



**14th Annual Report & Balance Sheet**  
**2018 - 2019**

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Briars at Greenlees Ltd ABN 71 001 029 545

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# Office Bearers 2019

Briars at Greenlees Ltd.



<b>Patron</b>	K Free OAM	
<b>Life Members</b>	T Cribb P Doherty G Price M Weber	
<b>Chairman</b>	B Howle	
<b>Vice President</b>	Mayor of the City of Canada Bay, Member for Drummoyne	
<b>Board of Directors</b>	I Blair A Boyter C Burt B Howle	M Jaroszewicz M Moffitt K Norris T O'Kane
<b>General Manager</b>	J Parle	
<b>Treasurer</b>	M Moffitt FCA	
<b>Auditor</b>	Harley, Russell and Day	
<b>Solicitors</b>	P Mattick & Associates, Turner Freeman	
<b>Sports Management Committee</b>	G Price D Slater J Slender J Boyter D Lannan I Bell A Burt K Devlin J Thomas M Laws V Waring E Truesdale	<i>Briars Senior Cricket</i> <i>Briars Senior &amp; Junior Hockey</i> <i>Briars Senior Rugby</i> <i>Briars Junior Rugby</i> <i>Briars Women's Rugby</i> <i>Briars Senior &amp; Junior Squash</i> <i>Briars Junior &amp; Senior Netball</i> <i>Briars Junior Cricket</i> <i>Sports Administrator</i> <i>Greenlees Park Men's Bowls</i> <i>Greenlees Park Women's Bowls</i> <i>Greenlees Park Junior Bowls</i>

# Briars Sports

Honour Board | Founded 2005



## Past Chairmen

I Blair	2010-2016	M Weber	2005-2006
B Huttly	2006-2010		

# The Briars Sporting Club

Honour Board | Founded 1918



## Patrons

D A Walker	2005-2015	H G Whiddon	1969-1972
D V Prowse	2000-2005	E J Siddeley	1956-1965
H C Ford	1995-2000	H W Whiddon	1935-1956
R B Clark BEM	1972-1994		

## Past Presidents

M Weber	2002-2005	E Watt	1948-1953
P G Mattick	1999-2002	H G Whiddon	1943-1948
J F Threlfo	1996-1999	R W May	1942-1943
C R Hickey	1991-1996	E J Siddeley	1939-1942
R I G Richard	1988-1991	R W May	1936-1939
P D Richardson	1985-1988	J E Holmes	1935-1936
I G S Blair	1983-1985	R G Herford	1933-1935
J H Edmonds	1980-1983	H W Whiddon	1932-1933
C K Dennis	1976-1980	E J Siddeley	1931-1932
D A Walker	1973-1976	R W May	1929-1931
R D Vanderfield	1972-1973	E J Siddeley	1928-1929
H C Ford	1969-1972	H W Whiddon	1926-1928
H G Whiddon	1967-1969	E Love	1925-1926
B U Williams	1965-1967	E J Siddeley	1924-1925
W A Elder	1962-1965	H W Whiddon	1921-1924
R J Thomson	1960-1962	J C Meeks	1920-1921
A J Land	1957-1960	H W Whiddon	1919-1920
R S Jones AOM	1953-1957	J H Stone	1918-1919

## Past Life Members

C K E Dennis	2004	D A Walker	1987
C G Jones	2004	H C Ford	1985
J Balmforth BEM	2002	E G Stockdale	1970
P D Richardson	1996	R B Clark	1958
		BEM	
J Alford	1996	H G Whiddon	1958
D V Prowse	1995	R W May	1947



<b>Life Members</b>	I R Vanderfield AO OBE	1995	E J Siddeley	1947
	R S Jones AOM	1994	H W Whiddon	1947
	P C Murray CBE	1993		
<b>Vice - Presidents</b>	I G S Blair	W F Hooker	J F Threlfo	
	C R Hickey	R I G Richard	C D Walker	
	S Hipwell			
<b>Vice - Presidents</b>	R Anstey	C J Jones	G Price	
	J F Crockart	K R Kable	J Price	
	P England	H W Lennartz	G Rolleston	
	G Heggarty	P Mansford	S Schomberg	
	M Howell	P G Mattick	J Staniforth	
	G Ireland	R Pontifex	K E Wearne	

## Greenlees Park Bowling Club

Honour Board | Opened 1950



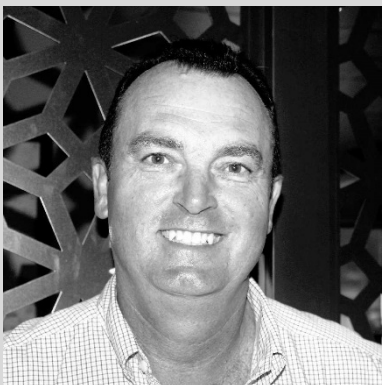
<b>Patrons</b>	J Sneddon	2019-Current	G Durie	1974
	R Buchanan	2014-2018	R Toogood	1970-1973
	K Free OAM	2006-2013	N Lowe	1968-1969
	K Gordon	1994-2005	C London	1966-1967
	J Jackson	1993	A Giblett	1965
	A Huttly	1989-1992	F Billyard	1964
	A Billyard	1982-1988	A Giblett	1963
	J Spargo	1981	C London	1960-1962
	T Murphy	1979-1980	E Hinks	1950-1959
	G Durie	1976-1978	C House	1975
<b>Chairmen</b>	B Huttly	2003-2005	R Buchanan	1993-1996
	R Skehan	2001-2002	R Skehan	1991-1992
	R Crew	1997-2000	B Fumberger	1988-1990
<b>Presidents</b>	M Laws	2014-2019	J Spargo	1975-1976
	W Allen	2013-2014	C House	1974
	B Huttly	2011-2012	G Durie	1971-1973
	D Coleman	2008-2010	T Murphy	1969-1970
	A Cribb	2005-2007	R Toogood	1968
	R Arnold	2002-2004	N Lowe	1965-1967
	S Lesslie	1999-2001	C London	1963-1964
	R Arnold	1996-1998	A Giblett	1960-1962
	C Pratt	1994-1995	R Wiggins	1959

	A Lee-C Pratt	1993	J Henderson	1958
	J Vale	1992	C London	1957
	A Lee	1979-1991	W Dunlop	1950-1956
	C Piercy	1977-1978		
<b><i>Life Members</i></b>	L Coleman	K Free OAM	B Huttly	
	R Buchanan	R Skehan		
<b><i>Past Life Members</i></b>	J Jackson	A McLeod	R Riley OAM	
	E Knight	J Arantz	J Vale	
	C House	A Lee	A Fleeton	
	R Wiggins	N Tozer	M Davis	
	L Barry	H Wicks		

# Briars Sports

## Chairman's Report

Brett Howle



On behalf of the Board of Directors, It is most pleasing to report to members that Briars Sports has continued from strength to strength in its 101<sup>st</sup> year.

Participation within our sports is stronger than ever with some 2000 active participants, whilst the club continues to trade at record levels by providing the facilities and services desired by our local community.

On the sporting front, our sports of Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Squash, Netball and Lawn Bowls remain well patronised and successful in their respective competitions. It has never been the mandate for the club to be the biggest in our sporting numbers. Rather, our organic growth has come from our

reputation as a well administered and locally based sporting club. A significant portion of this growth has been within our junior ranks which will only benefit the senior ranks in the years ahead.

Below are details of the current Briars teams and sport participation.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Senior Men</b>	<b>Senior Women</b>	<b>Juniors</b>	<b>Total Players</b>	<b>Senior Men's Teams</b>	<b>Senior Women's Teams</b>	<b>Junior Teams</b>
Senior Cricket	160			160	12		
Junior Cricket	60		395	455	3		44 ( <i>incl 7 girls</i> )
Rugby	125		73	198	4		6
Women's Rugby		36		36		1	
Hockey	129	85	120	334	10	6	9
Squash	65		40	105			
Netball		53	280	333		6	32
Bowls	155	37	22	214			

### Junior Programs

Master Blaster (8 yrs. Cricket)	27
Junior Blasters (5-7 yrs. cricket)	38
Netstars (5-7- yrs. netball)	60
Minkie Hockey (u9 yrs. Hockey)	33
Flick Kids (3-5 yrs. Hockey)	25

On the field, Briars sports enjoyed another successful year.

- Cricket achieved a record breaking 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive club championship and premierships in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Junior cricket continues to perform strongly during the summer months with record numbers. On a Saturday morning there wouldn't be an oval in the local area without a Briars team competing on it.

- The rugby resurgence continues slowly but surely with both 1<sup>st</sup> grade and the colts side reaching the grand finals this year. Our Junior rugby teams have increased in numbers, with the U12 team achieving a first ever premiership. These accomplishments ensure the future of rugby at the club.
- Women's Rugby, a relatively new sport within Briars, has been embraced by its players and is steadily growing in popularity.
- Netball had a record-breaking year, winning premierships throughout the age groups with the club winning club of the year in its association.
- Hockey had a solid year playing in the highest level of competition in NSW and will look to become a regular top tier club in the next few seasons.
- Our squash teams always perform strongly and remain competitive in the summer and winter competitions notwithstanding the challenges of decreasing facilities.
- Of course, our men's and lady's bowls are an important part of our sporting presence, they performed well during the year and have increased in numbers.

The club itself has enjoyed another strong trading year with increased patronage and turnover. The club has repaid all debt and is now accumulating cash reserves to reinvest and continue to improve the amenity and services for all members. I refer you to the Treasurers report for greater detail regarding the financial performance of the club during the year.

Due to the strong financial performance of the club our sports benefited by grants exceeding \$100,000.00 during the year. The aim of these grants is for the sports to keep their costs down, which in turn attracts new players to each respective sport. It is also pleasing to report that all sports operate profitably notwithstanding the ever-increasing costs of ground hire, insurance, equipment, association fees, umpiring, coaches etc. We are also grateful to the Coronation Club for their grant in support of our junior sports.

During the year we introduced a member's courtesy bus, increasing the convenience of visiting the club. The courtesy bus has been well received and is available to all members with a pickup and drop home service for nearby suburbs. To book a ride on the courtesy bus contact the bar at Briars Sports.

The Board notes the passing of Spencer Hipwell, Allan Jones, Lindsay Dyter and Roger Kerr during the year and offer our condolences to their families.

As Chairman, the most important recognition that needs to be highlighted is that of our volunteers that run our various sports. For it is the effort of these leaders, their respective committees, coaches, managers and the like that allows our club to flourish. There is a wonderful sense of community that exists in our sports and that is based upon those willing to volunteer and make our club the success it is. A sporting club such as ours does not survive without the efforts of our volunteers so I sincerely thank you all for your contributions throughout the year.

Thanks, is also given to the myriad of sponsors that support our sports. We sincerely appreciate the generosity provided. These funds are used to assist in running our sports, so we encourage all members to support our sponsors.

Jason Parle, our General Manager and his senior staff, Monique, Jack, Megan, Ben and Jeff including the bar staff are an integral part in our formula for success. We are a community-based sporting organisation and licensed club, which aims to be embraced and supported by the local community with our staff playing a leading role in this regard. It is increasingly satisfying to continually notice new faces around the club, which acknowledges the clubs ever growing sports and social membership base.

Tiffany, Adam and the staff at The Backyard are another important ingredient in the success of our club. I thank them for their contributions throughout the year. Plans are underway to improve and expand the dining facilities in 2020, which will increase the variety and choice at The Backyard.

The Briars Foundation had a relatively quiet year, however 2020 already promises a reinvigoration with new ideas on the agenda. Paul Price, Chairman of the Briars Foundation has stepped down after 10 years in the role, so a deserved thanks is given to Paul for his leadership during his time.

The club enjoys a valuable & productive relationship with Canada Bay Council. As a year-round sporting club, we are the largest user of the sporting facilities within the local area. We are grateful for the support provided to the club by Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, General Manager Peter Gainsford and the various staff that our sports deal with on a regular basis. Our club is fortunate that the sporting teams within the club have access to well-maintained sporting grounds and facilities.

The Board has overseen another productive and successful year, remaining disciplined with its financial management in order to secure the clubs future but also innovative in its outlook and strategies. I thank them for their contributions through the year and look forward to a productive 2020 as we seek to continue to achieve our goals.

After some 6 years, Chris Burt has decided to step down as a Director on the board at Briars Sports at the 2020 AGM. I wish to thank Chris for his contributions and also for the important role that he and his wife Anne played over many years in the development of both junior cricket and netball.

The Briars Sports website provides full details of our sports and promotions within the club. Our club exists for all our sporting and social members and we strive to present opportunities and facilities for both. As members I encourage your ongoing support which will allow us to keep doing the things we do. That is, to continue and remain as an important contributor to our local community via our vibrant sports with relevant and contemporary facilities.

On behalf of the Board I wish to thank all members for their loyalty and ongoing patronage during the year and look forward to your ongoing support.

## Treasurer's Report

Matina Moffitt | FCA - Treasurer



It is with great pleasure I present to you the Treasurer's report for the year ended 30 September 2019.

The profit for the year was \$353,214 compared to the prior year result of \$111,128.

This was the strongest year for the Club, we saw bar revenue increase by 14% and poker machine revenue of 29%. I am also happy to say that the Club's cash flow remains strong which saw our loan balance of \$200,000 being reduced to zero and our cash reserves growing, as at end of financial year we have \$250,000. A number of club upgrades were also undertaken during the financial year and our objective is to continue to invest on club capital upgrades over the next twelve months to ensure we remain relevant to our patrons.

In addition, the 2019 financial year profit does not include the profits made by the sports, which was \$219,206 compared to \$120,053 last year. These amounts are carried forward to 2020 to assist the sports with their upcoming seasons.

As always, we continue to support our sports with overall funding to them amounting to \$104,500 for the year (this amount excludes the funding of the Bowling Green's upkeep).

I would like to acknowledge the Coronation Club for their continued support of junior sports with their grant of \$25,000. These funds have been provided to our junior sports to assist with the development of our volunteers and players.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jason Parle, our General Manager, the Briars management team Ben, Jack, Monique, Megan and Jeff, the Backyard and my fellow directors for their huge contribution throughout the year that has seen a strong performance by the club.

# Vale Notices

## Spencer Hipwell

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We would like to inform our members of the passing of Spencer Hipwell, one of our oldest members.

Brian Williams, Peter Hotten, Lex Yule & Spencer Hipwell coached the Briars Rugby Kentwell team who went on to win the Premierships and Club Championships. Spencer was also the architect of the first New Zealand Tour in 1960 and with his wife, Liz, a regular at Rothwell up until the last 2 years. Our sincere condolences to Liz, Scott and Spencer's family.

## Allan Jones (AJ)

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It is with great sadness that we advise our Briars Hockey members of the passing of our friend, and hockey legend AJ (Allan Jones) on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September.

AJ was introduced to Briars through junior hockey with his 2 children Meegan and David. AJ was fundamental in supporting our Junior teams on and off the field including initiating the weekly junior BBQ which raised significant funds for our juniors.

Once the original Cintra was established as a venue AJ became almost a permanent fixture. Spending countless hours running and maintaining the field, setting up our canteen facilities and then working in the canteen throughout the week.

Cintra could not have survived those early years without AJ's enormous and outstanding dedication as a volunteer. AJ knew how to fix almost everything. If there was ever an issue or you couldn't find something you knew AJ would know what to do; and if he somehow didn't, he and his good mates and other Briars legends Walter Zol & David Ratcliffe would figure it out.

Cintra became AJ's second home. We loved AJ and AJ loved Cintra/Briars.

In recent times AJ had battled his lung cancer without ever losing his witty humour and still jumping in just a few months ago to fix the hooter on the scoreboard. AJ was a dedicated supporter of his daughter Meegan who played in the Women's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade team this year. He was either cheering her on or pushing his beautiful grandson Archie around the field in his stroller.

We have lost a Briars Hockey legend. He will be greatly missed.

## Lindsay Dyter

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It is with regret that we advise all Briars members of the passing of another 1964 Invincible.

Lindsay Dyter joined Briars Rugby in 1961 and was a regular member of Kentwell and Burke Cup teams from 1961 to 1964 inclusive.

In 1964 Lin played the entire season as a centre in the undefeated Kentwell Cup Premiership side. Brian Williams, the Kentwell Cup coach, wrote in the 1964 Annual report: - "Lin Dyter - did everything asked of him - defended soundly, attacked strongly, developing a nice dummy! Good attacking play by Lin and Jack (Burkhart-I.C.) helped our wings a lot. Used short kick to great advantage."

It is of interest to note that in 1964 our Grand Final opponents were AMP. Opposing Lin and Jack was John Brass who went on to become a very good Wallaby and Kangaroo centre. In the 3 games against AMP in 1964 John Brass failed to score a try in all 3 games against Briars.

Lin will be greatly missed by all surviving Invincibles and his wife Betty.



## Roger Kerr

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Roger joined Briars in 1952 to play cricket. He was an opening batsman. In 1954 Roger became honorary treasurer of The Briars Sporting Club for three years and in 1956-57 won the J H Stone Trophy, which is awarded to members under the age of 25, for his outstanding contribution to the club's welfare.

Roger also served on the cricket sub-committee for a number of years and was an excellent team man. He mainly played B Shires but was promoted in 1956 to A Shires.

Roger resigned from honorary treasurer in February 1958.

# The Briars Foundation

## President's Report

Paul Price | President



*After a huge 2017/18 where we opened the Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park the Briars Foundation took a back seat to Centenary celebrations in 2018. The Statement of Financial Position for The Foundation to the year ended 30 June 2019, shows net assets of \$15,2213.79 compared with \$14,4745.54 for the 2018 year.*

**Directors:** Paul Price (President), Peter Dunlop, John Price, Warwick Williams, Phil England, Paul Mattick, Brett Howle.

After a huge 2017/18 where we opened the Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park the Briars Foundation took a back seat to Centenary celebrations in 2018. The Statement of Financial Position for The Foundation to the year ended 30 June 2019, shows net assets of \$152,213.79 compared with \$144,745.54 for the 2018 year.

Twelve years ago, negotiations were finalised with the Australian Sports Foundation which created an opportunity for donations to be tax deductible. This outcome has been responsible for the significant increase in membership and donations and a number of existing members have taken the opportunity to upgrade their membership status through additional donations. Members have continued to be very creative in the way they have pledged their support. Some have pledged a monthly amount, others an annual donation, a few one-off payments and some bequests.

The construction of the Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park was a long-term project and the Briars Foundation can be very proud of the \$1.8m showpiece now being enjoyed by both Cricket and Rugby. Currently, the Foundation doesn't have a

major project. I will be standing down as President after 10 years, we are in the process of appointing some new board members and a president which will take effect from 2020. Our next fundraising drive will be determined by the needs of the various sports and the new board will guide that process. As well as the \$220,000 contribution for the Ted Stockdale Pavilion, over the past 8-10 years the Foundation has donated over \$12,000 to Hockey for a new electronic scoreboard and security cover at their home ground and even more significantly we donated over \$23,000 to the club for the extremely impressive memorabilia cabinet at the club. Additionally, we donated \$3,800 towards the scanning of all The Briars past reports/records which will allow every member to easily access their past and present administrative and sporting achievements online. More recently we donated funds to Squash, \$2,255 to Rugby for goal post pads and we committed \$35,000 towards the new cricket nets which have been built next to the club and will be used by the clubs 12 senior and 40 junior teams. The Foundation was formed in 1994 and over the past 25 years we have been responsible for some \$3.3m in projects for the club.

A big thank you again to our treasurer Bill Hooker who did a fabulous job again on the administration and finance side this year - thanks Billy! Thanks also to the Directors for their support and constructive advice and we look forward to an exciting 2019/20. A current list of Voting Members and donors is provided in this report and we thank all our contributors for their generous donation to the Foundation.

# Burwood Briars Cricket

## Chairman's Report

Gerard Price



### Achievement Summary

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

*Semi Finalists for the 9<sup>th</sup> Year in a row*

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

*Grand Finalists for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row*

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

*Grand Finalists and Runners up*

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*PREMIERS for 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row*

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Briars Rivals and Briars Brothers-  
Semi Finalists*

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Briars Gold – semi finalists*

#### **Under 24's**

*Grand Finalists and Runners Up*

#### **Club Championship**

*WINNERS (7<sup>th</sup> Year in a row)*

### Presentation Night Award

#### **Winners**

*David Walker Trophy (Services to  
Cricket)*

**Barry Cardwell**

*Ted Watt Trophy (Best New Talent)*

**Matt Booth**

Once again, the mighty Briars cricketers have surpassed all expectations to yet again win the Club Championship.....for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in succession! No other Club has achieved this feat in the history of Grade or Shires cricket and is an achievement that every Briars cricketer is proud of. The Club Championship is won by the best performing Club across 5 grades and so to do this for 7 seasons in a row is quite an incredible achievement. Although this is quite an unbelievable performance the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team, led by Lloyd Andrews, won that grade for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in succession. Again, this has only been achieved once before in Grade cricket.

There are many Clubs who set out to win just one game against us or draw the game and that is their measure of success. We have always played to win each game and that is the way cricket should be played and why we have had such an amazing run of success.

As we have said many times it is very difficult to make semi finals let alone win a Premiership but this season, we won another 2 titles to add to the collection and played in 2 other Grand Finals as well! Many Clubs have not even been able to play a semi final in any grade and to have 8 out of our 9 teams contest semi finals.....well that is sensational.

The season began well for us with plenty of early wins across the grades and a lead in the Club Championship at Xmas and all sides were well placed. We proved to be very consistent even though we had plenty of players unavailable at various stages for reasons such as holidays, work, injuries, weddings, exams, and music festivals!!!!

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade team again led the way for the Club to reach the semi finals for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in succession....outstanding and were eventual semi final losers to the reigning Premiers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to the semi finals but went on to defeat the Minor Premiers in a classic Grand Final performance to become PREMIERS, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade were Minor Premiers but unfortunately drew a rain affected Grand Final and so lost to a higher placed team, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade finished second prior to the semi finals and then became PREMIERS, and three of the four 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams all finished in the semi finals. Unbelievable.

The Club suffered plenty of rounds when guys were unavailable for a variety of reasons but we somehow managed to put some competitive teams on the field each week. To this end we are grateful to the many former players who help out when needed to fill a gap somewhere and this is one major reason that we

*Richard Tregeagle Trophy (1st Grade Players Player)*

**Jack Kovacic**

*Gerard Price Trophy (2nd Grade Players Player)*

**Matt Roper**

*Anthony Clarke Trophy (3rd Grade Players Player)*

**Damian Price**

*Peter Mansford Trophy (4th Grade Players Player)*

**Scott Brennan**

*Will Hood Trophy (5th Grade Players Player)*

**Harry Lee**

*Paul Price Trophy (Under 24's Players Player)*

**Harry Peters**

*Bill Hooker Trophy (Masters/Classics Players Player)*

**Warwick Hayes**

*To all these award winners we congratulate you and thanks to Paul Price and Gareth Robson for their assistance with the evening.*

are successful. Those players know who they are and I can assure you that as a selector it is reassuring to know that we have this group of guys to call upon. Thank you and long may it continue.

This season proved to be a very interesting season in that we again fielded 4 x 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams for the fourth time. This consisted of our usual Maroon and Gold teams as well as teams called Briars Rivals and Briars Brothers. These guys played the game the way we wanted them too and they both made the semi finals before eventually bowing out. They are a great group of people who we hope will be with us for years to come.

We never take our success for granted as it is so difficult to win but we certainly crave that winning feeling as a Club.

We know all other Clubs try to match or copy us and they are all very determined to beat us. We take that as a compliment and a challenge that we are used to now and know that it will take a very strong and dedicated Club to beat us.

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade team played some fantastic cricket again this year under the leadership of new skipper Max Squire to again make the semis and then lose to Mount Pritchard who won the comp for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were outstanding this season. The qualifying Final was a wash out and so we progressed to the semi final against Georges River. After dismissing them for 145 we managed to just pass them before we were dismissed for 148. They came out swinging to set us a target and we had to bat 60

overs or score 122 to win. Thanks to Alex Peters and Matt Booth, who had injured his ACL during the game, we passed the total to advance to the Grand Final.

Playing against the Minor Premiers in Auburn at Drummoyne Oval the game was set up to be a beauty. Auburn batted and scored 236 with all the wickets shared. We got off to a slow start and the momentum of the game changed many times during our innings with Kale Barton providing solid resistance batting at number 3. We moved to 8-180 and still 57 to win. A tough task in any game let alone a Grand Final. A partnership of 53 between Brett Bastow and Sam Tregeagle took us to 223 but we still needed 14 to win with 1 wicket in hand. The crowd had built up and every run was vital. A near run out was missed by Auburn and then Player of the Match in Brett Bastow smashed the winning boundary to send the crowd in to a frenzy. We had won! What a game.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team finished as Minor Premiers and were one of the dominant teams in the competition yet again. We played Strathfield in the Qualifying Final and they only managed to score 98 with James Webb ripping though the opposition taking 7-26. We batted but only managed to score 80 and so we progressed as the highest place loser to the Semi Final.

The semi final was played against Georges River and was a must win game. We were outstanding in dismissing the highly fancied opposition for only 72 with Damian Price taking 6-12. Our batting was simply brilliant with young Jamie McLeod smashing an unbeaten 157 before the opposition conceded.

The Grand Final saw us up against our archrival in Strathfield yet again. Most of day 1 was washed out but we batted first and scored a competitive 152. Unfortunately, as the game wore on the wicket improved and we were unable to dismiss them as they finished day 2 at 5-130. A draw and so we were runners up.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place prior to the semis and we were forced to play at a neutral venue with all other grades hosting home semis. Up against Epping the rain forced plenty of game delays before we were sent in late on day 1. Some ordinary batting saw us end the day at 8-76 before day was washed out.

The semi final was against Balmain South Sydney. We dismissed them for only 99 with the wickets shared before we batted poorly to only score 131. With plenty of time left in the game Balmain came out to have a slog and were dismissed for 101 leaving us about 70 to win or bat the overs out. A couple of early wickets caused a bit of panic, but we finished at 4-42 and a Grand Final spot.

The Grand Final was played at the home of cricket in Rothwell Park. With plenty of rain leading up to the game the majority of day 1 was spent super sopping the outfield before a late start was possible. Our plan was to occupy the crease and that we did. We were scoring slowly and losing wickets to be 5-64 before a simply amazing partnership between skipper Lloyd Andrews (64) and veteran Paul Panutti (66) took our total to 200. We continued batting after tea to end the day at 8-264 before the opposition conceded. A 5<sup>th</sup> Premiership in 5 years!!!

I will leave each of the skippers to report on the individuals in each team as there were plenty of sensational performances that enabled us to have such an incredible year.

The teams this year were very well led by the skippers being Max Squire(1<sup>st</sup>),Declan Kennedy(2<sup>nd</sup>), Brad Sculley(3<sup>rd</sup>),Lloyd Andrews(4<sup>th</sup>),Brett Howle/Anthony Clarke (Briars Maroon), Mark Smyck/Michael Taberner(Briars Gold)and Chris Iaquito (Under 24's).This can be a very difficult task with the teams usually not able to be selected until Wednesday at the earliest and many times being finalised late on a Friday however their patience was constantly tested and their goals were to ensure all grades were selected fairly. Well done guys for your time and effort throughout the season. Much appreciated.

The season also saw us celebrate the Clubs Centenary where a game was played at Rothwell including both past and present players. It was terrific to see so many new and old faces down there for the day including Scott Castle, Adam O'Keeffe, Ian Blair, and Jim Dimas and it was a great way to celebrate our history.

The club is fortunate to be able to play on some of the best turf wickets in Shires being Rothwell Park, Ron Routley Oval, and St Lukes Oval. The grounds men do a wonderful job each week with James and Jeff in charge at the respective grounds. Rothwell Park was once again voted amongst the top grounds and was constantly praised by opposition teams who enjoyed playing on such a good ground and wicket and a new amenities facility. Well done and thanks guys.

Off the field there are many guys who assist in the cricket administration throughout the year and in no particular order I will mention them. Anthony Clarke, who serves on the Shires Rep Committee and assisted in many other odd jobs, Brett Howle for his incredible efforts each week with covers to ensure all teams got to play, Gareth Robson for his invaluable help each week and keeping our website up to date as well as taking care of behind the scenes paperwork and sorting out any Mycricket issues, Paul Price for his regular 'advice' and feedback on all issues and regular updates each Saturday on the Briars Facebook page, Terry Murphy for his representation of the Club at the various SCA meetings in town each month and for providing any statistics on past players when requested on occasions, and Michael Towells and Jason Harris who helped manage the Under 24's. A big thanks also goes to Rose Taberner who organised our afternoon tea every Saturday across the grades and ensured they were delivered on time each week. To anyone I have failed to mention I apologise, your efforts are much appreciated.

To be able to effectively operate a successful club you must also have your finances organised and managed efficiently. For the last decade or so we have been very fortunate to be associated with a wonderful company called **VENUS PACKAGING** who have provided us with valuable financial support during this period. Their involvement with our Club has coincided with the incredible success our cricketers have enjoyed, and I believe their association with us has helped us concentrate on our cricket and ensure sensational results. On behalf of all the cricketers I would like to thank IAN VENUS for his generous support and assure him we are very pleased and proud to have his company name emblazoned across our playing shirts.



Throughout the season there seems to be plenty of occasions when we are in need of a fill in player to assist us in 1 or more of the grades. To this end we are very fortunate that we have many former players who are prepared to help out from time to time and so we thank you all for this. There were plenty who helped throughout the season and will for seasons to come I am sure. Thanks guys, your assistance when needed is very much appreciated and a reason why Briars are the Club we are.

Each season the club competes with Epping for a trophy called the Turnbull/Richardson Trophy and is awarded to the club who receives the most Club Championship points in that round. For the first 21 years we had won this trophy and I know how much it meant to Peter Richardson to be honoured on the trophy in this way. This year we completely dominated Epping yet again to retain the trophy.

On behalf of all the cricketers I would like to thank the staff and management of Briars Sports for their assistance and service to all the cricketers during the season in particular Jason, Ben, Monique, Megan and Jack. We appreciate your ongoing support.

At the end of the season we held our Annual Presentation evening at the club, with over 100 past and present players in attendance. We are very thankful that the 2 Briars legends in David Walker and Ted Watt who have allowed their names to be used for the 2 main awards on this evening. There were also plenty of former players who were in attendance including Warwick Giblin, Peter Mansford, Kevin Price, Steve Schomberg and Richard Tregeagle to name a few. It was fantastic to catch up with them all and we hope to see them as regulars in future years.

It was fantastic to see Elaine Walker in attendance and great to have the Cardwell family there to see Barry accept the David Walker Trophy.

If there is anyone else, I have forgotten to thank I apologise but thank you as well.

## 1st Grade

Max Squire | Captain

### Season Summary

*After losing some senior players and the captain of the previous season's grand finalists, it was always going to be a season of transition for the mighty Briars.*

*With players returning to the fold after a couple seasons off and many 2nd grade grand finalists working their way into the XI, we were able to assemble a talented, yet inexperienced, 1st grade team.*

*This season was predominantly about learning and rebuilding our top grade for future season's. We managed to surprise a lot of people along the way as we were very competitive in most games we played and continuously picked up vital club champions points.*

*Our team was built on enthusiasm and commitment whilst we set out about playing disciplined, skill full cricket.*

*We had highlights throughout the season but the wins against rivals*

### Tim Rose

A gritty player who possesses the ability to play classy shots once his innings is going. Rosey has wonderful hands and anticipation in the field and even did a great job behind the stumps in a one dayer against Mac Uni. Tim would be slightly disappointed with the amount of starts he got without converting to a hundred. He continuously shows his desire to win and was very important at the top of the order for us. His highlight of the year was a brilliant 77 against rivals Strathfield, that included a 101 opening stand with Akarshan.

**STATS: 265 @ 22.08**

### Akarshan Arora

The club was lucky that Arky had returned after a couple seasons away from Sydney. A brilliant all-rounder who had many highlights throughout the year. All parts of his game were vital for us. His batting will improve as he learns to build on his starts. His bowling was one of our strongest weapons and his hands at short cover were phenomenal. His one-handed catch at short cover against Roseville was one of the best I've seen. His highlight of the year came against Balmain South Sydney where he scored 48 at the top of the order and took 5/11 off 7 in a bonus point win.

**STATS: 255 runs @ 19.62 and 21 wickets @ 15.33**

### Chris Iaquinto



*Epping and George's River were my favourite as they demonstrated exactly what our team was good at. In both matches we batted first and posted decent totals after facing over 65 overs. This was followed by disciplined bowling and exceptional fielding.*

*We did very well to finish in the top four after the regular season and that paid dividends as the qualifying final was washed out. Our season came to an end in the semi final as we were outclassed by the eventual premiers, Mount Pritchard Southern Districts.*

A decent season for IQ as he began to find his feet in his first full year in first grade. He was deployed in various positions in the batting order and managed to get a few starts, but a player of his ability will be disappointed that he wasn't able to convert those starts into more substantial scores. He is a skillful medium pace bowler who can swing it both ways when the conditions suffice, and a highlight of his season was his 4/12 in a bonus point win against Pennant Hills.

**STATS: 148 @ 13.45 and 10 wickets @ 9.80**

**Max Squire**

**STATS: 358 @ 29.83 and 12 wickets @ 19.33**

**Karl Vendrasco**

A wonderfully talented and destructive batter who played many vital innings for our team. He was solid in the field and played a major part in our team culture. He adapted quickly to the standard in his full year in first grade and will hopefully play an important role for the team over the next few seasons to come. His highlight of the year was a brutal 108\* in an outright win over NWS.

**STATS: 340 @ 34**

**Alex Palmer**

Another talented and aggressive batsman. Alex's return from England meant that he would play his 2nd season of first grade cricket with the Briars. This season saw Alex contribute more with the bat than the previous year where he was utilised as a bowling all-rounder. A great character for the team and always strong in the field. Alex's early season form was brilliant, and he played many important innings to help us build strong totals. His highlight was a terrific 91 against Roseville's that rescued us from 5-89 and helped us build to 240 which we were able to defend with relative ease.

**STATS: 262 @ 23.82**

**Andrew Jalalaty**

Our most experienced and knowledgeable player, Aj made sure that this transitional season was steady. Stepping aside from the wicket keeping duties, after many successful seasons, Aj was utilised as a batsman that would provide discipline to our order. Perhaps our most important player, in terms of morale, Aj was able to keep our standards consistent during the more difficult periods and always made us laugh when we needed it. No teammate will ever forget playing with Aj, he has a wonderful ability to make each day of cricket enjoyable. I won't forget the time he made for me as a new captain and he is a wonderful servant to our club. His highlight with the bat came against Balmain South Sydney as he pummeled their bowlers to all parts in a bonus point win where he finished 84 not out.

**STATS: 153 @ 25.50**

**Tom Moffit**

His first year as full timekeeper was a success as he showed great skill and brought terrific energy behind the stumps. He kept the rest of the fielders switched on during tough periods in the field. He was consistently good with the bat as he played his role perfectly, ensuring that we batted our overs and set strong totals. I'm hopeful that he will have many successful seasons behind the stumps in first grade as he is a skilled player and a great thinker of the game. His highest score was 40\* against Strathfield, but his highlight was 27\* against Georges River where he also took 3 catches in a great all-round performance.

**STATS: 129 @ 18.43 and 17 catches.**

## Brad Whitfield

Another all-rounder with brilliant skills in every part of the game. He plays with aggression no matter what the situation of the game and always moves the match toward a result. After a couple of seasons away from the Briars he quickly established himself as a vital part of the 1st grade team, and I hope that continues for many seasons to come. He had two significant matches where we won due to his talent. He led the attack against Roseville where he took 5/45 to lead us to victory. Against Epping he scored a powerful 52 toward the end of a rain affected innings and helped us post 214. He then dismissed their captain with the new ball and managed a brilliant direct hit run out to finish the match off. This match signified his importance to our team and showcased his great talent.

**STATS: 164 @ 18.22 and 12 wickets @ 19.83**

## Jack Kovacic

The leader of our attack. He is one of the most skilled players I have had the pleasure of playing with. Continuously challenges the competitions best batsmen and rarely comes off second best. He had a great year with the ball even though he played many matches in pain due to a shoulder injury. He chipped in with important runs at the back end of our innings. The clubs most important player, when he fires it usually means we have gained club champs points. His highlight of the season was leading our charge against Epping with 5/41, dismantling their top order by claiming 5 of their top 7. He was wonderful in the semi final against Mounties where he took 5/66 off 20 and also scoring 21 not out.

**STATS: 142 @ 14.20 and 26 wickets @ 14.50**

## Diren Reddy

Cemented himself as a 1st grader this season with consistent performances with the ball. Diren has a lot of potential and could become a great all-rounder for the club's top grade, as he is talented and a great thinker of the game. A wonderful servant of the club and is always willing to lend a hand. Despite not taking a big haul, he consistently took important wickets throughout the season. His performance against Mounties in the semi final was a highlight as he took two important wickets in a long opening spell, in difficult conditions. I look forward to watching him flourish as a first grader in the coming seasons.

**STATS: 53 @ 10.60 and 12 wickets @ 25.17**

Many people were surprised and happy with what we achieved throughout the year and although I was proud, I was slightly disappointed as I believed we would have performed better in the semi final and perhaps gone a step further. However, I felt privileged to lead this team out each round and it was one of my most enjoyable seasons as a player due to the character and unity we were able to develop. If we can keep this core group of players together, I definitely see more success in the coming seasons. Congratulations to all other captain and players in what was a terrific year for the club. Thank you to all of the players that contributed their time and effort to our team and thank you to the club for trusting me to lead these men in such an important season.

PLAYER	M	I	N	100S	50S	OS	4S	GS	MINS	HS	R	AVE.	STR.
Squire, Max	12	12	0	1	1	2	24	8	119	111	358	29.83	402.2
Vendrasco, Karl	11	11	1	1	3	1	28	5	17	10s•	340	34	3777.8
Rose, Tim	13	13	1	0	1	4	28	0	7	77	265	22.08	13250
Palmer, Alex	12	11	0	0	2	2	19	15	74	91	262	23.82	429.5
Arora, Akarshan	13	13	0	0	1	0	14	0	173	51	255	19.62	233.9
Whitfield, Brad	10	9	0	0	1	1	14	6	60	52	164	18.22	455.6
Jalalaty, Andrew	8	8	2	0	1	1	11	6	59	34•	153	25.5	340
Iaquinto, Christopher	13	12	1	0	0	0	6	0	204	38	148	13.45	112.1
Kovacic, Jack	13	11	1	0	0	0	13	4	99	36	142	14.2	182.1
Moffitt, Tom	12	10	3	0	0	1	10	0	70	40•	129	18.43	192.5
Kennedy, Declan	1	1	0	0	1	0				65	65	65	

Reddy, Diren	10	9	4	0	0	0	2	0	9	11	53	10.6	662.5
O'Connor, Cormac	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1		31	31	31	
Barton, Kale	4	4	0	0	0	0	5	0		17	30	7.5	
Roper, Matthew	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	0		26	26	NA	
Hee is, Declan	6	5	1	0	0	1	1	0	34	13	24	6	92.3
Booth, Matthew	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0		19	19	19	
Andrews, Craig	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0		9	9	9	
Hart, Chris	1	1	1	0	0	0				9	9	NA	
Davis, Stephen	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	15	3	7	7	46.7
Kalie, Luka	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	19	5	7	2.33	53.8
Smith, Guy	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	7	7	7	25
Giddy, Harry S	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		3	3	3	
Van den Nieuwenhof, Ben	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	NA	

PLAYER	M	O	M	R	W	5W	10WM	BB	AVE.	STR.	ECN.
Kovacic, Jack	13	151	35	377	26	3	0	6/30	14.50	34.85	2.5
Arora, Akarshan	13	128	39	322	21	1	0	5/11	15.33	36.57	2.52
Squire, Max	12	47	5	232	12	0	0	3/22	19.33	23.50	4.94
Whitfield, Brad	10	70.5	9	238	12	1	0	5/45	19.83	35.42	3.36
Reddy, Diren	10	83.3	11	302	12	0	0	3/15	25.17	41.75	3.62
Iaquinto, Christopher	13	37.5	4	98	10	0	0	4/12	9.80	22.70	2.59
Vendrasco, Alex	1	22.5	1	79	5	0	0	3/29	15.80	27.40	3.46
Heels, Declan	6	58.1	13	137	4	0	0	1/1	34.25	87.25	2.36
Davis, Stephen	4	24	7	66	3	0	0	1/13	22.00	48.00	2.75
Van den Nieuwenhof, Ben	1	7	3	13	1	0	0	1/13	13.00	42.00	1.86
Palmer, Alex	12	22	3	106	1	0	0	1/16	106.00	132.00	4.82
Rose, Tim	13	1	0	2	0	0	0	0/2	NA	NA	2
Roper, Matthew	1	3	1	21	0	0	0	0/21	NA	NA	7
Andrews, Craig	1	4	0	36	0	0	0	0/36	NA	NA	9

## 2nd Grade - Premiers

Declan Kennedy | Captain

### Highlights

*We won the Shield!*

*Posting 6/403 in a 1 Day match against Pennant Hills in round 4*

*Jake Balnave (73\*) and Osman Kayani's (53) match winning 7<sup>th</sup> wicket 104 run partnership to get us over the line against Roseville in round 6*

*Craig Andrews 6/21 against Macquarie University in round 8 ensuring a valuable bonus point victory.*

*Superb outright victory over North West Sydney in round 12 thanks to a*



Taking a leaf out of my predecessor's book... We won the Shield! We won the Shield!! We won the Shield!!! We won the Shield!!!!

*superb 76 from Matt Booth and an all-round bowling performance including another 5 wickets to Craig Andrews.*

This season saw second grade triumph over Auburn in a grand final for the ages to claim the SJ Mayne Trophy for the 19<sup>th</sup> time in the club's history.

For the eighth season in a row, second grade qualified for the grand final and for the first time in these 8 seasons, we faced an opponent other than Warringah. We certainly were not the favorites to claim the trophy, and still were outsiders heading into lunch on day 2 at Drummoyne Oval. After gifting Auburn 40 extra runs in the field, we found ourselves 5/115 with Kale Barton unbeaten on 55. After lunch saw Brett "Kanga" Bastow and Kale combine for a 50-run partnership before Kale fell, leaving Kanga to bat it out with the bowlers. From 5/161 to 8/180, it looked like those extra runs given away in the field were going to cost us a premiership, but Kanga, Sam Tregeagle and Craig Andrews had other ideas. We passed Auburns 236 with 1 wicket remaining, Sam provided a quick fire 21 with Kanga and Craig unbeaten on 63 and 4 respectively.

We were certainly not the best team all year but turned up for each other when it counted the most. Some further highlights from the year included:

- Posting 6/403 in a 1 Day match against Pennant Hills in round 4
- Jake Balnave (73\*) and Osman Kayani's (53) match winning 7<sup>th</sup> wicket 104 run partnership to get us over the line against Roseville in round 6
- Craig Andrews 6/21 against Macquarie University in round 8 ensuring a valuable bonus point victory.
- Superb outright victory over North West Sydney in round 12 thanks to a superb 76 from Matt Booth and an all-round bowling performance including another 5 wickets to Craig Andrews.



Massive congratulations to all 30 players who contributed to the team's success this year. Special mentions must go to Matt Roper (Players Player for 2018/19), Sam Tregeagle (Leading Wicket Taker with 25 wickets), Alex Peters (Leading Run Scorer with 357 runs) and Guy Smith (Most Catches with 13 Catches). Special thanks to Paul Roper for scoring throughout the year and to the ground staff for



providing excellent grounds week in week out.

Finally, congratulations to all the other teams and captains on yet another Club Championship. Special thanks go to Max, Sculls and Lloyd for assisting me throughout the year. Some further congratulations to Lloyd and the boys on yet another 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Premiership, a truly remarkable achievement. Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention the effort and work of our one and only Gerard Price. Gerard, thank you for all your contributions throughout the season, from team selections to ground covers, your dedication and enthusiasm is certainly contagious, and I have no doubt is the reason we are as successful as we are.

NAME	MAT	IN	RUNS	NO'S	50'S	100'S	0'S	HS	AVG	4'S	6'S
Peters, Alexander M	16	19	357	5	1	0	2	58	25.50	27	3
Barton, Kale	11	12	304	2	3	0	1	70	30.40	22	3



Smith, Guy	15	18	270	1	1	0	1	58	15.88	22	3
Kennedy, Declan	12	12	250	1	2	0	0	61	22.73	14	4
Peters, Harry	15	16	246	0	1	0	2	66	15.38	16	0
Booth, Matthew	5	6	212	1	2	0	1	84	42.40	6	1
Balnave, Jake T	9	9	153	1	1	0	3	73*	19.13	12	1
Kalic, Luka	3	4	153	1	0	1	1	132	51.00	13	0
Bastow, Brett	6	7	141	3	1	0	1	63*	35.25	14	0
Roper, Matthew	9	9	128	1	0	0	0	41	16.00	12	1
Kayani, Osman	6	5	128	2	1	0	0	53	42.67	10	0
Favotto, Alex	4	5	124	0	0	0	0	48	24.80	9	3
Vendrasco, Alex	8	6	115	1	0	0	0	38*	23.00	7	1
O'Connor, Cormac	2	2	87	0	1	0	0	52	43.50	3	0
Tregeagle, Samuel	9	7	75	2	0	0	0	21	15.00	3	2
Rogers, Jack	1	2	57	0	0	0	0	42	28.50	2	
Reddy, Diren	4	4	53	1	0	0	0	35	17.67	0	0
Davis, Stephen	8	7	50	3	0	0	1	20	12.50	0	0
Young, Dave	2	2	24	0	0	0	0	22	12.00	1	0
McLeod, Jamie	1	1	19	0	0	0	0	19	19.00	2	0
Hickey, Aaron	1	2	14	0	0	0	0	9	7.00	1	
Beames, Cameron	1	2	14	0	0	0	0	11	7.00		1
Giddy, Harry S	3	2	11	0	0	0	0	6	5.50	1	0
Price, Damian	7	5	10	2	0	0	2	4	3.33	0	0
Webb, James	7	4	5	1	0	0	2	3*	1.67	0	0
Andrews, Craig	6	3	5	1	0	0	1	4*	2.50	0	0
Pannuti, Paul	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.00	1	
Kovacic, Jack	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.00		

NAME	MAT	W	M	R	O	5WI	AVG	SR	ER	BB
Tregeagle, Samuel	9	25	24	474	124.3	0	18.96	29.88	3.81	4/13
Andrews, Craig	6	23	16	179	63.3	3	7.78	16.57	2.82	6/21
Roper, Matthew	9	18	9	144	65.3	0	8.00	21.83	2.20	4/31
Balnave, Jake T	9	18	22	280	92.1	1	15.56	30.72	3.04	5/51
Davis, Stephen	8	15	43	247	112	0	16.47	44.80	2.21	3/21
Vendrasco, Alex	8	13	9	238	82	0	18.31	37.85	2.90	3/33
Webb, James	7	12	14	171	57	0	14.25	28.50	3.00	3/14
Price, Damian	7	11	20	158	63.3	0	14.36	34.64	2.49	4/38
Reddy, Diren	4	8	13	117	41	0	14.63	30.75	2.85	4/32
Bastow, Brett	6	6	3	78	29.1	0	13.00	29.17	2.67	4/21
Pannuti, Paul	2	4	9	45	22	0	11.25	33.00	2.05	2/7
Barton, Kale	11	2	1	37	12	0	18.50	36.00	3.08	1/7
Maxwell, Philip	1	1	3	6	5	0	6.00	30.00	1.20	1/6
Rogers, Jack	1	1	1	17	6	0	17.00	36.00	2.83	1/11
Peters, Alexander M	16	0	0	4	1	0			4.00	
Favotto, Alex	4	0	0	4	1	0			4.00	
Kennedy, Declan	12	0	5	37	16	0			2.31	

NAME	MAT	CATCHS NON WK	CATCHS WK	RO ASSISTED	RO UNASSISTED	STUMPINGS
Smith, Guy	15	13	0	0	0	0
Peters, Alexander M	16	7	0	0	0	0
Kennedy, Declan	12	6	0	0	0	0

Vendrasco, Alex	8	6	0	1	0	0
Barton, Kale	11	4	0	0	0	0
Roper, Matthew	9	3	0	0	0	0
Peters, Harry	15	2	27	0	0	2
Kalic, Luka	3	2	0	0	0	0
Balnave, Jake T	9	2	0	1	0	0
Giddy, Harry S	3	2	0	0	0	0
Beames, Cameron	1	1	0	0	1	0
Andrews, Craig	6	1	0	0	0	0
Tregeagle, Samuel	9	1	0	1	0	0
Hickey, Aaron	1	1	0	0	1	0
Bastow, Brett	6	1	0	0	0	0
Favotto, Alex	4	1	0	0	0	0
Rogers, Jack	1	1	0	0	0	0
Reddy, Diren	4	1	0	0	1	0
Booth, Matthew	5	1	0	0	1	0
Kayani, Osman	6	1	0	0	0	0
Pannuti, Paul	2	0	0	0	0	0
McLeod, Jamie	1	0	0	0	0	0
Davis, Stephen	8	0	0	0	0	0
Kovacic, Jack	1	0	0	0	0	0
Moffitt, Tom	1	0	1	0	0	0
Young, Dave	2	0	0	0	0	0
Maxwell, Philip	1	0	0	0	0	0
Webb, James	7	0	0	0	0	0
O'Connor, Cormac	2	0	0	0	0	0
Price, Damian	7	0	0	0	0	0

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Minor Premiers

Brad Sculley | Captain

#### Highlights

*Our record for the regular season saw us impressively claim the minor premiership with 68 points. Individual performances from these matches included:*

- Alex Favotto's 205 in round 1 away vs Warringah
- Osman Kayani's patient 63 in round 3 away v Strathfield
- Paul Pannuti and Darren Leichsenring's 54 run 9th wicket rescue partnership to win the match against Pennant Hills in round 4
- Doug Cullen's 78 v Lindfield in round 5
- James Webb's 6-22 round 5 at home against Lindfield

Our Third-Grade team saw a new generation of talent establish themselves as the future success of the Club, going one game short of winning our first title since 2016. It was a privilege to captain a new side who was committed to helping the club achieve a record 7th consecutive club championship and most of all lift each other to perform our best week in week out. It saw a lot of the squad promoted up the grades and placed healthy competition for spots on players above them which, in turn, strengthened the club as a whole.

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- James Webb's 6-22 round 5 at home against Lindfield
- Atul Mahajan 5-41 in an outright round 11-win v North West Sydney



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- Paul Fraser's 79 in round 12 in tough batting conditions away to Mount Pritchard Southern Districts
- Aaron Hickey's 66 in the last round v Auburn to help clinch the Club Championship and Minor Premiership

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So, with 11 wins from 13 matches the team were primed for the finals series. We were to play the eventual premiers Strathfield in the qualifying final who had themselves scraped into the top 6 in the last week. After rolling them for just 98 we had our destiny for a home semi final in our hands. An amazing 7-26 from our star first change, James Webb, saw us dismantle them in the first innings. However, our complacency saw us rolled for a meagre 70 runs and the game lost with day two completely washed out.

We not only lost the qualifying final but our top ranked position to host a home semi final. So, we were faced with the daunting task of playing the defending premiers, Georges River at their home ground to book a place in the grand final. The team showed tremendous character to rebound after the previous week's humiliation and bowl The River out for 72 - the second time we accomplished rolling them for under 75 for the second time this season. Damien Price led the attack with an impressive display taking 6-12 off 10.4 overs. In reply saw us bat The River out of the game with one of the most outstanding innings under pressure I have seen from a young player in a

vital game. Jaimie McLeod compiled a faultless 157 n.o. in the afternoon showing enormous concentration to make their strong attack seem mediocre.

And so, to the big dance where we would be taking on a very confident Strathfield who had beaten us twice this season already. Alas the rains came down heavily the night before delaying the start of the match until late on the first day and lessening our chances to having to win the match as we were the lower ranked side. Openers Alex Favotto and Jaimie McLeod placed us in a relatively strong position at stumps on day one where we were 2-70 and looking to kick on early the next day to set a decent total to defend. Unfortunately, we lost Alex early the next day and another 3 quick wickets to slow down our progress, eventually being bowled out for 152. Although we fought hard for the remainder of the day, time and a flattening pitch was our worst enemy with Strathfield finishing the day at 5-132 and the game finishing in a draw.

Although we learnt a valuable lesson that the job is never done until it's done, we are to congratulate Strathfield on coming from 6th to win the title and worthy winners, beating us three times in the season. I am still immensely proud of this group for achieving what they did and want to highlight a few players on their incredible 2018/19 stats to get us to this position:

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Players player was deservedly won by Damien Price with his 26 wickets. I would like to particularly thank Gareth Robson on the legacy he left as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade captain over the last few years and leaving the team in a great place for me to take on. As a team we would like to congratulate Declan Kennedy's second grade and Lloyd Andrews' fourth grade on their amazing achievements in securing premierships for the club.

We would also like to congratulate our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade on their achievement on reaching the semis and brilliantly led by Max Squire with big things to come in the future for this team.

Thank you to the players who played across the season and everyone was able to contribute towards our success. I am grateful for the efforts you displayed each match to get us in a position to challenge for the title. It took a squad of 20 to get us to the Minor Premiership and Grand Final.

And finally, we are forever grateful for the endless work Gerard Price and his committee put into helping create such an amazing environment to play in. The Club continues to grow stronger and stronger which is a reflection of the incredible amount of work and guidance this man provides year after year. He and the other captains were a great source of support for our team and played a vital role in helping us achieve what we were able to achieve.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Premiers

Lloyd Andrews | Captain

### Highlights

*Congratulations Briars another fantastic season by all, especially to Maxy and Sculls, if it wasn't for you boys, we would not win Club Championships.*

*To DK and the 2nd grade team well done on winning your Grand Final and chasing 230 odd and to Kanga on winning the Man of the Match medal.*

*Gerard the respect I have for you is unbelievable, the way you run the club, continue to give us top class teams is fantastic, your passion for the club is second to none.*



### Scott Brennan

You know what you're going to get with Scott, he has a go at every opening bowler, sometimes good but sometimes bad. Took out our Players Player award for the season.

336 @ 21 best inns 56 - 16 catches and 2 stumpings

### Tristan Stansfield

Tristan was pretty solid in his 1<sup>st</sup> year in 4s, Hard work in pre-season and I'm sure next year will be bigger and better.

239 @ 18.38 best inns 71

### Gareth Robson

Not the best season from Gareth but I'm picking him every day of the week. He knows how to win and has experience you can't buy, hoping for a bigger seat next year, you're a great bloke mate.

### Tom Buchanan

Tommy played one game for us and guess what, he is a Premier. We picked Tommy on Friday night before the Grand Final at 8:30, he turned up and did a great job for us scoring 7 against a good bowling line up. A future Briars higher grade player.

### **Hamish Fisher**

You never know what you're going to get when Hamish hits the ground, my opinion is he is going to be a very good higher-grade player in years to come but needs to work more on his batting and bowling. Brilliant in the field.

107 @ 11.39 best inns 39 - 7 catches

### **Paul Pannuti**

Nudi, What a player and a bloke, he will love me for this but you're becoming an all-rounder, batting all-rounder I mean, but if you want him to turn up early give him 3 hours leeway, for some reason Friday nights get a little out of hand, just missed out on the Player of the Final medal.

167 @ 23.86 best inns 66 in the GF  
23 @ 12 best of 4 - 33

### **Greg Metcalfe**

Heart of gold Greg never takes a backward step. Always wants the ball and a handy batsman down the order. A great season again Greg so let's go for 6 in a row!

88 @ 8.80 best inns 25  
25 @ 12.96 best of 5 - 11

### **Anthony Melnyk**

New to the club Anthony performed fantastic all year. Great with the ball and when he got a chance with the bat was solid. His batting late in the GF was great to watch and looking forward to another big season next year

111 @ 13.88 best inns 30 not out in the GF  
21 @ 9.38 best of 4 - 5

### **Gerard Price**

KING, LEGEND, GREAT BLOKE,

Gerard is why we continue to win Club Championship and Premierships year in year out. It was very enjoyable winning this year's GF with you in the team.

57 @ 28.50 best inns 26 not out in the GF  
18 @ 6.56 best of 6 - 53

### **Sandy Hilal**

A bit ago a roller coaster year in your first year at the Club. I'm sure you would have liked more runs and wickets but you gave your best every game, and a Premiership to boot. I'm sure next year will be better

77 @ 7 best inns 31  
13 @ 8.77 best of 3 - 20

### **Pat Fraser**

Break out year for Pat. I saw a lot of things I liked this year and he has the game to go up the grades as long as he continues to learn from his mistakes. Work hard and I'm sure next year will be big for you.

142 @ 14.20 best inns 38 in 4s and hit a nice 79 in 3s

### **Brad Fendyk**

Brad has all the skills with both bat and ball and if he can get a full season in I'm sure 2nd grade will be calling him..... as long as we can get him away from the Thunder Nation

111 @ 22.20 best inns 39  
14 @ 13.64 best of 4 - 33

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gold

Mark Smyck & Michael Taberner | Captain

### Season Summary

*In 22 rounds, we won 10 matches with 5 draws / wash outs and 7 losses. A win in the last round guaranteed us a spot in the finals and we did it with a bonus point win over Epping. This victory put us 2 points above NW Sydney and secured us a spot in the finals in 6<sup>th</sup> place.*

Briars Gold was once again co-skippered by Mark Smyck and Michael Taberner, as we had done in previous seasons. Our availabilities throughout the season meant that both captains only played a limited number of games at the same time.

With the club celebrating its centenary year, it was our opportunity to step up from previous seasons and put ourselves into finals contention. We got there. Just barely.

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Our Qualifying match was against Balmain South Sydney Eagles at Birchgrove Oval. 1<sup>st</sup> Vs 6<sup>th</sup>. Our match was also being played on a Sunday, which made no sense after the fact that there was no match planned at the ground on the Saturday when we should have played. Unfortunately, the weather didn't favour our position either with rain leading up to our match. But with no effort made by the home to put covers down all week, as we had spies passing the ground all week monitoring the lack of progress, we put in a protest which resulted in Balmain losing any home ground advantage for the future finals matches. Our season had come to an end.

Our match results throughout the season never gained any proper momentum as we were only able to string 2 consecutive wins in a row, but we never lost more than 2 in a row either. Our closest opponent was the Briars Rivals where we lost both matches to them, the first game by 1 wicket and the other by 4 runs.

Batting has never been strong point as we are basically a team of bowling all-rounders. In the 17 matches we played; no opening pair of batsmen batted more than once together! We had the opportunity to call on Jim Dimas, a player from our Masters over 40's who made himself available for a few matches. Having Jim in the team shot the average age up by quite a few years but his 73 in his first match for Briars Gold showed he still had plenty of ability left in his agile frame. We thank him very much for allowing himself and his son Luke to be available when we short players for a couple matches.

Due to lack of opening batters, we had the opportunity try a few different players at the top of the order to see if utilising them differently could prove to be a success. But in doing so, our top order batting needs to improve in the future to ever give this team a strong start to the match. It'll be interesting to see whether those that tried the opening position will continue to give it a crack in the future and whether these experiments will work!

Our leading run scorer was Harry Lee with 290 runs with a highest score of 69. He established himself as an excellent top order batsman who I feel cemented his spot at number 3 and was able to settle the game down after early wickets. Other top run scorers were Vrishank Pendyala with 213 runs, Jeremy Wedd with 192 and Mark Smyck with 183 runs. Other highlights with the bat included Matt Booth in his only game for Briars Gold with 101 against Balmain South Sydney Tigers, he went on to do *quite* well for the rest of the season; Vrishank Pendyala with 59 vs Balmain South Sydney Tigers and 54 against Roseville; Jeremy Wedd's 52 against Auburn Gold, and Mark Smyck's 50 not out against Balmain South Sydney Eagles.

But with a weak batting line-up, we countered that with a strong bowling line-up. And with a long bowling list it was hard to give everyone enough opportunity with the ball. But those who had the cherry proved their worth with some impressive figures. We also had the 4<sup>th</sup> least runs scored against us.

Our best bowler for the season was Luke Antoniadis who took 22 wickets for the season. In his first season for the club he quickly impressed with the ball with only 2 wicketless games in the 14 matches he played. His line and length were a struggle for batsmen as runs did not come easy off his bowling. His

best figures came against Auburn gold where he took 6/8 off 6 overs. He still has plenty to learn and hope he continues to get better each season. Other top bowlers were Michael Gordon with 15 wickets who converted from spin to pace during the season and also Jeremy Wedd with 11 wickets. Other highlights with the ball came from Harry Green with 6/32 against Roseville which included a hat trick; Rizwan Dilawar with a blazing opening spell of 5/11 against Macquarie Uni in close to 40-degree weather; and also, Colin Taylor with 5/12 against Auburn Gold.

Congratulations to Harry Lee for winning the Will Hood Medal for the best 5<sup>th</sup> grade player. It was well deserved for a man who led from the front with the bat and chimed in with ball when needed. He was also someone that I had much communication with on and off the field when it came to plans and ideas when Tabs was unavailable. He also helped finding players to help fill in when we were short of players. He is knocking at the door to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and if the opportunity arises, looks to be a future captain.

Congratulations to Declan Kennedy and Lloyd Andrews for their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade premierships. Amazing accomplishments from both teams! Well done to the other captains, Max Squire (1<sup>st</sup> grade), Brad Sculley (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Chris Iaquito (Under 24s) for their efforts and securing the Club championship once again! And, to Brett Howle and Anthony Clarke and their efforts with Briars Maroon.

And lastly, a big thanks to Gerard Price. His efforts never go unnoticed, and the work put into 5<sup>th</sup> grade this season, along with Clarke & Charlie to get 11 on the field for each team, each week has been a struggle. Can't for the (at least!) 2-hour selection meeting between the 5<sup>th</sup> grade captains and the old heads going through their complete Briars history of a contact list on their phones to find players to fill in. All the behind the scenes work GP does is never fully understood, and we should always be grateful of his efforts and opinions.

I hope 2019/2020 will be another strong year for the club. There's no other club like this. Embrace the success. We work hard for it. There's only one Burwood Briars!

Player	M	I	NO's	50s	HS	RUNS	4s	6s
Lee, Harrison	17	15	3	2	69	290	23	0
Wedd, Jeremy	10	9	1	1	52	213	10	1
Pendyala, Vrishank	13	11	1	2	59	192	19	0
Smyck, Mark	13	10	3	1	50*	183	21	0
Booth, Matthew	1	1	0	1	101	101	13	0
Dimas, Jim	3	3	0	1	73	96	6	0
Dutta, Biplav	12	9	1	0	25	96	5	0
Murphy, Daniel	6	6	1	0	29	94	6	0
Naganathan, Sanjan	10	5	2	0	35*	89	3	1
Desai, Ritesh	6	5	0	0	39	61	4	0
Dilawar, Rizwan	6	3	0	0	31	47	4	0
Henderson, Nicolas	6	4	0	0	33	45	1	0
Gordon, Michael	13	7	1	0	21	44	3	0
Taberner, Michael	10	5	2	0	25*	42	2	0
Durrant, Cameron	9	5	2	0	15*	36	3	0
Dimas, Luke	2	2	1	0	22	33	1	0
Lee, Joshua	2	2	1	0	21*	26	0	0
Schmitzer, Joseph C	2	2	1	0	14	20	0	0
Karkare, Sanket	1	1	0	0	19	19	1	0
Antoniadis, Luke	14	6	2	0	6	17	0	0
Gordon, Liam	1	1	1	0	14*	14	0	0
Kott, Eshan	2	2	0	0	12	12	0	0



Cleary, Vince	5	3	0	0	7	11	0	0
Green, Harrison	5	3	1	0	8	11	0	0
Melnyk, Anthony B	1	1	1	0	8*	8	0	0
Ledden, Timothy N	1	1	0	0	7	7	0	0
Fraser, Patrick E	1	1	0	0	7	7	0	0
Studley, Will	3	1	1	0	4*	4	0	0
Kayani, Luke	1	1	0	0	4	4	0	0
Buchanan, Tom	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0
Voleti, Aditya	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0
Sharma, Aniket	2	2	1	0	1*	1	0	0

Player	M	Overs	Mdns	Runs	W	5W/I	B/B
Antoniadis, Luke	14	83.4	11	241	22	1	6/8
Gordon, Michael	13	58.3	1	245	15	0	3/16
Wedd, Jeremy	10	30.5	3	72	11	0	3/9
Green, Harrison	5	21	0	92	9	1	6/32
Lee, Harrison	17	50	6	135	9	0	2/11
Dilawar, Rizwan	6	46	8	142	9	1	5/11
Naganathan, Sanjan	10	51	3	151	9	0	2/10
Smyck, Mark	13	22	2	82	8	0	3/7
Taylor, Colin	3	23.2	8	57	7	1	5/12
Dutta, Biplav	12	20.3	0	49	5	0	2/18
Pendyala, Vrishank	13	10	0	33	3	0	3/18
Desai, Ritesh	6	17	2	57	3	0	1/10
Lee, Joshua	2	8	3	18	2	0	1/9
Fendyk, Brad	1	8	0	25	2	0	2/25
Buchanan, Tom	1	8	0	26	2	0	2/26
Dimas, Luke	2	14	0	46	2	0	1/19
Taberner, Michael	10	25	1	68	2	0	1/13
Studley, Will	3	21	4	91	2	0	1/26
Cleary, Vince	5	20.2	0	93	2	0	1/18
Karkare, Sanket	1	6	1	21	1	0	1/21
Murphy, Daniel	6	2	0	6	0	0	0/6
Melnyk, Anthony	1	7	3	13	0	0	0/13
Mirza, Zeeshan	1	6	0	32	0	0	0/32

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Maroon | Tim Creer Cup A Division

Brett Howle & Anthony Clarke | Co-Captains

### Season Summary

*The 2018/19 season will not be recorded as one of the better ones for the Maroon side. The nucleus of young players that had been the foundation of the team in prior years had pleasingly moved up into 4<sup>th</sup> grade or sometimes higher. Whilst this is the primary role of*

The competition consisted of 10 sides, playing 40 overs each in a one-day game, over 22 rounds. The top 6 make the finals. The side only achieved 5 wins during the year which was below expectations. The side was generally competitive but just lacked that individual performance with the bat or ball to change a match. It needs to be stated however, that a majority of teams that competed in 5<sup>th</sup> grade played as a stand-alone team and did not integrate (i.e. promote or relegate) with other teams within their own club. Therefore, there are teams that would be



*5<sup>th</sup> grade, it did impact the sides ability to put a balanced and competitive side on the field at times during the season. That said, the side utilised 41 players with those noted below being the regulars during the season so my thanks to them for their availability.*

highly competitive in 4<sup>th</sup> grade at the very least. Balmain South Sydney Knights were premiers after total washouts in their semi-final and final.

Congratulations to Harry Lee on being awarded the 5<sup>th</sup> grade players player for the season.

Briars cricket has enjoyed another tremendously successful year with another club championship and 2 further

premierships. Congratulations to all players that contributed towards this, a special acknowledgment to my fellow captains for the time, effort (and at times, grief) in doing selections. Being at the end of the food chain when it comes to selections does have its moments. The foundation of Briars Cricket success over the year's rests with Gerard Price. After some 30 years in his role as Chairman it is a fitting testament to Gerard's efforts that Briars remain the most successful club in shires cricket and the club that other sides strive to beat given our success. We just need to work on adding a current 5<sup>th</sup> grade premiership to the trophy cabinet to sit alongside all the others.

I especially encourage our newer and younger players to remain playing cricket with Briars. The future remains bright. We are a wonderful club with a great history, culture and spirit. Importantly, we are a club first and foremost then the individual teams. We always enjoy the camaraderie that comes with playing as a team and it is imperative that a new generation of players remain with the club to seek to ensure our future success.

As usual, let's hope for a short winter in readiness for next season.

## Season

Played	Win	Draw	Loss	Runs for	Overs faced	Runs against	Overs bowled	Points	NRR	Position
22	5	4	12	2050	690	2340	690	37	-0.42	9 <sup>th</sup>

## Season Highlights

Tristian Stansfield 68\* vs Brothers, Sanket Karkare 4/23 vs Auburn 50 & 4/13 vs Souths, 58 vs Souths, Jack Bakker 4/35 vs Souths, Rizwan Dilawar 4/25 vs Mounties, Vince Cleary 4/18 vs Mounties, Anthony Clarke 4/9 vs Auburn & 49 vs Souths, Zeeshan Mirza 4/23 vs Souths, Jason Tran 5/20 vs Auburn, Paul Price 19 vs Mounties.

## Statistics (min 9 games)

Player	M	I	N.O.	HS	R	Ave	O	M	R	W	Ave	Ct/s
T Buchanan	9	8	2	23	108	18.0	43.3	3	174	7	24.9	1
J Bakker	10	5	0	10	11	2.2	50.1	8	223	18	12.4	2
A Clarke	15	9	2	49	89	12.7	98.1	12	354	21	15.9	3
V Cleary	9	7	3	5	13	3.3	40.1	1	157	13	12.1	1
C Durrant	11	10	0	31	79	7.9						9/1
B Howle	15	13	1	31	173	14.4						7
S Karkare	17	17	2	58	324	21.6	81.4	15	234	27	8.7	3
D Murphy	10	10	1	19	83	9.2						4
P Roach	14	14	0	22	135	9.6						6
C Taylor	11	5	3	7	12	6.0	65.4	13	190	18	10.6	4
G Workman	9	9	1	103	23	12.9						0

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Brothers

Asita Galappatti & Shreyas Patel | Captain

### Season Summary

*Like the 2018-2019 Everest climbing season, the Tim Creer Cup (Division A) table was, at its peak, over-crowded, uncertain and weather-dependent.*

*The Brothers lead the competition from base camp but ultimately suffered one too many bouts of altitude sickness, bringing what was otherwise another promising season to a premature, Icarus-esque end. There was no Tenzin to this Hillary...*

*But at the end of the day, we must look back and remind ourselves of what Sir Edmund once said - "It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves."*

### Season commentary

We start with the formalities. Thank you again to Burwood Briars for allowing us to play another season under the vestiges of the vaunted Red Rose. There is no doubt, if there ever was, that Briars Cricket is the premier Club in the Sydney Shires competition. We are grateful to share, and to hopefully contribute to, that success. It is unfortunate that we couldn't deliver in the Centennial season. We look forward to redeeming ourselves in due course. Congratulations also go to each and every other Briars team (Cricket and other "sports" alike) specifically in respect of their individual and collective performances over another extensively successful year.

The Brothers started last year much like the previous one. Classic cover drives, blistering back-foot cuts, and pulverising pull-shots over midwicket...at home, in front of the mirror. In reality, it was another season where our batting expectations soared above our batting scorecards and middle order

collapses featured. That being said, there were exceptions to the rule. Shreyas Patel, was the top-scorer for the competition, averaging 37.93, a high score of 94\*, scoring a total of 531 runs - almost 150 runs over his next best competitor. Our captain, Asita Galappatti, also featured in the top 10 (at 8 - for those with an eye for detail) with 322 runs at 20.13.

Our bowling remained McGrath-like consistent. The whole battery of Brothers bowlers (i.e. the whole team except Osh, the wicket keeper) chipped in with timely wickets, focused lengths and Pythagorean lines. We were blessed this year with the recruitment of a left-arm spinner to round out our quality "spin trio" who collectively took 55% of the teams' wickets at an average of 11.7. This gave us a clear edge over the competition given the ability to bowl spin from one end for an entire innings on slow dry Sunday used wickets. Of particular note, our leggie Jeet Parikh taking 8/31 in 8 overs which is an impressive result in a 40 over one-day format. Even more impressive was his 10.4 ball strike rate as our seasons top wicket taker.

There were two more ingredients in our success. A distinct lack of ability on the part of our opponents to diligently lay their covers and global warming. With torrential, flash flooding occurring most Thursdays and Fridays, there were a number of teams who failed to assiduously apply their covers in accordance with Rule 3.11.2 of the SCA Handbook.

In the end, we were one game away from holding one-half of the trophy. A tied result in the Grand Final due to, again, global warming meant that we might have climbed our Everest had we taken that one last step over Strathfield in the Sem-Final.

### Player Profiles

**Asita Galappatti** – Captain and the rock of the Brothers. Ever reliable when the side needs someone to knuckle down and grind a total out. A flamboyant off-side stroke player, excluding the dab that falls straight into backward point's hands! Handy partnership breaker with the ball who could use himself more often.

**Shreyas Patel** - The trump card of the team and our answer to the great all-rounder Sir Garfield Sobers. His reputation as a match winner with both bat and ball precedes him. Has an insatiable appetite for runs and chokes the opposition opening with his big turning offies.

**Toby Warnes** – Aka Uncle Toby and Pigeon. Shreyas' opening partner with the ball has unnerving and metronomic lines and lengths that have put many a side on the back foot from the get go. Safe as houses in the outfield and a more than handy left-handed batsman when his confidence is up.

**Jeet Parikh** – Jeeter had a breakthrough season in Tim Creer Cup Division A. The equal leading wicket taker with 27 at a ridiculous average of 7.33 and 10.4 ball strike rate. Tore the heart through Mounties Black in Round 10 with 8/31 in his 8 overs, followed up with 4/30 in our semi-final loss.

**Vidyut Ammanamanchi** – Vidz aka The Finisher. Hits the ball hard and long and has brought us home in a chase on several occasions. High quality in the field and a good middle overs pacer when he gets his lines right.

**Jay Patel** – Could be in the side for his fielding alone. Has taken many a specie from the outfield and is a dead-eye rocket arm with a knack of hitting middle stump and affecting runouts. Scores runs in the lower order and when his confidence is up and running, is almost unplayable with his left arm pace angling across the right hander.

**Vaidya Panch** – Aka VP or the Honey Badger. Malcolm Marshall-esque with his fast and accurate bowling first change. Don't get caught on the crease in front when facing this bloke! LBWs in 40% of his 15 wickets in 2018/19. It was a genius move to have him opening the batting later in the season and copped an absolute howler (ironically LBW) in the semi-final after making a brisk 29.

**Harris Khan** – Haz, Hazza or Bablu as he is affectionately known. Part of the famed spin trio with Jeet and Shreyas who collectively took 72 wickets or 55% of the team's wickets total. Puts the clamps on in the middle overs with his left-arm orthodox and consistently takes wickets. The hard-hitting leftie has the potential to score lots of runs but needs to convert his starts.

**Ashish Surat** – A class top order batsman with a career average of 50 and his legendary unbeaten double-ton on his Tim Creer Cup debut. Struggled to get going after chronic knee issues hampered his season. A safe pair of hands at gully and crafty medium pacer. Will be looking to comeback hard with the bat in the upcoming, so bowlers beware!

**Monadil Syed** – Mono is always a team player who gives everything on the field. A quality medium pacer who has broken key partnerships and is transforming from new ball bowler to the death overs specialist. Holds the fort with the bat in the tail end and has the best sweep shot in the team.

**Ritvik Dinesh** – The young pup of the team who was juggling HSC commitments with NSW State Tennis and Cricket. Easily the best batting technique in the team and a prodigious talent who will have a bright future playing grade/premier cricket next season.

**Robbie Ovseev** – A versatile cricketer who is solid with the bat and a good part-time bowling option. A good stand-in wicketkeeper who is brilliant to the spinners and took 4 stumpings in his 3 games.

**Marlon Shou** – A quick bowler who is the go to man when there are overcast conditions. Safe hands in the field and puts the older blokes to shame with his agility. Hopefully has a better season in the lower order with the bat, but that will require using his clunky Gray Nicolls bat as firewood and getting a new stick.

**Oshada Wijesinghe** – The wicketkeeper of the Brothers and known within Tim Creer circles as 'The Stumping King'. Fearless keeping up to the stumps against the quicks and has taken some excellent stumpings against the spinners. A cavalier with the bat, Osh lives and dies by the sword.

**Ruben Banerjee** – New member of the team. His effort and commitment is second to none. Has a lot of potential with the bat and can hit a long ball. With some training and focus on his technique he can be quite valuable in the lower middle order.

## Summary Statistics

Player	Runs	Batting Avg	Wickets	Bowling Avg	Catches/ Stumpings
Asita Galappatti	322	20.13	6	15.83	4

Shreyas Patel	531	37.93	27	14.00	6
Toby Warnes	160	14.55	15	12.13	3
Vaidya Panch	97	13.86	15	12.73	6
Vidyut Ammanamanchi	171	12.21	3	46.67	7
Harris Khan	121	10.08	18	14.89	1
Jeet Parikh	67	8.38	27	7.33	4
Jay Patel	92	9.20	5	70.80	13
Ritvik Dinesh	124	24.80	2	27.50	2
Ashish Surat	172	19.11	2	21.00	5
Monadil Syed	13	4.33	8	21.88	2
Robbie Ovseev	67	11.17	1	58	8
Marlon Shou	40	6.67	6	22.50	1
Oshada Wijesinghe	59	7.38	-	-	17
Ruben Banerjee	45	5.63	2	20	1

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rivals

Vivek Thangaswamy | Captain

### Few Individual Highlights

#### Round 1 vs Roseville

Santhakumar 62

#### Round 5 vs Balmain Tigers

Santhakumar 3/5 including a hat-trick

#### Round 7 vs Auburn Colts

Sreejith 3/15 including a hat-trick

#### Round 8 vs Macquarie University

Karthik P 50

#### Round 17 vs Epping

Abhijit 52\*

#### Round 19 vs Mt. Pritchard Southern Districts Green

Santhakumar 106\*

#### Round 21 Vs Auburn Gold

Karthik P 64

Fourth season for us as a team, with Briars and we were eager to replicate our success last year and go one step further. We had a pretty decent run in the league games winning 11 out of the 16 played games and finishing up third in the table.

Unfortunately, we couldn't get past a very tightly contested, low-scoring semi-finals game.

We started off the season with comprehensive wins, with some solid batting performances and excellent bowling, defending our scores. A few washed out games and losses followed, pushing us to the middle of the points table. We did pick ourselves up, winning almost all our remaining games, finishing up in the top 3. The semi-final game turned out to be a very interesting low scoring game, unfortunately we finished up on the wrong side, ending our season.

### Few of our interesting match highlights:

**Round 1 vs Roseville** – Roseville made 125 (Satheesh 13/3) and we made it an easy chase, completing the game in 20 overs (Santhakumar 62)

**Round 4 vs North West Sydney** – Batting first we finished up our 40 overs, scoring 146 (Vivek 35). The game went into the last over with North West requiring 8 runs to win, but Abhijit (7/2) who had already bowled an impressive first spell, came back to successfully defend the target.

**Round 14 vs Briars Gold** – Another of those games that went until the last over. We made 130 (Vivek 23) and once again it was Abhijit successfully defending the target in the last over (Ujjwal – 17/3).

**Round 19 vs Mt.Pritchard Southern Districts Green** – This was an overall complete performance - batting first, we scored 192 (Santhakumar 106\*) and followed it up with an excellent bowling show, bundling out the Mounties for 37 in 14 overs (Vinod 6/2, Ujjwal 8/2)

### Few of our regular players' season performances:

**Abhijit** – Has always been our bowling spearhead and proved that yet again, ending up as the highest wicket taker (25 at 12.88), being consistent throughout the season. Also contributed with the bat, making sure we ended up with good finishes, more often than not (187 at 17).

**Santhakumar** – Started off the season with a match winning half century, followed up with few decent scores, but nothing big, until round 19 – batted through the 40 overs scoring 106\*. Ended up as the highest run scorer (358 at 22.38) and second highest wicket taker (22 at 11.27). Picked up a hat-trick on the course, too.

**Vivek** – Injury scares saw him miss a few games and once back, made few good contributions with the bat at the top, finishing as one of the top run scorers this season too (272 at 17). Also, proved to be a safe hand in the field.

**Karthikeyan** – Usually digs us out of trouble with his spin bowling and this season too he did that on most occasions (20 wickets at 13.5) along with a couple of face-saving performances with the bat (144 at 16).

**Srini** – Been a good keeper for us throughout the previous seasons and showed up an excellent performance this year too, finishing up with most dismissals for a keeper this season (16 catches and 4 stumpings). A good batsman down the order, played few good innings with the bat too, when he had his chances (149 at 13.55).

**Vinod** – Played only 8 games this season, but still made good all-round contributions with bat and ball (6 wickets at 17).

**Kalairaja** – Has played the role of a finisher every season for us with perfection. Had a couple of good starts this season, but overall had an off season.

**Vijay** – Another finisher of us with an off season. Played a match winning innings with the tail to chase the target against Briars Gold. Apart from that game, was off colour this season.

## Statistics

### Batting

Player	Aggregate	Highest Score	Average
Santhakumar	358	106*	22.38
Vivek	272	42	17
Abhijit	187	52*	17
Satheesh	150	30*	15
Srini	149	34*	13.55
Karthikeyan	144	64	16
Karthic	137	39*	19.57

### Bowling

Player	Wickets	Best	Average
Abhijit	25	4/27	12.88
Santhakumar	22	3/5	11.27
Karthikeyan	20	3/12	13.5
Satheesh	16	3/13	15.63
Ujjwal	14	3/17	12.29
Sreejith	14	3/9	12.50
Vijayprabhu	8	3/24	20.75

### Fielding

Player	Catches	Stumpings	Run outs
Srini (WK)	16	4	8
Abhijit	11	0	1
Vivek	8	0	0
Satheesh	7	0	2
Santhakumar	6	0	2
Karthikeyan	6	0	1
Vinod	5	0	2



## Under 24's

Chris Iaquinto | Captain

### Individual Highlights

#### Batting

- *Harry Peters 169 Runs @ 42.25*
- *Tom Moffitt 161 runs @ 32.30*

#### Bowling

- *Sam Tregeagle 8 wickets @ 23.13*
- *Diren Reddy 7 wickets @ 23.57*
- *Declan Heels 6 wickets @ 11.33*
- *James Webb 6 wickets @ 16.83*

The start of the 2018-19 season for the Under 24s side was an interesting one with a number of new faces in the team as well as coloured clothing and white balls being introduced. The boys started the season brilliantly with two wins against Strathfield and Mounties despite losing the competitions best bowler, Ben Van den Nieuwenhof in the first over of the season.

Unfortunately, as has been the case in previous seasons, a poor all round performance against George's River saw us head into the Christmas break with 2 wins and 1 loss. A forfeit from Balmain gifted us 7 points in the first round after the break before a tight match against Auburn followed with Harry Peters scoring (68) and Phil Maxwell (3 wickets), both playing superbly and helping us secure a 22-run win.

We then came up against a young North West side and toiled hard to reach 200 with vice-captain Tom Moffitt (57) and Harry Peters (44) the standouts. The match however, belonged to Sam Tregeagle who in his first match back claimed figures of 5-28. The victory meant we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sydney Thunder conference and had an away semi-final against Epping.

The boys arrived at the game full of confidence and after Epping won the toss and batted it was the return of Declan Heels that proved difference. Declan bowled exceptionally well claiming figures of 5-19 off his 10 overs as Epping were rolled for 74. In true Briars fashion we lost a wicket with the first ball of our innings, however Matt Roper (41) and Harry Peters (21) steadied the ship as we passed Epping's score 5 down.

This set up a grand find with George's River and was the Under 24s boys second successive final. After winning the toss and batting first, wickets throughout our innings saw us dismissed for only 129. George's River passed this comfortably and unfortunately for the second time in a row we finished the season as runners up.

Congratulations to all involved throughout the season, we can be proud of what we were able to achieve and should hold our heads up high. To those boys who finish up their 24s careers with me this year, Tom Moffitt, Declan Heels, Kale Barton and Ben Van den Nieuwenhof, it has been a pleasure and enjoy the Sunday's off. A big thanks to Michael Towells, Jason Harris and Gerard Price for assisting with organising extra training sessions, scoring and selection meetings and for their constant support to myself and Tom. Hopefully its third time lucky next year to succeed in bringing the Frank Gray shield back to Concord.

## Briars Masters

David Abood | Captain

### Season Highlights

- *Briars Record Score for Masters – 6/260 vs Lane Cove (G. Matchett 42 no, G. Sharmatov 40 no, W. Cameron 41 no, P. Cramsie 32, J. Menzies 32)*
- *J. Menzies - 40 & 2/22 vs CCNSW*
- *C. Deguara - 40 & 4/38 vs CCNSW*
- *D. Mahoney - 43 no vs St Claire*
- *S. Rous - 4/36 vs Warringah*

Following a frustrating previous year where the Masters team was unable to field a competitive line-up in a number of games, the team went into recruitment overdrive prior to the 2018/19 season. This resulted in a number of new players being introduced to Briars cricket, and subsequently, a much more competitive team. New players such as Damian Mahoney, Simon Mahoney, Matt Turner, and Wayne Grimson, all contributed nicely, whilst a couple of guys who had previously played limited games for the club (Geoff Cordner and Dan Bowcock) also provided strong contributions.

Over the course of the season, our 11 games resulted in just 3

- D. Bowcock - 56 no vs Old Ignatians
- S. Rous - 3/42 vs Roseville
- S. Rous - 4/25 vs Hunters Hill
- G. Cordner - 42 no vs Hunters Hill
- M. Ridge - 36 no vs hunters Hill
- D. Abood - 44 no vs Lindfield
- G. Cordner - 42 no vs Lindfield
- G. Sharmatov - 3/19 vs Lindfield
- E. Sutton - 3/30 vs Lindfield

M. Turner

*Special mention for what I believe was the best catch I have ever seen taken by a wicketkeeper – a leg glance that was middled and headed to the boundary before Matt intercepted it, diving horizontally at full stretch in his left hand vs Warringah.*

wins, and a 12th place finish out of 16 teams (an improvement on our one win and 15th place the previous year). Having said that, of the 8 losses, one was a forfeit when we could not get enough players to travel to Collaroy, we lost 3 games by less than 15 runs, and another by 1 wicket – had a few of these gone our way, a top half finish was certainly realistic

One of the difficulties faced with Masters is the transient nature of availability, meaning that had we been able to field our strongest team, results would have been far more flattering. As it was, we were required to use 29 players across the season, an indicator of the difficulties faced. Thanks to the mainstays of our season; Greg Sharmatov (8 games), Tom Reaney (7), Steve Rous (7), Charlie Deguara (6), Damian Mahoney (6), John Menzies (6), Rob Vilensky (6), David Abood (6), and Ewen Sutton (5).

Special thanks to Paul Cramsie for his untiring work behind the scenes, performing all the administrative functions and co-ordinating availability and selections – without him, it is unlikely that we would get a team on the field most weeks.

Thanks to Stu Lind for his overall co-ordination of the club's Masters and Classics, and to Gerard Price for his ongoing support. We are privileged to be able to play most of our home games at Rothwell Park, and without their efforts, and the efforts of the ground staff, this would not be possible.

Congratulations to Steve Rous on winning the Players' Player Award – well deserved for a memorable season.

#### Masters Batting Best

Player	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	Not Out	Highest	Average
Menzies, John L	6	6	97	0	40	16.17
Mahony, Damien	6	5	96	1	43	24.00
Deguara, Charlie	6	6	95	0	40	15.83
Rous, Steve	7	7	92	2	37	18.40
Shahmatov, Greg	8	8	91	1	40	13.00
Cordner, Geoff	2	2	84	2	42	N/A
Abood, David R	6	6	75	1	44	15.00
Dimas, Jim	4	4	73	0	34	18.25
Mahony, Simon A	4	3	58	0	29	19.33
Ridge, Mark	2	2	57	1	36	57.00

#### Masters Bowling Best

Player	Mat	O	W	Maidens	Runs	Average	Economy Rate	Best Bowling
Rous, Steve	7	59	16	9	236	14.75	4.00	4/36
Shahmatov, Greg	8	34.1	10	5	166	16.60	4.86	3/9
Reaney, Thomas	8	45.3	10	3	222	22.20	4.88	3/40
Sutton, Ewan	5	28	6	1	149	24.83	5.32	3/30
Menzies, John L	6	14.4	5	0	86	17.20	5.86	2/12
Deguara, Charlie	6	11	4	1	52	13.00	4.73	4/38
Cordner, Geoff	2	16	4	2	60	15.00	3.75	2/24
Mahony, Simon A	4	29.1	4	3	97	24.25	3.33	2/23
Vilensky, Rob	6	15	4	0	113	28.25	7.53	2/12
Mahony, Damien	6	40	3	2	136	45.33	3.40	1/15

## Briars Classics

Brian Kirk | Captain

Season 2018/19 got off to a slow start for the Classics with our first two fixtures of the summer washed out. The first weekend of November saw the team finally take the field against Warringah at Rothwell Park. Winning the toss Burwood posted an excellent score 8 – 184 off our allotted 40 overs. We were passed 9 down in the last over following a very controversial not out call against our bowlers. A promising start to the season.

It was not until early December that the team experienced our first victory for the summer, chasing down 207 with three balls to spare. Throughout the season we notched up excellent wins against Mandalong Lawyers, Western Suburbs Cavaliers, Roseville and Pennant Hills. Close losses verses Warringah, Cricketers Club and Georges River. Overall the Burwood Briars Classics won four matches, lost five along with two washouts. The team finished 8th in the 16-team competition, the same position as the previous season.

Stand out performers for the team being Warwick Hayes, Greg Shahmatov, Charlie Deguara, Jeff Matchett and Dave Trewin who made a welcome return to the team last summer.

The team was once again well led by Skipper Brian Kirk who on most days had to cypher through the myriad of input from various team members concerning the status of the fixture at any given time. An unforgiving task that Brian was able to negotiate, well appreciated by the team.

Congratulations to Warwick Hayes who took out the Players Player award in scoring 157 runs without being dismissed plus capturing six wickets in the four games he could manage with the side. His positive attitude towards the game lifts all team members to put their best foot forward in striving for victory.

### Classics Batting Best

Player	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	Not Out	Average	Highest
Hayes, Warwick	4	4	177	4	N/A	57
Shahmatov, Greg	7	7	132	2	26.40	35
Deguara, Charlie	5	5	110	2	36.67	37
Karmakonda, Sadanand	5	5	104	2	34.67	48
Trewin, Dave	7	7	96	2	19.20	31
Lucas, Steve W	8	7	92	0	13.14	31
Magee, Luke	4	4	86	1	28.67	30
Alice, Paul	6	6	85	2	21.25	31
Matchett, Jeffrey P	5	5	60	1	15.00	30
Ridge, Mark	4	4	60	1	20.00	30

### Classics Best Bowling Performances.

Player	M	O	Maidens	Runs	W	Average	Economy Rate	Best Bowling
Shahmatov, Greg	7	41.4	3	122	10	12.20	2.93	4/23
Matchett, Jeffrey P	5	24.2	5	100	9	11.11	4.11	4/28
Hayes, Warwick	4	28	4	97	6	16.17	3.46	3/30
Lind, Stuart E	6	13	1	51	4	12.75	3.92	3/12
Lucas, Steve W	8	36	1	216	4	54.00	6.00	2/17
Fernando, Gus W	5	26	2	95	3	31.67	3.65	2/33
Karmakonda, Sadanand	5	17	0	115	3	38.33	6.76	2/25
Alice, Paul	6	34	5	126	3	42.00	3.71	2/17
Cordner, Geoff	1	9	2	20	2	10.00	2.22	2/20
Kirk, Brian A	8	38	4	142	2	71.00	3.74	1/19

A big call out to Gerard Price for his support for both the Masters and Classics sides. Year in year out Gerard has been behind our concept, we look forward to Gerard joining us in the near future.

# Concord Briars Cricket

## Presidents Report

Kieron Devlin



Season 2018-19 was another sensational season for the Concord Briars Junior Cricket Club with a record number of players across junior cricket and Blast activities. The club had 41 teams (over 400 players) playing across three different associations. This included four girls' teams, a real growth area that the club has promoted (Doubled in numbers).

The 2018-19 season was highly successful with numerous teams making semi-finals and grand finals and 5 Premiership winning teams. Most importantly, from all reports the players had a very enjoyable season and enjoyed the comradery and mateship of the great game of cricket!

### Jnr. Cricket U8 Black

Peter Locke & Ashwin Singh | Coach & Managers

Having most of the team as first-time players, they showed incredible development across the course of the season. The team displayed a great fighting spirit focusing on the basic skills and dedication to the spirit of good sportsmanship, teamwork and having fun, they competed successfully in every game. Each



and every player developed personally across the season with progression of their skills and game awareness. The team was supported by a great unit of parents and finished the season with a love of the game and an eagerness to come back and play again next year."

This year's players were;

*Peter Locke (Coach), Rithik Alladi, William Locke, Lucas Grimson, Rishan Singh, Jayshan Shanmugaratnam, Alex Rogerson*

*Absent: Ashwin Singh (Manager), Bhaumik Das*

### Jnr. Cricket U8 Blue

Darren McCarthy, Nathan Catalano & Michelle Ginman | Coaches & Manager

The boys and parents of the under 8's blues had a fantastic first season.

Being the first season playing for all of the boys, we worked hard to develop our skills and our love of the game. All players improved immensely, each of them learning the basic skills and understanding of the rules to provide a great platform for the years to come. Whilst all players improved out of sight, Oliver Sproule earned the coaches award because of his hard work, dedication and vast improvement throughout the year.



This year's players were;

*Front Row:*

*Sanitago Lopez Simao, Maximilian Catalano, Oliver Sproule, Liam Urludag, Lucas Shiner*

*Second Row:*

*Nathan Catalano (Coach), Noah Richards, Henry McCarthy, Ryley Salakas, Michelle Ginman (Manager)*



## Jnr. Cricket U8 Gold

Raj Puranik & Rasa Venclovas | Coach & Manager

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The Under 8s Gold had an awesome first season in 2018/19. The boys have all showed a tremendous willingness to learn technique and have loved each other's company at every moment. We consistently



took wickets, fielded solidly and scored plenty of runs in every match, including lots of boundaries. There is a very bright future ahead for this group moving forward for the Briars Club! Goooooo Gold!

*Front row: Jack Stampar, Charles Burges, Nikhil Puranik, Joshua Nixon, Sam Knight*

*Second row: Rasa Venclovas (Manager), Fergus Smith, Julian Morris, Hugh Morris, Raj Puranik (Coach)*

*Absent: Zaquin Viola*

## Jnr. Cricket U8 Maroon

Mark Lenthén & Michelle Gaskin | Coach & Manager

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The U8 Maroons were a delight to coach with the positive energy that they brought to both training and the matches and their enthusiasm to learn new skills. All players improved through the season and our particular strength in bowling and fielding led to a favourable for/against ratio with lots of opposition members being bowled, caught and run out (with several direct hits and classic catches). Congratulations



to the full team of the 4 J's (James Kavadias, Jayden Jamil, Jack Cleave and Jeremy Lenthén) and the non-J's (Oscar Frederick, Leo Goldsworthy, Isaac Hood and Harry Horwood). Special mention to our most improved player, Jack and congratulations to the recipient of the Coach's award, Oscar. I wish all 8 of our team the best for their futures - boys, keep up the desire to learn new skills and enjoy practising and playing the greatest game.

*Front row: Oscar Frederick, James Kavadias, Jack Cleave, Leo Goldsworthy, Isaac Hood*

*Second row: Mark Lenthén (Coach), Jeremy Lenthén, Harry Horwood, Jayden Jamil, Michelle Gaskin (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U8 White

David Bromfield & Tim Guthrie | Coach & Manager

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The team had an enjoyable season. It was the team's first year playing cricket, so learning the rules and how to bat, field and bowl was very exciting. They all improved during the season and are looking forward to coming back next season.

The members of the team are,

*Front Row:  
Alexander Crothers, Zac Bromfield, Seamus O'Connell,  
Bradley Sherer, Liam Guthrie*

*Second Row:  
David Bromfield (Coach), Aidan Kelly, Ethan Jovcevski,  
Sam Campion, Tim Guthrie (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Black

Michael Beckford & Arjun Minocha | Coach & Manager

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Under 9 Black continued to make massive improvements over the course of the season, with most of the team able to score boundaries by the end of the year and three players contributing sixes. Fielding in particular improved markedly - we were regularly taking catches in the field, along with wickets to every bowler.

Importantly, we had fun every game and always played with the right spirit - a positive atmosphere on the field where we always supported each other with no criticism of mistakes and celebrating every wicket as an important achievement. The team enjoyed the close wins, found excitement in a tied game, and graciously accepted the losses.



The coaches award for the team for this year went to Ranveer Minocha for consistent bowling every week, for always being enthusiastic and keen at the games and at every training session, and for improvement with his batting over the season.

The team was;

*Front row: Yuveer Dawar, Hayden Milson, Max Celegon, Miles Cowan, Ranveer Minocha, Finlay Kitching*

*Second row: Michael Beckford (Coach), Joe Everett, Felix Beckford, Azlaan Qureshi, Arjun Minocha (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Blue

Jason Jacobs & Usha Dean | Coach & Manager

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*Front row: Matthew Cassano, Luca Di Gori, Dimitri Paleologos, Rhys Lenord, Antony Di Gori, Jack Hannan*

*Second row: Usha Dean (Manager), Riley Grant, Luke Jacobs, Rohan Dean, Jason Jacobs (Coach)*

The U9 Blues had an awesome year together! Riley Grant became our “speed demon” opening bowler who racked up a few casualties on the way and could also crack a fair boundary or two – watch out for him in a few years’ time. Rhys Lenord took over the responsibilities of wicket keeper mid-way through the season and is

fearless behind the stumps. Rhys was also very handy in the middle order and had a couple of great cameo knocks for us. Jack Hannan became our solid opening batsmen (who also became our part time leg spinner) and began forging a great opening partnership with Rohan Dean whose big hitting in the middle of the season was a real treat. Antony DiGori was solid as our first drop batsmen and soon became an essential part of our high rotation bowlers. Matty Cassano soon established himself as THE fielder in the side with some amazing catches – then backed it up with his great bowling and batting. Alongside Matty as our key all-rounder was Dimitri Paleologos who always gave 300% in his bowling, batting and fielding. “Dimich”, over the two years we have been together, has been a real asset to our team and always provides us with much entertainment both on and off the field. Luca DiGori showed us from early on that he had a great batting ability – but more than that, was fantastic at running between the wickets. Luca won us tight games at the death with his ‘crafty’ singles. Finally, to round out the team we have Luke Jacobs. Lukey was all class at the crease and gave us many beautiful pull shots and drives. Not to mention his occasional wicket by clean bowling the batsmen using his hard to pick action off the long run. We (the parents and the kids) have had so much fun over the two years, it really is sad that we won’t get the opportunity to play together again as the boys enter new schools in 2020. I would like to thank Usha Dean for managing this year and to Sara Paleologos for last year – it made my job so much easier. Thanks to Dom DiGori, Chris Hannan and Allan Dean for their kindness and care when umpiring the boys. Special thanks to Nick Paleologos for well ... being Nick.



It was a very hard decision this year for the Coaches Award, but one young man stood out who always trained hard and played every game in the right spirit. Congratulations Jack Hannan on earning the Coaches Award this year.

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Gold

Steve Maronese & Julie Bell and Lara Sarlas | Coach & Managers

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The 'mighty' Under 9s Gold team enjoyed another fun filled season with some great personal progress



and skill development along the way. This team is well supported by the wonderful parents and siblings who attend training sessions and the Saturday games. Our Bowling Award went to Aiden 'The Beast' Scullion, the Batting Award went to Luke 'The Champ' Maronese and the coveted Coaches Award for 2019 was awarded to 'Flying' Flynn Grainger. Louis 'The Axe' Gilroy, 'Big Bad' Beau Brown and Claudio 'Smash'em' Luzzani were very entertaining batters, whilst Anish 'Waffle Power' Sukumaran and Noah 'Trick Ball' Thorne bowled well throughout the year and Matthew 'The Flash' Sarlas was a great all-rounder!

*Front row: Beau Brown, Anish Sukumaran, Louis Gilroy, Aldan Scullion, Flynn Grainger, Claudio Luzzani*

*Second row: Steve Maronese (Coach), Noah Thorne, Luke Maronese, Matthew Sarlas, Julie Bell (Manager), Lara Sarlas (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Green

Hari Shankar & Matt Holani | Coach & Manager

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U9 Greens had a terrific and enjoyable season! Though there were a few newcomers and first time cricketers, the team won a number of games and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout. They were applauding and cheering not only their players but also their opponents. The team trained hard every week and worked on their front foot drives, running between wickets and bowling at off stump line. Some of the highlights were big sixers from Luke Holani, Arjun Hari and Sid Siby, near hat tricks by Malcom McKenzie, Connor Papworth and Thomas Ronan, great fielding, catching and throws from the deep by Giuliano Fiorito and Harry Miller and last but not the least Tanisha Young, who rarely lost her wicket. Most improved player: Sid Siby. The team will look forward to next season.

*Front row: Connor Papworth, Tanisha lee Young, Siddharth Siby Babu, Harry Miller, Arjun Hari*

*Second row: Hari Shankar (Coach), Luke Holani, Malcolm MacKenzie, Thomas Ronan, Matthew Holani (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Maroon

John Perkins & Will Knight | Coach & Manager

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*Front row: Joshua Hannan, Cooper Merchant, Henry Perkins, Isaac O'Neill, Lachlan Gacitua*

*Second row: Will Knight (Manager), Eamon Turner, Tom Knight, William Gibson, John Perkins (Coach)*

A mighty season for the U9 Maroons. The boys all had enormous fun throughout the season, as we all watched with awe as all of their skills increased quite significantly. Only one game lost during the season, but as one of the boys said "it was good to lose a game to

our mates from the other Briars team). Quite a few sixes hit, and even some hat tricks, towards the end of the season.

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Red

Martin Danev & David Mansford | Coach & Manager

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At the start of the season most of the U9 Red team did not know each other and were inexperienced cricketers. By season's end the team had won three games and had improved noticeably. With experience and more frequent practice, the boys will be loving their cricket even more.



The team was;

*Raphael Danev, Arham Iqbal, Fraz Iqbal, Oscar Welfare, Harii Ratnavel, Martin Danev (Coach)*

*Absent: David Mansford (Manager), Aaryn Jamwal, Ari Mansford, Matthew Tydd, Vihaan Shah*

## Jnr. Cricket U9 White

Nathan Halliday & Conor Bannan | Coach & Manager

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This season was filled with learning, development and most importantly lots of fun. The players worked hard to improve on their skills during the season. The team members are Finn Banner, Elliott Behrens, Jack Brandon, Oscar Halliday, Charlie Halliday, Aaryen Kalia, William Malone, Zachary Muncaster and Rhys Williams.

*Front row: Rhys Williams, Finn Bannan, Jack Brandon, Charlie Halliday, Oscar Halliday*

*Second row: Conor Bannan (Manager), William Malone, Zachary Muncaster, Elliott Behrens, Nathan Halliday (Coach)*

*Absent: Aaryen Kalia*

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Black

Fergus Stewart, Mark Kelly & Elizabeth Everett | Coaches & Manager

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There was significant improvement in their technical ability with both the bat and ball, and an increased awareness of game strategy.

This culminated in the boys winning two clutch games at the end of the season to sneak into the Top 4, and then proceed to knock off the first placed team in the Semi with an outstanding team display of batting, running, bowling and fielding. Unfortunately, the boys played their GF in the Semi however should be very proud of what they achieved for the season, as their parents definitely are!

The foundation for future success has been laid with the effort they have put in over the second half of the year.



*Front row:*

*Charlie Roberts, Arush Virmani, Kels (Alexander Kelly), Sash (Alexander Srdic), Soorya Anand*

*Second row:*

*Mark Kelly (Coach), Fergus Stewart (Assistant Coach), Mark Everett, Aditya Anand, Ashtyn Pickering, Elizabeth Everett (Manager)*

*Absent: Stuey (Alexander Stewart)*



## Jnr. Cricket U10 Blue

Pat Colreavy & Bridget Pate | Coach & Manager

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This season I had the pleasure of coaching a fine group of cricketers in the Under 10 Blue team. Every boy approached their cricket seriously yet played with the joy and enthusiasm that being among friends and teammates brings. Each player improved his batting, bowling and fielding skills, and every match was played in the spirit of true sportsmanship.

Our Blue team had 10 wins and one exciting tied match. The boys reached the final and I am confident they had a great chance of winning. Unfortunately, the weather intervened, and a washout resulted in U10 Blue being runners up.



Congratulations to Akira Howard, Alexander Gunning, Eddie Huynh, Henry Joyce, Vivaan Wadhwa, Patrick Coulton, Lachlan Pate, Lukas Peat and Tom Colreavy on a successful season, and again to Henry Joyce for winning the Coach's Award.

*Front row: Thomas Colreavy, Lachlan Pate, Vivaan Wadhwa, Akira Howard, Alexander Gunning, Edward Huynh*

*Second row: Patrick Colreavy (Coach), Patrick Coulton, Henry Joyce, Lukas Peat, Bridget Pate (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Gold

David Bolton & Melina Roufas | Coach & Manager

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The Under 10s Gold had a great season. The team was a great mix of kids that had played before and some playing for the first time. After a bumpy start, the boys grew their skills and their teamwork to eventually make the finals. The kids all had a great time, made a lot of new friends and were all keen to play again next season.



The team was;

*Front row: Abdullah Khurram, Nathan Carvalho, Myles White, Anthony Roufas, Pulkit Mishra, Xavier Tavano*

*Second row: David Bolton (Coach), Krishan Puranik, Leonardo Angell, William Bolton, Milena Roufas (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Green

Eric Guilly, David Evans & Sean Toomey | Coaches & Manager

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*Front row: George Avakoumides, Kian White, Peter Giannone, Patrick Foley, Michael Quan*

*Second row: Sean Toomey (Manager), Archer Guilly, Aden Evans, Zachary Toomey, Eric Guilly (Coach)*

*Absent: David Evans (Coach), Jake Avakoumides*

The Under 10s Green had a great season. This was the third season that most of the boys had played together, and their first year with pads and helmets. It was a tough transition at first as the boys came up against some good teams, containing slightly older and bigger kids than most of ours. After a slow start, they cracked their first win a few rounds in and after that the season went from strength to strength. The team that ultimately finished first only suffered one loss all year and that was to our team. In the semi-final we lost to them by one run, on the last ball.



Every boy developed his game this year and contributed to the season's success one way or another. Coaches award went to Michael Quan but we would have loved to have had 9 Coaches Awards to give out as every boy deserved one really.

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Maroon

Chris Hensley & Daniel Majgaard | Coach & Manager

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The Under 10s Maroon had a great season. It was a mixture of boys that had played together and some new to the team. The year started strongly with the boys having some solid wins. After the Xmas break the boys took some time to find their rhythm again but managed to finish the season in 3rd and march into the semi-final with some confidence. Maroon brought their A game on semi-final day getting runs on the board and defending it stoutly in the field knocking over their rivals Briars Gold with an exciting win. Grand final day was not a happy day for the team with Sydney's rain destroying their dreams. A pitch submerged after an overnight and early morning deluge. The boys loved training and it would always be a challenge to get them to go home. As a team they were a pleasure to coach with each player improving skills throughout the year. With Christian Majaard picking up the coaches' award for his exceptional attitude for the game and to his team mates.



*Front row: Tyson Khoury, Harry Smith, William Goldsworthy, Alessandro Battaglia, Angus Turnbull*

*Second row: Chris Hensley (Coach), Christian Majgaard, Max Hensley, Jackson Khoury, Daniel Majgaard (Manager)*

*Absent: Brady Watson, Oscar Ritchie*

## Jnr. Cricket U10 White

David Wood & Anna Koskinen | Coach & Manager

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Briars Under 10 White are a pleasure to coach. They had a lot of fun this year in our third season. Their batting and bowling skills did not improve as I had anticipated over the season. One of the major reasons I believe was not having cricket nets to practise in. Their fielding, throwing and backing up skills improved. They encourage each other when playing on and off the field. The coaching session from Super Sports camps was excellent, the boys and the coach got a lot out of it, I would encourage the committee to do this again. I also believe the drinks night with the coaches and managers is an excellent idea, it gives you the chance to talk about issues and gain some coaching and training ideas. This year we had a new player Haimish Hargans who came to us from playing baseball for many seasons. When I asked him what he preferred, "baseball or cricket" he immediately replied "CRICKET". Why I asked, "because the morning teas are a lot better" was the reply. Jack Broadbent in his second season picked up the coach's award.



*Front row: Hayden Reeves, Hamish Hargans, Ethan Toemoe, Aayush Parikh, Jack Broadbent, Kai Guelfi*

*Second row: David Wood (Coach), Henry Toemoe, Angus Gill, Patrick Wood, Anna Koskinen (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Black

Phil Ellison & Scott Nixon | Coach & Manager

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The team had an enjoyable season. The players worked hard to improve on their skills during the season.



*Front row:*

*Samuel Nixon, Nicholas Donnellan, Luca Beckford,  
Nicholas Streeton, Dhruv Dawar, Aryan Mirzan*

*Second row:*

*Phil Ellison (Coach), Raphael La Rosa, Luke Ellison,  
Dylan Grainger, Scott Nixon (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Blue

Neville Quan & Alexis Butler | Coach & Manager

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The Under 11s Blue had a fantastic season. This was the first time the boys all played together, with two of them having never played formal cricket before. However, the boys gelled really well and trained hard. Halfway through the season, they had only lost one game and were on top of their division. At that point the association decided to restructure the U11s in order to ensure more even games. Consequently, the second half of the season was really competitive. The boys rose to the challenge magnificently and ended the season in 2nd place. They made the grand final but lost to the 1st place team. All through the season the boys showed commitment, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Well done boys and I hope you continue to have fun playing cricket.



Most Valuable Player was Sam Butler and Most Improved Player was Dax Boyle

*Front row: Oliver Lockington, Dax Boyle, Matthew Quan,  
James Hanna, Samuel Butler*

*Second row: Neville Quan (Coach), Luke Strmecki, Liam Lenord,  
Patrick Maroya*

*Absent: Alexis Butler (Manager), Jack Lygoyris*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Gold

Michael Johnstone & Jason White | Coaches

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After losing 3 key players from the previous season, this team rebuilt quickly and found itself graded into a strong division against some great teams. Despite a few close losses this team trained hard all season long and had a great time together. Many friendships were developed, and the spirit of cricket shone



through. There were some great individual performances from all members of the team and Nikhil Kumar was one of the top batters of the competition and Josh Robinson was one of the top performing bowlers. Xavier Foster also took a memorable hat trick. A very promising team who played some great cricket.

*Front row: Nikhil Kumar, Kobe Cheung, Joshua Robinson,  
Ryan Penwill, Archie MacDonald, Christian Laurens*

*Second row: Michael Johnstone (Coach), Louie White,  
Samuel Johnstone, Xavier Foster, Jason White (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Maroon

John Allen, Chris Malone & Holly Irving | Coaches & Manager

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The 2018/19 season was another enjoyable experience for the boys of the U11 Maroon team. This year we got the chance to play against the hard ball and once again the signs of development in the boys cricketing skills was impressive. In addition to this, the team played a whole age group up so their achievements were even more admirable.

The bowling accuracy and all-round batting talent was of a high standard. In addition, the fielding featured many classy run outs and impressive catches. The boys have developed a real awareness of the need to apply pressure to an opposition through disciplined bowling and fielding and are learning to place great importance on keeping their wicket intact. They played some outstanding cricket and earned their place in the Semi-Final.

Most importantly, the boys enjoyed their time together and continued to strengthen their friendship.

The team and Coaches are extremely grateful to Holly Irving who does an incredible job as Team Manager. We would also like to thank all parents who scored, helped with throw downs, and provided the morning tea!!

We would also like to express our gratitude for the tireless work of the Briars Committee members.

It was a pleasure to coach the boys of Under 11 Maroon again this season. We hope that they continue to enjoy their cricket long into the future.



*Front row: Angus Green, Aahaan Mahtha, Jack Allen, Guinness Devlin, Ryan Nagaram, Andrew Morozoff*

*Second row: Chris Malone (Coach), John Allen (Coach), Talan Irving, Jack Swan, Hamish Malone, Holly Irving (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 White

Simon Thorne & Greg Marshall | Coach & Manager

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The team had a great season, finishing second at the end of the competition rounds. Unfortunately, the team was unable to win the semi-final, which was a close affair and fell short by 5 runs.

*Front row: Ansh Khetwani, Alexander Marshall, River Lusted, Zachariah Thorne, Liam Goldsworthy, Jared Leung*

*Second row: Simon Thorne (Coach), Tanishq Shah, Ali Smith, Austen Pelly, Greg Marshall (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Girls | Premiers

Jonathan Butler & Tessa Riley | Coach & Manager

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This was the first season for a lot of these girls, they had a wonderful season. The players worked hard to improve on their skills during the season and as a result won their Summer Grand final.





*Front row: Makayla Day, Aliana Butler, Mabel Turner, Elsa Frewen, Iris Arnold, Beth Eccleston*

*Second row: Jonathan Butler (Coach), Eden Riley, Madeleine Burges, Lucy Donnellan, Violet Crowe, Tessa Riley (Manager)*

*Absent: Caitlin Collins*

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Black (Sunday)

Rob Maniscalco & Christine Bushell | Coach & Manager

As cricket coach for the U12's Black team, I am proud of my boys and what they accomplished over the 2018/19 cricket season. I love their passion, enthusiasm, commitment and most importantly the fun they have out on the field. They all did superbly throughout the season and I really hope to be coaching them again in the 2019/20 season. I was particularly proud of the boys because they really stepped up this year playing teams that were 1 to 2 years older in age. Congratulations to Issac Perkin, Lachie Russell, Lachie Maniscalco, Lachie Wodson, Hugh Gacitua, Luke Bushell, Lorenzo Luzzani, Raf Kitching, Josef Valtwies, Gabriel Encina, Josh Bolton and Tiger Bocking on a top season of cricket. I have coached this team now for 4 years now and each year it gets better and better. Each of these boys have their own unique way of playing the game with the ball and bat but when they come together, they are a very exciting team to watch. The boys did exceptionally well in their games and finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the ladder. It was fantastic to see such an improvement in everyone.



*Front row: Hugh Gacitua, Josef Valtwies, Rafferty Kitching, Gabriel Encina, Lachlan Wodson, Lorenzo Luzzani, Lachlan Maniscalco*

*Second row: Rob Maniscalco (Coach), Isaac Perkins, Tiger Bocking, Luke Bushell, Lachlan Russell, Christine Bushell (Manager)*

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Black

Eddie Owen, Sean Tweedie & Kylie Fiorito | Coaches & Manager

The team had a fantastic season, finishing third at the end of the competition rounds. They then went on to win their semi-final and unfortunately due to wet weather were unable to play the grand final and unfortunately the higher rank team were declared premiers.



*Front row: Matthew Morozoff, Mason Daly, Will Sims, Billy Kosmas, Kai Tweedie*

*Second row: Eddie Owen (Coach), Morgan Owen, Gabriele Fiorito, Alexander Au-Yeung, Sean Tweedie (Coach)*

*Absent: Kylie Fiorito (Manager), Aarav Duggal, Benny Seeto, Harshil Vora, Henry Abood, Jonathan Fernandes*

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Gold (Sunday) | Premiers

Linc Roberts & Tony Johnston | Coach & Manager

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The team had a fantastic season. The only disappointment was that we were unable to compete in our Grand Final due to the weather, but due our strong results during the season we were declared



PREMIERS for the season. Our success was due to the hard work and dedication by all the players. Look forward to next season.

*Front row: Logan Barry, Joseph Lombardo, Callum Robinson, Isaac Bushell, Oscar Chen, Junaid Mansoor, Matthew Johnston*

*Second row: Linc Roberts (Coach), Tom Charles, Krish Chadha, Callum McCall, Jack Roberts, Justin Ryan, Tony Johnston (Manager)*

*Absent: Pravin Anand Kumar*

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Gold

Shazly Sayed & Julia Mayne | Coach & Manager

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*Front row: Christian Steel, Benjamin Ronan, Thomas Dunphy, Jesse Witt, Raed Sayed, Joyal Biju*

*Second row: Shazly Sayed (Coach), Ryan Michel, Samuel Hepburn, Ethan Martin, Harry Mayne, Julia Mayne (Manager)*

*Absent: Luka Raspudic, Vaibhav Puttagunta*

The season started well with 1 defeat and 3 wins in a row and the boys picked up from where they had left off last year after reaching the semi-finals in the previous 2017-2018 season. The boys worked

well and were more comfortable playing as a team but sadly after a great start to the season it did not lead to further success. The good points from the season even though it did not lead to many wins was that the boys had improved in the different departments of the game. They were much more comfortable in their batting, bowling and fielding. They took some great catches and did some excellent run outs and one of the players almost got a hat-trick but sadly it was not to be since the catch was dropped on the hat-trick ball. In saying that, the boys gave it their 100% in every game and I saw improvements in all aspects of their game, win or loss they had a great 2018-2019 season and are already looking forward to the next season.

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon (Sunday)

John Allen, Chris Malone & Matt Hill | Coaches & Manager

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*Front row: Max Palmisani, James Kelly, Luke Hill, Charlie Playford, William Allen, Ibrahim Iqbal, Oliver Sullivan*

*Second row: Matthew Hill (Manager), Joshua Malone, Jedd Sheehy, Cooper Green, Matthew Plunkett, John Allen (Coach), Chris Malone (Coach)*

*Absent: Charlie Gray*

The 2018/19 season was another great year for the boys. With numerous team members playing representative cricket early in the season, the team stepped up and played some great cricket, ultimately guiding us to a Grand Final. Special mention must be made of the extra players that filled in and did such a great job for us throughout this period. Some young stars of the future! Also, thanks to the Dad's that assisted with coaching duties on game day in the first half of the season.

Each year that goes by we constantly see improvement and this year was no different. The boys played some outstanding cricket and earned their place in the Grand Final. Unfortunately, that match was abandoned due to the rain and the Maroon team finished a creditable second place in the competition.



Many congratulations to our other Briars team, Gold, who ended up on top of the competition after the regular season, and therefore won the competition.

More important than the results though, was that the boys continued to enjoy their cricket and develop their friendships with their teammates.

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon

Santosh Kumar & Kathy Hamad | Coach & Manager

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U12 Briars Maroon showed great team spirit and enjoyment. They played with lots of enthusiasm and love for the game. All the boys improved massively as the season wore out with boys feeling the freedom



to try out new things. There were some outstanding individual performances, but the greatest achievement was the way the team played as one.

Front row: Kane McKenzie, Will McKiernan, Cooper Adaimy, Curtis Bowhill-Hayes, Tom Huber, Will Smith, Luke Broadbent

Second row: Santosh Kumar (Coach), Nathaniel Giles, Lachlan Sinclair, Youssef Hamad, Satvik Prasad, Sean White, Kathy Hamad (Manager)

## Jnr. Cricket U12 White

Evan Hannah, Praneil Narayan & Alicia Jorgenson | Coach & Manager

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Front row: Fletcher Netting, Archie Leanfore, Ben Hannah, Jacob Grant, Jarvis Cheung, Connor Jorgenson, Carlo Sessa

Second row: Alicia Jorgenson (Manager), Zack Narayan, Jamaal Tuman, Luke Eccleston, Liam Moussa, Evan Hannah (Coach), Praneil Narayan (Coach)

Under 12 White enjoyed their season, but a couple of “off” days meant missing the finals by a whisker. Still, they’re proud of winning an unofficial Briars “championship”, beating all three other

U12 teams in the Michael Clarke Division! The loss of some players as we moved up to U12 was more than compensated by newcomers.

Our best batsman was Jamaal Tuman, who hit 222 runs (with 2 50s). Our best bowler was Jacob Grant, with 8 wickets, including a 4/12 – he hit 169 runs as well, including a 50. Fletch Netting could well have taken bowling honours if he hadn’t missed four games with a broken arm – he ended with 6w, with our best strike rate. Best all-rounder honours go to Ben Hannah, with 206 runs (2 x 50), 6 wickets and best economy rate, and 3 stumpings. Newcomer Jarvis Cheung’s first ever season of club cricket was a hit, thumping 121 runs (with a strike rate over 100), and very quick bowling leading to 9 maidens, the best overall. Our fastest bowler was also a newcomer to the side, Zack Narayan, who took 5 wickets and hit 117 runs. Our Mr Reliable again was Liam Moussa, who took 5 wickets, fielded brilliantly, and managed 70 runs with 5 not-outs. Connor Jorgenson still says he doesn’t like batting, but managed a strike rate over 100, and the most not-outs, while still shaking up oppositions with his natural swing bowling. Luke Ecclestone shone in the field, taking 5 catches (including our catch of the year), hit more than a run a ball, and again gave us some tight swing bowling. Newcomer Carlo Sessa hadn’t picked up a bat before joining us, and we managed to celebrate his first ever runs and first wickets. Finally, the coach’s award went to Archie Leanfore, who improved out of sight this season, and played some crafty shots while holding down his end, took some partnership-breaking wickets, and lived up to the spirit and support that “player of the year” needs to demonstrate.

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Gold | Premiers

Niall Fahy, Mehul Parikh & Natalie Newton | Coaches & Manager

The **U13West/ Under 13Gold** had a great Season. We **WON** the **GRAND FINAL!!!** Woohoo!! This was the 3rd season most of the boys has played together. In the first season too, they won the Grand Final and this 3rd season, they have done it again, so 2 out of 3, great effort by all the members of the team. This season, they lost only 3 games, and of that 2 by very small run chase margin. Throughout the season the team has been on the top of the ladder in the division we played. All the players chipped in most of the games, few have improved their skills from 2 years ago that they started playing cricket. Overall great team to coach, good attitude and passion towards the game of Cricket



*Front row: Garry Young, Gabriel Sainsbury, Nate Wuromus-Hilzinger, Jeean Christian, Roan Fahy, Ted Newton*

*Second row: Nial Fahy (Coach), Mehul Parikh (Coach), Swornim Nepal, Viren Parikh, Zac Morgan, Natalie Newton (Manager)*

*Absent: Christopher Hogan*

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon

Simon Thorne & Greg Harris | Coach & Manager



The team had an enjoyable season. The players worked hard to improve on their skills during the season.

*Front row: Christian Wansey, Joseph Kalachian, Marco Iacovitti, Arpan Desai, Moran Abou-Antoun, Jack Harris, Ibrahim Iqbal*

*Second row: Simon Thorne (Coach), Taj Thorne, Callum McCall, Dhillion Jagdev, Milind Kumar, Greg Harris (Manager)*

*Absent: Matthew Broadbent, Shivam Wadhera*

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Girls

Kristen Hancock & Cameron Arnold | Coaches & Manager

The 2018/19 Girls Sixers League Competition was the first time many of our U13 Girls had played together and for some, the first time they had played cricket. Our youngest player was 9 and many others will be eligible to play U13 for a couple of years yet. We had an exceptional year of friendship, spirit and comradery. We focused on the basics of the game this season and I am delighted to report that all the girls made a marked improvement in both their skill level and confidence; as a result, I am certain next year will yield a significant improvement in our win/loss ratio. We were lucky enough to receive great support from Briars and Cricket NSW with the later arranging specialist coaching sessions and a



visit from NSW Breakers and Sydney Thunder Player Hannah Trethewy. Lola Arnold picked up our Coaches Player of the Year award for her outstanding attitude, willingness and commitment to the team. *Front row: Phoebe Hancock, Lily Hancock, Lola Arnold, Aahna Virmani, Rose Blackwood, Niamh Collins, Caitlin Collins*

*Second row: Kristin Hancock (Manager), Aoife Foley, Lucinda Butler, Ruby Turner, Nina White, Cameron Arnold (Coach)*

*Absent: Cassidy Morris*

## Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon

Ben Cummins, Rob Penwill, Simon Mansfield & Darren Sims | Coaches & Manager

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The Under 14s Maroon team finished the season very strongly before going down in a very tight semi-final to the eventual winners of the competition. The season was a tale of two halves with the team being off the pace early in the season before performing like the team that we knew they could be (in the later rounds). It was great to see the boys really enjoy their cricket and training going into the finals and I know this contributed to their improved on-field efforts. When the boys showed enthusiasm and supported each other on-field they were a completely different team. Each boy had their moments of



brilliance and showed many areas of improvement throughout the year. Well done boys!!

*Front row: Matthew Carr, Akhil Powar, Patrick Cummins, Liam Penwill, Rameez Vu, William Cellucci, Hugh Sims*

*Second row: Ben Cummins (Coach), Rob Penwill (Assistant Coach), Gabriel Steel, Yuvraj Dalvi, Callum Mansfield, Oliver Cohen, Darren Sims (Manager)*

*Absent: Simon Mansfield (Coach), Hamish Gordon, James Hewgill*

## Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon ISSC

Fergus Stewart & Tania Peruzzi | Coach & Manager

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The team had an enjoyable season. The players worked hard to improve on their skills during the season.



*Front row: Nate Tucker, Maanav Bhandari, James Stewart, Damian Ryan, Alexander Colreavy, Peter Pisano, Gavin Maran*

*Second row: Tania Peruzzi (Manager), Matthew Peruzzi, Joshua Wodson, Luke Goldsmith, Hari Kangatharan, Jack Buchanan, Fergus Stewart (Coach)*

*Absent: Archer Gray*

## Jnr. Cricket U15 Gold ISSC

Neil Brooks & George Papathanasiou | Coach & Manager

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The under 15's gold had a mixed season. We got off to a great start winning five games before Christmas and we were well-placed at second on the table at the break. However, after Christmas we never won another match although we got close in quite a few. The boys made the semi-finals which was a great achievement considering that last year we only won one game.

Special mention of a few boys.

- Tom Mackie scoring his first century
- Ben Brooks Receiving the batting award. Not only was he our best batsmen but he also was the highest scoring batsmen in the whole competition with 427 runs
- Harry Ford received our bowling award taking 15 wickets
- Harry Groth receiving the coaches award

The team was Ben Brooks, Ben Cook, Harry Ford, Harry Groth, James Hardiman, James Hawkins, Tom Mackie, Jai De Lisser-Howarth, Sijarthan Jaseetharan, Vibhu Karthikeyan, Karthik Anand Kumar, John Papathanasiou, Abinayan Rajkumar, Sriram Suresh.



## Jnr. Cricket U15 Girls Division 1

Jonathan Webster & Kathy Kalachian | Coach & Manager

The U15 Girl's Division 1 had two great seasons, we split the year into a Spring Competition and Summer Competition. This year we combined Briars with Gladesville RSL and Leichardt Wanderers to develop a strong squad of young women, most of whom also play or train with Sydney Cricket Club or the Universities to play grade cricket. We had an especially strong Summer Comp and made it to the Grand Final which was eventually won by Bankstown U17's (older than us!) but it was great testament to the development and unity of the team as they improved their skills and support of each other. This year, Brooklyn Hill was nominated for Coach's Award in acknowledgement of her determination to overcome her fear of facing 'fast' bowlers, team support, improved bowling and fielding techniques.

The team was Daisy Webster (C), Sonya Kalachian (VC), Meg Wrigley, Gemma Lockhart, Audrey Bloomfield, Elizabeth Antaw, Brooklyn Hill, Amelia Nicotina, Georgia Durnford & Amy Roche.

## Jnr. Cricket U15 Girls Division 2 | Premiers

Steven Winstanley & Peter Goth | Coach & Manager

The girls had a fantastic 2018/19 making the final in the springtime and going undefeated during the summer this time winning the grand final against St Scholastica.

The girls team consisted of Ayla Ali(C), Alana Winstanley, Brianna Winstanley, Ela Huber, Elsie Gray, Mia Grassia, Shravanti Hari, Cassidy Morris, Aahna Virmani & Isabella Goth-Towney.

### Girls Div. 1 & 2 Team Photo



*Front row: Alana Winstanley, Brooklyn Hill, Isabella Goth-Towney, Ayla Ali, Daisy Webster, Sonya Kalachian, Mia Grassia, Shravanti Hari*

*Second row: Steven Winstanley (Coach), Jonathan Webster (Coach), Amy Roche, Gemma Lockhart, Brianna Winstanley, Peter Goth (Manager), Kathy Kalachian (Manager)*

*Absent: Amelia Nicotina, Audrey Bloomfield, Ela Huber, Elizabeth Antaw, Elsie Gray, Georgia Durnford, Meg Wrigley*



## Jnr. Cricket U15 Maroon (Sunday)

Darren Morris & Traci St Lawrence | Coach & Manager

The team had a great season, finishing second at the end of the competition rounds. Unfortunately, the team was unable to win the semi-final, which was a close affair and fell short by 5 runs.



*Front row: Liam Penwill, Mitchell Brell, Jivan Naganathan, Cooper Morris, Krish Thakar, Louis Manenti*

*Second row: Darren Morris (Coach), Matthew Ibrahim, Johnathan Stuart, Shivam Wadhera, Traci St Lawrence (Manager)*

*Absent: Adrian Biscotto, Akash Padavala, Maanav Rathod, Mufaddal Baquari, Sachin Stevens*

## Jnr. Cricket U15/16 Gold

Mark Eccleston, Praneil Narayan & Cameron Arnold | Coaches & Manager

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The U15/16 Lillee team had a solid season but unfortunately the team lost their semi-final game. There were a number of outstanding batting and bowling performances throughout the season in which I was very pleased with.



*Front row: Darcy Cohen, Oliver Leanfore, John Melia, Jack Eccleston, Prantipal Nagra, Anthony Ciano, Jake Narayan, Ned Arnold*

*Second row: Mark Eccleston (Coach), Praneil Narayan (Coach), Rian Surti, Khush Pershad, Reyhan Tuman, Ben Casey, Cameron Arnold (Manager)*

*Absent: Kaif Khan*

## Jnr. Cricket U16 Maroon

Mark Threlkeld & Kate Benchoam | Coach & Manager

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Concord Briars U/16 Maroon had a solid season and finished third on the table in the Northern District's Chappell competition. After the first weekend of semi-finals was washed out, the team was given an opportunity to play in a one-day semi-final against Epping. After a good bowling and fielding display the team unfortunately fell short of the total. It was a very enjoyable final season of junior cricket for all concerned. With a premiership the previous season and friendships formed over several years, the boys have lifelong memories from their time playing junior cricket with Concord Briars.



*Front row: James Threlkeld, Luca Mulcahy, Satya Ganesh, Ethan Marshall, Jonathon Cremen*

*Second row: Matt Threlkeld (Coach), Dominic Lane, Jack Benchoam, Thomas Moussa, Anton Demark, Ely Benchoam (Coach)*

*Absent: Kate Benchoam (Manager)*

## Senior Men's Team

Matthew Whitting | Senior Men's Coordinator

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We had two senior men's teams this season with one in AB grade and one in C grade. The C grade gold team won their first premiership and second only premiership in C grade for the club after finishing first on the ladder. In C grade, special mentions during the season to two centurions; Aidan Gardner 162no and 107 and came 2nd in the competition for most runs scored and Ashton Whitting 111. In the bowling, James Arrow picked up 5/25 with Ely Corliss and Matthew Whitting equalling for most wickets with 17 haul and Robbie for a 5-wicket haul.

AB grade played very well against very strong opposition. Matthew Harrington lead the batting with 256 runs. Jackson Smith picked up a special 5/23 and Jeff Burt lead the team in bowling with 13 wickets.



# Briars Senior Rugby

## Chairman's Report

John Slender



*Season 2019 was one where we continued building our players base skills, improving their fitness, lowering the average player age of our club and nurturing young Briars in administrative roles.*

This year we were given the rare opportunity to have our coaching ranks led by:

- Mick Ellem – Sub Districts Legend
- David Campese – 101 capped Wallabies great
- Tony Daly – Wallabies 1991 RWC final winning try scorer

Not many clubs can boast having three Wallabies on their coaching roster to teach a proven running rugby philosophy. Involvement with our enthusiastic coaches and clubmen; Tim Entwisle, Mark Nelson, John Klumpp and Scott McGill brought Briars back to basic skills and proven aspects of playing Rugby. The simple formula was received well by our players. Especially our colts who learnt that focussing on fitness, skills, listening to their peers and working hard as a team produced results. It is from the players actions they realised that a good work ethic is valuable to have on and off the sporting field.

The performance and results of Briars this season was a further improvement in the rebuilding of our sport. The results below should give us some comfort that we are heading in the right direction.

### Club Championship Results

2018: 854 pts (Last)

2019: 1702pts (3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

2018: Finished 5 <sup>th</sup>	4 Wins, 1 Draw, 9 losses
2019: Finished 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9 Wins, 1 Draw, 4 Losses Note: Grand Finalist

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

2018: Finished 7 <sup>th</sup>	3 wins, 11 Losses
2019: Finished 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 wins, 1 Draw, 3 Losses

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

2018: Finished 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 wins, 9 Losses
2019: Finished 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 wins, 1 Draw, 7 Losses

#### Colts

2018: Finished 6 <sup>th</sup>	2 wins, 5 Losses
2019: Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 wins, 2 Losses Note: Grand Finalist

Although our results look healthy it does not reflect how the Division 4 competition became disjointed especially in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and the flexibility of our Colts contributed to the support of the senior grades.

Mark Nelson did a fantastic job in trying to maintain interest in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade when the competition was reduced to 3 clubs with an occasional 4<sup>th</sup> participating. This structure did unfortunately result in a part time attitude amongst some players. Mark (with assistance from the committee) worked hard to find alternate fixtures such as Halligan Cup matches to ensure players got match time. Another unfortunate problem was we were down on senior numbers to bolster 2nd grade and add support to 1st grade when players had other commitments on. However, there is nothing like being thrown into the deep end and our colts who answered the call made us very proud. Their athleticism and willingness to play up the grades was very rewarding for coaches, spectators and their fellow Briars to observe.

There is a saying “That’s just part & parcel of Subbies Rugby”, a broad phrase that is thrown around to mask areas of deficiency in a club’s administration or playing roster. Many clubs who did not fulfil their sub-district commitments re. Ensuring 3 grades were fielded each weekend, used this as an excuse. I think it is remarkable that in this tough time where rugby participation numbers are falling, Briars were able to recruit younger players and maintain 3 senior grades and colts playing every round.

It is common knowledge that the current rugby climate is enduring a level of uncertainty and at our level, being solely 100% an amateur competition, clubs must reinvent themselves and have an environment that players can enjoy their rugby experience. What the Briars Sporting Club has allowed rugby to provide is the alternatives to the mundane rugby experience by offering:

- Administrative support
- A wet weather training meeting facility
- Bar and dining facilities
- Exclusive use of the Stockdale lounge
- Excellent training and playing facilities like Rothwell Park
- A home to call yourself a Briar

From observations new players are now adopting the club’s facilities for the use of birthday parties, family gatherings and catching up with fellow clubmen. This is a great sign and important as we grow rugby in these tough times. The Briars clubhouse environment is conducive of the good old George St days.

This season I focused on observing the on-field performance of our players and teams. Supporters of our club should be grateful that I could do this with the support of a harmonious committee:

*Rugby Director – Aaron Boyter:* My good friend and teammate from a while ago and in a few games this year. The heart and soul of Rugby today.

*Club Captain – Stacey Howcroft:* Rugby mad South African that I would prefer on our side of the fence. Thank you for sorting through some tough times this season. Look forward to seeing you in the front row in 2020

*Treasurer – Mark Nelson:* A Gentleman and tireless committed worker in the committee who seeks no reward

*Secretary – Mitchell Dunne:* Great to have you on committee this season and help some of us old boys embrace technology and social media.

*Sponsorship Director – Jules Boyter:* Thank you for the efforts your team produced this season. Everyone knows not to mess with you.

*Sponsorship Officer – Michael Tabener:* Knows his head around sports. Thank you for your time put into the Akasha deal

*Sponsorship Officer – Kevin White:* A true new clubmen and hopefully more 5s game time next year. Thank you for your passion and assistance with our sponsors and supporting us on game day.

*General Member – Tom Entwisle:* I appreciate you being there when we needed those lots of little jobs done. Cheers mate.

*General Member – Dan Shalala:* The future of our club with Mitchell Dunne. Ensured that our Colts weren’t missed in our activities

Each of who would crossover roles, pick up extra duties and take on additional responsibilities so that rugby could operate and allow me to see what was happening at the playing coal face.

What I did discovered was the poor management of injuries amongst some players. It is on every player to manage their injuries and not use them as an excuse to have a few weeks on the sidelines. This behaviour was reversed overnight by basically communicating with every player the importance of winning. Campo, Mick, Dales and I agreed that the acceptance of losing is a blight on society. In our unorthodox and non-politically correct ways we encouraged our club to want to win. Winning is about the journey, the experience, adopting an attitude of drive and the desire to achieve. Participation awards are

issued at primary schools, not at Briars Rugby. This mindset change was something that triggered valuing the time right in front of us now, making the most of it and using it wisely. Many Briars have played the game and have never won a Grand final. Our 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Colts team for 2019 did something remarkable. They were the underdogs and made it into the grand finals. Not much had changed amongst the 1<sup>st</sup> team and the Colts had additional players. We all just started to play smarter and to our strengths with the skills and fitness being applied. Bingo! – The boys started to manage their injuries and follow an injury rehab process!

However, we are not a complete club without the weekly battles that 2nd grade and 3rd grade had to endure. There was some unorthodox re-structuring of grades going on at other clubs as we got closer to the semis. Oatley was a classic case of it happening all season long. Their 2nd grade side making it to a grand final whilst their 1st grade side experienced defeats of 100 points. Poor administration and failure to honour the Division's criteria of fulfilling teams is just evident of their destiny towards extinction. Our 2nd grade team battled on making us proud of their efforts by running onto the paddock each week. The results were tough and sometimes bitter but there were signs of brilliance amongst those hard-fought matches. Ensuring a team got onto the field each week, I must give thanks to Tim Entwisle, Captain Stacey Howcroft and our own Scott "Gorilla" McGill.

The key people in our committee have shown a level of maturity that some Sydney grade clubs could only wish for. It is with due respect that I thank them for their service. Your committee are unselfish, passionate and continue to want the best for Briars. I am so very proud of them with the coaches and captains are of our teams. Thank you and I look forward to working with you all again in season 2020.

I would also like to congratulate our coaching staff and players for your achievements this season. Thank you to Chris Walker and Andy Craig for making the Briars Rugby lunch an important date on the Briars rugby calendar; Jason Parle, Jack Thomas and the staff of our club; The Hogg Family for manning the canteen and Tom Weber & Allen Stutchbury for helping me out in a seriously tough situation.

Finally, thank you to my good friends Chris Walker, Andy Hogg and Aaron & Jules Boyter for your support. These Briars allow me to throw ideas around and talk my issues through. They were always there to listen.

## Rugby Co-Captains Report

Stacey Howcroft



*2019, a season to be remembered.*

*The season started with a lot of uncertainty, the excitement of the centenary year was over and our head coach had gone onto higher honours. Briars rugby had one thing still in place, a committee that will do*

The season started in November 2018 already, with a number of players attending our off-season summer 7's program and off-season conditioning run by some of the players.

It was at this stage and heading into pre-season in early February 2019 that we were still without a head coach. I received a phone call from our chairman saying David Campese is interested in the position, of course I thought he must be taking the micky out of me, lone behold the next week the legend was at Briars taking the players through their paces.

With Mr Campese came the charismatic Tony Daly (another legend of the game) and Mick Ellem who ran preseason conditioning and fitness. With a coaching staff boasting 143 caps for the Wallabies (Dave 101, Tony 42 and Mick 1) and the passion of 143 caps with Tim Entwisle, John Klump and Mark Nelson we knew it was now up to us, the boys to get to training and make the most of the opportunity that presented itself to us as a playing group.

Preseason got off to a great start, plenty of new faces from all walks of life attended those gruelling fitness sessions led by Mick Ellem. From there we turned our attention to skill-based

*whatever it takes for the betterment of the club and the boys who represent the jersey every Saturday. This is what makes tasks doable and was something that you don't get to experience all over the world or in any club you may play or have played for.*

training led by David Campese with Tony Daly lining up the scrum coaching and breakdown plays.

Our first contact session kicked off like all seasons should with the Sydney Beach Fives and Subbies 7's followed by our regular preseason 15's warm up fixtures, including an unforgettable trip to Orange for the Orange 10's tournament.

Our overall results this year speak volumes for us as a club; yes we are still growing and building. 12 months ago I fronted up, proud of our 13 victories we got as a club; I knew there was something special about this group and I knew as a club we still had a lot to give. Every weekend we put in massive performances, some results going our way some not. 12 months later I front up with 31 victories, 3 finals (3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and colts) and 2 grand final appearances (1<sup>st</sup> grade and colts).

Throughout the season we have fought hard for each other and for the club, I don't for one moment doubt any of the players commitment on the field, I know that they are all good enough I know that every one of them put their hearts in it when they ran onto that field, if you walked into a changing room after a loss across any of the grades and look at the faces of our players, you would have known what it meant to them as a team. If you ask any of the old boys or players who have been here for a couple of seasons, it has not always been easy on and off the field so I encourage the players and the club to take full advantage of the up's while they are there.

The players, their achievements this year across all grades and colts is testament to what they have put into this season, if you think about all the training sessions, big hits, commitments, sacrifices and memories that we have shared as a playing group. So let's continue to build more memories that will last another 100 years.

And while we may only be just a little Div. 4 rugby club, one thing the players and committee members all need to realise is what an impact they have all had on one another, you will be surprised how this club, this sport and the players have kept guys around, have kept guys motivated for the enjoyment of the game and dare I say a lot more outside of the 4 white lines. I want everyone to always remember that we are doing a lot more than just playing a sport we all love and you may not even realise it.

2020 will promise to be another great year on and off the field, as I firmly believed in our abilities as a playing group. A strong committee and early recruitments drives paving the way for 2020 and beyond.

I can assure you the boys are forever appreciative of the coach's, committee members and old boy's commitment, mentoring and friendship to us this year on and off the field so thank you.

As a captain I was proud of the playing group and I'm proud to be a part of this club. The players and coaches did not just stand by and watch it happen; they took it upon themselves to make it happen.

"Once a Briar always a Briar and that's enough".

## Briars 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Tony Daly & Mick Ellem | Coach



**Back Row:**

Matthew Syron, Sam George, David Ananin, Ryan King, Andrew Hogg, Jason Kururangi, Lachlan Koziollek, Ned Churchyard, Aaron Kelly, John Slender (Chairman)

**Front Row:**

Troy Le Sueur-Hindmarsh, Chase Rye, Mick Ellem (Coach) Ashley Simpson (Captain) Tony Daly (Coach) Tom Weber, Adrian Fiatarone

**Absent:** Lachlan Cameron



The season began successfully as the objective for the 2019 season was to have a high fitness & skill level for an expansive high performance game with set piece dominance with a significant amount of running which was what the coaches aspired to for a competitive season with the ambition of winning premierships to get Briars back to greatness.

I arrived at the club in late February and immediately noticed how fit, organised in training drill/skill seasons/schedules and most of all the high concentration level especially with ball in hand for that time of the season. Mick Ellem & Campo had a fair amount to do with that based on preseason objectives which I mentioned in the paragraph before. In saying that it was a tremendous help to me.

The other issue that was going to be challenging was the mental aspect of the game where preparation, discipline, ambition and most of all self-belief that the boys needed to be confident enough to be the best players they can be and of course with the right motivation, mentoring and communicating what needs to be focused on and of course then putting it into practice.

You can have all the fitness and do many, many skill sessions however, if you cannot combine it with the characteristics that I mentioned above then you will not have the complete components that's needed for success. You cannot have one without the other.

The club had a preseason trip away for a 10's tournament in Orange which was exactly what we needed in the concept of getting some activity as a group with bonding on and off the field.

The season started well by winning a pre-season match against St Ives where the two clubs have a great rivalry; We won that match and obtained the trophy back after it being away from Rothwell for quite some time.

The regular season started well as we only lost two matches in the 1st round however I knew as those loses were to the top two teams in the comp, we only went down narrowly so there was room for improvement especially against Canterbury. We always knew that Sydney Harlequin's were going to be difficult to beat. Being familiar with them they have always had a successful presence in Subbies Rugby Div 4.

The 2nd round was very similar to the 1st with losing to the two top teams as we did in the 1st round. At that stage we still were not playing to our full potential and as mentioned to other coaches "The team that does play us at our best will know how good we can be from a complete and comprehensive performance that was on its way!"

Briars Rugby showed great tenacity, commitment and character by making the 2019 Grand Final. unfortunately going down to the undefeated Sydney Harlequin's 31-10 on the day.

We had our moments in the game where we could've taken the lead at 10-12 down but we did not convert pressure and good fortune into points, so we missed an opportunity to further our good play. Especially in the third quarter of the match, there were times I felt that we were starting to obtain some momentum to extend a potential lead, to have a chance of causing an upset however not to be.

Sydney Harlequin's were the most consistent team all season who were also Minor Premiers so the title went deservedly back to Waterloo.

We had our moments during the season with injury, controversy & unavailability with the players but with the depth we had from our colts and lower grades the club managed to prevail in all areas of adversity that were mentioned above. With Co-Coach Mick Ellem's assistance 1st grade was able to be consistent week in week out as we were in the top 3 on the ladder throughout the duration of season accordingly.

Some milestone which the 1st grade team achieved this season were.

- The only team in the Competition to beat Canterbury at Wills ground ALL season.
- Highest recorded win out of any 1st Grade team in Div 4 by winning a fixture 107-12.
- Most tries scored in a single match during the season out of any other team in Div 4.
- Second highest points for and bonus points accumulation in the competition only behind Syd Harlequin's.



With the outstanding work of John Klumpp as the Colts Coach & with his direction we were able to do the transition of some outstanding young colts players to 1st Grade players in 1 season which was a great benefit to the players in experiencing the different levels, gaining confidence and achievement which is an important component of success for the up & coming 2020 season.

I'd like to thank my fellow coaching staff of David Campese and especially Mick Ellem. Also, it'd be remiss of me not to thank John Slender and Mark Nelson for all their efforts in conjunction with 1st Grade.

Players that were selected in the Grand Final Team Squad accordingly and some words about their performance on the day.

- **Andrew Hogg** - Outstanding season & played one of his best matches of the season in the Grand Final.
- **Tommy Weber** - Played well and was very instrumental in Briars Grand Final performance. Set piece perfection with outstanding service in the scrum and line out.
- **Anthony Nguyen** - One of our best on the day. His awesome scrummaging and sweeping from the back of the lineout was outstanding.
- **Jason Kururangi** - Solid work in the tight whose defense around the ruck was punishing to Harlequin's momentum through the middle.
- **Ed Mills** - With Character he came back from a horrific injury for the last 4 matches and was instrumental for us being well and truly competitive in the Grand Final. First Class.
- **Ned Churchyard** - An absolute pleasure to coach and to watch him play above himself in 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE Grand Final. He's a player of the future.
- **Peter Kosmas** - Again here an absolute pleasure to coach. Did not stop for the full 80 minutes and was also one of our best on the day.
- **Troy Le Sueur-Hindmarsh** - Never stopped taking the ball through the middle and tackled relentlessly for 80 minutes. Outstanding player 7 team man. The future of Briars and 1st grade next year.
- **Ashley Simpson** - Captain of the team who put his body on the line.
- **David Ananin** - Played most of the match with a torn pectoral muscle. Gutsy effort and defended courageously.
- **Lachlan Koziollek** - Ran Hard & tackled his heart out. Very happy with his performance.
- **Ryan King** – Probably at his best he could be anything however that has yet to be seen. Still at half best he was one of our best as well on the day.
- **Radulul Rawaiai** – Player of the future for Briars. 3 points on the day.
- **Lachlan Cameron** – Never gave up and was hammered a number of times in the match. Very proud of him.
- **Chase Rye** – Heart and soul of the team. Outstanding in attack and terrific in defense. Had the ability to change the game and nearly achieved that.

Reserves on the day were **J.Klumpp, N.Fernandes, A.Fiatarone, A.Kelly, S & M Carew, D. Shalala, W.Wan, D.Terry & M.Fiorini.**

All of these players were outstanding in their attitude, contribution and teamwork right throughout the finals campaign of which the club will greatly benefit from next season.

I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts commitment throughout the season & hoping that Briars will prevail next season in Division 3.

Finally, I've decided to relinquish my position and stand down as Coach for Briars Rugby & will not be returning to the club in any capacity for the 2020 season.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Briars Rugby all the very best in their ambition to make it up the ranks and eventually get back to Kentwell Cup accordingly.

## Briars 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Tim Entwisle | Coach



### *Back Row:*

*Tim Entwisle (Coach), Chris Habijanec, Scott McGill (Asst. Coach), Tim Gorman, Peter Kosmas, Bryan Kok, Simon Carew, Cameron Whicker, Jack Garbutt, Apenisa Matairavula, Stacey Howcroft (Captain), Tom Entwisle, John Klumpp (Asst. Coach)*

### *Front Row:*

*Murray Paish, Jack Klumpp, Daniel Simpson, Matt Carew, Mitch Dunne, Michael Ly*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade's season was somewhat like a curate's egg—good in parts. It started with promise, but we weren't able to keep the momentum to get into the finals. We played some great games, beating Macquarie University by 50 to nil with a fine performance by the backs, and we even managed to beat Harlequins who ended up winning the second grade competition (Grose Cup). Injuries to our props and the loss of our playmakers in mid-season meant we had to develop new players into these key roles. There were over 60 players that pulled on the second-grade jersey due to the churn in players.

Some of the other highlights of the year were: the impressive debut of Chase Rye playing at 10 in his first game of rugby and scoring the first try of the season; a front-rowers' hat-trick against Northern Saints in the first round; best backline move of the year with Honey Soy, put through a beautiful gap by Will Wan against Harlequins in the first round; four tries to Louey against Northern Saints; Cameron Whicker coming out of the woodwork to score a bullying try against Harlequins; Timmy Gorman's stunning kicking against Macquarie Uni; and Casper taking on the challenge of playing 10 and Jack moving from half back to prop.

- **Alex Simpson** - brother to Casper - forward version
- **Aaron Boyter** - there is no such thing as retirement
- **Aaron Kelly** - made his mark in 2s - spent most of the season in 1s
- **Adam Woolaston** - great scrummager but injury was against him
- **Adrian Fiatarone** - loved him in the team—injury loved him out
- **Alfred Paea** - devastating on the field
- **Andrew Ananin** - true finesse and a great addition to the backline
- **Apenisa Matairavula** - ever reliable and technically brilliant
- **Bryan Kok** - didn't see enough of him
- **Ben Edwards** - cameo against Merrylands (see Botyer)
- **Chase Rye** - we want him back at 10
- **Chris Habijanec** - leads by example and is missed when playing 1s
- **Chris Tarlamis** - a great future in the front row
- **Dan Terry** - strong player and we need him to referee move into the centres
- **Daniel (Casper) Bell-Simpson** - took on the challenge of playing at 10
- **Dan Glassbrook** - only one game but a good one
- **David Ananin** - always love DA in the team
- **David Meikeljohn** - needed to seem more of him
- **Eric Wilken** - a great reader of the game
- **Hamish McCrindall** - always good to see him in the team
- **Jason Barnes** - enthusiastic and hard-working
- **Jack Garbutt** - always stepped up when needed
- **Jack Klumpp** - made the move to the dark-side

- **Jackson Le Claire** - talented and an essential player in the team
- **Jay Stephenson** - not enough in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- **John Slender** - emergency prop (see Boyters)
- **John Wame** - kept us from zero against Canterbury
- **Jonathan Chin** - injury was cruel to him and to us
- **Joseph Elias** - had a great year (most improved)
- **Lachlan Cameron** - always lifted the backline performance
- **Lachlan Koziollek** - needs a new doctor
- **Lachlan Maybury** - always underappreciated but talented
- **Luke McLachlan** - hardworking and talented
- **Matt Carew** - an inspiration to the forward pack
- **Matt Maddrell** - our most underappreciated player
- **Matt Syron** - always brilliant in second grade
- **Max Fiorini** - fast and evasive - always happy when firsts didn't need him
- **Michael Ly** - best open play tackler in the team
- **Michael Taberner** - the rock of the front row
- **Miles Cheetham** - wished we could have seen more of him
- **Mitch Dunne** - great debut at hooker in twos
- **Murray Paish** - a young man with no fear
- **Neilesh Fernandes** - will be a great player
- **Nick Keith** - tenacious and hard to catch in the open
- **Nick Tawa** - want to see him back and fit
- **Pete Kosmas** - great player both in the centre and off the scrum
- **Petro Kaloterakis** - not enough of him in seconds
- **Ra Tawhiti** - an experienced head needed in the backs
- **Raduli (Louey) Rawalai** - stunning runner - four tries against Northern Saints
- **Reuben Stanley** - thankfully available to back up when needed
- **Ryan King** - a brief appearance in seconds
- **Sam Roche** - had a short cameo against Harlequins
- **Simon Carew** - not sure who is better but still appreciated
- **Sisa Akauola** - fast but not enough time with the 15s
- **Sitiveni Delailoa** - some great moments in slow motion
- **Stacey Howcroft** - great captain and manager of referees
- **Tim Gorman** - the glue that held the backline together
- **Tim Jordan** - hard-working and deserved more game time
- **Tom Entwisle** - fit, reliable and always at training
- **Tony Kerle** - should have been in the team more often
- **Will Wan** - a star needed at 10 and great at 9

Thanks to Stace for his captaincy all year and to Matty Carew for filling in when Stace was temporarily unavailable. These guys lead from the front.

There was a group of guys every week who went out on to the field and always did the hard stuff regardless of who we were playing. They tackled the big guys and they took the ball to the line, sometimes when no one else was. The best-and-fairest player was the player who did that week after week Michael (Honey Soy) Ly. The most improved player was another player who was always there when we needed him and has followed me from third grade last year and got his debut in First Grade this year—Joseph Elias. The player's player was a guy who coming back into the team part way into the season was the rock that we built upon—Timmy Gorman.

Thank you to the players, the coaches and the supporters. Special thanks to John Slender and the committee who worked enormously hard to keep things happening. I also relied heavily on Mark Nelson's advice throughout the year to make difficult selection decisions. I appreciated the support of Tony Daly, David Campese, Mick Ellem, John Klumpp and Scott McGill. Gosh what a coaching line-up. And a

special thanks to our Fijians, Api, Siti and Louey, who helped me to organize the lovo—we had a great time.

## Briars 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Mark Nelson | Coach



### *Back Row:*

*Neilesh Fernandes, Daniel Terry, Luke McLachlan, Tony Kerle, Travis Pearce, Andrew Ananin, Rob Hamilton, Alex Shalala, Miles Cheetham, Thomas Braithwaite, Lachlan Maybury, Daniel Simpson, Reuben Stanley, Allan Simpson*

### *Front Row:*

*Derek Henderson, John Shergill, Mitch Warner, Michael Taberner (Captain), Mark Nelson(Coach), Sitiveni Delailoa, Kevin White, Rob Jones*

2019 was a stellar year for Third Grade. We combined the experience of some Briars legends with the youth and flair of our colts to record an excellent season finishing with an 8-3-1 record to place third on the table. The season culminated with a preliminary final exit in a local derby with Canterbury.

Our attacking flare was on show all season, finishing with 10 bonus points, a +151 difference and 22 tries. We managed to grab wins against all teams, bar Canterbury, who won a game after the siren in the second half of the season.

Unfortunately, the season was interrupted by other team's inability to provide sides throughout the season. We started the season with a forfeit, followed by a close loss to Canterbury and a win against Macquarie University. Round 4 was our first main highlight as we overcame a spirited Harlequins (eventual champions) at their Ladies Day. Great defence saw us finish the game 10-7 with two brilliant tries to two debutants of Briars Rugby in Petro Kaloterakis and Jack Garbutt. Singing the team song right in front of their home crowd support was a definite highlight for the team. A big win over Sydney Irish rounded out our first half of the season. The second half started well, despite losing on the buzzer to Canterbury, then a draw with Macquarie University and a bonus point loss to Harlequins had us looking shaky heading to the finals. However, we came out strongly, beating a stacked Macquarie University in the first round of the finals by two points before a great effort in the preliminary final resulted in a loss, 24-12.

59 players donned the jersey for third grade over the course of the season, however there were 21 regulars who demand special mention:

### **Props:**

- **Michael Taberner** - our captain who led from the front and scored a fantastic prop's try in the preliminary final within the first five minutes.
- **John Slender** - The Godfather still has it and was one half responsible for Canterbury going uncontested against us.
- **Reuben Stanley** - Always reliable and actually filled in at centre in one game when we were short and had a blinder!
- **Lloyd Caetano** - new to the position and stepped up admirably – one half of the duo forcing Canterbury to go uncontested.
- **Neilesh Fernandes** - very mobile and his work ethic outside of scrums was exceptional.

### **Hookers:**

- **Mitch Warner** - His reliable throwing kept us in games when we only had one jumper and his tackling and ruck play were game changing.



- **Jack Klumpp** - Another of our versatile players. Takes on all roles and performs well. Safe to say he might be the only person to have played at 3 and 9 in the same game.

#### **Locks:**

- **Aaron Boyter** - Club legend whose inspirational approach and professionalism kept the team in games when cracks started forming.
- **Robert Jones** - another legend whose barnstorming runs remind me why you tackle low and hold on for dear life.
- **Luke McLachlan** - A name for the future at Briars – hits above his weight and has a great rugby mind. Such a menace at breakdowns which helped our defence considerably.

#### **Backrowers:**

- **Jay Stephenson** - another of our inspirational club legends. Such is his calming influence on the colts I had to put him back on the field after playing 50 minutes against Mac to make sure we got the win. His run metres gained was easily the best of the forwards.
- **Martin Seiuli** - Our French team equivalent. When he turns up he is impossible to stop – just need to tap into getting that every game and there is a future first grader here for sure.
- **Tony Kerle** - One of our absolute best this year. Stepped up to the physical challenge and tackled the house down in every game.
- **Roy Elder** - such a reliable supportive player, stepped up to play where and when needed and always wears his heart on his sleeve when on the paddock.

#### **Halfbacks:**

- **Miles Cheetham** - His run of injuries has pushed him to try his luck closer to the action. Developed well as a halfback and set up a brilliant kick and chase try against Macquarie University.
- **Andrew Kuo** - complained about his fitness all season so I just pretended not to hear him, and he got through games brilliantly, his quick and accurate service were so vital to our backline play.

#### **Flyhalf:**

- **Dan Shalala** - tried his hand at flyhalf for us and his step and toughness in defence meant he was such a handful for oppositions. He distributed the ball well and his rugby mind meant the right option was always taken. A deserving B&F winner for third grade.

#### **Centres:**

- **Daniel Simpson** - such an asset to any team. His rugby skills are incredible and is always a constant threat. We may even forgive him one day for dropping the ball over the line in our semi-final!
- **Alex Shalala** - Stepped up when asked to move to 13 and play a Henry Slade type role as a second distributor. His bruising tackling and accurate passing game caused many headaches for oppositions.

#### **Wingers:**

- **Thomas Braithwaite** - In his first year of rugby, Thomas has shown immense ability and his willingness to learn the game meant he improved dramatically over the course of the season. To see someone who hasn't played the game read it as well as he does is incredible.
- **Gordon Co** - Injury cruelled Gordon's season, but up until then he was a force in the game whose offloading game was similar to a veteran player.
- **Jack Garbutt** - Played well across the start of the season for our youngest player and earned a call up to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. He has the ability to play across many positions and certainly hits harder than his frame suggests.

#### **Fullbacks:**

- **Nick Keith** - Nick's out and out speed is such an advantage and he can read and find the try line from any situation.
- **Travis Pearce** - Our iceman in our team. Marshalled our troops well from the back and can nail a conversion from wherever we need it.

I look forward to next season and seeing all these players don the gold for another successful year and hopefully we go one better and make the big dance next year. Preseason starts in February and I hope to see at least one or two of the Briar's legends getting into the tough stuff!

## Briars Colts

John Klumpp | Coach



*Back Row:*

*John Klumpp (Coach), Petro Kalekatakis, Murray Paish, Lachlan Maybury, Louis Jang, Daniel Terry, Jack Garbutt, Miles Cheetham, Cameron Whicker, Jackson Le Claire, Martin Seili, John Ishak, Llyod Caetano, Thomas Braithwaite, Jack Klumpp, Max Fiorini, Peter Kosmas, Lachlan Koziollek, Chris Biasi*

*Front Row:*

*Neilesh Fernandes, Ned Churchyard, Chris Tarlamis, Daniel Simpson, Alex McCrystal (Captain), Daniel Shalala, Alex Shalala, Mitch*

*Dunne, Ed Doumit, Gordon Co*

Entering the 2019 season was akin to logging into a dating App. You knew you were getting players, but you had no idea how good they were.

As February unfolded, it became quite clear that we had assembled a group of talented and motivated rugby players. Watching pre-season training was encouraging as we watched any number of our colts leading the charge in the fitness drills and taking it up to their grade opponents in the skills and contact drills.

As a coach it was gratifying to work with legends of the game like Dales, Campo and Mick. Their knowledge of the game and the simple but old school approach was heartening and renewed my faith in simple but heads up rugby. Rugby is a simple game when played well! Improve your own game, work with the person next to you and commit to being disciplined.

The colts in 2019 were a fit, enthusiastic, generally well skilled, but ill-disciplined mob. We had players who have enjoyed the game for over 15 years, and others who turned up for the first time because their mates said it would be fun. Trying to blend and gel this group, I thought, was going to be an enormous task. However, I was proved wrong within the first few weeks. This group of players proved beyond doubt that their enthusiasm for the game, their comradery and above all their intent to learn, improve and lead would allow them to achieve great heights in the 2019 season.

As noted previously, our biggest issue was going to be discipline. Many times, over the initial few weeks of training had to be stopped to request politely that players cease talking while the coach was attempting to share his wealth of rugby knowledge. After a time, the natural leaders within the group took control and brought the group together to ensure that the focus became on improving and finding solutions to problems themselves as training unfolded.

This skill, to find solutions on the run and to make decisions during early training sessions proved to be a massive benefit during the season. From the get-go we were faced with problems, a Colleagues side that was stacked higher than a New Orleans pancake breakfast!

As the season unfolded it became quite clear that this team would achieve grand things. Each game was an improvement on the previous game. Players stepped up at training and during games to cover

injuries, absences and hangovers. Rather than direct the team and inflict upon them a strict game, plan it was clear that asking the right question and letting the leaders shine, was working well. The players' decision-making during games improved tenfold and this was reflected in their results.

Apart from a loss to the stacked Colleagues side in game one and an away loss to Chatswood, the wins kept coming. A poor start at Colleagues was turned around and an attempt by Burraneer to revert to 1980s rugby were overcome through the leadership within the team and their capacity to modify their game on the run to account for the opposition.

These results enabled the team to qualify for the Radford Cup final against Chatswood, at Chatswood. This was never going to be an easy challenge and during training, the players recognised this, but rather than focus on the opposition they focused upon what they could do to play to the best of their ability as a team.

We entered the final confidently. However, the rain that appeared just prior to the opening whistle proved to be ominous. Despite giving their all Chatswood triumphed in what was a lopsided final. It is a credit to the team that they never gave up and kept working until the end of the game.

After the game I addressed the team, and I still feel and believe that what I said that night rings true. I am proud of each and every player in the team, from the most experienced to the novices. They never gave up, they worked hard for their mates and they did themselves proud. I could not ask more of this group, to me they are champions.

Needless to say, that after the final many of these players went on to play influential roles in the First, Second and Third Grade assaults on the finals. Ten of them involved in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade Grand final squad. They are a credit to the Briars rugby family. Go you Briars – the canary yellows!

- **Chris Taramalis** - injury plagued season, but a real worker
- **Mitch Dunne** - passionate rugby devotee - leader
- **Jack Klumpp** - half-back, hooker, prop, (all-round top bloke, absolute legend, just can't teach it- *his words*) make your mind up please! - leader
- **Cameron Whicker** - large, skilled and quiet
- **Luke McLachlan** - skilled and raw, enjoys a festival
- **Peter Kosmas** - lunatic one - plays anywhere
- **Ned Churchyard** - lunatic two - steals a ball quicker than the Artful Dodger
- **Jackson LeClaire** - knowledgeable, excellent communication and quietly funny
- **Daniel Shalala** - leadership, organiser, diplomat - leader
- **Alex Shalala** - a real worker, will tackle anything and anyone, Mr Reliable - leader
- **Lachlan Kozliek** - big, strong, fast (just slightly injured)
- **Daniel Simpson** - big, strong, fast, stubborn, but quality - leader
- **Petro Kaletorakis** - strong and fast – turns the tables
- **Max Fiorini** - loves a good laugh, especially when scoring tries
- **Daniel Terry** - versatile, balanced runner and very reliable
- **Neilish Fernadez** - throws a good line out, good team man, quality
- **John Ishak** - damaging runner, good with a story
- **Aaron Kelly** - experienced, skilled and passionate
- **Martin Seuili** - big, strong and mobile
- **Lachlann Maybury** - laidback festival goer, offers plenty out wide
- **Thomas Braithwaite** - new to the game, super fit, always learning
- **Miles Cheetham** - quick and light on his feet, what shoulder?
- **Chris Elias** - broken hand, strong ball runner, very effective flanker, but his boss is difficult
- **Jack Garbutt** - the Grom – plenty of potential, strong ball runner, fearless
- **Gordon Co** - new to the game, quick learner, fearless, future flanker
- **Edmund Doumet** - injury riddled season, hard worker, illness during training is an issue
- **Jordan Buffin** - broken finger, new to the game, hard worker, always willing to listen and learn
- **Murray Paish** - ever-ready bunny, non-stop worker, lots of ideas

- **Lloyd Caetano** - centre turned prop, agile, intelligent, positive approach to the game
- **John McCrossan** - another broken hand, great at the lineout, hard worker
- **Chris Biasi** - another broken hand, versatile back, intelligent footballer
- **Alex McCrystal** - the Skip – skilled, fit and angry – a real leader – never shy to express his opinion

# Briars Women's Rugby

## Chairman's Report

David Lannan



*2018 - 2019 was the first year that Briars Women's Rugby completed a full year of playing rugby for Briars Sports.*

*We started the year with low numbers, but the squad quickly grew to a team of 36, attracting players from the local area and across Sydney. They actively trained and competed in tournaments and friendly games throughout Sydney and the surrounding area.*



### Summer 7's

Briars entered a number of tournaments across the Summer 2018/19 season. These tournaments were mainly outside of Sydney with the team travelling long days or overnight.

#### Tournaments:

- Southern Highland 7s
- Mudgee 7s
- Western Sydney 7s
- Blue Mountains 7s
- Wollongong Beach 5s

The team started well at Southern Highland 7s, earning a 4th place position, just missing out on prize money with a loss in the Semifinal.

A big trip out to Mudgee saw some mixed results and unfortunately some injuries to key players which left us short and tired pretty quickly.

Western Sydney 7s in its first year turned out to be out of our league with a number of invitational and international sides competing. Unfortunately for our players this was not shared before the tournament, but to their spirit they fought long and hard every game and learnt from other teams. 2019 finished with the Blue Mountains 7s in Katoomba. Unfortunately numbers were low this day due to injury in the lead up to the tournament and we formally forfeited our games, though played on with players borrowed from other teams.

The highlight of the summer season was Beach 5s at Wollongong beach. A lead up training session at Bondi Beach helped to get an understanding of the tough surface and different playing style. The team loved the day, helped by a few recovery swims between games, finishing the day in 3rd place, meeting some new teams and building ongoing relationships.

### Club 7's

Briars entered the Women's Club Rugby 7s tournament which is organised by NSW Rugby as a three weekly tournament over 7 rounds from April to August across Sydney. Briars were placed in Division 2 as a newly established club with a mix of experienced and new players, ensuring competition was level and did not discourage players.

#### Tournament Results as follows:



### Round 1 - Southern Districts

- Briars 15 v UNSW 10
- Briars 10 v Randwick 36
- Cup QF Briars 29 v Manly 19
- Cup SF Briars 0 v Souths 54
- Result Equal 3rd place



### Round 2 - Western Raptors

- Briars 10 v Sydney Irish 10
- Briars 5 v North Cronulla 22
- Briars 10 v Norths 20
- Result Equal 7th place



### Round 3 - Manly

- Briars 5 v Hunters Hill 29
- Briars 0 v Blacktown 34
- Briars 22 v UTS Gordon 22
- Result Equal 9th place



### Round 4 - Southern Districts

- Briars 7 v Eastwood 38
- Briars v UNSW (result lost)
- Result Equal 9th place



### Round 5 - Hunters Hill

- Briars 10 v UNSW 0
- Briars 21 v Drummoyne 10
- Briars 0 v Eastwood 24
- Result 2nd place



### Round 6 - UNSW

- Briars 0 v Syd Uni Academy 45
- Briars 5 v Hunters Hill 19
- Briars 12 v Sydney Irish 15
- Result equal 7th place



### Round 7 - Warringah

- Briars 10 v Eastwood 12
- Briars 17 v UNSW 7
- Briars 5 v Hunters Hill 19
- Result Equal 7th place



## Overall Results - Division 2

81 points - 5th place (2nd place removing Shute Shield clubs playing down a division)

### Ladies Day - Saturday 22nd June 2019, Rothwell Park Concord



Ladies Day at Rothwell for the Mens is always a big day, but this year again our Women's team played a showcase games against Macquarie Uni and Sydney Irish in a friendly 7s round robin prior to the commencement of the Men's fixtures. A lot of excitement built with the team looking forward to playing on their home ground for the first time in 2019 and the crowd was right behind them as they ran onto the field.

Briars Women's Rugby look forward to another season of growth in the club for 2020, as we grow as players and make a name for ourselves as a high quality club to be a part of.



## Team Captains Report

Lisa Bova

*This season has been our best yet for women's rugby. Briars are well known for hooking people in with a fun, social vibe that immediately makes anyone want to come back. That has been a strength of our women's team - always welcoming, and always up for a beer. So, it makes sense that up until this year we were always known as a bit of a social team.*

This year saw our women's team enter the NSW Club 7's, with the goal to field a team every round.

We started off the first round of the NSW Club 7's with a bare 5 and a whole lot of last minute ring ins. Little did we know we'd rounded up a few Waratahs and Wallaroos girls, and wow what an experience to take the field with them. Despite that enjoyable experience, I believe that was the day that we decided something had to change. Jake and I decided we weren't going to settle for being known as that team struggling



for players at every tournament. Something was going to be different this year.

From then on we did a solid recruitment drive and the committee put all of our efforts into bringing in potential players.. and trying to get them to stay. From this we secured a new round of Briars ladies .. Marsha, Jen, Chelsea, Maddy, Miriama - giving us a good mix of strength and speed. We even convinced Taymarra and Mel to come back!

Soon after we had new players turning up almost every week, it was incredible! Whilst our Facebook advertising was doing really well, I believe our most successful recruitment drive was the renowned Ladies Day. Who knew being drunk pests at the Briars Club would score us some fresh talent?! We scored Heather, Kor, Caitlin

and Morgan through boozy conversation that night, and I'm so glad they decided to stick around as they have become an essential life force behind our team now.

With a newly formed tight knit squad and a hard-ass coach we went from strength to strength. Jake's dedication and consistency at training allowed us to build from foundational skills to more intricate plays. It was incredible to see the same 12-15 faces come back to training every week and dig in. The team that I was looking at was hardly recognisable from the team that had struggled earlier in the year. And suddenly I thought to myself, we've got a real chance at taking these tournaments out. We were no longer just a 'social team', we were becoming something that other team were scared of.

A highlight of the season for me was Round 5. All of our team work, skill and I dare to say, perseverance, shone that day. We were making tackles, holding our defence line, and pulling off some Jelly plays - all the key things Jake had built at training over the past few months. Everyone went out there that day hungry for the win. We ended up making it to the final only to get beaten by fierce contenders Eastwood.

My next highlight comes at Round 7. What a muddy day that was, but perfect conditions for us. We used the wet to our advantage, not shying away from the huge mud puddles. Up against Eastwood again this round and we drew! We also lost by just one point to Hunters Hill, the current division champions. These were two teams that had gotten on top of us by big margins earlier in the year, and here we were getting narrow score lines and frankly scaring the pants of them.

The score lines are just one aspect of our success this year. What has made me the most proud is to see all our girls build such strong friendships amongst each other. We were supporting each other and backing each other on and off the field and really working towards a shared goal. I hope to see these bonds and comradery continue for the 2020 season to come. As I leave Briars in 2020 I will be so grateful for the friendships I have built from this team and will be sad to leave such a strong, welcoming and inspiring group of ladies. It has been a pleasure to lead such a wonderful group of girls and to be a part of a club that feels like a family.

With new coaches Luke and Trent on board for 2020 I have no doubt that Briars Women's 7's will continue to excel and become a team capable of incredible things.

## Club Captain Report

Bec Clark

*2019 and what can I say...a year full of perseverance, massive hits, new friendships, sweat, tears and many beers. This is the year Briars Women's Rugby made their mark on Sydney Rugby.*

Briars Women's Rugby welcomed a new coach this year – Jake Curran. Jake has not only made his mark on Briars Rugby Club but also brought a team of girls who were learning Rugby to a cohesive team that is now competing with some of the best teams in Sydney. Jake instilled a clear vision from the get go and the girls thrived off having new knowledge and ideas to practice and master.

As always we have many people who contribute to the running of Briars Women's Rugby and we would like to thank anyone who came and watched, supported, baked, cheered and believed in our team. Big thanks to David Lannan our amazing manager, Lisa Bova for captaining the girls and the Briars Rugby Community. The last thank you goes to our girls who turn up to training week in and week out and make Briars Women's Rugby what it is.

## Head Coach Report

Jake Curran

2019 has been a great success for Briars Womens Rugby.

At the start of the year there were regularly only 4 women at trainings. Since that time we have undertaken the following;

- Review of the team focus to the NSW 7s competition



- Review and re-engagement in our marketing and recruitment
- Reinvigoration of the team culture and associated activities

Off the back of these actions Briars Womens Rugby has achieved;

- 5th in the 2nd division of the NSW Womens 7s competition
- Continual ability to field full squads, compared to a time where the team relied on ring ins
- Development of comradery where the players are bringing more players and friends along
- Representation of Briars in the Womens NRC competition (Bianca Bennett)
- Recognition amongst other clubs of Briars Womens Rugby as a legitimate squad

The key to the ongoing success of womens rugby in the club will be the re-integration with the overall management and coaching staff. When I first came on board it was important to separate to allow the womens team to develop it's own identity. This has been achieved. What is required now is a re-engagement from a management level, more engagement and involvement from supporting members, whether it be assistant coaches, assistant management etc. Critically for the club is the benefit that can be leveraged in shared marketing and promotional budgets. Getting more men engaged in the game allows flow on effects of them bringing down partners etc which is essentially the major requirement for ongoing success; recruitment.

## Briars Rugby Presentation Night

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The 2019 Briars Presentation Evening was a night to behold, celebrating a dynamic and eventful season for a club which has gone from strength to strength over the past 12 months. With an array of speeches, songs and plenty of beer, the Briars celebrated in the only way they know; long, loud and into the morning. The celebrations were capped off with news from our Chairman and President John Slender that Briars Rugby would be moving into Division 3 of the Suburban Rugby championship, a marvellous indignation of the effort put in by countless individuals over the last few seasons.

Major award winners:

- Toby Crisp Award: awarded to a player under the age of 21, this award recognises an individual who has contributed significantly to Briars rugby in pursuits both on and off the field. From a large range of obvious candidates, the decision of a singular person who best embodied these qualities throughout the season was a difficult decision. However, for his consistent effort in ground-level contribution, engagement with juniors and continual effort with game day and training endeavours, the award was given to **Daniel “Casper” Simpson**.
- Clubman of the Year: once again, a long list of candidates were available to be chosen for this award, which recognises an individual who contributes prolifically to all areas behind the scenes of the rugby club. Historically, the Clubman of the Year has been awarded to members of all variety, including players, committee members and generally influential figures in the community. This year's winner is a part of all three areas and has worked tirelessly and quietly in areas of motivation, organisation and coagulation between rugby players at a colts and (incredibly) senior level. Overall, his impact on Briars Rugby is a deservedly acknowledged one. Congratulations to **Stacey Howcroft**.
- Coach of the Year Award: 2019's award to the most dedicated coach of the year was an individual seldom heard of in senior rugby circles, as his involvement is seen in our junior rugby program. As Briars Rugby's most successful coach of the year and among the most enthusiastic of the entire coaching staff, his award recognises the development and progress made by the junior rugby community over the past years, who, in success and failure, toiled to create an inclusive club for players of all abilities. The presentation of this award on the night was met with warm congratulations from the senior rugby community, who continually strive to build a young player base beneath them to carry on the Briars legacy. Congratulations to **Sean Toomey**.
- Rookie of the Year: 2019's award to the most impactful and consistent debut player celebrates the arrival of new players to the club, the majority of which are mostly out of high school or in their



youth. With note to the ever-growing Colt's side and presence at Briars, this award was presented to an individual of high calibre playing ability and work ethic, as well as his involvement in motivating others to continually progress. Additionally, his ongoing effort to contribute to the club's senior sides as well as the summer 7's program serves as a testimony to his dedication and skill level. His character is best summarised in his own reaction to receiving this award on presentation evening: "I just really enjoyed playing my footy this year." Congratulations to **Peter Kosmas**.

These awards are held in high esteem and reflect the values held by the Briars Rugby community. Additionally, special thanks must go to the Committee members for their organisation and running of the night – to produce such a special evening after a year of voluntary hard work is admirable and we as a club are very grateful for their efforts.

### Further Awards

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Players Player:	Ryan King
Most Improved:	Chase Rye
Best & Fairest:	Troy Le Sueur-Hindmarsh

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Players Player:	Tim Gorman
Most Improved:	Joe Elias
Best & Fairest:	Michael Ly

#### Women's

Players Player:	Pania Kokaua
Coach's Award:	Lisa Bova
Best & Fairest:	Bianca Bennetts

#### Colts

Players Player:	Ned Churchyard
Most Improved:	Jack Klumpp
Best & Fairest:	Alex McCrystal

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Players Player:	Alexander Shalala
Most Improved:	Thomas Braithwaite
Best & Fairest:	Daniel Shalala

# Briars Junior Rugby

## President's Report

Jules Boyter



2019 was another successful year for Junior Rugby. Playing numbers increased by almost 20 from the previous year, and we added another team to the line up - taking the total to 6 teams.

Our Minis group consisted of 4 teams- Under 6's, two Under 7's teams and an Under 8's. While in the Juniors competition we fielded an Under 10's and Under 12's.

Playing numbers were strong in the Under 6's with a number of players joining us between rounds 3-5 which took the total number of players to 14. It did make subs at the games hard work for Coach Harvey, but he took it in his stride and did a fantastic job with the young players.

Following on from two Under 6 teams in 2018, we took those boys through to be two Under 7's team with a few adjustments to players. Great work from returning coaches Mick and Tony, who worked with the boys closer to the end of the season to prepare these boys for the change to contact next year.

Our Under 8's headed up by Coach Matt really enjoyed their first year of tackle rugby. It was fantastic to watch the improvement from that first game in the season to the last.

A big step up this year for our Under 10's moving into the Juniors competition. They unfortunately started the season short on players, but were able to get the extras needed to play with just enough for the remainder of the season. Although not many games went their way, they didn't lose their determination throughout the season.

Finally, onto our Under 12's. A number of the boys in this team have been with Junior rugby since its start 5 years ago and it has been a joy to watch them progress through the ages groups. 2019 was the Under 12's year! Playing numbers were strong and under Coach Sean's lead they played themselves into the Grand Final and came home the winners of their division.

The relationship between our Juniors and Seniors continues to strengthen, an increase of junior supporters at the senior's games and a handful of the kids taking on the roles of ball boy at the games. This is a relationship that we will continue to build on, and in coming years we will look at more integrated training between them both.

I'd like to thank all the coaches and managers in 2019 for all their hard work in 2019. We would not be where we are without them. A big thanks also goes out to all the parents who drove their kids to training and to games each week.

2020 is shaping up to be another great year, and on top of maintaining our existing teams, we are hopeful to fill in some of the age gaps.

## Jnr. Rugby Briars U6

Harvey Sauran | Coach

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**Quote of the season - "At the beginning of the season I hated rugby, now I love it."**

2019 was a fantastic season for the U6 boys! My aim at the beginning of the season was for the kids to improve their skills while having fun, a goal I feel was achieved. By the start of the season we had 14 players which was great for training, however posed some challenges on game day. To even up the numbers we'd often loan some of our players to the other team. All of the boys showed great

sportsmanship by helping out and playing their best no matter if their jersey was the right way around or inside-out.



*Coach: Harvey Sauran*

*Back Row:*

*James Wallis, Leo Germain, Mariano Spiteri, Logan Rosato, Roscoe Westgarth*

*Front Row:*

*Dominic Richmond, Konrad Scott, Sebastian Sauran, Hamish Waddington, Aiden Susel*

*Absent: Morgan Sinclair- Kydd, Emmett Taulapapa, Oliver Logan, Liam Leaper*

Dominic, Logan, Mariano and Leo are all candidates for the 2035 Briars 1<sup>st</sup> grade backline. Their speed in attack, ability to find gaps in the defensive line and score plenty of tries was amazing. I look forward to seeing their skills develop further next season.

Aiden, Konrad, Morgan and Emmett all improved significantly in confidence and gameplay each week. After a couple of weeks settling into the team, they found their inner rugby player and all proved that they have great rugby skills in running with the ball and chasing down the opposition.

James, Roscoe and Oliver's enthusiasm was contagious. When they were on the field they always put in their best efforts. Watching them each work hard in defence and run forward with the ball lifted the other team members.

Hamish, Sebastian and Liam each improved in leaps and bounds. They each developed their skills in running good attacking lines, changing directions and in defence they did their best to chase down the opposition players.

It was a joy to watch the kids improve as the season progressed. I would like to thank all the other coaches and parents that helped out with training and games this season when I was unavailable. The Boyters (Jules and Aaron) continue to do a fantastic job of developing and promoting Junior Rugby at Briars. Well done!

I hope that the boys enjoyed the season as much as I did and I look forward to seeing them all again next year. Bring on U7's!

## Jnr. Rugby Briars U7 Gold

Michael McGrath | Coach



*Assistant Coach Peter O'Neill (Assistant Coach), Michael McGrath (Coach), Matt Games (Assistant Coach)*

*Back Row:*

*Koby Addison, William Kutusi, Jacob McGrath, Kye Games*

*Front Row:*

*Thomas O'Neill, Jett Jenkin, Gabriel Abed*

In my third year of coaching at Briars, this year had by far the greatest level of improvement across all our players from February through until season's end. After splitting the boys who had spent two years together as under 6s into Gold and Maroon this year, we welcomed four new teammates into the newly formed Briars Under 7s Gold. All the boys must be congratulated on their commitment to training every week, their willingness to learn and most of all the great mate ship they shared. They benefited greatly from competing against Under 7s Maroons at training each week under match conditions. We also implemented a team of coaches this year across the two teams and

sharing the coaching duties with Matt, Pete and Tony really aided the players development and teamwork.

Defensively, our boys excelled at maintaining a straight line, calling each other out to square off against their opponent and moving forward flat out. Similarly, our attack operated in overdrive for the entire game every week. Everyone found the try line this year with an even share of the ball. This was due to the introduction of a scrum half for quick and fair ball distribution, the development of great hole running and body swerves and the sheer hunger of everyone to cross the line.

The highlight of the season was our local derby against Briars Maroon late in the season. Both teams spent Thursday nights competing against each other, so they were all primed for this game. The windy morning at Drummoyne was a great spectacle for families and friends - scrums, lineouts, two handed touches that almost resembled tackles - that really showcased how far both teams had come in their rugby journey.

We are all looking forward to moving onto the big boy's game of tackle footy in 2020.

Kye - in his third year as a Briar, this year Kye developed a mean sidestep in attack and always flew up fast out of the defensive line to pressure his opponent. He was a great organizer as one of our designated scrum halves and was known to keep a personal tally of every touch he made in a game. Kye will be equally comfortable at hooker or scrum half next year due to his ability to get the 'ruck' first and his accurate short and long passing game.

Koby - making his Briars and rugby debut this year, Koby was like a sponge from the very first training session. He genuinely seemed to love his footy and implemented every single drill at training exactly how it was intended and transferred it to match day. He thrived at scrum half but was equally comfortable running down the sideline to score or set up a long range try for his teammates. Koby will be able to make any position in the backline his own as he progresses into tackle footy.

Gabriel - always a hard runner with the ball, Gabriel really hit his strides this year in both skill and confidence. Gabriel ran great angles in attack and added a few extra metres of pace which made him intimidating in both attack and defense. Looking forward to Gabriel taking his game up another level next year breaking through opponent's defensive lines and maintaining his always intensive commitment in defense as a strong, hard running forward.

Jacob - until this season Jacob aspired to be a fullback or winger "because they get all the tries". However, his desire to always be near the ball was aided by the introduction of scrums and lineouts at training and he found his home in the forwards. Always trying to read the game, Jacob had a great knack of ducking, weaving, swerving and accelerating at the right time to dive over for many a try. Always committed to tough defensive plays and outmuscling his opponent, tackling along with scrummaging cannot come soon enough for Jacob.

Will - another debuting player, Will was always in the centre of the action. A self-appointed fullback in defense, Will had a unique ability to read the opposition's attack, show them the sideline then sprint across the stop their momentum. Will had an abundance of pace, a killer sidestep and loads of enthusiasm that led him to countless tries this year. While possessing the height and strength of a second row or number 8, he will also make a great centre or fullback as he takes on tackle rugby next year.

Tom - always enthusiastic, Tom was deceptive with the ball in hand. He often fooled the opposition by appearing to be heading into the open but stepping back on the inside and sneaking through the narrowest of gaps and streaking away to score in the corner. Tom lead our team in defensive coordination, regularly identifying holes in our line, calling his mates out to fill the gaps. Tom's ability in attack and defense could see him play anywhere in the forward pack or across the backline.

Jett - our youngest player this year, Jett regularly put his body on the line with big defensive plays against much bigger players. He always rushed the opposition, restricting their space and pushing them back towards his co-defenders. Playing both league and union this year also enhanced Jett's attacking ability



shown through his newfound sidestep, pace off a standing start and elusive runs. Jett seems primed for moving into tackling next year and running around and through opponents.

Leo - a star of Briars under 6s, Leo would only train with the under 7s even when his dad was assisting with the under 6s. Briars Gold would not have been such a success without Leo backing up every week after his 6s game. Leo was a great attacking runner with equal balance of speed and agility, often outrunning much older and bigger opponents.

Thank you for a great year. Special mention again to Tony, Matt and Pete for making my coaching job so much easier by sharing the load and to Jules and Aaron for ensuring the Briars Junior Rugby club continues to be a success and a great family environment.

## Jnr. Rugby Briars U7 Maroon

Tony Kerle | Coach



*Coach: Tony Kerle*

*Back Row:*

*Leo Germain, Levi Buchan, Hugh Kerle, Felix Farrah*

*Front Row:*

*Logan Rosato, Luca White, Evan Russell*

*Absent: Brent Schultz*

2019 was another year of watching a tight-knit group of boys developing personal and rugby talents. I was great to see everyone making individual advancements in their own time, as well as taking big steps in their teamwork and sportsmanship.

Felix, Levi, Evan, Luca, Hugh, Ethan and Brent were the core of our side this year, and every single one played with great Briar's spirit and tenacity. Everyone had at least one game that left us all shaking our heads at the amount of improvement they had shown since the previous week.

We missed our teammates Ethan and Brent in the later stages of the season, and we're hoping to see them back again next year for U8s. We were also very grateful for the support from U6 players Logan, Dom and Leo who backed up and played two games most weeks to help fill in when we were short.

Game days were great fun, but training sessions were sometimes even more enjoyable with long and willing games against the U7 Golds. All the boys worked at developing the new parts of the game like scrums and lineouts, and they really took to the challenge and loved trying new positions.

A huge thanks to Coach Mick and all of the Dads who helped at training this year, and also to Manager Kevin for keeping everything organised. Again we'd be lost without the guidance of Jules and Aaron so a massive thanks to them for making it happen all season long.

## Jnr. Rugby Briars U8

Matthew Crippa | Coach



*Coach: Matthew Crippa*

*Back Row:*

*Levi Harrison, Alonzo Spiteri, Kamal Ratnam, Thomas Attema, Josh Jenkin, Grace Logan, Jayden Jamil*

*Front Row:*

*James Hunt, Daniel Crippa, Toby Boyter, Fergus Sinclair-Kydd, Harry Horwood*

*Absent: Hadrian Wong*

This year we welcomed 8 new players to the game of Rugby and the Briar's family. Under 8's is a big step on a Junior rugby players journey with the introduction of tackling and contested breakdowns. From the first training session the team was eager to learn and enthusiastic in plying their skills on game day. For me personally, the highlight was seeing the improvements the team had made as they tackled each opposition the 2<sup>nd</sup> time around.

As the season went on, players started finding their preferred positions/playing style, which puts us in a great position moving to the more structured gameplay in under 9's!

Thomas Attema - Tommy joined the team late in the season as a newcomer to the sport. He was completely committed to training and picked it up at an incredible rate. Strong tackler and didn't shy away from the hard work at the breakdown. Was rewarded with a runaway try in the last game of the season.

Toby Boyter - Toby was the go-to Hooker for the team. Owning the lineout throw and scrums when on the field. Never shy in both attack and defence Toby pulled off some of the strongest runs up the middle seen all year. Strong tackler.

Daniel Crippa - Daniel was the team's go to No. 9. A team player who played unselfish rugby all year, worked hard on his pass all season to get the ball away from the breakdown and put players into space. Great tackler and never gave up in defence. Was rewarded with some great tries from scrum half.

Levi Harrison - Levi had a standout first season at Briars. Always had a smile on his face as he consistently pulled off tackle after tackle. Very strong runner of the ball as well, making many breaks through the defensive line to rack up an impressive try tally.

Harry Horwood - Harry played the role of Fly Half exceptionally well all year. Solid in defence, Harry shone when given some space and options in attack. Ran the ball well and used his support players to help our team find the line on countless occasions.

James Hunt - James was the team's speedster. James was a try scoring machine, given some space, James would consistently find his way around opposition defence with his speed. Worked hard on his defence all year which improved greatly throughout the season.

Jayden Jamil - Jayden had a brilliant first season of Rugby. Was excellent in both attack and defence. Particularly strong go forward runner and never shied away from making a tackle. I'm looking forward to seeing him develop into a strong forward next year.

Josh Jenkins - Josh had a fantastic 3<sup>rd</sup> season at Briars! He was a great runner of the ball and prolific try scorer. Very evasive running style and strong in defence.

Grace Logan - Grace was the team utility player. She was equally as comfortable playing in the back line (scoring last minute match winners down the sideline) as she was doing the hard work at the breakdown. Her commitment to training was second to none. Sensational first season!

Kamal Ratnam - Kamal's positional play was excellent and often found himself in great position to receive a pass that would send him on his way to the try line. Never afraid to pull up his sleeves and do the tough work cleaning out in defence.

Fergus Sinclair-Kydd - Fergus improved leaps and bounds throughout the season. Particularly strong contributions at the breakdown and set piece with some excellent go forward runs at the back end of the season to boot!

Alonzo Spiteri - Alonzo built confidence throughout his first season. His consistent effort at training was rewarded with some great plays in both attack and defence late in the season. Strong at the set piece, was the team go to lineout jumper.

Hadrian Wong - Hadrian was committed to the oval ball game. Strong trainer who built confidence throughout the season. Lays a strong platform at the breakdown and set piece.

## Jnr. Rugby Briars U10

Aaron Boyter | Coach



*Mal Buchan (Trainer), Aaron Boyter (Coach)*

*Back Row:*

*Kaine Hillsley, William Boyter, James Hillsley, Lukas Petreski, Tom Van Veldhuisen, Max Portelli, Harley Buchan*

*Front Row:*

*Rhys Jones, Andre Richmond, Kian White, Xander Payne, Zac Toomey*

A big year with the boys moving into the Sydney Junior Competition. Now playing all over Sydney in a graded competition and playing on Sunday. It was as thrilling for me to watch them run out at Rothwell as am I sure it was for them.

After starting the year very strong, the results for the boys did not always go their way as the season drew on. The continuing effort and drive to never give up was more than commendable. They truly all showed the Briars spirit and played the game in the way that it should be played. I hope that they all had as enjoyable a season as I did coaching them.

Some of the team have now been together since Under 6's and it's been amazing seeing them all grow and develop. There is a heap of on show and emerging talent in this group.

Big thanks to Mal Buchan and Kevin White who continually put their hands up to help at training and on game day. To all the parents, you've been amazing – whenever a job needed doing there was never a shortage of volunteers. Getting this team to training and on the field every week is definitely a group effort.

Andre Richmond – After a shaky start, Andre really took to his role as fly half. He showed true leadership in this position and confidently moved his team around the park. His unselfish play and constant drive to get better is a pleasure to watch. His goal kicking was a source of constant improvement and I hope that he continues to put in the same effort in the future

Harley Buchan – Harley just loves Rugby. Unable to play a few games through injury, Harley was still at every training and game day as “assistant coach”. Great kid who keeps improving as he throws everything at the game he loves.

James Hillsley – When James focused, he was unstoppable. Strong running and powerful cleanouts.

Kaine Hillsley – In his first year of Rugby, Kaine showed a great turn of pace and was elusive in attack. Looking forward to Kaine continuing to learn his new sport.

Kian White – Plays like a kid twice his size. Kian unselfishly would draw and pass for his peers and stood in front of much bigger opponents to pull off some of the best tackles of the year. When we were caught short at a ruck, Kian would quickly ensure he jumped in to secure the ball. Without doubt, the best at the jackal in the team.

Lukas Petreski – Moving into the second row allowed Lukas to get more involved this year. Some powerful runs and sweeping cover tackles were on show.

Max Portelli – Continues to be a dominant force at Inside Centre. Taking full advantage of his rangy build, Max instigated some damaging runs pushing and pulling away from his opponents.

Rhys Jones – Quick with a joke, Rhys always kept training and gameday light. Rhys struggled a bit to get involved on the field, but when the play came his way always took advantage.

Tom Van Veldhuisen – A year younger than most of the others on team, Tom continues to learn and keep up with the others undaunted. His enthusiasm is definitely contagious and is a pleasure to coach.

William Boyter – Definitely our most improved. Moving towards the back end of the season, finally realised the benefit of his size and took advantage. Very difficult to pull down in attack and some impressive counter rucking in defence.

Xander Payne – Our most dynamic and adaptable player. Was able to play in backs and forwards and change positions as the need arose. More often than not, beat the first defender, stepped back in to either pass to a teammate or pull away for a try.

Zac Toomey – Superior ability to steal the ball which will see him grow into a devastating back rower. Always running with the ball in two hands and stayed low to the ground saw Zac evade even the most seasoned defenders.

#### **Under 10's 2019 Awards:**

Most improved Forward	William Boyter
Most Improved Back	Max Portelli
Best and Fairest	Xander Payne

### **Jnr. Rugby Briars U12 | Premiers**

Sean Toomey | Coach



*Tony Rosato (Trainer), Sean Toomey (Coach)*

#### *Back Row:*

*Lachlan Moore, Kabir Lokhandwala, Jack Callaghan, Mathieu Nguyen, Lucas Rosato, Dominic Toomey, Oscar Dillon, Joseph Beshara, Markus Petreski Burneikis*

#### *Front Row:*

*James Kelly, Arjun Verma, Ethan McGoldrick, Isaac Ayoub, Jacob Tran, Liam Donegan, Christian Tassopoulos, Alex McGrath*

*Absent: Matthew Plunkett, Sam Gideon, Junaid, Mansoor, Oliver Quinn*

It was an outstanding season for the Briars U12 team, winning the first Competition trophy for the club, as the G Grade Premiership winners.

We had everything going for us this season. New Club coaching David Campest providing skills coaching, an influx of player talent and a shift to the running style of rugby, allowed us to dominate our opponents, finish the regular season as Minor Premiers and eventually win the Grand Final over East, 29 to 19.

Throughout this season the players worked really hard on their attacking skills and developed a brilliant back line, scoring a for and against record of +274 for the season. Liam Donegal re-joined the club this year and provided great stability to the team, through is reliable passing and work around the breakdown. Oliver Quinn, a Touch Football State Representative, experienced his first season of Rugby Union with Briars this year. Olly's speed and brilliance in attack, provided a real competitive edge to the team and his hard work at training and outstanding efforts on the field, earned him the most improved back award this season.

Alex McGrath really matured in his second rugby season. His powerful running, impenetrable defence and leadership of the backs was a big part of our success. Joey Beshara provided brilliant attacking flair at Outside Centre and was complemented by the blistering speed of Sam Gideon on the wing. Ethan McGoldrick was also brilliant on the wing, in both attack and defence. James Kelly had another great year at Fullback in attack and defence, as well as adding to the team points scoring ability with his pinpoint goal kicking. Jacob Tran showed great versatility, stepping into almost all positions in the backline throughout the year and was critical to our success.



Our forwards have always been the heart of this team and in 2019 our experienced pack lifted to new levels, with many of our forwards representing the West Harbour District team. Our experienced tight forwards, Dominic Toomey, Jack Callaghan, Kabir Lokhandwala, Lachlan Moore, Matthew Plunket and Lucas Rosato, along with new Prop Mathieu Nguyen, layed a great platform for the team by dominating all the set pieces and controlling possession in the rusks and mauls.

The addition of the Flanker positions into the rules in the U12 age group, provided the opportunity for Christian Tassopoulos, Oscar Dillion and newcomers Isaac Ayoub, Argun Verma and Junaid Mansoor, to find their true place in the game of Rugby. Their speed, aggression, skill at the breakdown and uncompromising defence allowed the team to control possession and play end to end, entertaining rugby. Isaac Ayoub showed David Pocock like fearlessness on the field and a great work ethic at training and was awarded the most improved forward.

Marcus Petreski Burnekis proved to be a brilliant leader for the team this year. Markus was a work horse at the breakdown, brave in defence and cool headed at all times. His hard work all year and great leadership, was acknowledged by his team, when he was voted the Players Player Award.

Coaching this team was an absolute pleasure this year. I really enjoyed taking a more passive role on game day, and watching the boys develop their comradery, overcome adversity as a team and playing entertaining Rugby. The future of Briars Rugby is in great hands.

**Under 12's 2019 Awards:**

Most improved Forward	Isaac Ayoub
Most Improved Back	Oliver Quinn
Best and Fairest	Markus Petreski Burnekis

# Briars Hockey

## President's Report

David Slater



*It is my pleasure to provide this report on the 2019 season for Briars Hockey.*

*I have assumed the role of President of Briars Hockey this year from Emma Ratcliffe, who has performed a truly remarkable job for this club for almost a decade before me in this role. I can only thank Emma for having established the solid foundation that I have been very fortunate to inherit.*

*It's my role to provide a highlights reel for the year, and there have been plenty of highlights mixed in with some genuinely tough and hard work for some areas of the club.*

Briars fielded some 16 Seniors teams with around 240 Seniors players taking the field this year, 9 Juniors teams (along with a teeming multitude of Flick Kids and Try Hockey first-timers), and 3 very successful Men's Masters Hockey teams.

What were the highlights for me in 2019?

First and foremost, our Juniors numbers and results. We had a bumper crop of teams and players in our Juniors programme this year. Out of nine teams, eight made the finals, we made six Grand Finals, and won two premierships, including our first ever U17 Metro Premiership with our 17As.

We also ran a really successful Flick Kids programme for newcomers down at the Greenlees clubhouse, led by the irrepressible Nicola Skinner.

Our Juniors are the future of Briars Hockey, and it's taken many years of sustained effort with particular leadership from Clay Scanlon and John Clarke to build our Juniors up to this level. Thanks also must go to all the great people who stepped up to coach each of the Juniors teams this year.

In our Women's programme, out of our 6 Briars teams, 3 made it through to the finals our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, and our Social team. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade went on to unfortunately go down in the preliminary final, but our mighty Social Team went on to win their Grand Final and bring home the premiership.

In our Men's programme, we really stood up and toughed it out in the Premier League this season, even though we were down several players from the 1's and 2's groups at the start of the year. Despite this player loss, our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teams both fought their way through into their respective finals series.

A fantastic job was done by Mark Flack, Alan Charlton, Troy Prescott, David Ratcliffe and their managers in bringing home the results they did this year under very tough circumstances.

In the Men's Sydney League competition, three out of three teams made it through to the finals, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teams made it to the Grand Final, and the mighty 6<sup>th</sup> Grade boys (including yours truly!) brought home the premiership gold medal. In Men's Masters, we fielded teams in three grades for the first time.

Remarkably, all three of our teams made it to their Grand Finals, including our B's team in their first year in the competition. Our top Premier League Masters team won their premiership, effectively putting us at the top of the table in Sydney Men's Masters Hockey.

And with our Women's Masters players – 6 of our Women made up the backbone of the Sydney East Association team in the SWHL Division 1 Masters, and they brought home the premiership in a tight 2-1 win.

Briars Hockey also had a remarkable number of representative players during the year at all levels within the club, representing their regions, the state, and Australia.

I need to give out some special thanks for the year.

Firstly to our club sponsors – to Mortgage Choice and Gary Bieser, and also to a new sponsor this year, Flamingo Gas.

I would also like to thank our committee members;

- Our Men's and Women's Vice Presidents – Alan Charlton and Kylie Beckhouse.
- To John Denniss, our Treasurer and spreadsheet supremo.
- Our Junior VP and registrar– Clay Scanlon and John Clarke.
- Our Uniform and Equipment Co-ordinator (and Women's Registrar) - Cindy Goodridge.
- Our Marketing and Media Co-ordinator - Jessica Martyn.
- Our Men's Registrar and Records Officer – Mike Denniss.
- Our Canteen and Volunteers Co-ordinator, who has helped deliver a remarkable net profit for the Club this year – Kylie Norris.
- Our Umpire Co-ordinator- who has done an amazing job this year, and all with good humour whilst (mostly) retaining his sanity- Chris Thuell.
- Our Club Captains, Nick Hill and Esther Hotham.

And I have left her till the end quite deliberately, so I can single her out for praise- to our remarkable club Secretary and Social Co-ordinator (amongst other things), and the single person most responsible for the success of the Club this year, Nicola Skinner.

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to be a team Coach or Manager this year.

Thanks to everyone who stepped forward with a whistle and a pocketful of cards to umpire games this year- there are too many to name, but they are all brave, and essential people to the functioning of our club.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered in any capacity during the year, at the canteen or elsewhere. A very special thanks in this regard to Wal Zol, for his often unseen efforts in maintaining the Cintra operations this year, and for running the Sunday canteen. Wal is a truly remarkable guy.

Thank you to everyone who attended a fundraiser or social event.

Thanks also to the Briars Sports Club, and in particular Brett Howle, Jason Parle, Jack Thomas and Monique Laaper.

The hockey year could also not pass without a shout-out to the redoubtable and remarkable John Price for all of his behind-the-scenes work and support, and for bringing home the bacon with a highly successful Sportsman's Luncheon again this year, under difficult market conditions, and despite a heavy personal workload.

I also can't let the year pass without paying tribute to a member of the Briars family that we lost this year.

Alan Jones, or AJ as we all knew him, passed away in early September following a fight with kidney cancer.

We should never use the term "legend" lightly, but AJ really was a legend of the Briars club.

He played a fundamental role in supporting our Juniors teams and was the key person who put in endless hours running the original Cintra clubhouse and field.

Cintra, and the club in general, could not have survived those early years without AJ's dedication as a volunteer, along with the able support provided by his mates Wal Zol and Dave Ratcliffe.

AJ seemed to always be at the field, he could always fix the broken things, and he was always on hand to support his daughter Meegan and more recently to push Meegan's son Archie (or little AJ), around in his stroller.

AJ was also a great lover and player of the game of hockey and was a member of the very first Briars Masters team. He was someone that I had the great pleasure of sharing the field with on many occasions, and he was a great “poacher” of goals.

Alan Jones was an integral part of the Briars family, our Club is all the better for him, and he will be greatly missed.

As I write, the successful Summer Competition at Cintra is reaching its crescendo, following which our hockey activities will finally wind down for the season, and everyone can take a well-deserved break for Christmas.

## Briars Hockey Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – PL1

Mark Flack & Riley Flack and Mark Flack | Coach & Managers

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The PL1 season was one of the most challenging in recent years. With the loss of circa 11 players from the first-grade squad and minimal additions, the impact down through all grades was felt. In response the players who made up the squad should be commended for their positive response to the challenge. In the end we finished a single win out of the finals. A special mention to Captain Nick Hill for the mature way he led the team and also in his role as club captain. To Scott Garner who returned after a year off and did do an even better GK role- a heart-felt thanks.

The key for the year was the spirit and effort of all players in the top two grades. With a great crop of young players coming through and determination, the club should continue to challenge for the finals.

This was my final year as coach and I would like to express my thanks to all Briars current and past. It had been a great experience and I wish the club well.

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Nic Candido
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Nick Hill
<i>Most Improved</i>	Chris Croker

## Briars Hockey Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – PL2

Alan Charlton & Liz Drake | Coach & Manager

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This season was going to be a tough one- with a large turnover of players in the off season we had a different looking 2<sup>nd</sup> grade side than we have had in the past few years.

We brought into a very experienced group some very young players (some of them playing in their first year of seniors).

It took a few games for us to get up to the pace of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and after a tough loss a quarter of the way through the year, which was a wake-up call for everyone!! Everyone continued to work hard and with a couple of positional changes we started to click! We had good results against everyone except the top 2 teams, who each time we played them showed us the standard we needed to be at in order to compete.

We ended up making the semi-finals, finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> position and having to play vs Sutherland in the semi-final, who in the two round games were just ahead on aggregate 11-2!! This elimination semi was by far our best game of the season! We fought hard in defence, created opportunities in attack. We had more scoring chances than they did, but their goalkeeper played really well. At 1-1 with 15mins to go against the run of play Sutherland scored to go ahead. We decided to take our superstar keeper off the field to give us an extra striker with 7mins to go, which nearly paid off with some very near misses and a post keeping us from equalising, and unfortunately being eliminated.

This season was a great chance for the young Briars to step up and be seen, in the semi-final we had 9 Briars juniors out of 14 playing! Due to several different reasons we struggled in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this year to be able to have a full squad to train with or at game days, which made it hard to get some consistency on the field. We had 28 players play 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this season, hopefully looking forward to next year we'll be able to get a bit more stability and progress further in the competition.



Even though we finished the season lower than PL2 has for quite a few years, I still see this year as a success and the growth in our juniors will see us be stronger than ever moving forwards.

#### **Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	Andrew Borg
<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Blake Durance
<i>Most Consistent</i>	Chris Coombes

### **Briars Hockey Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – PL3**

Troy Prescott & Justene Priest | Coach & Manager

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This team had a great season and after 18 games were semi-finalists. They had 8 wins, 6 draws and 5 losses. Two of the big wins were against the teams that were sitting 1st and 2nd on the ladder, Ryde and Easts. The biggest win was 8 – 0 against UTS on Derby Day, helping Briars to retain the Cup.

Unfortunately, the boys went down to Sydney Uni in the semi-final but can hold their heads up high knowing that team then went onto be Premiers of PL3. A big thank you to the players from PL2 and PL4 teams who filled in to allow for some subs on the bench when needed.

Our team consisted of:

- Troy “Preso” Prescott – coach and super sub
- Justene “Juzzy” Priest – manager and Mum
- Derryn “Dez” Allsop – our top goal scorer for the team and fine master
- Josh “Brioche” Caboche – our very own Mr Nice Guy
- James “Jimmy” Fordham – our NSW Masters representative
- Steven “Chief” Graham – possibly moonlights as a security guard
- Aneesh “Abro” Kesha – awarded the most cards this season
- Samuel Kolthof – exchange student from Netherlands who played 3 games
- Reuben “Rubes” Koorey – made an appearance every now and again
- Lewis “Lewy” Mike – always loves an overhead
- Matthew “Nads” Najdzion – seemed to always have a target on his back
- Brandon “BK” Potts – the baby of the team but played beyond his years
- Oscar “Waffles” Quix – played every game this season
- Daniel “Strouty” Strout – the biker dude
- Justin Ward – believes he plays better hungover
- Lennon “Catdog” White – supplier of the team mascot
- Trent “Stretch” Wilde – runner up top goal scorer
- Matt Wilson – also played every game this season

#### **Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	Oscar Quix
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Derryn Allsop
<i>Most Consistent</i>	Matt Wilson

### **Briars Hockey Men's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – PL4**

David Ratcliffe & Gary Bieser | Coach & Manager

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Our Briars 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team had a good year with some big wins, but were unlucky to get bumped from the finals on points.

The year saw the emergence of some of our new and young upcoming players, and these players were also rewarded by getting the call up to play in PL2 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) round games and even the quarter final with an opening due to injury.

The team bonded well all year and preformed as a tight knit group through the tougher matches, never giving up and stealing wins from big teams throughout the year.

Led on by our fines master Nathan and Captain Prezzo, the team culture and team comradery was strong, and created a great playing atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2020 stronger and better than ever!

#### **Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	Lochlann Oag
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Martin Pedersen-Clarke
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Jack Ward

### **Briars Hockey Men's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – SL2 | Runners Up**

Chris Hallet | Coach

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5<sup>th</sup> grade had a successful year in taking out the minor premiership, but unfortunately lost the grand final in a shootout after extra time. Despite having a few injuries to key players throughout the season the team was able to adapt and find ways to keep winning.

The highlight of the season was beating the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team in the final game of the season to take out the minor premiership, after being soundly beaten 4-0 in the previous encounter.

It was also encouraging to see some younger players come through the team and learn from some of the older hands in the team, and I look forward to seeing their contribution to the club in coming seasons.

#### **Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	Pyke Gunning
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Bryan Wilson
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Kristiane Skoulogenis

### **Briars Hockey Men's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - SL3 | Premiers**

Mike Denniss | Coach & Manager

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With Briars dropping down to 7 Men's teams in 2019 and many of last year's 8s not returning, the 2019 Men's 6th grade was a combination of players from last year's 6th and 7th grades, plus two new faces.

The season got off to a great start, with us winning our first five matches to be equal top going into a top of the table clash with the unbeaten Ryde team. We were unlucky to lose 1-2 but our season then got a bit patchy with some losses and draws in games we should have won.

Going into the last game of the season we were second with a game and eleven goals buffer over Glebe, our opposition. As long as we didn't lose by six or more goals, we retained second place - we achieved our goal in a 1-6 loss to be second on the table by a goal difference of one!

The major semi saw us go down to Ryde, the undefeated minor premiers. In a cliff-hanger of a preliminary final we prevailed with an extra time PC winner from Ken Struthers to give us another crack at Ryde in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final was about the best game of the year, with no more than a goal between the teams for the whole game. Early in the second half we were down 2-3 (both goals clinical penalty conversions from Al O'Connell). Phil Maxwell scored a great deflection goal to get us back on even terms, then Alex was

able to beat the keeper with a cracker of a shot from the edge of the circle to have us 4-3 up with about ten to go. After the most nerve racking ten minutes of hockey, particularly with key fullback Ken in the dugout with a strained calf, we managed to hold on for the win.

Special thanks to Chris Hallett for running the bench in the Preliminary Final and for Prezzo and Corry for helping us out in the Grand Final. We would not have picked up the premiership without the input of these three.

#### Team List

- Dave "Ozzie" Osmond: Goalie
- Mike Denniss: Full Back and Captain
- Ken Struthers: Full Back
- James Bladwell: Full Back and Half Back
- Dave "Slash" Slater: Half back, with the occasional game at Full Back
- Kyle Murray: Half Back
- Al O'Connell: Centre Half
- Jaeden Calder: Inner
- Callum McIntosh: Inner
- Rogier Knottenbelt: Inner
- Dave Hayward: Inner and Striker
- Joel Osmond: Striker, Inner, Half Back and reserve Goalie
- Alex Wagner: Striker
- Mark Williams: striker and fill-in defender
- Phil Maxwell: striker with cameos in Inner

#### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Alan O'Connell
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	James Bladwell
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Joel Osmond

## Briars Hockey Men's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – SL5

Simon Bergfield | Coach & Manager

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The final result for the team after standard rounds were completed was 3rd on the ladder with 10 wins, 2 draws and 6 losses.

For the first time in quite a while we qualified for the semis. Despite finishing third, there were only a handful of games where the team fully clicked- and the minor semi was not one of these!

The guys who played for 7ths during the season were:

- Daryl Baihn – unorthodox but effective inside forward
- Jesse Borthwick – frequent goal-scoring forward and strategist
- Lyndsey Chan – hard-running inside forward
- Tim Elliott – solid running half-back
- Jayden Mills – skilled half or inside forward
- Steve Norris – goal-scoring striker
- Esper Olesen – reliable winger
- Danny Palmer – keeper and key contributor to second best goals against in the grade
- David Paul - very experienced back
- Viv Paul – skilled half or inside forward and voice of the team
- Tim Port – skilful at back or centre-half
- Nash Weragama – a tricky striker
- Scott Woollett – dependable at half or back
- Simon Bergfield – dependable in the backs or halves

There were also a number of players from Masters and other grades who helped out by making up the numbers on occasion. Likewise, several of our players also helped out the higher grades when some of their players were not available.

#### **Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	Jayden Mills
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Jayden Mills
<i>Team Player</i>	David Paul

### **Briars Hockey Men's Masters (Premier Division) | Premiers**

Adam Schasser | Coach & Manager

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From 4<sup>th</sup> place after the competition rounds, the Men's Premier Division Masters team has snatched victory in their first ever Grand Final!

This significant achievement was due to the hard work and talent of this group of players, which was a combination of some old heads, and a newer crop of O35s players coming through into the ranks of the Masters, and significantly strengthening the team.

The premiership win effectively puts us at the pinnacle of Sydney Masters Hockey, a

remarkable achievement that has taken many years to accomplish.

#### **Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	Chris Coombes
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Chris Coombes
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Matt Brown

### **Briars Hockey Men's Masters (Sydney Cup Division) | Runners Up**

Adam Schasser | Coach & Manager

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This was the first year for Briars in the Sydney Cup (or Sydney Masters B Grade) competition. After a rollercoaster year we finished in 4<sup>th</sup> spot on the ladder, with

6 wins, 1 draw and 7 losses, 47 goals for, and 47 goals against.

The team went on to beat GNS in the semi-final, then Sydney University in the final, but unfortunately lost to Ryde in the Grand Final.

The result capped off an outstanding year for our first attempt in the Masters Sydney Cup Division.

The winner of both the Best and Fairest and Players Player was James Fordham. Jimmy played all 17 games, was equal top goal scorer with 6 goals (having played a lot of the season in the midfield) and was one of the key reasons we were so successful.

The winner of the Coach's Award was Bryan Wilson. Bryan worked tirelessly in the midfield all year and also was an asset up front picking up a couple of vital goals at crunch times in the season.

#### **Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	James Fordham
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	James Fordham
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Bryan Wilson (or Damage)



## Briars Hockey Men's Masters (Legends Division) | Runners Up

Mike Denniss and Dave Paul | Coach & Manager

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We had a very similar team to last year, with the addition of returning player Andrew Boutchard and new players James Bladwell and Steve Norris. Our form was patchy with a number of players missing games due to work, holidays and injury.

Due to the structure of the comp, we were guaranteed a spot in the finals. We ended up third in our group of four and won the minor semi against Macarthur 3-1 to take us to the preliminary final, where we scraped through with a 1-0 win over Northern Districts.

The Grand Final against a quality Easts side was a big ask, and they proved too good for us on the night, prevailing 3-0.

Thanks especially to Dave Paul, who managed the team throughout the year.

Team List:

- Dave "Ozzie" Osmond: Goalie
- Mike Denniss: Full Back and Captain
- Ken Struthers: Full Back
- James Bladwell: Full Back and Half Back
- John Denniss: Full back and Half Back
- Dave Paul: Half Back
- Simon Bergfield: Centre Half
- Nick Carter: Inner
- Daryl Baihn: Inner
- Rogier Knottenbelt: Inner (for part of the year before being promoted to Sydney Cup)
- Jesse Borthwick: Striker and Inner
- Clay Scanlon: Striker, Inner and Half Back
- Mike Imer: Striker, Inner, Half Back, Full Back
- Andrew Boutchard: Striker and Inner
- Elio Cordaro: Striker and Reserve Goalie
- Shah Alam: Striker
- Steve Norris: Striker
- Joe Ferrer: Striker and Half Back

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	James Bladwell
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	James Bladwell
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Ken Struthers

## Briars Hockey Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – ML1

Lee Brady & Matt Brown | Coach & Manager

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ML1 women's hockey team had a tough year enduring 8 draws throughout an 18 game season.

Unfortunately those draws, with a number of last-minute losses, caused the team to miss out on a finals spot.

However, the future looks bright, with a number of new young players entering into the first-grade arena, so the next season looks good for Briars women's next year.

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Tegan Neowhouse
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Tegan Neowhouse
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Eliza McPhee

## Briars Hockey Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – ML3

Glen Lin & Cindy Goodridge | Coach & Manager

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Briars 2nd Grade Women's had an interesting season. The team started without a coach for most of pre-season, with a coach finally appointed near the end. Ultimately, the team only had one pre-season game and no pre-season training sessions with someone at the helm. This meant the team had to learn a new system, structure, and mindset during regular season, when the games counted.

This did not daunt the team. In fact, they rose to the challenge. Briars 2nd Grade Women's went undefeated for the first five games of the season, losing only two games in their first ten games. This saw them rise to the top of table. As the season went on, their performance evened out. They finished fourth in a tight competition for first place. The difference between first and fourth place, that is UNSW and Briars respectively, was three points.

Briars 2nd Grade Women's had a strong showing in a tightly fought first-round finals game. The team conceded the first goal but continued to battle strongly on a very hot day. From then, Briars defended adamantly and were very sharp on offence. Unfortunately, the team's valiant efforts fell short with them conceding two goals in the last five minutes of the game, going down 3-0.

Although this was not the ideal end of the season for the team, they should be very proud of what they managed to achieve. The team had finished 9th last year, that is, in 2nd last place. To have been able to post the season they had this year with virtually no turnaround period is truly remarkable. To do it given their circumstances at the start of the year makes it incomprehensible. Their performance this season is a direct result of their efforts at training and games, their never-give-up attitude, and their camaraderie. It was an absolute pleasure and privilege to have been able to coach them this year.

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Emily Cherrie
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Julie Prolov
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Mairead Nash

## Briars Hockey Women's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – ML4

Corry Allsop & Jess Martyn | Coach & Manager

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With a number of experienced players moving up the grades and away from the club, 2019 was a year of rebuilding for women's 3rd grade.

Having 8 players from last year's team leave could have proven disastrous for us this season, but some returning players and some very good juniors ensured we'd be competitive by season's start. And whilst we struggled at times through the season, the old heads and new players did a commendable job under the circumstances.

The new look team took a while to settle but when we did on occasion we could beat anybody. Unfortunately, inconsistency did plague us, and we missed out on finals with a few weeks in the season to spare.

But having seen what this team can do when they all turn up to play, and with a season of senior hockey under the junior's belts, I have high hopes for next season.

Hopefully season 2020 will see most of them return to push on for a finals showing!

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Meegan Jones
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Milena De Silva
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Katerina Reynolds

## Briars Hockey Women's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – ML5

Adam Schasser, Ian Pederson-Clarke & Michelle Yu | Coaches & Manager

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Firstly, I would like to thank all the ladies who played in 4<sup>th</sup> grade this year. I've never met a team as cheery as you lot after a loss, plus the team spirit made it enjoyable to be around. Also, as it was my first year of coaching a women's side, I had to adjust my coaching style and language, so thank you for your patience.

As results go it was not a successful year, but from where we started to how we ended the season, it was a great achievement and I am enthusiastic about next year and what we can achieve. So yes, ladies, I will be back!

Best and Fairest went to Stephanie Holmes, who at the start of the season said she was a striker and then went on to play the whole year in the midfield and did an outstanding job.

Players Player went to Elizabeth Miller (Lizzy), who played up front and not only worked tirelessly in attack, but also in defence, which made her a team favourite.

Coach's award went to Sally Smid (our Captain). As our centre half and play maker Sally was the heart of the team, not only on the field but off it as well. Her upbeat and positive attitude was an asset to the team, plus we all enjoyed the different challenges she brought to training each week.

I would also like to thank Kylie Beckhouse for her support and trust in me this year and to Michelle Yu for being the team manager, a role that myself and I'm sure the team much appreciated. And to the rest of the team- thank you for your effort, and I hope to see you all next year.

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Elizabeth Miller
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Stephanie Holmes
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Sally Smid

## Briars Hockey Women's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – SN D Division

Emma Thuell & Joanne Scanlon | Coach & Manager

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A young and developing team that finished the competition in 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

Congratulations to Briars 5's for a great 2019 season of fun, growth and sportsmanship.

The team consisted of young and developing players who worked hard on their skills and gained valuable game experience playing against more mature players in the North West Hockey Competition in Division D.

The team went through the first round with many convincing wins. The second round was a little more difficult, and despite this, they successfully made it through to the finals. With a strong semi-final win the team then went on to the finals only to be beaten narrowly by Sydney Uni, another developing team. With no subs on the day, the girls did extremely well.

The ladies demonstrated maturity, strong club spirit and teamwork throughout the season, all skills that will assist them in their hockey and life.

The club looks forward to seeing these young and developing players continue to grow in their skills and game experience in 2020 and seeing them on the field again for Briars.

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Maeve Kelaher
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Grace Scanlon
<i>Most Improved</i>	Heather Tralagga
<i>Top Goal Scorer</i>	Kim Sun

Players: Emma Thuell, Joanne Scanlon, Lily Scanlon, Grace Scanlon, Eve Nathan, Bianca Vianello, Kim Sun, Lydia Najdzion, Maeve Kelaher, Adelaide Cavallaro, Heather Tralaggan, Ella Knottenbelt, Ilse Knottenbelt, Michelle Yu and Deb Greenwood.

A big thank you to Emma Thuell for coaching and playing for the team. Well done to the entire team and congratulations to the award winners!

## Briars Hockey Women's Social Team | Premiers

Emma Ratcliffe & Rachael Borg | Coach & Manager



The formal introduction of a women's social team this year brought back a number of players that have been a Briar for many years but had taken a break to have kids, as well as women who have never played hockey before or were new to the club. Home games had lots of the Briars boys on the hill enjoying a few beers and the Briars kids running around cheering on the team. Although we were put in a lower division and often not challenged, we all enjoyed playing together and seeing who would turn up each week, often playing with less than 11 players.

It was perfect for those returning from having kids, or with work commitment, or even a chance to play with friends. We remained undefeated the entire season and scored a whopping 72 goals, having only 12 scored against us. There was a lot of pressure in the finals series after such success in the regular season but the team saved their best for last taking out the Grand Final 4-0 to seal the double Premiership!

We look forward to the social try outs next year because word has got out about how much fun it is to play in this team. Our silly sausage award was easy to give out each week from forgetting a hockey stick, to going to the wrong field, or having to go to the toilet in the bushes because Kuring-gai toilets weren't opened. But it was all in good fun!

It all wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of our Manager, Rachael Borg, who spent most weeks trying to work out if we would have 11 players to take the field. She did a great job of getting the team together and keeping record of all our goal scorers which was a tough task some weeks with a 12-0 win one weekend. Thanks also to the club for embracing the 'no-training' team and allowing a number of us to throw the gold and maroon back on without the commitment of weekly training sessions – it has been a real success.

Ladies thanks for the most successful season and congratulations on being undefeated minor premiers and C Division Premiers!! We can't wait to see what 2020 will bring for the team.

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Rachael Borg
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Alana Durance
<i>Most Improved</i>	Sam Beames



## Briars Senior Hockey Presentation Night

### Award Recipients

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David Cameron Memorial Award	Emily Shipton ( <i>U17s and Womens 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</i> )
Rising Star ( <i>Male</i> )	Keiron Brook ( <i>U17s and Mens 1<sup>st</sup> Grade</i> )
Rising Star ( <i>Female</i> )	Alex Singleton ( <i>U15s and Womens 1<sup>st</sup> Grade</i> )
Highest Goal Scorer ( <i>Women</i> )	Rachael Borg ( <i>16</i> )
Highest Goal Scorer ( <i>Men</i> )	Remco Prins ( <i>22</i> )
Most Outstanding Team	Womens Social Team ( <i>Premiers</i> )
Senior Coach of the Year	Alan Charlton ( <i>Mens 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</i> )
Col "Hockey" Jones Medals	Chris Thuell, Cindy Goodridge, Nicola Skinner & Jude Kirby
A.J. Robinson Award for Club Person of the Year	Kylie Norris

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U17A | Premiers

Alan Charlton & Leanne Ward | Coach & Manager

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We had the perfect start to the season going through the first seven games undefeated. I picked a large squad, each player brought their own something special to the group. Jack brought solid defence, Chelsea controlled the middle, Josh brought the mullet.....

After such a strong beginning to the year we then had what can only be described as a slump, eight straight losses!! But then coming into the finals we found some form. Narrowly losing the major semi-final to Sutherland, we then had a strong performance over Northern

Districts in the final to move into the Grand Final. A back-and-forth game had strong defence from both sides. After full time the scores were 0-0, moving into a 9-a-side drop off with everyone out on their feet. We break out of attack, the ball goes to Miri, a gap opens up and she finds Toby who has snuck on and found himself alone in the circle.... a 1-0 win!

Our goalkeeper BK kept us in the game with some amazing saves, supported by strong defence from Jack, Miri, Marty and Nashy!

Our midfield of the 2 Chelseas and Bailey did a great job all year of controlling the ball.

Josh and Keiron ran hard in the attacking mids, with our young superstar Toby playing outstanding wherever I asked him to play. Hannah, Lili, Brendon (the Flash), and Joey provided great attacking options up front.

Finally a big thank you to our manager Leanne- you made the season more enjoyable for everyone.

This is the first time that Briars have won the U17 Metro competition. Congratulations to everyone involved!!

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Keiron Brook
<i>Most Consistent</i>	Bailey Scanlon
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Jack Ward

## Briars Jr. Hockey U15A | Runners Up

Nick Hill, Andrew Borg & David Mallon | Coaches & Manager

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Under 15A's yet again competed in the Sydney Metro competition, this time as defending premiers. The Metro competition is home to Sydney's best young players and strongest hockey clubs, to yet again be one of the top teams in this competition is testament to the progress our club has made in junior development in recent years.

2019 had its challenges; our biggest challenge (other than competing against strong oppositions such as Ryde, Sutherland and Mosman) was getting a team of 11 on the field. With a huge amount of representative tournaments held

during the season we often found ourselves calling upon players from our under 15c's and under 13s teams just to have enough to play. The club's depth was tested and the quality of young players coming through the ranks was remarkable!

This also gave non-representative players the opportunity to take their game to another level, often asked to play positions they weren't accustomed to, and also fill leadership roles within the team.

Thank you to Christine, Annie, Zack, Tully, Aidan, Jarrad D, Callan, Jarrad P and Reece (sorry if we have missed anybody), for journeying across Sydney, often with limited notice to help us out. The future of our club is very bright.

We finished the regular season after playing 16 games in 3<sup>rd</sup> position, having won 9, drawn 2 and lost 5, scoring 57 goals and conceding 33. We were also the only team to have beaten top placed Ryde!

During the finals campaign we first played Sutherland (Won 1, lost 1 and drew 1 during the season). We put in without a doubt our best performance of the year up until that point, winning 4-0.

Next up, we met Mosman, who had beaten us 4-1 and 5-1 in our two previous encounters. Mosman had just come off a golden goal loss to Ryde the previous week; the winner would earn a spot in the Grand Final. The kids were yet again incredible, putting in an even better performance than the previous week, winning the match 7-0 and booking their spot in the Grand Final, to be played at Cintra.

Ryde had been without a doubt the benchmark for the competition all season, we had played them three times throughout the season (1-2 loss, 3-2 win and a 2-6 loss).

It was an amazing match, which saw us down 3-1 with just 5 to go. Unbelievably, they managed to claw their way back to 3-3 to send the game into golden-goal over time.

Unfortunately in the second set of drop offs (7vs7) we conceded and went down, the team was heartbroken, but should hold their heads high, as the courage they showed to get back into the contest against such a strong team was something all Briars should be very proud of!!

Thank you to 17s Metro coach Alan Charlton for his input at training sessions. He often shared his remarkable knowledge of hockey with the under 15s players (having a NSW Hockey regional coaching coordinator at our sessions is a valuable resource for the development of our young players).

Thank you also to Briony Tyree, who took the time to create a pre-game warm up program that ensured the children were physically prepared for the cold Friday nights.

And to the amazing players:

- **Alex:** One of the most competitive and driven players we have come across. Alex's sublime skills and strong desire to make an impact on every game was incredibly valuable for our team. Her efforts were rewarded with our '*Consistent effort*' award. One of our many NSW representatives, who will only continue to improve!

- **Chloe:** An incredibly skilful player that beat the competition's best tacklers with ease. Chloe also represented NSW, and with a bit more self-belief will only continue to develop, she has a phenomenal amount of potential, and we are yet to see the best of her!
- **Coady:** Coady is a hard-working player who was consistently one of our best players all season, he has amazing skills and maturity, and with a bit more confidence in his own ability we will see the best of him. He has a bright future in hockey!
- **Darcy:** Few players have the work ethic of Darcy. Week after week Darcy ran herself into the ground. A very strong tackler, and selfless player that always put the team first. A joy to coach.
- **Dakota:** Dakota had an incredible season, without a doubt the most improved player in our team (winning our '*Most improved player*' award). We saw her grow in confidence the longer the season went on, she had a season to be very proud of! Not many can boast scoring 4 goals in a preliminary final!
- **Dylan:** Dylan is a truly incredible goalkeeper whose decision-making and ability to consistently make both regulation and mindboggling saves is well beyond his years. Another player with a huge future in the game, easily the best under 15s keeper in the state!
- **Ethan:** Some of the best skills you are likely to see. Ethan possesses the ability to open a game up with his pace, stick-work and finishing. Ethan represented NSW and will continue to do so for a long time to come!
- **Henry:** One of our under 13s taking on the challenge of playing up an age group; Henry's work rate and ability to play across the field and do whatever job the coaches asked of him, made him a very valuable member of the team, his hard work was rewarded with selection in the NSW under 13s team!
- **Ilsa:** Ilsa was easily our most versatile player, filling literally every position on the field at one point; she is even a very capable goalkeeper! Ilsa found herself playing fullback for the most of the season, (a position she probably didn't enjoy playing) and did an amazing job!
- **Maddie:** Maddie has a remarkable amount of untapped potential, with a bit of confidence and self-belief we will see her continue to improve as a player dramatically. Maddie has the ability of consistently popping up in the right spot at the right time during attacking movements!
- **Oskar:** One of our younger players, who has a massive future in the game. His speed and skills are deadly; he also is a very dangerous finisher in the circle. Oskar is another under 13s NSW representative that wasn't overawed by playing up an age group.
- **Phoebe:** The longer the season went, the more Phoebe improved and the more her confidence grew! Phoebe has an amazing ability to beat the first defender with her clever stick-skills, making her a very dangerous weapon in attack. She had a season to be proud of!
- **Rian:** A speedy, skilful player that scored some amazing goals this season, he is also incredibly versatile; scoring a hat trick in the first game of the season as a striker and also winning 'player of the match' at fullback.
- **Toby:** An incredibly talented player who is mature well beyond his years. Equally as effective in defence as attack and can turn a game on its head. He has a very bright future in hockey! Toby is a natural born leader that was the winner of our '*Best and fairest*' award. Toby was also a valued member of the NSW team.
- **David (Manager):** David is the most thorough and organised manager on the planet! He was often met with the challenge of getting a team organised with only 6 players available the day of the match. David was also the brainchild of an amazing proposal that involved inviting the opposition teams for a post game presentation of player of the match, a wonderful initiative that was a great example of respect for the opposition and the club values and culture we aimed to instil in the team. Thank you very much for all your hard work and dedication!

## Awards

<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Toby Mallon
<i>Consistent Effort</i>	Alex Singleton
<i>Most Improved</i>	Dakota Thuell

2019 was a heap of fun; we got to watch some amazing hockey, played by some great kids. Thank you to everyone for a fun season, see you all in 2020!

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U15C | Premiers

Rogier Knottenbelt & Janine Hannigan | Coach & Manager

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We couldn't be prouder of this wonderful group of young people who secured themselves a premiership! They are a tight knit, supportive group who love to have fun on and off the field. They stayed strong through each of the finals matches and brought out some of their best team play when it mattered most, in the Grand Final! It was a tight match with Trinity Brook scoring the one and only goal securing a 1-0 win! Congratulations to coach Rogier Knottenbelt and many thanks to Janine Hannigan for managing the team so brilliantly.

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U13A

Chris Potts | Coach

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The U13As season for 2019 was a very mixed season with some great wins and some tough losses. The team played well in patches and never gave up the fight in each game they played. The team made it to the final series but unfortunately fell short of playing in the Grand Final.

In terms of awards, Annie Flack and Zack Arambewela received the Northern District medals. It was awesome that every player received points this year and that the majority were only separated by one point.

Overall a good season for the kids, who will grow as players from the experience of an up-and-down season.

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Brayden Wilson
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Liliana Turner
<i>Most Consistent</i>	Jarred Drake

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U13C | Runners Up

Matt Najdzion & Greg Richardson | Coach & Manager

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What a little bunch of legends our U13C team were during the season! They should be so proud of the efforts in their Grand Final coming so close to the win.

It has been a tough year for the group, but the players, parents, coach and manager have done an amazing job at developing each player individually, whilst also reinforcing the message of fun, mateship



and club spirit. They fought hard all match only going down in the final 2 minutes 2-1. Well done to coach Matt Najdzion and manager Greg Richardson, your efforts were very much appreciated!



## Briars Jnr. Hockey U11A | Runners Up

James Fordham & Roland Hammond | Coach & Manager

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The Under 11 A side started the year in B-Division and after winning their first three rounds, were forced up into the A Division. At first this was a daunting task with only 3 players remaining from the 2018 A division team, with the rest coming up from Under 9s the previous year.

To say the team performed above their expectations in A-Division this year is an understatement. Even though we only won 5 matches and drew 1, the team really matched it against the experienced sides in the competition. They finished 4th on the Ladder which allowed them to make the finals - which was an awesome effort.

The team won their minor semi-final beating the 3rd ranked team, and then won through the preliminary final to earn a spot in the season decider. They played hard and never gave up against an impressive Ryde team. This wonderful group of kids were smiling before, during and after the match. The final score was 7-2 which doesn't reflect just how competitive the match was. To make it through to the Grand Final after having been pushed up into the grade early in the season was a truly remarkable achievement!

2019 was challenging in many ways as we had a total squad of 10 players including the late inclusion of Brayden Brook who is a natural super star and could only attend approximately 50% of the season. Additionally, we had a few holidays during the season forcing some 11Cs to fill in which was par for the course. All in all, they did Briars proud.

- **Felix Fung** showed that is a future goalkeeping super-star for Briars, made some fantastic saves throughout the season and showed experience beyond his years.
- **Amy O'Donovan** improved significantly this year and was the team's rock-solid defender. It will be exciting to watch Amy develop over the coming years.
- **Keela Callan** also improved nicely in defence this year and has the potential to be a great defender over the next year or two.
- **Sasha Woods** was promoted from 11 Cs to As almost immediately when the team was promoted, and was simply outstanding all year. Her improvement this season was unrivalled, and I couldn't be prouder of her development in 2019.
- **Emilie Srdic** was a solid midfielder this year and showed signs of outstanding hockey. With a little more confidence in her game, Emilie is set to be a shining light in the years to come.
- **Ashton Fordham** was the teams Centre Half and gave 100% in defence and attack all season. Tremendous improvement in all aspects of the game, and probably has the best hit for an under 11 across the competition. A future Chris Coombes in the making here.
- **Dakota Hammond** was simply outstanding the entire season this year. She was at the top of the list of realising her potential this season and is the best female Under 11 player at Briars, ensuring a bright and exciting future.
- **Molly Robinson** was our over-aged player for the team as we played in A division and was the team's leading goal scorer in 2019. She really excelled as a striker and matured as a measured-aggressive attacker and showed awesome improvement. She will be an asset to the Under 13s in 2020 and certainly has a bright future ahead.
- **Lucas Ross** was our other striker and in the second half of the season showed tremendous improvement across all aspects of the game. Lucas is the teams least experienced player and really earned his As spot in 2019. He is definitely following his brother's footsteps and, in a year or two - watch out!

- And finally, **Brayden Brook**, who has two older siblings already earmarked as superstars of the club, is easily following their footsteps. An amazing young player for his age, and already a super-star in junior hockey, I will be shocked if he isn't playing for NSW under 13s within 2 years! It's a pleasure to welcome the Brook family to the Briars Family this year and look forward seeing what he/they achieve in the coming years.

Felix Fung, Ashton Fordham, Dakota Hammond and Emilie Srcic all represented SEHA in 2019.

It was my absolute pleasure to coach this amazing group of Future stars in 2019. Everyone of them improved, were dedicated to training and games, and achieved their potential individually and as a well-gelled team. The club should be proud of these up and coming super stars and I am supremely confident they will ALL be metro 15s players and beyond in the years to come.

I would also like to thank Roland Hammond for Managing the 11 A team in 2019 - he made my job as coach 10 times easier.

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U11C Gold | Runners Up

Marcus Fung & Annabelle Drougett | Coach & Manager



This group of stars had a fantastic season under the guidance of Marcus Fung, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder, winning their semi-final and locking in a Grand Final. It was a tough match against a Wentby team who came out very strong from the start.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be on the day, with the team going down 4-1. Big thanks to coach Marcus for all his time, energy and effort and wonderful team manager Annabelle Drougett who in her first season managing was exceptional!

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U9

Alan Charlton & Kylie Norris | Coach & Manager

A great group of kids who not only loved playing games but would also turn up to training with massive amounts of enthusiasm!!

It was great to watch their skills develop over the season, they scored some really great team goals. Each week they played so well and played the whole game in great spirit.

Thank you to the parents who made the commitment to travel to training and games each week, also to Tim Lloyd and Amanda Charlton for running a BBQ after training the last 6 weeks of the year.

At our Junior Presentation event, we also presented three special awards, to three very special young players:

### Awards

<i>Goalkeeper of the Year</i>	Brandon Potts
<i>Junior Coach of the Year</i>	Courtney Pearson
<i>Junior Club Person of the Year</i>	Bailey Scanlon

# Briars Squash

## Chairman's Report

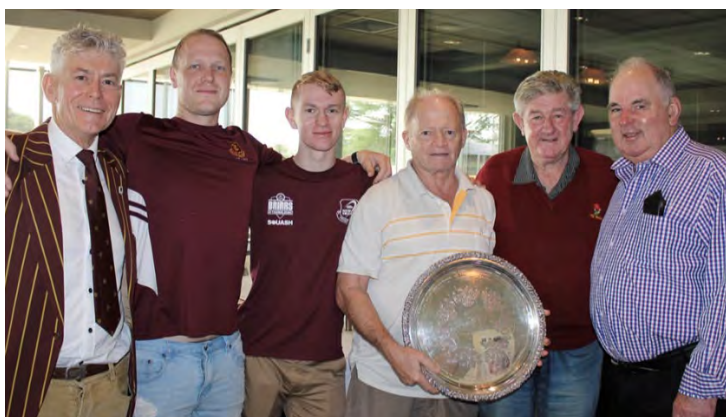
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### Overview

*The last year has seen a large growth of junior development within our training days and this is transferring to the junior pennant competition. Adult pennant has been steady with a slight growth in numbers.*

### 2019 AGM Awards Recognition



#### Doug Vanderfield Award

Ian Bell – Ian has been a long serving patron to Squash. Playing pennant for many years and now President of Briars Squash. He has dedicated his spare time to attend meetings, help develop the Briars Squash club events and voluntarily coached and guided new players in the club with rules, technique and tactics.

As team captain he scheduled his team fairly and developed great comradery within it.

He is a great asset to the game of Squash, and we are grateful to have him with us

#### Annie Gleason Award

Nick Sinodinos – Nick has shown a great passion for Squash since starting earlier this year. He comes from a background of top Squash players and is really enjoying the challenges of being a beginner. In his first season he did not miss a round of competition, he won most of his matches and doubled up some weeks because other teammates were ill or unable to attend a match.

Nick is highly attentive during the lessons and always gives 100%. He is happy to play with anyone and it is difficult to remove him off the court. We see a great future for Nick and think he has great potential to be a leader and ambassador for Squash.

#### R B Clark Scholarship

Dan Godwin – Dan has been an integral player, employee, coach and leader over the past 4 years of his playing life. He now coaches our juniors alongside Rohan Toole and has an excellent rapport with the kids and displays positive leadership.

Dan is very deserving of this scholarship and we look forward to seeing him complete his course and become Australia's next champion.

#### Briars Squash Open Day (Squash Centenary event)

Briars Squash had a fantastic Open day was on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October which is World Squash day, we saw lots of new customers mainly families who had seen our marketing and came for their free trials. We had



food throughout the day and live music in the afternoon night, beer and Beef Jerky tasting. Overall it was a successful event with lots of new families enjoying their time.

### **New Briars Coach appointed from Canowindra Country NSW**

Canowindra boy and former Australian Junior Team Captain Rohan Toole has come to be resident coach at Briars Squash since the departure of Ali Jafari. He has taken over from Ali's good work and will continue to grow our Junior program.

### **Events Information**

- Briars Open in Feb 2 & 3 with 76 Entries this year, down a couple on previous year but still a great event.
- New Briars Club shirt is a hit!
- Briars junior 1 day event had 8 divisions with 48 kids participating. It was on par with last years event and we had some stellar performances from local briars winning 4 of the 5 divisions
- Thornleigh Squash club hosted the Australian Junior Open this year with 200 entries, we were lucky enough to have The Hon. Philip Ruddock and The Hon. Senator Arthur Sinodinos to present the awards at the national event.



**From left to right:**  
The Hon. Philip Ruddock, Former world no.1 Michelle Martin, The hon Senator Arthur Sinodinos, Squash NSW CEO Samantha Patterson, Anthony Rex Thomas, Squash Australia Rep Jordan Till, Squash NSW Chairman John Smal



**Right – Briar, Maja Maziuk**  
U13's Champion receiving her trophy.



- Club hosted the NSW junior state titles

**Division results are as follows:**

**U19 Boys**

<b>Winner:</b> Jacob Ford	<b>R/U:</b> Sam Sergo	<b>3rd:</b> James Lloyd
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**U15/17 Girls**

<b>Winner:</b> Georgie Lane	<b>R/U:</b> Tanai O'Brien	<b>3rd:</b> Maja Maziuk (Briar)
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**U17 Boys**

<b>Winner:</b> Kijan Sultana	<b>R/U:</b> Lockie Miller	<b>3rd:</b> Charlie Carey
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**U15 Girls**

<b>Winner:</b> Maja Maziuk (Briar)	<b>R/U:</b> Ariana Dean
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**U15 Boys**

<b>Winner:</b> Ken Lamb	<b>R/U:</b> Josh Porter	<b>3rd:</b> Connor Hayes
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**U13 Girls**

<b>Winner:</b> Amelie Guziak	<b>R/U:</b> Joanne Joseph	<b>3rd:</b> Emmy Lamb
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**U13 Boys**

<b>Winner:</b> Darcey Hayes	<b>R/U:</b> Jordan Ghattas	<b>3rd:</b> Deeptangsu Maitra
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**U11 Girls**

<b>Winner:</b> Sarbani Maitra	<b>R/U:</b> Fatimah Khan	<b>3rd:</b> Madison Nargar
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**U11 Boys**

<b>Winner:</b> Henry Kross	<b>R/U:</b> Marcus Wang (Briar)	<b>3rd:</b> Kieran Willathgamuwa (Briar)
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**U15/17 Novice Division**

<b>Winner:</b> Lachlan Walmsley	<b>R/U:</b> Lachlan Gough	<b>3rd:</b> Zac Giuffre (Briar)
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**U11/13 Novice Division**

<b>Winner:</b> Daniel Nargar	<b>R/U:</b> Abdullah Siddiqui (Briar)
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- Cameron Pilley (world #30) play Ryan Cuskelly (World #13) in an exhibition match and do a coaching clinic for our Briars Juniors. With 50 people attending the event.
- Briars Masters event saw 80 players attend from around NSW.

**Results below:**

**Div 1**

<b>Winner:</b> Mark Cato	<b>R/U:</b> Troy Mountford	<b>3rd:</b> Colin Watego
<b>Plate:</b> Willard Lee		

**Div 2**

<b>Winner:</b> Scott Johnson	<b>R/U:</b> Ben Miller (BRIAR)	<b>3rd:</b> Glenn Sharp
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**Div 3**

<b>Winner:</b> James Hubbard (BRIAR)	<b>R/U:</b> Martin Gunn	<b>3rd:</b> Doug Macarthur (BRIAR)
<b>Plate:</b> Andrew Harris		
<b>Special Plate:</b> Mark Allison		
<b>Consolation Plate:</b> Thierry Michelle (BRIAR)		

**Div 4**

<b>Winner:</b> Denis Jamieson	<b>R/U:</b> Warren Schaffer (BRIAR)	<b>3rd:</b> George Barrie
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**Div 5**

<b>Winner:</b> Michelle Hedge	<b>R/U:</b> Dick Jenkin	<b>3rd:</b> Geoff Hunter
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**Plate:** Colin Brunker (BRIAR)  
**Special Plate:** Sue Parker  
**Consolation Plate:** Tony Sawyer

#### Div 6

**Winner:** Ilse Marais (BRIAR)      **R/U:** Joanne Karaboikis      **3rd:** Shane Lamprey  
**Plate:** Jane Mackie  
**Special Plate:** Brian Sandercock  
**Consolation Plate:** Debbie Bryant

#### Div 7

**Winner:** Gwenda Fletcher      **R/U:** Amanda Biddle      **3rd:** Annie Gleason (BRIAR)  
**Plate:** Margaret Tapscott  
**Consolation Plate:** Monica Rigby



## Junior Pennant Results

2018 -19 Season

### Summer Pennant 2018-19

Division	Team	Placing
Division 1	Briars 01	3 <sup>rd</sup> (104 points)
Division 2	Briars 02	4 <sup>th</sup> (54 points)
Division 3	Briars 03	4 <sup>th</sup> (20 points)
Division 6	Briars 04	3 <sup>rd</sup> (88 points)
Division 8	Briars 05	2 <sup>nd</sup> (121 points)
Division 8	Briars 06	4 <sup>th</sup> (96 points)
Division 8	Briars 07	3 <sup>rd</sup> (109 points)

### Winter Pennant 2019

Division	Team	Placing
Division 1	Briars 04	2 <sup>nd</sup> (24 points)
Division 3	Briars 05	4 <sup>th</sup> (67 points)
Division 5	Briars 06	3 <sup>rd</sup> (66 points)
Division 6	Briars 07	2 <sup>nd</sup> (113 points)
Division 8	Briars 08	3 <sup>rd</sup> (119 points)

### Winter Pennants 2019

#### Premier Junior Division 02

- William Slade - 1st place (57 points)
- James Slade - 2nd place (55 points)

## Devonport Tasmania, Australian Junior Championships

- Our very own Maja Maziuk won the under 13 girl division for the second year running, She will be in Under 15's next year and is in good form for getting another Australian title, this earned her a mention in Parliament and receiving a special letter of acknowledgment from local member Matt Kean.
- Marcus Wang won the U11's Boys Title

- James & Will Slade our double trouble team finished 9th & 15th respectively in their second AJC event in under 13's. There is a bright future for them.
- We had 10 Briars go away to Tasmania and play the Australian Championships our biggest number yet. They all played in good Briar Spirit

The Briars juniors played very well and conducted themselves in an excellent manor, displaying respect for the officials and their opponents.

## Senior Pennant Results

2018 - 19 Season

### Spring Pennant 2018 - 19

Division	Team	Placing	Division	Team	Placing
Division 2	Briars 1	4 <sup>th</sup>	Division 9	Briars 6	Tied 1 <sup>st</sup>
Division 3	Briars 2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Division 9	Briars 7	Tied 1 <sup>st</sup>
Division 5	Briars 3	3 <sup>th</sup>	Division 11	Briars 8	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Division 5	Briars 4	1 <sup>st</sup>	Division 12	Briars 9	8 <sup>th</sup>
Division 6	Briars 5	5 <sup>th</sup>	Division 12	Briars 10	2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Autumn Pennant 2019

Division	Team	Placing	Division	Team	Placing
Sydney 1	Briars 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> (68 points)	Division 5	Briars 7	6 <sup>th</sup> (122 points)
Sydney 1	Briars 2	4 <sup>th</sup> (65 points)	Division 8	Briars 8	6 <sup>th</sup> (95 points)
Division 1	Briars 3	4 <sup>th</sup> (207 points)	Division 9	Briars 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> (208 points)
Division 2	Briars 4	1 <sup>st</sup> (256 points)	Division 10	Briars 10	4 <sup>th</sup> (210 points)
Division 3	Briars 5	4 <sup>th</sup> (194 points)	Division 12	Briars 11	5 <sup>th</sup> (128 points)
Division 4	Briars 6	6 <sup>th</sup> (152 points)	Division 12	Briars 12	4 <sup>th</sup> (188 points)

## Briars @Thornleigh

### Club Championships

#### 2018 Club Championships

Club Championships had a good turnout with 60 entries over 7 divisions, a new club board is being made to display the champions of each division.

Division	Winner	Division	Winner
MAJART Cup	Rohan Toole	Division 4	Richard Hayman
Division 1	Jacob Marais	Division 5	Callum Humphries
Division 2	Sam Smith	Division 6	Michael McCauley
Division 3	Monika Skronska-Maziuk	Junior Open	Will Slade

#### 2019 Club Championships

Briars @ Thornleigh Squash ended 2019 with the Briars club champs at Thornleigh Squash. A big thanks to everyone who participated and attended the event! We thank everyone for their ongoing support and participation.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Division	Winner	Division	Winner
MAJART Cup	Rohan Toole	Division 6	Mic Mac
Division 1	James Herbert	Division 7	Zohaib Khan
Division 2	Hyunku (Kei) Kang	Junior Open	Dan Godwin
Division 3	Pete Sinodinos	Junior A	Peter Koch
Division 4	Michael Odewahn-Oxley	Junior B	Jackson Wylie
Division 5	Warren Schaffer	Junior C	Riley Khan

## Australian Club Championships

Briars is planning on sending 2 teams in 2020 to the club championships being held in Carrara Gold Coast.



**From left to right:** Mick “Alpha” Jaroszewicz, Anthony “Srexy” Thomas Simon “Grunt” Carruthers Geoff Hunt Michelle Martin Rohan “Giraffe Legs” Toole Bryan “Bambi” Knight

## 2019 – 20 Plan

- Increasing junior participation through Squad training and holiday programs and feeding them into the Saturday junior pennant competition.
- Increased social media awareness and marketing.
- Introduce more families and females to Squash.
- Planning a tour to Bangkok for the Jumbo Doubles in April 2020.
- 2020 World Masters in Poland Tour in conjunction with Daisy Hill.
- New advanced training technology Blaze pods have been ordered. This is used by professionals to increase their agility.
- More coaching Squads led by our new Head Coach to help increase players competing in pennants.



# Briars Netball

## Presidents Report

Anne Burt



***Briars Netball entered our 7<sup>th</sup> Season in 2019***

*We had our most successful season, both on and off the court with 38 teams in Saturday modified, juniors and seniors, 60 Friday Night NSG Netstar Participants and 20 Tuesday Night Summer Teams.*

We were honoured to receive some of the Inner Western Suburbs Netball Associations highest awards at the beginning and at the conclusion of the season. This is a credit to everyone associated with our wonderful club

The awards were

- IWSNA March Past Club of the Year
- IWSNA Junior Club of the Year
- IWSNA Club of the Year
- IWSNA Umpire of the Year



Our modified (U8 & 9s) continue to grow and this year we entered 10 teams into the IWSNA Modified competitions.



Our NSG Netstars Program ran on Friday afternoons during winter on the green at the club, 60 youngsters came along each week, braved the cold to learn the basic skills of netball. We employed the services of the NSW Swifts via Timothy Hill at Find My Coach. This was a unique program and no other development program comes close to what we achieved during the season. A special thank you to Karen Quinlan (NSG Coordiantor) and the many junior players who came along each week to assist with the on court drills.

Our junior teams, Under 10-Cadets had their most successful season taking out 7 Premierships. All the teams were offered extensive pre season training with the NSW Swifts and some fantastic open training sessions.



Thank you to Kelly Pisani and our team of 38 coaches for all their expertise and assistance with the development of the players this year.



A special thank you to the Sapphires (pictured below) who ventured out to Auburn and represented Briars in a Gala Day.



(The Onyx Team on Grand Final Day)

## Senior Teams

Senior numbers grew substantially, registering 6 teams across the 4 divisions available.

The Open training sessions came in handy for the new and not so new ladies starting back after many years away from the game.



Congratulations to the Moonstones (pictured above) for taking out our only Senior Premiership in 2019.

## Summer Competition

Twenty Briars Teams participated throughout the Summer months in the IWSNA Tuesday night competition.

### Results

<b>U9 Hibiscus</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>U10 Div 2 Ambers</b>	Runners Up
<b>U10 Div 1</b>	Runners Up

<b>U11 Tanzanites</b>	Runners Up
<b>Cadets Silver</b>	Runners Up
<b>Good Sports Award</b>	Under 9 Honeysuckles

Briars Netball Club could not survive or be as successful without the efforts of many parents and players who administer, coach, manage, umpire, score and help out on canteen and bbqs throughout the winter months.

To each and every one of you, thank you. A special thank you to our Executive team;

Secretary Clair Sauran, Vice President Kate Campbell, Umpires Convener Bindi March-Ali, Coaching Coordinator Kelly Pisani, Treasurer Sarah O'Brien and Registrar Kath Walkley. The amount of voluntary work offered by the people above make the club what it is today.

*Briars play in a competitive competition and whilst we like to win our club values participation, inclusion and playing with friends above trophies. The reason we grow each season is because we are the club who put the spirit of sport ahead of everything else. Our policies give all our players' equal court time ensuring they are made to feel as special as the next player. We hope that all our juniors have learnt a few new skills, have enjoyed their season and continue to love netball and the wonderful community of Briars*

We look forward to continuing the Spirit of Briars in 2020.



# Junior Modified Netball

## U8 Roses

Kelly Pisani | Coach

What a fantastic season of netball for the Roses. This was our second year in the under 8's competition and our experience definitely showed on the court. All the girls got goals, intercepts and developed their skills so much. The girls were very dedicated and showed great sportsmanship to all the teams they played against.



*Front Row:*

*Sofia Zarantonella, Madison Crisafulli, Isla Casamento, Zara Kolokouris, Olivia Pisani, Georgia Magri*

*Second Row:*

*Lisa Ryan (Manager), Sienna Ryan, Sarah Arnold, Kelly Pisani (Coach), Amelia Walkley (Assistant Coach)*

*Absent:*

*Brooklyn Turnbull*

## U8 Hollies

Karen Tancred | Coach

The hollies had a wonderful season. All the girls played their best every week. Thank you to all the parents who supported on the sidelines and assisted at the training sessions. Looking forward to the 2020 netball season.



*Front Row:*

*Lilyana Canturi, Lucinda Oong, Arabella Roberts, Charlotte Ho, Ruby Silvestro, Phoebe O'Connor*

*Second Row:*

*Jacqui Oong (Manager), Alani Singh, Ella Tancred, Ainsley Wright, Karen Tancred (Coach)*

## U8 Brambles

Suzie Beshara | Coach



*Front Row:*

*Hannah Devine, Jasmine Taylor, Isabella Beshara, Bella Geoghegan-Leech, Olivia Iacono*

*Second Row:*

*Kathy Srdanovic (Manager), Emilie Kucharski, Juliette Nichols, Amelia Marques, Emiia Srdanovic, Suzie Beshara (Coach), Ayla Ali (Assistant Coach)*

With an abundance of energy, dedication and determination, we had some great training sessions and fantastic games. Always smiling and supporting each other, they worked well together implementing the skills learnt throughout the season. The Brambles demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship cheering for the opposition and umpires at the end of each game. If scores were kept they would have topped the ladder! Every player

has an inspiring enthusiasm for netball which will see them achieve any goal, I'm excited to see what the future has to hold for these talented young players.

## U8 Camellias

Michelle Rameka | Coach

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Our gorgeous Camellias were a pleasure to coach this year. Their determination and excitement to play not only as a team but as friends, made it so much easier to help them enjoy netball. We had a great season and to watch our girls play their best and become confident on court each Saturday was well worth the early rises. I couldn't have done it without my Manager Cassandra and all our amazing families and supporters.



*Front Row:*

*Annabelle Cameron, Elyse Pickering, Krista McConnell, Ella Glading, Alexandra Yeates*

*Second Row:*

*Cassandra Bourke (Manager), Lulu Marshall, Lilian Amede, Myra Haddo, Lexie Bellew, Michelle Rameka (Coach)*

## U9 Hibiscus

Kristin Hancock | Coach

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The 2019 season was the second year our hibiscus team played together. The girls had a fantastic season with all of them growing in skill and confidence on the netball court. There were many individual moments with all the girls improving their shooting, becoming more mobile and passing with more power and accuracy. All of the effort and determination put in at training certainly paid dividends with the team winning majority of their games.

Thanks to all the effort put in by our manager, Sonia and all the mums, our girls have become close friends both on and off the court.



*Front Row:*

*Marlo Spratt, Alannah Raich, Matilda Reen, Ella Haugen-Peninton, Freya Hancock*

*Second Row:*

*Sonia Sparrow (Manager), Sierra Sparrow, Neave McLennan, Chris Peninton (Assistant Manager), Kristin Hancock (Coach)*

*Absent:*

*Alexis Edwards*

## U9 Honeysuckles

Antonella Seminara | Coach

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*Front Row:*

*Hemani Ramesh, Lily Woodbury, Emily Horton, Olympia Russo, Ava Seminara*

*Second Row:*

*Sonia Scauso (Manager), Grace Fowler, Sienna Scauso, Simaema Wickham, Mia Dimassy, Antonella Seminara (Coach)*



## U9 Junipers

Ian Allan | Coach

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I am very proud of the team. Our focus was to continue to perfect basic skills and progress developing new skills. With the goal to contribute evenly and consistently as a team. Each girl applied themselves superbly, this was highlighted by everyone winning the Player of the Week trophy at least once.

With everyone contributing, rotating each quarter we challenged and won most games and beat every team, bar one, at least once. As a team we tripled our total amount of goals scored for the year, with everyone achieving PB's, and we were the second lowest team in conceding goals in our division. An



awesome year by all, and great to see the team commit to Summer comp.

Go Junipers!!

*Front Row:*

*Ruby Nichols, Charlotte Springall, Betsi Lee, Natalia Gardiner, Audrey Allan*

*Second Row:*

*Lindsay Springall (Manager), Elizabeth Allan, Charlotte Allan, Ian Allan (Coach)*

*Absent:*

*Kirby Valtwies, Leni Wilson*

## U9 Lilacs

Catherine Wernas | Coach

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*Front Row:*

*Grace Barnes, Zara Paterson, Chloe Wernas, Amelia Kaluza, Bridget Cortis-Jones*

*Second Row:*

*Maria Garigliano (Manager), Sophie Jabbour, Jessica Garigliano, Ellouise Hall, Lizzie Ellis, Catherine Wernas (Coach)*

## U9 Snowberries

Mia Attard | Coach

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*Front Row:*

*Zali Mitchell, Chiara Biviano, Lily Neilson, Sienna Biviano, Eden Merhi*

*Second Row:*

*Mia Attard (Coach), Sienna Orlich, Jane Campbell*

*Absent:*

*Catherine Rogerson (Manager), Olivia Rogerson*

## U9 Willows

Melinda Di Pietro | Coach



The willows had another enjoyable year of netball. The girls all had fun and were dedicated to training and the games. We had a couple of issues with games but when requested we were well supported by Briars officials. Overall, I was very happy with our year and look forward to the next one.

*Front Row:*

*Gabriella Di Pietro, Maggie Quinlan, Amelia Hone, Claire Cantley, Olivia Rizk*

*Second Row:*

*Christina Tran (Manager), Zara Prichard, Lourdes Toomeh, Violet Quinlan, Melinda Di Pietro (Coach)*

## U9 Oleanders

Suvannah Revello | Coach



The oleanders had a brilliant first season, developing lots of new skills and confidence. Many friendships were formed, and the girls were a pleasure to coach. Never losing their enthusiasm, the girls improved each week to finish their first season off with their first win in the last game. Great teamwork and sportsmanship.

*Front Row:*

*Isobel Granger, Abbie la Rocca, Isabel Revello, Alyssa Tarabay, Tearani Faulkner, Suvannah Revello (Coach)*

*Absent:*

*Rebecca Gibson (Manager), Sophie Gibson, Victoria Marchese, Emilia Ghaly*

## Junior Netball

### U10 Gemstones | Premiers

Bindi March-Ali | Coach



*Front Row:*

*Tara McCall, Jenelle Melhem, Ashleigh Brown, Emily Broadbent, Miya McLeod*

*Second Row:*

*Amanda Ivanac (Manager), Lily Ivanac, Anna Chan, Evelyn O'Neill, Bindi March-Ali (Coach)*

Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc - 10 Div 1

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Gemstones	12	11	0	1	230	39	23	49.15
2	LWNC Redbacks	11	9			280	50	21	50.91
3	FOAS Falcons	11	6	5	0	108	145	14	6.77
4	LWNC White Sharks	12	7	5	0	101	130	14	6.47
5	TNC Bengals	11	2	9	0	68	177	4	3.20
6	FOAS Cockatoos	11	3	8	0	54	148	4	3.04
7	HNC Lemurs	12		11	0	40	192	2	1.74

## U10 Azurites | Premiers

Linda Smith | Coach



*Front Row:*

*Freya Sinclair, Leila Guelfi, Sienna Furfaro, Tully Smith, Isabella Martino*

*Second Row:*

*Stacey D'Amico (Manager), Lauren Glastras, Aria D'amico, Brooke Smith (Assistant Coach), Linda Smith (Coach)*

*Absent:*

*Alexia Maroun*

Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 10 Div 3

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	<b>BNC Azurites</b>	14	13	1	0	210	80	26	18.75
2	LWNC Red Rosellas	14	12	2	0	145	61	24	16.98
3	TNC Pouncers	14	6	6	2	99	92	14	7.69
4	HNC Pandas	14	5	8	1	121	151	11	5.72
5	BUNC Sparkles	13	4	9	0	77	149	10	3.98
6	LWNC Black Bun yips	13	3	9	1	93	131	9	5.46
7	ANC Shamrocks	12	4	7	1	86	123	9	4.99
8	TNC Ragamuffins	14	4	9	1	98	142	9	4.93

## U10 Pink Sapphires | Premiers

Michelle Mitchell | Coach



SO PROUD of Pink Sapphires 10/2 you had an amazing season in our first year of competition, our 3rd season together. Our great team work, desire and ability to dig in and win was amazing. We set our goal and worked towards it. Very proud to coach you all. We had a tough, fabulous, fun year, with everyone in the team improving their skills. Our highlight was definitely making, and winning the Grand Final.

*Front Row:*

*Isabelle Sauran, Isabella Nunez, Sara McKeown, Ava Alam, Beth Eccleston*

*Second Row:*

*Michelle Mitchell (Coach), Riya Singh, Kiana Mitchell, Linda Eccleston (Manager)*

*Absent: Jessica Fernandes*

Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc - 10 Div 2

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	<b>BNC Pink Sapphires</b>	14	11	3	0	178	82	22	15.51
2	LWNC Red lions	14	10	4	0	168	77	20	15.58
3	LWNC Black Hawks	14	9	4	1	184	67	19	19.62
4	SHLNC Echidnas	14	10	4	0	143	89	18	11.48
5	LWNC Black Bilbies	14	8	5	1	126	100	17	9.00
6	ANC Saints	14	5	9	0	106	107	10	7.08
7	TNC KittyKats	14	2	12	0	42	238	4	1.26
8	FOAS Kestrels	14	0	14	0	43	230	0	1.34



## U10 Ambers

Virasha Singh | Coach



### Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 10 Div 5

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Swifts	12	12	0	0	169	30	<b>24</b>	46.94
2	<b>BNC Ambers</b>	12	10	2	0	149	61	<b>20</b>	<b>20.36</b>
3	GNC Trax	12	8	4	0	112	72	<b>16</b>	12.96
4	LWNC White Corellas	12	4	7	1	60	72	<b>9</b>	6.94
5	ANC Unicorns	12	4	7	1	61	91	<b>7</b>	5.59
6	TNC Kittens	12	2	10	0	53	156	<b>4</b>	2.83
7	FDAS Owls	12	1	11	0	23	145	<b>2</b>	1.32

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Front Row:

Nina Edmiston, Olivia Reid, Chloe Gardiner, Lara Quinlan, Sofia Sanfilipo

Second Row:

Dina Elhafez (Manager), Ava Jackson, Aliya Abed, Virasha Singh (Coach)

Absent: Indiana Middleton

## U10 Turquoise

Brianna Winstanley & Ela Huber | Coach



### Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 10 Div 4

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC White Taipans	12	12	0	0	248	17	<b>24</b>	121.57
2	FOAS Kingfishers	12	9	3	0	108	80	<b>16</b>	11.25
3	<b>BNC Turquoise</b>	12	7	5	0	60	78	<b>14</b>	<b>6.41</b>
4	LW NC Red Wrens	12	4	8	0	67	98	<b>8</b>	5.70
5	LW NC Red Frogs	12	4	8	0	46	109	<b>8</b>	3.52
6	FOAS Wild Gems	12	3	8	1	46	112	<b>7</b>	3.42
7	SHLNC Fantails	12	2	9	1	40	121	<b>5</b>	2.75

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Front Row:

Grace Restifo, Leiana-Paige Taria-Rima, Bianca Accurso, Mia Rizk, Madison Low

Second Row:

Denise Rizk (Manager), Rebecca Sarlas, Sophie la Rocca, Bianca Harris, Brianna Winstanley (Coach), Ela Huber (Coach)

## U11 Pyrites

Rosie Ryan | Coach



Front Row:

Aeryn Ransevycz, Amelie Morris, Georgina Walkley, Matilda Ryan, Ava Glading

Second Row:

Sarah O'Brien (Manager), Kari Prendergast, Larissa McConnell, Harriet O'Connor, Rosie Ryan (Coach)



## Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc - 11 Div 2

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC Red Comets	14	13		0	302	67	<b>26</b>	32.20
2	SHLNC Bilbies	14	11	3	0	206	87	<b>22</b>	16.91
3	LWNC White Rays	14	10	4	0	237	118	<b>20</b>	14.35
4	<b>BNC Pyrites</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11.00</b>
5	LWNC Black Flares	14	7	7	0	121	139	<b>14</b>	6.22
6	ANC Hawks	13	3	9	1	88	202	<b>7</b>	3.11
7	FOAS Corals	14	2	11	1	70	221	<b>5</b>	2.26
8	HNC Tic Tacs	14	0	14	0	56	295	<b>0</b>	1.36

## U11 Tanzanites | Premiers

Belinda Portolesi | Coach



What a brilliant Netball season the Tanzanites had this year! Finishing 2nd on the ladder and being awarded joint premiers in the grand final! Each girl grew as a player and showed great sportsmanship and dedication throughout the season! What an awesome bunch a girls to coach. So proud of each and every one of you!

From left to right:

Georgina Willis (Manager), Elissa Barzan, Leyla Tierney, Olivia Williams, Lily Cameron, Zara Portolesi, Eve Quinlan, Belinda Portolesi (Coach)

Absent: Elyssa Ghaly, Lorena Secivanovic

## Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 11 Div 3

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Starlings	15	13	2	0	245	130	<b>26</b>	12.56
2	<b>BNC Tanzanites</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11.91</b>
3	TNC Highlanders	15	9	6	0	238	168	<b>18</b>	9.44
4	HNC Tornados	15	6	9	0	118	136	<b>12</b>	5.78
5	LWNC Red Giants	15	4	11	0	138	212	<b>8</b>	4.34
6	GNC FJ's	15	1	14	0	74	270	<b>2</b>	1.83

## U11 Zircons

Louise Kipreotis | Coach



Front Row:

Lara Biazzo, Annalyse Seminara, Laura Sendall, Sienna Kipreotis

Second Row:

Louise Kipreotis (Coach), Sienna Yeates, Caitlin Collins, Cate Sendall (Manager)

Absent: Arabel Best, Mikayla Vloutis

The U11 Zircons returned for a second year together and began the 2019 winter season strongly. All players worked hard to develop their skills across the court, and this was reflected in their improved defence, strong attack and accurate shooting (at times even amazing themselves!). There were some great wins, close matches, and always excellent sportsmanship both on and off the court. It was always a pleasure to see the girl's smiling faces at training and on game day. The team

played a hard-fought finals game with no reserves, thanks to a badly timed case of Chickenpox, but unfortunately went down by just 2 goals. Well done girls on a great season!

#### Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 11 Div 4

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	GNC Captivas	12	11		0	217	81	<b>22</b>	22 .33
2	HNC Twisties	12	10	2	0	158	68	<b>20</b>	19 .36
3	<b>BNC Zircons</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19.44</b>
4	BUNC Dyna mites	12	6	6	0	114	101	<b>12</b>	9.41
5	LWNC White Sparks	12	3	9	0	85	117	<b>6</b>	6.05
6	FOAS Wildcats	12	2	10	0	44	184	<b>4</b>	1.99
7	FOAS Fawns	12	1	11	0	66	225	<b>2</b>	2.44

### U11 Aquamarines | Grand Finalist

Joanne Gordon | Coach



Front Row:

Ana Cuk, Gabby Scanlon, Orahnia Karas, Yameena Mubarak, Lara Moussa

Second Row:

Alissa Hunter (Manager), Charlotte Hunter, Quinn Gordon-Macgabhann, Anastasia Bonnor, Joanne Gordon (Coach)

At the start of the season, a group of under 11 girls from all across the inner west were brought together to make up the aquamarines. Most had only just joined Briars and 2019 was to be their maiden year of competition netball.

The first half of the season was difficult, but the girls kept their smiles and sportsmanship and never gave up. Then slowly week by week, they started to get into a rhythm. They started to trust each other, to communicate and to gain momentum.

#### Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 11 Div 5

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC White Tigers	14	14	0	0	244	45	<b>28</b>	38.73
2	LW NC Red Suns	14	11	3	0	101	72	<b>22</b>	10.02
3	LWNC Black Bursts	14	8	6	0	88	81	<b>16</b>	7.76
4	<b>BNC Aquamarines</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7.04</b>
5	HNC Black Diamonds	14	6	8	0	91	115	<b>12</b>	5.65
6	SHLNC Rosellas	14	5	8	1	71	107	<b>11</b>	4.74
7	HNC Swans	14	3	11	0	65	151	<b>6</b>	3.07
8	SHLNC Quokkas	14	1	12	1	42	130	<b>3</b>	2.31

Then it happened. They started to win. They gained confidence, they believed in themselves and against the odds they secured 4<sup>th</sup> spot on the ladder. It was followed by a thrilling final series which put them into the grand finals. Team sport at its absolute best. Go Briars!

### U12 Blue Zircons

Zoe | Coach



#### Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 12 Div 3

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	FDAS Jets	13	10	1	2	277	113	<b>24</b>	18.86
2	LWNC Black Blitz	14	10	2	2	313	123	<b>22</b>	18 .18
3	ANC Swans	14	9	5	0	238	171	<b>18</b>	9.94
4	FDAS Diamonds	14	8	5	1	237	212	<b>17</b>	7.99
5	<b>BNC Blue Zircons</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11.17</b>
6	TNC Cubs	14	4	9	1	149	226	<b>9</b>	4.71
7	HNC Peaches	14	2	12	0	71	306	<b>4</b>	1.66
8	<b>BNC Starlites</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.91</b>

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## U12 Starlites

Kate Campbell | Coach



Front Row:

Isabella Giuntoli, Alana Sparrow, Alessia Iacovitti, Chiara Serratore

Second Row:

Josephine Iacovitti (Manager), Grace Campbell, Tia Hansen, Kate Campbell (Coach)

Absent: Isabella Petersen, Olivia Srbinovski, Skylar Middleton

### Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 12 Div 3

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR	
1	FDAS Jets	13	10	1	2	277	113	<b>24</b>	18.86	
2	LWNC Black Blitz	14	10	2	2	313	123	<b>22</b>	18.18	
3	ANC Swans	14	9	5	0	238	171	<b>18</b>	9.94	
4	FDAS Diamonds	14	8	5	1	237	212	<b>17</b>	7.99	
5	<b>BNC Blue Zircons</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11.17</b>	<b>A</b>
6	TNC Cubs	14	4	9	1	149	226	<b>9</b>	4.71	
7	HNC Peaches	14	2	12	0	71	306	<b>4</b>	1.66	
8	<b>BNC Starlites</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.91</b>	

## U13 White Diamonds

Bindi March-Ali | Coach



### Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc - 13 Div 1

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC Black Cubs	15	15	0	0	481	164	<b>30</b>	19.55
2	FDAS Firebirds	14	11	3	0	384	208	<b>22</b>	12.31
3	<b>BNC White Diamonds</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6.36</b>
4	SHLNC Wagtails	15	6	9	0	234	329	<b>12</b>	4.74
5	LWNC Red Cheetahs	15	5	10	0	217	330	<b>10</b>	4.38
6	FDAS Phoenix	15	1	14	0	162	419	<b>2</b>	2.58

## U13 Onyx | Premiers

Jaye Stevenson | Coach



Front Row:

Amelia Walkley, Nellie Ebenezer, Abigail Wollen, Viva McConnell, Thashalia Naidoo, Charlotte Dick

Second Row:

Kath Walkley (Manager), Lily Butcher, Abbey O'Neill, Josie Walker, Jaye Stevenson (Coach)

Our girls came up a Division after being runners up last year and gave it their all like they always do. Every game they played 100% with only one loss throughout the entire season. They not only won the grand final but they did so with skill, teamwork and sportsmanship.



## Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc - 13 Div 2

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	<b>BNC Onyx</b>	15	14	1	0	331	165	28	13.37
2	TNC Kool Kats	14	12	2	0	278	156	26	12.73
3	SCHOLS Teal	15	8	7	0	280	242	16	7.71
4	LWNC Stripey Tigers	15	5	10	0	208	245	10	5.66
5	HNC Berries	14	5	9	0	173	246	10	4.69
6	ANC Gems	15	0	15	0	144	360	0	2.67

## U13 Rubies

Luke Quinlan | Coach



## Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 13 Div 3

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Wombats	14	12	2	0	356	147	24	17.30
2	LW NC Red Heads	14	11	3	0	265	190	22	9.96
3	ANC Opals	14	10	4	0	343	207	20	11.84
4	HNC Sherbets	14	9	4		252	142	19	12.68
5	RNC Firetails	14	6	7	1	232	244	13	6.79
6	<b>BNC Rubies</b>	14	5	9	0	174	225	10	5.52
7	BUNC Hot Shots	14	2	12	0	83	297	4	2.00
8	SCHOLS Magenta	14	0	14	0	115	368	0	2.23

Front Row:

Alice Whitmore, Amy Davis, Ella Williams, Lily Sauran, Sienna Quinlan

Second Row:

Chloe Indari, Jemma Veneran, Luke Quinlan (Coach)

Absent: Kate Bruce (Manager), Haylee Bruce

## U13 Sunstones | Premiers

Melinda Rodger | Coach



## Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 13 Div 4

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	<b>BNC Sunstones</b>	14	13	0	1	325	171	27	13.58
2	<b>BNC White Opals</b>	14	11	3	0	276	220	22	8.96
3	LWNC Black Diamonds	14	8	5		204	174	17	8.37
4	RNC Parrots	14	6	7	1	267	232	13	8.22
5	GNC Geminis	14	6	8	0	248	270	12	6.56
6	HNC Unicorns	14	5	9	0	235	303	10	5.54
7	LWNC Red Rubies	14	3	10	1	180	234	7	5.49
8	SCHOLS Violet	14	2	12	0	170	301	4	4.03

From left to right:

Katie Rossie Mouawad (Manager),

Elise Adland, Aadya Sharma, Nadia Carvalho, Mikayla Rodger, Ava Mouawad, Melinda Rodger (Coach)

Absent: Aiesha Khodary, Alana Winstanley, Rachel Lee

## U13 White Opals | Grand Finalist

Kelly Pisani | Coach

What a wonderful season the White Opals have had. The team worked so hard during the season and managed to get to the grand final. We will be back next year, bigger and better.





*Front Row:*

*Sabrina White, Amelie Fehir, Emma Hayman, Lauren Boumelhem, Gabbi Slater*

*Second Row:*

*Geraldine White (Manager), Zara Barakat, Niamh Ogle, Niamh McInerney, Kelly Pisani (Coach)*

## U13 Larimars | Grand Finalist

Brendon Eastlake | Coach



*Front Row:*

*Tahlia Lo Ricco, Laura Eastlake, Aahna Virmani, Caitlin Merrick*

*Second Row:*

*Christine Eastlake (Manager), Elyana Qutami, Leila Hahnel, Brendon Eastlake (Coach)*

*Absent: Lily Murray, Claire Pepperell*

## U14 Blue Sapphires | Premiers

Daniel Ivanac | Coach

Reflecting on the year we had at Briars I could not have wished for better. This year I really pushed the girls and I found the honesty session we had at training to talk about the weekends game on where we did well and where had to improve was very beneficial in the girls overall improvement.

To go undefeated and win the Grand final against my arch rival Five Dock was extremely satisfying when they knocked us out last year in the semi-finals, we totally dominated in all three games we played them, which shows how much the girls have improved.

*Front Row:*

*Elia Malgioglio, Ayla Ali, Brooke Smith, Elly Araujo, Isabel Reid*

*Second Row:*

*Linda Smith (Manager), Olivia Ivanac, Jenaya Brooks-Mulholland, Sienna Cham, Daniel Ivanac (Coach)*

### Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 13 Div 4

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Sunstones	14	13	0	1	325	171	27	13.58
2	BNC White Opals	14	11	3	0	276	220	22	8.96
3	LWNC Black Diamonds	14	8	5		204	174	17	8.37
4	RNC Parrots	14	6	7	1	267	232	13	8.22
5	GNC Geminis	14	6	8	0	248	270	12	6.56
6	HNC Unicorns	14	5	9	0	235	303	10	5.54
7	LWNC Red Rubies	14	3	10	1	180	234	7	5.49
8	SCHOLS Violet	14	2	12	0	170	301	4	4.03

### Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 13 Div 5

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	JNC Dolphins	12	10	1	1	362	89	21	33.90
2	BNC Larimars	12	10	1	1	288	92	21	26.09
3	SHLNC Larks	11	8	3	0	194	69	18	25.56
4	RNC Sparrows	11	5	6	0	76	122	10	5.19
5	ANC Jades	11	4	7	0	73	141	8	4.31
6	SCHOLS White	10	9	1	0	38	258	4	1.34
7	RNC Cranes	11	0	11	0	32	292	2	1.00

## Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 14 Div 2

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	<b>BNC Blue Sapphires</b>	14	14	0	0	425	166	28	18.29
2	HNC Hornets	14	11	2	1	286	159	23	12.85
3	FDAS Firetails	13	8	4	1	303	207	19	11.26
4	RNC Darters	14	7	6	1	254	215	15	8.44
5	LWNC White Angels	14	5	9	0	184	280	10	4.69
6	HNC Seals	13	4	8	1	200	285	9	5.01
7	SCHOLS Navy	14	4	10	0	169	237	8	5.09
8	SCHOLS Indigo	14	0	14	0	116	388	0	2.14

## U14 Peridots

Gina Towney | Coach



## Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – 14 Div 3

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC Red Rockets	13	10		2	336	164	22	15.76
2	BUNC Rockets	14	10	2	2	319	212	22	10.75
3	<b>BNC Peridots</b>	13	9	3	1	237	169	19	10.02
4	TNC Aussie Mist	13	9	4	0	324	165	18	14.03
5	GNC Jackaroos	14	7	6		227	238	15	6.81
6	RNC Falcons	13	3	9	1	130	240	9	4.17
7	SCHOLS Mint	14	2	11		144	322	5	3.19
8	HNC Daises	14	0	14	0	102	309	0	2.36

Front Row:

Allyssa Ortado, Zahra Hamilton, Isabella Goth-Towney, Stephanie Sandu, Amy Symes

Second Row:

Belinda Johnson (Assistant Coach), Abbie Johnson, Elisha Martin, Gina Towney (Coach)

Absent: Silvana Sandu (Manager), Bailey Belanger

## Cadet Opals

Shannon Campbell | Coach



## Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – Cadet 3

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	FDAS Pearls	14	14	0	0	687	308	28	15.93
2	RNC Finches	13	11	2	0	564	341	24	12.72
3	<b>BNC Silver</b>	13	7	5	1	417	382	17	8.40
4	SHLNC Gliders	13	7	6	0	542	509	16	8.19
5	HNC Fireflies	14	4	9	1	379	531	9	5.10
6	ANC Sapphires	13	4	9	0	403	503	8	5.72
7	<b>BNC Opals</b>	13	3	8	2	236	397	8	4.25
8	TNCAA Cats	13	1	12	0	273	530	2	3.68

From left to right:

Abarna Ravindran, Lillian Kunkler, Charlotte Kunkler, Leila Rahme, Kelly Fung

Absent:

Shannon Campbell (Coach), Leanne Sharpe, Isabella Hayek, Molly Newton, Samara Khodary

## Cadet Silvers

Steven Winstanley | Coach



Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Inc – Cadet 3

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	FDAS Pearls	14	14	0	0	687	308	<b>28</b>	15.93
2	RNC Finches	13	11	2	0	564	341	<b>24</b>	12.72
3	<b>BNC Silver</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8.40</b>
4	SHLNC Gliders	13	7	6	0	542	509	<b>16</b>	8.19
5	HNC Fireflies	14	4	9	1	379	531	<b>9</b>	5.10
6	ANC Sapphires	13	4	9	0	403	503	<b>8</b>	5.72
7	<b>BNC Opals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.25</b>
8	TNCAA Cats	13	1	12	0	273	530	<b>2</b>	3.68

*Front Row:*

*Gabrielle Giannakos, Brianna Winstanley, Ela Huber, Grace Hayman*

*Second Row:*

*Melita Stanmore (Manager), Vanessa Stanmore, Virasha Singh, Steven Winstanley (Coach)*

*Absent: Ava Rohan, Grace Murray*



# Greenlees Park Bowling Club



## Women's Bowls

### Presidents Report

Veronica Waring



*I have enjoyed my first year as President, it has been a learning curve and hopefully I have met the expectations for Greenlees Park WBC and also Briars Sports Club, with the support from all, for which I am very grateful.*

*I was very honoured to receive the Brian Huttly Award at the AGM in 2019 and appreciated being nominated for this award.*

We have two new members, Sherry Chahl and Lorraine O'Young, this now brings our total membership to thirty six, with two prospective ladies hoping to join the Greenlees Park WBC in the near future. We also have players from other Clubs joining us for a social game on Thursdays and special days. Many thanks to Eddie Truesdale for coaching our new members.

Two grades entered in Pennants this year, Grades 2 and 4. Grade 2 were runners up to the winning team, North Epping. A great effort by our two Grade 2 teams.

Club Championships for Singles, Fours, Triples, Pairs, Major and Minor Singles have been completed. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up.



We had entries into the Macquarie District triples, pairs and singles, even though not successful, a great achievement to all players.



Greenlees Park WBC hosted the Macquarie District Open / Senior Pairs in May and District Singles finals in June. Also Region Singles playoffs between Macquarie and Mitchell Districts in July, with representatives from both Regions attending. Very impressive bowling from all participants.

The Sports Bowls Program for Students from North Strathfield Primary School has now finished for this year. Many thanks to the volunteers from the mens

and ladies bowlers and to Eddie Truesdale, School Coordinator, for their continued support in teaching the children, who I am sure gained a great insight into the game of bowls. Presentation of Certificates and pens were given to all participants and most improved players acknowledged on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Our Christmas Party was a great success, enjoyed by all our ladies and visitors. The Easter Consistency was a fun and enjoyable day.





My first President's Day on 16<sup>th</sup> May, was very informal, enjoyed by all our members from Greenlees Park WBC. On the day, certificates and badges for years of membership with Womens Bowls NSW were awarded to Helen Burton, 20 years and June Kelsey, 40 years. Unfortunately June was unable to attend, but received hers at Friends' Day.



Friends Day was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> August. We had fifty Greenlees Park WBC and bowling friends from various

clubs.... Ashfield, Brush Park, Carlingford, Denistone, Gladesville, Marrickville, Norah Head, Stockton and Belconnen came and celebrated with our ladies at Greenlees Park. Rain interrupted our bowls game, but still had an enjoyable and friendly day. Proceeds of the day were donated to Dementia Australia.

We wish to thank Jason Parle, Jack Thomas, Monique Laaper and Ben Williams for all the help they give us, no task is too big and also to Megan Garcia and all the staff who are always very helpful and pleasant. Thank you to Peter Neary, our Greenkeeper, who ensures the greens are in top condition for the ladies on Thursdays, Championships and special days. Thank you to Tiffany, Adam and all the staff in the *Backyard at Briars* for always accommodating us on our special function days and Thursday lunches. Many thanks to the Briars Sports Club for all the support they give during the year and also to President Michael Laws and the extended men bowlers.

I would also like to thank the Greenlees Park WBC Committee members for their help and commitment they have given throughout the year and also to all our bowling ladies who are always willing to help when required. Once again, thank you to everyone for all the support you have given over the last twelve months.

#### Greenlees Park W.B.C. 2019 Results:

	Winner	Runner-up
<b>Major Singles</b>	Gladys Barnes	Margaret Truesdale
<b>Minor Singles</b>	Helen Whelpton	Gina Caccaviello
<b>Pairs</b>	Margaret Truesdale Gladys Barnes	Jean Hartley Maureen Kearney
<b>Triples</b>	Pat Free Pam Lawrenson Gina Caccaviello	Lorraine McAuliffe Gai Shirvington Maureen Kearney
<b>Fours</b>	Jean Hartley Pat Free Imma Fonti Maureen Kearney	Nerida Watson Ann Hyem Janet Cooper Gai Shirvington
<b>Consistency</b>	Gladys Barnes	Janet Cooper

#### Greenlees Park WBC Grade 2 Pennant Teams Runners Up in Macquarie District Pennants

Team 1	Team 2
Veronica Waring Nerida Watson Janet Cooper Maureen Kearney	Ann Hyem Rosa Caccavo Margaret Truesdale Gladys Barnes



# Men's Bowls

## Presidents Report

Michael Laws



It is with pleasure that I forward to you a report of the men's bowls for 2019.

The year has brought an increase in numbers with social bowls remaining strong, we also increased our pennant sides from 3 grades to 4 grades, all of which are very competitive, this is a great result which clearly shows the members interest is alive and well for the coming year.

Thanks to the Mens Bowls Committee who have continued to ensure that all aspects of events and tournaments run smoothly.

I would also like to thank the Club Ltd for their ongoing support of Lawn Bowls.

### 2019 Club Championship Results:

	Winner	Runner-up
Major Singles	Rob Zrilic	Paul Reynolds
Minor Singles	Larry Greene	Ron James
Major Pairs	Rob Zrilic Mark Gorlicki	Bob Inman Jessie Loveridge
Minor Pairs	Paul Koziollek David Puckeridge	Ronny James Alun Fenton
Triples	John Houteas Kavan Habgood Eddie Truesdale	M. Falcone Alun Fenton Rod O'Grady
Fours	Gino Borg Dave Puckeridge Ray Coombes Mark Gorlicki	Steven White Mario Zanella Ron James Ronan Coombes

# Briars Sports Trophies

## J H Stone Trophy

**Awarded to Andrew Hogg.**

*This nomination acknowledges not only the effort and support Andrew Hogg Junior has given Briars Rugby this season but over the many seasons he has been involved.*

*Andrew is quietly spoken and although he has a presence on the playing field as a 1st Grade front rower, he contributes in lots of small ways.*

*During seasons past Andrew has been there for Rugby when they were experiencing savage defeats through to the resurgence we are now experiencing.*

*He single handedly issued 1500 player recruitment cards. Went out of his way to ensure fellow clubmen could get to games and helped Junior Rugby get started. He has always been around the club to help out in any form possible and never turned down a fellow clubman asking for assistance. In 2019 he maintained his passion for putting others first by continuing with the coaching of juniors*

*His commitment to training and teamwork last season was that of a senior leader. He was the engine room of a young side that made it through to the Grand final. A massive turn around for a team that struggled in the season prior.*

*Andrew has decided to progress and further apply his work ethic in preparing for a season with West Harbour. We hope that he becomes a starring player in the Shute Shield, in the not so distant future.*

The J H Stone Trophy named after the first President of The Briars Sporting Club, the late John Stone, was first awarded in 1950. The name of John Stone's home was called "The Briars". This Trophy can only be won by a club member under the age of 25 years who made an outstanding contribution to the club's welfare during the year.

## The Ted Stockdale Trophy

**Awarded to Louise Sidgreaves.**

*Louise has been the Junior Blaster (formerly known as Milo-in-2 cricket) coordinator for 8 years and a member of the committee.*

*Over this time Louise has ensured that the program was well managed and ensured that the coaches*

The Ted Stockdale Trophy was donated in 1995 by the Board of Directors in recognition of the outstanding contribution made to the Club by Ted Stockdale. It is awarded to a Club member who has made a continuing contribution to the welfare and administration of the Club over a number of years.

*(ex junior players) were trained to be able to run the specific drills.*

*Louise took on the role when her sons went through the program and has stayed on as coordinator even though all her three boys have moved on.*

*The program is the entry point into junior cricket so essential that this program is well managed and is run annually. If we didn't have her volunteering to do this we are not sure whether the program would have continued.*

## R B Clark Scholarship

- **Keiran Brook** - Briars Hockey
- **Brandon Potts** - Briars Hockey
- **Mia Singh** - Briars Netball

R B (Bob) Clark, the founder of The Briars Sporting Club, bequeathed money on his death to the Club. This bequest is to help young Briars with their education for those members 21 years and under.

## Cricket Memorial Trophy

*Awarded to **Lloyd Andrews**.*

*Lloyd has been involved in all areas of the Club for many years now and has been successful in winning 5 Premierships in a row (4 as captain) in our 4th grade team. Almost every week he has involved himself in ensuring the cricket covers are laid on Friday nights at our 3 grounds as well and is a Club leader in every sense of the word. He is willing and able to do almost any job asked of him and this trophy is a fitting reward for his efforts.*

*Well done mate. A well-deserved winner of this award.*

The Cricket Memorial Trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II and was donated in 1946 by the late H G Whiddon.

The basis of arriving at the winner is as follows:

Value to team as a cricketer	35 points
Conduct	15 points
General keenness	15 points
Value to Club as a member	25 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

## Gerard Price Jnr. Cricket Trophy

*Awarded to **James Threlkeld***

*James played all his junior cricket with Concord Briars and in his final year was awarded the Club player for the 2018-19 cricket season. A great way for James to finish his junior cricket career. James made 348 runs at an average of 69.6 and took 25 wickets at an average of 5, strike rate of 16.1 and economy rate of 1.9. Congratulations on a wonderful season and we wish him all the best in the future.*

The Gerard Price Junior Cricket Trophy was donated by the Board of Directors in 2012 in recognition of the outstanding contribution by Gerard Price over many years as Cricket Chairman of Briars. The Trophy is awarded to a member of Briars Concord Junior Cricket who has contributed to junior teams.



## A J Robinson Shield

### Awarded to **Kylie Norris**

*This year, the highest honour in the Hockey Club has been awarded to Kylie Norris.*

*Kylie was a key member and leader within the Women's 2nd Grade team, helping to develop the younger members of the team. Kylie was also a member of the Sydney East Association team in the SWHL Division-1 Women's Masters, bringing home the premiership flag this season. Furthermore, she coached the U9 Minkeys team.*

*In addition to all of the above, Kylie took on the role of Cintra Manager, and did a phenomenal job of managing the hockey complex and canteen operations, which made a substantial contribution to the club's finances. In this role she was the lead person in organising the myriad of volunteers required to make the complex function on a weekly basis.*

*As if that weren't enough, Kylie was a key member of the Hockey Club Committee, and a continuing member of the Briars Sports Club Board.*

*Kylie Norris is a genuinely outstanding recipient of the A.J. Robinson Shield this year.*

The A J Robinson Shield was donated in 1958 by the late A J Robinson ("Robbie"). The Shield is awarded to the hockey player who has contributed the most to Briars Hockey during the year and which is determined by the most points in the following manner:

Value as a team member	35 points
Value in Hockey Administration	20 points
Value to Club other than Hockey	20 points
Conduct on field of play	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

## R D Vanderfield Trophy

### Awarded to **Bailey Scanlon**

*Bailey joined Briars Hockey in 2010 as a cheeky seven year old. He has played in every age group, and over the past ten seasons he has played in as many games per week as possible!*

*This year Bailey stepped up into a leadership role within Juniors both on and off the field. The strong respect held for Bailey by his team mates and coaches is evident. Bailey ran the "New to Hockey" first five weeks of training for the novice U11s, supported Junior teams in their first weeks of training until a formal coach could be appointed, and popped into a number of teams' different training sessions throughout the season to lend a hand wherever he was needed.*

*He also was a key team member in both the U17 Metros, and stepped up into Men's 2nd Grade this year as well.*

*Bailey is a deserved winner of this important club award this year.*

The R D Vanderfield Trophy established in 1973 is awarded to a member of Junior Hockey who has contributed most to the junior teams. This award carries the name of a past President who showed interest in the formation of junior teams.

## Anne Gleason Jnr. Trophy

### Awarded to **Zac Giuffre**

*Zac first picked up the racket just over a year ago and since then he excelled to become one of Briars' top juniors. However, besides his squash prowess and his application on the court Zac is a model Junior to his entire cohort. His friendly and approachable demeanour sees him on court with any and everyone, regardless of skill level or age. Zac is also first to volunteer himself whenever coaches need a helping hand or helping out at events hosted at the squash centre. He is a delight to teach and be around and we are extremely grateful he belongs.*

*We wish Zac all the best in his endeavours, both on and off the court. He is a very deserving applicant of the Anne Gleason Trophy.*

This trophy is awarded to a Briars Junior Squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general and exemplifies the dedication by Anne Gleason to voluntary work with Squash. Involved with Briars Squash for over 25 years, Anne represented Briars at NSW State level both individually and as a ladies team member. For many years Anne has organised junior squash and Saturday Pennant and as head coach of the juniors.

Value as a team member	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	20 points
Keeness as a player	20 points
Improvement as a player	15 points
Conduct on the Squash Court	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

## Geoff Archibald Trophy

### Awarded to **Peter Kosmas**

*Peter in his first year at Briars, represented the Club in 2 grand finals, Colts & First grade.*

*At break away he has a tough job and with a great work ethic and attitude he was able to cover both teams. Peter worked hard at training and encouraged his fellow team mates to dig deep and work just as hard. He always assisted when asked by his coaches, committee members and fellow clubmen.*

*A deserved winner of this award.*

The Geoff Archibald Trophy is awarded to the Rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing Rugby for the Club. This Trophy was first awarded in 1984.

## Gordon Bevan Shield

### Awarded to **Stacey Howcroft**

*A hard South African that is passionate about Briars and his sport Rugby Union.*

*Through some tough times that Rugby has faced in seasons past Stacey has been loyal and always assisting where he can, to keep the Briars Rugby wheels turning.*

*This season his motivation and hard work behind the scenes as a committee member, player and as Club Captain, he has supported and helped to nurture young Briars Rugby players.*

*Stacey's further technical ability will be enhanced when he pulls on a prop's jersey for 2020.*

The Gordon Bevan Shield was first awarded in 1938. It is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has contributed the most during the year towards Rugby and the Club in general. It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident. The criteria for selection is as follows:

Attendance at training	20 points
Value to the team	20 points
Most improved player	20 points
General keenness	15 points
Value as a Club member	15 points
Neatness of uniform	10 points
Total	100 points

*He is a well-respected and valuable asset to our club.*

## **The Mal Blair & Bill McLaughlin Junior Rugby Trophy**

**Awarded to Kian White**

*Kian White has been involved in all areas of Briars since joining Junior Rugby in 2017. Kian craves to be in the action and epitomises the Briars spirit, despite his stature, fearlessly taking on opponents twice his size.*

*Kian's support extends to not only his own SJRU team, actively attending and helping out at the Minis, Seniors and Women's fixtures. Actively cheering on the teams, running as ball boy and chipping in to sell raffle tickets.*

*Well done to Kian for receiving this award and we wish him all the very best in the future.*

The Mal Blair & Bill McLaughlin Junior Rugby Trophy is awarded annually by Junior Rugby to a junior rugby player who has contributed most, both on and off the field.

## **Doug Vanderfield Trophy**

**Awarded to Peter Sinodinos**

*Peter first came into the club returning to Squash after 20 years out of playing, his aim was to be healthier and lose weight, as he developed momentum in training, he popped his Bicep. This took him out for 6 months on his momentous return. Once he got the all clear Peter hit the ground running, getting 1 on 1 coaching and introducing his wife and two boys to the game.*

*Since getting himself "Match fit" he has joined in the Briars Div. 5 Briars #3 for his first season of pennant for Briars. he finished with 14 wins out of 16 matches playing every week for the team.*

*He has played internal competitions and been attending our advanced training squads on Saturdays to keep improving his fitness and skills. He has nothing but respect for the officials and opponents and is always happy to help around the club.*

*Peter has been using his professional business expertise to assist the club with proposals, grants and processes. We have been successful in getting to the second round of funding to upgrade the Thornleigh facilities and a big part of that is because of Peter's support and love of the game.*

*Peter embodies the true spirit of being a Briar and we are honoured to have him at our club.*

The Doug Vanderfield Trophy was donated in 1970 by the late R D Vanderfield who was instrumental in commencing Squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport. The Trophy is presented to the squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general. Points are awarded as follows:

Value as a team member	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	20 points
Keeness as a player	20 points
Improvement as a player	15 points
Conduct on the Squash Court	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

## Anne Burt Trophy

Awarded to **Kate Campbell**

*The winner of the Anne Burt Trophy for 2019 is Kate Campbell.*

*Kate has been involved with Briars Netball for 4 years as a coach, umpire and player. In 2016 she joined the club committee as a governance officer and also assisted with the umpiring schedules. In 2017 Kate was nominated into the role of Club Vice President and remains in that role today. During this time Kate has developed and implemented all of the Club Policies and Procedures, delegate to Briars Sports and is the clubs Seniors Coordinator. Kate's greatest attribute to Briars has been her knowledge and direction in relation to Codes, Policies and Dispute Resolution. She shows consistent support for all members of Briars Netball Club and has proven to be an integral asset to Briars.*

The Anne Burt Trophy is awarded to a Senior or Junior Netball player who has contributed most both on and off the court to the sport of Netball. Anne was most influential in starting Netball at Briars and has given great service to both Junior and Senior Netball players.

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 the Netball Court	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

## Brian Huttly Trophy

Awarded to **Gwen Bonett**

*Gwen joined GPWBC in October 2015 and has served on the match committee since 2016. She has also chaired for the past three years.*

*Gwen is very capable of carrying out match work and encourages our new bowlers to play in pennants, she is also always at hand to help other committee members.*

The Brian Huttly Trophy was donated in 2006 by Brian Huttly who for many years has been involved in Bowls at Greenlees Park as an administrator and player. The Trophy is awarded to a lady bowler who has given meritorious service in a voluntary position to Womens Bowls over the year. The award can only be won once in a lifetime.

## Phil McAulay Trophy

Awarded to **Paul Koziollek**

*Paul started bowls 3 years ago and since then has always been one of the first people to put his hand up to help with running barefoot bowls and cooking the Sunday BBQ. He is always on hand when needed.*

*Paul is a well deserved winner of this award.*

The Phil McAulay Trophy is awarded to a male bowler who over the year has given meritorious services to Men's Bowls in a voluntary role. Donated by Phil McAulay, who has been involved in Bowls at Greenlees for many years as an administrator and player, this award can only be won once in a lifetime.



# Appendix A

## Financial statements

**BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED**

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**ABN: 71 001 029 545**

***(A Company Limited by Guarantee)***

**SUMMARY OF  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019**

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**SUMMARY OF**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

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**BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED**  
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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your Directors present their report on the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

**NAME OF DIRECTORS**

The Directors in Office at any time during the year and up to the date of this report are:-

HOWLE, Brett	BLAIR, Ian	NORRIS, Kylie
O'KANE, Terrence	MOFFITT, Matina	BURT, Chris
JAROSZEWICZ, Michael	BOYTER, Aaron	

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal continuing activity of the Company consisted of maintaining a licensed sporting and bowling club for members.

**INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS**

Name	Position	Meetings Called	Meetings Attended	Qualifications
B. Howle	Chairman	12	12	Company Director
M. Moffitt	Director/Treasurer	12	11	Associate Partner
I. Blair	Director	12	9	Retired Company Director
A. Boyter	Director	12	12	Engineer
C. Burt	Director	12	11	Manager
M. Jaroszewicz	Director	12	7	Structural Engineer
T. O'Kane	Director	12	11	Disability Support Worker
K. Norris	Director	12	7	Sourcing Manager

**GENERAL MANAGER**

The General Manager (CEO) is Mr Jason Parle and he has occupied the position since 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Mr Parle has extensive experience in the Club industry.

**TREASURER**

The Treasurer is Ms Matina Moffitt who was appointed on 23 February 2014. Ms Moffitt is a Chartered Accountant.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The Company is a company limited by guarantee and is without share capital. The number of Members of the Company registered in the Register of Members at the date of this report is:

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
Full Members	1,103	1,017
Social Members	<u>2,328</u>	<u>2,384</u>
	<b><u>3,431</u></b>	<b><u>3,461</u></b>



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**OPERATING RESULTS**

The net profit from Trading for the year ended 30 September 2019 (after no Provision for Income Tax) amounted to \$353,214 (2018 - Profit \$111,128) after charging depreciation of \$343,280 (2018 - \$304,220).

**DIVIDENDS**

The Company is a Non-Profit Organisation and is prevented by its Articles from paying a Dividend.

**REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>%</u>
Poker Machines Clearances Net	1,924,862	1,493,544	431,318	28.87
Bar Sales	1,297,289	1,134,824	162,465	14.31
Operating & Overhead Costs	4,089,419	3,600,295	489,124	13.58

**OBJECTIVES**

Short term

Providing for members and guests a social sporting club with the usual facilities of a club and to assist generally in the promotion and promulgation of amateur sports.

Long term

To sustain and enhance our position as a leader in the assistance to selected amateur sports, to provide a quality environment and to provide assist to the Concord and nearby communities.

Strategies for providing the objectives:

Principal strategies include:

1. Maximise advantage from our investments and property holding;
2. Maximise advantage from marketing activities;
3. Maximise advantage by those sports that have as their fundamental ethos the support and promotion of amateur sports;
4. Maintain high customer service standards.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal continuing activity of the Company consisted of maintaining a licensed amateur sporting club for members.

How these activities assist in achieving the objectives:

The activities assist in generating revenue to fund the sporting activities and the promotion of amateur sport.

**PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Performance is assessed regularly against relevant internal and industry benchmarks enabling assessment as to whether strategic initiatives have been effective in achieving the Company's short and long term objectives.

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**EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE**

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the economic entity. The line of credit with the Commonwealth Bank facility is \$1,100,000.00.

**INDEMNIFYING OFFICERS OR AUDITORS**

During or since the end of the financial year the company has given an indemnity or entered an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows: During the year the company has paid premiums of \$1,481.96 to insure all directors against liabilities for the costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the Company, other than conduct involving a willful breach of duty in relation to the company.

**OPTIONS**

No options over issued shares or interest in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report as the Company is limited by guarantee.

**PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY**

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company for all or part of those proceedings

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION**

The Auditor's Independent Declaration for the year ended 30th September 2019 has been received and can be found on page 4 of this report.

Dated at Concord this 25th day of November 2019  
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors

  
B. HOWLE - CHAIRMAN

  
M. MOFFITT - TREASURER

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENT DECLARATION**  
**UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001**  
**TO THE DIRECTORS OF BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED**

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that during the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

**DATED AT CONCORD**  
**THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF**  
**NOVEMBER 2019**

  
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**HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY**  
Chartered Accountants

**GARRY WILLIAM DAY**  
Registered Company Auditor

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**DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**a) General**

This Summary of the Financial Statements has been derived from the full financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September, 2019. The discussion and analysis is based on those financial reports and is provided to assist members in the understanding of financial statements.

A copy of the full financial report and audit report thereon will be made available to any member upon request to the General Manager.

**b) Statement of Comprehensive Income**

The entity's total revenue has increased by \$761,281 (18.8%) since the prior year whilst operating expenses excluding depreciation, amortization, and borrowing costs have increased to \$4,089,419 (13.5%) resulting in a net profit before tax of \$353,214 (income tax Nil) compared to \$111,128 net profit (income tax Nil) for the previous year.

Individual items that have impacted the 2019 results include:

- Poker machine taxes increased by \$124,580. (53.2%).
- Entertainment, marketing and promotional costs decreased by \$13,252 (3.7%).
- Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by \$39,060 (12.8%).
- Employee benefit expenses decreased by \$16,588 (1.9%).

Bar sales were up to \$1,297,289 compared to last year of \$1,134,824, while the gross profit percentage decreased from 62.08% to 62.00%. Bar net profit increased to \$410,128 this year.

We saw an increase in Poker Machine Net Clearances of \$431,318 largely due to an increase in Poker Machine interest by members. This resulted in an increase in profit of \$289,559 from \$1,276,799 to \$1,566,358.

**c) Statement of Financial Position**

The entity's net assets have increased by \$353,214 or 217% since the previous year consisting of a increase in total assets of \$381,459 and a \$28,245 increase in total liabilities.

This increase in net assets for the year is mainly attributed to:

- Increase in property, plant and equipment of \$458,689 due mainly to Club House improvements and purchase of plant & equipment.
- Increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$251,786.
- Increase in other financial liabilities of \$134,970, mainly by an increase of other payables.
- Increase in trade payables of \$85,407.
- Increase in current assets of \$266,050.

**d) Cash Flow Statement**

Operating activities provided net cash flow of \$914,459, compared to \$513,929 in the previous year.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$462,673 mainly related to payments for property, plant & equipment.

Decrease in net borrowings of \$200,000 related to the CBA line of credit repayment.

Cash at year end was \$385,312 compared to \$133,526 in the prior year.



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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS & OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2019**

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenue from the sale of goods	1,371,866	1,197,099
Revenue from the rendering of services	3,239,729	2,607,952
Other revenue from ordinary activities	192,361	237,624
<b>Total revenue from ordinary activities</b>	<b><u>4,803,956</u></b>	<b><u>4,042,675</u></b>
Cost of sales	(492,869)	(430,302)
Directors' expenses	(1,256)	(821)
Employee benefit expenses	(823,948)	(840,536)
Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses	(340,233)	(353,485)
Poker machines licenses and taxes	(358,504)	(233,924)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(2,072,609)	(1,741,227)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>(4,089,419)</u></b>	<b><u>(3,600,295)</u></b>
<b>Earnings before borrowing costs, depreciation and amortisation</b>	<b>714,537</b>	<b>442,383</b>
Depreciation and amortisation	(343,280)	(304,220)
Borrowing costs	(18,043)	(27,035)
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense</b>	<b><u>353,214</u></b>	<b><u>111,128</u></b>
Income tax expense	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Net Profit for the year</b>	<b><u>353,214</u></b>	<b><u>111,128</u></b>

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2019**

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash assets	385,312	133,526
Investments	161,737	157,753
Inventories	26,891	32,595
Other	141,805	125,821
Total current assets	<u>715,745</u>	<u>449,695</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant & equipment	5,560,410	5,467,326
Intangibles	467,270	444,945
Total non-current assets	<u>6,027,680</u>	<u>5,912,271</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>6,743,425</u>	<u>6,361,966</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	539,846	454,439
Provisions	374,444	368,803
Other	277,177	142,207
Total current liabilities	<u>1,191,467</u>	<u>965,449</u>
<b>Non-Current liabilities</b>		
Provisions	7,369	5,142
Other	-	200,000
	<u>7,369</u>	<u>205,142</u>
Total non-current liabilities		
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>1,198,836</u>	<u>1,170,591</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>5,544,589</u>	<u>5,191,375</u>
<b>Members' Funds</b>		
Retained profits	3,040,394	2,687,180
Asset Revaluation Reserve	2,160,358	2,160,358
Briars Equity Transfer	343,837	343,837
<b>Members' Equity</b>	<u>5,544,589</u>	<u>5,191,375</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2019**

	Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Briars Equity Transfer	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2017</b>	<b>2,576,052</b>	<b>2,160,358</b>	<b>343,837</b>	<b>5,080,247</b>
Net profit for the year	111,128	-	-	111,128
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year	111,128	-	-	111,128
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2018</b>	<b>2,687,180</b>	<b>2,160,358</b>	<b>343,837</b>	<b>5,191,375</b>
Net profit for the year	353,214	-	-	353,214
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year	353,214	-	-	353,214
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2019</b>	<b>3,040,394</b>	<b>2,160,358</b>	<b>343,837</b>	<b>5,544,589</b>

**BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED**  
**(Formerly Greenlees Park Bowling Club Limited)**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2019**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b><u>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</u></b>		
Receipts from Member & Guests	4,901,734	4,230,310
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(4,324,313)	(4,030,434)
Interest	3,790	354
Rental Income	333,248	313,699
<b>Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities</b>	<b>914,459</b>	<b>513,929</b>
<b><u>Cash Flow From Investing Activities</u></b>		
Increase of investments	(3,984)	(3,421)
Payment for Plant & Equipment, Poker Machines	(458,689)	(304,239)
<b>Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities</b>	<b>(462,673)</b>	<b>(307,660)</b>
<b><u>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</u></b>		
Proceeds (Repayment) of Borrowings - Bank	(200,000)	(246,102)
<b>Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities</b>	<b>(200,000)</b>	<b>(246,102)</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash held</b>	<b>251,786</b>	<b>(39,833)</b>
Cash at 30th September, 2018	133,526	173,359
Cash at 30th September, 2019	385,312	133,526

**Notes to the Statement of Cash Flow**

**1. Reconciliation of Cash**

For the purposes of this statement of cash flows,  
cash includes:-

- (i) cash on hand and in "at call" deposits with banks or  
financial institutions.

Cash at the end of the year is shown in the balance  
sheet:

Cash at Bank	269,669	12,380
Cash on Hand	115,643	121,146
	<b>385,312</b>	<b>133,526</b>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019**

**1. Summary of significant Accounting Policies**

The summary financial statements have been prepared from the audited financial reports of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2019. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2019 is available at request from Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the entity's functional and presentation currency.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the summary financial statements have been derived from and are consistent with the full financial statements of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The summary financial statements do not, and cannot be expected to, provide a detailed understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied, Briars at Greenlees Limited are consistent with those of the financial year in their entirety.

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**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The Directors of Briars at Greenlees Limited declare that the summary financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 30 September 2019, as set out on pages 1 to 10.

- a) Complies with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 1; and
- b) Is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 30 September 2019 and has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated at Concord this 25th day of November 2019  
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors



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**B. HOWLE - CHAIRMAN**



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**M. MOFFITT - TREASURER**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED**

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the summary statement of financial position as at 30 September 2019, the summary statement of comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity and summary cash flow statement for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2019. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited.

**Director's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements**

The directors are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report on the basis described in Note 1.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary financial statements.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2019 is consistent in all material respects, with that audited financial report, on the basis described in Note 1.

**DATED AT CONCORD**  
**THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF**  
**NOVEMBER 2019**

  
.....  
**HARLEY, RUSSELL & DAY**  
Chartered Accountants

**GARRY WILLIAM DAY**  
Registered Company Auditor





# The Briars Foundation Limited Membership - September 2019



## PATRON (\$100,000 - \$249,000)

Walker Family (Don, John, Chris, Peter, David) \*\*  
John Singleton

## FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBER (\$50,000 - \$100,000)

John Threlfo \*\*  
Steve Keir †

## FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

Richard Crookes  
Ian Richard \*\*  
John Randle \*\*  
Don Way †  
Mal Goldsmith

## FOUNDATION MEMBER (\$2,500 - \$24,999)

John Richards  
Warwick Williams \*\*\*  
Kerry Trollope  
Matt Waddington  
Andy Clifford  
Ross Anstey  
John Price \*\*\*  
Ian Blair

Mike Mathews  
Bill Hooker \*\*\*  
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Garnet Green †  
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Greg McPhee  
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Philip England \*\*\*  
Colin Dennis †  
David Brown  
Jack Balmforth †  
Laurie Routley †

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John Crockett †  
Colin Jones (Hockey)  
Fai Tsang  
Ken Kable  
John Metcalf  
Richard Tregeagle  
Jim Barrett  
Bob Kersey  
David Scoble  
Doug Guest †  
Ian McGregor

Mal Weber  
Geoff Tweedale †  
David Lewis  
Jeff Matchett  
Paul Mattick \*\*\*  
Cameron Durrant  
Phillip McLeod  
David Guille  
Greg Wallace  
Keith Wearne  
Scott Brennan

Scott McGill  
Terry Kershaw  
Tim Richardson  
Paul Roper  
Dr Roger Vanderfield †  
Ken Bell  
Rohan Appleton  
Daniel Haikin  
Lance Brooks  
Peter Unwin  
George Wright †

Lindsay Callaway  
Maurice Critchley  
Michael Clarke  
Philip Tregeagle  
Ray Ackerman  
Sanjiv Khalkhoskhaiko  
Paul Price \*\*\*  
Andrew Jalalaty  
Cameron Beames  
Todd Halliday

## FOUNDATION NON VOTING MEMBER (\$100 GROUP)

Aaron Boytor  
Alex Gonano  
Andrew Macky  
Anthony Clarke  
Anthony Raymond  
Ari Mansford  
Ashton Drinkwater  
Barry Williams †  
Ben Edwards  
Bob Trent  
Brett Howle \*\*\*  
Brian Kirk  
Bruce Robinson

Burkhart Family  
Charles McMonnies  
Charlie Williams †  
City of Canada Bay  
Col Rankin  
Daniel McPhee  
David Mansford  
David Trewin  
De La Salle Old Boys  
Gabriel Ma  
Geoff Gorton  
Gerard Evans  
Gerard Price

Gregory Long  
Jason Harris  
Jason Smith  
Jeremy Haikin  
Joanne Edwards  
John Magrath †  
Kerry Constanti  
Kevin Price  
Kylie Norris  
Mark Smyck  
Nick Rojo  
Paul Cramsie  
Paul Pannuti

Ray Crew  
Rex Lamb  
Robert England  
Robin Nandi  
Rod Smith  
Scott Castle  
The Sherer Family  
Tim Worner  
Tom Moffitt  
Trevor Parker  
Warren Partington  
Warwick Giblin

† Deceased  
\*\* Includes bequest  
\*\*\* Board Member