

HISTORY OF BRIARS BAKED DINNERS

In 1975 Maxine 'Schooners' Mackay was admitted to hospital early to have the Mackay's first child Ann. During the time that Maxine was in hospital, Paul spent a lot of his time at Briars. As a regular he helped open the bar at the old club house in George Street, Burwood.

While at the Club, Paul suggested to Ian "Beast" Richards and any other single Briars that they should have a baked dinner at the Club instead of take-away.

Nine Briars attended the first Roast Lamb Baked Dinner. The next Baked Dinner was in early 1977 when Maxine travelled to NZ to see her family. Over 20 Briars attended this dinner.

The dinners became so popular that partners were invited and dress-up was made compulsory. Over the years numbers increased to between 80-100 people and the kitchen at Briars became too small to prepare food for people attending the dinners. Club members came to the rescue and meals were partly prepared at home and transported to Briars where members sliced and served up the dinners. The Baked Dinner Nights continued for over nine years and provided for some great memories.

Focus articles recorded advertising and some snippets of the nights' activities:

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KITCHEN CORNER - A FOCUS FEATURE

Forty-five completely satisfied members and wives enjoyed an immaculate 4 course meal at the club recently. Paul and Ken prepared a fine meal. The head waiter, Mr. Steele, controlled his French waiter, Monsieur Lettre de Francaisll McPhee, quite well. However, the dirty Greek waiter, Filthy Fergie thoroughly disgusted most guests.

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PAUL MACKAY ENTERPRISES
Presents

BRIARS 9TH ANNUAL BAKED DINNER
to be held on

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12th
at the Club' s "La Briar" Restaurant
TICKETS: \$14 per head and on sale Friday November 4th at 6 p.m.
FANCY DRESS IS COMPULSORY



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- It was good to see Larry Thompson dressed normally at the Annual Baked Dinner. Wearing a superb fairy tutu with matching pink wig and complemented by gold wings and wand, Larry stole the show.
- Speaking of the Baked Dinner, it was also good to see Rod Smith wearing his traditional Chinese looks early in the evening.

