

Hammy Lennartz



Hammy Lennartz joined Briars in 1944 aged 17 from that great sporting nursery Homebush Boys High School.

Hammy played cricket in his first year, being a batsman and opening swing bowler.

In 1946 Hammy was on the hockey sub-committee to investigate introducing hockey as a sport at The Briars Sporting Club.

In 1947 Hammy was in the first hockey team playing under the Briars name. Over the years Hammy won four premierships playing hockey all in 1st grade.

Semi-retiring from hockey, Hammy concentrated on cricket and was again most successful by playing in A-Shires for a number of years and won two premierships in B-Shires.

In the 1960s Hammy saw the light and became a “leggie” with great success as he found fast bowling was hard work.

Like a lot of other Briars, Hammy then decided he could help on the administration side of Briars which he did with great distinction.

Hammy served as a bard steward and served on the rugby, hockey, tennis and management committees and was chairman of cricket in 1951/52 season. He then became a director in 1967 to 1975.

Hammy will be 91 this July and is our oldest living member. Spencer Hipwell is six months younger!

I had the pleasure of playing cricket under Hammy at the end of his career and the one thing I learnt from Hammy's captaining, he was not a time waster like cricketers are today. It was frowned upon if you did not move quickly between overs and in Hammy's day, the more overs bowled the better.

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