



**15th Annual Report & Balance Sheet**  
**2019 - 2020**

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# Office Bearers 2020

Briars at Greenlees Ltd.



<b>Patron</b>	C Walker K Free OAM †	
<b>Life Members</b>	T Cribb P Doherty G Price † M Weber	
<b>Chairman</b>	B Howle	
<b>Vice President</b>	Angelo Tsirekas ( <i>Mayor of the City of Canada Bay</i> ) The Hon. John Sidoti, MP ( <i>Member for Drummoyne</i> )	
<b>Board of Directors</b>	B Howle A Boyter J Price K Beckhouse	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 R Cilona 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



<b>Past Chairmen</b>	I Blair	2010-2016	M Weber	2005-2006
	B Huttly	2006-2010		

## The Briars Sporting Club

Honour Board | Founded 1918



<b>Patrons</b>	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		
<b>Past Presidents</b>	M Weber	2002-2005	E Watt	1948-1953
	P G Mattick	1999-2002	H G Whiddon	1943-1948
	J F Thelfo	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
<b>Past Life Members</b>	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 BEM	1958
	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

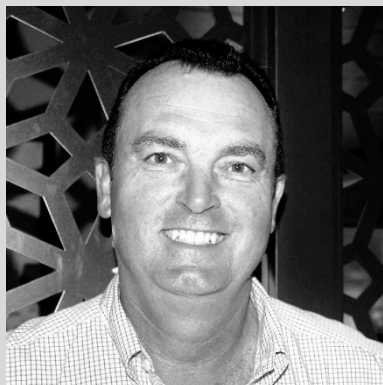
	A Lee-C Pratt	1993	J Henderson	1958
	J Vale	1992	C London	1957
	A Lee	1979-1991	W Dunlop	1950-1956
	C Piercy	1977-1978		
<b><i>Life Members</i></b>	L Coleman	K Free OAM	B Huttly	
	R Buchanan	R Skehan		
<b><i>Past Life Members</i></b>	J Jackson	A McLeod	R Riley OAM	
	E Knight	J Arantz	J Vale	
	C House	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 pleasing (and somewhat relieving) to report to our members that Briars Sports had ridden the roller coaster of 2020 without too much drama and remains in a sustainable and solid position for all our sporting teams and for the Club itself.

Importantly, our sports continue to go from strength to strength with Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Squash, Netball and Bowls in their senior and junior ranks for men's and ladies, boys and girls, navigating the challenges that presented within their sports during this unique year. Our winter sports were especially impacted however through the dedication of the volunteers who run our sports, all our sports completed a season.

In the community of Concord, all throughout the year, you will see our teams participating on the various sporting fields.

Briars Sports is in an improved financial position notwithstanding the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic that occupied all our lifestyles during the year. There were many issues to be addressed however through the commitment, patience, and understanding of many, the Club is as strong as it ever has been.

At the outset of my report, it is very important to note that during the year we lost 2 very important members.

Gerard Price OAM passed-away at 57 in December 2020 after battling illness. Gerard was an extraordinary person and Briar. A cricketer for over 40 years and cricket chairman for the last 31 years he will rightly be remembered as one of Briars most respected and influential members due to his devoted contribution to Cricket, as both a player and an administrator. In the June 2020 Queen's Birthday honours, Gerard was deservedly awarded an OAM for Services to cricket and the community. In October 2020, the award was presented to him by the NSW Governor with his family present then appropriate celebrations at the Club afterwards. Briars Cricket will never be the same without Gerard.

Keith Free OAM passed-away in December 2020 aged 91. Keith was a co-patron of Briars Sports and commenced bowling for Greenlees Park Bowling Club in 1965. He was an integral and important part of men's bowls over the decades including being in many pennant winning sides. Keith was further recognised by the Club by having a bowling green named in his honour.

Further details on both Gerard's and Keith's significant contributions are contained elsewhere in this report. The club also notes the passing of other members during the year including Peter Walker, John Morlock and Ray "Tiger" Coombes and we offer condolences to their families.

Across the sporting fields, courts and greens, some highlights from each of our sports during the year are detailed below.

### **Senior Cricket:**

Cricket achieved its record-breaking 8<sup>th</sup> successive Club Championship, but the season was unexpectedly cut short after the qualifying final due to the outbreak of Covid-19. At that time, all 4 shires sides had progressed to the semi-finals and were very confident of premiership success but that was not to be.

### **Junior Cricket:**

The Club had 46 teams (over 400 players) playing across three associations. This included seven girl's teams, a continued growth area. Numerous teams made the semi-finals and grand finals with 5 Premiership winning teams.

### **Senior Rugby:**

Briars Senior Rugby's request to be promoted to Division 3 was approved. The 2020 Rugby year got off to a good start with solid numbers at preseason, The Walker Cup was retained by Briars over St Ives (which was the last game ever to be played on the old Concord Oval) and a runners-up trophy in the Cowra 10's.

On the field they exceeded expectations, envisioning they would finish 6 or 7<sup>th</sup> place in a new division in the Club Championship, finishing up the season in 4<sup>th</sup> position, the enthusiasm this has generated within Briars Rugby is fantastic.

Briars Women's Rugby enjoyed an extraordinarily strong year with record numbers participating.

### **Junior Rugby:**

The Junior Rugby numbers were strong in the mini's teams, fielding 2 Under 6's, an Under 7's, Under 8's and Under 9's team. The gold jerseys stood out strong on St Luke's Park every Saturday morning, where they managed a 10-round season. Junior Rugby also fielded an Under 11's and Under 13's in the Sydney Junior Rugby Union competition playing Sunday mornings, and while their beloved home ground Rothwell Park was out of action for the season, they were thrilled to be able to play their home games at another top-quality ground in the Canada Bay area, by using St Luke's 3 (but cannot wait to get back onto Rothwell in Season 2021).

### **Men's Bowls:**

While impacting on the Pennants competition, the virus also disrupted the Club competitions to some extent. Whilst necessitating a rejig of the initial calendar proposed for the year, they were able to successfully complete the majority of their Club competitions, with thanks to all the participants who made it work. Congratulations to the winners of the Major and Minor events, Triples and Fours and Mixed Pairs.

### **Women's Bowls:**

Welcomed six new members this year, bringing their total membership to 38. They also have some more ladies interested in joining GPWBC in 2021, which is exciting, considering a few years back they only had 12 regular players and now have at least 30 regular players on a Thursday. Women's Bowls entered two grades in Pennants. Grade 4 ended the season as runners up to the winners, Carlingford. The women's grade 2 team unfortunately did not get a place, but a good effort was made by all.

### **Briars Netball:**

Successfully registered a record 345 Players and 41 teams into the IWSNA winter competition. This included 6 Senior, 26 Junior and 9 modified teams. Briars Netball also registered 46 participants in their development program for 5-7-year old's. All the teams excelled, attaining 5 premierships and 5 teams finishing up the season as runners up.

### **Briars Squash:**

Making the best of a bad situation the COVID-19 lockdown allowed them to strategize, plan and make player experiences even better. As a result, squash is now in the strongest position they have ever been, with a growing community and strengthening club with 8 accredited coaches and volunteers available for training their juniors and seniors. 2021 performances are keenly anticipated.

### **Briars Hockey**

Managed to field plenty of teams; six senior men's teams (with one premiership in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade / PL4), five senior women's teams (with one premiership for the Women's Social Team), 11 junior teams (with two premierships for the U11 and U15C's), and three men's master's teams (with one premiership for the Sydney Cup / 2<sup>nd</sup> Division team). Importantly a coaching sub-committee was formed to drive the recruitment



of top-level coaches in 2021, plus the development of systems and resources to flow down through all levels of the Club.

Our current sporting participation is as follows.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Senior Men</b>	<b>Senior Women</b>	<b>Juniors</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Men's Teams</b>	<b>Women's Teams</b>	<b>Junior Teams</b>
Cricket	170			170	12		
Jnr Cricket	55		380	435	3		46 (incl. 7 girls)
Rugby	95		80	175	4		7
Women's Rugby		35		35		1	
Hockey	140	60	140	340	9	5	11
Squash	65		40	105	12		5
Netball		56	289	345		6	35
Bowls	115	38		153			

<b>Briars Junior Programs</b>	<b>Players</b>
Cricket Master Blaster (8 years)	30
Cricket Junior Blaster (5-7 years)	40
Net Set Go Net Stars (5-7 years)	46
Minkie Hockey (U9's)	26
Hockey Flick Kids (3-5 years)	23

In the early part of 2020, Briars Sports was enjoying record trading prior to the Club ceasing trade on 23 March 2020 for a 10-week period. There were some initial dark times during this period as, at the time, it was unclear exactly how long the lockdown would last. However, the Club took this as an opportunity to rejig a few things internally to improve member amenity with pleasing results. Upon reopening on 1 June, the Club quickly sought to regain any lost ground and is well on the way to achieving this. I refer you to the Treasurer's report by Matina Moffitt for a more detailed explanation of the Club's financial performance during the year.

A special mention must go to our General Manager Jason Parle during this time. As COVID-19 took hold Jason's work ethic was tireless as he sought to not only make sure that Briars Sports got through the shutdown, but also bounce back stronger and brighter than before. Through his hard work and that of all our staff this has been achieved.

Due to our strong and responsible financial foundations, Briars Sports was able to provide all our sports with total grants exceeding \$150,000 during 2019/20. This was an extraordinary achievement in the context of the year. These funds were invested by our sports in equipment, coaching, training and the like and to assist in keeping costs lower for our sporting participants.

Our volunteers that run our sports remain the success of our existence. It starts with either the Chairman or Chairwomen who lead their respective sport. Only they truly know the time and effort they put into running their sport. Next in line are the respective committees, coaches and managers that ensure that all that is required to get done, gets done. Also, a special thanks to all the parents, grandparents and other supporters that help all our juniors get to training or game day.

Of special note, Anne Burt retired as netball Chairwoman during the year. After a significant contribution with junior cricket, Anne was instrumental in re-invigorating netball within the club and growing it to its

current strength. Her untiring efforts over the years have been rewarded with a successful, well-run and well-respected sport. Thanks, and well-done Anne for all your effort over the years.

Mick Laws also stood down as Men Bowls chairman and a thank you to Mick for all his hard work during that time as well.

Additionally, I would like to make a special mention to, and thank all our sporting participants for it is you that make Briars Sports the success it is. We have a proud and unique history of over 100 years as an amateur sporting Club and we look to all your ongoing participation to make sure that continues.

Our sponsors provide an important ingredient as part of the viability of our sports. We thank you for your valued support of all our sports.

The Club is most fortunate to enjoy the facilities provided by the City of Canada Bay Council. We appreciate all the support provided to our sports by the various council officers together with their General Manager Peter Gainsford and Mayor Angelo Tsirekas. Our sporting fields and facilities are the envy of many of our opposition sides and we sincerely thank Council for their efforts.

The Briars Foundation has had a quiet year with several personnel changes amongst directors. As part of her role, new chairwoman Emma Ratcliffe will look to reset the agenda for the Foundation during 2021.

The Board recognises the importance of memorabilia to its sporting members and has invested in this regard in recent times. At the time of writing new initiatives are well underway within the Club to ensure an appropriate presentation of memorabilia is presented for the benefit of members.

Our senior staff of Jason, Monique, Jack, Megan, Ben and Jeff and all the remaining bar staff deserve a special recognition all for their efforts during the year we have just had. As a community-based Club, we especially rely upon our staff who are at the coalface with our members. I thank them for their efforts during a difficult year.

Our bistro, The Backyard, with Adam and Tiffiny also had a challenging year but managed to get through the peaks and troughs and are now enjoying better times. The Backyard provides a great environment for members, guests and especially the children and I encourage your patronage.

It goes without saying that the Board had a few unexpected challenges during the year. That said, with the communication, cooperation, and experience of all Board members the Club is very well placed for the future with various initiatives being investigated. I sincerely thank my fellow Board members for their support and contributions and look forward to another productive year ahead in 2021.

Ian Blair stood down at the February 2020 AGM. Ian is the immediate past Chairman and was a long-term board member who also has a long association with the Club. Terry O'Kane has advised of his intention not to seek re-election in 2021. Thanks, are extended to both Ian and Terry for their valued contributions during their time as directors. At the 2020 AGM we welcomed new Board members John Price and Kylie Beckhouse who have already provided respected contributions over the last 12 months.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank all members for their support during this unprecedented year. Briars Sports exists to provide both various sporting opportunities and a Club for our community to be involved in. We thank you for your participation and patronage and look forward to seeing you on the sporting field or in the Club sometime during 2021.

## 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 2020. This year has been a hard year for many and hopefully we will see a better 2021.

The profit for the year was \$488,994 compared to the prior year result of \$353,214.

This year was a challenging year for all Clubs and in many ways, we were unsure of the impact on the Club. However, our financial year ended on an incredibly positive note and with very unexpected results. bar revenue decreased by 2% and poker machine revenue remained steady. I am also happy to announce that the Club's cash flow remains strong with no debt and our cash reserves are growing, as at end of financial year we have \$465,000.

Several 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 2020 financial year profit does not include the profits made by the sports, which was \$392,783 compared to \$219,206 last year. These amounts are carried forward to 2021 to assist the sports with their upcoming seasons.

As always, we continue to support our sports with overall funding to them amounting to \$150,000 for the year (this amount excludes the funding of the Bowling Green's upkeep).

I would like to acknowledge our Club members for their continued support. Likewise, a big thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure that the sports were able to take the field and participate in a stressful time.

I would 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 that has seen the Club perform well during a difficult year.

## General Manager's Report

Jason Parle



I begin this report by promising not to mention the "P" word, but let's see how I go!

There have been many changes to the Club and the way we conduct our business over the past 12 months. Some have been forced upon us, some have been rushed through due to circumstance. All, though, have been positive in one way or another.

The extension to the bar encompassing beer glass fridges and a door to enable efficient and more convenient service to the gaming area has been a big plus for staff, members, and guests. The ATM found a new home and a cashier counter complete with TAB and Keno facilities has streamlined the service in this area.

The Gaming room saw the individual machines spaced further apart and this has provided greater comfort to those who enjoy the area. A fresh coat of paint and new air conditioning units gave the room a clean new look.

We have introduced the Briars Sports mobile app and those that have downloaded it enjoy some extra benefits such as daily prizes only accessible through it and up to date information at your fingertips.

I would like to thank all members for your support and patience since June 2020. Conditions of entry seem to have changed almost weekly, and we will likely see more changes for a while yet. It is great that we have all worked together to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved.

The senior staff members have met the challenges thrown up to them head on. Monique continued to engage members through the lock-down period via the mobile app and newsletters with trivia, quizzes and Zoom parties? Ben and Megan continue to show their commitment to the Club. Ben has managed to keep the operations of the Club ticking along despite numerous changes that have been required and Megan has somehow kept on top of her membership duties as people join the Club in huge numbers. Jack spreads his workload through Sports administrator and Supervisor duties. A huge thank you to all for your efforts!

To Jeff, Kim, the two Will's, the two Jess's, Sam (who was instrumental in creating the mural on the Ted Stockdale deck) Jarrod and George, thank you for your help throughout the year.

Tiffany and Adam at the Backyard have had a difficult year and yet have come through with their food offering as popular as ever. I encourage all members and your guests to keep supporting Tiffany and Adam, my thanks to you both.

I will leave the finances of the Club to our Treasurer, Matina Moffitt and the Sports to the individual Chairs except to say that, obviously, these two are linked. Our Sports continue to support the Club and the Club will always support our Sports. My thanks are extended to all Briars Sports and I wish you every success for your individual seasons.

A special mention to all who have participated in the tipping comps this year (NRL, AFL, EPL just to name a few), to hear all the banter going on (mainly aimed at yours truly) is great makes this not feel like work at all. Also, to the "table of knowledge" and the weekly quizzes Roob's provides, why you do it I do not know, it takes far too long to get through with all the laughter and interference!

Our Club is truly unique, from our reason for being which is our Sports, to the community we cater for, I feel privileged to be a part of it. It is people that make a Club what it is, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

## Sports Administrator's Report

Jack Thomas



I would like to start by acknowledging the difficult circumstances community sport was placed in during the year 2020. Whilst it heaped extra work and a lot of unknown circumstances and procedures on mid-week and match day processes, the strong 'Briars Spirit' was quickly identified. This has helped each sport through this difficult period and provided the opportunity to come out of the Covid19 period stronger than ever before. Moving on from Covid19 discussions, below were a few highlights from throughout the year.

- Junior Rugby saw an increase of one team growing from 6 teams to 7 teams in total. It was also very encouraging that Briars fielded an U/13's team which highlights that kids are progressing through the Briars ranks and hopefully down the track will graduate into the Seniors!

- Senior Rugby continued their rise and moved up a division into Division 3 in the NSW Suburban Rugby Competition. A rise in division didn't stop progression as the Briars finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the Club Championship, an outstanding achievement. The enormous growth in the men's U/21's and Women's Rugby 7's numbers was also outstanding to see for the club moving forward.
- Senior Cricket saw yet another successful season culminating in winning their 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive club championship. This is an amazing achievement and a strong reflection of those involved both on and off the field.
- Junior cricket had another fantastic season with 46 teams (5 teams more than last year) competing for the Briars. The club had a total of 7 junior girl's teams, an increase on the 4 teams from last year which now has us recognised by Cricket Australia as a leading club in the growth of girl's cricket across the country.
- Hockey were able to field 24 teams across seniors and juniors with over 300 players participating. The club went on to secure premierships in 5 grades. Briars Hockey did an extraordinary job and continue to do so in running the Cintra Hockey Complex throughout the Covid19 restrictions. As a Premier Sydney Hockey Field Facility this was paramount for all Hockey Clubs across Sydney.
- Netball had a fantastic season with 345 players registering to play Netball for Briars. This was a new record for playing numbers. Briars went on to record 5 premierships in the junior ranks. Amazingly, the Briars NetSetGo Netstars Junior Development program went ahead with 50 juniors participating between the age of 5-7 years old.
- Briars Squash was able to use the time to plan and strategise for future years as Squash numbers were continuing to rise before the abrupt closure of indoor venues. In big news, the squash centre at Thornleigh has received a \$960,000 Government Grant to completely update and modernise the Centre.
- Men's and Ladies Bowls was heavily affected during 2020 with many major events being cancelled although we did see an increase in participation numbers for Social Bowls. We were also unable to host the Junior Bowls program with local schools, but I will ensure that this is back up and running as soon as restrictions allow.

The underlying message above is that the junior programs of Briars Sports are thriving even during what was a difficult year which places the club in a great position moving forward and is a testament to all those involved!

Grants applications across the sports are another important source of income for community sport and Briars was successful in a number of grants across 2020. These are generally sourced from all Major Sport Governing Bodies, from Local and State Governments, ClubGrants NSW and in recent times WestConnex. I was successful in a total of \$112,290 in grant applications over the 2020 year which was an outstanding result. This is broken down as follows:

- \$88,000 for the construction of new cricket nets at Fivedock Park to cater for the continued growth of Junior girls and boys playing cricket in the local area.
- \$6,000 total divided up for each individual sport through the NSW office of Sport
- \$6,040 towards costs and growth of the newly introduced Briars Women's Rugby 7's Club
- \$5,000 towards junior Netball equipment and expenses
- \$7,250 for grassroots cricket and continued girls junior cricket growth

Currently there is over \$38,000 of grant funding that has been applied for across all the Sports here at Briars that is waiting to be assessed and an outcome delivered back to the club.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all sports volunteers and specifically the committee members of each sport. Without your tireless efforts, community sport does not go ahead in what you could term a 'normal' year, let alone a year so heavily affected by Covid19. To all the club sponsors, thank you for your continued support of our junior and senior clubs. It is much appreciated.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the local Canada Bay Council for their work in making 2020 community sport go ahead. From field markings and posts, field/court flood lights, the closure of major sporting fields with the



intention of creating an outstanding sporting facility (Rothwell Park) which created scheduling nightmares, and also the general upkeep and maintenance of the fields and facilities in the Canada Bay Area.

Here's to hoping 2021 is another successful season for the Sports at Briars Sports!

# The Briars Foundation

## Chairperson's Report

Emma Ratcliffe | President



Directors; Emma Ratcliffe (Chair), Warwick Williams, Paul Mattick, Brett Howle, Matina Moffitt, Cameron Beames.

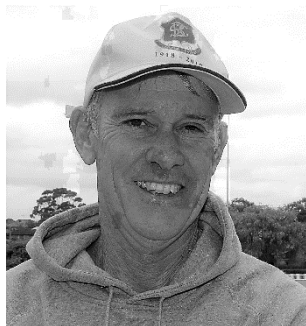
The Foundation has had a noticeably quiet year with no current projects.

A change of personnel occurred during the year with Paul Price, John Price, Philip England and Peter Dunlop resigning.

With some new people and new ideas, the Foundation is aiming to reinvigorate its purpose for the ongoing long-term benefit of our sports during 2021.

## Vale Notices

Gerard Price OAM | 30/11/1963 – 13/12/2020



Briars lost one of its finest ever with our Cricket Chairman for the past 31 years, Gerard Price, passing-away in December 2020.

Gerard was a truly remarkable person and an exceptional Briar.

Gerard's dedicated contribution to his beloved sport of cricket, both on and off the field, will have him remembered as one of Briars Sports favourite sons. His untiring devotion to Briars Cricket over 40 years was immeasurable. He was revered by all cricketers and leaves a legacy and culture within cricket that will endure over time.

Gerard commenced playing as a 16-year-old in 1980 winning the comp in C-Grade in that first year playing with his younger brother Paul. He was described in that year's annual report as "the find of the season". The following year in 81/82 he went direct to A grade where he was described as "having a good future in cricket in the club" and then spent the next 20 years or so in first grade. Early on he quickly became an integral part of Briars Cricket, with the club becoming his home away from home, especially in summer. He also played Hockey for the club in first grade for many seasons during winter.

In 1989 Gerard took over as cricket chairman and continued in that role ever since. As a player he won many premierships, including at least one in every grade and was a competitive player in 4th grade till last season. One of his proudest moments came a few years back when he played his first game with his son Damian for Briars. Gerard achieved many records both as player and administrator. It was through his determination that Gerard turned Briars Cricket into the most successful cricket club in the shire's competition, with record breaking club championships and premierships during his time as Chairman as follows:

- Club Championships - 18 including a current record-breaking run of 8 consecutive years



- 1st Grade - 6 Premierships
- 2nd Grade - 10 Premierships
- 3rd Grade - 10 Premierships
- 4th grade - 10 Premiership
- Under 24s - 3 Premierships

However, Gerard's success will never be judged on premierships alone. More importantly was his ability to offer a stable, well administered, and well-respected sport allowing many juniors and seniors the opportunity to play cricket. It was Gerard's unique ability to create such a culture within cricket that provided an environment that allowed cricket to grow and flourish under his watch.

The lifeblood of Briars Sports is in the effort of those volunteers willing to put their hand up and make a difference and Gerard epitomised what this stands for. As both chairman and a player he led by example but remained humble. Through his efforts as chairman for over 30 years Gerard was a true representation of what amateur sport is all about, and was a shining example within Briars, and the wider cricket community through his work with Cricket NSW.

Over the years Gerard had also achieved the following across a 40-year playing career.

7453 runs at 23.9 from 467 innings including 155 not outs, 1168 wickets (most ever for Briars) from 6479 overs at 13.2 and 316 catches whilst wearing the Briars cap. He also won 8 premierships as a player across the 4 grades:

Gerard also achieved the following:

- 2009 Granted life membership of Briars Sports
- 2012 Awarded City of Canada Bay Sport Citizen of the year
- 2012 The Gerard Price Cricket Trophy for the Briars Junior Cricketer of the year was inaugurated.
- 2013 Admitted to Shires Cricket Hall of Fame

2 significant fundraising bike rides with a group of friends, firstly from Sydney to Melbourne in 2016, then the following year from Melbourne to Adelaide raising in excess of \$70,000 for the Unicorn Foundation.

2020 Order of Australia Medal in recognition for services to cricket and the community

For all those who knew Gerard, the success of Cricket was due to his strength of character. He was the first person to contact and greet you when you first started playing at the club and he always made you feel welcome either from day 1 or year 15. He also made sure you did not lose contact with Briars once you stopped playing.

Gerard had the personality that was welcoming and engaging, the drive and motivation to make sure that the job got done and without fuss. He had the spirit, respect, integrity and determination required to be the leader that he was. All these characteristics came together to make him the person we all admired, loved, and will now miss so much.

Our thoughts remain with Jane and children Damian, Bethany and Erin and the wider Price family of his parents Kevin and Moreen and siblings John, Paul, Jenny and Joanne.

Briars Cricket will not be the same without him. There will only ever be one Gerard Price.

May he Rest in Peace.

## Keith Free OAM | 24/03/1929 – 31/12/2020

Keith started playing bowls in 1962 at the National Coursing Bowling Club at Moxham Road Punchbowl. Keith's bowling successes commenced in 1963, when he won the minor singles and then runner-up in the major singles the following year. He also won the pairs and fours before transferring to Greenlees Park in 1965.



When Keith moved to Concord, he joined Greenlees Park Bowling Club. During his bowling career at Greenlees Park, he won no less than 7 major singles, 10 major pairs, including the triples for 7 consecutive years from 1970 to 1976 & the club fours 9 times and mixed pairs twice.

Keith's best performance was in the prestigious Capita Singles in 1990. This event drew 10,000 entries from all over Australia. 10 NSW players made it through to the last 32 in the country and Keith Free was one of these players. Keith's luck in this event ran out when the umpire was called to adjudicate on the last bowl of the last end and unfortunately awarded the shot to his opponent.

Other victories include:

- He was a team member of 15 winning pennant sides of which 9 of have been in 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
- James Hall triples in 1970, 89, 91 and 92
- The St George Strudwick open fours in 1974
- The Petersham open triples in 1975, and the Ryde City fours in 1997.

In the year 2000, the Board of Directors at Greenlees Park Bowling Club honoured Keith by introducing and naming a prestigious bowls tournament and naming it "The Keith Free Pairs" which was held for 5 consecutive years.

The most prominent highlight of Keith's career was in 2003 when Keith was awarded the Order of Australia medal for his services to the racing industry, and to community services in general.

In 2006, Keith was nominated and invested with the distinctive honour of Patron of the Men's Bowling Club. In recognition of Keith's achievements and commitment to the Bowling Club, he was awarded Life Membership. Added to Life Membership, the most recent event in his illustrious bowling career was the naming of our number 2 green the "Keith Free OAM Green" the showpiece of our club. This is the pinnacle reward members can bestow upon an individual.

At the AGM in the first year of our amalgamation with Briars, Keith was nominated and invested as a co-patron of Briars at Greenlees Ltd along with David Walker from the former Briars club.

## Peter Herbert Walker | 21/2/1941 – 21/08/2020

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Peter, son of Don Walker (Briars Kentwell Cup 1930's and 1940's) and Gwen Walker, passed away at 7:30am on Friday August 21<sup>st</sup> after several years of gradually worsening illness.

Peter completed his leaving certificate at Sydney Grammar School in November 1957 and the following week completed his Briars Membership Application at 30a George St. Burwood, proposed by his father Don and seconded by Ted Stockdale who had been close to the family for decades.

In 1958 Peter commenced a degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of NSW. He also commenced employment at CSR thanks to an introduction arranged by Bob Clark and in March commenced playing Rugby with Briars. He played Rugby with Briars from 1958 – 1962 and then, on completion of his university degree, CSR moved him to

Melbourne where he flatted with various Briars including Brian Ray and eventual Briars President, Ian Richard.

In 1969 Peter re-located back to Sydney. By now CSR had merged with Dow Chemicals and Peter continued in Sydney in executive roles with Dow. During 1969, after moving to Sydney, he met, at Cremorne Point where he was residing, his future wife Libby. They were married in 1970.

Peter and Libby were moved by Dow Chemicals to Midland, their head office in Michigan USA, where he worked from 1971 - 1973 and then, again with Dow, re-located to Hong Kong in 1974 as an Executive

Director. Catching up with Peter in Hong Kong became a rite of passage for many Briars over these years during visits to the Hong Kong Sevens.

In 1984, Peter and Libby, still with Dow Chemicals returned to Sydney, now with children, Simone, Richard and Peta and purchased a home in Wahroonga. Peter continued with Dow Chemicals but in 1987 commenced employment with ICI who in following years became Orica and in this role, while still residing in Sydney, made over 40 visits to South Africa for Orica and eventually his own corporate activities.

In 2006 Peter retired from Orica but continued with his own South African businesses. In following years Peter and Libby relocated to Sydney's Northern Beaches purchasing an apartment in Newport. Over the last several years Peter's health gradually declined to a point where he was eventually admitted to a care facility to which Libby has been a daily visitor for the latter few years.

Peter is survived by his wife Libby, his daughters Simone and Peta and families who reside in Victoria and son, Richard who lives with his family in Sydney. Peter's 2 brothers David and Chris, who both played Rugby with Briars are also still with us.

## John Mortlock | 31/03/2020

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John Mortlock passed away on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 after suffering from lung and heart issues. John is survived by his wife Trish and children, Jeremy, Stirling, Lincoln, Stewart and Camille.

John Mortlock joined Briars in 1961, along with Jim Barret, Lin Dytor, John Edmonds & Dave Lindsay. All except J.V.B. have left us.

Mort arrived at Briars from The Kings School, which he attended for 7 years as a boarder. His brother Will also boarded at Kings going on to play rugby for East's and Colleagues. Mort and Trish's four sons, Jeremy, Stirling, Lincoln and Stewart subsequently boarded at King's, between them they played over 800 games for Gordon. Stirling also captained the Brumbies, Rebels and Wallabies.

In Mort's first year he played Burke Cup and his coach, Cliff Dodds wrote in the '61 Annual Report; *"John Mortlock: (Winger) Outstanding winger of Briars. Ran with determination, speed and like a drunken pheasant to score many a sensational try."*

**In 1962** Mort made Kentwell. His coach, Brian Williams, wrote in his end of season annual commentary; *"A most evasive runner and very safe tackler, a good turnoff speed when he runs straight but John does tend to run into the cover defence once he has beaten his man – needs to use the full width of the field more. Very keen and incredibly determined at all times when in possession."*

Mort also struck an arrangement with the Bath Arms Hotel that he and several Briars teammates could arrive at 9:58pm straight from Goddard Park and order 2 rounds each for consumption by 10:30pm. This became a multi-year arrangement managed and overseen by Mort.

**In 1963**, another Kentwell year, coach Brian Williams wrote, *"Scored many tries with hard evasive running. Defence also very sound. Could afford to make extra man more often."*

Mort also made the Combined Sub-District team for the first time. He became a fixture on the right wing for the next few years. Fellow '64 Invincibles, Gus Ahern and Jack Burkhart, both from Trinity, also arrived at Briars in 1963.

**In 1964** Mort with 16 other team members became the 1964 Kentwell Premiers after an unbeaten season. A first for Briars. Kentwell and Burk teams were Minor Premiers and Briars were Club Champions. Coach Brian Williams wrote of Mort: *"Ability is well known and because of this, had to contend with excessive*



*defence. Despite this, made many rousing runs and scored his share of tries. Opposing wings found his defence too strong."*

**In 1965** Mort was a member of the second Briars Rugby tour of New Zealand.

The touring team included 9 '64 Invincibles plus 2 ex-Briars returning from Shute Shield who became members of the 1965 Kentwell Premiership side.

**In 1965** Briars were successful in winning another Minor Premiership and Kentwell Premiership. Mort was not a regular in '65 but did play both in the Kentwell and Burke games throughout the season.

**In 1966** Briars were beaten by Colleagues in a final. Mort was back to his best in Kentwell Cup and combined Sub-District.

**In 1967** Mort played both Kentwell and Burke Cup. He appeared in the Burke Cup Grand Final as an outside centre.

**In 1968** Mort started playing squash for Briars and continued for many years particularly with his '64 and '65 rugby mate, John McNicol.

**In 1971** Mort married Patricia who was a lawyer. And started his own business "J.G. Mortlock Insurances Pty Limited" in 1976. Half of the rugby team was insured by Mort over the next many years until he sold the business in 2008.

**In 1978** Mort with his '65 Kentwell Premier mate, Richard Crookes, followed prior Briars players, Chris Walker, Mike Mathews and David Walker by coaching St. Ives at Hassall Park. The Briars – St. Ives link was founded on the Briars decade of coaching of St. Ives in the 70's.

Mort was and remains a Briars Rugby legend.

## Ray 'Tiger' Coombes

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The sad passing of 'Tiger' in 2020 after a long struggle with illness will be mourned by all members of Greenlees Park Men's Bowling Club.

Ray was an integral part of the bowling fraternity both at a social and competitive level having represented the club at Pennants and Zone competitions across a number of years. He Bowled with distinction for several other clubs as well prior to joining Greenlees.

Apart from being a valued bowler, Ray was an exceptional person whose warmth and good humour were recognised and valued by all who dealt with him. In his honour, a Memorial Day was held to recognise his passing and contribution to the Club.

Vale 'Tiger'. You are missed.



# Burwood Briars Cricket

## Chairman's Report

Gerard Price



### Achievement Summary

*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.*

*In summary.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** - Semi Finalists for the 10th Year in a row

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - Semi Finalists for the 12th year in a row

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - Semi Finalists for the 12th year in a row

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Semi Finalists for the 12th year in a row

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Briars Rivals and Briars Brothers-missed out on semi finals

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Briars Maroon- missed out on semi finals

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Briars Gold-semi finalists

**Under 24's** - 3rd in their group

**Club Championship-WINNERS** (8th Year in a row)

Well, what a season that was even though we did not get to finish it! The outbreak of Covid 19 has disrupted the way we live and obviously the sport we can and can't play and unfortunately our season was cut short when there was a real possibility of multiple Premierships. Fortunately, we once again proved ourselves good enough to win an astounding 8<sup>th</sup> successive Club Championship trophy.....a feat no other cricket Club in Australia has been able to achieve. To win one Club Championship, which is decided across 5 different grades over 13 rounds, is an exceedingly difficult assignment as there are wash outs, unfavourable draws, player unavailability etc. that we must contend with. Due to the outstanding work of our captains who week in week out give up hours of their time to ensure we select the best-balanced teams we were able to achieve this remarkable goal once again.

We know every Club is keen to beat us in the various round games and so every week, every game we have a challenge. We do not take this success for granted as we know that we have worked very hard to achieve what has occurred and all players should be congratulated on what has happened.

As we have said many times it is also exceedingly difficult to make semifinals but this year, we were able make the semis in our top 4 grades for the 11<sup>th</sup> season in a row! On top of that one of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams also made the semis. Outstanding.

The season began strongly for us across the grades with all grades playing well and lots of wins. However, Auburn were also winning plenty and lead the Club Championship for most of the season, albeit by small amounts. We had plenty of injuries and unavailability's due holidays, work, weddings, exams, and music festivals!!! But our depth of talent shone though and with 2 rounds to go we grabbed the lead and ended up winning by 66 points. Unbelievable.

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade team again led the way for the Club to reach the semifinals for the 11<sup>th</sup> year in succession and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team were also semifinalists and were runners up, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade were also second after the rounds and finished runners up, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade were denied the opportunity of winning their 6<sup>th</sup> straight Premiership and were also runners up, and of the four 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams we only managed to have Briars Gold contest the semis.

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 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 remarkably interesting season in that we again fielded 4 x 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams for the fifth time. This consisted of our usual Maroon and Gold teams as well as teams called Briars Rivals and Briars Brothers. These guys play the game that we want them to play and are a welcome addition to our Club. Unfortunately, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade competition has become stronger each year as other Clubs look to bring in standalone teams to try and win competitions rather than use this competition as a development grade for new and younger players.

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 incredibly 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 an extraordinarily strong and dedicated Club to beat us.

The First Graders again acquitted themselves very superbly finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> before the semis where they played Warringah. Bowling first we absolutely demoralized the dismissing them for only 54 with Steve Davis (5-21) and Jack Kovacic (3-4) doing the damage. This proved to be our last game before Covid ended the season. Another fantastic effort by Max Squire and the lads.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were outstanding. In the Qualifying Final where they outplayed Georges River in typical finals cricket by dismissing them for only 127 with Darren Leichsenring 4 wickets and James Webb 3 wickets proving too good. We then batted for less than 28 overs to finish at 1-128 before time was called with Jamie McLeod scoring 66x.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> position and were one of the dominant teams in the competition yet again. Playing Auburn in the semi we batted and were struggling a little at 7-88. Then the tail kicked in with partnerships of 50, 13 and a last wicket partnership between Elliot Ralph and Damian Price of 84 took the game away from them as we scored 235. The wickets were all then shared around as we dismissed them for only 74 and a comprehensive victory. Then Covid!

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade team in second place and played some incredible Finals cricket yet again. We batted first against Georges River and although we batted for quite a long time, we were 9-161. The young (Sam Tregeagle) and the old (Paul Pannuti) then combined in a 70 run last wicket partnership to finish at 231. The bowlers then did their job to dismiss them for only 115 for a demoralizing win.

Then Covid.

The teams this year were very well led by the skippers being Max Squire(1<sup>st</sup>), Brad Sculley (2<sup>nd</sup>), Paul Simpson(3<sup>rd</sup>), Lloyd Andrews(4<sup>th</sup>), Brett Howle / Anthony Clarke (Briars Maroon), Mark Smyck (Briars Gold) and Diren Reddy (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 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 prior to its renovation and was constantly praised by opposition teams and Umpires 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 and whatever else was needed to ensure all teams got to play, Gareth Robson for his invaluable help each week in 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 of 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 Jason Harris and Richard Tregeagle who helped manage the Under 24's. Apologies to anyone I have failed to mention but your efforts are much appreciated.

This season was a difficult one for other reasons besides Covid-19 with plenty of rain and then the heartbreaking bushfires. At late notice we were able to join forces with Randwick Petersham CC to play a 20/20 Fundraiser for one of our former players family being Doug Loth. In a great show of spirit over \$7000 was raised in one day to assist Der Loth who had lost everything in the frightening bushfires that raged through the South Coast town of Cobargo. It was a great day and much appreciated by the Loth family.

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 extremely 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.

We thank you for your support.

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 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 23 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 defeated 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, Jack and Megan. We appreciate your ongoing support.

At the end of the season, we generally hold our Annual Presentation evening at the club with over 100 past and present players. 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. Unfortunately, we have not been able to organise this particular evening due to Health Department restrictions but some of the winners are listed below.



Gerard Price is awarded an OAM for his dedication to cricket.

The various award winners were.

<b>David Walker Trophy</b>	Services to Cricket	Not yet awarded
<b>Ted Watt Trophy</b>	Best New Talent	Jack Benchoam
<b>Richard Tregeagle Trophy</b>	1st Grade Players Player	Brenton Wright
<b>Gerard Price Trophy</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Players Player	Atul Mahanjan
<b>Anthony Clarke Trophy</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Players Player	Elliot Ralph
<b>Peter Mansford Trophy</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Players Player	Sanket Karkare
<b>Will Hood Trophy</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Players Player	Brett Howle

**Paul Price Trophy**

Under 24's Players Player

Damian Price

**Bill Hooker Trophy**

Masters/Classics Player

Not yet awarded

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

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

## 1st Grade

Max Squire | Captain

### Season Summary

*Unfortunately, we will look back on this season and ask ourselves "what could've been?". After a solid rebuilding 2018-19 season, we were able to keep a solid core of players and made some key additions that really strengthened our team, and therefore the rest of the club. Tom Parton recently arrived from the UK and soon found himself in our team where he became important part of our batting order. Jack Thomas joined us from Western Suburbs, and we were delighted to welcome him into our dressing rooms. Brenton Wright and Brad Maguire have been two of the best players in the Shires competition over the last 4 or 5 seasons.*



Boasting three 1<sup>st</sup> grade premierships in a row, it is now wonderful to have them apart of our club. We knew they would have a great impact on the field, but they have always been wonderful off the field and have enjoyed what our club is all about. Our form throughout the season was great. A tight 1 run win against Lane Cove was an early season highlight. Round 8 brought our first defeat and we were beaten in a tough game against the eventual

premiers\*. We bounced back convincingly, in the next match, with a demolition job against last season runner's up, Warringah. We continued the strong form throughout the rest of the season. We headed into the finals in 3<sup>rd</sup> spot, with only one loss under our belt, we were full of confidence. We were at our absolute best against Warringah in the Qualifying Final. We made light work of them once again as we rolled them for 54 and the match was called when we were on 90 odd.

As we prepared for a tough Semi Final against Lane Cove the 2019-20 was brought to a close as the COVID19 pandemic came into full affect. Really disheartening as we were playing some wonderful cricket and we all felt as though we were on the verge of something special.



A massive thank you to all the leaders of our great club and everyone that puts in the time and effort to make us so strong. We will try our hardest once again this coming season to be at the top of the heap and to get a few more premierships in the cabinet.

**Arky Arora** - Another really good season from Arky. He was solid at the top with Rosey and wonderful with the ball where he formed a great bowling partnership with Brenton which gave us control in most matches.

173 @ 17.30 – 16 wickets @ 12.75

**Tim Rose** - Rosey was solid once again. He would be kicking himself a bit as he made many starts without being able to capitalise and score a big hundred. Had a great innings against Auburn we he batted with great skill to get us to a competitive total.

212 @ 17.67

**Brad Maguire** - One of the competitions best batters. He showed his class on multiple occasions. We have a lot to look forward to next season.

329 @ 36.56

**Tom Parton** - Whacks the ball with minimal effort and superb timing. He is great to watch play. Expecting big things from him next season.

345 @ 29.33

**Brenton Wright** - Undoubtably our player of the year. He played as well as he talks. Many wonderful performances throughout the season made sure we were always in a strong position each match.

320 @ 29.09 – 39 wickets @ 9.85

**Jack Thomas** - Lead the batting stats this year due to great consistency. Found his home in our batting order at number 6 where he saved us on many occasions or solidified our strong position in the game. A great season for JT and is wonderful for our team on and off the field.

438 @ 43.80

**Max Squire** - In his 2<sup>nd</sup> season as skipper Max has moulded this group into an outstanding team who would have given the comp a real shake. He scored an incredible 92 against Mounties smashing their bowlers to all parts of the ground to set up a great victory. Took vital wickets when it mattered. Also had 2 other scores over 50. Great season.

377 @ 26.93 – 6 wickets @ 16.50

**Andrew Jalalaty** - Legend of the club. Strong season with bat and gloves. We were very lucky to have him fully committed each match and is a huge part as to why we were such consistently good cricket.

253 @ 25.30 – 16 Catches

**Diren Reddy** - Started to understand his role in the team more. Was always consistent with the ball and gained confidence with the bat as he started to really look the part as an important first grade player. Would have had more wickets if the catching of the slip cordon didn't let him down.

78 @ 19.50 – 9 wickets @ 35.00

**Jack Kovacic** - A frustrating season for Kova as he had some injury problems. Whenever he was able to get his tail up, he would blow the opposition away. Looking forward to seeing a fit Kova for the coming season.

57 @ 28.50 – 16 wickets @ 16.67

**Steve Davis** - As with AJ, we were very lucky to have a legend of the club fully committed. Many important spells from Stevie D put us in great positions. Also used great skill to control the game.

17 wickets @ 18.29



## Batting

	PLAYER	M	I	NO	100S	50S	OS	MINS	HS	R	AVE.	STR.
1	Thomas, Jack M	14	12	2	0	4	0	443	71	438	43.80	139.5
2	Squire, Max	14	14	0	0	3	2	382	92	377	26.93	134.6
3	Maguire, Brad	11	10	1	1	2	2	601	115	329	36.56	68.3
4	Wright, Brenton J	13	12	1	0	3	0	413	61	320	29.09	105.3
5	Parton, Tom E	10	10	1	1	1	1	345	111	264	29.33	116.3
6	Jalalaty, Andrew	13	12	2	0	2	0	256	75•	253	25.30	135.3
7	Rose, Tim	13	14	2	0	1	3	609	54	212	17.67	51.2
8	Arora, Akarshan	13	11	1	0	0	0	422	42	173	17.30	62.2
9	Reddy, Diren	12	10	6	0	0	1	98	33•	78	19.50	98.7
10	Kovacic, Jack	10	5	3	0	0	1	31	31•	57	28.50	228.0
11	Iaquinto, Christopher	5	3	0	0	0	0	38	12	24	8.00	64.9
12	Vendrasco, Karl	2	1	0	0	0	0		23	23	23.00	
13	Clarence, Sean	1	1	0	0	0	0	17	13	13	13.00	59.1
14	Moffitt, Tom	2	2	1	0	0	0	31	2•	4	4.00	19.0
15	Webb, James	2	1	0	0	0	0	28	4	4	4.00	19.0
16	Price, Damian	2	2	2	0	0	0	25	2•	4	NA	28.6
17	Blaszczyk, Seb	2	2	0	0	0	0		2	3	1.50	
18	Davis, Stephen	12	4	2	0	0	2	40	2•	2	1.00	8.7
19	Vendrasco, Alex	1	1	1	0	0	0		2•	2	NA	
20	Nardo, Simon	1	1	0	0	0	1		0	0	0.00	
21	Mahajan, Atul	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	
22	Balnave, Jake T	2	1	0	0	0	1		0	0	0.00	

## Bowling

	PLAYER	MA	O	M	R	W	5WI	10WM	BBI	AVE	STR	ECN
1	Wright, Brenton J	13	146.1	42	384	39	3	0	6/25	9.85	22.49	2.63
2	Davis, Stephen	12	110.1	28	311	17	1	0	5/21	18.29	38.88	2.82
3	Arora, Akarshan	13	73.4	15	204	16	0	0	3/11	12.75	27.63	2.77
4	Kovacic, Jack	10	85.2	19	250	15	0	0	3/4	16.67	34.13	2.93
5	Reddy, Diren	12	94	14	315	9	0	0	3/32	35.00	62.67	3.35
6	Squire, Max	14	29	6	99	6	0	0	2/16	16.50	29.00	3.41
7	Maguire, Brad	11	6	1	22	3	0	0	3/22	7.33	12.00	3.67
8	Balnave, Jake T	2	15	6	40	2	0	0	1/13	20.00	45.00	2.67
9	Price, Damian	2	14	4	41	2	0	0	2/26	20.50	42.00	2.93
10	Iaquinto, Christopher	5	5	0	21	1	0	0	1/21	21.00	30.00	4.20
11	Vendrasco, Alex	1	10	0	49	1	0	0	1/49	49.00	60.00	4.90
12	Mahajan, Atul	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0/2	NA	NA	2.00
13	Blaszczyk, Seb	2	2	0	17	0	0	0	0/17	NA	NA	8.50
14	Webb, James	2	6	0	35	0	0	0	0/35	NA	NA	5.83



## 2nd Grade

Brad Sculley | Captain

### Highlights

*Our 2nd grade team came into the 2019/20 season as defending premiers, with great expectations to go back-to-back.*

*It was wonderful to see players from the past season go onto play in a higher grade and continue their progress as cricketers cementing their place in 2nd Grade. It was also a credit to the captain that such a balanced side of experience and exuberant youth were committed to helping the club achieve a record 8th consecutive club championship.*

*For the first season in a while, it was great to keep relative consistency in selections based on availability and, as a result, saw us build a close-knit team by the end of the season.*



Our record for the regular season saw us finish second with a total of 68 points. Going into the final round we held a two-point lead over Auburn but unfortunately, they managed to snatch the minor premiership, and subsequently the premiership, in the final hour of play with their outright win at Warringah. From November the 2nd, 2019 we remained undefeated after experiencing two early losses, which included a convincing 6 wicket win over the eventual minor premiers.

We developed momentum going into the finals until the pandemic stopped the season. There were some outstanding individual performances that need to be recognised which contributed to an outstanding season. The real feature was that our traditionally strong bowling attack had brilliant support from our batting line up:

- 203 3rd wicket partnership between Harry Peters (89) and Tom Parton (120) v Epping
- Michael Towells 7-28 off 14.4 overs in the same match
- Harry Peters 82 v Macquarie University against a good attack
- A 200 run opening partnership between Tom Moffitt (150) and Jamie McLeod (106) to set up a dominant outright win against Mt-Pritchard-Southern Districts
- Jake Balnave 4-5 off 6 overs in the same match
- Alex Vendrasco 4-21 off 7 overs v Auburn to set up our convincing win
- Matt Roper 100 not out v Pennant Hills and Atul Mahajan 10-47 for the match to set up an outright win
- A patient and gutsy 129 run partnership between Harry Peters (69) and Jack Rogers (71) which saw us set up the win against Lindfield
- Elliott Ralph taking 7-29 off 13 overs in the same match

With 9 wins and 2 washouts from 13 matches the team were primed for the finals series. The qualifying final saw us destroy our great rivals Georges River by 9 wickets set up by a fantastic bowling display by Darren Leichsenring taking 4-27 off 17 overs rolling them for a meaner 128. Our consistent opening pair Jamie McLeod and Tom Moffitt shared a 92-run partnership to put the game to bed.

And then the world stopped and so did our charge for a back to back premiership. Although we will never know what would have eventuated, I am proud to have skippered a close, talented and driven team that did the club proud. I want to highlight a few players on their incredible season stats to get us to this position. Special mentions must go to Damian Price who led our attack for the first 5 matches before a back injury ruled him out for most of the season.

### Batting:

- Jaimie Mcleod - 326 runs @ 65.20
- Harry Peters - 304 runs @ 33.78
- Brett Bastow - 258 @ 43.00
- Tom Moffitt - 255 @ 36.43

### Bowling:

- Atul Mahajan - 39 wickets @ 15.00
- Darren Leichenring - 21 wickets @ 14.10
- James Webb - 20 wickets @ 10.05
- Damian Price - 18 wickets @ 13.94

Thank you to all the players who played for second grade 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 large squad get to where we finished for the season.

As a team we would like to congratulate the rest of the club for the fantastic achievement of a record 8th consecutive club chance. To the other Captains Max Squire, Paul Simpson, Lloyd Andrews, Mark Smyck, Brett Howle and Anthony Clarke another job well done!!

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 and reflected in 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.

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

Paul Simpson | Captain

### Season Summary

*A disappointing end to the season for all involved with the cancellation of finals cricket due to the Covid-19 virus.*

*Before the cancellation of the season Briars found themselves in strong positions in all four grades after comprehensive wins in the qualifying finals to challenge again for multiple premierships.*

*We were again successful in winning the trophy the club covets the most – the Club Championship. This was the 8<sup>th</sup> year in succession we have won this trophy – a truly remarkable achievement. Congratulations to*

### Season Highlights:



**Round 1 vs Roseville:** The season started with a comprehensive bonus point win against Roseville. Bowling first we had an



*everybody involved and a big thanks to all the Captains for all their support this season. Well done to Brett Howle, Anthony Clarke and Mark Smyck who did an outstanding job in looking after the 5th Grade sides which as we all know provide a pathway for the younger players into Shires Cricket.*

*A big thanks to Gerard Price who continues to provide outstanding leadership and drive to Briars cricket. Gerard is the heart and soul of Briars Cricket and we are extremely fortunate to have somebody such as Gerard steering the ship. Thank you for also asking me to captain Third Grade this season. It's tough for us old blokes to get up for every game however the honour of leading a team and playing for this great club more than makes up for the aches and pains and all the work that is required behind the scenes.*

*Third Grade finished the season in 2nd place, only 4 points behind the minor premiers. We were consistent all year only losing one game. We were building nicely into the finals and were well placed to challenge for the Premiership. The team was made up of a talented group of players which would have been hard to beat in any finals game. In the only game of finals cricket played this season the team comprehensively outplayed Auburn to set up a home semi-final clash with Warringah which unfortunately was not to be.*

unbelievable start to the season with Michael Towells taking a hat-trick off the first 3 balls of the season. Jeremy Wedd took 5-21 and Michael Towells finished with 3-16 as we dismissed Roseville for 85. We passed Roseville 1 down with Alex Favotto 31 and Jamie McCleod 25 not out leading the way with the bat.

**Round 2 vs Epping:** Round 2 saw a first innings win against Epping with rain on day 2 preventing a possible outright win. Epping started well to be 2 for 72 before some excellent bowling saw them dismissed for 105 with James Threlkeld taking 3 for 7. Quick runs were required, and we eventually passed Epping 8 down late on day 1. Plenty of rain about on day 2 where we were dismissed for 119 with Alex Favotto 40 and Shrey Patel 37 leading the way with the bat. We had Epping 5 for 49 in their second innings before the rain came preventing a shot at outright victory. Darren Leichsenring took 4 for 32 in Epping's second dig.

**Round 3 vs Macquarie University:** A comprehensive first innings win against the students with the side just falling short of an outright victory. Batting first we declared at 7 for 310 with Jamie McCleod hitting a suburb century (133) and Ash Sharma chipping in with 63. We dismissed Uni for 122 in the first innings with Darren Leichsenring taking 5 for 32 and James Threlkeld 4 for 14. We pushed hard for an outright however came up just short with Uni hanging on ending 8 down. Shrey Patel finished with 5 for 24.

**Round 4 vs Lane Cove:** A dominant performance with the bat and ball saw a comprehensive outright win against Lane Cove. We dismissed Lane Cove in their first innings for 119 with Phil Maxwell taking 3 for 28. We then declared 8 for 286 off just 46 overs with Alex Peters belting 102 and Alex Favotto with 59. We then dismissed Lane Cove for 132 with James Webb taking 3 for 49.

**Round 5 vs Georges River:** A solid first innings win against the always tough Georges River. Batting first we declared late on day 1 at 8 for 270 with Tom Jackson scoring a superb 141. We dismissed Georges River not long after tea on day 2 for 126 with Alex Vandroesco taking 4 for 26 and Jack Rogers 4 for 27.

**Round 6 vs North West Sydney:** Our only loss of the season which was because of some poor batting. Bowling first we had NWS 4 for not many before they got away from us a bit too eventually be dismissed

for 137 with Elliot Ralph taking 3 for 48. We lost some crucial wickets late on day 1 and despite some late order resistance on day 2 we were dismissed for 120 with Paul Simpson getting 34.

**Round 7 vs Mount Pritchard:** Round 7 resulted in a hard-fought win against Mounties. Bowling first we had Mounties in early trouble however they were able to post a competitive score of 152 with Elliot Ralph claiming 5-51. We made life difficult for ourselves consistently losing wickets before we passed them 9 down. Phil Maxwell batted superbly making 60 and Neeraj Arora chipped in with 37.

**Round 8 vs Auburn:** Huge game in the battle for the Club Championship in a 1 dayer against Auburn. Auburn batted first and raced to 0 – 60 off 8 overs before a Chris Iaquinto hat-trick halted Auburns progress. A steady flow of wickets saw Auburn dismissed for 142 with Chris Iaquinto bowling superbly taking 7-40. Some ordinary batting saw us slump to 8 for 80 before a 60 run partnership between Paul Pannuti and Paul Simpson took us to within sight of victory. Alas it was not to be with the 2 old blokes choking resulting in a tied match.

### **Round 9 vs Warringah: Washed Out**

**Round 10 vs Balmain/Souths:** Another 1 dayer which resulted in a comprehensive bonus point victory against BSS. Batting first we amassed 8 for 326 from our 50 overs with Ash Sharma (93) and Rahul Khanderwal (58) starring with the bat. We then rolled BSS for 70 in just 15 overs with Elliot Ralph taking 6 for 37.

**Round 11 vs Strathfield:** We took on competition leaders Strathfield in a vital game to both sides. We lost the toss and were asked to field in oppressive conditions at St Lukes. Strathfield were well on op at 3 for 93 before a great fight back in the extreme heat saw Strathfield dismissed for 131 with all bowlers toiling manfully. Greg Metcalfe finished with 4 for 34. Late wickets on day 1 saw us finish at 4 for 38. Day 2 was unfortunately washed out.

**Round 12 vs Pennant Hills:** A hard fought victory against Pennant Hills in Round 12. We batted first and declared late on day 1 at 9 for 266 with Jake Wright scoring 74 and Ash Sharma 39. We toiled hard on day 2 to eventually dismiss Pennant Hills for 151 with Shrey Patel taking 5-39 and Damian Price 2 for 27.

**Round 13 vs Lindfield:** Another disappointing wash out against Lindfield. We were sent into bat on Day 1 and declared 5 for 270 with Tom Jackson 79, Ash Sharma 77 and Shrey Patel 53 not out all batting well. Lindfield were 2 for 29 at stumps day 1. No play day 2 which was a disappointing way to end the preliminary rounds.

**Qualifying Final vs Auburn:** Plenty of rain about during the week however we were able to get St Lukes up and ready to go come Saturday morning. We started late due to persistent rain. We lost the toss and were sent in on a reasonable looking wicket. We were on and off several times during the day due to rain and on the back foot most of the day and ended up finishing at 7 for 114. Day 2 saw slight improvement in the weather and a dominant display from our lower order and then our bowlers. Rahul Khanderwal (36), Jake Balnave (22), Damian Price (45) and Elliot Ralph (34no) all chipped in to allow us to reach 235 off 105 overs. Damian and Elliot added 84 for the last wicket which was an unbelievable display of concentration and skill. We then rolled Auburn for 73 with both Damian Price (3 for 19) and Elliot Ralph (3 for 26) starring with the ball. Great victory and momentum leading into the Semi-Final that unfortunately was cancelled.

### **Players**

**Tom Jackson** - Tom only played a handful of games in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade but when he played, he provided experience at the top of the order. Scored a superb century against Georges River and a hard hitting 79 against Lindfield. Tom is a talented cricketer who I expect to have a big year next season.

**Jake Wright** - Jake had a solid season after coming up from 4<sup>th</sup> grade just before Christmas. Jake has the ability to score quickly as highlighted by an excellent 74 against Pennant Hills. With more astute shot selection Jake can score a lot of runs for the club next season. Jake also kept for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and did a great job.

**Shrey Patel** - After several seasons playing Tim Creer Cup with Briars Brothers Shrey decided to turn his hand to playing Shires with us. Shrey was our most consistent performer throughout the year scoring almost 300 runs and taking 17 wickets with his off-spin. Shrey has a good eye and has the potential to play higher grades next season.

**Alex Peters** - Another player who joined the side after Christmas. Alex was his usual aggressive self and chipped in on several occasions with the bat including a hard-hitting century against Lane Cove. Good cricketer and an asset to any side he plays in.

**Phil Maxwell** - Phil has the ability to become a quality all-rounder in the years ahead. Phil is a clean hitter of the ball and again another who will benefit with more astute shot selection. Phil's highlight with the bat was a match winning 60 against Mounties.

**Rahul Khanderwal** - Rahul played the last 5 games of the season in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and made an immediate impact with both the bat and ball. Rahul bowls with good pace and hits the ball extremely hard. Rahul played a valuable innings under pressure in the Qualifying Final vs Auburn. Can play higher grades if he commits to a whole season.

**Damian Price** - Damian was playing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade before injury struck just before Christmas which resulted in Damian missing several rounds before joining 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Round 11. Damian was slowly working his way back to fitness and would have played a vital role in the finals. Scored a valuable 45 under pressure in the Qualifying Final vs Auburn.

**Elliot Ralph** - Elliot had a stop/start season due to various commitments however managed to be the clubs leading wicket taker with 42. Elliot is a quality bowler who can now swing the ball both ways much to his surprise. Elliot is also a very handy lower order batsman as highlighted by a fighting 34 no in a partnership of 85 in the Qualifying Final against Auburn.

**Ash Sharma** - Ash was our leading run scorer despite only playing 7 games. Ash scored 336 runs at 56 including 3 half centuries. Ash is a talented batsman who hits the ball hard. Ash missed several games during the middle of the season which prevented him from playing higher grades. Ash will play second grade next season.

**Alex Favotto** - Hard hitting opening batsman who has the ability to take attacks apart. With a little more application and concentration will score a lot of runs for Briars in the coming years.

**James Threlkeld** - Still at school, James shows great promise as an opening bowler. James played 5 games in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and took 15 wickets at 6.7 and 32 wickets overall for the club. Excellent debut season for the Briars and I would expect James to continue getting a lot of wickets for Briars in the future.

## Batting and Bowling Analysis

Name	M	Inn	NO	Runs	HS	Av	O	W	R	Av	Best
A. Sharma	7	6	0	337	93	56.20	2	0	6	N/A	0-6
S. Patel	13	11	1	286	53*	28.60	74	17	193	11.36	5-24
T. Jackson	6	5	0	272	141	54.40					
A. Peters	5	5	0	158	102	31.60					
J. Wright	9	7	1	156	74	26					
A. Favotto	6	6	0	141	59	23.50					
P. Simpson	13	9	2	136	34	19.43					
P. Maxwell	11	9	1	120	60	15.00	51	10	105	10.5	3-28
R. Khanderwal	6	4	0	110	58	27.50	29	4	47	11.75	2-14
D. Cullen	5	5	0	105	47	26.25	2	0	6	N/A	0-6
E. Ralph	7	6	5	38	34	38	87	21	249	11.86	6-37
G. Khadse	6	5	0	28	17	5.6	12	0	28	N/A	0-11
J. Wedd	6	4	1	21	15	7	28	10	47	4.7	5-21
J. Threlkeld	5	4	3	12	6	12	51	15	101	6.73	4-14
D. Leichsenring	4	1	0	3	3	3	65	15	200	13.33	5-32

### Also batted:

J McCleod 3-159, N Arora 4-89, J Balnave 2-50, D Price 2-45, S Ganguly 2-38, J Rogers 1-37, P Panutti 1-27, A Vendrasco 2-16, H Peters 1-13, M Harrington 1-8, K Vendrasco 1-8, S Brennan 1-7, G Metcalfe 2-6, C Iaquinto 2-6, M Roper 1-6, G Robson 1-5, D Leichsenring 1-3, T Threlkeld 1-2, M Ibrahim 1-1, P Roach 1-1, S Hollis 1-1\*, J Webb 1-0\* C O'Connor 1-0

### Also bowled:

C Iaquinto 7-40, G Metcalfe 7-90, D Price 7-82, J Webb 5-86, J Rogers 4-27, A Vendrasco 4-27, M Towells 3-16, S Tregeagle 4-68, N Arora 2-4, J Balnave 2-47, M Roper 1-33, T Threlkeld 1-85, S Hollins 0-14, P Panutti 0-39

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

Lloyd Andrews | Captain

### Highlights

*To Maxy, Sculls and Simmo Well done on your leadership for your teams, I was very confident that there would have been plenty of trophies at the club if our finals run would have been finished, it took a pandemic to stop us, because no team would of beaten us.*

*We had a great year in 4s and we were well on our way to winning 6 Premierships in a row before Covid-19 hit the world, A pandemic stopped us from winning because no one would of beaten us.*

*I would like to personally thank Gerard Price for all the hard work he does year in and year out, he is the best administrator in the game, there is no stone unturned to provide us with everything we need to be the best club in Shires cricket.*



### Saurabh Ganguly

Very good opening batsman, Very attacking and was a solid base for the team to get off to and good score (not the best runner between wickets) Scored a great hundred Vs Lindfield 106no, His catching hands went missing this year in slips, and puts his hand up went the ball goes passed.

Runs 299 | Batting Average 59.8 | Highest score 106no

**Neeraj Arora** - Neeraj was in and out of the team, bats well but needs to pick the right ball to play his favourite cross bat shots, lots of potential, needs to put his head down, good in the field

Runs 121 | Batting Average 30.3 | Highest score 32

**Scott Brennan** - You know what you get with Scotty hard hitting opening batsman that takes on all comers that try and take his poles, and by the looks of it, he doesn't look like retiring, he is a big part of the club and team.

Runs 242 | Batting Average 22 | Highest score 70

**Pat Fraser** - The improvement of Pat has been very good this season. Batted at 3 the whole season and never gave up his wicket up, had a couple of good scores, batting Average needs to be better, I'm sure he is up for an even bigger season next year, also pick up a 5 fav Vs Mounties 5-38.

Runs 230 | Batting Average 19.2 | Highest score 58

**Jeremy Wedd** - Jeremy only played 5 games in 4s, that's because he is a better player than that, Jeremy will definitely be playing higher grades in years to come. Needs to keep working on both forms of the game, a big season is just around the corner.

Runs 77 | Batting Average 19.3 | Highest score 43

**Sanket Karkare** - Sanket had everything you needed in a cricketer he bowls, bats and can field, can bowl long spells and never gives up his wicket with the bat, pretty much 1st picked in my team, good first season in 4s Sanket

Runs 216 | Batting Average 24 | Highest score 61 | Wickets 19 | Bowling Average 9.6

**James Threlkeld** - The youngster of the team, opened the bowling for us for most of the year with very good accuracy for a young man, needs to remember it's a team sport and not to nod off in the field, very



handy with the bat, will get his chance next year and needs to grab it with both hands, very impressive 1st season at the club, looking forward to what he can produce next year. Cleaned them up with a 5-6 Vs Lindfield

Runs 56 | Batting Average 28 | Wickets 17 | Bowling Average 7.5 | Best 5-6

**Greg Metcalfe** - Greg is a true Briar his never give up attitude is unbelievable, he will try and win at any cost and he pushes the team to do their best every time he crosses the white line, whether he has the bowl/bat and in the field, he is always good for a long spell when he gets it right, whenever I needed a wicket, he was normally the man to do it. He had one of the best inns I've seen with the bat when he got us home Vs River with a fantastic 82no, Great playing cricket with you mate.

Runs 137 | Batting Average 45.7 | Wickets 26 | Bowling Average 9.2 | Best 5-38

**Paul Pannuti** - Never a dull moment when you play cricket with Nudi, an absolute pleasure to play cricket with him this year, always teaching the young boys on the field and off the field, always plays to win and never gives up, can bat a little but it's his bowling that got him into the team, 9-10 Vs Penno and 8-19 Vs NWS was his best bowling, he also hit a brilliant 47 in the QF Vs River. Top bloke!

Runs 59 | Batting Average 11.8 | Wickets 38 | Bowling Average 4.9 | Best 9-10

**Sam Tregeagle** - With the club being so strong Sammy had to wait his time in the lower grades, only playing 2 games for the 4s, Sam as everyone know will be playing 1s soon, a good off season and a full year will see him opening the bowling in 1st grade.

Wickets 4 | Bowling Average 15.8 | Best 4-30

**Harry Lee** - Harry a future higher-grade player, very handy with both bat and bowl, did not get a good chance to show it with the bowl, but certainly can use the bat, Score a very good 106 Vs NWS, big season for Harry next year.

Runs 147 | Batting Average 29.4

**Will Studley** - Will played the first 6 games in 4s and performed every game, we loss will to Melbourne for study but would have him back in a heartbeat, quite guy but always gave 100%, had a great game Vs River with 4 wickets and 26 with the bat to bring the boys home.

Wickets 14 | Bowling Average 12.8 | Best 4-31

**Lloyd Andrews (Skipper)** - Lloyd again took on the job of captaining and again did a fantastic job. It can be one of the more difficult roles as any changes in the grades above will impact of his team (and those below) but he never complained and did whatever was best for the Club. Loves to win and led the team excellently.

Runs 168 at 28.00 | Highest score 46 | Managed to go a whole season without bowling himself-surprising!

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

Mark Smyck | Captain

### Season Highlights

- *Tom Buchanan's behind the head screamer in our opening match against Auburn Eagles at mid-wicket was the ideal start to the season. He claimed 2/0 from 0.3 overs against Macquarie Uni to end their innings. Maybe Should brought him on earlier.*
- *Ki Currie returned to the club with a couple games for Briars Gold.*

Who would have thought season 2019/2020 would have ended at a screaming halt? In a position to make an impact to the top placed



*His 1/5 off his 8 straight overs against Balmain South Sydney Knights was just unlucky as the batsman could not get bat on ball. Very impressive spell.*

- *Sam Cullen's 71 from 12 overs in his last match before heading overseas basically sealed the match from the start.*
- *Sanjan Naganathan's 49\* Balmain South Sydney Pheonix was a leading knock that should have deserved 50.*
- *Liam Gordon's 31 in the Qualifying final was very pleasing to see. He struggled throughout the season, but this knock he played with positivity. Really hoping for many more successful knocks in the future.*
- *Ritesh Desai's 71 against Balmain South Sydney Knights was his highest ever score ever. Also took 10 catches, the majority of them at 1<sup>st</sup> slip.*
- *Harry Lee's 50 & 3/8 also against Auburn Eagles were big moments in the match to guarantee our spot in the finals.*
- *Jack Benchoam's 2<sup>nd</sup> spell in the last round against Auburn Eagles was dominating. After being 0/19 from his first 4 overs, I brought him back after drinks and took 3/4 from his next 4 overs. All those wickets uprooted the stumps. His first season in senior cricket and the leading wicket taker for the team, I am proud to have selected him and watched him grow over the season. Can't wait to see what happens next year.*

Macquarie Uni in the qualifying final, the weather finally ended another promising season for Briars Gold. But let us go back to the beginning of the season.

Once again, the length of pre-season training gives every player plenty of time to shake the cobwebs off and get a running start heading into the upcoming season. We had plenty of Briars juniors attend with the opportunity to train and play in the seniors, which is a great sign for the future. There were many talented players, quite a few that probably need another season or two to really get on their feet in the seniors, but a few players caught my eye with the chance to play for Briars Gold during the season. But with the depth of players available it was hard to fit to many of these players into the already available squads. With selections for the first match looming, it looked to be a similar line up to the previous season, still quite a young side with a couple older players in there, but quite an inexperienced Briars squad it was. But it was the grade to give younger players the opportunity to get their foot in the door to senior's cricket, and the chance to give one particular new kid a spot in our team was exciting, not only for him, but myself too.

During a pre-season training session at the 360° Cricket Academy in Mortlake, I was standing outside the net behind the bowlers getting an idea of all the new players and watched this tall, lanky boy rolling his arm over. He kept a straight seam and his line and length were rather good. I asked him to alter is line and length a few times to different batsmen and although it was not perfect, for a 16-year-old he had good control and I knew I had something here. This young boy's name was Jack Benchoam and I was adamant to have him in my team. His selection got a thumbs up from head selector Gerard and the other captains but drew criticism from some players in my team who did not think much of his bowling or my selection choice. These 'opinions' were quickly retracted by a few of them after his performances in the first few matches, and one who still hasn't apologised for his opinion. But I will let that slide.

This season, my Vice-Captain was Harry Lee, who I did not really make official until Round 8 against Ryde - Hunters Hill while during a drink break. His insight into each game, ideas and opinions in bowling and fielding changes helped me make my job easier. Cameron Durrant, our keeper also helped for most of the season. He is one of the highest capped Briars Gold players so his leadership in the team was respected, as well as his blow ups behind the stumps. Both players also captained the team during the season while I was unavailable for a couple matches with Harry

being 1 from 1 and Cameron 1 from 2 in their respective Captaincies. I taught them well. Over the past couple seasons, we have had a few players altering their role in the team to be a better fit. People such as Michael Gordon swapping from leg spinner to pace bowler last season, which was more suited to his aggression.

This season, with the continuous lack of opening bats in the lower grades, Ritesh Desai put his hand up to take the opportunity and hopefully after this season continues to improve and show aggressiveness and positivity at the top of the order. After flirting with the idea late in the 18/19 season, Biplav Dutta became the team's off spinner with his right arm darts. Taking 17 wickets for the season, he was pivotal in getting important wickets with his change of pace. I, myself, also changed my bowling. Swapping from left arm



meds to off-spin halfway through the season, it was an advantage to have another spinner with plenty of pace bowlers in the team. Also helps to get through the overs a bit quicker if needed.

Our season was another mixed one finishing a clear 6<sup>th</sup> with 9 wins from 22 rounds. Heading into Christmas and heading into finals were our strongest periods with a couple back-to-back wins but the rest of the season we continued to be inconsistent with our success. Personal glimpses of brilliance were shown right throughout the season, unfortunately just not enough of it. The best bowling figures came from a tandem effort in the same match with Jack Benchoam (4/14) & Colin Taylor (4/15) demolishing Mount Pritchard-Southern Districts Gold out at Greenway. As a team majorly made up of 'so-called' all-rounders, we had plenty of bowlers make their mark during the season with 6 bowlers taking more than 10 wickets. But it was the now 17-year-old Jack Benchoam, in his first season in Briars Cricket, led with 34 wickets for the season, 12 wickets clear of the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest wicket taker, Michael Gordon, with 22 for the season. As mention previously, being a team with plenty of all-rounders, batting is still an issue as we rely on a few players to make the majority of our runs, and when players such as Harry Lee and Vrishank Pendyala get called up to 4s, there hasn't been too many who are able to take up the slack. Only 5 players scored more than 150 runs this season with Harry Lee the top scorer 284 runs with a high score of 65. But the highest score for the season was achieved by both Ritesh Desai and Sam Cullen who each scored 71 against Balmain South Sydney Knights and Auburn Green, respectively.

Ritesh has really taken the roll as an opener much more seriously this season, working on his batting and his patience. He was a bit hot and cold throughout the season with a few starts but 71 in a losing match was undeserving after a fantastic effort with the bat. Sam Cullen is someone we wished we could have had for the entire season, although he would have been up the grades before Christmas, never to be seen again in Briars Gold. But unfortunately, he left for the Canadian winter before December. His 71 at Mona 3 was all over in a matter of 12 overs disposing the ball all over and swung the match in our favour early into the match. Hopefully, he will return and make an impact in the higher grades.



Even though we were not able to gain the success we should be attaining, the team is a close group. We have a group chat involving everyone, and even a Briars Gold awards night with around 15 players attending over ZOOM was a success and a lot of fun. I try to push positive reinforcement into my team, and when we stay positive the results will follow. There is no use talking down to your players, everyone can learn from their mistakes. But in a tough competition where most teams are full of mature players, we try to stand tall and show what we have got. It builds our character for the future. We will continue to get stronger.

I want to thank all the other captains, Max Squire, Brad Sculley, Paul Simpson, Lloyd Andrews, Brett Howle and Anthony Clarke for another fantastic season. Selections is the toughest component of being a captain, as we deal with fortnightly and weekly changes (especially in the lower grades!) but somehow, we manage to get the full complement of teams every round. The top four grades DOMINATED their Qualifying Finals matches and for all of it to come to nothing due to the early adjournment of the season was a real shame. I hope it means we are all hoping for retribution this upcoming season.

I also want to thank Gerard, for all the support and opinions he has given us and the captains throughout the season. The continuous work he does for this club, day in and day out, we are all grateful for the effort he puts in. Looking forward to another, hopefully uninterrupted, successful season!

## Batting

Player	M	I	NO's	50s	HS	RUNS	4s	6s	Ave.
Harrison Lee	12	11	3	4	65	284	24	6	35.50
Ritesh Desai	14	14	0	1	71	230	21	1	16.43

Mark Smyck	17	15	2	1	50*	199	21	2	15.31
Vrishank Pendyala	12	11	2	2	55*	198	11	0	22.00
Sanjan Naganathan	16	14	1	0	49*	165	11	0	12.69
Michael Gordon	17	12	4	0	26*	135	5	2	16.88
Anton Demark	7	6	0	0	40	113	1	1	18.83
Sam Cullen	4	4	1	1	71	105	13	3	35.00
Biplav Dutta	18	14	2	1	61	104	8	2	8.67
Matthew Harrington	3	3	0	0	43	98	3	3	32.67
Liam Gordon	6	6	0	0	31	73	5	0	12.17
Tristan Stansfield	3	3	1	0	34*	56	3	1	28.00
Cameron Durrant	14	12	1	0	15	50	4	0	4.55

## Bowling

Player	M	Overs	Mdns	Runs	W	B/B	Ave.	Econ.
Jack Benchoam	20	128.4	20	434	34	4/14	12.76	3.37
Michael Gordon	17	94	14	383	22	3/17	17.41	4.07
Biplav Dutta	18	74.4	11	338	17	3/9	19.88	4.53
Colin Taylor	10	65	20	185	16	4/15	11.56	2.85
Vincent Cleary	12	66	7	213	16	3/12	13.31	3.23
Luke Antoniadis	11	58	4	247	12	3/28	20.58	4.26
Harrison Lee	12	39.2	12	102	6	3/8	17.00	2.59
Mark Smyck	17	41	5	160	6	3/6	26.67	3.90
Tom Buchanan	3	11.3	1	53	4	2/0	13.25	4.61
Ralph Elliott	1	6	1	10	3	3/10	3.33	1.67
Ki Currie	2	16	7	26	3	2/21	8.67	1.63
Hamish Fisher	1	6	0	27	3	3/27	9.00	4.50
Matthew Harrington	3	16	2	58	3	3/27	19.33	3.63
Will Studley	4	23.1	5	66	3	2/24	22.00	2.85
Damian Ryan	1	5	0	14	1	1/14	14.00	2.80
Paul Sultana	1	6	1	27	1	1/27	27.00	4.50
Vrishank Pendyala	12	1	0	20	0			20.00
Zachary McKenzie	2	7	0	32	0			4.57

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

Brett Howle & Anthony Clarke | Co-Captains

### Season Summary

*Some of the outstanding performances for the season are as follows,*

- Jack Bakker 5 for 38 Round 2
- Glenn Workman 43\* Round 5
- Saurabh Ganguly 132 Round 7
- Tom Buchanan 4 for 7 Round 7
- Rahul Khandelwal 48 & 4 for 14 Round 9
- Rahul Khandelwal 63 Round 10
- Brett Howle 56 Round 14
- Jack Bakker 4 for 14 Round 16

The competition consisted of 13 teams this season, playing 40 overs each in a one-day format over 22 rounds.

The side made major strides forward this season winning nine matches. The side was competitive at stages throughout the season but really lacked the individual performance with the bat or ball to change the match.

It must be stated that a least six of the sides that we faced throughout the season were stand-alone sides and had no real connection with the club that they were playing for, thus their ability to field sides that were of a greater standard than most 5<sup>th</sup> Grade sides for this season and had outperformed their 4<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade side in some instances, the side can be proud of the effort for this season.

- Brett Howle 41\* Round 17
- Mat Harrington 81 Round 19
- Jason Tran 4 for 8 Round 21

This season we used 38 players only 6 players playing 10 or more games a lot of this was due to the fact of Saturday & Sunday matches along with the movement up and down the grades and it was great to see players move up the Grades throughout the season and given the chance to show their wares.

I would like to thank one and all for the season, my co-captain Brett along with the Max, Brad, Paul, and Lloyd. Not the way we wanted, to finish the season, but I do congratulate you on what you have done this season.

Gerard, I thank you for all the work that you do to make this all happen and of course those selection meetings.

Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Runs For	Overs Faced	Runs Against	Overs Bowled	Points	Position
21	9	2	10	2444	686	2164	650	68	8th

Player	M	I	N.O	HS	Runs	Avg	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Avg	Ct/S
Brett Howle	17	16	4	56	309	25.75						4
Glenn Workman	15	13	1	43*	205	17.08						3 Wk
Craig Mc Kenzie	11	11	1	25	136	13.60						6 Wk
Jason Tran	11	7	1	29	65	10.83	72	11	211	20	10.55	
Anthony Clarke	16	9	5	14	56	14.00	84.4	16	291	21	13.86	7
Jack Bakker	17	7	3	11*	37	9.25	79.2	8	369	16	23.1	4
Zach McKenzie							47.4	14	114	12	9.8	3
Rahul Khandelwal							43.1	7	113	11	10.3	
Tom Buchanan							38	10	90	9	10	1

### Batting & Bowling Statistics

Saurabh Ganguly 224@ 56.00, Rahul Khandelwal 174@ 29, Matthew Harrington 127@ 31.75, Tristan Stansfield 79 @ 15.80, Jonny Dack 66 @ 16.50, Peter Burkhart 65 @ 32.50, Patrick Fraser 47 @11.75 Anton Demark 44 @ 44.00, Jack Rogers 38 @ 12.67 5 wickets @ 8.60, Paul Sultana 35 @ 11.67 6 wickets @ 20.00, Cyrus Govekar 33 @ 16.50, Thomas Threlkeld 30 @ 15.00, Hamish Fisher 30 @ 15.00 , Gareth Robson 23 @ 7.67, Patrick Roach 155 @25.83, Xavier Tregeagle 143 @ 71.50 3 Wickets @ 19.67, Paul Price 29 @ 29, Harrison Green 10 @ 3.33, Jake Narayan 9 @9, Zachary McKenzie 9 @3, Alexander Burkhart 7 @3.50, Sean Hollins 5 @5, Neeraj Arora 4 @4, Jack Benchoam 4\*, Liam Gordon, Colin Taylor, Sean Hollis 4 wickets @ 14.75

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

Asita Galappatti & Shreyas Patel | Captain

### Season Summary

*Thank you again to Burwood Briars for another enjoyable year.*

*Congratulations go to all Briars teams for a successful year and the Club as a whole for another Championship.*

*The Brothers had less success this season. We coughed and spluttered to finish just short of the top eight. Our*

Despite trying numerous remedies to attempt to overcome the malady, including being told to "watch the ball" and "bat straight", we unfortunately couldn't find the cure in time. We however did manage to flatten the curve in our fielding and bowling. Socially distant from fine leg to mid-on, the boys covered all parts of the ground like a festering rash. Seasonally consistent, our bowlers turned up week in, week out, like pharmacists dispensing Imodium from 22 yards, suppressing the oppositions' runs. No Panadol needed in that department.

The boys have worked hard in the off season to find a vaccine in time for this year. Only time will tell if it will ultimately be successful.

*results were symptomatic of a chronic tendency to not bat well.*

If not, a life of domestic lockdown and isolation might be the only resolution.

Season MVP – Gerard Price. For being able to find us a junior at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Thanks for all your hard work.

### Player Profiles

**Ashish Surat** – The legendary Ashish Bhai was at his best from the very first innings of the season, a blistering 114 against Ryde and followed up with a 92 in Round 4 vs BBS. Ash managed to top the runs chart for all Burwood team despite playing less than half the season.

**Toby Warnes** – Struggled with the bat this season and bowled better than his stats reflected. Toby's best performance came against Ryde in round 13 where he picked up 4 wickets for 8 off 6 overs. The skipper cruelly pulled him out of the attack to give the juniors a crack.

**Asita Galappatti** – The skipper struggled with the bat this season but shone with the ball. Asita managed to pick up two 5fas against Ryde and Rivals this season. However, the team will be looking for more runs from him next season.

**Oshada Wijesinghe** – Fearless Osh was lightening again behind the stumps, standing up to the quicks and pulling stumpings from nowhere. However, put him in front of the wickets and he was in trouble. He shouldn't have let his aunty pick out his \$50 bat.

**Charlie Wenk** – The find of the season. Came to us as a bowler - realised he couldn't. However, Charlie cemented his position as a fearless opener. A gun in the field and threw himself at anything small, round and red. Charlie nearly converted his maiden half-century to a ton. Unfortunately, he was the last man out on 93 against MPD on a wearing deck. A solid season overall.

**Monadil Syed** – The smiling P. Diddy - Mono is the epitome of a team player. He gives everything on the field and always there for the squad. Mono was sent up the order on a few occasions and performed strongly with the opportunities he got.

**Jeet Parikh** – Jeeter was always going to find it hard to emulate the season he had last year where he picked up 27 wickets at 7. Always threatening with the ball and always hunting for wickets. There is no doubt that Jeet will come back strong next season.

**Marlon Shou** – The ever-dependable Shouy. The plan was simple from the opposition top order – just see him off. Marlon had a very economical season; however, the stats don't do justice to how well he bowled with the new pill.

**Harris Khan** – The Bablu's season will always be remembered for the horrific injury he sustained to his thumb in round 9. A few operations and seven weeks later and he was back where he left off. Haz batted and bowled better than his stats suggest. He will be back stronger in the future.

**Vaidya Panch** – The Honey Badger. His wife put him on a diet this season and he lost a yard of pace. Somebody explain this. However, still, a rocket from a 6-step run-up.

**Ned Arnold** – Flanders was a great addition to the ageing Brothers bowling stocks. Young, quick and agile. Ned's selfless attitude and commitment will serve Briars well over the next few years

**Vincent Cleary** – There was a sparkle in his eyes that day at St Luke's. That is all that was needed for the skipper to hand Vinny the new pill. Result - Maiden 5fa for Burwood! Who said you needed pace to bowl pace? Not this swing merchant. Great season with 31 poles and a top 5 spot to finish.

**Paul Sultana** – Big Paulie had a number of starts coming in down the order, last season. 2020/21 will be a big one for him as he will be able to flex his skills batting higher up the order.

**Anton Demark, Jake Narayan, Jack Kent, Cooper Morris** and the other juniors all performed strongly in their first season of seniors. Briars will always be in a strong position if these youngsters are coming through the ranks.

Players	Matches	Runs	Average	Wickets	Average
Vincent Cleary	18	22	2.2	31	12.0
Asita Galappatti	17	226	14.1	24	16.4
Charlie Wenk	15	309	23.8	1	11.0
Toby Warnes	13	79	8.8	10	28.7
Jeet Parikh	12	87	12.4	11	28.9
Haris Khan	12	125	10.4	10	23.7
Osh Wijesinghe	11	102	9.3	-	-
Marlon Shou	9	23	7.7	9	19.8
Vaidya Panch	9	30	4.3	8	29.0
Ashish Surat	8	319	39.9	3	20.7
Monadil Syed	8	59	11.4	2	41.5
Ned Arnold	8	61	10.2	5	32.6
Paul Sultana	7	79	15.8	5	23.2

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

Vivek Thangaswamy | Captain

### Season Summary

*Getting into our fifth season as a team, with Briars, and after a couple of decent previous seasons, we had our hopes high to play good cricket and aim to have our hands on the newly formed Chappelow cup.*

*Unfortunately, we could not live up to our hopes and did not have the season we would have loved to, finishing up in the bottom half of the points table.*

With few players from the previous seasons missing and a few new faces, we had a mixed bag of highs and lows with the bat and ball, throughout the season and a few close games where the rub of the green did not go our way.

### Some notable statistics from the season

#### Batting

Player	Aggregate	Highest Score	Average
Karthic Nagarajan	285	50	15.83
Satheesh Ravichandran	218	41	16.77
Jai Kumar	193	65	14.85

### Bowling

Player	Wickets	Best	Average
Santhakumar Muthupandian	26	4/22	15.15
Prabhu Murali	21	4/29	12.38
Satheesh Ravichandran	21	5/10	14.14

### Fielding

Player	Catches	Stumpings	Run outs
Vijayprabhu Ganesan	9	0	1
Vivek Thangaswamy	9	0	0
Dilip Robinson	7	0	1



## Under 24's

Chris Iaquinto | Captain

### Individual Highlights

*This season saw a stellar crop of young players begin to make their names well-known throughout the club:*

#### Batting

- Philip Maxwell – 152 runs @ 30.4
- Tom Buchanan – 117 runs @ 39
- Matthew Roper – 129 runs @ 43
- Jeremy Wedd – 98 runs @ 32.67
- Alex Favotto – 98 runs @ 19.60
- Diren Reddy – 88 runs @ 22.00
- Harry Peters – 80 @ 20.00

#### Bowling

- Damian Price - 15 wickets @ 11.2
- Diren Reddy – 8 wickets @ 24
- Elliot Ralph – 7 wickets @ 19
- James Webb – 5 wickets @ 24
- Jeremy Wedd – 4 wickets @ 17
- Samuel Tregeagle – 4 wickets @ 23



The start of the 2019/20 under 24s season started with a bang against Auburn with a hard-fought game by both sides. A first innings batting fight back from 4-10, led by Jeremy Wedd (36) and Philip Maxwell (39), saw the Briars post a defendable 189. However, missed opportunities in the field meant that Auburn's number 11 batsman clinched victory on the final ball of the game!

The team regathered against North-West Hurricanes. Strong performances from Alex Favotto (51), Jeremy Wedd (57) and Tom Buchanan (51) helped the team to a strong total of 7-233. Excellent bowling from Elliot Ralph (3-29) and Damian Price (2-44) sealed a strong victory, putting us on the board for the season. Carrying this momentum, we turned to Balmain-South Sydney full of confidence.



Tristan Stansfield (19), who steadied the innings, and Anton Demark (27), with late order hitting from Philip Maxwell (45) helped the team reach another strong total of 5-182. Again, Damian Price (5-58) led the bowling attack, taking the opposition's key wickets which never let them gain an advantage, eventually knocking them over for 128.

Next was an away fixture against Mount Pritchard-Southern Districts, where we were sent to field on a hot, smoky day. Strong bowling performances from Elliot Ralph (2-19) and James Webb (2-17) saw Mounties fall to 8-136, but defiant late order batting helped them reach a total of 180. A positive start meant the Briars were on their way to chasing the total, but we fell well short of the total due to the continual loss of wickets, all out for 129.

The return from the Christmas break saw the grand final rematch with rivals George's River. The River posted a daunting total of 283 in wet, overcast conditions. A rain delay for our batting innings made it difficult for the team to generate momentum. A defiant stand from Matthew Roper (54) and Harry Lee (34) helped us to a hard-fought total of 8-171 off 50 overs.

Despite a third loss, a close competition in our conference left us with a chance of securing a semi-final position with a bonus point victory against Strathfield. The squad entered the game full of energy knowing it was a great opportunity. Strong batting performances from Harry Peters (51), Tom Buchanan (33), Philip Maxwell (36) and Matthew Roper (56) saw the team reach a superb total of 249 off 50 overs. Once again Damian Price (4-14, off 5 overs!) led the attack, supported by an ever-economical James Webb (1-11),

never letting the Gorillas gain momentum. Eventually, Strathfield were bungled all out for 85, sealing a bonus point victory. Unfortunately, other results did not go in our favour, leaving us 1 point from second place.

Despite not reaching the heights we were aiming for; we showed the depth of talent we have at Briars. This is an outstanding group of cricketers, and a great group of blokes who it is a pleasure to play with on Sundays. The club is certainly in no shortage of talent.

A special mention to Damian Price and Harry Peters, who ended their under 24s careers this season. Although we were unable to send them off as we would have liked, they showed their skills throughout the season, and it was a pleasure to play with them. Damian led the bowlers, taking 15 wickets at an average of 11.2, an incredible season. Harry had a rocky start to the season but showed his determination, finishing strong by scoring 80 runs and 6 catches across 4 games, carrying a broken finger as a wicket keeper! Well done boys, extremely proud to play with you both.

## Briars Masters

David Abood | Captain

### Season Highlights

*Having won just five games in the past two years, the Masters team set off on what could only be considered a fantastic season.....seven wins from nine games, and a fourth placed finish. In fact, had the two games that were postponed (against two of the bottom four teams) been played, we may have finished even higher.*

The season started with a strong win over Roseville. Chasing 8-171 (Sadanand 3-32), the batsmen shared the runs around and the score was chased down with 2 overs to spare (Charlie Deguara 33\*).

We followed this up with a record-breaking win over Balmain-South Sydney, our 40 overs bringing a score of 4-274 (Brain Newton, Paul Witherly, and Warwick Hayes all getting 40s while Matt Turner 38\* and Steve Rous 32\* also got amongst it). With such a big score, we were a bit slack in the field, but the opposition were still bowled out for 155 (Vishal 3-4, Rous 3-60)

A third straight win followed in a rain-affected match. Sent into bat, we managed to make 193 before being bowled out in the last over (Warwick Hayes 46\*). Lane Cove finished 8/130 off 28 overs when the rain pelted down, leaving us 5 runs ahead on run rate (Rous 4-44).

The fourth game was our first away trip, and despite an average performance in the field, in which we allowed Georges River to be 1-127 at the halfway mark, we managed to restrict them from there to 247 (Greg Sharmatov 5-46). We then batted superbly to reach 2-208 (Andy Macky, Charlie, Neil Fernandes, and Greg all getting 40s) before we collapsed to 9-240, the last pair limping home for victory.

Game 5 versus Lindfield saw us make 9-164 (Rous 47\*) before bowling the opposition out for 138 (Eddie Owen 3-13)

We then won the grudge match against Pennant Hills in the lead into Christmas. Making 131 on a tough deck (Peter Hansen 31), a superb spell of bowling and fielding saw Penno knocked over for 84 (Charlie 6-26).

Game 7 we needed everything to go right – wet deck against Auburn who had not lost in three years – and it did not. Losing the toss, then two poor LBWs in the first three overs, we struggled and were bowled out in the last over for 100 (Abood 25). Auburn then crunched their way to a 9-wicket victory in 15 overs.

Our next game was played at Goddard Park, and after they reached 1-37 off 10, we then bowled out Cricketers Club for 73 (Charlie 5-15), the runs then knocked off for the loss of 5 wickets (Geoff Cordner 18\*)

Our final game was against the high-flying Warringah, and we just could not get a grip on the game. The opposition made 193 and we were bowled out for 80, in a forgettable performance.

However, overall, the season should be considered a success.

Thanks to all those who committed themselves, particularly the couple of guys who played all nine matches. Thanks to Paul Cramsie for his fantastic administrative work again throughout the season.

## Masters Batting Best

Player	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	Average	Not Out	Best	4's	6's
Rous, Steve	9	8	142	23.67	2	47	14	2
Abood, David R	9	9	135	15.00	0	27	10	
Deguara, Charlie	7	6	107	26.75	2	50	9	1
Macky, Andrew R	4	4	89	22.25	0	45	10	
Hayes, Warwick	2	2	88	88.00	2	46	12	
Fernandes, Neil J	4	4	75	25.00	1	41	8	
Cramsie, Paul G	7	7	73	10.43	0	32	7	
Newton, Brian E	3	3	71	35.50	1	43	9	
Duggal, Vishal	4	4	68	17.00	0	26	9	
Turner, Matthew D	5	4	63	21.00	1	38	9	
Blaikie, Andrew J	3	3	57	19.00	0	31	9	
Witherly, Paul	3	3	47	23.50	1	40	6	
Shahmatov, Greg	1	1	46	46.00	0	46	7	
HANSEN, Peter	3	3	44	22.00	1	31	1	
Cordner, Geoff	3	3	42	21.00	1	24	4	

## Masters Bowling Best

Player	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Strike-Rate	Best
Deguara, Charlie	7	49	11	156	16	9.75	18.38	6/26
Rous, Steve	9	58	5	245	12	20.42	29.00	4/44
Karmakonda, Sadanand	7	32	1	178	8	22.25	24.00	3/32
Duggal, Vishal	4	13	1	39	6	6.50	13.00	3/4
Owen, Eddie	4	11.5	0	93	6	15.50	11.83	3/13
Shahmatov, Greg	1	9	0	48	5	9.60	10.50	5/48
Sutton, Ewan	6	36	5	131	5	26.20	43.20	2/21
Cordner, Geoff	3	15.3	0	85	3	28.33	31.00	1/0
Henry, John C	3	5	0	32	2	16.00	15.00	2/21

## Briars Classics

Brian Kirk | Captain

With a couple of off-season signing and a strong pre-season training regime there was a great amount of enthusiasm for the upcoming season.

Our first match was on the hallowed turf of Rothwell Park against a traditionally strong Cricketers Club team. They won the toss and compiled a reasonable score of 143 being dismissed in the 39 over. Our batsmen were up to the task on the day passing their score 6 down with 3 overs to spare. An excellent start to the summer. Team performance standouts, Gus Fernando with 3-16 and Dave Trewin 2-10 plus Andrew Blaikie 31 retired and Warwick Hayes 31 retired.

Due to the State Over 50's Championships there was a three-week break between fixtures. Round 2, again at home saw our batsmen capitulate to post a lowly score of only 68. Roseville easily accounted for our paltry total within 15 overs. The only shining light on the day being Steve Lucas in scoring a well compiled 31.

Round 3, again at Rothwell saw us up against Lindfield whom we had not beaten for a number of seasons. Lindfield won the toss and batted first; our bowlers stuck to their task all day to restrict them to 133 all out in the 39 over. In response we batted solidly to be only 3 down with 102 on the board. Once again, our batsmen got the collywobbles losing 5 wickets for the addition of only 12 runs. Thankfully, a last wicket unbroken partnership of 22 between Stuart Lind and Warwick Hayes saw us to victory with 4 balls to spare. A good

effort with only 10 players on the day. Team highlights, Charlie Deguara 4-26, Skipper Kirk 2-28, Warwick Hayes 40, Kirk 28 and Greg Shahmatov 24.

Round 4 saw our first away game at Bland Oval against Western Suburbs Cavaliers. Again, fielding first our bowlers were on top all day restricting the opposition to 8-131 off their 40 overs. Outstanding spell from Steve Rous, 9 over, 4 maidens to capture 1-8. Shahmatov 3-27 and Paul Alice 2-39 the other main contributors. We made light work of the run chase passing them 4 down in the 28<sup>th</sup> over. A swashbuckling 30 retired from Luke Magee the highlight, other contributions from Robinson 27 and Mark Schwartz 30 retired.

Round 5 saw us travel again to Bland Oval to take on the strong Georges River outfit. We were not up to the challenge in scoring only 60 in almost 30 overs. They racked up our score in the 17<sup>th</sup> over 1 down. Not a good performance.

Our last match for 2019 was back home prior to the ground upgrade in January 2020. Mosman won the toss and elected to bat first. We held their batting to account early with Mosman being 3 down for 70 odd at drinks. The last 20 overs saw them blast away to reach 7-195 off 40 overs. We were never in the hunt with bat in hand, consistently losing wickets to end up 9-120 off our 40 overs. Batting highlights Charlie Deguara 30x and Greg Matchett 31x.

Round 7 we were away to Pennant Hills on their main ground. Losing the toss, we were sent in on a sticky wicket which proved too great a challenge for our batters. Mark Schwartz 22 the only highlight in our total of 82. The opposition came in and quickly warmed to the run chase passing us 1 down in the 15<sup>th</sup> over.

Round 8 at Ron Routley saw us bowling first up. The bowling group all rallied well to restrict Kur-ring-gai to 9-111 of 40 overs. The Burwood batsmen never faltered in passing their total 2 down in the 23<sup>rd</sup> over. Best on the day with ball in hand Charlie Deguara 2-23 and Steve Lucas 3-9. Batting wise Charlie doubled up with 31 retired, Phil Robinson 30 retired and Andrew Blaikie 32 retired.

Round 9 saw the team at McCredie Park and worked feverishly with Parramatta Golden Oldies to dry the wicket after a torrential overnight storm saw water seep under the covers. Eventually by 2.30 pm there was agreement to commence the match reduced to 28 overs a side. Burwood were sent in with the batting conditions proving very difficult. Our score of 6-118 a good total given the conditions. Taking the field our bowlers never let the opposition batsmen settle, ripping through their entire line-up in just under 16 overs. Their total of 16 probably the lowest ever in the competition. Stars performers with the bat Warwick Hayes with 28, Andrew Blaikie 30 retired and Sadanand 26. Opening bowlers Steve Rous and Geoff Corder almost unplayable in capturing 4-7 and 3-5 respectively, Charlie Deguara 1-3 and Dave Trewin 2-1 continued the theme.

Round 10 and ultimately our last game for summer was against the Sri Lanka Lions, the eventual competition winners. Batting first we posted a decent total of 9-170 off our 40 overs. The Sri Lankan boys have always liked to hit through the line of the ball and today was no different, their strong batting line up passed our score 3 down in the 25<sup>th</sup> over. Batting highlights Phil Robinson 20, Andrew Blaikie 29, Charlie 47x and Mark Ridge 32x.

Overall a good season finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in the field of 14 teams, along the way five wins against 5 losses with one wash-out. The entire team are appreciative of Skipper Brian Kirk endeavouring to ensure all team members received a decent opportunity to perform throughout the summer.

### Classics Batting Best

Player	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	Average	Not Out	Highest	Fours	Sixes
Deguara, Charlie	10	10	174	29.00	4	47	17	
Blaikie, Andrew J	5	5	127	63.50	3	32	18	2
Robinson, Phil	9	9	118	16.86	2	30	11	1
Hayes, Warwick	3	3	98	98.00	2	40	11	
Lucas, Steve W	6	6	64	12.80	1	31	1	
Schwartz, Mark	4	3	56	28.00	1	30		

Kirk, Brian A	9	7	52	10.40	2	28	7	
Karmakonda, Sadanand	4	4	46	11.50	0	26	2	1
Shahmatov, Greg	3	3	40	13.33	0	24	4	2

### Classics Bowling Best

Player	Matches	Overs	Wickets	Maidens	Runs	Average	Economy Rate	Best
Deguara, Charlie	10	55.5	10	4	202	20.20	3.62	4/26
Rous, Steve	8	55	9	16	139	15.44	2.53	4/7
Cordner, Geoff	2	12.4	4	4	31	7.75	2.45	3/5
Lucas, Steve W	6	9	4	1	46	11.50	5.11	3/9
Trewin, Dave	5	15	4	3	51	12.75	3.40	2/1
Shahmatov, Greg	3	17	4	2	54	13.50	3.18	3/27
Fernando, Gus W	4	11	4	0	60	15.00	5.45	3/16
Kirk, Brian A	9	14	4	2	61	15.25	4.36	2/28
Lind, Stuart E	4	10	2	0	44	22.00	4.40	1/13
Alice, Paul	3	15	2	0	92	46.00	6.13	2/39

It goes without saying that the enormous assistance given by the Cricket Chairman Gerard Price in supporting both the Masters and Classics sides is greatly appreciated.



# Concord Briars Cricket

## Presidents Report

Kieron Devlin



Season 2019-20 was an unusual season with heat and smoke which impacted many games and finally an abrupt finish to the season. Overall, the club had 46 teams (over 400 players) playing across three associations. This included seven girl's teams, a continued growth area.

The 2019-20 season resulted with numerous teams making semi-finals and grand finals. There were 5 Premiership winning teams. Importantly from all reports the players had an enjoyable season and enjoyed the comradery and mateship of this great game.

## Jnr. Cricket Master Blaster White

Mike Kelly & Mick McGrath | Coach & Manager



The team learnt, had fun and gave the season a good crack. For many of the boys it was their first ever season and the improvement from the start to end of the season was amazing, with Jacob McGrath taking the coaches award for his skills and unbridled enthusiasm! Thanks to all the kids, parent and other teams down at Edwards park to create such a great atmosphere.

The team was: *Jack Stampar, Jude Kelly, Noah Abel, Jacob McGrath, Aarav Sharma and Viraj Bhatia.*

## Jnr. Cricket Master Blaster Black

Tess Burnicle | Coach

The boys and parents had a fantastic first season. Being the first season for the boys they worked hard to develop their skills and love for the game. All the players improved over the season and it provided a platform for the years to come.

The team; *Vibhas Puttagunta, Joshua Bartle, Mason Showyin, Hugh Ferguson, James Burnicle, Aidan Eagleson, and Prithvi Shahh.*

## Jnr. Cricket Master Blaster Gold

Carly Broadbent | Coach

This was the first season for these players; they showed great development across the course of the season. The team had a lot of fun and hopefully will see most of them back next season.

The team was: *James Cook, Toby Chan, Benjamin McKiernan, Elijah Tan, William Broadbent, Archie DiDonato and Eve Marsh.*

## Jnr. Cricket Master Blaster Maroon

Laz Giannichronis | Coach



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

The team was: *Samuel Miller, Shohaam Sengupta, Leo Giannichronis, Daniel Everitt, Jonathan Yim, and Aidan Mattiussi.*

## Jnr. Cricket U8 Maroon

Praneil Narayan, Ian Tucker & Lara Sarlas | Coaches & Manager

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The U8 Maroon had a fantastic season. All first timers, the boys approached the game with enthusiasm and excitement. They developed their skills enormously throughout the year and became fine young cricketers with competitive spirit. It was a pleasure coaching the boys and seeing their faces at training reminded me of what cricket was all about. A big thanks to Ian Tucker (Assistant Coach) and Lara Sarlas (Manager) who both made my job easy. Look forward to coaching the boys again next season.

The team comprised of: *Tyrone Young, Cole Tucker, Johnny Sarlas, Max Narayan, Ethan Dang and Zain Ronsisvalle-Obaid.*

## Jnr. Cricket U8 Gold

Zubin Mirzan & Andrew Campion | Coach & Manager

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The Under 8's Gold had an excellent season. This was the first season for the boy and gelled together from the first training session. They started the season with an exciting Tied match and ended up losing only one match in the entire season. Looking forward to another great season with them.

The team was; *Elijah Saoud, Jack Campion, William Hall, Hugh Morris, Rafael Majgaard & Aarav Mirzan.*

## Jnr. Cricket U9 White

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

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During the 2019/20 season our team comprised of; *Oliver Sproule, Ryley Salakas, Jeyson Blain, Eric, Noah Richards, Santi Lopez Simao, Daniel Partington, Henry McCarthy, Max Catalano & Max Edwards.*

The team continued to develop their skills and love of the game. Importantly, the boys honed their ability to concentrate for longer periods as well as their understanding of the technical side of game. Whilst all players made significant improvements and contributed both on and off the field, Noah Richards stood out for his enthusiasm and discipline at training and therefore received this season's Coaches' Award.

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Maroon

Mark Lenthén & Michelle Ginman | Coach & Managers

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It was an exciting season as we acquired new players in our team. The boys played exceptionally well and on some weekends under extreme heat and poor air quality conditions.

The following is a summary of their achievements this season:

**Leo Goldsworthy** - running between the wickets was his specialty, always on the lookout for the sneaky extra runs.

**Jeremy Lenthén** - a batting powerhouse, smashing any short balls and scoring boundaries consistently as well as several sixes.

**Isaac Hood** - a reliable wicket keeper, rarely a ball would pass through him, also managed to confuse batters with his wristy pace akin to the bowling of the late Bill O'Reilly.

**Oscar Frederick**- absolute all-rounder, bowled accurately, hit some nice shots, sensible running between wickets.

**Hugo Hackett** - powerful bowler with both pace and accuracy, also perfectly accurate with his long throws.

**Harry Horwood**- reliable pace bowler matched by his accuracy in the field, also a handy batter likely to contribute a boundary or 2 each innings.

**Ben Hooker** - the most improved player over the season, particularly his batting and bowling which both reached a level that threatened his opponents.

**Koji Howard**- also new to cricket but swiftly became a powerful bowler, picking up wickets almost every match.

**Jack Cleave** - sharp in the field, hitting the stumps with his throws on multiple occasions, bowled at a pace to challenge the batters.

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Blue

Peter Locke & Cath Rogerson | Coach & Manager

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It was great to have a number of the boys back together from under 8's and this made for a cohesive, friendly and fun filled group with great enthusiasm for the game. Having the majority of our boys having played together the season before, the bonds of friendship for both the kids and the parent group were well established, and this always adds to the family culture of Briars cricket. Our focus this year was on further consolidation of game craft and basic skills and learning the finer arts of concentration and involvement for the longer periods on the field. I am extremely proud of the attitude, comradery and sportsmanship displayed by our team at all times. We had a really good season, where we were competitive in all games.

Unfortunately, we didn't always get the "rub of the green" however the boys all enjoyed the experiences and fun they shared. A special thanks to Cath Rogerson, manager extraordinaire, and to the parent group for their ongoing support.

The team was *William Locke, Bhaumik Das, Arin Gokhale, Adit Mehta, Alex Rogerson, Rishan Singh, Jayshan Shanmugaratnam, Lucas Grimson, Lachlan Tucker and Jack Lai.*

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Gold

Niall Scullion & Anthony Burgess | Coach & Manager

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The under 9 Gold made massive improvements over the course of the season. The season was filled with learning, development and most importantly lots of fun. The players worked hard to improve their skills.

The team members are: *Fergus Smith, Ryan Eagleson, Jack Scullion, Zaquin Viola, Charles Burges, Marcus Hahnel, Joshua Nixon, Charlie Mackenzie and Owen McKinley.*

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Black

David Broomfield & Tim Guthrie | Coach & Manager

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The boys had enormous fun throughout the season, as well as watching their skills increased quite significantly. Look forward to seeing all the boys back next season.





The team was: *Thomas Armistead, Ethan Jovcevski, Alexander Crothers, Seamus O'Connell, Aidan Kelly, Zac Bromfield, Bradley Sherer, Samuel Campion, Liam Guthrie.*

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Black

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



The Under 10s Black team enjoyed another fun filled season enjoyed by the kids and parents alike. Our bowling improved throughout the year with some stand out performances by Aiden Scullion, Luke Maronese and Flynn Grainger. Beau Brown and Claudio Luzzani were very entertaining batters. Louis Gilroy, Mathew Salas, Anish Sukumaran and Noah Thorne provided consistent performances all season and we welcomed a new player, Oliver Vardanega who showed great promise as an all-rounder for next season.

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Blue

David Mansford & Jennifer Welfare | Coach & Manager



The under 10 Blue team comprised mostly of the members from the previous season's U9 team, with an additional newcomer, Leo Kelly who was playing team cricket for the first time. The season started on a high with a strong performance, a narrow loss to eventual undefeated division winners Balmain. The next two games were also losses, but the boys kept training and trying and they strung together five straight wins before just sneaking into the finals. All the wins were attended by the team's good luck charm - Briars veteran and grandfather Peter "Manso" Mansford. Coach and parents were proud of the way the boys conducted themselves on the

field and their consistent effort.

The team was made up of; *Arham Iqbal, Fraz Iqbal, Leo Kelly, Ari Mansford, Harii Ratnavel, Vihaan Shah, Matthew Tydd, Oscar Welfare.*

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Green

Will Knight, John Perkins | Coaches

The Under 10s Green enjoyed a season full of hard-fought cricket, strengthened friendships, plenty of improvement and lots of learning and laughs. Most of the boys have played together for a number of seasons and have been excellent in encouraging each other to grow their cricket skills and form a strong team bond in that time. The 'Green Machine' qualified for the semi-finals before going down to the eventual



premiers – the Briars Maroon side. The boys showed a strong love for the game of cricket and we look forward to many good years to come.

The team was: *Charlie Chehine, Lachlan Gacitua, William Gibson, Joshua Hannan, Tom Knight, Cooper Merchant, Isaac O'Neill, Henry Perkins and Eamon Turner.*

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Gold

Michael Beckford & Arjun Minocha | Coach & Manager

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The Under 10 Gold started the season on fire with several great wins to start the season. We lost a few key players to school sport coming into the second half of the year, but we were still very unlucky to not make the grand final with a narrow loss in the semi-final against a team we could have beaten on another day.

It's so great to see skills improving over the year - by the season's end, we were seeing more catches sticking, losing fewer wickets, and we saw some massive sixes.

My thanks go to the team and to all the parents for such lovely children - they were a pleasure to coach all year, and we had a great time on and off the field, and thanks as always to our committee for a great competition and for the club's support.

Players for the year; *Finlay Kitching, Aarav Chaudhary, Jayden Jamil, Jake Quailey, Yuveer Dawar, Ranveer Minocha, Hayden Milson, Max Celegon, Daksh Kumar, Felix Beckford.*

The coach's award went to Max Celegon.

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Maroon | Premiers

Sumit Kalia & Dan Brandon | Coach & Manager

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The Under 10's Maroon had a great season, so good that we won the comp!

This team radiates unity, there is always a different group of individuals that lift when the team requires it, whether it be with the bat, ball or in the field. A great blend of skillsets and personalities that make them a pleasure to coach. Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> during the regular season, both semi's were close and then the final was a nail-biter on a cold, wet, dreary Saturday (last Saturday before COVID). To beat an undefeated team and win the premiership took

an amazing group effort, they should all be proud of their 2019/2020 season and looking forward to defending that premiership into 2020/2021.

Our most improved award goes to Oscar Halliday – playing above his age group, Oscar rises to every challenge, whether it be batting up the order for stability, down the order for quick runs or tweaking his leg-spinners to bamboozle the opposition, he has been a pleasure to coach.

The team: *Jack Brandon, Cooper Allen, William Malone, Aaryen Kalia, Zach Muncaster, Charlie Halliday, Oscar Halliday, Finn Bannan.*

## Jnr. Cricket U10 yellow

Chris Hannan & Usha Dean | Coach & Manager

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Most of the team played together last year & 3 of the boys have been playing for two or more seasons. The boys had a great year and even though we only won one game they were always enthusiastic and gave their best. We welcomed three new players to the team and they definitely contributed a lot & showed they will be great players in the future.

The team were; *Max Lygoyris, Rhys Lenord, Alex Cremin, Jack Hannan, Riley Grant, Julian Morris, Rohan Dean and last but definitely not least Dimitri Paleologos.*

Special thanks to all the parents who helped with scoring and at training.



## Jnr. Cricket U10 White

Hari Shankar & Matt Holani | Coach & Manager

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The U10 White's had a terrific season finishing 3rd on the ladder. The team had a number of highs this season with some exceptional bowling and batting partnerships. The team put on board 180+ score's six times, highest being 211. The team also recorded a partnership of 84 runs between Siddharth and Arjun winning the game for us. The team focused on their fielding and bowling on the off-stump line during their training sessions significantly improving their skills. Malcolm Mackenzie won the most improved award and notable batting performance from Siddharth scoring 333 runs in comp staying top of the batting ladder by a mile.

Team: Connor Papworth, S Siby Babu, Harry Miller, Luke Holani, Thomas Ronan, Malcolm Mackenzie, Tanisha Young, Arjun Hari.

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Gold

David Wood & John Munden | Coach & Manager

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Briars Under 11 Gold are a pleasure to coach. They had a lot of fun this year in our fourth season. Their batting and bowling skills improved. One of the major reasons I believe was having cricket nets to practise in. In my opinion the boys are capable of bowling on a full-length pitch; in fact I believe it is a bit dangerous bowling off a shortened pitch. Also, for School cricket they play off a full pitch and find it hard to adjust to the weekend shorter pitch. 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 and I would encourage the committee to do this again.

Krishna Nair in his first season picked up the coach's award.

The team was; Pulkit Mishra, Xavier Tavano, Abdullah Khurram, Krishna Nair, Angus Gill, Hayden Reeves, Aayush Parikh, Patrick Wood and Kai Guelfi.

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Girls Gold

Adrian Bell & Gary Collins | Coach & Manager

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The Under 11 Gold Girls had a fantabulous season. They came together as a new team with just two players having padded up before. The girls soon developed a strong bond both on the field and socially. They were always enthusiastic at training and at games and their skills all developed nicely over the course of the season. There were some great individual and team performances and the team finished the season strongly making a late charge towards the top of the ladder. Sadly, COVID brought an end to the season the week before the grand final.

Thanks very much to the girls for their efforts (and patience with the coach) and the parents for all their assistance throughout the summer. Thanks especially to Gary Collins, our team manager.



U11 Gold Girls: Caitlin Collins, Phoebe Hancock, Freya Hancock, Lily Carr, Sinead McLennan, Hazel Blackwood, Sophia Catton, Jessica Bell and Abigail Williamson.

## Jnr. Cricket U11 White

Arunraj Subramanian & Raj Maheshwari | Coaches & Manager

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The U11s White had an awesome season finishing 6th in a group of 8. They showed tremendous enthusiasm and passion and won 3 games and came very close to winning couple of more matches.

This was only their first season together with only 3 of the boys having any prior experience in the league. We were very impressed with the way they trained and gelled as a team.



All of the boys' skills improved significantly throughout the year and Achyuth Arunraj picked up the best player award with his all-round performance and significant contribution in most matches.

The team: *Achyuth Arunraj, Aaryn Jamwal, Muhammad Nawfal Yasir, Kian White, Patrick Foley, Peter Giannone, Raag Maheshwari.*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Girls White

Ian Smith & Di McCall | Coach & Manager

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The under 11's White Girls team was a brand-new team contesting one the Spring/ Summer competitions in 2019/2020 & consisted of the following players: *Nadia Carvalho, Tully Smith, Tara McCall, Adelaide Netting, Lily Cameron, Sanaya Nair, Violet Crowe (Spring) & Anna Chan (Summer).*

This was the first time playing for seven of the eight girls listed and I have to say that they exceeded all expectations by finishing in the top half of the table in each season. The Skills learned and executed continued to shine every week which was reflected on their ladder positions and in the stats.

In both seasons we had the number 1 player for batting/bowling in both comps with many others in the top 10!! It was a great way to start and a lot of fun along the way. The coaches' award went to Nardia Carvalho for her mighty all-round achievements in both seasons. Go the mighty Whites.

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Black

Chris Hensley & Daniel Majgaard | Coach & Manager

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The Under 11's Black decided to test themselves in Division 1 this season. The competition was very tough, and the boys had some tough games in extreme heat and smoky conditions. The majority of boys were returning players and a couple of newbies. The lads were always keen at training and loved game day.



They shared a few wins throughout the season and finished the year on a high, finishing 5th and just out of finals contention. The U11 Blacks were a pleasure to coach and really enjoyed their cricket. Newcomer to the team Hamish MacLeay picked up the coaches award for his enthusiasm to the game and his exceptional bowling that had the opposition worried.

The team was; *Oscar Ritchie, Christian Majgaard, Max Hensley, William Goldsworthy, Harry Smith, Angus Turnbull, Zac Mara and Hamish MacLeay.*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Girls Black | Premiers

Rosie Ryan & Harvey Sauran | Coach & Manager

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The Under 11s Girls Black team had a fantastic season. This was the first season all but one girl had ever played before and therefore their first season together. They were on a steep learning curve and grew in skill and confidence with every game. They were a coaches' dream!



They finished the season on top of the table and individually, many of the girls finished with the best batting and bowling statistics across the whole division. They were committed and enthusiastic to learn and improve throughout the whole season, and their very enthusiastic parents were a great support at all trainings and games. We hope the team can continue with this great start and success next season. The most improved player award went to Suhaan Akhter.

The team was; *Anique Michel, Matilda Ryan, Isabelle Sauran, Misha Sengupta, Dean Lancuba, Suhaan Akhter, Eloise Tamine, Piper Clarke.*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Maroon

David Pate and Bridget Pate | Coach & Manager



The Under 11s Maroon season was one of development for the boys. There were five new players to the sport in the team, and learning from scratch to bat, bowl and field whilst facing some far more experienced (and quick!) opponents was a daunting task for those boys. Their ongoing enthusiasm for the game was impressive, and the leadership and camaraderie of the experienced boys in helping the new players showed maturity beyond their years. Whilst the scorebooks will say the Under 11s Maroon had just two wins, the improvement of both the team and individual players made for a successful season overall. And congratulations to Henry Joyce who topped the wicket taking for Briars U11.

The team was: *Max Hadfield, Cooper Tabell, Edward Huyhn, Lukas Peat, Patrick Coulton, Henry Joyce, Lachlan Pate, Lloyd Hall and Joshua Lattanzi.*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Girls Maroon

Jonathon Butler & Tessa Riley | Coaches & Manager



The Under 11s Maroon Girls team of superstars had a wonderful year full of highlights. The team were into their second season together and it was incredible to witness their growth as cricketers. Like all teams, we fell victim to extreme weather conditions and missed several games. We won several games convincingly and lost a couple too, but the team never stopped smiling, improving and supporting each other. What a bunch of little legends.

**Tanisha Young**, a good bowler and batter. Excellent bowling technique. Working hard on batting timing and back foot shots. Tanisha is still little in comparison to the other players on our team and struggles to hit big shots

as a result. This will solve itself with time.

**Beth Eccleston**, Good batter, improving bowler, Beth has great timing with the bat and is developing the full range of front and back foot shots. Continued focus on a high delivery arm when bowling this season, as she tends to wrap her bowling arm behind her back making it difficult to bowl past her ear. Solid improvement in this area in 2020.

**Iris Arnold**, improving batter & bowler, taken massive strides forward this year with technique both with bat and ball. Bowling action is still too front-on at delivery but has improved dramatically. Loves keeping. Big focus on leading with her head while batting. Our best listener and most encouraging team mate on the field.

**Neave McLennan**, Batting, First season ever. Neave is a natural batter with great hand eye co-ordination. Bowling will come with more time.



**Mabel Turner**, Good batter & improving bowler, Natural batter. Plays beautifully off her front foot with excellent timing. Bowling has improved in 2020. More work required on staying taller at delivery and following through. Bowled beautifully in our last game.

**Eden Riley**, Good bowler and batter, our best batter and bowler in terms of technique. Has benefited greatly from a big focus on action and batting positions this year. Even though these adjustments have taken time to sink in which has affected her stats, they will set her up for a big start for 2020. She batted brilliantly in our last match, playing shots all around the wicket. Eden is one to watch.

**Violet Crowe**, Good batter, improving bowler. Scored the most runs this year. A powerful hitter with good timing. Bowling is improving as she gets used to proper technique. Violet will be very quick once her action is bedded down.

**Aliana Butler**, Good bowler and batter. Took the most wickets this year. Bowling action has been corrected this season. Played some of the best shots of our team this year but consistently hits early, reaching for the ball, which results in many shots in the air. We are doing lots of drills encouraging her to play under her eyes.

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Gold

Michael Johnstone, Rob Penwill & Jason White | Coaches & Manager

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The Under 12s Gold had a fantastic season. The core of this team has been together for 4 seasons so they are all great friends and enjoy playing together. This season they were undefeated until the semi-final which they lost – a great character-building experience. There was lots of great batting with 3 of our batsmen featuring in the top 5 for the competition – Talan Irving, Kobe Cheung and Will McKiernan. Top Bowling performers this year were Kobe, Talan and Xavier Foster. There were a number of great performances throughout the season including a 59-ball innings of 1 run by Ryan Penwill which helped dig the team out of a hole after a middle order collapse. Player of the season was Kobe Cheung and Most Improved was Josh Robinson.

The Team was: *Archie MacDonald, Josh Robinson, Kobe Cheung, Talan Irving, Will McKiernan, Curtis Bowhill-Hayes, Louie White, Xavier Foster, Ryan Penwill and Sam Johnstone.*

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon

Phil Ellison & Scot Nixon | Coach & Manager

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The under 12 Maroon had an up and down season, when the boys were on they were unstoppable, with some reason good batting displays and some really sharp fast bowling. This was the 5th year that the core group of boys played together and my 3rd as coach. The boys all improved significantly on last season. The new recruits fit in well and contributed strongly. The coach's award this season went to Luke Ellison.

The team was: *Dhruv Dawar, Luke Ellison, Nicholas Donnellan, Matthew Clarke, Luca Beckford, Samuel Nixon, Nicholas Streeton, Raphael La Rosa, Dylan Grainger, Aryan Mirzan and Yardy Raffy.*

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon (Sunday)

John Allen, Chris Malone & Nik Green / Keiron Devlin | Coaches & Managers

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The 2019/20 season represented another enjoyable experience for the members of the Under 12 Maroon Briars. It was wonderful to see the improvements in the technical aspects of their respective games. A vast improvement in throwing, bowling accuracy and run scoring, was a demonstrable effect of their commitment



to training. They played some outstanding cricket, especially considering most of them were playing in a competition a year above their age. They won through to the semi-final and were well placed, batting first in the match, when rain forced abandonment and an end to the season. The boys enjoyed their time together and always supported each other. They played some entertaining cricket.



The members of the team included: *Jack Allen, Riley Campton, Makayla Day, Guinness Devlin, Jack Edwards, Angus Green, Oliver Lockington, Hamish Malone, Andrew Morozoff, Ryan Nagaram, Jack Swan and Oscar Todd.*

The team received tremendous support from the parents. We would like to thank those who assisted with scoring and ground set up. Our thanks also go to the team managers and assistant coaches Nik Green and Keiron Devlin for keeping parents informed and the team going when we were fulfilling duties with other teams. They both offered great support to the players and coaches throughout the season.

We would also like to express our gratitude for the tireless work of the Committee members; they do a great job indeed.

It was a pleasure to coach the boys of Under 12 Maroon. We hope that they continue to enjoy their cricket long into the future.

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Black | Premiers

Simon Thorne and Greg Marshall | Coach & Manager



The team had a strong year, finishing second in the division and going on to win the grand-final. It was a great result and one the whole team enjoyed. The team has a number of good young cricketers and look forward to next season.

The team was: *Ali Smith, Liam Goldsworthy, Jack Lygoyris, Alexander Marshall, Ansh Khetwani, Zack Thorne, Luke Strmecki, Jared Leung, Tanishq Shah and Patrick Maroya.*

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Sunday Gold

Mark Kelly and Elizabeth Everett | Coach & Manager



The team had a tough year, competing in a very strong competition. The team was competitive and continued to develop their skills. The team has a number of good young cricketers and we are looking forward to next season.

The team was: *Alexander Kelly, Ashtyn Pickering, Arush Virmani, Hamish Hargans, Aditya Anand, Soorya Anand, Charlie Roberts, Henry Toemoe, Ethan Toemoe, Mark Everitt, Alexander Srdic and Alexander Stewart.*

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Girls

Kristin Hancock & Cameron Arnold | Coach & Manager

We have an amazing group of girls playing U13 Cricket for Briars. A mix of skills and experience they have nurtured a great culture of fair play, encouragement, and determination. It has been fun to watch them steadily develop their cricketing skills over the year and to enjoy spending time with their friends. On field



we had an outstanding year, making both the Spring and Summer Grand Final only for both to be cancelled due to fires and heat. Special mention to Ruby Turner who set the tone on and off the field and is the worthy recipient of this year's Coach award.

The Team: *Lily Hancock (C), Lola Arnold (C), Allegra Park, Gurleen Nagra, Jasmin Simpson, Kitri Irving, Lauren Blackwood, Lucinda Butler, Lucy Donellan, Niamh Collins, Nicola Wlodarczyk, Ruby Turner.*

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Sunday Gold

Glen Barry & Ranjit Potu | Coach & Manager



The Briars Under 13's Sunday Gold team had a real journey. We merged two teams at the start of the season and by the end we were all one team pulling together with great spirit. We may not of won a game, but we got within a few heart breaking runs in the last few matches to the credit of the boys and their grit and growth. The whole team lifted in the back end of the season and it was most rewarding as coach to see their development as not just better cricketers but also better young men with respect for the opposition and the club they represent, carrying themselves brilliantly throughout the season.

Was a pleasure to coach a great group of boys - we had wonderful feedback from the boys and parents.

The enthusiasm shown by all the boys for the love of the game. Also, skills improved significantly throughout the year, With Jayden Skuse picking up the coaches award for all-round commitment throughout the season, Ben Ronan the best bowler award and Matthew Morozoff the best batting award.

The U13 Sunday Gold team was: *Max Barry, Raed Sayed, Ben Ronan, Jayden Skuse, Oscar Chen, Ibrahim Iqbal, Shreehari Ramesh, Shreyas Potu, Hugo Baker, Will Gray Harshill, Matthew Morozoff, Jason Hickry.*

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon (NDJCA)

Paul Broadbent and Kathy Hamand | Coach & Manager

The team had a tough year but remained enthusiastic and positive, trying to improve on their cricketing skills through the season.



The team was: *Youssef Hamand, Luke Broadbent, Thomas Dunphy, Joyal Biju, Ameya Shrestha, Christian Steel, Sean White, Archie Leanfore, Jack Broadbent, Will Sims.*

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon (Saturday PM)

Rob Maniscalco & Rob Wodson | Coach & Manager

As cricket coach for the U13's Maroon team, I am proud of my boys and what they accomplished over the 2019/20 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 even though we made the finals twice, both games were cancelled, and the boys were not able to play due to the bush fires and then



COVID-19. 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, Liam Lenord, Aiden Lang, Sam Butler, Lachie Maniscalco, Lachie Wodson, Hugh Gacitua, Raf Kitching, Josef Valtwies, Gabriel Encina and Tiger Bocking* on a top season of cricket. I have coached this team now for 5 years now and each year it gets better and better. Each of these boys have their own unique way of playing the game and when they come together, they are an exciting team to watch. The boys did exceptionally well in their games and finishing in 2nd place on the ladder. It was fantastic to see such an improvement in everyone. A

big thank you to manager Rob Wodson and scorer Stuart Bocking for all their help.

## Jnr. Cricket U14 Gold (Saturday PM)

Praneil Narayan, Anthony Grant & Evan Hannah | Coaches & Manager

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The U14 Gold had a challenging year playing up in age group. Although they had a slow start to the year, all games were approached with a competitive spirit. The team was full of talent and as the season progressed, they finally realised their full potential and made it to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they were beaten, however I was immensely proud of the way the boys turned their season around. Special thanks to Nate Tucker (1 game) and Garry Young (4 games) who filled in due to injuries. I look forward to coaching the

boys again next season and hopefully go one better and take out the title. A big thanks to Anthony Grant (Assistant Coach) and Evan Hannah (Manager) who both made my job easier.

The team comprised of: *Ben Hannah, Connor Jorgenson, Fletcher Netting, Jacob Grant, Jamaal Tuman, Jarvis Cheung, Louis Wendt, Luke Eccleston, Owen Lang, Ryan Michel, Sam Hepburn and Zack Narayan.*

## Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon Sunday

John Allen, Mehul Parikh & Purvi Desai | Coaches & Manager

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The 2019/20 season was an enjoyable experience for the boys, coaches, manager and parents of the U14 Maroon team. The boys played some fine cricket. They improved in a range of aspects and proved successful in the application of their skills during the season.

The bowling and batting talent were of a high standard and the team was consistently very successful in defending high totals or chasing runs. They played some outstanding cricket, especially considering several of them were playing in a competition a year above their age.

They won through to the grand final and were well placed in a low scoring match when the match was abandoned due to rain.

Most importantly, the boys enjoyed their time together and made new connections and strengthened old friendships.

The members of the team included: *William Allen, Maanav Bhandari, Lochlan Demark, Arpan Desai, Roan Fahy, Charlie Gray, Milind Kumar, Joshua Malone, Viren Parikh, Matthew Plunkett, Gabriel Sainsbury, Nate Tucker & Nate Wuromus-Hilzinger.*

The team received strong support from the parents. We would like to thank them for their assistance with scoring and setting up the ground. Much praise and gratitude should go to the team manager Purvi Desai. She always had us organised for each event. Thanks for your fine efforts Purvi.

We would also like to express our gratitude for the tireless work of the Committee members, they do a great job indeed.

It was a pleasure to coach the boys of Under 14 Maroon team this season. We hope that they continue to enjoy their cricket long into the future.

## Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon (NDJCA)

Greg Harris & Natalie Newton | Coach & Manager

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The U14 Maroons included a base of 7 players who had been teammates for the previous 2-3 seasons joined by 7 new team members.

After a slow start in the early weeks the team really jelled nicely and strung together some hard-fought wins.

It was great to see the boys enjoying their cricket and growing as a team during the season. The season ended with a valiant loss in the semi-final.

The 2019/20 team included; *Aryan Trivedi, Garry Young, Moran Abou-Antoun, Marco Iacovitti, Jack Harris, Joseph Kalachian, Taj Thorne, Edward Newton, Ibrahim Iqbal, Mathew Broadbent, Christian Furfaro, Shaunack Shrikanth, Xavier Busch, Vaibhav Puttagunta.*

## Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon (Saturday PM) | Premiers

Linc Roberts & Tony Johnston | Coach & Manager

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The Under 14 Maroon team which played in the Saturday afternoon Competition had a highly successful year. The team comprised of boys varying in age, with several who had played together the previous year. The team played as if they had been together for years.

The U14 Maroon team progressed through the season undefeated and made it to the grand final following a great win against a fellow Concord Briars team in the semi-final. The team comprising of *Srisatwik, Logan Barry, Dhillon Jagdev, Krish Chadha, Thomas*

*Charles, Max Palmisani, Joseph Lombardo, Matthew Johnston, James Kelly, Jack Roberts, Justin Ryan, Praneel Kavuri and Luke Hill*

They were all excited to play in a grand final against a Ryde Hunters Hill team who provided the most competitive games throughout the season. Unfortunately, the weather gods washed out the afternoon of the Grand Final and due to COVID-19 restrictions the two teams could not play the following week. However, on a positive note, the U14 Maroon Team were crowned premiers as they finished first on the competition table. This was well deserved as they were undefeated for the entire cricket season. Congratulations to the boys for a successful year, you were a great team to coach. All the best boys with your future cricket endeavours.

## Jnr. Cricket U15 Girls (Division 1) | Premiers

Jonathon Webster & Kathy Kalachian | Coach & Manager

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Well, what a year for the team... Champions!!!! It was an interesting season (we play a spring season and a separate summer season) with rain washing away fixtures and searing heat and smoke for others but the team demonstrated their resilience, teamwork, and competitive spirit to shine through and rightly be crowned champions.



This is the second year that the team have competed together (but the girls have all played for 3 or 4 years for the club) and it is very evident how each of the girls have worked on their skills to become accomplished cricketers, but more importantly, the camaraderie and backing that they give each other is delightful to see as a coach. It instils the team spirit that we want to foster regardless of individual talent, because together we are stronger... and we win! We are blessed that most of the team also play for Sydney Cricket Club or Sydney University. The match experiences and additional coaching from SCC

have translated into our Saturday club performances in an incredibly positive way and extending the girls' cricketing pathway.

This season truly was an epic team performance with every girl contributing with bat, ball and in the field... now we must go back-to-back in 2020/21.

The team was: *Gemma Lockhart, Audrey Bloomfield, Sonya Kalachian, Daisy Webster, Elizabeth Antaw, Ayla Ali, Deepti Bhanushali, Meg Wrigley, Aahna Virmani & Amy Roche.*

## Jnr. Cricket U15 Girls (Division 2)

Steven Winstanley & Peter Goth | Coaches & Manager



The Briars Girls U/15 division 2 team had a great season really enjoying their cricket.

The team consisted of *Alana Winstanley, Brianna Winstanley, Elsie Gray, Rose Blackwood, Isabella Goth-Towney, Mia Grassia, Ela Huber, Shravanti El Hari, Aoife Foley and Nina White.*

## Jnr. Cricket U15 Maroon (Sunday)

Anthony Mcsweeney & Patrick Colreavy | Coach & Manager



The U15 Maroon Sunday team had a very successful season finishing in the finals. All players contributed during the season and enjoyed the opportunity of playing on quality turf wickets.

The team was: *Hugh Sims, Kavin Maran, Jeaan Christian, Joshua Wodson, James Stewart, Alexander Colreavy, Jack Buchanan, Angus Reen, Luke Mcsweeney, Matthew Peruzzi, Hari Kangatharan, Cooper Morris, Jai De Lissier-Howarth and Luka Petelevitch.*

## Jnr. Cricket U15/16 Maroon (NDJCA)

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

The Under U15/16 Maroon, who welcomed some new players this year, really warmed into their season and were at the top of their game at season end. They deservedly reached the grand final and unfortunately the coronavirus prevented it taking place. The team's bowling was a highlight and many of the players formed potent combinations which ripped through opposition teams. The team showed that it was much more consistent this year with both bat and ball and this was evident in their results. The most pleasing aspect of watching the boys play was their enthusiasm and enjoyment of the game and the fun they had playing with their mates.



Many of the players have shown that they are ready to move onto senior cricket such has their skills improved. The coaches wish the boys well into the future but hope that they will come back again for another year of cricket with Briars.



Thank you to everyone involved with the team from coaches to parents. Your ongoing support has been a real positive for the boys.

Team: *Matthew Carr, William Cellucci, Oliver Cohen, Patrick Cummins, Yuvraj Dalvi, Hamish Gordon, Jackson Kent, Callum Mansfield, Swornim Nepal, Liam Penwill, Hugh Sims, Gabriel Steel, Michael Sun, Rameez Vu.*

Scorer: *Aasawari Redkar*

## Jnr. Cricket U17 (Sunday) Maroon

Neil Brooks & George Papathanasiou | Senior Men's Coordinator

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The Under 17s Maroon had a terrific year, making the grand final after missing out on semis the year before. There were several strong contributors with both bat and ball, and the team displayed a never-say-die attitude throughout. The Coach's award went to our opening bowler James Hawkins.

Team was: *Ned Arnold, Ben Brooks, Anthony Ciano, Ben Cook, Jack Eccleston, Archer Gray, Harry Groth, James Hawkins, Kaif Khan, Tom Mackie, Louis Manenti, John Papathanasiou.*

## Senior Men's Teams

Matthew Whitting | Senior Men's Coordinator

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We had three men's teams this season with one in B grade and two in C grade. All teams performed strongly and were competitive. Both C grade teams made the semi-finals but unfortunately due to the season being stopped early they could not contest the semi-finals or finals. In B grade Max Smith led the batting with 276 runs and Tommy Brooks with 11 wickets. In C grade David Walsh led the batting with 420 runs and Alex Skinner and Angus Brunton with 18 wickets each. Special mention for Angus Brunton who picked up 6/9 against Iron Cove Tigers and Robert Lopes who picked up 5/16 against Shanachies.

# Briars Senior Rugby

## Chairman's Report

John Slender



### On the Field

*2020 has been a season of unexpected conditions that everyone in the Rugby community had to adjust to. The best thing that happened to Briars was our request to be promoted to Division 3 was approved. Our success in 2019 and our Colts program made the decision easy for New South Wales Suburban Rugby Union.*

*Looking back on the season past, I give thanks to NSWSRU for getting us onto the paddock. A decision that took a lot of coordination by NSWSRU and the NSW Health Department. The easy option could have been like the other codes and cancel competitions for the year. Rugby made the effort and came through with a shortened competition and finals series. This was appreciated by everyone who competed.*

The 2020 Rugby year got off to a good start with solid numbers at preseason, The Walker Cup retained by Briars over St Ives (that was the last game ever played on the old Concord Oval) and a runners-up trophy in the Cowra 10s. It was obvious that players had worked hard in the offseason improving their fitness and proven old school preseason training methods were further enhancing skills and fitness.

End of March came, and all Rugby had ceased due to the global pandemic. Now, some Clubs had accepted full hibernation mode and predicted that Rugby was over for the year, not our boys!

The Briars maintained their desire to train and play. The enthusiasm was excellent, and our coaches pushed this along with player "Check Ins" and tailoring programs to suit. When small group training was allowed our boys were eager to continue with hope of the competition getting off the ground. July came and we were back training ready for a 7-round competition.

Our Coaches – Mick Ellem (1<sup>st</sup> grade), Luke Sinai & Matt Carew (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) John Klumpp (Colts) and Mark Nelson (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) agreed that for our first season in Division 3 that 2020 should be treated as a player development season and for getting use to how Div 3 Clubs play their Rugby. We also had to relocate to St Lukes for match days and Greenlees Park for training. There was more than just a global pandemic that was thrown at us for the



season, however our boys did what we keep reminding them to do and that is "Train hard, play smart and enjoy your Rugby!"

### Club Championship Results

2019: 1702pts (Div 4, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

2020: 826pts (Div 3, 4<sup>th</sup>)

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

2019: Finished 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9 Wins, 1 Draw, 4 Losses Note: Grand Finalist
2020: Finished 4 <sup>th</sup>	4 Wins, 3 Losses Note: Semi Finalist

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

2019: Finished 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 wins, 1 Draw, 7 Losses
2020: Finished 4 <sup>th</sup>	3 Wins, 4 Losses Note: Semi Finalist

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>		<b>Colts</b>	
2019: Finished 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 wins, 1 Draw, 3 Losses	2019: Finished 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 wins, 2 Losses Note: Grand Finalist
2020: Finished 5 <sup>th</sup>	3 Wins, 4 losses	2020: Finished 6 <sup>th</sup>	2 Wins, 5 Losses

Note: Shortened season consisting of 7 rounds and 2 weeks of finals

Due to the pandemic some players who had began preseason training with us had to move away due to work or in some cases find alternate work. This did create a vacancy in some key positions. We were fortunate enough to be able to contact West Harbour and ask that any players who were without a club (Due to the restructuring of the Sydney Rugby Union competition for this season) to feel free to join Briars and continue to play some Rugby with us. I would like this opportunity to thank Tom Andrews (WH President), John Abi-Saab (WH Vice President), Mark Gudmunson (WH Club Coach) and Luke Stewart (WH 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Coach) for sending down some players who fitted in well and did enjoy their Rugby. Without them there would have been some doubling up during the season.

Further to strengthen our relationship with West Harbour was for them to accommodate our coaches and players in preparation Briars for the semifinals. The training session with West were greatly appreciated by all. We returned the generosity of WH by attending their last home game at Taplin Park and conducting our Rugby Presentation Day. We can't wait to see West Harbour playing next year and getting along to support them. It was agreed by all Briars who attended that we should support our local grade club. Thanks again John Abi-Saab for hosting Briars Presentation Day.

I must give thanks to our coaches for leading the way this year and working together. It was a disjointed season, and the cohesiveness of our coaching group was solid. Mick Ellem ran 1s by himself and coordinated the skills with Luke Sinai and John Klummp each week. Matt Carew and Mark Nelson ensured our 2s & 3s maintained their enthusiasm and that everyone got a game.

Welcomed to Rugby was ClutchTV that hosted weekly round games and the semifinals of Subbies and Shute Shield. Briars was able to be televised in the last round match against Sydney Harlequinns and the semis match. From a Chairman's perspective watching Briars 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade defeat Harlequinns at their home ground was reassurance that we are heading in the right direction.

On the field we exceeded our expectations. We thought that if we finished 6 or 7<sup>th</sup> for season in the Club Championship, in a new division then we were tracking well for 2021. Briars finished 4<sup>th</sup> and the enthusiasm this has generated is fantastic. I am grateful to our coaches and the players for working hard early on and maintaining the desire for success. It is all about winning. Working hard and losing is not a good result!

### **Off the Field**

Coming off the back of 2019 was always going to be about filling the gaps not only in coaches but also players. Campo and Dales had moved on and so did a majority of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade players. It's "Part & Parcel", of a year that involves success. Players either retire on a high or look to move on. We had not found a forward's assistant coach for Mick and we were lucky that the coaches combined together with Scotty McGill to fill the void. Mark Nelson also doubled up from being Treasurer covering 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

The committee continued from last season unchanged and it was great to see the maturity in a young group of fine Briars who are passionate about the club and Rugby. Mitchell Dunne (Secretary), Mark Nelson (Treasurer), Stacey Howcroft (Club Captain), Jules Boyter & Mick Taberner (Sponsorship) and General Committee Members of Tom Entwisle, Anthony Deep, Troy Leseur-Hindmarsh and Daniel Shalala, I thank you for your efforts in keeping the wheels in motion for a year never experienced by any of us administratively. The way all Covid Protocols were dealt with were exceptional and acknowledge.

I also give thanks to Jason Parle and the staff who provide the Briars Sports Clubhouse for our use and as our home. It is more than obvious that Briars Rugby is a big supporter of the Club and we were able to enjoy post-match and training gatherings whilst enjoying a few beers and a meal. Thanks again all involved.

## What does 2021 involve?

The current state of the national and state bodies does not directly affect us. The changes to the Sydney Rugby Union structure may do so. For us to succeed we need to get better at how we administer and improve on how we play the game. Our goal is to return to Kentwell Cup, and it does take on average about 10 years to achieve. Petersham RUFC are the prime example of this timeline. Succeeding is also about setting manageable goals and working hard to achieve them. Currently Briars Rugby has the correct foundations. We have the following in place for achieving that Kentwell Cup aspiration sooner rather than later:

- Improved playing and training facilities
- Good base fitness and skill levels
- Experienced coaches for 2021
- Funding for the next 5 years from Briars Sports (with conditions)
- A Colts Program
- U14s Juniors who will progress to Colts in 5 years' time
- Player & Coach Pathway with the appointment of Ex Rugby Australia High Performance Coach Hugh Carpenter
- Adoption of Player Injury Protocols developed by West Harbour
- Player Mentor & Recruitment Program
- New Old Boys prepared to be involved.

Many are aware that I have been communicating with West Harbour and they have been more than helpful with direction we require to get to Division One. I would like to see Briars get behind West Harbour and help support them through their rebuilding phase as we have been enduring the same for the past four seasons. It's been talked about for a long time that our two clubs should work together. Season 2021 could be a season where we can work collaboratively and move forward together. Both clubs want success, and we can restore the pathway where Briars played for West Harbour as a representative achievement in a player's career.

To lead you into Season 2021 a dynamic team of committee people and coaches will be led by your new Chairman Mark Nelson. I am proudly taking up the role of Vice Chairman and working alongside Mark and his committee to ensure we keep growing and build on our success. I look forward to seeing you all at a game next year.

## Rugby Captains Report

Stacey Howcroft



The 2020 season was always going to be about belief, not having it but finding it, the belief in one another as we took the field, believing in the jersey that we represented each Saturday & believing in ourselves.

It all started in November 2019, with the announcement that we had done enough to go up a division, through the hard work and sacrifices across the committee and players, we had achieved this great milestone.

With this news we knew we had to get going so we got stuck into off season training and recruitment. The no nonsense Mick Ellem was back on board as the club and first grade coach with two Briars old boys stepping in to take over the reins of the mighty second grade team. Our colts and third grade coaching staff remaining unchanged after a successful 2019 season.



It was those gents who put us as players into the position of not only being competitive this year in a higher division but challenging the top clubs all the way to finals week, I can assure you the boys will forever be appreciative of their commitment, mentoring and friendship to us this year both on and off the field.

Our preseason started in late November we got put through our paces in sweltering heat as Sydney and Australia were ravaged by bushfires, often putting a stop to our training because of the smoke levels. We had plenty of new faces from all walks of life attended those gruelling fitness sessions led by Mick and



Luke as we got conditioned for playing in a quicker, smarter and more physical division.

Our first hit out came with the Briars going back to their roots and participating in the Cowra Twilight 10's tournament. There was something about this weekend away that almost set the tone for us this year, a new era of Briars players was born, one that was ready to challenge everything on the field and not die wondering, one that was no longer making up the numbers and one that got other clubs talking. Coming home with some silverware it certainly laid the foundation for the season.

With Rothwell still under council rule due to the resurfacing of the field, we found ourselves homeless. This however gave us the opportunity to play the final game at the historical Concord Oval before it would be demolished. Host of five Rugby world cup games in 1987, this once premium venue become the battle ground for the Walker Cup against old rivals Northern Saints (formally St Ives). Briars clinching the cup for the seconded straight year as the lights went off for the final time at this iconic rugby venue.

And then it hit, the week after lifting the Walker Cup, all suburban sports cancelled for the immediate future as Australia goes into lockdown. Four months of hard work and training with no clear idea of what would happen next, but what happened next will go down in Briars Rugby history as a story of resilience, commitment, love and passion for a sport and our fellow team mates, something that is not learnt but something that is brought out of a person when they become a Briars Rugby player.

Our first challenge with Covid was trying to get our older statesmen and committee members up to speed with technology (not an easy task), for those all important weekly catch ups over zoom. Training without contact, no use of equipment, daily registration of players attendance, covid testing and having to wash our balls constantly was just some of the new normal we had to deal with when being allowed to start up again. I think one of the hardest parts was keeping the players motivated for a possible season with out knowing how it would look, when it would start, just trying to keep the players mentally ready for what could unfold and upbeat about the unknown.

The one thing that had not changed was a committee that will do whatever it takes for the betterment of the club and the boys who represent the jersey every Saturday and ultimately played a massive part in us having any form of season.

Eight weeks passed after lifting the Walker Cup and what came out of hibernation was a group a players who took it upon themselves to train, keep fit and work hard in isolation, we kept the hunger, the GAS and flew into our shortened and restricted final off season sessions before heading into 10 weekends of rugby almost back to back.

We lifted more than ever as a club and that was not only evident off the field but on the field. The results this season do all talking for us, our goal was always to make a challenge of every game, keep the score lines respectful and not finish last.

Going into the final two rounds all teams had everything to play for to finish top four and qualify for the final's series. But it all came down to the final weekend, as we took a clean sweep on old rivals Sydney Harlequins. With this securing top four for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and top four for the club overall.



The season will be remembered for those games that built character, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Vs. Newport; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Vs. Harlequins; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Vs. Blacktown and Colts Vs. Blacktown. If you told me, we would finish top four in Div 3 I would have said you are dreaming.

Throughout the season the boys fought hard for each other and for the club. I don't for one moment doubt any of their commitment on the field, I know that every one of them put their hearts in it when they ran onto that field. I know there is something special about this group and I know as a club we have a lot to give. 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.

We are building ourselves as players and we are building this club off the mistakes we have made in the past. We are doing a lot more than just playing a sport we all love, and you may not even realise it.

2021 will promise to be another great year on and off the field, as I firmly believed in our abilities as a playing group. We threw down the marker this season, next year we front up at our home ground Rothwell and show Div 3 that we are here because we deserve it and not by chance.

let's continue and build more memories that will last another 100 years.

"Once a Briar always a Briar"



#### Season Timeline:

Briars Rugby gets promoted to Div 3		Preseason Recommences with new coaches		Briars play the last ever rugby game at Concord Stadium - win the Walker Cup		8 Week lockdown period		Briars lay down a mark with big wins over top clubs		Off Season Training commences	
Dec-19		Feb-20		Apr-20		Jul-20		Sep-20			
Nov-19		Jan-20		Mar-20		May/Jun-20		Aug-20		Nov-19	
Training cancelations as Australia burns		4th place in Cowra 10's & set the tone		Covid-19 takes its grip - All sports stopped & Australia goes into lockdown		Trials & a one round completion starts up		1st & 2nd Grade play off in semi finals as the club finishes in the top 4			

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

Mick Ellem | Coach



Up until the point where Covid sent us all home, we had really good numbers at training and the boys were enthusiastic. It was great to see so many young faces training hard and further improvement in basic skills and fitness was showing. Luke Sinai and I visited some training sessions with Wests to see what skills they were running, and we took them back to run our guys through them.

Then it happened. No training or playing until July. We played the last game of Rugby ever on Concord Oval and won back Walker's Cup from his second most liked club St Ives. The trial match was a good hit out and it was evident we were down a few players for key positions.

I said to Johnny Slender and the coaches that we will treat the reduced 7 round competition as a trial season as I wanted to see new players and build on the skills of the players. Although we were still short in a few key positions some former Wests boys and Rugby League fellas came down to join us and quickly fitted in.

Round 1 was at the foot of the mountains against Hawkesbury Ag. It was obvious a lot of their players had come across from league. It was a messy day, but we manage to come away with a 24-3 win. Second round we played Blacktown at St Luke's. In a game where Blacktown were not strong across the grades and they played with guts against 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Some of their players had doubled up and we only managed 18-7 against them. It was obvious that some on-field decision making had to improve. Round 3 we played Iggies at Ryde Park. This was a game where we could bash them with our forward pack all game and hurt them. However, with 2 mins to go, we kick the ball back to them and they run the length of the field to beat us 22-20. That day it struck a few guys that possession is crucial. We moved onto Headen Park, home of Beacraft for Round 4 and it was a muddy paddock. Only a few games were played that weekend and one was ours. Possession went against us again which showed on the scoreboard. That day the forwards kept it tight and the scrums showed we could muscle up against the clubs in Div 3. Although it was a loss the boys were learning and growing as a team. I think they started to listen a bit as well. Score was 18-5 to Beecroft.

Round 5 we got beaten by Newport who went on to win the Club Championship and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade premiership. The result was 17-49 at St Lukes. It did not help us that we had 3 players in the bin at the same time. John and I spoke about the game afterwards and it were evident that Briars had carried over some luggage from Division 4 and that was not being able to technically compete at the breakdown with speed without infringing. The penalty count was high against the entire club and 60% were ruck infringements. Hugh Carpenter and David Munnoch kindly came down and assisted us with a few sessions so we could clean up our penalties. This paid off well. Hugh brought his technical expertise and delivered sessions to the boys on the skills required to be effective. David Munnoch adjudicated with his referee's whistle so the boys would know what the wrong way and right way was to go about play at the breakdown. Round 6 we played Hawkesbury Valley and we managed a victory 43-32. We experimented with the backline that day and the changes made a difference. Our final round match for the shortened season was the grand final replay with Harlequins taking on Briars at Waterloo Oval. We beat them 19-41. However, we controlled the game for about 40% of the match. This earned a place in the semis which were sudden death. We were up against Newport again and winner went straight through to the Grand final. Preparation that week was good with Wests letting our forwards train with them. We had nothing to lose and the experience more to gain. We met Newport at Sefton Oval and we had them in a panic. We were unlucky with our conversions and we made two crucial errors in the second half. They only got away with a 24-16 win over us. We were accused of fielding a different team, but it was the same team of young guts that pushed themselves to improve and learn.

At the Briars presentation day, I mentioned to the whole club that they need to listen and learn from those with experience. All are very keen to win and know that victory is so remarkably close.

I would like to thank my fellow coaches Luke Sinai, Matt Carew, Mark Nelson and John Klummp who we all worked together and had some fun along the way. Thanks to Johnny Slender and the committee for all the work they do behind the scenes and my family for letting me spend Saturdays away from them to do what I have enjoyed for the past 50 years and that is to be involved with Rugby.

Thanks again everyone for a short season but a good one. Let's work hard in 2021.





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

Luke Sinai & Matt Carew | Coach & Co-Coach

Just want to start with how very grateful I am to the Briars Rugby Chairman John Slender, to be given the honour and opportunity to coach Briars 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 2020. I am extremely thankful to my right hand co-coach Matt Carew, the other coaches and the Briars Rugby Committee for making it an easy transition for me back into the club and building repour with players.



The 2020 season started off to a ripper, boys were very fit and keen to show Div 3 that they were not promoted here to be walked over but to do the walking. When the Covid Pandemic hit however the uncertainty of playing and the extensive break sunk in. I think we lost a bit of spark which we started with, but we built the attitude back but maybe were a little under done fitness wise.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade started with a loss, but the boys were out to prove they had what it took, and put an impressive defensive effort together to beat Blacktown at home, in our 2<sup>nd</sup> outing. Old Iggies was next and although we had the attitude we seem to fail with our game plan, fitness level and skill of our opponent, but positives were, we new the bench mark and the boys were willing to have a crack at it. 3<sup>rd</sup> outing was a gut wrenching loss to Beecroft, a game we should have won but let slip away and our next game with another top contender ended with a significant loss. The wet weather weekend came timely. We had to re-invent ourselves and set a course to make it into the top four. The boys came out firing after the wet weather and put an excellent win together to get over old foes Hawksbury Valley. On a high the boys were intent on getting the 4<sup>th</sup> spot and put together a tremendous effort to win against Harlequins at their home ground. With 4<sup>th</sup> spot in place the boys were rearing to go to redeem themselves against Iggies in the knockout Semi. The boys put an excellent 1<sup>st</sup> half together and had Iggies rattled. We could feel an upset on the cards 1 v 4. However it wasn't to be our day and Iggies were just too good. All in all there is so much the boys have taken away from the season, they know their potential and what it will take, hungry and willing for 2021.



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

Mark Nelson | Coach



It is always a crazy year in third grade; convincing new young players to come down or convincing old boys to strap on the boots once more and have a run around; but 2020 was a special kind of different with the season thrown into shambles with the COVID19 crisis. Despite this, Briars third grade had a successful season and if we got more than seven games for the season, I honestly believe we would have run close to winning the competition.

We started the season at Hawkesbury Ag and struggled to field a team, calling on some other grade players to help out. This continued for the first couple of games as finding front rowers become extremely difficult, causing the team to lose 71-0 in week three. After this loss and from the words of our captain, Matt Carew, we decided not to allow this to happen again. We went on to miss the finals by a solitary point and

finished the season by beating Harlequins, away, 33-0 – a fine effort against a champion side from 2019.

54 players donned the jersey for third grade over the course of the season, we had a great mix of colts, youths as well as former first graders, this combination is something we want to continue to promote for third grade in years to come. There were 21 regulars who demand special mention:

#### **Props:**

- **Tim Jordan:** Had a great season and was a constant menace at breakdowns. Also scored a brilliant team try, first one in two seasons!
- **David McDougal:** Convincing Daddy to play is always a challenge, convincing him to play prop surprised even me! Always willing to put on his Briars gold – his barnstorming runs were epic as always.

#### **Hooker:**

- **Brad Doust:** A real find this year with an absolute rugby brain – hits hard, runs strong, with a no-nonsense approach to his rugby.

#### **Locks:**

- **Chris Elias:** One of the fastest forwards going around, Chris probably clocked up more line breaks than any other forward in the club. Looking forward to what he can continue to do for this club.
- **Andrew Gardiner:** Our best and fairest this season – uses his strength and fitness to great effect to ensure he is always there to do any job required on the field.

#### **Backrowers:**

- **Will Caligiore:** Convincing Will to play rugby is getting easier – he just loves hitting guys! Had some absolute stellar games and really threatens to become an outstanding backrower.
- **Matt Carew:** Captain and inspirational leader on the field. Always puts in 1000% and is always ensuring the team knows what needs to be done and keep the young team on point.
- **Leslie Lee:** Started as a winger, but we identified being closer to the action allowed him to make huge hits and score (so many) tries. Very deserving winner of our Player's Player Award.
- **Clay Viera:** One of our youngest and most fearless players. Never backed down, despite getting stick from the other colts when lining up the 150kg players from Hawks Ag. Can't wait to see what he can produce in the next years for Briars.

#### **Halfbacks:**

- **Miles Cheetham:** His ability to make something happen every time he had hands on the ball makes him such a threatening player. Due to our large number of halfbacks, Miles spend some time back on the wing and continued to show just why he is a dangerous player with ball in hand.
- **CJ Court:** Started the season with us before taking on the colt's halfback role – his improvement as the season went on was commendable – can't wait to see his improvement next year as well.
- **Thomas Entwisle:** Our Mr reliable – always willing to do what is needed for the team – including playing at flanker in one game! A true team player and clubman – we always need players willing to do what is needed for team over personal ambition.

#### **Flyhalves:**

- **Will Wan:** Will was under an injury cloud all season but still managed to produce some fantastic quick feet and electrify our attack when called upon. Continues to show some great skill when playing at halfback as well.
- **Jack Thomas:** The cool head of Jack's seasoned approach to rugby was vital to ensuring some big wins for us. His show and go resulted in some of the biggest gaps I've seen in subbies rugby-bamboozling oppositions all over the place.

#### **Centres:**



- **Chris Khoury:** Our most improved player of the year. Coming from a league background, Chris learnt the nuances of playing in the centres for Briars and become a wall in defence for us and contributed heavily to our wins at the end of the season.
- **Jack Garbutt:** Always willing to play wherever we need him to and always seemingly enjoys his rugby, a bit of bulk and Jack becomes an unstoppable player.

#### Wingers:

- **Thomas Braithwaite:** Continues to impress as he learns the game. His speed, strength and incredible understanding of the game mean he will continue to become a strong rugby talent.
- **Ryan Hayes:** Another of our players willing to help the team wherever needed and stepped into the forwards to help when called upon - probably had his best games there!
- **Dawit Solomon:** Slowly becoming a try scoring machine. As he continues to learn positioning, he will ensure he is in the position to become a top finisher for the club.

#### Fullbacks:

- **Adam Boumelhem:** Our touch footy expert is a nightmare for our video guy with his fast feet and killer step which tore apart defences. His attitude to the game and generally is also very commendable.
- **David Ananin:** Last year's first grade flyhalf was a welcome addition to the team as his level head and rugby knowledge helped direct the team and ensure we played the game in the right way, at the right part of the field. Fullback isn't his natural position but had some great games in the role.

I look forward to next season and seeing all these players don the gold for another successful year and hopefully we can make a real run at the finals in just our second season in third division rugby.

## Briars Colts

John Klumpp | Coach



Once again our colts provided plenty of promise for the 2020 season. We began with good numbers who were at training regularly and in some cases leading the pack. A number of new players presented at the start of the season, some of whom hadn't played the game before. They were taken in by the rest of the group and encouraged to keep at it.

The preseason trip to Cowra provided an opportunity for a number of the colts to put into practice their skills and training during the preseason. There appeared to be good signs and of course good times. Returning from Cowra and the group

began in earnest to prepare for our first trial against Northern Saints.

An excellent turnout on the day provided a number of headaches about where to play the almost 30 colts who were keen to trial. Although the track was wet and there was still rain about, good open rugby ensued and many players pushed hard to impress in their preferred position. As it was a trial, the end result wasn't that important, but the team played well and came away with a win.

Then the season stopped.

Further recruitment during the hiatus brought more players down. We now had a good mix of backs and forwards, younger players and experienced players. Things were looking good. We even had 6 front rowers!

As the season proper began the team was optimistic about their performances during the shortened season. Opening with good wins against HAG and Blacktown confidence was building.

However, hidden beneath both wins were slow starts to games and poor discipline resulting in a number of yellows and a red card. While the potential was there to be unlocked, the players were asked to take ownership of their discipline and improve things both on and off the field.

It was at this stage that a number of injuries and absences were also beginning to have an effect upon team performance. Discipline improved in a number of areas with less penalties being conceded and some good leadership within the group.

Unfortunately the slow starts to games continued and close losses to Iggies and Beecroft put pressure on the team. These losses were followed by further losses and close fought affairs, often with games hinging on one or two errors.

There was a lot to like about the season and the players who ran out for Colts on a weekly basis. There is plenty of skill and fitness within the playing group. With the season out of the way and time to reflect, we would expect the boys to return to training for the new season with enthusiasm and a good dose of maturity, to ensure that that potential translates into results in 2021; through team discipline, self discipline and good old hard work.

Congratulations to all Briars Colts for a tough, but ultimately rewarding season. While we say goodbye to more than 10 players who will graduate to grade next season, we still have plenty to look forward to and with further recruiting and a stable front row we can plan our assault for next season.



## Briars Women's Rugby

### Chairman's Report

David Lannan



Briars Women's Rugby completed its second full year within the Briars Sports Club in 2020. Briars Women's Rugby welcomed a new coach for the 2020 season, Trent Eagle, former NZ 7s player and experienced 7s and 15s coach, though his first time training women. We started the year with many of the same players as 2019, farewelled a few and welcomed many new faces too, with over 30 players involved across 2020 from the local area and across Sydney.

COVID-19 had a significant impact on our preparation for the year, but some would say it was a welcome time to focus on fitness and resilience for the team. With training interrupted for about 10 weeks, many of the players focused on their own fitness and when possible got together to run their own sessions outside of Briars. When we started training again in June, many players were fitter, faster and better off for the break. Focus then shifted to skills and playing games.

#### Club 7's

The Sydney Women's Rugby Club 7s was delayed significantly this year, with tournaments not commencing until August. To get as much rugby in as possible the tournaments were scheduled every fortnight on a Sunday. Due to social distancing requirements, all the games were compacted together within 3-4 hours, so fitness was a key aspect to everyone's game.

Briars continued in Division 2 in 2020 with a mix of experienced and new players, ensuring competition was level and did not discourage players. A number of the Division 1 sides from 2019 had dropped to Division 2 in 2020 due to the impacts of COVID-19 along with some development sides for those clubs.

### **Tournament Results as follows:**

#### **Round 1 – Hunters Hill**

- Briars 12 v Norths 20
- Briars 14 v Renegades 10
- Briars 5 v Blacktown 50
- Result Equal 3rd place - 16 points



#### **Round 2 – Southern District**

- Briars 5 v Manly Blue 31
- Briars 12 v Eastwood 22
- Briars 5 v North Cronulla 27
- Result Equal 6th place - 13 points



#### **Round 3 - Blacktown**

- Briars 5 v Souths 2 17
- Briars 15 v Eastwood 29
- Briars 0 v Warringah 28 (Briars forfeit due to injuries)
- Result 5th place - 12 points



#### **Round 4 - Eastwood**

- Briars 14 v Norths 12
- Briars 5 v UTS Gordon 36
- Briars 7 v Sydney Uni 2 31
- Result 5th place - 12 points



#### **Round 5 - Manly**

- Briars 5 v Sydney Irish 5
- Briars 12 v Hunters Hill 12
- Briars 7 v Souths 2 21
- Result 4th place - 14 points





### Round 6 - Easts

- Briars 10 v Manly Blue 24
- Briars 12 v UTS Gordon 45
- Briars 10 v Souths 2 24
- Result 5th place - 12 points



### 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

82 points - 10th place / 18 teams

(4th place removing Shute Shield clubs playing down a division)

Briars Women's Rugby look forward to another season of growth in the club for 2021, as we grow as players and make a name for ourselves as a high quality club to be a part of. Our goal is to take out Division 2 in 2021 and work towards establishing Briars as a Division 1 side in the coming years as we build our club, brand and capabilities.

## Team Captains Report

Kowhai Ruawhare



2020 has been a massive achievement for Briars Women's Rugby. With COVID getting in the way for a bit, it seemed to push our ladies harder to get where they wanted. We had ladies come into our club with no skills, having never played rugby 7s and now they are competing at the same level as ladies that have played or have been with Briars Women's Rugby right from the get go. Their success has been as a result of hard work at training and commitment throughout the year. Everyone jelled as a team with our new coach paving

the way to a successful season. As captain for this year I am super proud of how far the team has come and the efforts each team member has put in.

It has been a great honour to lead Briars Women's Rugby this year.

## Head Coach Reports

Trent Eagle

2020 has been a year of building the basics of rugby, to build a successful team and club you need to install a mindset in each player that goes Club, Team, Player.

On arrival I noticed a disjointed side with no identity and this was reflected in the fitness levels, attitude and general commitment.



While the initial shock of having some rules placed around the side created some unease slowly the group took to the change and by the end of the season we had a group of 15/16 very fit committed players.

The goal of 2020 was not to win games or tournaments, it was to build a brand of rugby that we are proud of and to see improvement in every single player. I can happily state that by the last tournament Briars Women's rugby played very attractive sevens. With 6/7 different try scores and a game played with width and heart.

Key wins:

- Players losing up to 15kgs
- Players running their own fitness sessions outside of training days
- Group of ladies who hung together were a team on and off the paddock.
- A new Captain who stood up and became a leader.

The ongoing success of this Club/team will be the continued focus on discipline and attention to helping each lady become the best player they can be. Every player likes improving and seeing progress. If we maintain our rules and standards in what we expect in time we will have a team/club that attracts players and plays attractive rugby.

Key concerns:

- Players playing too many sports lacking rugby focus
- Attracting new players
- Having two teams so every lady gets to play.

2020 has been a very successful season in all the areas that are important to building something that will last, quick results only last for a weekend. Build a brand and club and you last for years.



# Briars Junior Rugby

## Chairperson's Report

Jules Boyter



*2020 may go down as the weirdest and hardest rugby season there has been. We kicked off pre-season with a try rugby session with high numbers and lots of excited kids, and following a couple more training sessions, everything in rugby world got turned on its head.*

*With the very unknown future of the 2020 Rugby season, we attempted to keep our players engaged in some 'isolation' style training tips and challenges.*

Once we all emerged from isolation, and home schooling, we were able to return to training with some very strict Covid Safe procedures, to which, the players were all over the moon.

The 2020 season was back on! With a shortened season and a big focus on kids playing games over competition, we were able to get our 7 teams back on the field.

Our numbers were strong in the minis teams, with 2 Under 6's, an Under 7's, Under 8's and Under 9's, the gold jerseys standing out strong on St Lukes Park on a Saturday morning, where we managed a 10 round season.

This year we fielded an Under 11's and Under 13's in the Sydney Junior Rugby Union competition playing Sunday mornings, and while our beloved home ground Rothwell Park was out of action for the season, we were thrilled to be able to play our home games at another top quality ground in the Canada Bay area, by using St Lukes 3 ( but we cant wait to get back onto Rothwell in Season 2021).

I'd like to thank all our parents and families for what was a tough year with the Covid Safe restrictions limiting the number of spectators who could attend the games, for those with kids playing their first year of Rugby, I know this was a big ask. But I do thank all of you for sticking by us and following the restrictions.

To the committee, coaches and managers for the 2020 season, a BIG thank you! It was wasn't easy every week (especially in those first few weeks) but we made it through, and got those kids on the field week after week, your support and commitment to the club is what makes Briars Junior Rugby the club that it is.

Finally, to our sponsors, thank you for your support this year. A number of you have been with us since the start, and we look forward to that relationship continuing for many more years.

While what the 2021 season will look like is still a bit unknown, we look forward to seeing more kids gracing the field in the gold jersey!

## Jnr. Rugby Briars U6

Matt Games, Adam Dodd and Chris Lissa | Coaches

2020 was one of the more interesting seasons we've experienced in over 30 years of playing and coaching rugby. When we signed up to coach there was nothing in the brochure about the joys of educating a bunch of 4, 5- and 6 year olds on the concept of social distancing, but not even COVID-19 could stand in the way of these kids having a highly enjoyable season.

The tone was set at our first training session when we were asked "When do we get the trophy" and the kids never looked back from there. It was amazing how quickly they picked up the basic concepts once we returned from the COVID-19 lockdown break and were able to string together a few training sessions.

Concerns around the pandemic impacting the number of registrations were soon a distant memory and we went into the first game with more than enough players for 2 teams – Maroon and Gold.



### **Maroon Team**

By the time the first game came around most of the kids were familiar with the concept of catching the ball and having a run and tagging the opposition if they came near you with the ball. The early weeks required a big focus on knowing which direction to run and it was great to see Kareem and Konstantinos, who were always good for a powerful charge up the field, leading the way. Not running over the sideline became the next focus and the ability of Jack and Ethan to bamboozle the opposition with immaculately timed changes in

direction set a great example for the rest of the team to follow.

As the season progressed it was great to see Thomas and Roman find some confidence which resulted in some runs that were definite contenders for the highlights reel. Thomas backed this up by taking on the full back roll for the team and was always a valuable last line of defence. It took Augustine a little while to get used to touching rather than tackling but once he did, he became a defensive machine that you could also rely on for some good metres in attack. As two of the younger kids, Callum and Alfie were sometimes reluctant runners but when we could convince them to have a go the smiles on their faces as they charged down the field were always priceless.

It was great to see it all come together in our last game against Wests when everyone contributed in attack with some great runs and our defensive line was the most cohesive it has been all season. It might have had something to do with the trophies that had been promised at the end of the game!

A big thanks to Chris Lissa for joining me as co-coach for the season. Your expertise and the extra pair of hands meant a little more one on one time with each of the kids, which definitely accelerated their learning and helped maximise their enjoyment.

### **Gold Team**

What a great season we had as Briar's Gold team. We had a good combination of players that have played before & those who were new to game. Everyone did their very best which is all we ask for and I hope, as does Matt & Chris that everyone had a great time.

Just some coach's thoughts for the kids.

**Konrad Scott** – You showed great speed & presence on the field. We enjoyed watching you scoring tries & chasing down in defence. Keep aiming for the gaps on attack & we hope to see you scoring many, many more tries in the future. Hopefully we see you again next year Konrad.

**Hamish Waddington** – Your commitment in defence was great & our handy footwork in attack allowed you to find gaps in the middle. Remember to keep looking for the openings & straighten up your attack. Hopefully we see you again next year Hamish.

**Kassidy Veiagina** – You showed great skill with the ball & scoring tries, your defence was very strong and our never give up attitude was impressive. Keep up the good work. Hopefully we see you again next year Kassidy.

**Oscar Flick** – You have the potential to be a good rugby player when you put your mind to it & participate. You showed that you are a strong running with the ball & your defence was good. Just need you to concentrate more & help more in defence. You have the skill to do it. Hopefully we see you again next year Oscar.

**Maxx Dodd** – You have good speed & when you participated your defence was good too. If you concentrated a little more & listen to the coach there is so much potential in you. Hopefully we see you again next year Maxx.

**Christopher Nicols** – Our powerhouse, you made some great breaks this season & scored some great tries, but you impressed me with your defence & while we had some tough games where we were short on players you really did lift and help cover the gaps. Hopefully we see you again next year Chris.

**Oliver Logan** – It was good to see you get more confident as the season went on. Was fantastic to see you score a try in the last game of the season, keep it up, we can see you busting up the middle and scoring more tries in the future. Hopefully we will see you back next year Oliver.

**Aiysha Ratnam** – Aiysha, you were a surprise this year. Our silent achiever. Your confidence grew and grew over the season, attacking the line & scoring tries. Keep it up & we hope you come back next year Aiysha.

**Orrick Lam** – You have a lot of potential; you were certainly a surprise package this year too Orrick. Once you got your confidence up it with the ball you showed great speed and skills, you also did very well in defence making plenty of touches. Hopefully we see you next year Orrick.

**Sebastian O'Rourke** – We sorry we lost you this season Seb. The games you did play with us we just need to get your confidence up with the ball. Hopefully we see you again next year Sebastian.

A couple of thank you's to finish, firstly to Jules Boyter and the club for everything they do behind the scenes for the kids. Also, a big thanks to all the parents for their support. Our one regret for the year was that COVID restrictions meant we weren't allowed to get together socially and get to know each other a little better but luckily, we are only at the very start of what I'm sure will be very long and illustrious sporting careers for all of the kids.

## Jnr. Rugby Briars U7

Harvey Sauran | Coach



Despite all the disruptions this year it was pleasing to eventually be able to train, develop skills and play some matches. Each team member showed a significant improvement from last season in their passing, catching, game play and teamwork.

This year we had 3 new players join the team. **Eli** showed that he is a fast and strong runner of the ball, also utilising his speed and determination to chase down the opposition in defence. **Tobiah's** incredible footwork helped him sidestep his way past defenders and his enthusiasm in defence was fantastic to watch. **Alex** joined us a couple of games into the season, making some terrific runs with the ball and using his speed to his advantage in gameplay.

During training and matches **James** and **Emmett** always exhibited commitment to the team, listened and applied themselves. They have both improved significantly this season and I am very proud of their achievements.

Cousins **Dominic** and **Aiden's** enjoyment in playing together was evident at training and matches. They would look out for each other out on the field, gave encouragement and always had smiles on their faces.

**Logan's** ability to spot gaps in the defence and read the play of the game allowed him to break through the opposition untouched and score several tries. **Leo's** controlled competitiveness was a joy to watch. He'd always run the ball well, gaining meters on each possession and would defend with tenacity. I took



great joy in watching **Sebastian** show a significant improvement in his skills and commitment this season. His efforts in defence and bursts of brilliance in attack did not go unnoticed.

Most importantly for me all of the boys played with good spirit, were supportive of each other, always gave their best, represented Briars in a good light and enjoyed themselves. The Players v Parents match in the last round of the season was a fun opportunity for both teams to show off their new (and old) skills which the kids absolutely loved.

I'd like to thank Jules for running a tight ship and to the parents for helping out when I was unavailable. As always it been a pleasure to coach the kids and I know they're looking forward to watching the kids transition to "real tackle rugby" next season.

## Jnr. Rugby Briars U8

Michael McGrath, Peter O'Neil, Matt Games & Tony Kerle | Coaches

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What a different season 2020 was for so many reasons! The long wait for the season to start built up the hunger and eagerness to hit the ground running in our first year of tackle footy. For many of the team, this was their fourth season at Briars and the physicality and impact of tackling, rucking and mauling couldn't come any sooner. Once training got underway, everyone gave their all right from the start. Skills and drills were the focus of the coaches but for our 13 future wallabies, the opposed full contact game at the end of each training session seemed to be their priority. The boys quickly found out that tackling and being tackled by your

teammates still didn't quite prepare them for the big hits in a real game. I think everyone experienced their first real rugby injury on game day in the first few weeks but they also learnt that you can play on afterwards and it doesn't slow you down. They also learnt that no matter how hard you get hit, you can return the favour to the opposition next time.

It was such an enjoyable season to be a part of, even though it was a short one. The individual development of every player was great to watch as they each found their niche and which aspects of rugby most suited their size, skill and passion. Passion is something that we had in bucket loads and throughout the season we converted that passion into harder runs and stronger tackles. The boys must be congratulated on their enthusiasm week in week out and their great sportsmanship. Every week they ran hard and fast and tackled their hearts out. Regardless of our opponent's style and size, Briars never gave up and always supported each other. So as a coaching group, we couldn't ask for anything more.

Our forwards: Jacob, Hugo, Gabriel, Tom, Max, Will and Koby. They all worked hard in the middle and by the second half of the season we scored some impressive tries from driving mauls. We also developed our patience with the ball resulting in many effective pick and go moves and multiple phase play. The forwards often moved around in pairs and pulled off many big hits with low, driving tackles and clean outs. Adding a second row to our scrum next year will be an easy transition with the skills that our piggies displayed this year.

Our backs: Kye, Luca, Levi, Evan, Felix and Hugh. All our backs played well above their size and never took a backward step. Often lining up against much bigger opponents, our backs attacked with an equal balance of elusive side steps and angled runs and powering straight through their opposite number with shear upper body strength. They regularly broke through two and three tackles when we had the ball in hand. Defensively their tackling style was straight from the textbook and whether it was a great around the ankles covering tackle or wrestling on the try line, our backs defended tirelessly all game, every game.

The boys were such a positive group, always gave one hundred percent and managed to make us laugh along the way. The quotes below were only a handful of the many conversations had out on the field but are worth sharing to give an insight into the priorities of your eight year old rugby players while playing.

"Get hungry for the ball," was quickly replied with "But I had breakfast, so I'm not hungry at all."

"Coach Mick, when are you going to teach us the crusher tackle?"

Just before kickoff: "Coach Mick, are we having Evan's birthday cakes at half time or after the game?"

"Coach Mick, are you allowed to grab people on the privates in a tackle?" "No!" "Well you need to tell the ref because someone just grabbed mine."

Thank you to all the parents who, in trying circumstances this year including not being allowed at training and only have one representative at games, for allowing us to join your boys on their rugby journey. I also need to extend my gratitude to my co-coaches Pete, Matt and Tony whose support was invaluable and allowed training to maximise opportunities to run multiple skill sessions at once and give individual attention where needed.

Finally thanks to Briars Junior Rugby committee and all our sponsors including Briars Sports Club for so seamlessly providing the opportunity for our kids to learn both rugby and life skills in such a family orientated environment. We are looking forward to seeing you all next year and beyond.

## Jnr. Rugby Briars U9

Matthew Crippa | Coach



This year the team stepped up from 8-a-side game to 10-a-side with the introduction of second rowers. For the first time in their playing journey the team were left to their own devices on the field with coaches resigned to yelling from the sideline. The team were super excited about having played several of their games on full field in preparation of U10's next year.

The focus this year was to continue to develop our tackling, passing and cleanout skills while beginning to understand each other's roles on the field. The team was particularly proficient at playing fast rugby and we played our best rugby when we got the ball out of the ruck quickly.

Congratulations to the whole team on the attitude and commitment they showed at training and in the games.

**Kobe Veiagina** - Kobe had an exceptional debut season at Briar's. Kobe slotted into the front row well and was our tackling superstar. He was rewarded for all his hard work in defence with some great attacking runs throughout the season.

**Kamal Ratnam** - Kamal's passing and tackling has come on leaps and bounds from last year. He continues to read the game very well and often finds himself in the right spot at the right time allowing him to make strong contributions in both attack and defence.

**Toby Boyter** - Another brilliant season at Hooker for Toby. It's clear that Toby loves the game, his barnstorming runs and ability to break tackles against bigger opposition was a highlight of his game. Always hungry for the ball in attack and a cleaning out machine in defence. Didn't miss a lineout throw or scrum feed all year!

**Joseph Sukkar** - It was a pleasure to welcome Joseph to both Briar's and Rugby this year. It was pleasing to see the improvements made throughout the season. His focus on learning the game was rewarded late in the season with some brilliant tries and strong defensive performances.

**Levi Harrison** - Levi was a strong contributor to our forward efforts in both attack and defence all year. Excellent team player, a workhorse across the park and our fastest forward, looks to be a Flanker in the making.

**Daniel Crippa** - Daniel's commitment to Halfback is impressive. He has worked hard on his tackling around the ruck as well as passing and strategy. He is starting to become more vocal at the breakdown and focusing on getting the ball away from the ruck quickly. Took advantage of the quick tap option to great effect throughout the year.

**James Hunt** - James had another fantastic year for Briars. Our team speedster, getting the ball to James with a little space almost always led to a try. A very elusive runner of the ball. I was extremely impressed with James' commitment in defence this year, his tackling game coupled with his speed prevented many tries against us.

**Harry Horwood** - Harry continued to make the Fly Half position his own. He did a great job organising the backline in both attack and defence and was able to create space and put his teammates into gaps when they appeared. Ran the ball well when needed.

**Thomas Attema** - Tommy had an excellent first full season with Briars. He slotted in perfectly to the newly opened up position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Row. His commitment to tackling was excellent as was his play at the breakdown. He ran the ball well and supported his team across the park well.

**Grace Logan** - Grace had another great season for Briars in the Front Row. Grace is the inquisitive mind in the team always asking lots of questions (that the boys probably should have asked...). Ran the ball well all year and wasn't scared to roll up her sleeves and do the tough work at the breakdown.

## Jnr. Rugby Briars U11

Aaron Boyter, Jen Richmond & Mal Buchan | Coaches

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2020 started with the biggest challenges revolving around the drainage works at Rothwell Park which rendered our home ground out of action and required us to move to Greenlees Park for training and use St. Lukes 3 for game day. These hurdles quickly paled into insignificance, with us only managing one training session before being told to "stay home" for 3 months.

With a shortened season commencing late due to the national covid-19 lockdown, the boys were

more than excited to get back into Rugby. It was clear that staying indoors had a detrimental effect to our fitness, but another year of growth (both mentally and physically) saw the team arrive with another level of base skills and ability.

Fitness issues were addressed early and in direct contrast to last year's season, we won all of the close games and fought back when we were down early, seeing the boys go undefeated until the last two matches. The effort and determination displayed by the team are traits worthy of much older players. The team should be extremely proud of how they support each other both in victory and defeat.

I enjoyed watching the growth of the team over the 2020 season and am already excited about the prospect of seeing them run out on a FULL field with 15 players at Rothwell park in 2021.

Massive thanks to Mal Buchan and Jen Richmond for being there on all those occasions that I was close to snapping and providing an alternate perspective and approach. Maintaining the concentration of sixteen pre-teens is no minor task. A quick thanks also to Ash Simpson for his cameo coaching and providing increasingly needed focused skill sessions.

To all the parents who make this all happen - whether it be driving all over Sydney to get to games, running touch in the rain or applying “magic” water on the players injuries - you’ve been amazing!

Finally, to Jules and Anna for ensuring the club got off the ground with a global pandemic looming, you are both amazing. Thank you both so much.

**Andre Richmond** – Continued to cement his role at five eighth. Demonstrated strong leadership over both backs and forwards. Goal kicking shows continuing improvement.

**Angus Dillon** – Great to have Angus back at Briars after a few years away. Angus’ abilities have always been strong, but the leadership he displayed this year was amazing to watch.

**Archer Guilly** – Playing his first year at Briars, Archer fit in extremely well. Strong in both attack and defence. Definite candidate for fullback in 2021.

**Harley Buchan** – A strong year from Harley in both attack and defence. Always willing to push hard at training (when paying attention 😊)

**Harry Chilcott** – Great to have Harry back this year. Started the year tentative in contact but ended throwing himself at ever loose ball and barrelling into tackles and rucks.

**Jackson Chung** – Amazing skills and ability shows by Jackson in both attack and defence. Will only get better as he learns the laws of Rugby. One to watch in 2021 as the field gets bigger.

**James Hillsley** – James flourished this year as something clicked inside him after realising, he is a little bigger than the other guys which he finally took advantage of.

**Kaine Hillsley** – Almost missing a few games with dubious injuries like “sun burn”, amongst others, once on the field Kaine showed incredible determination and effort.

**Kian White** – A quiet year from Kian, however, cemented his half back position burrowing in a getting the football from the back of rucks and quickly tapping taps at fee kicks.

**Luka Matic** – An absolute pleasure to coach, always being very attentive. This showed on the field with Luka continuing to improve week on week with strong runs and tackles.

**Lukas Petreski** – Lukas continued to be the best cover tackler in the team. A hard worker ensuring the team maintain possession and denying opposition attacks to make the advantage line.

**Max Hadfield** – In his first year of Rugby, Max should be extremely proud of his efforts. Damaging runs in attack and by far the top try scorer. Looking forward to watching Max develop his game as he continues to learn the laws.

**Max Portelli** – Linked up well with and was unselfish with the ball. Continued with his damaging runs and improved immensely in contact.

**Nicholas Algie** – Improved throughout the year. Started to demand the ball in attack and was unfazed by larger opposition. Pleasure to coach.

**William Boyter** – Strong runner and defender. Looking forward to Will increasing his fitness level, realising he is one of the “big kids” and taking advantage of the fact.

**Zac Toomey** – Zac’s evasiveness continues to be his strongest asset. Zac bounces up the field every time he gets his hands on the footy like a pinball. Very difficult to get a hand on him. Looking forward to Zac filling out as he gets older.

#### **Under 11’s 2020 Awards:**

<b>Rookie of the Year</b>	Max Hadfield
<b>Most Improved</b>	Harry Chilcott
<b>Best and Fairest</b>	Angus Dillon



## Jnr. Rugby Briars U13

Sean Toomey | Coach

The 2020 season was the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive season for the Briars U13 boys and was easily our most challenging, in many ways. The boys played some of the best rugby teams in Sydney and although this was a big step up for them, there were times when they were able to match it with the best players in their age group. Most importantly, all our players worked extremely hard on their game and showed great improvement throughout the year.

Many new players joined the Briars Junior Rugby this year. **Ben Brookes, Callum Whitehead, Dash Guilly & Kaha Douglas Maaka**, all made great contributions to the team, on and off the field.

**Jack Taylor** also joined the team this year, with an enthusiastic and inspiring style of play, that earned him the Players Player award from his teammates.

**James Kelly** showed great leadership and versatility, playing strongly throughout the year in the back-line positions and continued to kick goals with pin-point accuracy.

**Jacob Tran** came of age as a Leader and a scrum half and was rewarded with the most improved player award.

**Alex McGrath** continued to develop his running game and was supported by **Christian Tassopoulos**, who again provided great versatility, playing in both the forwards and the backs.

Our tight five remained mostly unchanged throughout the year, **Dominic Toomey, Jack Callaghan, Mathieu Nguyen, Marcus Petreski Burneikis, Lucas Rosato and Kabir Lokhandwala**, fought hard all year and continued to develop as a tight unit in the scrums and lineouts. Mathieu had an outstanding season, never took a backward step and as a result received the Coaches award this year.

**Oscar Dillion, Argun Verma and Liam Donegan** were all brilliant as loose forwards.

I enjoyed the challenge of coaching the team this year. We didn't have it all our own way, I was inspired to see the boys turn up each week and give it their all, against larger, well drilled teams. I am truly amazed to see the team play with great heart each year, continually developing their rugby skills, as well as their friendships and team comradery. We learnt a lot and will be looking forward to coming back next year, better than ever.

### Under 13's 2020 Awards:

<b>Players Player</b>	Jack Taylor
<b>Most Improved</b>	Jacob Tran
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Mathieu Nguyen



# Briars Hockey

## President's Report

David Slater (Slash)



Well, 2020 certainly was a hell of a year.

I think I need to start out by simply congratulating everyone for just surviving it, hopefully with your families, careers, and sanity intact (or at least one of the three).

Despite all our Covid-19 related problems, we managed to get a "kind-of" a season of hockey in. This really was touch-and-go, and there was always the possibility it could have been cut short at any time. I think it was probably an important factor in many club members' mental health to be able to take to the field, amongst everything else that was going on in their lives.

Despite all the problems, we managed to field plenty of teams this year. There were six senior men's teams (with one premiership in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade / PL4), five senior women's teams (with one premiership for our Women's Social Team), 11 junior teams (with two premierships for our U11 and U15C's), and three men's masters teams (with one premiership for our Sydney Cup / 2<sup>nd</sup> Division team).

We fielded about 350 players in total, which was pretty damned good, I think.

Our Summer Competition, managed by the marvellous Janine Hannigan, had some 46 teams registered to play in the comp. This is a record number, and a remarkable success story for the club, and for the recruitment of new players.

The highlights of the season for me were as follows-

- Getting a season of hockey in at all, frankly.
- Forming a coaching sub-committee to drive the recruitment of top-level coaches, plus the development of systems and resources to flow down through all levels of the club.
- A full Committee already being appointed for next year, with several new and fabulous people sticking up their hand to help out, even in roles we have never had before. I never cease to be amazed at the the spectrum of talent we have within the members of our club.
- Re-establishment of the Briars Academy, a specialised training group for our top Juniors players. Cindy Goodridge was instrumental in driving the re-start, with super-coach Alan Charlton delivering the goods on the field.
- The continued success of our Juniors programme, with virtually all teams making the finals series, and several appearances in Grand Finals, including the top-level U15 and U17 Metro competitions. It was a great testament to all of the people involved in supporting our Junior programme.
- The support we have received from the Briars Club and Board, to help drive even greater success for hockey in the coming years.

Some special thanks are in order, although I could never hope to thank everyone who helped out in such a difficult year.

- Our 2020 Committee, and in particular our Secretary Nicola Skinner and Treasurer Harriet Ashton-Maxwell. The normal workload for these roles is heavy every year, however this year has probably seen about triple the normal load with effectively three seasons being organised. The work involved in communications, setting and re-setting fees, organising refunds for partial seasons and so on, has been nothing short of Herculean. The club owes a great deal of gratitude to Nic and Harriet in particular.
- To the people leaving the Committee, or who are taking on new roles.
- To all of our coaches and managers- with a particular shout-out to Alan Charlton, who took on the coaching of four teams this year, including our Mens 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, and a shared role in our Womens 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.

- To our umpires and volunteers, and to Chris Thuell and Kylie Norris respectively for taking such important lead roles for the club in these areas.
- To our club sponsors- Mortgage Choice Concord for supporting us for nine consecutive years, and for Gary Bieser taking to the field as our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade goalie for his first season in the pads. All goalies must be genuinely mad. Also, thanks to our new sponsor, Flamingo Gas.
- To everyone at the Briars Sports Club and Board that have worked so tirelessly and professionally to keep the club successful in this most difficult of years, so that they can continue to support each of the sports. They should be recognised for their incredible, quiet effort that not many people get to see.
- And again, to everyone who just coped with life, and managed to get on to the pitch this year, to take their part in continuing the great story and tradition that is Briars Hockey.

Hopefully 2021 will be a year of fewer stresses for everyone, and I look forward to helping our great club and all of its people achieve even greater success, but more importantly to get the maximum enjoyment possible out of the season for both themselves and their families.

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

Alan Charlton & Michael Imer | Coach & Manager



2020 was always going to be a tough season, with most of our 2019 first grade side either leaving the country or state, with a few changing clubs. To rebuild the team, we had some more experienced 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and some quality 3<sup>rd</sup> grade players step up.

Most games saw us push the opposition for the full 68mins, no matter the score line. We should have come away with a couple more wins, but were unlucky or didn't quite perform to our full capabilities on the day.

I'm proud to have been a part of this group, we've started to develop an excellent squad culture with a "never quit" attitude. The commitment to each other and trainings was something I haven't seen in our top grades for a while, the last training session for PL1 and PL2 had over 30 players, which was consistent throughout the year.

Although we didn't make the finals, I think this group has started something that with our younger players coming through will see us grow stronger each season.

### Awards

<i>Most Valuable Player</i>	Blake Durance
<i>Players Player</i>	Liam Swney
<i>Most Consistent</i>	Andrew Borg
<i>Leadership Award</i>	Ben Ferguson



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

Chris Potts & Leanne Ward | Coach & Manager

Well, the 2020 season came and went pretty quickly thanks to a little thing known as Covid-19.

I was very fortunate to be asked to coach PL2 this year after coaching U13s for the last two years. The season started off slowly, with the limited numbers turning up to training making it hard to nail down squads, let alone teams. Then COVID-19 hit, and everything stopped.

Once hockey returned, the club had limited time to put together squads and then teams. Due to several exiting players we had to ask the players of the club to step up to make numbers for all grades. A massive thanks must be given to all players this year for helping the club.



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With training under way and rough squads / teams selected we played a couple of trial games with mixed results. By this I mean we had wins, but a few injuries came along with this that we really did not need.

Training numbers were good throughout the season and a good camaraderie was formed between 1's and 2's, with all the guys pushing each other to get the best out of each other. A massive thanks to Al Charlton for running the drills and putting into place a mind-set for the players to work towards each week. Also, big thanks to the senior players for encouraging and assisting the junior players pushing into seniors and the top two grades.

As for the season, it was not the results we would have liked for the playing group. With only one win and nine losses the results in some games reflected how we played but in a good majority the score line did not reflect the effort and hunger the team showed on the day. As a group I feel we improved as the year went on and if it was a full season we would have grown as a playing group. I take my hat off to all the players and the efforts they put in at training and during the games. The combination of seasoned veterans holding strong in key positions, coaching and directing juniors making their senior debut seasons was great to be a part of and watch from the side-lines.

Once the season was over the three awards showed how well rounded our team was, with Lewis Mike taking out the Players Player. Andrew White received Best & Fairest, with Jack Ward taking out the Coaches Award. Every player received points throughout the year, which was great, and showed a true team effort.

Thanks to Leanne Ward for taking up the manager role. Thanks to Lewis Mike for accepting the captain's arm band. You led the team with heart and passion and made the young players feel very welcomed to the team. Thanks to Al Charlton for his guidance and insight and lastly thanks to the players for giving me a go.

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.

Here's hoping the 2021 season runs full, and that the mighty Briars are back on top.

#### **Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	Lewis Mike
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Andrew White
<i>Most Improved</i>	Jack Ward

### **Briars Hockey Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – PL3**

David Ratcliffe, Troy Prescott & Gary Bieser | Coaches & Manager

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Season 2020 was a hard one, and the challenges huge. The whole team was asked to step up a grade, which we all knew was going to be a challenge in itself.

Now with only a handful of players ever playing above 4th grade, the first game was a real shock to the system for some, but it wasn't long till many players found their timing in the grade and we started producing some results.

The team improved throughout the season with some of our young guns making a case to push up the grades in the future, which was fantastic to see, and we can't wait to see these guys progress their playing careers.

Overall, the standard of everyone's hockey improved over the year in what we knew would be a hard and challenging situation in this interesting 2020 season.

We also had some really good news in what has been a very strange year for the Briars 3rds, with long term Briars member Dan Strout and wife Naomi welcoming a new addition to the Briars community with the birth of their first child, baby Piper. We couldn't be happier for you two mate and can't wait to see you chasing more than a hockey ball around the field when Piper starts to move around.

One of the biggest things to come out of this strange year for the men of 3rd grade was the comradeship and community spirit showed in every game and training session. We all knew every game was going to be a hard one, but for every game the score wasn't why we were there. It was for a game with a stick and



ball with “yah mates”, and the laughs and banter that followed, which in turn also transferred to the field through the season as we dug in together through the hard times and held our line. Many times this season we frustrated opponents because we never stopped hitting back and getting through tough situations as one team. Give a “B” lad, well done!

Thanks to all of you for a great season (even though a bit strange) and special mention to the amazing Gary B., who made sure the admin for our team was always in order. He also made sure we always had a vocal supporter in the dugout. Gary also stepped into the goalkeeper role for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade this year, so I better watch my spot!

Lads, thank you again for stepping up this year- and let's come back stronger than ever in 2021.

#### **Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	David Beaumont
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Daniel Strout
<i>Most Improved</i>	Brendan Ius

### **Briars Hockey Men's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – SL2**

Chris Hallett | Coach

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After an interrupted season, 4th grade managed to make it through their games in a fairly competitive grade.

Unfortunately, injuries to several players and a shortened season meant the team narrowly missed out on the finals. With a healthy squad and looking to build upon some lessons learned this season, the team is looking forward to pushing for finals again in 2021!

#### **Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	Pyke Gunning
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Kristiane Skoulogenis
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Hardev Hansra

### **Briars Hockey Men's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – SL4 | Premiers**

Tim Fishlock & Mike Denniss | Coach & Manager

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The team played in the same division as 2019, although this had been renamed SL4 due to a restructure of the competition.

We were confident of being competitive, with last year's minor premiers, Ryde, being our major competition. This proved to be the case with Ryde again taking the minor premiership, with Briars finishing second on the ladder.

We played Ryde in the major semi – the game was pretty even until Ryde slotted a well taken PC to go one up in the first quarter. Briars stuck to the game plan and restricted Ryde's chances for the remainder of the first half and had some chances we couldn't convert. The game was back on even terms after a great team goal finished off by Callum MacIntosh. Philip Maxwell then converted a PC to put us up 2-1 in the final quarter and we held on to go straight through to the GF.

The grand final played out the same as the semi, with Ryde getting slightly the better of the opening exchanges to go one up after a well taken field goal. Briars then started to get the better of the game, but it wasn't until well into the third quarter that we were able to equalise after Tim Fishlock converted a stroke following Mark Williams being taken out in a slide tackle in the circle. We were able to take the lead in the middle of the last period after super-striker Mark earned a PC, which was calmly slotted home by Alan

O'Connell. While Ryde pressed in the last few minutes, our defence held firm for us to go back-to-back premiers.

There were a few changes to personnel this year, with Alex Wagner and Dion James taking a year off, and Hidde van Erven Dorens and Adam Schasser returning to the team. We also picked up Tim Fishlock as coach and Tim ended playing for us, being integral to the team both with his coaching and playing.

We again had a number of guys help us out during the year. Thanks to Simon Bergfield, Matt Osler, Dave Downs, Matt Najdzion, Josh Kent, Pyke Gunning, Kristiane Skoulogenis, Bryan Wilson and Jesse Borthwick. Special mention to Steve Norris who helped us out through the year and also played in both finals games.



Also, a special thanks to Chris Hallett who ran the bench in the semi and Troy Prescott and James Fordham who looked after the team in the Grand Final.

Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2020 – it was great playing with you guys. Congratulations on an outstanding and enjoyable season, and I hope to see you all back in 2021.

The Briars 5<sup>th</sup> grade men's team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the regular season and won the Premiership.

#### Player Stats:

Player Name	Games Played	Goals
Adam Schasser	10	2
Alan O'Connell	11	4
Callum MacIntosh	8	1
Dave Hayward	10	
Dave Slater	8	1
Hidde van Erven Dorens	10	9
Ken Struthers	10	1
James Bladwell	9	
Joel Osmond	11	
Kyle Murray	9	
Mark Williams	8	5
Mike Denniss	11	
Philip Maxwell	11	6
Rogier Knottenbelt	7	2
Tim Fishlock	8	2

#### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	James Bladwell
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Alan O'Connell
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Mike Denniss

## Briars Hockey Men's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – SL6

Simon Bergfield | Coach & Manager

Result: 10th on ladder with 2 wins, 1 draw and 6 losses

The season was a case of “what might have been”. Last minute losses that should have been draws, and games we should have won.

It was encouraging to have a number of new players join the team and see them contribute more to the team as they found their feet. Hopefully, they will return for next season.

The guys who played for 6ths during the season were:

*Matias Avellanal, Daryl Baihn, Gary Bieser, Jesse Borthwick, Lyndsey Chan, Ben Davies, John Nguyen, Steve Norris, David Paul, Viv Paul, Jason Shipton, Nash Weeragama & Simon Bergfield.*

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.

Congratulations to this season's award winners – all well-earned!

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Jason Shipton
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Viv Paul
<i>MVP</i>	Jesse Borthwick



## Briars Hockey Men's Masters (Premier Division)

Adam Schasser | Coach & Manager

With a star-studded side, the Premier team dominated the regular season becoming minor premiers, with only 2 losses due to a number of players not being available. A big thanks to all of the players who stepped up and helped out during the season.

Unfortunately, the boys played their worst game in the knockout final going down 1 nil to UTS. Otherwise, the team had a great season and will learn from this and be back in the winner's circle next year.

Special mention to Chris Coombes and Stu Turnbull for playing all the games this year. And to Lee and Corry for joint highest goal scorers 12 goals each.

Best & Fairest this year went to Blake Durance. This was Blake's first year in Masters and hopefully not his last, definitely one of the most skilful players on the field, often turning defence into attack.

The Players Player was Chris Coombes. Chris was always reliable both in attack and defence and would run a marathon every game.

Our Coaches Award went to Stuart Turnbull. Stu is a dedicated team player, who always gave his best and managed to score 3 field goals during the season whilst playing fullback.

**Team list:** *Chris Coombes (Capt), Matt Brown (GK), Stuart Turnbull, Alan Charlton, Richard Nutt, Blake Durance, Colin Smith, Corry Alsopp, Josh Kent, Lee Brady, Matthew Floyd, Nathan Napper, Oli Bailey, Scott Dickson, Darren Alsopp.*

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Chris Coombes
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Blake Durance
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Stuart Turnbull



# Briars Hockey Men's Masters (Sydney Cup Division) | Premiers

Jimmy Fordham & Adam Schasser | Coach & Manager



## Team:

*James Fordham (Capt), Marcus Fung (GK), Adam Schasser, Glen Bullock, David Downs, David Slater, Lachlan Boa, Bryan Wilson, Floris Van Ogtrop, Ian McGregor, James Bladwell, Michael Frost, Murray Green, Pyke Gunning, Rogier Knottenbelt, Shane Burke, Tony Stojcevski, David Ratcliff & Ian Reynolds.*

Definitely one of the best teams that I have played in. A lot of team spirit and a "never give up" attitude saw us finish the round games sitting comfortably in second spot.

Winning a tough knockout final against Mac Uni saw us proceed to the Grand Final against a dominant, undefeated Ryde side full of players from last year's Premier Division side.

The game plan was simple, get in their face, upset their fast, free flowing game, and don't let them score early. Although they did eventually score the opener, it was late in the game- our plan had definitely worked, and Ryde were off their game. We seized our opportunity in the last 5 minutes of the game when Ian (Mary) McGregor scored one of the best goals of the year. We then could have won the game in the dying minutes, except for a brilliant save by their keeper.

Straight into the shootout, Ryde only managed to convert 1 out of 5, due to brilliant keeping from Marcus Fung. We converted 2 from 4, winning the Grand Final 3-2.

To all the players this year, thank you for your efforts and for making it such an enjoyable and memorable season.

Special mention goes to James Fordham, Bryan Wilson and Rogier Knottenbelt for playing all games this year, and to Ian McGregor, our top goal scorer with 11 goals. A big thank you to Ian "Reno" Reynolds, who was injured during the season, but came out and ran the bench during the finals and gave us valuable and calm feedback during the breaks. Much appreciated. And lastly a HUUUGE THANKS to Dave "Downsy" Downs and his lovely wife Colleen for making their catamaran available to the team so we could celebrate our season. And celebrate we did.



Best and Fairest this year went to James Fordham. Jimmy was not only very skilful, but his leadership on and off the field led us to a successful year. It was also his game plan that won us the Grand Final.

Players Player was Glen Bullock. Bulldog is a strong and skilful defender, with a "never give up" attitude. He was always positive during the ¼ time breaks.

The Coaches Award went to David "Slash" Slater. Slash played numerous positions on the field and gave 100% in every game. He was also a team favourite, being second on the Player's Player points.

## Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Glen Bullock (Bulldog)
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	James Fordham (Jimmy)
<i>Coach's Award</i>	David Slater (Slash)



## Briars Hockey Men's Masters (Legends Division) | Runners Up

Mike Denniss and Dave Paul | Coach & Manager

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The Legends division was again split into "over 55s" and "open age" (hopefully this will be scrapped next year as it is not achieving its aim).

Briars were in the open age division. This was a four-team division, so we were guaranteed a finals spot. We finished the regular season in second spot and went down 0-1 to Northern Districts in the 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup> semi final to miss out on the grand final for the first time in seven years.

We were a largely unchanged team, with John Denniss (who played the two pre-COVID break games but then relocated temporarily out of Sydney), and Andrew Boutchard not playing in 2020. Hopefully they, along with Stefan Richartz, will be back in 2021. We picked up two new players this year, the speedy Jackson Carmichael and Danny Dolzadelli.

Due to COVID there were no State or National Championships in 2020, so there are no representative honours to announce.

Thanks again to Dave Paul for managing the team – it makes running the team easy when all the admin stuff is done as efficiently as you do it. Thanks also to our catering crew:

- Joe Ferrer – beers and post season function paella
- Shah Alam – samosas
- Hidde – post semi final and mini-presentation night pulled pork BBQ

Thank you to all players for your contribution during 2020.

### Player Stats:

Player Name	Games Played
Clay Scanlon	13
Danny Dolzadelli	8
Daryl Baihn	8
Dave Osmond	10
Dave Paul	11
Elio Cordaro	11
Jackson Carmichael	12
James Bladwell	14
Jesse Borthwick	11

Player Name	Games Played
Joe Ferrer	13
John Denniss	2
Ken Struthers	9
Mike Denniss	13
Mike Imer	14
Nick Carter	9
Shah Alam	13
Simon Bergfield	13
Steve Norris	14

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	James Bladwell
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Ken Struthers
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Clay Scanlon

## Briars Hockey Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – ML1

Kellie Miller, Alan Charlton & Ann Grinham | Coaches & Manager

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I was a late call-up to coach this team for the season. Working together with Kellie Miller as co-coaches saw Kellie run training sessions and I took the team for the games.

With a mixture of youth and experience, we had a good balance that was so close to winning more often than not but we were just unable to finish off most teams.

Strong performances every week by Teagan Neowhouse in goals, Ash Jenkins & Rhiannon Kentish in the middle and Esther Hotham up front. Special mention to our U18's in Alex Singleton, Sienna Campese, Darcy Babbage and Pheobe Cox who never backed down!!



The passion and work ethic of this group is outstanding, and I hope they stick together because I can see things turning around for them in the coming seasons.

The Briars 1<sup>st</sup> grade team came 8<sup>th</sup> for the season.

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

Shirt No.	Name	Surname	Games Played	Goals
2	Kate	Jolly	7	
4	Sienna	Campese	4	
6	Jess	Sault	9	
7	Kathleen	Chua	9	
9	Esther	Hotham	9	2
10	Courtney	Pearson	9	
12	Eliza	McPhee	9	2
14	Rhiannon	Kentish/Priest	8	
16	Ashlea	Pointer/Jenkins	9	1
21	Thea	Blyth	9	
25	Mairead	Nash	9	
29	Ginelle	Fernandes	9	1
34	Alex	Singleton	9	1
41	Pheobe	Cox	9	1
56	Darcey	Babbage	9	
153	Tegan	Neowhouse	9	

### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Tegan Neowhouse
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Ashlea Pointer & Rhiannon Kentish
<i>Most Improved</i>	Eliza McPhee
<i>Top Goal Scorer</i>	Esther & Eliza with 2 goals each.

## Briars Hockey Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – ML2

Glenn Lim & Cindy Goodridge | Coach & Manager



At the start of the year, Briars Women's 2nd Grade received news that they would be promoted a grade in the SWHL competition. Moving up from the ML3 division to the ML2 division, and with seven new players joining the team (four of which were junior players), the team knew it would be a tough road ahead of them. The shortened season also made things that much more difficult as it placed more importance on each game.

The team had a rough first half of the season getting settled in defence, with an inability to get results on the

board from offensive attacks saw Briars Women's 2nd Grade struggle through their games. The weeks went by and after the fifth game; the team had drawn two games and lost the other three. With only four games left, and sitting second from the bottom of the ladder, it would appear that the season was already at an end.

No one would ever have predicted what unfolded next. Briars Women's 2nd Grade started defending as a team and found their offensive game. Over the next three games, the team won two games and drew one. Their efforts had placed them in a position where they were in contention for a spot in the finals.

It all came down to the last game. The team not only had to win their game but had to improve their goal difference with another team by +4. A tough, nerve-wracking 60-minute of hockey saw Briars achieve both outcomes. Unfortunately, a third team won their game and bumped Briars down from fourth to fifth based on goal difference.

Although it was an anticlimactic end to the season, our Women's 2nd Grade should be proud of what they achieved. They were not only playing against established teams in the division but were competitive against them towards the end. If they can carry forward the lessons that they learnt from this year into the next, then 2021 will be a very bright year for the team.

The Briars 2nd grade team came 5th for the season (on goal difference) and after being pushed up a grade, this was a great result.

### **Briars Hockey 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team**

<b>Shirt No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Games Played</b>	<b>Goals</b>
11	Cindy	Goodridge	9	
19	Kylie	Norris	9	
22	Julie	Prolove	8	1
31	Trinity	Brook	9	
36	Dekota	Thuell	9	
50	Melissa	Rosser	8	
52	Katrina	Reynolds	9	
54	Katie	Ellem	9	2
59	Riko	Santoso-Miller	9	
66	Sonya	Finlayson	0	
71	Monique	Imer	9	1
82	Annie	Flack	9	1
94	Nicola	Skinner	9	1
152	Christine	Flack	8	
<b>Fill ins</b>				
	Elycia	Heron	1	
	Tegan	Neowhouse	1	
	Kara	Ramsay	1	
	Nicole	Talor	1	

### **Team Awards**

<i>Players Player</i>	Trinity Brook
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Cindy Goodridge
<i>Most Improved</i>	Christine Flack
<i>Top Goal Scorer</i>	Katie Ellem with 2 goals.

## Briars Hockey Women's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – ML4

Corry Allsop & Danielle Alexander | Coach & Manager



Despite the ups and downs of the interrupted season, Women's ML4 had a pretty good year, only missing out on a spot in the finals by a goal-line save in their final game.

Only losing 2 games all season and having beaten the eventual winners Sydney Uni convincingly at their home ground during the year, a few extra goals in a few of the season's draws was the difference this year between comfortably making finals and having the required goal saved off the line in what proved to be our final game.

The improvements this year despite the shortened season were fantastic; the foundations that have been laid this year will go a long way towards winning this division next year.

The Briars 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team came 6<sup>th</sup> for the season.

### Briars Hockey 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Player Stats

Shirt No.	Name	Surname	Games Played	Goals
23	Nicole	Taylor	9	
27	Danielle	Alexander	9	
37	Scarlett	Thuell	9	1
40	Claire	Coletta	9	1
43	Shanae	Lawrence	9	
44	Ilse	Knottenbelt	6	
48	Pamela	Unsworth	9	
58	Milena	DeSilva	9	1
61	Ella	Leung	4	
79	Jessica	Martyn	9	
85	Sarah	Bowden (Seaman)	8	
90	Kara	Ramsay	9	3
93	Grace	Le Marquand	7	2
105	Elycia	Heron-GK	8	
<b>Fill ins</b>				
	Anastacia	Flack	1	
	Christine	Flack	1	
	Elizabeth	Miller	1	

### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Nicole Taylor
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Danielle Alexander
<i>Most Improved</i>	Shannae Lawrence
<i>Top Goal Scorer</i>	Kara Ramsay with 3 goals.



## Briars Hockey Women's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – ML5

Adam Schasser & Cindy Goodridge | Coaches & Manager



Women's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team:

*Anna Smyth, Airley Goodridge, Liliana Turner, Angela Cauchi, Hannah Schasser, Lydia Najdzion, Monique Turner, Kylie Beckhouse, Leonie Hancock, Maeve Kelaher, Elizabeth Miller, Harriet Ashton-Maxwell, Michelle Yu, Andrea Motbey and Charlotte Watson.*

Guest Appearances:

*Rachel Borg and Danielle Alexander.*

I had the honour of coaching the women's 4<sup>th</sup> grade again this year, with some existing and some new players. Throughout the season we had many ups and downs with only 1 win and 1 draw but by the end of the season it was evident that we had progressed our skills and were able to grow as a team.

Thank you to all the women in my team who continued to work hard each week and for being patient with me, can't wait to see you all next year!

The first team award for Best & Fairest went to Kylie Beckhouse. Kylie worked tirelessly in defence, and through her leadership as captain, she motivated the team through her talk and actions.

The next award went to Charlotte Watson as Players Player. As a new member of the hockey club, she was a delightful and friendly young lady to coach, and her saving skills as keeper helped make her a favourite with the rest of her team-mates!

The Coaches award goes to Maeve Kelaher. Throughout the season Maeve continuously showed hard work and courage on the field and her willingness to listen to instructions and carry them out was really appreciated.

I would also like to send a big thank you to Cindy Goodridge for stepping in and becoming our Manager for the season, always keeping me organised.

The Briars 4<sup>th</sup> grade team came 9<sup>th</sup> for the season.

### Briars 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Player Stats

Shirt No.	Name	Surname	Games Played	Goals
30	Anna	Smyth	7	
42	Airley	Goodridge	8	1
53	Liliana	Turner	9	
69	Angela	Cauchi	9	
72	Hannah	Schasser	8	
76	Lydia	Najdzion	7	
88	Monique	Turner	9	
91	Kylie	Beckhouse	7	
95	Leonie	Hancock	1	
96	Maeve	Kelaher	8	
100	Elizabeth	Miller	8	2
101	Harriet	Ashton-Maxwell	8	
115	Michelle	Yu	7	
121	Andrea	Motbey	8	
151	Charlotte	Watson.	9	

Fill ins				
18	Rachel	Borg	3	
	Danielle	Alexander	1	

#### Team Awards

*Players Player*

Charlotte Watson

*Best & Fairest*

Kylie Beckhouse

*Coach's Award*

Maeve Kelaher

*Top Goal Scorer*

Elizabeth Miller with 2 goals.

## Briars Hockey Women's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – SN D Division

Emma Thuell & Chrystal Skoulogenis | Coach & Manager

The 5th grade women's team had a great season in 2020. After the first game there was some concern from the team about how competitive they would be when they were moved to a higher division- but they had nothing to worry about.

The team proved just how competitive they could be by playing strong, collaborative hockey that had them winning game after game. The 5th grade team thoroughly enjoyed playing with each other and look forward to 2021.

The Briars 5th grade team came 4<sup>th</sup> for the season.

#### Briars 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Player Stats

Shirt No.	Name	Surname	Games Played	Goals
32	Jessica	Kirk	10	1
64	Ella	Knottebelt	2	
112	Dominica	Ingul	5	
119	Caroline	De Padi	10	
120	Gemma	Show	10	
116	Emma	Thuell	6	
127	Melissa	Mail	9	5
125	Eve	Wilson	7	
155	Deb	Greenwood GK	10	
73	Joanne	Scanlon	1	
130	Jane	Waterson	6	1
131	Viktoria	Zagorski	9	4
84	Chrystal	Skoulogenis	9	
42	Airley	Goodridge	5	3
53	Liliane	Turner	5	
88	Monique	Turner	6	
134	Michelle	Pickett	8	
Fill ins				
	Samantha	Beames	3	1
	Felicity	Bell	3	
	Rachael	Borg	1	
	Isabelle	Stephenson	1	

#### Team Awards

*Players Player*

Melissa Mail

*Best & Fairest*

Caroline De Padi

*Most Improved*

Viktoria Zagorski

*Top Goal Scorer*

Malissa Mail with 5 goals

## Briars Hockey Women's Social Team | Premiers

Rachael Borg | Manager



Even after moving up a division, Women's Social had another highly successful year in Sydney North's B Division.

The team bonded well all year and performed as a tight knit group, joining the young guns and old bags together. It was encouraging to see younger players step into the team and learn from some of the older hands. There is a lot of talent in the team and I look forward to seeing their contribution to the club in coming seasons.

We finished the year with 9 wins, 1 draw and ZERO losses, scoring a whopping 33 goals in ten games and conceding only 7 against. We took out the minor premiership and remained undefeated for the second year straight!

The highlight for the season was winning the grand final against Hornsby 2-1! After having one win and one draw against them in the regular season, everyone felt the pressure and dug in deep to come away with an amazing win. The carpark champagne drinks were a great way to celebrate whilst ensuring we abided by government restrictions, followed by a hilarious team dinner with individual joke awards for each player.

A huge thanks to two amazing club members, Samantha Beames and Felicity Barry, who put on the goalie pads for half a season each when we were unable to find a goalkeeper for the year.



I would like to thank the team for a fun-filled season with a lot of quality hockey. It was unfortunate that we could not have all of the Briars boys and kids on the side-line due to Covid restrictions, but are thankful we got a shortened season in to remain PREMIERS!

The Briars Women's social grade team came 1<sup>st</sup> for the season and won the grand final.

### Briars Social Team Player Stats

Shirt No.	Name	Surname	Games Played	Goals
	Rachael	Borg	10	16
	Madeline	Hall	8	5
	Alana	Durance	11	1
	Julia	Little	9	
	Samantha	Beames	9	
	Emma	Ratcliffe	11	
	Beth	Duck	9	1
	Claudia	Tyree	10	5
	Briony	Tyree	10	1
	Lily	Scanlon	7	
	Anna	Turnbull	10	7
	Angela	Wozniak	8	
	Kerrie-Anne	Gudmunson	9	
	Isabella	Stephenson	11	
	Ella	Gould	8	

	Felicity	Barry	8	
	Joanne	Scanlon	2	

### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Claudia Tyree
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Anna Turnbull
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Alana Durance
<i>Top Goal Scorer</i>	Rachael Borg with 16 Goals

## Briars Senior Hockey

### Club Awards

The top senior Club awards this year went to the following outstanding people:

David Cameron Award:	Emily Shipton
Senior Coach of the Year:	Alan Charlton
Col "Hockey" Jones Medallions for volunteers:	Janine Hannigan, Marcus Fung, Harriet Ashton-Maxwell & Wal Zol.
A.J. Robinson Award for Club person of the Year:	Nicola Skinner

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U17A Metro

Alan Charlton & Leanne Ward | Coach & Manager

### The players in our team this year were:

*Alexandra Singleton, Dylan Simmons, Rian Surti, Karl Smith, Brendan Ius, Emily Shipton, Jack Ward, Keiran Brook, Martin Pedersen-Clarke, Bailey Scanlon, Joseph Boyle, Bayden Simmons, Gemma Taweel.*

We had a strong metro team this year with the majority of the team being long-standing Briars juniors.

We went through the season undefeated minor premiers, improving each week, and playing some amazing team hockey!! Excellent build up, ball movement and great teamwork.

Playing Ryde in the grand final was always going to be tough. During the season we had a 3-3 game and a 2-2 game. We started slowly and couldn't claw our way back into the game, eventually going down 3-2.



The team didn't really have a captain, but were led well by a group of senior players in Keiran, Bailey, Jack and Martin, plus we had Alex Singleton (who is still U15's) step up and play a vital role as well.

Great job!

### Team Awards:

<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Keiran Brook
<i>Players Player</i>	Brendan Ius
<i>Most Improved</i>	Martin Pedersen-Clarke



## League Tables – Under 17A Metro

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	+/-	Points
Briars	8	6	0	2	2	41	9	32	20
Ryde Panthers	8	6	0	2	2	37	10	27	20
ND Metro	8	3	5	0	2	8	28	-20	9
Mosman	8	2	6	0	2	12	33	-21	6
Manly-GNS	8	1	7	0	2	16	34	-18	3

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U15A Metro

Andrew Borg, Briony Tyree | Coach & Manager



What a tremendous challenge we were all dealt with in 2020, something I hope we never live through again! With that being said, I would like to acknowledge just how incredible this under 15s team has been the entire season.

Without mentioning the obvious challenge, we also had a number of challenges in terms of player roster. We had a huge turnover of players, many new to the age group and many making the step up to the metro competition- the team barely resembled the 2019 team. This was a welcome challenge; the team showed an amazing ability to play for one another and bring the

best out of each other.

The camaraderie in this group and the way they support each other, both on and off the field, was a pleasure to be a part of. This has easily been my most enjoyable year of coaching, purely due the amazing bunch of kids I was lucky enough to have coached.

As a team we made our third successive grand final in the division, a huge achievement within itself. As a coach that was pleasing, but most pleasing has been the team's maturity; the way the children have developed, taken on ideas and feedback, confidently offering me their own opinions and the way in which they have taken ownership of their team is something that we can build the future of our club around.

Thank you to each of you for a wonderful (shortened) season!

**Annie:** I am a huge fan of the way she plays. Her intensity, smart play and ability to read the game and get herself in the right position (often a position most wouldn't dare) is something few have, she marks herself harshly but only because she strives to improve each time she crosses the line, so reliable at the back!

**Christine:** A passionate goalkeeper that I had 100% faith in every single game, her positive outlook and ability to make the hard look easy was a huge bonus for our team. With a bit more aggression within the goal box, she will have a huge future in the game, a future I can't wait to witness!

**Callan:** Callan has something most players dream of ..... raw speed and the ability to rip a game apart! If Callan continues to work hard on his close skills, core skills and keeping two hands on the stick he will develop into someone who is capable of playing first grade! He has a strong work ethic and a bright future in the game!

**Coady:** What an amazing young player Coady is developing into. One of our co-captains that was the recipient of our 'Most Consistent player' award. I can't tell you how proud I am of his development, as both a player and a person. Coady's desire to improve himself and those around him was a pleasure to witness. With more self-belief Coady will develop into a seriously good hockey player (if he isn't

already). Congratulations on your first season of senior hockey too, (in our men's 2nd grade team), you handled it and never looked out of place!

**Dakoto:** What a legend! A quiet and unassuming forward that works so hard on and off the field. Dakota is a goal sneak that has an uncanny ability to find herself in the right spot at the right time- this is no fluke, a skill that few strikers possess, what a huge asset! Dakota is not just a wonderful player, but also a talented umpire that contributes to the club in many ways.

**Henry:** Another of our co-captains and winner of our 'Best and Fairest' award. Henry is a quiet and unassuming player who works harder on the pitch than most, a player that leads with his actions. His competitive nature and work rate is seen rarely. I can't wait to see how his hockey career progresses, His high standards and leadership qualities were incredibly valuable this season.

**Ilse:** I truly believe Ilse is one of the smartest young hockey players I have come across, she has a rare ability to read the game and make the correct decisions. Not only is she an incredibly versatile and capable hockey player in all positions, she is also a very talented goalkeeper. Please have more faith and confidence in your own ability and you will realise your potential

**James:** I have thoroughly enjoyed watching James develop as a player throughout the season. A player that is so calm and relaxed on the ball and has an incredible hockey brain (a chip off the old block). James will only continue to improve due to his attention to detail and desire to develop, a great teammate too!

**JJ:** One of the nicest guys you'll meet, and an incredibly valuable teammate. JJ is someone who I have loved coaching this year, an asset to any team, his versatility and no-nonsense style of hockey was a pleasure to watch. JJ is a fantastic young player with a very smart hockey brain and an incredible hit out of defence. I would love to see him back himself and have faith in his own ability, then we will see him reach his true potential.

**Reece:** Huge fan of the way Reece plays the game. I loved the fact that he was equally effective in all lines of the field and was somebody I could call on to do a job! His maturity and drive to become a better player is something that he should be very proud of, he has a great sense of humour that often took the edge off me after a tough day at work.

**Trinity:** What a freakishly talented player! I have absolutely loved watching her play this season. Her ability to turn defenders, score ridiculous goals and flip a game on its head was awesome to watch! Continue to back yourself and your ability, you are a wonderful player with a huge future in the game!

**Tully:** WOW!!! What a huge season Tully has had! During selections I thought "This guy has something; I wonder what he is capable of?"..... Never in my life did I think he would achieve what he has, every week he improved immensely, due to his hard work and desire to be a better player. He is also a wonderful teammate who supports those around him and wants to see everyone do better, he should be incredibly proud of his season, easily our most improved player!

**Oskar:** Another of our co-captains, who took out our 'Players Player' award. What an amazing young player Oskar is developing into. Oskar has a uniquely level head on his shoulders, and brought out the best in those around him. He marks himself harshly, only because of his own high standards, expectations and desire to improve, Keep working hard mate, you've got a huge future in this game!

**Zac:** One of our unsung heroes, what a player! His work ethic all season was incredible, often played in positions he would probably prefer not to but never complained, he is a coach's dream. Zac has a serious engine and not many put in as much unrewarded running as him, I can't speak highly enough of the contributions he made to the team!

**Bri:** Our amazing manager. Thank you Bri for all you have done for our team in 2020. I can't thank you enough (even if I did unofficially ban you from the dugout). You're a great friend and I have loved working with you this season.

**Parents:** Thank you for your support and feedback. Your children are amazing and you should all be very proud of their season, both on the field and off. I have never met a more mature bunch of under 15s in my life!

Thank you everybody, I hope to see you all playing again next season, continuing to improve and most importantly having fun and loving the game!

#### Team Awards:

*Best & Fairest* Henry  
*Players Player:* Oskar  
*Most Consistent* Coady

#### League Tables – Under 15A Metro

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	+/-	Points
Ryde Panthers	9	9	0	0	1	47	3	44	27
Briars	9	7	2	0	1	35	20	15	21
Mosman	9	3	4	2	1	8	19	-11	11
Sutherland	9	2	5	2	1	10	16	-6	8
ND Metro	8	2	5	1	2	11	22	-11	7
Glebe	8	1	4	3	2	14	28	-14	6
GNS	8	1	5	2	2	7	24	-17	5

### Briars Jnr. Hockey U15C | Premiers

Bryan Wilson & Belinda Rushbrook | Coach & Manager



What an amazing season!

The 15C 2020 team had large group of players who had played together for a few years, some players that had transitioned up from the 13's, and brand new players to hockey.

We carried a squad of 17 players for most of the season, which was at time a challenge in itself, let alone the fact that all but 3 players wanted to play in a striker's position!

Bryan and I set about building a culture around team structure and working together as a team to achieve the weekly game results.

Towards the end of the season we saw all the players buy into the "WE not the I" mindset. This was evident in our movement up the pitch as a team, passing, looking for each other and moving into space to receive the ball.

The smiles, laughter, jokes and the real team spirit was so great to see, and this transpired to a real mateship on and off the field.

Bryan and I could not be any prouder of each and every player, their development and growth was evident week to week and this led the team to the grand final, where we arrived as undefeated minor premiers, and left Pennant Hills as undefeated 2020 Premiers.

A huge thanks to all the parents for their support and assistance throughout the year, this season could not have been as successful if it weren't for each of you.

Bring on 2021!

#### Team Awards:

*Players Player* Matthew Wollen  
*Most Improved* Caleb Rigney  
*Coaches Award* Flynn Smith

## League Tables – Under 15C Metro

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	+/-	Points
Briars	9	9	0	0	1	41	4	37	38
GNS Blue	9	6	3	0	1	23	18	5	29
UTS	9	4	4	1	1	10	14	-4	24
ND White	8	3	4	1	2	16	15	1	22
Mosman	9	3	5	1	1	12	24	-12	21
B.Hills Red	8	2	6	0	2	14	18	-4	18
Ryde Lions	8	1	6	1	2	5	28	-23	16

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U13A

Jimmy Fordham & Rolland Hammond | Coach & Manager

All bar 3 players, the 13As were first time “full field” players, having come out of U11s (half field) the year before.

They were outstanding, and improved week after week. Additionally, they had a lot of fun as a tight-knit team, who will be playing together for many years to come.

We had two exceptional Goal Keepers in Liliana Turner and Felix Fung, and Liliana was named in the under 15 NSW squad for 2021, which is an outstanding achievement.

Team members were: *Liliana, Felix, Amy, Keela, Emelie, Dakota, Braydon, Ashton, Josh, Jarrod, Luke, Fritz, Molly and Aurora.*

### Team Awards:

<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Liliana Turner
<i>Most Consistent</i>	Luke Broadbent
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Joshua Bourke

## League Tables – Under 13A Metro

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	+/-	Points
Ryde Panthers	10	9	1	0	0	46	6	40	37
Manly	10	8	2	0	0	42	11	31	34
Mosman	10	5	4	1	0	16	13	3	26
ND Gold	10	4	4	2	0	27	14	13	24
Briars	10	1	8	1	0	14	48	-34	14
Ryde Tigers	5	1	4	0	0	2	17	-15	8
GNS Red	5	0	5	0	0	0	38	-38	5

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U13C

Jack Bieser, Lochlann Oag & Elizabeth Everett | Coaches & Manager

We have had a wonderful year of hockey, all pandemics considered.

A lively bunch of players, some new and some experienced, created a great team atmosphere. We had a great run, in and out of the top spot throughout the season and finishing in 3rd.

The improvement of skills through every player in our team was astonishing, and we hope to see them all growing through the Briars club in the years to come.





#### Team Awards:

<i>Rising Star</i>	Madeleine Hutchings
<i>Most Improved</i>	Rex Newman
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Lucas Hargan

#### League Tables – Under 13C

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	+/-	Points
Ryde Lions	10	5	0	5	0	13	3	10	30
UTS	10	5	2	3	0	19	7	12	28
Briars	10	4	2	4	0	7	5	2	26
ND Blue	10	3	4	3	0	10	10	0	22
Blacktown Kings	10	1	5	4	0	4	13	-9	17
GNS Blue	10	2	7	1	0	5	20	-15	17

### Briars Jnr. Hockey U11B | Premiers

Jackson Carmichael & Danielle Woods | Coach & Manager

Team members: Addison, Adelaide, Ben, Brayden, Dylan, Harrison, James, Kiandra, Lucas, and Sasha.

This team had an outstanding season, only losing one game through the 10 regular rounds. Matched up against Mosman in the B Division grand final, Briars came away with a 2-1 win in a nail-biter!



Each player is to be commended for their positive attitude, effort, and teamwork at training and games- they were a pleasure to coach, manage, and watch. Every player contributed to the team's success.

#### Team Awards:

<i>MVP</i>	Lucas Ross (as voted by the parents)
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Addison Wilson
<i>Most Improved</i>	Harrison Hammond

## League Tables – Under 11B

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	+/-	Points
Briars	10	9	1	0	0	50	6	44	37
Mosman White	10	8	2	0	0	42	15	27	34
B.Hills Gold	10	7	3	0	0	44	15	29	31
Mosman Blue	10	6	4	0	0	34	21	13	27
Manly Kangas	10	4	6	0	0	28	34	-6	22
Ryde Tigers	10	3	7	0	0	14	47	-33	19
ND Green	10	1	8	1	0	5	49	-44	14
GNS Blue	10	1	8	1	0	7	37	-30	13

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U11C

John Whitehall & Emma Broadbent | Coach & Manager

Season 2020 for Briars U11 Maroon was a combination of fun and development. With only three returning players and a very youthful side, what we lacked in experience we more than made up for with effort. Skills and fitness still need to be further developed, yet the attitude from all players was magnificent.



Both Emma and John are hoping everyone returns to hockey next season (a few have signed up for the Friday night summer comp), and look forward to helping you all next year.

### Team Awards:

<i>Players Player</i>	Charlie Broadbent
<i>Most Improved</i>	Lucia Winters
<i>Managers Award</i>	Fineas Shaw (Golden Boot to the goalie and captain)
<i>Goal of the Season</i>	Sebastian Flood

## League Tables – Under 11C

Team	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	+/-	Points
UTS	10	9	0	1	0	62	6	56	38
Wenty	10	8	1	1	0	33	14	19	35
GNS White	10	6	4	0	0	42	20	22	28
B.Hills Red	10	5	5	0	0	22	24	-2	25
Briars	10	4	5	1	0	23	23	0	23
GNS Silver	10	4	5	1	0	28	37	-9	23
Ryde Lions	10	1	9	0	0	11	51	-40	13
ND Blue	10	1	9	0	0	2	48	-46	13

## Briars Junior Hockey

### Club Awards

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At our Junior Presentation event, we also presented three special awards, to three very special people:

Junior Goalkeeper of the Year:

Liliana Turner

Junior Coach of the Year:

Andrew Borg

R.D. Vanderfield Junior Club Person of the Year:

Scarlett Thuell

# Briars Squash

## Chairman's Report

Anthony Rex Thomas



### Overview

*2020 has been a year that will go down in history books for the disruption to life as we know it. Squash was on the increase in participants before COVID-19 and with 3 months lockdown and heavy restrictions we were unsure what would be on the other side. Thankfully, the time off allowed us to strategize, plan and make player experiences even better. We are now in the strongest position we have ever been in with a growing community and strengthening club with 8 accredited coaches and volunteers available to training our juniors and seniors.*

### Briars Junior tour to Coffs Harbour and Gold Coast January 2020



Rohan Toole and Anthony Rex Thomas took 8 juniors north to play against other clubs and play in a Gold Coast junior tournament.

Coffs harbour stop was first where Peter Saxby organised 10 of his juniors to play against ours in a mini tournament. Coffs ended up with the most wins at the end of the day. They spoiled us with a BBQ by the pool after our matches.

Next stop was Nerang Squash, we were welcomed by Dave White excellent player and fantastic host. We got to do some training and play matches against Nerang's best and even bumped into Squash legend Geoff Hunt doing his regular fitness routine.



Last day we played at the Squash Australia centre at Carrara, where the kids got to play on the courts used in the commonwealth games. Our kids played amazingly, and the team

bond was very strong by this stage. The support they gave each other was fantastic and they are all looking forward to the next tour.

### New Briars Coach appointed - Hannelise Human

South African Born and Australian Permanent Resident, Hannelize Human has started permanent part time with us at Thornleigh and has built an amazing following in that short amount of time. She is proving to be an asset to the club, and we are working with her on how we can bring more schools into the club.

### Events Information

**Briars 2020 Masters Event:** This was cancelled this year due to COVID-19.

**Briars Open 2020:** Managed to be played before lock downs in February. A big thank you to everyone who played the Briars open on the 1st of Feb. It was a scorcher of a day and some awesome Squash was played with limits reached. Thank you to Dan Godwin and Rohan Toole for running a smooth tournament.





## Placing below:

<b>OPENS</b>		
1st - Rohan Toole	2nd - Mick Fullick	3rd - Jack styles
<b>A GRADE</b>		
1st - Sam Goodman	2nd - Kyle Piggot	3rd - Connor Bolitho
<b>B GRADE</b>		
1st - James Sommer	2nd - Ned Harrison	3rd - Mark Dickson
<b>C GRADE</b>		
1st - Haneya Fuse	2nd - Paul Papadopoulos	3rd - Kelvin Ho
<b>D GRADE</b>		
1st - Paul Cottrell	2nd - Zohaib Khan	3rd - stephen Graham
<b>JUNIOR A</b>		
1st - Sam Goodman	2nd - Kyle Piggot	3rd - James Sommer
<b>JUNIOR B</b>		
1st - Zac Guiffre	2nd - Matt Nealon	3rd - Jackson Wylie
<b>JUNIOR C</b>		
1st - Mattia Candotti	2nd - Jack Ryan	3rd - Michelle Lam



## Junior Pennant Results

2019 - 20 Season

### Summer Pennant 2019 -20

Division	Team	Placing	Points
Div 01	Briars 01	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	104
Div 02	Briars 02	4 <sup>th</sup> place	54
Div 03	Briars 03	4 <sup>th</sup> place	20
Div 06	Briars 04	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	88
Div 08	Briars 05	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	121
Div 08	Briars 06	4 <sup>th</sup> place	96
Div 08	Briars 07	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	109
Premier 01	Mark Woo	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	40
Premier 01	Maja Mazuik	6 <sup>th</sup> place	2

## Junior Pennant Results | Term-3

### Squash Sydney North junior competition.



Due to Covid restrictions NSW SQUASH changed the format of the Junior competition. We had 6 divisions of 8 players for a 3 week competition. Well done to all players and parents for respecting the covid safety rules and allowing the kids to play sport again safely.

#### Results of the finals were:

DIVISION 1		
1st - Thomas Scott (Briars)	2nd - James Slade (Briars)	3rd - Elliot Inman (St Pius)
DIVISION 2		
1st - Zac Giuffre (Briars)	2nd - Hunter Helen-Ford (Knox)	3rd - Kasper Cheung (Briars)
DIVISION 3		
1st - Harry Clayton (St Pius)	2nd - Gilbert Davie (St Pius)	3rd - Niall Boomla (North Sydney boys High)
DIVISION 4		
1st - Nathan Calder (Briars)	2nd - Mattia Candotti (Briars)	3rd - Tom Sellers (Briars)
DIVISION 5		
1st - Amelia Scott (Briars)	2nd - Vivaans Mudaliar (Briars)	3rd - Darcy Keenlyside (St Pius)
DIVISION 6		
1st - Darvan Thavendran (Briars)	2nd - Armaan Samra (North Sydney Boys high)	3rd - Ben Buono (St Pius)



## Senior Pennant Results

### 2019 - 20 Season

#### Spring Pennant 2019 - 20

Division	Team	Placing
Division 2	Briars 1	4th
Division 3	Briars 2	3rd
Division 5	Briars 3	3rd

Division	Team	Placing
Division 9	Briars 6	1st
Division 9	Briars 7	3rd
Division 11	Briars 8	1st

Division 5	Briars 4	2nd
Division 6	Briars 5	

Division 12	Briars 9	1st
Division 12	Briars 10	8th



### Autumn Pennant 2020

Not played this year due to the COVID shutdown



## Briars @Thornleigh

### Club Championships

Great turn out this year with 66 players competing in the 2019 Briars Club champs. Congratulations to all the winners

MAJART CUP		
1st - Rohan Toole	2nd - Rex Thomas	3rd - Jack Styles
DIVISION 1		
1st - James Herbert	2nd - Alex Leonardi	3rd - Kieran Ryan
DIVISION 2		
1st - Hyunku (Kei) Kang	2nd - Darren Gardner	3rd - Mark Trotman
DIVISION 3		
1st - Pete Sinodinos	2nd - Vijay Tumuluri	3rd - Paul Taylor
DIVISION 4		
1st - Michael Odewahn-Oxley	2nd - Travis Ireland	3rd - Sam Smith
DIVISION 5		
1st - Warren Schaffer	2nd - Michael Youseff	3rd - Fiona Hennesey
DIVISION 6		
1st - Mic Mac	2nd - Ros Lloyd	3rd - Ignatius Willathgamuwa
DIVISION 7		



1st - Zohaib Khan	2nd - Brian Sandercock	3rd - Nicki Bispham
<b>JUNIOR OPEN</b>		
1st - Dan Godwin	2nd - Sam Smith	3rd - Mark Woo
<b>JUNIOR A</b>		
1st - Peter Koch	2nd - Matt Nealon	3rd - Zach Guiffre
<b>JUNIOR B</b>		
1st - Jackson Wylie	2nd - Colum Ryan	3rd - Mattia Candotti
<b>JUNIOR C</b>		
1st - Riley Khan	2nd - Ross	3rd - Mila Maziuk



## 2020 – 21 Plan

- increasing junior participation through Tuesday & Thursday 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.
- Major focus on completing the renovations at Thornleigh & getting the footprint and strategy in place to build new 3 court centre at Briars Sports club house Concord



# Briars Netball

## Presidents Report

Anne Burt



*2020, What a Year!*

*We successfully registered a record 345 Players and 41 teams into the IWSNA winter competition. This included 6 Senior, 26 Junior and 9 modified teams. We also registered 46 participants who were involved in our development program for 5 to 7 year old's.*

Due to a COVID restrictions, we were only allowed to enter 8 teams (3 senior and 5 intermediate/ 69 players) into the Tuesday night Summer Netball Competition. A very big thank you to the Registrar team for the tireless efforts made during 2020.



*(photo taken 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 pre pandemic)*

The season was put on hold in mid March due to the pandemic and didn't commence until the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The months leading up to the start of the season were difficult and daunting but due to the efforts and leadership shown by our netball executive and IWSNA, we were able to run the competition and complete it without any further interruptions.

Competition games were limited to 36 people per court, this included players, coaches, managers and spectators. We ensured that social distancing was maintained and the sanitation of balls, bibs and hands were a must at all times.

Our teams all excelled and the Grand Finals were played on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, results were as follow:

• U10 Div 1 Marigolds	<b>PREMIERS</b>
• U10 Div 4 Poppies	<b>PREMIERS</b>
• U10 Div 6 Honeysuckles	<b>PREMIERS</b>
• U11 Div 1 Gemstones	<b>GRAND FINALIST</b>
• U11 Ambers	<b>GRAND FINALIST</b>
• U12 Div 4 Zircons	<b>GRAND FINALIST</b>
• U12 Div 6 Aquamarines	<b>PREMIERS</b>
• U14 Div 3 White Opals	<b>PREMIERS</b>
• CADET 4 Opals	<b>GRAND FINALIST</b>
• SENIORS B1 Moonstones	<b>GRAND FINALIST</b>

Our annual Net Set Go Netstars program for 5-7 year olds ran on Friday nights in Term 3. With the assistance of Find My Coach and a handful of dedicated juniors the club ran a successful program over the 10 weeks. The young participants turned up each week, rain, hail or shine. They thoroughly enjoyed it and we look forward to them all coming back to play junior netball in the years ahead.

*(Netstars NSG Presentation September 2020)*

Briars Netball Club appreciates the contribution of our local sponsors:

Scanlon Hair North Strathfield, Exclusive Real Estate Concord West, Trevor Lee & Sons Funerals, TLE Electrical Silverwater, Sean the Sparky, Horizon Homes & Ready Fence.

We also thank Briars Sports for their contribution to the netball club over the past season.

Briars Netball Club is a successful and happy club due to the efforts of many people. Thank you to all the parents and players who administer, coach, manage, umpire and score for the club. You have all ensured a safe environment for the players to enjoy netball each week. We wouldn't be here without you all.

In closing I would like to express my thanks to the following people

Thank you to Bindi March-Ali and her umpiring team for giving so many young girls the opportunity to umpire, the team allocate over 40 umpires each week and assist in the overall development of so many Briars Netball players. Well done!

Kelly Pisani and the coaching team for ensuring all coaches were given the best equipment and guidance throughout the competition.

Thanks to Sarah O'Brien for taking care of the finances, ensuring we run the club as efficiently as possible.

Thank you Kath Walkley and the registrar team for the countless hours put into the team registrations and placements. The players were happy because of the way the teams were formed and this is credit to Kath and the registrar group.

Kate Campbell, our vice president ensured everyone was supported in their roles. She was also instrumental in maintaining compliance with COVID-19 restrictions and regulations. Her efforts and commitment are appreciated by all within our community.

Thank you to Christine Eastlake, club secretary who joined the executive this season. She worked tirelessly through arguably, our most challenging year since our inaugural year in 2013. Christine managed the Team



App and all club correspondence. She was instrumental in the management of our COVID-19 training and game day procedures. She ensured that every team manager was equipped to keep the players safe during the pandemic. Christine is an essential member of the committee and captures the spirit of Briars. She supports everyone in the club and has been a wonderful addition to the team at Briars Netball.

I would like to conclude by thanking all those who have contributed to make this yet another successful season at Briars Netball.

*Always remember...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.*

## Junior Modified Netball

### U8 Violets

Isabella Sheldrick & Narelle Horton | Coach & Manager

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Throughout this season, the Violet's played amazing, showing their incredible skills, teamwork and love of the game. There were some great wins and sportsmanship. Their most impressive achievements were their

development from the beginning of the season to the end, through their game skills and character development. Every girl should be extremely proud of her effort this season.



### U8 Azaleas

Renee Mcarthy, Anna Turnbull & Siobhan Heathcote | Coaches & Manager

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### U8 Snapdragons

Rosie Ryan & Belinda Nicholson | Coach & Manager

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*Team: Leila Abraham, Sabine Bansal, Andie Belanger, Sophie Gong, Madeline Jovceski, Sarcha McLeod, Tamika Nicholson, Hannah Ryan, Grace Morgan*

This was the first year of competition for all the girls and for the majority of parents, as sideline supporters!

All the girls improved significantly throughout the season, in term of their skills, netball knowledge, teamwork and fitness.

Each girl put in 100% into every training session and this commitment showed on the netball court with several wins and awfully close matches. Every match the girls played their hardest, demonstrating great sportsmanship and always with huge smiles on their faces! It was a pleasure to coach the girls this season and I was so proud of all of them.

A special congratulations to Tamika Nicholson for being awarded the Coaches Award.

### U8 Columbines

Diana Houltham & Shilpa Upender | Coach & Manager

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For many of these girls the 2020 season was their very first try at Netball not having even participated in Net Set Go - they finished the season UNDEFEATED!!

Their values: have fun, play as a team, give it my best! This they did in every each game. With each game they improved their skills and grew closer and stronger as a team.



I couldn't be prouder of these girls as a Coach, as for such young girls they displayed resilience, determination and courage. They stepped onto the court on their first game not sure of their positions and of what they could accomplish and they left the season Netballers - strong goal attacks, fast centres and undefeated defenders.



This is just the beginning for the Columbines! Thank you Briars for giving us this opportunity.

## U8 Dahlias

Nicola Newton & Vanessa Lalani | Coach & Manager

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This was the first year of playing Netball for girls on the team. The girls all came together not knowing each other and have finished the 2020 season with 8 new friends. Improvements were made by all players in many areas such as their moving, footwork and passing. Their knowledge of the game and positions has developed over the season and all whilst having fun and being active.

We all look forward to meeting up and playing again in 2021.

## U9 Roses

Kelly Pisani & Lisa Ryan | Coach & Manager

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The Roses had a fantastic netball season for 2020. This was the third year the team have been together and it definitely showed this experience on the court. The girls showed great sportsmanship towards all teams and always encouraged each other both on and off the court. The Roses are a brilliant team who have developed so much.

## U9 Hollies

Karen Tancred & Jacqui Oong | Coach & Manager

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We started our season in the depths of winter on the grass courts at 8.30 in the blistering cold - the hollies learnt quickly what it was to be a tough netball team girl! We finished our season enjoying the beautiful early Saturday mornings in spring. In our third year as a playing group our girls went on and were undefeated from round 4 bringing home a wonderful season where all the girls developed into their favourite positions. Thank you, Hollies, for a wonderful season watching you grow into skilled netballers!



## U9 Brambles

Ayla Ali, Elia Malgioglio & Bernadette Murray | Coaches & Manager

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This year Ayla and I took on the roll of coaching 10 fun-loving and enthusiastic girls who were all eager to learn the game of netball. Looking back to the beginning of the year we can reflect on the progress and growth that these beautiful girls have experienced, from running with the ball and a few silly passes they have advanced to working the ball down the court quickly, spreading out and communicating with each other. That progress is the result of Tuesday night trainings. Through each training session the girls have participated in many passing, running, and catching drills. The result of all these practices have allowed these girls to not only improve the individual abilities, but most importantly their ability to work as a team. It was a pleasure

to coach a team with such a bright bunch of girls within it.

## U9 Camellias

Michelle McConnell & Cassandra Bourke | Coach & Manager

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This was my second year coaching the sassy Camellias as a modified team.

I found it quite easy to help the girls enjoy netty as much as I do, and they were an absolute pleasure to train. They each had their own individual skills which developed over time and it showed each Saturday when they would play superbly as a team. It was a privilege to be their first coach and I hope they continue their love for this sport.



## Junior Netball

### U10 Marigolds | Premiers

Daniel Ivanac & Sonia Lalwani | Coach & Manager

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Fantastic season to remain undefeated plus win the grand final in div 1 was a great achievement. The girls were challenged at training each week, they continued to improve and really enjoyed the season.



As a coach I could not ask for anymore from a dedicated lovely bunch of young girls.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	<b>BNC Marigolds</b>	10	10	0	0	117	19	20	61.58
2	LWNC Black Banksias	10	7	3	0	87	33	14	26.36
3	ANC Meteors	10	7	3	0	88	46	14	19.13
4	LWNC Red Lilies	10	4	6	0	55	87	8	6.32
5	FDAS Flamingos	10	1	8	1	29	76	3	3.82
6	ANC Atoms	10	0	9	1	19	134	1	1.42

## U10 Junipers

Ian Allan & Rebecca Nichols | Coach & Manager

The U10 Junipers were excited to get back and so pleased the club was able to make it happen.

The team was anticipating a tough competitive year in division 2.

The girls started the year with some fantastic games and were full of confidence. Through the midseason we were challenged by some very good teams that highlighted areas we needed to develop. As always the



girls showed a great level of sportsmanship and to their credit they applied themselves at training to improve. They developed their level of play, challenging the better teams in the second rounds and finished the season with their best game. The last game was playoff for 3rd where two of our original members were to play their last game. In this final game the girls moved the ball fantastically, linking as a team and produced their highest score tally ever. This goal tally ended up being a division high for the season. Everyone involved was so proud of the girls. What a way to finish! Go Junipers!

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	FDAS Doves	10	8	1	1	98	41	17	23.9
2	SHLNC Joeys	10	8	2	0	82	46	16	17.83
3	TNC Manx	10	6	3	1	62	41	13	15.12
4	<b>BNC Junipers</b>	10	4	5	1	57	65	9	8.77
5	ANC Rockets	10	1	8	1	28	79	3	3.54
6	BUNC Dolphins	10	1	9	0	32	87	2	3.68

## U10 Poppies | Premiers

Brendon Eastlake & Catherine Rogerson | Coach & Manager

This year was the first that the girls played together and what a season it was. From losing their 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the season, they went on to win the Grand Final in style. An amazing group of girls to coach whom all have good netball futures in front of them.



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Cyclones	8	7	1	0	99	13	14	95.19
2	<b>BNC Poppies</b>	8	7	1	0	83	21	14	49.4
3	FDAS Bluebirds	8	2	4	2	13	49	6	3.32
4	LWNC White Waratahs	8	2	5	1	13	55	5	2.95
5	LWNC White Cedars	8	0	7	1	3	73	1	0.51

## U10 Willows

Melinda Di Pietro & Monica Toomeh | Coach & Manager



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	GNC Commodores	10	8	1	1	79	34	17	23.24
2	LWNC Red Gums	10	7	1	2	69	38	16	18.16
3	<b>BNC Willows</b>	10	7	3	0	55	50	14	11
4	BUNC Skittles	10	2	7	1	43	58	5	7.41
5	HNC Foxes	10	2	7	1	34	76	5	4.47
6	LWNC White Ash	10	1	8	1	34	58	3	5.86

## U10 Lilacs

Chris Peninton & Mona Paterson | Coach & Manager



The 2020 winter netball season began with a grinding Holt... finally, 8 girls met to form the Lilacs.

Training kicked off with impromptu dancing, handstands, and the odd use of the ball. As the season progressed, we began to find our feet moving in the right direction, our smiles grew as a team and by the end of the season we had formed a great netball team.

Thanks to all the girls for the season, Neave, Marlo, Ella, Grace, Chloe, Amelia, Zara, Matilda and Mona.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Storm	8	6	2	0	31	21	12	18.45
2	HNC Starburst	8	5	3	0	45	22	10	25.57
3	LWNC Black Wattles	8	4	3	1	26	16	9	20.31
4	LWNC Black Pods	8	4	3	1	37	36	9	12.85
5	<b>BNC Lilacs</b>	8	0	8	0	9	53	0	2.12



## U10 Sunflowers

Abbie Johnson, Bailey Belanger & Kate Campbell | Coaches & Manager



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Honeysuckles	8	6	1	1	54	20	13	33.75
2	SHLNC Robins	8	6	2	0	43	23	12	23.37
3	HNC Aztecs	8	4	4	0	35	44	8	9.94
4	TNC Ragdolls	8	3	4	1	56	36	7	19.44
5	BNC Sunflowers	8	0	8	0	4	69	0	0.72

## U10 Honeysuckles | Premiers

Antonella Seminara & Sonia Scauso | Coach & Manager



The U10 Honeysuckles had an awesome netball season! With three new players to the team (two of which had never played netball) the girls went on to win the Grand Final 5-1! They worked well together and each strengthened and grew their netball skills. The team showed great sportsmanship and were determined to play their best every week.

Well done girls! I am so proud of all you achieved.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Honeysuckles	8	6	1	1	54	20	13	33.75
2	SHLNC Robins	8	6	2	0	43	23	12	23.37
3	HNC Aztecs	8	4	4	0	35	44	8	9.94
4	TNC Ragdolls	8	3	4	1	56	36	7	19.44
5	BNC Sunflowers	8	0	8	0	4	69	0	0.72

## U10 Daisies

Christine Bonnici & Marianne Begetis | Coach & Manager

This year, seven girls made their netball debut in the U10 Daisies. As well as learning how to play, our team had 3 main objectives: to make friends, play fair and have fun.

Every training included some laughs, learning the rules and new techniques.





We had our first win in just our second game which was a real boost for the girls. Each week, the game improved dramatically as the girls became more confident and more skillful.

We didn't have any substitutes, so the girls played full games each week without complaining. They all tried out different positions and came to recognise their strengths, but enjoyed playing any position they were placed.

By the end of the season, a new group of girls emerged - confident, talented and happy netballers who are ready and excited for the new season in 2021!

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	GNC Apollos	8	4	2	2	38	20	10	23.75
2	ANC Comets	8	4	2	2	28	22	10	15.91
3	LWNC Red Correias	8	4	3	1	35	31	9	14.11
4	<b>BNC Daisies</b>	8	3	5	0	23	29	6	9.91
5	FDAS Rosellas	8	2	5	1	21	43	5	6.1

## U11 Gemstones | Grand finalist

Bindi March-Ali & Amanda Ivanac | Coach & Manager

2020 was a great season for our U11/1's Gemstone team.

We build from our success last year and we welcomed 3 new players into the team. We had lots of fun, developed new combination and we were the minor, undefeated premiers, with the best defensive record in our grade – this is a credit to all the girls, as our whole court defence was fabulous.



Our team played fair all year, I was immensely proud of the sportsmanlike manner in which they played..... Unfortunately, time ran out for us on the last game and we lost the Grand Final going down by 2.

I know the girls are already looking forward to next season, as I am! Thanks for a great season.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	<b>BNC Gemstones</b>	10	10	0	0	166	54	20	30.74
2	LWNC Redbacks	10	8	2	0	171	56	16	30.54
3	LWNC Red Lions	10	5	5	0	114	119	10	9.58
4	FDAS Falcons	10	4	6	0	94	111	8	8.47
5	LWNC Black Pythons	10	3	7	0	81	158	6	5.13
6	<b>BNC Pink Sapphires</b>	10	0	10	0	41	169	0	2.43

## U11 Pink Sapphires

Michelle Mitchell & Linda Eccleston | Coach & Manager

Well what a year. A week out from our First game, we were unexpectedly down to 7 players which meant we had to shuffle the girls into new positions with No time to train. In typical pink sapphires fashion, the girls pulled together trained hard and gave div1 a red hot go. Only to be dealt another devastating blow out GA Beth broke her wrist in a game against the wanderers which forced her onto the sideline for the remainder of the season. With becoming 6, we again shuffled players and borrowed Madison Low for the

last couple of rounds. This is Not how we imagined Div1, but it was a year of growth. We all came out better for it, fitter & faster and were grateful to get a whole game each week. In our last game, we went down by just 2 goals, our closet game all season. Despite it being a challenging year we all improved as a team with



everyone stayed positive, never giving up and playing right to the end even when it was hard. The parents and I are very proud of how the girls came together and fought hard despite the challenges they faced this season. Good Job Pink Sapphires.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	<b>BNC Gemstones</b>	10	10	0	0	166	54	20	30.74
2	LWNC Redbacks	10	8	2	0	171	56	16	30.54
3	LWNC Red Lions	10	5	5	0	114	119	10	9.58
4	FDAS Falcons	10	4	6	0	94	111	8	8.47
5	LWNC Black Pythons	10	3	7	0	81	158	6	5.13
6	<b>BNC Pink Sapphires</b>	10	0	10	0	41	169	0	2.43

## U11 Azurites

Linda Smith, Brooke Smith (AC) & Stacey D'Amico | Coaches & Manager

The Azurites had a great season. A year that was like no other, this year was about enjoying just playing netball when it was in so much doubt. We may not have had many wins but with 3 new players we rebuilt as a team and the girls formed great friendships. A team that not only incorporates players but also includes



the families as part of The Azurites. The families were the best support crew any coach could ask for. This year was the year to bond and next year we will come back stronger than ever.

Cannot wait for 2021.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC White Sharks	10	10	0	0	141	76	20	18.55
2	FDAS Cockatoos	10	7	3	0	78	65	14	12
3	LWNC Red Rosellas	10	5	5	0	73	89	10	8.2
4	LWNC Black Hawks	10	3	5	2	67	74	8	9.05
5	<b>BNC Azurites</b>	10	2	7	1	59	94	5	6.28
6	TNC Bengals	10	1	8	1	73	93	3	7.85

## U11 Turquoise

Brianna Winstanley, Ela Huber & Donna Harris | Coaches & Manager

The Under 11 Turquoise had an incredibly fun and positive season. The girls played their best every single game and never stopped trying. They also improved their netball skills every single week and for that I am immensely proud of how they went this season!

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	GNC Trax	10	10	0	0	132	33	20	40
2	<b>BNC Ambers</b>	10	7	3	0	49	57	14	8.6
3	LWNC Red Wrens	10	5	4	1	84	63	11	13.33
4	<b>BNC Turquoise</b>	10	5	4	1	61	69	11	8.84
5	SHLNC Fantails	10	1	9	0	30	84	2	3.57
6	LWNC Red Frogs	10	1	9	0	27	77	2	3.51

## U11 Ambers | Grand Finalist

Laura Eastlake, Amelia Walkley & Dina Elhafez | Coach & Manager



This year we came 2nd on the table, the Ambers had a great year. The girls really improved throughout the season. We could not be prouder.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	GNC Trax	10	10	0	0	132	33	20	40
2	<b>BNC Ambers</b>	10	7	3	0	49	57	14	8.6
3	LWNC Red Wrens	10	5	4	1	84	63	11	13.33
4	<b>BNC Turquoise</b>	10	5	4	1	61	69	11	8.84
5	SHLNC Fantails	10	1	9	0	30	84	2	3.57
6	LWNC Red Frogs	10	1	9	0	27	77	2	3.51

## U12 Tanzanites

Belinda Portolesi & Georgina Willis | Coach & Manager



Another great year with the Tanzanites! After finishing last year as joint premiers this team moved up a division and showed a lot of grit and determination each with a very fierce competition! The girls were fortunate to have an assistant coach this year (Sienna Tierney) who was able to share some skills and drills and offer extra support. Well done to these amazing girls who put in a lot of effort at training and played their best each week! So proud of each and every one of you! An extra big congratulations to Olivia Williams who received coach's choice award!



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC White Rays	10	9	1	0	161	105	<b>18</b>	15.33
2	LWNC White Fireballs	10	8	2	0	163	88	<b>16</b>	18.52
3	TNC Lions	10	7	3	0	125	111	<b>14</b>	11.26
<b>4</b>	<b>BNC Tanzanites</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7.68</b>
5	FDAS Sunbirds	10	2	8	0	65	140	<b>4</b>	4.64
<b>6</b>	<b>BNC Pyrites</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6.58</b>

## U12 Pyrites

Michelle McConnell & Kath Walkley | Coach & Manager

This was my first-year coaching Pyrites and knew from the get-go that I had big shoes to fill! We had some existing players and new players join the team and it did not take long for them to form a humorous and chatty friendship on and off the court. Even though this season did not go as planned, the Pyrites were awesome to coach and amazing to watch every Saturday, with so much future potential from these young ladies.



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC White Rays	10	9	1	0	161	105	<b>18</b>	15.33
2	LWNC White Fireballs	10	8	2	0	163	88	<b>16</b>	18.52
3	TNC Lions	10	7	3	0	125	111	<b>14</b>	11.26
<b>4</b>	<b>BNC Tanzanites</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7.68</b>
5	FDAS Sunbirds	10	2	8	0	65	140	<b>4</b>	4.64
<b>6</b>	<b>BNC Pyrites</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6.58</b>

## U12 Zircons | Grand Finalist

Kiri Collins, Niamh Collins (AC) & Cate Sendall | Coaches & Manager

It was a short and frenetic season, but lots of fun! The girls, having mastered the basics, were able to build on their skills and develop their teamwork. The girls put all their effort into every training session and game, and it paid off, beating the undefeated team in the final round, and coming second place overall.



We couldn't be prouder of the girls and the season they had.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Twisties	8	7	1	0	110	40	<b>14</b>	34.38
<b>2</b>	<b>BNC Zircons</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22.36</b>
3	HNC Tornados	8	4	4	0	66	67	<b>8</b>	12.31
4	FDAS Corals	8	2	6	0	64	103	<b>4</b>	7.77
5	GNC Captivas	8	0	8	0	55	126	<b>0</b>	5.46



## U12 Aquamarines | Premiers

Steve Bonnor & Andrew Karas | Coach & Manager



With the Aquamarines returning to the 2020 season with four of last year's team members, the four newcomers slotted right in with immediate effect, by winning their opening game. Most of these four newcomers had not had any competition Netball experience.

With the help and direction of BNC management and coaching staff, the team including coach/manager, were dedicated, and worked hard at all / extra training sessions combined with lots of fun. There were some great wins and consistent tight matches, with all players displaying such great sportsmanship. Same as last year, the team kept building momentum week by week, which reflected their positive results. The girls positive attacking skills was always evident, but it was their consistent effort and drive to improve their defensive skills that stood out.

Securing 2<sup>nd</sup> spot on the ladder was impressive, but what made it stand out even more, was the fact that our F/A average was better than the team that finished on top of the ladder. Then came the final and being awarded the premiers, by knocking off the top team. Amazing and well deserved.

The icing on the cake, is the wonderful new friendships made and which continue to grow off the court. Such an awesome group of girls to coach.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SHLNC Brolgas	8	7	1	0	76	43	14	22.09
2	<b>BNC Aquamarines</b>	8	6	2	0	83	41	12	25.3
3	LWNC White Sparks	8	5	3	0	63	57	10	13.82
4	HNC Black Diamonds	8	2	6	0	37	55	4	8.41
5	HNC Bubbles	8	0	8	0	24	87	0	3.45

## U13 Blue Zircons

Zoe Ransevyecz & Tonya Greer | Coach & Manager



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SHLNC Sunbirds	10	10	0	0	176	72	20	24.44
2	SCHOLS Teal	10	6	4	0	154	103	12	14.95
3	FDAS Diamonds	9	6	3	0	120	112	12	10.71
4	<b>BNC Blue Zircons</b>	9	3	6	0	124	154	8	8.95
5	HNC Hedgehogs	10	3	7	0	100	133	6	7.52
6	ANC Swans	10	1	9	0	77	177	2	4.35

## U14 Onyx

Donna Wollen & Jaye Stevenson | Coach & Manager



It was the first year in Division 1 for U14 Onyx and what a year it was. They placed third overall! The girls were nervous leading into the first round wondering how they would fair in the top grade (especially considering they had to wait so long for it to commence due to COVID) but once they got that first game under their belt they grew in confidence and went from strength to strength displaying some great skill throughout the season. Their determination and spirit shone through every time they took the court. They are an awesome team to coach, and I can't wait

for 2021. Bring it on!

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SHLNC Wagtails	10	6	2	2	134	96	14	13.96
2	LWNC Red Cheetahs	10	6	4	0	163	148	12	11.01
3	<b>BNC Onyx</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6.83</b>
4	TNC Koolkats	10	2	7	1	120	164	5	7.32
5	SCHOLS Navy	10	1	9	0	97	190	2	5.11
6	IWSNA 4	10	10	0	0	211	74	0	28.51

## U14 Jades

Bindi March-Ali & Christine Eastlake | Coach & Manager

I really enjoyed this year with this wonderful bunch of young women. We came together from 5 different teams and I was immensely proud of how they gelled together.

Unfortunately, we were plagued with injuries from the outset of the competition to the end, we even had several games where we only had 5 team players on the court, yet, despite this, we were leading the comp at one stage and ended up beating the team who took out the grand-final. We finished a proud 3!

I have high hopes for this team next year due to their good fair play, confidence and the connections that were formed this season.



Thank you for the commitment you showed myself and the team, I'm proud of all of you – your last 2 games especially showed everyone what you can deliver when we are all firing! Well done on a great season, both on and off the court. I'm looking forward to next year!

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC White Lightning	10	8	2	0	214	144	16	14.86
2	HNC Wombats	10	7	3	0	204	134	14	15.22
3	<b>BNC Jades</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11.89</b>
4	ANC Opals	10	4	6	0	167	196	8	8.52
5	FDAS Phoenix	10	3	7	0	135	171	6	7.89
6	LWNC Red Heads	10	1	9	0	94	194	2	4.85

## U14 Rubies

Luke Quinlan & Kate Bruce | Coach & Manager



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	<b>BNC White Opals</b>	10	9	0	1	189	97	19	19.48
2	HNC Sherbets	10	8	1	1	137	65	17	21.08
3	LWNC Stripey Tigers	10	6	4	0	126	108	12	11.67
4	<b>BNC Rubies</b>	10	2	8	0	86	148	4	5.81
5	HNC Berries	10	2	8	0	73	133	4	5.49
6	SCHOLS Yellow	10	2	8	0	65	125	4	5.2

## U14 White Opals | Premiers

Brendon Eastlake & Geraldine White | Coach & Manager

Following on from last season's 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the girls went through to be undefeated Premiers for 2020.



Clearly a group of girls who love their netball just as much as they love talking during training. A team who will continue to do well in the coming years.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	<b>BNC White Opals</b>	10	9	0	1	189	97	19	19.48
2	HNC Sherbets	10	8	1	1	137	65	17	21.08
3	LWNC Stripey Tigers	10	6	4	0	126	108	12	11.67
4	<b>BNC Rubies</b>	10	2	8	0	86	148	4	5.81
5	HNC Berries	10	2	8	0	73	133	4	5.49
6	SCHOLS Yellow	10	2	8	0	65	125	4	5.2



## U14 Larimars

Carly Broadbent & Sharon Collett | Coach & Manager



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	ANC Gems	10	8	0	2	257	99	18	25.96
2	RNC Firetails	10	8	0	2	212	88	18	24.09
3	LWNC Black Diamonds	10	6	4	0	171	113	12	15.13
4	RNC Parrots	10	4	6	0	116	145	8	8
5	<b>BNC Larimars</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5.34</b>
6	SCHOLS Green	10	0	10	0	39	262	0	1.49

## U15 Blue Sapphires

Daniel Ivanac & Linda Smith | Coach & Manager

Going into Division 1 this season was a huge challenge. The opening games were tough, but the team was improving each week and relishing the challenge.



We ended up finishing fourth then played off against the third placed team in the finals and beat Leichhardt 19 to 15 which just showed how much the girls had improved. For me as a coach it was one of the most satisfying victories to beat Leichhardt in the finals and finish 3<sup>rd</sup>.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SHLNC Falcons	10	9	1	0	242	118	18	20.51
2	FDAS Harriers	10	8	2	0	218	149	16	14.63
3	LWNC White Wolves	10	7	3	0	189	154	14	12.27
4	<b>BNC Blue Sapphires</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7.31</b>
5	FDAS Firebirds	10	2	8	0	158	236	4	6.69
6	HNC Hornets	10	1	8	1	125	219	1	5.71

## U15 Peridots

Rosie Ryan & Gina Towney | Coach & Manager

This groups of girls have played together for a few seasons, but this was my first season as their coach. They are a strong playing group and after the first few hard training sessions, developed their skills and fitness and proved to be one of the strongest teams in the division. The team finished the season with the second-best defence statistics and unfortunately were only one win away from making the Grand Final.



They finished 3rd overall, with a great win in the last game of the season. This was one of the most enjoyable seasons I have had coaching netball and I can't praise my players enough with the maturity, sportsmanship and enthusiasm they displayed every training session and every game.

A special congratulations to Bailey Belanger for being awarded the Coaches Award.

*Team:*

*Bailey Belanger, Zahra Hamilton, Abbie Johnson, Stephanie Sandu, Amy Symes, Isabella Goth-Towney, Aadhya Dhanpal & Amelia McNamara.*



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	TNC Aussie Mist	10	9	1	0	199	114	<b>18</b>	17.46
2	SCHOLS Aqua	10	8	2	0	200	106	<b>16</b>	18.87
<b>3</b>	<b>BNC Peridots</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12.66</b>
4	LWNC White Angels	10	5	5	0	164	148	<b>10</b>	11.08
5	BUNC Thunder	10	2	8	0	82	183	<b>4</b>	4.48
6	GNC Jackaroos	10	0	10	0	79	202	<b>0</b>	3.91

## Cadets Opals

Melita Stanmore & Leanne Sharpe | Coach & Manager



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	FDAS Crystals	10	9	1	0	403	224	<b>18</b>	17.99
<b>2</b>	<b>BNC Opals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17.72</b>
3	HNC Jewels	10	6	4	0	378	263	<b>12</b>	14.37
4	SHLNC Lyrebirds	10	3	7	0	298	260	<b>6</b>	11.46
5	GNC Sparks	10	3	7	0	282	326	<b>6</b>	8.65
6	LWNC Black Spots	10	0	10	0	127	557	<b>0</b>	2.28

# Senior Netball

## Blue Quartz

Rebecca McLachlin | Manager

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BWNC Viper	10	8	2	0	380	242	<b>16</b>	15.7
2	TNC Purrers	10	8	2	0	310	254	<b>16</b>	12.2
<b>3</b>	<b>BNC Blue Quartz</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10.9</b>
4	PRUNC MOJITOS	10	5	4	1	328	291	<b>11</b>	11.27
5	FDAS Angels	10	2	8	0	221	305	<b>4</b>	7.25
6	WMNC Panthers	10	0	10	0	193	364	<b>0</b>	5.3

## Jaspers

Kelly Pisani | Manager



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SHLNC Diamonds	10	9	0	1	378	246	<b>18</b>	15.37
2	TNC Jaguars	10	8	1	1	476	235	<b>16</b>	20.26
3	ANC Smilers	10	6	4	0	371	319	<b>12</b>	11.63
<b>4</b>	<b>BNC Jaspers</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10.22</b>
5	SUNC One	10	2	8	0	298	436	<b>4</b>	6.83
6	ANC Angels	10	0	10	0	200	495	<b>0</b>	4.04

## Emeralds

Alex Stimson | Manager



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Sapphires	10	8	1	1	334	238	17	14.03
2	<b>BNC Moonstones</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14.23</b>
3	<b>BNC Emeralds</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11.38</b>
4	HNC Pythons	9	4	5	0	245	266	8	9.21
5	GNC Calibras	10	2	7	1	222	274	5	8.1
6	GNC Novas	10	1	9	0	172	297	2	5.79

## Moonstones | Grand Finalist

Kate Crawford | Manager



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Sapphires	10	8	1	1	334	238	17	14.03
2	<b>BNC Moonstones</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14.23</b>
3	<b>BNC Emeralds</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11.38</b>
4	HNC Pythons	9	4	5	0	245	266	8	9.21
5	GNC Calibras	10	2	7	1	222	274	5	8.1
6	GNC Novas	10	1	9	0	172	297	2	5.79

## Sapphires

Melanie Taylor | Manager



RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC Red Devils	9	8	1	0	422	195	18	24.05
2	BUNC Tigerlily'	8	7	1	0	311	224	16	15.43
3	BUNC Spritzers	9	5	4	0	317	233	12	17.01
4	PRUNC MOCKTAILS	10	4	6	0	329	373	8	8.82
5	GNC Volts	10	3	7	0	239	377	6	6.34
6	<b>BNC Sapphires</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.55</b>

## Lolites

Rebecca Nichols | Manager

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RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BUNC Roses	10	10	0	0	340	212	<b>20</b>	16.04
2	HNC Thunder	10	7	3	0	275	219	<b>14</b>	12.56
<b>3</b>	<b>BNC lolites</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11.35</b>
4	BWNC Archangels	10	3	7	0	224	253	<b>6</b>	8.85
5	BUNC Cheetas	10	2	8	0	230	285	<b>4</b>	8.07
6	SHLNC Vincents	10	1	9	0	197	329	<b>2</b>	5.99



# Greenlees Park Bowling Club



## Women's Bowls

### Presidents Report

Veronica Waring



*Another year has gone by – I hope in my second year as President I have met all expectations for GPWBC and Briars Sports Club with the support from my Committee members and all the Greenlees Park ladies. I am honoured to be elected as President again for a third year.*

Major Singles, Pairs and Triples Club Championships have been completed. Congratulations to all the winners and also to all the runners up – well done ladies. We are hoping the Club Championship Fours will be finished before the end of the year.

As a result of COVID -19 there have been many changes which resulted in us being unable to participate in all our regular events this year. It has been a trying time, one that we all have had to adjust to. With everyone following all the rules and restrictions, let's hope we stay safe and healthy. Considering the challenges we have had, we are very fortunate to have been able to keep on playing our bowls, even though we had a three month break.

I wish to thank Jason Parle, Monique Laaper, Jack Thomas, Ben Williams, Megan Garcia and all the Briars staff for all the help they have given women's bowls over the year. I would also like to thank Peter Neary, our Greenkeeper, who keeps our greens in top condition and is always obliging when we have events on days other than Thursdays. Thanks to Tiffany and Adam at Backyard at Briars and all their staff who are always accommodating with our Thursday lunches and make an extra effort on special days, which haven't

We have welcomed six new members this year, bringing our total membership to 38. Unfortunately we had four members resign for various reasons and we wish them well. On Thursdays we have ladies from other Clubs participating in our social game and also have more ladies interested in joining GPWBC in 2021, which is very exciting, considering a few years back we only had 12 regular players and now have at least 30 regular players on a Thursday.

Many thanks to Eddie Truesdale for coaching our new members.

We had two grades in Pennants this year. Grade 4 were runners up to the winners, Carlingford - congratulations well done ladies. Our Grade 2 team unfortunately didn't get a place, but a good effort by all. Greenlees Park WBC had entries in the Macquarie District Open Fours, Singles, Pairs and Triples with Greenlees Park runners up to the winners, Gladesville in the District Fours – congratulations a great effort. District Triples have been completed, which were hosted at Briars Greenlees Park Bowling Club, together with District Open and Senior Pairs.





been too many unfortunately due the virus. My thanks to Briars Sports and the GPMBC Committee and extended men bowlers for their continued support.

Most of all, many thanks to GPWBC Committee members who have helped and supported me during the year and also to all our bowling ladies for your support and friendship, without which I couldn't have continued over the year.

With everyone's support & enthusiasm we continue to enjoy our bowls and have a happy and successful ladies bowling club.

## Greenlees Park W.B.C. 2020 Results

### Club Championships

	Winner	Runner-up
<b>Major Singles</b>	Janet Cooper	Ann Hyem
<b>Pairs</b>	Val Day Gladys Barnes	Lorraine McAuliffe Judy Coulson
<b>Triples</b>	Deanne Cooper Pat Free Immaculata Fonti ( <i>Imma</i> )	Lorraine McAuliffe Gai Shirvington Maureen Kearney

### Macquarie Grade 4 District Pennants Team | Runners-Up

Immaculata Fonti (*Imma*)  
Carole Pomroy  
Gwen Bonett  
Denva Barber

Therese Cutrupi (*Teri*)  
Kathleen Bruce (*Kathy*)  
Giovanna Caccaviello (*Gina*)  
Lorraine McAuliffe

### Macquarie District Open Fours | Runners - Up

Veronica Waring  
Ann Hyem

Margaret Truesdale  
Gladys Barnes



# Men's Bowls

## Presidents Report

Ric Cilona



*In perhaps every annual report written this year end from the largest publicly listed company to the smallest community group the presence of the Covid-19 pandemic and its effects on the organisation, running and structures within those organisations will be prominent.*

*At Greenlees Park Men's Bowling Club this has been true as well. That being said, the year has brought much to celebrate and remember and to a large extent these are the efforts of the most important group within the club – our members.*

As a community based sporting organisation the year was obviously impacted significantly with the virus as were most every sporting group Australia wide. Pennants were postponed after a couple of rounds and notification received shortly after of its cancellation for the remainder of the year. While disappointing on a number of levels, as with most other sports, it recognised the need to prioritise members safety above competition. 2021 will see a return of the competition although set dates for resumption have not been finalised at the time of writing.

The close of 2020 sees the club in a strong financial position and well placed in terms of the coming year. Alongside with this, the club has submitted a funding request to cover predominately the provision of new shading for both the Free



and Goldberg Greens. If accepted this will provide new shade netting across all rinks. Additionally we have submitted funding requests for Training Aids and provision of Sporting Camps to

further develop the quality of our bowlers. In mentioning the possible improvement of the Greens, it would be remiss to not acknowledge the wonderful efforts of our Greenkeeper Peter Neary whose efforts often have gone above and beyond expectations. A wonderful servant of the club and a terrific man as well.

While impacting on the Pennants competition, the virus has disrupted our club competitions to some extent. Whilst necessitating a rejig of the initial calendar proposed for the year, we have been able to successfully complete the majority of our club competitions. Our thanks to all the participants for making it work and particular congratulations to the winners of the Major and Minor events, Triples and Fours and Mixed Pairs.

Our thanks as well to those people behind the scenes who help make the club work. The Front Office staff, Jason and his team, the Bowls Committee for 2020 who volunteer time in working through the needs of the Club. Without mentioning individuals – thank you. We would not be here without you.

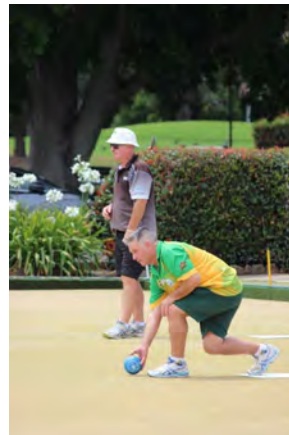


Lastly my thanks to you, the bowlers, for your participation and efforts in making the year and the club work – every organisation is only as good as the people in it. There are some very good people in this club.



## 2020 Club Championship Results:

	Winner	Runner-up
<b>Major Singles</b>	Ben Williams	Kevin Bolger
<b>Minor Singles</b>	Marc De Villecourt	Marcus Woods
<b>Major Pairs</b>	Rob Zrilic Mark Gorlecki	Gino Borg Kevin Bolger
<b>Triples</b>	Daniel Ackery Paul Reynolds Kevin Bolger	Wayne Comber Ronnie James Brian Coulthart
<b>Fours</b>	Mark Leslie Wayne Comber Brian Coulthart Ben Williams	Daniel Ackery A. Chahl James Archer Jesse Loveridge





# Briars Sports Trophies

## J H Stone Trophy

*Not awarded this year.*

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 **Matina Moffitt***

*Matina Moffitt joined the club through the Junior Cricket Committee in 2002 and is going into her 20th year as committee member. In her role as Treasurer her responsibility extends to all operational aspects of running a Junior Cricket Club. Matina's drive, commitment and energy has been at the centre of the Junior Cricket Clubs' success, providing an environment for our 600 young cricketers – both boys and girls – playing in Australia's biggest summer sport and developing lifelong friendships along the way. A huge advocate for young girls playing cricket, Matina has established 7 young girls teams playing in three competitions in the Inner West.*

*Matina currently holds positions on multiple NSW Junior Cricket Associations in addition to representing Briars Junior Cricket at an Association level. Junior Cricket at Briars has benefited enormously from Matina's broader involvement and boasts one of the largest and most successful Junior Cricket clubs in NSW.*

*Matina was also a founding committee member of the Briars Junior Netball Club which she held for 5 years. She has also held the Treasurer position of Briars Sports club since 2014 progressing to a Non-Executive Board Member in 2015.*

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.

## A J Robinson Shield

*Awarded to **Nicola Skinner***

*Nicola has once again made an outstanding contribution to the Club 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:

*Nicola was a key member of the women's 2nd Grade team, and a mentor to the younger players coming through.*

*Additionally, it was Nicola's fourth year as Club Secretary. She has been an absolute powerhouse in all aspects of this role and has also been a key driver of several projects of importance to the club, as well as running the Flick Kids programme, which is bringing in our future stars of hockey.*

*Nicola was also instrumental in running many of the key social and presentation events during her time as Secretary, driven the successful development of our Summer Competition, and has been a regular volunteer at the canteen and wherever else she could possibly be involved.*

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 **Scarlett Thuell**

*Scarlett joined Briars in 2009, and is now a member of the U17A's team, playing her 166<sup>th</sup> match for the club in the Grand Final.*

*Scarlett is an accomplished Junior Umpire for both Juniors and Women's matches, she coaches and develops new umpires, and is always one of the first to lend a hand at working bees, in the canteen and at Summer Comp nights, or wherever help is needed.*

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.

## R B Clark Scholarship

*Not awarded this year.*

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 **Gerard Price OAM.**

*Gerard was simply Mr Cricket for Briars and the driving force for all things cricket within Briars. The only ever reward Gerard sought for his efforts were Club Championships and premierships and he achieved many of these during his tenure of 31 years as chairman.*

*Gerard last won this award in 1987 as he always refused to award it to himself. Gerard passed away in December 2020.*

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 **Yuvraj Dalvi**

*Yuvraj had a stunning 2019/20 season and the statistics tell the tale:*

*He topped the Northern Districts Junior cricket association U15/16 Lillee competition as a batsman with an amazing 478 runs at an average of 119.50 which included two centuries.*

*Yuvraj lives and breathes cricket and given any opportunity, loves to train and play and work on his craft, he joined Briars in 2016/17. Although a specialist pace bowler early in his career, the past 2 years have seen him blossom as a batsman. While comfortable opening the batting or finishing games with a quickfire flurry, he is the quintessential all-rounder, equally adept at keeping wickets when called upon.*

*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.

## Geoff Archibald Trophy

### Awarded to **Daniel Quinn**

*Daniel joined the club this season as a colt and one of our youngest players. Despite the contracted season, Daniel saw himself elevated to first grade for the first game and finished as the starting right winger in our first-grade team. Daniel became known for his brutal defence and an electric finisher completing the season with five tries. A bright star who will continue to impress and improve in the years to come.*

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 **Troy Le Sueur-Hindmarsh**

*Troy came to Briars a few years ago from plying his trade in Western Australia and Queensland. His wealth of knowledge around running a Suburban Rugby Club has been well received by the committee and players alike. He is always willing to offer help to every member of the club.*

*Troy has become a valuable clubman both on and off the field and is one of the strongest leaders within the playing group. Troy's willingness to assist next year with some of our most vital strategies for our club demonstrates his continued willingness to support the Briars.*

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

## Briars Women's Rugby Trophy

Awarded to **Courtney Miller**

**Attendance at training** - Courtney attended every training, additional training with the team on off weekends and when Trent or Dave were unavailable ran training with all the players. Courtney was injured with a torn ACL this year but still attended every training session and game

**Value to the team** - Courtney stepped up this season as a full-time player, delivering leadership to new and existing players. In such a tough year with many unknowns Courtney helped lead the team and continued the motivation to train and develop, especially when COVID-19 restrictions occurred, and training was cancelled.

**Most improved player** - Courtney has developed her skills significantly on the field, adapting to the 7s style of play and being a utility player on the field. Courtney has lifted her fitness significantly and is now known to have a pass better than most at the club (men or women).

**General keenness** - At the start of the season Courtney was unsure if she wanted to return, as previous seasons had left her de-motivated. With a new coach and a new approach to training and playing, Courtney lifted herself and the rest of the team to play a fun brand of 7s Rugby. This has been noticed by other teams where Briars were previously the "Social Team" to now be serious contenders in the competition.

**Value as a Club member** - Courtney embodies the Briars spirit in her activity on and off the field. Courtney will encourage social engagements, additional training sessions with the team and ongoing discussion to ensure that all players also understand and practice the essence of being a Briar.

**Support Club Growth** - Courtney is a proud promoter of Briars and Women's Rugby overall, interacting with the community, players and non-players alike to promote the Briars brand at all times

Neatness of uniform	10 points
Total	100 points

The "yet to be named shield" is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has contributed the most during the year towards Women's Rugby and the Club in general.

The criteria for selection is as follows:

Attendance at training	20 points
Value to the team	20 points
Most improved player	20 points
General attitude	15 points
Value as a Club member	15 points
Support Club growth	10 points
Total	100 points



## The Mal Blair & Bill McLaughlin Junior Rugby Trophy

Awarded to **Markus Petreski Burneikis**

*Markus has been with Briars for 4 years and in that time has shown his commitment and leadership within the club. He is always willing to assist in setting up the ground before training and games, and rarely misses a training session.*

*On the field, he led his team to a premiership season in 2019 and has supported them through an ungraded 2020 season coming up against some very tough teams.*

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 **Michael McCauley**

*Mic Mac started out as a once a week with his lovely partner Evelyn, Evelyn injured herself and Mic Mac wanted to keep playing, that is when he really became a Briar! Joining his first ever pennant comp he instantly loved the team atmosphere and the challenge of pushing one's self. Getting coaching and attending adult squads. Turns out you **can** teach old dog's new tricks.*

*Mic Mac always turns up to every match and gives it his all. On top of this he has contributed a lot of his time to fixing plumbing issues around the club at no charge. He loves being at the club and every time he comes up you will see him mingling with other members. Mic Mac has become a strong member of the Briars Squash community and we are honoured to present him with the Doug Vanderfield Trophy.*

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
Keenness 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 Gleason Jnr. Trophy

Awarded to **Maeghan Wang**

*Maeghan plays in the Saturday morning junior pennant and regularly attends the weekly junior training sessions at Thornleigh squash. Maeghan shows great sportsmanship in all her competitive matches and always gives her all when on court which has seen her improve immensely this year.*

*She is popular among her peers and coaches as she is always respectful and willing to help out the younger kids at training. She is frequently on court with her younger brother before training even though the racquet is bigger than him!!*

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
Keenness as a player	20 points
Improvement as a player	15 points
Conduct on the Squash Court	15 points

*Maeghan is a deserving winner of this year's Anne Gleason award and we look forward to watching her grow as a player and a person in the coming years.*

## Anne Burt Trophy

*Awarded to **Kath Walkley***

*Kath joined Briars 7 years ago. Kath has managed her two daughter's netball teams since 2014. She took on the role of Club Registrar in 2015 and continues in the role today. The role can take Kath up to 30+ voluntary hours a week at registration time each season. She always ensures the players are placed in appropriate teams and the overall enjoyment of all Briars players is a credit to Kath's dedication and commitment to her role. She is also a pivotal member of the executive committee and is the first to put her hand up to assist with the countless tasks and roles within Briars netball. Kath is a local gem and a credit to Briars Sports.*

Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

The Anne Burt Trophy is awarded to a Senior or Junior netball player or club volunteer 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	30 points
Value in Netball Administration	25 points
General Keenness	20 points
Improvement as a player	20 points
Conduct on and/or off the Court	15 points
Neatness of uniform and/or club attire	10 points
Total	100 points

## Brian Huttly Trophy

*Awarded to **Ann Hyem***

*Ann joined Greenlees Park W.B.C. in January 2016. Ann served on Match Committee for two years and has been an active Vice-President since the 2019/2020 election.*

*Ann is exceedingly kind & considerate, welcomes new members, and is always ready to assist other Committee members.*

*This award is well deserved.*

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 **David Puckeridge***

*David has been on the Match Committee for the past 2 years and has always made himself available to help out wherever needed, especially with cooking BBQ's and running barefoot bowls days.*

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.

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# Summary Financial Report

**For the year ended 30 September 2020**

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for the year ended 30 September 2020

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report on the financial statements of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2020.

#### Directors

The names of the directors who held office at any time during the year ended 30 September 2020 and up to the date of this report are:

Howle, Brett  
O'Kane, Terrence  
Jaroszewicz, Michael  
Beckhouse, Kylie

Blair, Ian  
Moffitt, Matina  
Boyter, Aaron

Norris, Kylie  
Burt, Chris  
Price, John

#### Information on Directors

Name	Position	Eligible Meetings	Meetings Attended	Qualifications
Brett Howle	Chairperson	12	12	Company Director
Matina Moffitt	Director/Treasurer	12	11	Executive Director
Ian Blair*	Director	4	3	Retired Company Director
Aaron Boyter	Director	12	12	Engineer
Chris Burt*	Director	4	3	Manager
Michael Jaroszewicz	Director	12	10	Structural Engineer
Terrence O'Kane	Director	12	12	Disability Support Worker
Kylie Norris	Director	12	10	Sourcing Manager
John Price**	Director	8	8	Company Director
Kylie Beckhouse**	Director	4	3	Director Family Law

\* Resigned from the Board February 2020

\*\* Elected to the Board February 2020

#### Membership

Briars at Greenlees Limited, is a company limited by guarantee and is without a share capital. The number of members of Briars in the register of members at the date of this report is:

Category	2020	2019
Full members	1,168	1,103
Social members	2,562	2,328
	<b>3,730</b>	<b>3,431</b>

#### Limitation on members' liability

Briars at Greenlees Limited is a public company limited by guarantee, and in accordance with its constitution, the liability of financial members in the event of the company being wound-up would not exceed \$2.00 per member. The total contribution by financial members in the event of the company being wound-up would be \$7,460 [2019: \$6,862]

#### Operating result

The net profit from trading for the year ended 30 September 2020 [after no provision for income tax] amounted to a profit of \$488,994 [2019: Profit \$353,214] after charging depreciation and amortisation of \$492,229 [2019: \$343,280] and for 2020 includes payments received from the Commonwealth government as a result of COVID-19 of \$100,000 being a cash flow boost for employers and \$198,000 from JobKeeper payments to subsidise wages.

#### Review of operation

	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)	%
Poker machine clearances [net]	\$1,920,227	\$1,924,862	-\$4,635	- 00.24
Bar sales	\$1,051,125	\$1,297,289	-\$246,164	- 18.98
Operating and overhead costs	(\$3,503,203)	(\$4,089,419)	-\$586,216	- 14.33

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT [CONTINUED]

#### Objectives

##### Short term:

Providing for members and guests a social sporting club with the usual facilities of a club and to assist general promotion and promulgation of amateur sport.

##### Long term:

To sustain and enhance our position as a leader in the assistance to selected amateur sports, and to provide a quality environment, providing assistance to the Concord and nearby communities.

#### Strategy for achieving the objectives

The principal strategies which Briars is implementing include the following:

- Maximise advantage from our investments and property holding;
- Maximise advantage from marketing activities;
- Maximise advantage by those sports that have as their fundamental ethos the support and promotion of amateur sports;
- 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 assisted 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 on the effectiveness of strategic initiatives in achieving the company's short and long term objectives:

Indicators	2020	2019	+/- %
[a] Employees numbers			
• Permanent	5	5	
• Casual	10	47	
[b] Employee remuneration			
• Wages [2020: subsidised by JobKeeper payments \$198,000]	\$455,468	\$670,620	-32%
• Superannuation	\$65,972	\$68,702	-4%
• Direct on-costs	\$65,696	\$74,238	-11%
[c] Poker machine operations			
• Net poker machine clearances	\$1,920,227	\$1,924,862	0%
• Payout ratio	68.93%	66.33%	+3%
[d] Bar operations			
• Bar sales	\$1,051,125	\$1,297,289	-19%
• Cost of sales	\$413,589	\$492,869	-16%
• Gross margin	\$637,536	\$804,420	-21%
• Gross margin to sales	60.65%	62.01%	-2%
• Direct expenses [2020: subsidised by JobKeeper payments]	\$260,298	\$364,504	-28%
[e] Marketing and promotional expenses			
• Member promotions	\$158,118	\$139,428	+13%
• Other marketing and promotional expenses	\$163,502	\$200,805	-19%
[f] Key metrics			
• EBITDA	\$981,223	\$696,494	+41%

#### Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of Briars at Greenlees Limited or intervene in any proceedings to which the company for all or part of those proceedings.

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT [CONTINUED]

#### New accounting standards implemented

Briars at Greenlees Limited has adopted all new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current year. New mandatory Accounting Standards have been included as a separate Note to the Financial Statements [See Note 19: First year adoption of mandatory accounting standards on page 18].

#### Auditor's independence declaration

The Auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 September 2020 has been received and is located below.

Dated at Concord this 30th day of November 2020

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors



.....  
**Brett Howle, Chairperson**



.....  
**Matina Moffitt, Treasurer**

#### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE 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 September 2020:

- (i) no contravention of the auditors independence requirement as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contravention of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Dated at Sydney this 25th day of November 2020



.....  
**Harley, Russell & Day**  
Chartered Accountants  
  
**Garry William Day**  
Registered Company Auditor

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### DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE REPORTS

#### General

This Summary of the Financial Statements has been derived from the full financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited [Briars] for the year ended 30 September 2020. The discussion and analysis is based on those financial reports and is provided to assist members in the understanding of the 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.

#### Statement of Profit/(Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income

Briars total revenue of \$4,528,222 has decreased by \$275,734 (5.74%) compared to last year [\$4,803,956], and operating expenses excluding depreciation, amortisation and finance costs of \$3,503,203 has also decreased by \$586,216 (14.33%) from last year [\$4,089,419], resulting in net profit before tax of \$488,994 [income tax: \$ Nil] compared to a 2019 profit of \$353,214 [income tax: \$ Nil].

Individual items and trading conditions that have impacted the 2020 result include:

- The Club was closed due to covid-19 from 23 March 2020 through to 31 May 2020, re-opening on 1 June 2020.
- Government assistance and support was provided in the form of:
  - Commonwealth: JobKeeper employee payroll support \$198,000  
A further \$36,000 was received from the government in October, 2020.
  - Commonwealth: Cash flow boost for employers \$100,000
  - State: Grants supporting operating expenses \$13,000
  - Local: Lease abatement [Cintra; Club Car Park] \$34,474
  - **Total** **\$345,474**
- Poker machine taxes and other expenses increased by \$21,483 (5.99%).
- Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses decreased by \$18,613 (5.47%) during the period the Club was closed.
- Depreciation and amortisation expense increased significantly by \$148,949 (43.39%):
  - Following a change in the accounting standard for leases [AASB 16] the accounting treatment for "operating" leases has materially changed. The accounting of leased "Right-of-Use" assets now generates a depreciation charge. Please refer to Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the full Financial Report.
    - Depreciation charge [owned assets] 2020 \$367,769 2019 \$343,280 + \$24,489 (7.13%)
    - Depreciation charge [Right-of-Use assets] 2020 \$119,506
    - Amortisation expense [Website development] 2020 \$4,954
- Employee benefit expenses decreased significantly by \$232,169 (28.18%):
  - Wages were subsidised by the government JobKeeper payments [see above]; and
  - Permanent employees taking annual leave during the period the Club was closed.
- Other expenses from ordinary activities decreased by \$278,750 (13.45%) during the period the Club was closed.
- Bar sales were down to \$1,051,125 compared to last year of \$1,297,289. A decrease of \$246,164 (18.98%):
  - Directly attributable to the Club's closure on 23 March 2020 through to re-opening on 1 June 2020.
  - The gross profit percentage decreased from 62.01% to 60.65%.
- There was a small decrease in poker machine net clearances of \$4,635, largely due to the surge in poker machine participation following the Club re-opening on 1 June 2020.

#### Statement of financial position

Briars net assets have increased by \$488,994 or 8.82% since last year. This change consisted of:

- An increase in total assets of \$2,538,826; and
- An increase in total liabilities of \$2,049,832.



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**DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE REPORTS [CONTINUED]**

**Statement of financial position [continued]**

The increase in net assets for the year is mainly attributable to:

- Increase in property, plant and equipment of \$2,116,243 following changes to the revised accounting treatment for operating leases [Right-of-use assets];
- Net Increase in property, plant and equipment of \$126,738 comprising renovations to the clubhouse, furniture and equipment, and new poker machines;
- Net increase in intangible assets of \$131,545 following the purchase of gaming machine entitlements;
- Increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$227,357;
- Net increase in financial liabilities of \$2,019,665 following changes to the revised accounting treatment for operating leases [Lease Liabilities].

**Statement of cash flows**

Operating activities provided net cash inflows of \$952,271, compared to \$914,459 last year.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$629,993 mainly related to the payment for property, plant and equipment and the purchase of gaming machine entitlements.

Net cash used by financing activities of \$94,921 is for the lease payments to lessors. This relates to the new accounting treatment for operating leases.

Cash at year end of the year was \$618,070 compared to \$390,712 last year.

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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT/(LOSS) AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

for the year ended 30 September 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Revenue from the sale of goods	1,082,914	1,371,866
Revenue from rendering of services	3,165,708	3,239,729
Other revenue from ordinary activities	279,600	192,361
<b>Total revenue from ordinary activities</b>	<b>4,528,222</b>	<b>4,803,956</b>
Cost of sales	(413,589)	(492,869)
Directors' expenses	(2,369)	(1,256)
Employee benefit expenses	(591,779)	(823,948)
Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses	(321,620)	(340,233)
Poker machine taxes and other expenses	(379,987)	(358,504)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(1,793,859)	(2,072,609)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(3,503,203)</b>	<b>(4,089,419)</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>1,025,019</b>	<b>714,537</b>
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(492,229)	(343,280)
Finance costs	(43,796)	(18,043)
<b>Profit before income tax expense</b>	<b>488,994</b>	<b>353,214</b>
Income tax expense	0	0
<b>Net profit for the year</b>	<b>488,994</b>	<b>353,214</b>
Other comprehensive income	0	0
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>488,994</b>	<b>353,214</b>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

for the year ended 30 September 2020

	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Retained Earnings	Assets Revaluation Reserve	Briars Equity Transfer	Total Equity
<b>Balance as at 1 October 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	0	0	353,214
Other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0
<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>
Net profit for the year	488,994	0	0	488,994
Other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2020</b>	<b>3,529,388</b>	<b>2,160,358</b>	<b>343,837</b>	<b>6,033,583</b>

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

as at 30 September 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	618,070	390,712
Financial assets	157,198	156,184
Inventories	33,637	26,891
Trade and other receivables	34,495	17,036
Other assets	163,383	124,922
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,006,783</b>	<b>715,745</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	7,676,653	5,560,410
Intangible assets	598,815	467,270
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>8,275,468</b>	<b>6,027,680</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>9,282,251</b>	<b>6,743,425</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	732,838	539,846
Financial liabilities	109,450	0
Provisions	365,556	374,444
Other liabilities	116,809	277,177
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,324,653</b>	<b>1,191,467</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Financial liabilities	1,910,215	0
Provisions	7,950	7,369
Other liabilities	5,850	0
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>1,924,015</b>	<b>7,369</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,248,668</b>	<b>1,198,836</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>6,033,583</b>	<b>5,544,589</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Reserves	2,504,195	2,504,195
Retained earnings	3,529,388	3,040,394
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>6,033,583</b>	<b>5,544,589</b>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

for the year ended 30 September 2020

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Receipts from members and guests	4,193,431	4,901,734
Payments to suppliers and employees	(3,513,984)	(4,306,270)
Interest received	1,446	3,790
Rental income received	315,175	333,248
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>996,068</b>	<b>932,502</b>
Finance costs - CBA line of credit facility and other	(13,250)	(18,043)
- lease liabilities	(30,546)	0
	<b>(43,796)</b>	<b>(18,043)</b>
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>952,272</b>	<b>914,459</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Change in financial assets - interest received	1,014	1,416
Payment for clubhouse improvements	(284,196)	(92,917)
Payment for plant & equipment, and poker machines	(210,311)	(355,448)
Payment for website development	0	(10,324)
Payment for gaming machine entitlements	(136,500)	0
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(629,993)</b>	<b>(457,273)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Lease liabilities - payments	(94,921)	0
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0
Repayment of borrowings	0	(200,000)
<b>Net cash outflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(94,921)</b>	<b>(200,000)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held</b>	<b>227,358</b>	<b>257,186</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	390,712	133,526
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>618,070</b>	<b>390,712</b>



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 September 2020**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2020. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2020 is available on 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 for the financial year.

The summary financial statements do not, and cannot be expected to, provide a detailed understanding of the financial performance, financial position and operating, financing and investment activities of Briars at Greenlees Limited as the full financial report.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by Briars at Greenlees Limited are consistent with those of the financial year unless otherwise stated.

Briars at Greenlees Limited has adopted all new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current year. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

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### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The directors of Briars at Greenlees Limited declare that the summary financial report of the entity for the financial year ended 30 September 2020, as set out on pages 1 to 9:

- [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 2020 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.

  
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**Brett Howle, Chairperson**  
Dated at Concord the 30th day of November, 2020  
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**Matina 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 financial position as at 30 September 2020, the summary statement of profit/(loss) and other comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity and summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2020. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

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 responsibilities for the summary financial report**

The directors are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report on the basis described in Note 1: Summary of significant accounting policies.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities**

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 2020 is consistent in all material respects, with that audited financial report, on the basis described in Note 1: Summary of significant accounting policies.

Dated at Sydney this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020

  
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**Harley, Russell & Day**  
Chartered Accountants

**Garry William Day**  
Registered Company Auditor

# The Briars Foundation Limited

## Membership - September 2020



### 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)

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Warwick Williams  
Kerry Trollope  
Matt Waddington  
Andy Clifford  
Ross Anstey  
John Price  
Ian Blair

Mike Mathews  
Bill Hooker  
Cec Stevens †  
Don Walker †  
Garnet Green †  
John Edmonds †  
Jim Alford †  
Tony Wozniak

Peter Mansford  
Greg McPhee  
Doug Prowse †  
Philip England  
Colin Dennis †  
David Brown  
Jack Balmforth †  
Laurie Routley †

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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  
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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

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Andrew Macky  
Anthony Clarke  
Anthony Raymond  
Ari Mansford  
Ashton Drinkwater  
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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