding year will conclude this report.

This year has seen a general increase in the use of the club as reflected by the increased volume in trading. A largely increased number of social nights have been held in the club over the last year and the running of these have been made partially easier by the modernised kitchen and drink dispenser.

I would like to thank all those people who have surfaced early enough to help the organisers clean up after these nights.

Also over the last twelve months the club has purchased a new table tennis table and we have had a squash machine installed in the games room, which has not been the success that was anticipated. Recently a new lease was signed for a later model colour television which has been installed and the purchase of a record protection safe was made.



## **PERSONNEL REPORT**

**Chairman: G. McPhee**

On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to welcome the 41 new members who have joined the Briars since December, 1975. We trust that these new members mentioned below have enjoyed this year with the Briars and are planning a long and active association.

New members evenings are held on the last Friday of every month. At these meetings the Personnel sub-committee informs prospective new members about the history, tradition, administration and personal requirements and responsibilities of becoming a Briar. After this evening the applications are presented to the Management Committee and the Board of Directors for final acceptance. A minimum of two years playing sport with the Club completes membership requirements.

As the present and future strength of the Briars depends upon an involvement and commitment to the Club, both on and off the field, of its present members and the influx of new members, I applaud the Aeroplane Press advertisement and the people involved for their efforts. I only hope members will use this excellent publication to attract new members and thus ensure a prosperous future for the Briars Sporting Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken Gray, Bruce Ferguson and Barry Williams, who have helped me greatly by attending most new members evenings.

## New Members for 1975

(Many new members play more than one sport designated below)

### FOOTBALL

Paul Bevins	Warren Bryan	Michael Cahill
Paul Clark	Andrew Craig	Geoff Hawkes
Chris Kelly	Barry Loudin	Garry Muirhead
Michael McGill	Derek Nix	Gary Phillips
Ross Sharkey	Chris Snelling	Malcolm Webber
Warwick Williams	Mark Fitzsimmons	Greg Pattison
Michael Anderson	John Pope	Craig Davies

### HOCKEY

Geoffrey Evendon	Neil Hugget	Peter Jones
Malcolm Shorter	Robert Wood	Philip Watkins
Matthew Asby		

### SQUASH

Dr. A.N. Burke	Robert Bedic	John Elvy
Arthur Krallis	Patrick Murray	Harry Simpson
John Ward	William Barnwell	David Walters

### CRICKET

Pat Fitzgerald	Peter Wallace	Craig Smith
Mark Carrol		

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## FOCUS

**Editors:— P. Burt, M. MacKenroth, M. Sterry**

The magazine is now entering its fourth year of production. Yet still it is only the few that contribute to the magazine. The magazine can only put into print those articles that are given to it. The editors are at times inclined to print controversial material in order to stimulate written response to the magazine. If every member wrote one letter every 16 years we would have 4 letters every issue. We thank Stan McGregor for contributing 80 years worth.

Recently an 'Under the Microscope' column was introduced so that an in depth look at certain features of the club could be undertaken. The whole idea behind this is that many members know that there are several problems in the club that the right answers cannot or are not being found for. Maybe it is not the answers that are at fault: it could be that we are asking the wrong questions. As in all problems, if enough views and the problem is looked at from many different angles, the questions and answers become clearer. If Focus can do this then it is providing the club with another service.



## **In Memoriam**

### **Brian Williams**

Brian joined Briars in 1944 from Homebush High School, and with the Club had great success as a fullback and goalkicker, including a Kentwell Cup Premiership. He then played 1st Grade Rugby Union with Western Suburbs, later playing again with Briars, and coaching Kentwell Cup from 1961 to 1965. Two Kentwell Cups and two Club Championships were won in this period under Brian's guidance.

Chris Walker, Kentwell Captain of the time, writes, "Brian developed in the team personnel an individual ability to lift performance and an awareness of team effort. He always maintained a close personal contact with his team members, and the features most commonly recalled were his tenacity, patience and attention to detail".

Brian also played Cricket with the Club, and holds the record for best all round performance in C & S.

With this sporting background and having proven himself as an administrator in many roles within Management and Board, in 1965, Brian became our youngest ever President.

To quote his close friend, Ted Stockdale, "Brian was a firm believer in giving younger members more responsibility, so that they would become better members. He was a man who didn't "pull any punches", and yet held the respect of every person associated with him. He was a man of great spirit and determination, as typified by his long heroic fight against a terminal illness."

Brian's contribution to Briars will remain forever.

### **Frank "Mac" Farrell**

Frank was associated with Briars for the past 50 years. During his playing days in the thirties, he was an eighty minute front rower, with Stan McGregor saying of him "Frank was a tough, hard working forward who never gave an inch to any pack".

Frank later became a great supporter of our football and cricket teams. During football seasons, in all types of weather, he carried out the thankless role of "water bucket man", while during cricket matches, he regularly provided afternoon teas at Rothwell Park.

He was appointed as a Vice President of Briars in the sixties, and he also had a life-long association with Leichhardt Rowing Club, being a first class oarsman and a committeeman of that club.

Frank's son Graeme played with Briars, showing great promise as a left hand bat, and a Kentwell hooker before transferring to Melbourne and later Hobart.

Frank was at all times a gentle, kindly friend and an unassuming man, who will be missed by all the friends he made in the different spheres of his life, and especially by all in Briars.

## **George "Gerry" Arthur and Roy Glasgow**

It was a sad coincidence that with Frank Farrell, these three members of Briars Kentwell teams of the thirties should have died so closely together.

Their old playing mate, Stan McGregor, remembers them in these words, "Gerry was a speedy winger, and a consistent goalkicker later playing with Western Suburbs 1st Grade Union. Roy was fast and clever either out at wing or centre, graduating to Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union".

Both were excellent cricketers, good medium pace bowlers, and played in the first A Shire team, with Roy capturing the first wicket for the Club in A Shire.

"Briars owe Roy Glasgow one large debt. During the second world war, Roy took over from Bob Clark as Honorary Secretary, and carried out the huge task of keeping the Club going in those difficult years".

"I can only say it was great to have known and played with them. They were all fine players and sportsmen in the true Briars tradition".

## **Les Robinson**

Les joined the Briars in the twenties and his career, as solid opening batsman and wicketkeeper, spanned three decades in Shires and C & S, culminating in a B Shire Premiership in 1952-53.

Les was a quiet, sincere and reserved man with a great love for cricket and the Briars.

## **CRICKET MEMORIAL TROPHY**

This trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II. The trophy was donated by the late H.G. Whiddon. The basis of arriving at the winner is similar to the football trophy and points are allocated as follows:—

Value to team as a cricketer	—	35 points
Conduct	—	15 points
General keenness	—	15 points
Value to a Club as a member	—	25 points
Neatness of dress	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner for this year is David Jamieson, Captain of the C Shire Team. Our congratulations to David who is also in charge of Golf Days and an active Hockey player with the Club.

## **GORDON BEVAN SHIELD**

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

It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. Points 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	--	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner for 1976 is Ian Castle. Ian was Captain of Kentwell Cup and also an active member of the football sub-committee.

### **A. J. ROBINSON SHIELD**

This shield was donated by the late A.J. Robinson ("Robbie"), 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	--	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner this year was John Kemp. John is also a very able assistant Treasurer of the Club. Well done John.

### **DOUG VANDERFIELD TROPHY**

This trophy is presented to the squash player who has contributed the most to squash and the Club in general.

The trophy was donated by the late R.D. Vanderfield who was very instrumental in commencing squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport. Points are awarded as follows:—

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

This trophy was won by Ray Pontifex. Ray is the current squash Chairman. Congratulations Ray.

## R. D. VANDERFIELD TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to a member of the junior hockey team who has contributed most to the junior teams. It carries the name of our late past President who showed great interest in the formation of the junior team. Points are allocated as follows:—

Value to a team as a member	—	30 points
Attendance at training	—	25 points
Most improved player	—	20 points
General keenness	—	15 points
Neatness of uniform	—	<u>10 points</u>
		<u>100 points</u>

The winner of the trophy this year was Robert Wood. Well done Robert.

## 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 the age of 25 years and by one who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club's welfare during the year.

Bruce Ferguson is this year's winner. A current footballer Bruce did a tremendous job as Social Chairman. He revived the snooker and table tennis competition as well as putting on first class social functions for the Club. Congratulations Bruce.

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## ADMINISTRATION

Board met on 13 occasions during the period 1st October, 1975 to 30th September, 1976.

D.A. Walker	13
E. G. Stockdale	11
J. Balmforth	11
I. Richard	12
W. Elder	2 (Retired December '75)
J. Alford	10
I. Blair	9 Leave of absence granted 4 meetings.
M. Elder	10
H. Ford	10
P. Burt	9 (Appointed December '75)

J. Crockart attended twelve meetings in his capacity as Treasurer.

Management Committee met on 12 occasions during the period 1st October 1975 to 30th September, 1976.

D. Walker	12
J. Balmforth	12

K. Gray	12
A. McSweeney	6
J. Crockart	9
M. Sterry	9
R. Pontifex	10
B. Williams	9
E. Stockdale	3 (Retired Dec.)
* C. Hickey	9
D. Guille	3 (Retired Dec.)
P. England	5 (Retired April)
J. Walshe	1 (Retired Dec.)
* I. Blair	5 (Appointed Dec.)
B. Ferguson	8 (Appointed Dec.)
G. McPhee	4 (Appointed May)

\* Leave of absence granted 3 meetings

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### ADDENDUM

I wish to convey my personal appreciation and thanks to all the Honorary Office-bearers for their loyal and devoted services during the year.

David A. Walker  
President

### CONCLUSION

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

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Management Committee.

David A. Walker  
President

I.G.S. Blair  
Hon. Executive Officer

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# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended September 30, 1976. The Directors of the Company in office at the date of this report being:—

D.A. Walker (Chairman)  
J.F. Alford  
J. Balmforth  
P.J. Burt  
H.C. Ford

I.G.S. Blair  
E.G. Stockdale  
M. Elder  
I. Richards

Results	1976	1975
	\$	\$
Excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to	4,450	4,003
To this is added accumulation account	<u>40,234</u>	<u>36,231</u>
Leaving accumulation account to be carried forward of	<u>\$44,684</u>	<u>\$40,234</u>

### Activities

The principal activities of the Company during the year consisted of promoting and playing amateur sport.

There were no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

### Reserves and Provisions

During the year an amount of \$1,300 was transferred from the profit and loss account to the provision for deferred maintenance.

### General

In accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 1961, the Directors state that:—

- Before the accounts were made out they took reasonable steps to ascertain what action had been taken in relation to the writing off of bad debts and the making of provisions for doubtful debts, and have caused all known bad debts to be written off and adequate provision to be made for doubtful debts, and at the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render the amount written off for bad debts or the amount of the provision for doubtful debts inadequate to any substantial extent.
- Before the accounts were made out they took reasonable steps to ascertain whether any other current assets were unlikely to realise in the ordinary course of business their value as shown in the accounts and at the date of

this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render the values attributed to current assets in the accounts misleading.

- (c) There does not exist at the date of this report either any charge on the assets of the company or any contingent liability which has arisen since September 30, 1976.
- (d) No contingent or other liability has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable in the ensuing year which, in their opinion, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Company to meet its obligations when they fall due.
- (e) At the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.
- (f) The results of the Company's operations during the year were not, in their opinion, substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.
- (g) No item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen between September 30, 1976, and the date of this report which is likely, in their opinion, to affect substantially the results of the Company's operations for the year ending September 30, 1977.
- (h) No Director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with the Director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a Company in which he has a substantial financial interest.

#### **Directors**

Messrs. I.G.S. Blair and H.C. Ford retire in accordance with the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election. Mr. P.J. Burt is retiring as a Director.

#### **Auditors**

The Auditor, Mr. C.G. Jones, Chartered Accountant continues in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 166 of the Companies Act.

Signed at Sydney this nineteenth day of November, 1976, in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

D. A. WALKER  
Director

E. G. STOCKDALE  
Director

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1976**

	<b>1976</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>1975</b> <b>\$</b>
<b>RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>		
General Reserve	13,032	13,032
<b>ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance 30. 9.75	40,234	36,231
Add profit year ended 30. 9.76	<u>4,450</u>	<u>4,003</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings	<u><u>\$44,684</u></u>	<u><u>\$40,234</u></u>
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings	<u><u>\$57,716</u></u>	<u><u>\$53,266</u></u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Land and Buildings (Note 4)	26,517	26,893
Furniture and Fittings (Note 5)	<u>3,637</u>	<u>3,166</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u><u>\$30,154</u></u>	<u><u>\$30,059</u></u>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b> (Note 6)	25,445	19,945
Trust Funds (Note 7)	<u>1,908</u>	<u>1,732</u>
Total Investments	<u><u>\$27,353</u></u>	<u><u>\$21,677</u></u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock at lower of cost or market value	5,473	3,827
Prepayments	2,200	1,528
Debtors	2,053	522
Cash at Bank	862	4,515
Cash on Hand	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Total Current Assets	<u><u>\$10,708</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,512</u></u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$68,215</u></u>	<u><u>\$62,248</u></u>
<b>LESS LIABILITIES</b>		
Trust Funds (Note 7)	<u><u>\$1,908</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,732</u></u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	4,500	3,200
Trade Creditors and Accruals	2,146	2,296
Subscriptions paid in advance	<u>1,945</u>	<u>1,754</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u><u>\$8,591</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,250</u></u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$10,499</u></u>	<u><u>\$8,982</u></u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u><u>\$57,716</u></u>	<u><u>\$53,266</u></u>



this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render the values attributed to current assets in the accounts misleading.

- (c) There does not exist at the date of this report either any charge on the assets of the company or any contingent liability which has arisen since September 30, 1976.
- (d) No contingent or other liability has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable in the ensuing year which, in their opinion, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Company to meet its obligations when they fall due.
- (e) At the date of this report they are not aware of any circumstances which would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.
- (f) The results of the Company's operations during the year were not, in their opinion, substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.
- (g) No item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen between September 30, 1976, and the date of this report which is likely, in their opinion, to affect substantially the results of the Company's operations for the year ending September 30, 1977.
- (h) No Director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with the Director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a Company in which he has a substantial financial interest.

#### **Directors**

Messrs. I.G.S. Blair and H.C. Ford retire in accordance with the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election. Mr. P.J. Burt is retiring as a Director.

#### **Auditors**

The Auditor, Mr. C.G. Jones, Chartered Accountant continues in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 166 of the Companies Act.

Signed at Sydney this nineteenth day of November, 1976, in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

D. A. WALKER  
Director

E. G. STOCKDALE  
Director

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1976

	1976 \$	1975 \$
<b>RESERVES AND ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>		
General Reserve	13,032	13,032
<b>ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance 30. 9.75	40,234	36,231
Add profit year ended 30. 9.76	<u>4,450</u>	<u>4,003</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings	<u>\$44,684</u>	<u>\$40,234</u>
Total Reserves and Accumulated Earnings	<u>\$57,716</u>	<u>\$53,266</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Land and Buildings (Note 4)	26,517	26,893
Furniture and Fittings (Note 5)	<u>3,637</u>	<u>3,166</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$30,154</u>	<u>\$30,059</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b> (Note 6)	25,445	19,945
Trust Funds (Note 7)	<u>1,908</u>	<u>1,732</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$27,353</u>	<u>\$21,677</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock at lower of cost or market value	5,473	3,827
Prepayments	2,200	1,528
Debtors	2,053	522
Cash at Bank	862	4,515
Cash on Hand	<u>120</u>	<u>120</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$10,708</u>	<u>\$10,512</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$68,215</u>	<u>\$62,248</u>
<b>LESS LIABILITIES</b>		
Trust Funds (Note 7)	<u>\$1,908</u>	<u>\$1,732</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	4,500	3,200
Trade Creditors and Accruals	2,146	2,296
Subscriptions paid in advance	<u>1,945</u>	<u>1,754</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$8,591</u>	<u>\$7,250</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$10,499</u>	<u>\$8,982</u>
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u>\$57,716</u>	<u>\$53,266</u>

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

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## BAR TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1976

	1976 \$	1975 \$
<b>SALES:</b> Beer, Wine & Spirits	28,193	24,261
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>16,942</u>	<u>13,423</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$11,251</u>	<u>\$10,838</u>
 Cigarettes, Nuts and Cordials	 3,572	 3,112
Less: Cost of Sales	<u>3,220</u>	<u>2,485</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$352</u>	<u>\$627</u>
Gross Bar Profit	<u>\$11,603</u>	<u>\$11,465</u>
 <b>LESS BAR OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Liquor Licence	999	684
Bar Expenses and Maintenance	999	824
Depreciation of Bar Equipment	<u>296</u>	<u>223</u>
Total Bar Operating Expenses	<u>\$2,294</u>	<u>\$1,731</u>
 Bar Trading Profit	 \$9,309	 \$9,734
<b>Add Income from:</b>		
Property Rents	6,195	4,122
Members Subscriptions	3,891	3,328
Interest Received	<u>2,505</u>	<u>1,897</u>
Gross Income	<u>\$21,900</u>	<u>\$19,081</u>
 <b>LESS OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Administration and Club Room Expenses (Note 1)	9,203	10,044
Property Expenses (Note 2)	4,590	2,237
Net Cost of Sporting Activities (Note 3)	1,098	1,085
Special Promotion	647	—
Depreciation of Furniture and Fittings	489	495
Loss on Social Activities	123	(31)
Provision for Deferred Maintenance	1,300	600
Loss due to Burglary	—	510
Furniture and Fittings Scrapped	—	128
Shares in Rugby Union Co-op written off	<u>—</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$17,450</u>	<u>\$15,078</u>
Surplus for year transferred to Accumulation Account	<u>\$4,450</u>	<u>\$4,003</u>

Notes forming part of these accounts are attached.

# THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED

## NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1976 ACCOUNTS

	1976 \$	1975 \$
<b>1. ADMINISTRATION &amp; CLUB ROOM EXPENSES</b>		
Repairs & Maintenance	2,543	5,416
Stationery, Stamps & Telephone	2,346	1,899
Lighting & Heating	1,425	1,054
Annual Reports	893	625
Insurance	429	342
Billiards and Table Tennis	188	86
Donations and Presentations	704	122
General Expenses	<u>675</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u><u>\$9,203</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,044</u></u>
<b>2. PROPERTY EXPENSES</b>		
Repairs and Maintenance	1,962	110
Insurance	1,075	930
Rates	1,177	821
Depreciation of Buildings	<u>376</u>	<u>376</u>
	<u><u>\$4,590</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,237</u></u>
<b>3. NET COST OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Hockey: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	1,149	1,020
Less Playing Fees	<u>720</u>	<u>630</u>
Net Cost of Hockey	<u>\$429</u>	<u>\$390</u>
Cricket: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	1,286	1,378
Less Registration Fees	<u>1,051</u>	<u>1,109</u>
Net Cost of Cricket	<u>\$235</u>	<u>\$269</u>
Football: Ground Hire, Gear etc.	594	784
Less Registration Fees	<u>562</u>	<u>750</u>
Net Cost of Football	<u>\$32</u>	<u>\$34</u>
Subsidies: Squash	232	247
Junior Hockey	<u>170</u>	<u>145</u>
	<u><u>\$402</u></u>	<u><u>\$392</u></u>
Net Cost of Sporting Activities	<u><u>\$1,098</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,085</u></u>
<b>4. LAND AND BUILDINGS</b>		
At Cost	28,772	28,772
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>2,255</u>	<u>1,879</u>
	<u><u>\$26,517</u></u>	<u><u>\$26,893</u></u>

**THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE 1976 ACCOUNTS**

	1976 \$	1975 \$
<b>5. FURNITURE AND FITTINGS</b>		
At Cost	12,890	11,635
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>9,253</u>	<u>8,469</u>
	<u><u>\$3,637</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,166</u></u>
<b>6. INVESTMENTS</b>		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies at Cost	20,445	17,945
(Market value \$20,348, 1975 \$18,000)		
Government Bonds at cost	1,000	1,000
Deposit at Call	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u><u>\$25,445</u></u>	<u><u>\$19,945</u></u>
<b>7. TRUST FUNDS</b>		
<b>R.J. Thomson Memorial Trust Fund</b> (To be held by the Club and used for such purposes as agreed to by the family of the late Ronald John Thomson)		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>254</u>	<u>166</u>
	<u><u>\$954</u></u>	<u><u>\$866</u></u>
<b>J. Sheehan Sporting Scholarship</b>		
Secured Debentures in Listed Companies	700	700
Cash at Bank	<u>254</u>	<u>166</u>
	<u><u>\$954</u></u>	<u><u>\$866</u></u>
	<u><u>\$1,908</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,732</u></u>

# **THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

## **STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS**

In the opinion of the Directors of The Briars Sporting Club Limited the accompanying accounts are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of:—

- (a) the profit of the company for the year ended  
September 30, 1976
- (b) the state of affairs of the company as at  
September 30, 1976.

Dated at Sydney this nineteenth day of November, 1976.

On behalf of the Board and in  
accordance with the resolution.

D. A. WALKER — Director

E. G. STOCKDALE — Director

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## **STATEMENT BY PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING OFFICER**

I, John F. Crockart, state that to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying accounts for the year ended September 30, 1976, give a true and fair view of the matters required by Section 162 of the Companies Act, 1961, to be dealt with in the accounts of the Company.

Dated at Sydney this nineteenth day of November, 1976.

J. F. CROCKART

# **THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB LIMITED**

In my opinion:

- (a) the attached balance sheet and 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:—
  - (i) the state of affairs of the company at September 30, 1976, and of the results of the company for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) the other matters required by Section 162 of that Act to be dealt with in the accounts;
- (b) the accounting records and other records, and the registers required by that Act to be kept by the company have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

C. G. JONES,  
Chartered Accountant

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

November 19, 1976.

SYDNEY.

