

## Briars Cricket Today

Briars Cricket today is absolutely flourishing. The club continues to enjoy amazing success across both its junior and senior ranks. The club currently has;

- 42 junior teams in ages ranging from Under 8's through to Under 16's playing in the local competitions
- 9 senior teams playing in the Sydney Shires Competition
- Masters (over 40s) and Classics (over 50s) teams playing in the Sydney Cricket Association

As we go to print the juniors have around 16 teams competing in finals cricket whilst the senior teams have every team competing in semi-final cricket. The juniors committee do a wonderful job running one of the best junior clubs in Sydney. In the Seniors the club has just won the Sydney Shires Club Championship Trophy for an amazing record breaking 6th year in a row and it's our 21st Club Championship over all. In addition, over the past 10 years the Briars have won 18 premierships across the top 4 grades with the break up as follows;

-1sts-4    -2nds-5    -3rds-5    -4ths-4

The Burwood Briars Cricket club is the most successful club in Sydney Shires history and has dominated the competition over the last 20 years. Over the past 4 years we have twice had all 4 grades contesting grand finals and we are tracking to repeat that feat again this season-no other club has had all 4 grades competing in the grand final in one season.

We have first class facilities with a new pavilion at Rothwell Park (Ted Stockdale Pavilion) and our two main grounds at Concord-Rothwell Park (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and Ron Routley Oval (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade) are the highest ranked grounds in the competition and Rothwell Park recently won the Ground of the year. We also have new practice nets located next to our club at Concord and the Briars Club facilities offer a fantastic environment for the guys to socialise both after training and after games.

The club is very lucky to have Gerard Price at the helm running cricket. Gerard has been the Chairman of Briars Cricket for some 28 years and during that time we have won 37 premierships and 16 Club Championships. He oversees a wonderfully unique culture and spirit that no other club can replicate, and it is why we are the best club in Sydney Shires Cricket.

Our club is not about individual performances, although there have been many outstanding ones, our focus has always been on the team and club performance and working together as a club and it is probably the reason why we are so successful.

*Cricket subcommittee - March 2018*