



16th Annual Report & Balance Sheet
2020 - 2021

Presented to Members at the Club Rooms
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Office Bearers 2021

Briars at Greenlees Ltd.



Patron	C Walker K Free OAM †	
Life Members	T Cribb P Doherty G Price † M Weber	
Chairman	B Howle	
Vice President	Angelo Tsirekas (<i>Mayor of the City of Canada Bay</i>) The Hon. John Sidoti, MP (<i>Member for Drummoyne</i>)	
Board of Directors	B Howle	M Jaroszewicz
	A Boyter	M Moffitt
	J Price	K Norris
	K Beckhouse	R Cilona
General Manager	J Parle	
Treasurer	M Moffitt FCA	
Auditor	Harley, Russell and Day	
Solicitors	P Mattick & Associates, Turner Freeman	
Sports Management Committee	A Clarke	<i>Briars Senior Cricket</i>
	D Slater	<i>Briars Senior & Junior Hockey</i>
	M Nelson	<i>Briars Senior Rugby</i>
	J Boyter	<i>Briars Junior Rugby</i>
	D Lannan	<i>Briars Women's Rugby</i>
	I Bell	<i>Briars Senior & Junior Squash</i>
	K Campbell	<i>Briars Junior & Senior Netball</i>
	K Devlin	<i>Briars Junior Cricket</i>
	R Cilona	<i>Greenlees Park Men's Bowls</i>
	V Waring	<i>Greenlees Park Women's Bowls</i>
	E Truesdale	<i>Greenlees Park Junior Bowls</i>

Briars Sports

Honour Board | Founded 2005



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

The Briars Sporting Club

Honour Board | Founded 1918



Patrons	D A Walker	2005-2015	H G Whiddon	1969-1972
	D V Prowse	2000-2005	E J Siddeley	1956-1965
	H C Ford	1995-2000	H W Whiddon	1935-1956
	R B Clark BEM	1972-1994		
Past Presidents	M Weber	2002-2005	E Watt	1948-1953
	P G Mattick	1999-2002	H G Whiddon	1943-1948
	J F Threlfo	1996-1999	R W May	1942-1943
	C R Hickey	1991-1996	E J Siddeley	1939-1942
	R I G Richard	1988-1991	R W May	1936-1939
	P D Richardson	1985-1988	J E Holmes	1935-1936
	I G S Blair	1983-1985	R G Herford	1933-1935
	J H Edmonds	1980-1983	H W Whiddon	1932-1933
	C K Dennis	1976-1980	E J Siddeley	1931-1932
	D A Walker	1973-1976	R W May	1929-1931
	R D Vanderfield	1972-1973	E J Siddeley	1928-1929
	H C Ford	1969-1972	H W Whiddon	1926-1928
	H G Whiddon	1967-1969	E Love	1925-1926
	B U Williams	1965-1967	E J Siddeley	1924-1925
	W A Elder	1962-1965	H W Whiddon	1921-1924
	R J Thomson	1960-1962	J C Meeks	1920-1921
	A J Land	1957-1960	H W Whiddon	1919-1920

Past Life Members	R S Jones AOM	1953-1957	J H Stone	1918-1919
	S Hipwell	2019	P.C Murray CBE	1993
	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
	I R Vanderfield AO OBE	1995	E J Siddeley	1947
	R S Jones AOM	1994	H W Whiddon	1947
Life Members	I G S Blair	W F Hooker	J F Threlfo	
	C R Hickey	R I G Richard	C D Walker	
Vice - Presidents	R Anstey	C J Jones	G Price	
	J F Crockett	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*



Patrons	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

Chairmen	T Murphy	1979-1980	E Hinks	1950-1959
	G Durie	1976-1978	C House	1975
	B Huttly	2003-2005	R Buchanan	1993-1996
	R Skehan	2001-2002	R Skehan	1991-1992
	R Crew	1997-2000	B Fumberger	1988-1990
	R Cilona	Current	C Piercy	1977-1978
	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
Presidents	A Lee-C Pratt	1993	J Henderson	1958
	J Vale	1992	C London	1957
	A Lee	1979-1991	W Dunlop	1950-1956
	L Coleman	R Skehan		
	R Buchanan	B Huttly		
	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	K Free OAM	
Life Members				
Past Life Members				

Briars Sports

Chairman's Report

Brett Howle



On behalf of the Board of Directors I present to members this 2020/21 Annual Report.

The year will again be remembered for the vast impact COVID had on our lives and livelihoods. Briars Sports and our 6 sports of Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Squash and Bowls were severely impacted during the year. Most pleasingly however, was that due to the strong resilience of our volunteers who run our sports, the players who compete in our sports and our members and visitors who support our club, Briars Sports has ridden out the challenges of the year and remains in a solid and sustainable position for all our sports and for the club itself.

The importance of the role our sports and our club plays in the community became clearly evident when that was suddenly taken away, as occurred during the year. Our sporting fields are venues for friends to catch up and play together, for parents to encourage their children to participate in sporting activities and our club premises provides the social environment for family and friends to meet up. Sadly, that was missing for part of the year.

Having tried to put 2020 as a distant memory we were again quickly reminded of Covid's impact when all clubs were forced to close 26 June with only one day's prior notice. The lockdown lasted over 15 weeks with reopening finally occurring on 11 October, albeit under tight restrictions. As expected, our winter sports of Rugby, Netball and Hockey were decimated and not able to complete their seasons for the second consecutive year. Prior to lockdown the club was trading at record levels and pleasingly we appear to have picked up where we left off upon reopening.

Notwithstanding the disjointed nature of the year to 30 September 2021, (including approx. 14 weeks of lost trade during the reporting period), Briars Sports reported a net profit of \$276,303. This consisted of an EBITDA of \$858,486 less deductions of \$582,183. Whilst cash held at year end totaled \$763,409, (2020 – \$618,070). Please refer to Matina Moffit's Treasurer's report for greater details on the financial results.

As has been evidenced over the years, any surplus funds achieved by the club are reinvested in one of two ways. Firstly, we will continue to financially support all our sports via grants and encourage greater participation by assisting our sports to allow them to invest in equipment, better coaches etc., and to keep their fees lower.

Secondly, Briars Sports will always seek to improve club facilities and amenities for the benefit of our members. At the time of writing (December 2021) the extensions to the kitchen area and additional alfresco dining area are well underway. When completed in early 2022, we expect these new facilities to be well patronised. Other club initiatives remain under investigation, and we anticipate these will be well received should they come to fruition.

The club notes the passing of the following members: Mick Laws was a favourite within men's bowls and was also a former men's bowls Chair. Mick was a proud representative of Greenlees Park Bowling Club and Briars Sports and will be missed by all who knew him. Annie Gleeson was an integral part of Squash over many years with her tireless efforts benefiting her beloved sport. Additionally, Paul Reynolds, Alun Fenton and Gregory Macintyre passed away during the year. On behalf of members, we offer condolences to all their family and friends.

The playing and promotion of amateur sport remains at the D.N.A. of our existence, as was the case 103 years ago when the club was first established in 1918. Sport reports are provided in greater detail later in this report, however, in summary:

Senior Cricket: Yet another sensational year by winning their 9th consecutive club championship. Also won the first-grade premiership, whilst 4th grade were runners up.

Junior Cricket: 44 teams with 6 premierships and a very fast-growing girls' program which is proving increasingly popular.

Senior Rugby: It is evident, slowly but surely, Rugby is heading in the right direction to achieve their goal of reinstatement back into Kentwell Cup, with improvements both on and off the field. Unfortunately, another season lost to Covid. However, these solid foundations will prove valuable in the years ahead.

Junior Rugby: Another fast-growing sport within the club with 9 teams last season with additional teams and age groups being added year after year but sadly again affected by Covid

Women's Rugby: Now in its third season in the club and getting better each season with a focus to achieve their first premiership in the not-too-distant future. The ladies have improved their on-field competitiveness each season.

Netball: 44 Teams during the year including 6 senior teams and the season started off very well for netball until play was suspended due to covid. One of the largest clubs within the Inner West association

Squash: 14 teams in the autumn comp with 8 of these making the finals. A strong and growing junior program will ensure Squash's ongoing success and relevance.

Hockey: Fielded 350 players in total across their men's and ladies and junior sides. Like all winter sports wants to move on from 2021 and bring on 2022 asap which is hopefully shaping up to be a good year for Hockey.

Men's Bowls: Another successful year for our bowlers with great participation numbers. Were fortunate to complete the fours, pairs and singles prior to lockdown hitting.

Ladies Bowls: Significant growth in numbers during the year with some 50 ladies now being regular bowlers which is a great result. Competed in Grade 2 and 3 for Pennants this year but unfortunately did not progress further than the initial rounds.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all our sporting players for their dedication and perseverance in what has been trying and frustration times over the last 2 years. A lot of our sportsmen and sportswomen play their respective sport as an "out" and for the enjoyment it delivers. When that opportunity is taken away it is a credit to all our sporting players that their reliance shines and we look forward to welcoming them back next season.

All our sports remain well administered, well respected and financially stable. I would especially like to thank the Chairman and Chairwoman of our sports, their executive, and all our sport volunteers, for the time they devote to the running of their sport especially during this most challenging of years. Our sports would not exist without you.

The challenges of 2021 have again been met head on by our General Manager Jason Parle who was well supported by the staff. The lockdown presented opportunities for the club to do some internal upgrades including floorboards and modern furniture within the Bistro area. Jason continues to look for opportunities for Briars Sports to remain at the forefront of our community and as the "go to" club. Please refer to his General Managers report for a more detailed summary of the year for the Briars Sports.

The sponsors of our sports remain vital to their success. We thank them for their support during these especially trying times and look forward to your ongoing participation. The newly reopened Coro 88 Club at Burwood were again very generous with their \$25,000 donation to our junior sporting programs. These funds significantly assist our junior teams in a number of areas and encourage more juniors to take up a sport, and we thank them for their ongoing support.

As one of the biggest users of sporting facilities within the local government area, Briars Sports is most fortunate to enjoy a productive relationship The City of Canada Bay Council, well supported by Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, former General Manager Peter Gainsford, new General Manager John Clark, and all Council staff who we deal with. On behalf of our sports, we thank all council officers for their assistance during the year.

As a community club we rely on our staff to represent the club to our patrons. Our senior staff of Jason, Ben, Jacinta, Monique, Megan, Kim & Sam together with all our other bar staff deserve recognition for their efforts during the year. We rely heavily on our staff to be the “face” of our club with our members and visitors, and I am pleased to say they perform this task well.

Like all other small businesses our bistro, The Backyard, was significantly impacted during the year. However, Adam and Tiffany have bounced back strongly upon reopening. With the contemporary furniture and other upgrades, the new ambience in the dining area has been well received by our patrons.

During the year, the Memorabilia was displayed around the club. Although the finishing touches in terms of display are not quite finalised, all memorabilia has now been intemised and archived appropriately to ensure its ongoing relevance to our history and culture.

At the time of writing initiatives are underway to reinvigorate the Briars Foundation. The Foundation has been established for well over 20 years now and provides a particularly important opportunity to assist and grow our sports. We look forward to a more active year ahead for the Foundation.

At the 2021 AGM Terry O’Kane stood down from the Board with this position filled by Ric Cilona. I would like to thank Terry for his contributions on Board and for his representations in support of his sport of bowls.

It is obvious that 2021 again presented unprecedented challenges for all of us. The Board of Directors have navigated those challenges due to the dedication and experience of all Board members. I sincerely thank them all for their contributions, support, and counsel. It is always the Boards aim to ensure that Briars Sports continues to remain viable and relevant and as the club of choice for those wanting to play a sport within our community.

I will conclude by thanking all our sporting participants, our members, and visitors for their support during the year. Your participation and patronage either on the sporting field or at the club is why we do what we do. I do hope that 2022 is infinitely better than 2021. It has to be! We again look forward to your support in the year ahead and hope to see you on the sporting field or at Briars Sports sometime soon.

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 2021.

The profit for the year was \$276,303 compared to the prior year result of \$488,994.

This was another challenging year for all clubs and continued financial impact on our club. However, our financial year ended on a positive note with both bar and poker machine revenue remaining steady. I am also happy to say that the Club’s cash flow remained strong with no debt and our cash reserves growing, as at end of financial year we have \$763,409. Once again, a number of club upgrades were undertaken during the financial year and our objective is to continue to invest in these

upgrades over the next twelve months to ensure we remain relevant to our members.

In addition, the 2021 financial year profit does not include the profits made by the sports, which was \$245,306. These amounts are carried forward to 2022 to assist the sports with their upcoming seasons.

I would like to acknowledge our club members for their continued support. Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure that the sports were able to take the field and participate under a stressful time and for some having their season cut short.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Jason Parle, our General Manager, the Briars management team Ben, Jacinta, Jack, Monique, Megan and Jeff, the Backyard and my fellow directors for their huge contribution, that has seen the club perform well during another difficult year.

General Manager's Report

Jason Parle



My report this year will concentrate on the positives, of which, there have been many.

The never say die spirit of everyone associated with Briars Sports has shone through this year once again. The Winter Sports programs were always in up against it but that did not prevent our wonderful volunteers preparing for their respective seasons in their usual professional manner.

From the registration processes, uniform orders, and distribution, training schedules, coaching and game day set-up to the canteen supplies, COVID requirements and everything in between, every sporting member of Briars Sports is to be applauded for simply getting on with the job at hand. You are

all a credit to the largest and most respected Sporting institution in our local community.

It is, of course true, that health, fitness, and Sport in general play a major role in not only physical health, but mental health also. This has never been more prevalent than in the past couple of years and our Sports, our Club, should take great pride in helping every participant in this area. Our Sports are the reason for our Club's being, we support each other.

Moving onto the Club I will leave the financials to our treasurer to report on. I will instead highlight improvements to the amenity during the year. Some you will have noticed, others you may not have:

- New Sports lounge furniture
- Frosted sports decals
- Memorabilia (wallpaper & photo's/frames)
- Digital wall in the Ted Stockdale Lounge
- New Backyard/Dining furniture
- Floorboards in the Dining Room
- Conference facilities/75" touch screen TV
- New Fence along Greenlees Park
- Audio system upgrade

The Club has also continuously upgraded our poker machine offering as this area of the business must stay relevant and fresh.

Since the end of our trading year works have now begun on an extension to the kitchen. These works will also encompass an extension to the Ted Stockdale deck and a shade structure. The kitchen will house an Italian wood fired pizza oven with the ability to serve directly onto the new deck. This is a very exciting addition to the Club, and it is hoped the area will be fully operational by late February / early March 2022.

I would just like to pass on my condolences to all those members who have lost a loved one during the year. The Club played host to wakes for quite a few long-term members this year, you are and will be missed.

To all our senior staff members Ben, Megan, Monique, Kim and Sam, thank you for all your efforts this year. Jacinta, who began her role as assistant manager in January 21, thank you also. Our Sports Administrator Jack Thomas left the Club this year to take on a new challenge, on behalf of all at Briars, thank you and good luck!

Our casual staff members Will, Blake, Jarrod, Aiden and Alyssa, George our courtesy Bus driver and Ayoub our security officer thank you for all your help this year. To Tiffany and Adam our caterers in the Backyard, thank you for everything you have done in trying conditions.

To your Club Board, who have helped me manage the Club through the most difficult of years, thank you for your support, and pulling in the reins (occasionally when needed).

I want to take the opportunity to thank all our members for your support. We have a many and varied membership with not only our Sports, but all parts of our community represented. We try to be a place with something for everyone and it is a joy to have such a diverse community support us.

Our Club is unique, and I am privileged to be a part of it!

Vale Notices

Paul Joseph Reynolds | 8th January 1967 – 13th April 2021



Paul was a larger-than-life character whose contribution to the Greenlees Park Bowling Club and other clubs prior over several years was significant. A bowler who represented and won trophies and Championships both here at and Ashfield and Belfield Bowling Clubs, Paul represented his club with distinction and perspective coupled with an engaging sense of humour. Paul never lost sight of the demands of Bowls or the social connection which underpins this sport, and which serves its members so well.

Having won Club championships both at Greenlees and Ashfield, Paul was part of the team which won the Zone 10 Fours Championships with Ray 'Tiger' Coombes, Kevin Bolger and Tommy La Gregar. He represented Zone 11 while at Ashfield and with Mark Golecki played in the Zone13 Pairs Tournament reaching the semi-finals for 3 consecutive years between 2017-2019.

Irrespective of his considerable achievements on the Greens, Paul never lost sight of the importance of the social interaction which Bowls provides to the wider bowling community. He always had a good time! And many of us would attest...

He will be sadly missed but never forgotten – Paul, you don't decide when you want to leave Greenlees Park Bowling Club. We decide.

Alun Fenton | 3rd August 1966 – 6th May 2021



Alun joined Greenlees Park Bowling Club in 2017 after representing Burwood Diggers from 2002 and then Wests in 2005. Across the three clubs Alun always gave of his best and bowled superbly to win the club Major Singles championship on two occasions and the club Fours Championship on four occasions whilst at Wests. A wonderful achievement alongside his ability at snooker, darts and golf with Burwood RSL.

His bowling exploits aside, Alun loved the social aspect of bowls and always found time to mix bowls and beer – not always in equal proportions as some would testify. Sometimes he even found time to bowl...

A most social and gregarious character whose love of the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club was legendary, Alun often opened up his house with wife Debbie and provided BBQs on a regular basis.

Alun will be remembered fondly and missed.

Annie Gleason | 8th July 1958 – 5th June 2021



Annie Gleason passed away on Sunday, 6th June after a long battle with cancer.

Among many of her accolades in squash over the years she was recently the recipient of the NSW Squash Volunteer Appreciation award.

Annie volunteered at Thornleigh Squash Centre and has been instrumental in running the Sydney Junior Pennant. Annie has given tirelessly to the Squash community for many years, including everything from running competitions, handling gradings and teaching beginners how to play.

Annie first started playing squash when she was 25 years old, she previously played hockey but grew frustrated when it was consistently washed out due to too poor weather. Eager to play sport and be active she started playing squash at Macquarie University, during this time Annie received coaching from Peter Ezzy and did not look back since!

Annie fell in love with squash from the appeal of the sports accessibility, she could play all year round irrespective of the weather outside, Annie also loved watching higher graded matches and striving to improve.

Annie began coaching squash at Barker college, at this time the junior competition was ran successfully by Merle Pym, once Merle left the whole competition was in disarray and nearly disintegrated. Annie who was also working at Knox college and looking after a junior group at Thornleigh took it upon herself to take on the Sydney Junior Pennant and coach Briars@Thornleigh Juniors as well as run the programme.

Annie described the situation when she took over as “disintegrated, there was next to nothing, no one knew what to do, then I decided I’d take it over.” The competition is now flourishing with 11 divisions and 7 schools and clubs involved across the north-western region, young players of all ability can participate and compete.

Annie receives great pride from seeing young players develop and has played a part in multiple juniors competing overseas and winning international competitions including former World Number 1 David Palmer. She finds great joy from teaching a young player new skills and sharing in the child’s happiness once they develop, through hard work and persistence. “They can’t get it, they can’t get it, then all of a sudden, they’ve got it and just the look on their face, I think that is the most rewarding thing.”

With Annie valuing the team and social aspects of squash above all she advises all young squash players to, “Find a winner, find someone that’s around you that’s a winner. hang around them and see what that vibe feels like, winners become winners mate that’s all there is to it.” One thing for sure is that Annie Gleason is definitely a winner!

Annie’s loyalty and commitment to squash is unwavering and her contribution felt by many, including Thornleigh Squash Centres Manager Anthony Thomas, “NSW juniors wouldn’t be anywhere near what it is without Annie. She has singlehandedly kept junior pennant going through all the transitions of squash over the last twenty years, she has been the most stable, reliable figure on the scene.”

We thank Annie for her dedication to squash and are grateful for all she has contributed.

She will be greatly missed.

Gregory Macintyre | 16th March 1942 - 5th August 2021

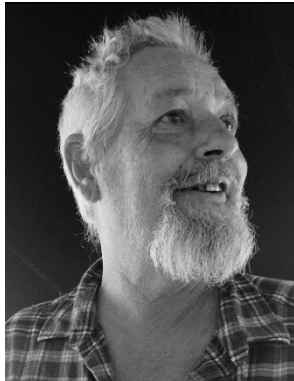
It is sad to report that we lost another of our senior members during this year.

Greg played hockey and cricket for the Briars for many years and was an avid supporter of his beloved Briars Club.

He and his sporting mates had lots of enjoyment over the years, and all remained firm friends for life.

His wife Sandra and his daughters were firm supporters of his love of sport and the Briars and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Michael Laws | 25th June 1965 – 17th October 2021



It was with great sadness that the Bowling Club members heard of the passing of our immediate past president Michael Charles Laws or 'Lawsey' as he was more commonly known. Mick was a dedicated servant of the club over a number of years after joining the Bowls club at the age of 30 in 1995. He eventually became the president of the Bowling Club in 2014.

Mick bowled with distinction in club tournaments and Pennants competitions over a number of years. Earlier he displayed exceptional sporting ability across a number of sports including soccer, cricket and bowls for Concord and Homebush bowling clubs.

As President, Mick developed the club both with infrastructure and awareness of individual and group needs. Many of the members who commented on his passing remarked on his dedication to the club and his belief in the tradition of Briars generally.

Mick loved a laugh and often (always!) did so with a beer as company. Many a happy memory was born opposite the Keith Free Green....

Thank you for the memories Mick – you will be missed.

The Briars Foundation

Chairperson's Report

Emma Ratcliffe | President



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

We are pleased to report to you a more active 2021. On this and following pages we share with you details of: -

1. Memorabilia design and placement.
2. Scrum machine purchase.
3. Old Boys Rothwell lunches.
4. Ted Stockdale and Bob Clark Project.

MEMORABILIA

Briars Old Boys will be pleased to know that after many years of disappointment at the lack of memorabilia in the Greenlees Clubrooms your Foundation, in conjunction with Club General Manager Jason Parle, have designed, constructed, and had erected memorabilia tributes to some of our **Unforgotten Old Boys**: -

Bill McLaughlin - Briar, Wallaby, Wallaby Coach and Australian Rugby Union President.

Roger Vanderfield - Briar, International referee, International Rugby Board President, Australian Rugby Union President.

Doug Vanderfield - Briar, Briars Squash Founder, Briars Ski Club Founder, Briars Club President.

Kentwell Cup Premierships by Briars - 1940, 1949, 1952, 1964, 1965.

The Memorabilia panels shown on the next 2 pages are approx. 6ft. X 2ft. and are for placement as follows: -

- 4 (1 of each) in the Greenlees Clubrooms
- 4 (1 of each) in the Rothwell Changerooms.
- 1 (Doug Vanderfield) in the Ski Club building.
- 1 (Doug Vanderfield) at the Thornleigh Squash Courts.

Early reactions from Briars Old Boys of Hockey, Cricket, Squash and Rugby are most enthusiastic.

SCRUM MACHINE PURCHASE



As the result of a request from Briars Rugby Ex-Chairman, John Slender (prop), the Foundation has purchased an excellent scrum machine for Briars Rugby. This scrum machine is of better quality than that owned by most Shute Shield Clubs. West Harbour are discussing their possible use of our new machine. This Briars actual scrum machine was lent to the French Rugby Team during their June tour to Australia. President Macron approved French use.

Old Briars Prop Forwards wishing to view this machine and test it are invited to contact Rugby Chairman, Mark Nelson on 0409 914 411.

Special sessions offered to Richard Crookes, Tony Wozniac and Kerry Constanti.



BRIARS UNFORGOTTEN OLD BOYS

BILL (R.E.M.) McLAUGHLIN
President, Australian Rugby Union
M.B.E. 1976



Waratahs Player	1936
Wallabies Player (Australian Tour of New Zealand)	1936
Waratahs Coach & Manager	
Wallabies Coach & Manager	1958-1961
Briars Rugby Coach Kentwell Cup	1949-1952
Briars Cricket	1936-1965
President of the ARU	1975-1976

PLAYING CAREER



Played 1st XI Cricket (Newington College)	1930
Played 3rd XV Rugby (Newington College)	1930
Briars Kentwell Cup Team	1935
State Rugby Debut Waratahs v Victoria	1935
Test Match Debut (Position - Centre) Wallabies v New Zealand, 1st Test	1936
2nd Test Match Wallabies v New Zealand, 2nd Test	1936

"McLaughlin won his first Test cap at outside centre, paired with Tom Finlayson in the 1st Test ... at Athletic Park (Wellington, N.Z.). He scored Australia's only try in that match to become the 25th Wallaby to score a try on debut."

McLAUGHLIN, CENTRE 1936, 1936-1937

WAR SERVICE



Bill McLaughlin joined the Second Australian Imperial Force in 1939, serving in the Middle East, Syria & Egypt and rising to the rank of Lieutenant with the Anti Aircraft Group, serving in Darwin & Borneo.

COACH & MANAGER



THE BRIARS SPORTING CLUB
1936-1937



New South Wales Rugby Union Team
1936-1937



Australian Rugby Union Team
1936-1937



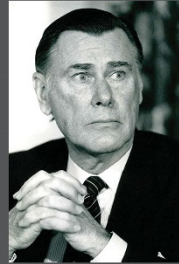
Awarded an M.B.E. for Services to Rugby 1976

General Information:
Name: ROGER IAN VANDERFIELD
Born: 13.01.14
Residence: 77 Shadsworth Road, De-mund
School: Central De-mund
Bureau: Central Primary
Occupation: Teacher: 1938 - 1960
Siblings: None
Married: 25.11.42 - June 1960
Children: Helen Marie, William John, Bruce
War Service: Joined A.I.F. in 1939 serving in the Middle East, Syria, Egypt, & Asia Minor - Lieutenant, Darwin, Borneo
Died: 21.08.90



BRIARS UNFORGOTTEN OLD BOYS

ROGER (I.R.) VANDERFIELD
President, Australian Rugby Union
President, NSW Rugby Football Union
O.B.E. 1976 O.A. 2006



International Referee for 32 games	1952-76
Refereed more than 1,200 games in total	1948-76
Australian delegate to the International Rugby Board	1972-96
Chairman of the International Rugby Board	1984-85, 1992
President of Australian Rugby Union	1987-88
Doctor of Medicine	
Medical Superintendent Royal North Shore Hospital	
Briars Rugby Player	
Briars Club House Chairman	1949-52

REFEREEING CAREER

Started refereeing as a way of maintaining fitness
Referee for 302 1st Grade Sydney Club matches
Referee for 13 Tests and 18 Internationals
Vice President of the Sydney Rugby Union Referees Association
Hon. Treasurer of NSW Rugby Union Referees Assoc. (NSW RURA)
Vice President of the NSW RURA
Elected Life Member of the NSW RURA
Referee Delegate to the NSW Rugby Union (NSWRU)
Member of the Referee Appointment Board (NSWRU)
Referee Delegate to the Australian Rugby Football Union (ARFU)
Member of the Referee Appointment Committee (ARFU)
President of the Australian Society of Rugby Referees (ASRR)
Elected Life Member of the ASRR

1948
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1957-79
1968-74
1979



Sydney Rugby Union Referees Association
1952-56



NSW Rugby Union Referees Association
1961



Australian Rugby Football Union Referees Association
1970

MEDICAL CAREER



Graduated from the University of Sydney
Member of the Faculty of Medicine,
Royal North Shore Hospital
General Medical Superintendent & CEO of
Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH)
Appointed an Officer of the Order of the British
Empire (O.B.E.) for services in medicine and sport
Appointed Officer of the Order of Australia (O.A.)
for service to the community through the delivery
of health care services at Royal North Shore Hospital



Royal North Shore Hospital Staff
1952-56



Royal North Shore Hospital Staff
1952-56

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY BOARD SERVICE

Appointed to represent Australia on the IRB
Served on the IRB for 23 years
Member and then Chairman of the Laws Committee
Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee
A Designated Member & Chairman of Designated Members
Chairman of the IRB for the first Paris meeting where
the decision was made to have a Rugby World Cup
Member of the IRB Organising Committee and Chairman
of the Rugby Referees Committee for the 1st Rugby World Cup
Vice Chairman & then Chairman of the IRB for the 2nd Rugby World Cup
Chairman of the International Rugby Settlement



IRB Laws Committee
1973-96



IRB Medical Advisory Committee
1976-97

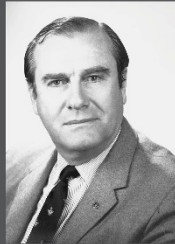


IRB Designated Members
1978-98

In 2011 Dr. Roger Vanderfield was inducted (posthumously) into the IRB Hall of Fame for his role in establishing the Rugby World Cup.



BRIARS UNFORGOTTEN OLD BOYS DOUG (R.D.) VANDERFIELD D.F.C 1945



Sydney University Rugby 1st XV	1938
Sydney University Welterweight Boxing Champion	1939
Briars Kentwell Cup Premier	1940
WWII Fighter Pilot	
WWII Squadron Leader	
WWII Ace (5 enemy shot down)	
Briars Kentwell Cup Coach	1957
Briars Squash Founder	1957
Briars Ski Club Founder	1958
Briars Club President	1973



Sydney University Rugby 1st XV, 1938
Sydney University Welterweight
Boxing Champion 1939



Briars Kentwell Cup Premier 1940
Doug Vanderfield 1st XV, 1938



WWII Fighter Pilot
WWII Squadron Leader
WWII Ace (5 enemy shot down)



Doug Vanderfield in flight



Sumner, Donald, 1938
Member of the 1st XV, 1938
Sumner, Donald, 1938
Member of the 1st XV, 1938



Briars Sports Club Achievements

Briars Kentwell Cup Premier 1940
Briars Kentwell Cup Coach 1957
Briars Club President 1973



Briars Ski Club Founder 1958



Briars Squash Founder 1957

General Information:

Name:	Richard Douglas Vanderfield, D.F.C
Date:	25.1.11
Residence:	124 Haverstock Road, Strathfield
School:	Newcomb Primary Newington College (c. 1912 - 1920)
Shrivings:	1916 - 1945 1920 - 1938 Briars 1922 - 1938 Briars 1938 - 1945 Briars
Married:	21.03.42 Josephine Ruby Hains widow on war leave.
Children:	Richard 1944 - 2019 Briars Rene 1947 Wendy 1949
War Service:	Joined up to 1940 Air Fighter Pilot, Squadron Leader, England France, North Africa, Malaya, New Guinea, New Guinea, Darwin, Dutch East Indies, Borneo D.F.C. 1945

Lives on Briars Squash Courts during a match. 22.02.73

Geoff Wainman was one of the Founding Members of Briars Club in 1916.

De Roger Vanderfield OBE became Chairman of the International Rugby Board Council, serving as Australia's Representative on the IRB Council for 23 years. Dr Vanderfield also served as President of the New South Wales Rugby Union & the Australian Rugby Union.



BRIARS UNFORGOTTEN OLD BOYS THE KENTWELL CUP

IN ALMOST 100 YEARS BRIARS HAVE
ONLY WON 5 KENTWELL CUP PREMIERSHIPS
1940 1949 1952 1964 1965

THE KENTWELL CUP



First presented in 1923 by W.H. Kentwell, the Kentwell Cup is the major trophy for the NSW Suburban Rugby Union. It is awarded to the 1st Grade Premiers of the First Division competition.
It is the hope of every Briars Rugby Old Boy that Briars will again win Kentwell Cup Premierships.

BRIARS FOUNDING GROUP

In future years 2 of these boys would attend every Premiership-winning Kentwell Cup Grand Final. Bob Clarke (back row, 2nd from right), whose parents owned the house & yard in this photograph, was Briars Patron from 1972 to 1994.
Geoff Wainman (front row left) coached the 1940 Kentwell Cup Premiers & was Briars Club President in 1967-69.

1940 PREMIERS



Coach Geoff Wainman (seated, 3rd from left) was a Briars Founding Member & future Club President.
This team contained three sets of brothers: The Vanderfield brothers, Doug (seated, far left) and Don (2nd row, 4th from left). Doug would become a future Club President.
The Walker brothers, Don (1st row standing, 3rd from left) and John (1st row standing, far left). Don would become a future Briars Rugby Chairman and win the Gordon Bevan Shield.
P.O. Friend and A.D. Friend are seated on the ground at the front. P.O. Friend would go on to play in the 1949 Premiers.

Of the 20 players in the 1940 Premiership Team, 17 served in WWII. Five did not return.

"These five throughout the game, but no one was sure off them was also in flight during the game."
Local press report, 29/4/40

1949 PREMIERS



The team was coached by Wallaby and Dr. Dick McLaughlin (seated, 3rd from left).
P.O. Friend (front row, far right) also played in the 1940 Premiers.
S. Hupwell (seated, 2nd from right), G. Hebblewhite (standing, 3rd from left) & W. Marshall (standing, 2nd from left) also played in the 1952 Premiers.
Brian Williams (seated, far left) also played in the 1949 Premiers, coached the 1964 & 1965 Premiers, and would become a future Briars Club President.

1952 PREMIERS



The team was coached by Wallaby and Dr. Dick McLaughlin (seated, far right).
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1964 PREMIERS "THE INVINCIBLES"



The "The Invincibles" unbeaten Premiers F301 v A101
The team was coached by Brian Williams (seated, far left) who also played in the 1949 and 1952 Premiers, went on to coach the 1965 Premiers, and would become a future Briars Club President.
10 team members played Combined Suburban Rep teams, including Bill Leckie & Dave Lindsay (absent from photo).
The team contained 5 future Doctors: Burkhardt (standing, 2nd from right), Goldsmith (standing, far right), Harper (on the ground, right), Lindsay (absent) and Wakeford (seated, 3rd from left).
Peter Wakeford played several games for NSW.
John Edmonds (standing, 3rd from left) would be a future Briars Club President.

1965 PREMIERS



11 team members in the 1965 team had previously played in the 1964 "Invincibles" side.
3 prior Briars returned from State Shield teams: Richard Crookes (back row, 2nd from left), Drummond, Peter Darragh (middle row, 3rd from left), and Raymond and Brett Leckie (front row, 2nd from right) from Paramatta.
Col Dennis (middle row, far right), John Edmonds (middle row, 2nd from right) and Ian Richard (back row, 3rd from right) would all go on to become future Briars Club Presidents.
Chris Walker (seated, 3rd from left) was the son of Don Walker (seated in the 1940 Premiers above) and would, like his father, become a Briars Rugby Chairman and win the Gordon Bevan Shield.

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OLD BOY ROTHWELL LUNCHES

During 2021 the Foundation in conjunction with Club General Manager, Jason Parle, held 2 lunches for Briars Old Boys at the Rothwell Pavilion.



The Ted Stockdale Pavilion at Rothwell Park was a major funding project for the Briars Foundation.

Included in the attendees were Briars Rugby players from the sixties:-

Beast, Jim Barrett, Richard Crookes, Andy Clifford, Charlie McMonnies, Singo, Bob Spedding, Keith Wearne, Mike Mathews, Rex Lamb.

After lunch and drinks at Rothwell the group visited the Briars Hockey complex at Cintra and the Briars Club rooms at Greenlees.

In 2022 the Foundation will review holding two more of these functions. Interested attendees should book with Briars Sports, on (02) 9743 1907. Cricket, Hockey and Rugby Old Boys welcome.

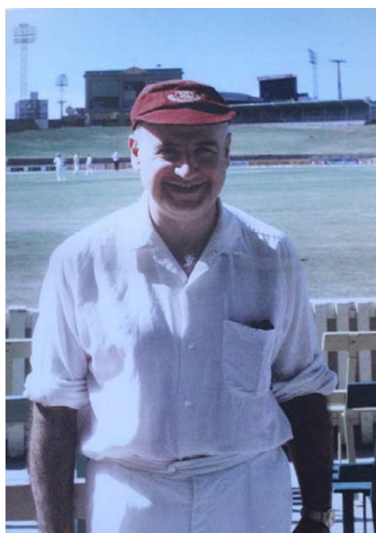
TED STOCKDALE AND BOB CLARKE PROJECT

Briars of all sporting categories from 1951 to 1994 - 5 are aware of and in awe of these 2 giants of our Club.

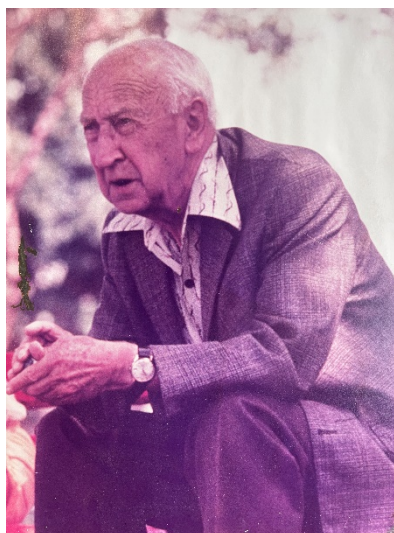
Our Clubrooms at Greenlees no longer contain the previous photographs and testimonies to Ted or Bob. All reference to Ted in the supposed Ted Stockdale Room has been removed to make way for additional TV and betting screens. Similarly, the prior photograph of Bob Clarke has also been removed.

The Briars Foundation will negotiate with the Sports Club Board during 2022 for suitable tributes and suitable locations for memorabilia dedicated to Bob and Ted.

Provided agreement can be reached the Foundation will pay for the project.



Ted Stockdale



Bob Clark

Burwood Briars Cricket

Chairman's Report

Anthony Clarke



Season Summary

1st Grade Premiers 11th season in a row that they have made the Finals series

2nd Grade 13th season in a row that they have been Semi Finalists

3rd Grade 13th season in a row that they have been Semi Finalists

4th Grade 13th season in a row that they have been Semi Finalists

5th Grade missed out on the finals
Chappelow Cup Both Gold and Briars Rival made the Qualifying Finals

Chappelow Cup Maroon and Briars Brothers missed out on the finals

Under 24's Semi Finalists for this season

Club Championship Winners 9th Season in a row.

This has been one of the toughest seasons, we have faced for many years with the loss of our inspirational leader Gerard Price halfway through the season and Covid 19 delays.

Gerard has been at the helm of Briars Cricket for the last 31 seasons, and with that has left a legacy that will last a lifetime. His down to earth demeanor has ensured that Briars Cricket is where it is today and that we are a cricket club first and foremost from 1st Grade to Chappelow Cup, encompassing players for different skill levels ensuring that all are made to feel welcome to this proud Club

Cricket rallied to make sure the season finished off the best possible way for all concerned. We were fortunate enough to bag the Club Championship Trophy for the 9th consecutive season, still a feat no other Cricket Club in Australia has been able to achieve.

The success can be put down to the management and captains of the Club, who have ensured that balanced teams achieve this remarkable result in a very trying season.

This achievement is not taken for granted as every season all the other Clubs taking part in the competition are keen to beat Briars, consequently we know that we have worked hard, and all the players should be proud of their contribution during the season which resulted in once again bringing the Club Championship Trophy home.

We were able to add to our ever-growing success by again having our top 4 grades make the semifinals, which we have now achieved 12 seasons in a row! In addition, we have had two of our Chappelow Cup make the semifinals as well, a great achievement across the Club.

The season started off with mixed results across the grades, but once we regained our composure, it all started to kick into place and saw us secure the Club Championship by a 268 points difference.

- 1st Grade team again led the way for the Club to reach the Grand Final and took it out in style, this was also the 12th season in a row that the side has reached the finals series.
- 2nd Grade were also semi-finalist but unfortunately due to a wash out on both Saturday and Sunday saw their season finish abruptly. 3rd Grade were like second grade, unfortunate to have their season washed out on both Saturday and Sunday.
- 4th Grade made the Grand Final but were unlucky and went down by one of the slimmest margins to finish runners-up for the season.
- Under 24's were also semifinalists but were beaten in a close game in the semis.
- 5th Grade finished in 7th spot for the season.

- Our Chappelow side acquitted themselves well this season with our Burwood Gold side losing a close one by 3 runs in their Qualifying Final along with our Burwood Rivals side.

This season along with the top 4 Grades and under 24's, we contested 5th Grade (Tim Creer Cup) and the Chappelow Cup competitions, where we once again fielded 4 sides being Briars Maroon, Briars Gold, Briars Rival and Briars Brothers. Both the 5th Grade and Chappelow Cup have a great number of standalone teams trying to win competitions, rather than looking at the development of junior talent that they have at their disposal

The teams for the season were led by skippers Max Squire 1st Grade, Brad Sculley 2nd Grade, Paul Simpson & Declan Kennedy 3rd Grade, Lloyd Andrews 4th Grade, Brett Howle 5th Grade, Michael Taberner, Mark Smyck, Asita Galappatti & Vivek Thangaswamy Chappelow Cup and Diren Reddy U24's.

I would like to thank the many players that were able to assist when we needed to fill a gap throughout the season, it is great to know that when the call is made, so many of you were able to assist.

The Club is very fortunate to be able to play on some of the best grounds, Rothwell Park, Ron Routley Oval and St Luke's Oval. Thanks to Jeff & his ground staff who go above and beyond week after week to make sure that the grounds are constantly voted among the top grounds' year in and year out.

Off the field there are many guys that assist with the running of Cricket, I would like to mention Paul Price for his regular updates on our Facebook page, along with his updates from around the grounds, weather forecasts and his work in sponsorship. Thanks to Terry Murphy who once again served as the Clubs Representative to the SCA updating the Clubs statics on past and present players. Brett Howle for his work with our accounts and his efforts with covers, week in and week out & providing guidance for the season. Gareth Robson for his work with My Cricket player registrations and fee collection throughout the year. Paul Simpson who was at every training session setting up and running the batting and bowling. To Richard Tregeagle who managed the Under 24's team this season. Apologies to anyone that I have failed to mention for the hard work and effort involved to run a successful season. We appreciate the help and support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our long-term sponsor, Venus Packaging. This sponsorship has been ongoing for well over a decade. On behalf of myself and the Cricket Club, we thank Ian Venus for his generous support, which has contributed to the Club's success over the years.

We once again took on Epping this season, for the Turnbull / Richardson Trophy. The trophy is awarded to the Club that gains the most Club Championship points for that round. Burwood Briars defeated Epping & retained the trophy.

I would like to thank the Staff and Management of Briars Sports for their assistance during the season. To Jason, Ben, Monique, Jack, and Megan, we appreciate everything that has been done for us this season.

We were fortunate to be able to hold our Annual Presentation Night at the end of the cricket season. Over 100 past and present players attended the night. Thanks to the Walker and Watt families for their ongoing support, it is an honor to have our two main cricket trophies named after David and Ted.

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The various winners were:

David Walker Trophy	<i>Services to Cricket</i>	Gerard Price
Ted Watt Trophy	<i>Best New talent</i>	Aidan Gardner
Richard Tregeagle Trophy	<i>1st Grade Players Player</i>	Brenton Wright
Gerard Price Trophy	<i>2nd Grade Players Player</i>	Brett Bastow
Anthony Clarke Trophy	<i>3rd Grade Players Player</i>	Rahul Khandelwal
Peter Mansford Trophy	<i>4th Grade Players Player</i>	Saurabh Ganguly
Will Hood Trophy	<i>5th Grade Players Player</i>	Anthony Clarke
Paul Price Trophy	<i>Under 24's Players Player</i>	Aidan Gardner

Chappelow Cup	<i>Players Player</i>	Barret Engelmann
Bill Hooker Trophy	<i>Maters / Classics Player</i>	Matt Turner (<i>Masters</i>) Dave Trewin (<i>Classics</i>)

Congratulations to all the award winners. Thank you to Paul Simpson, Paul Price and Brett Howle for making the night a success and for all their effort during what was a tough season.

1st Grade - Premiers

Max Squire | Captain

Season Summary

Our team was built on enthusiasm and commitment with our main goal to enjoy every weekend we have with one another, whilst we set out to play disciplined and skill full cricket.

Our regular season was littered with highlights but there were three in particular, that made me think that our team could go all the way this season.

The partnership between BJ Wright and Nick Govers against Balmain South Sydney was perhaps the best partnership I have seen in Shires cricket. BJ joined Govers at the crease when we were in real strife at 4-27. After a watchful start, Govers plundered BSS' attack to all parts and in combination with BJ's disciplined yet dynamic stroke-play the two compiled a magnificent 222 5th wicket stand. Both players made run-a-ball 100s that will live long in the memory of anyone that was lucky enough to be there.



First and foremost, I would like to thank Gerard Price for everything that he has done for our club, but also for me personally. All of our success is because of him, and all of our future victories are in honour of the wonderful man, so it goes without saying that this premiership is dedicated to him.

Our team is special. We are skilled and tenacious. We play to win, and we fight for one another and our club. Our team is built on the foundations that were laid by Gerard Price and his ilk.

I will never be able to write or express what Gerard meant to me so all I can do is thank him. Thank him for allowing me to be a part of something that meant so much to him. Thank him for creating what Briars Cricket is today.

It is more than a cricket club; it is most certainly a family; a place of refuge and happiness for so many. Thank you, my friend. I will forever be indebted to you. I will love and miss you every day of my life. I would also like to acknowledge the incredible work by Anthony Clarke, Brett Howle, Paul Simpson, and Paul Price. Thank you for your brilliant efforts in such difficult circumstances. Our club is very lucky to have you all.

Thank you to the wonderful supporters of our club. In particular Peter Mansford, Jason Harris, and Richard Tregeagle, I have learned a lot from each of you over the years.

Our captains were once again brilliant, I would especially like to thank Brad Sculley and Lloyd Andrews, as they will be stepping down from their respective captaincy positions, they leave knowing that they have contributed immensely to our club's recent success and their players who have improved for having the opportunity to have been led by them. Lloyd's reign as fourth grade skipper has been riddled with premierships and that speaks volumes of the man.

After the previous season had been cut short due to the COVID19 pandemic and our team was unable to expand on our great form early in the final's series, many of our senior players and supporters approached

this season with a point to prove.

Unfortunately, we lost a couple of important players due to other commitments, but that gave us an opportunity to test our strength of recruitment. We were lucky enough to bring in some wonderful players that really bolstered our squad meaning we were confident that we would be able to cement a position in the finals and perhaps even challenge for a premiership.

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The match against Warringah at Weldon was one of my favourite wins over the past

three seasons. This was the ultimate team performance as it felt as though every player contributed to a victory over a strong opponent.

Our penultimate round match against Lane Cove at Rothwell cemented our place as the front runner for the premiership. Carried by superb bowling displays by Jack Kovacic, and Brenton Wright, and a magnificent 121 stand by Tom Parton and Diren Reddy; we demolished Lane Cove whilst collecting 10 points along with some significant bragging rights heading into the finals.

Rain played a huge part in our finals series, although due to our strong performances throughout the season, it definitely worked in our favour. The Qualifying Final at Rothwell against Lane Cove was abandoned, whilst we were in a strong position, due to the rain on the 2nd day. The Semi Final at Rothwell against Roseville was also abandoned due to poor weather, this time not a single ball was bowled, and as the higher placed team, the mighty Briars booked themselves a place in the 1st Grade Grand Final.

Sydney's weather finally brightened up and rain played no part over what would turn out to be a stressful, exhausting, but ultimately victorious weekend.



After asking Epping to have a bat on an absolute road, we were once again carried by wonderful spells by Jack Kovacic (4-35) and Brenton Wright (4-26) as we bowled Epping out for 138 just inside 53 overs. At the end of day one we found ourselves in a strong position at 5-102, hoping that with some disciplined batting we would be able take the match away from Epping. Unfortunately, it was never going to be that easy and we lost four quick wickets to find ourselves reeling at 9-125 as Sam Tregeagle strolled confidently out to the wicket to join Jack Kovacic. Jack

Kovacic despatched Epping's opening bowler back over his head for four and Sam Tregeagle scored 12 of the most beautiful and meaningful runs I have ever seen, and the Briars took a lead on first innings. This innings will always be remembered for Sammy's wonderful over against Epping's most skilled spinner, but I cannot stress enough how important the innings of Tom Moffit was. Tom held our innings together as he battled not only Epping's skill and intensity but also the occasion (which had claimed the wicket of many over the weekend). He was eventually dismissed for 44 of 162 deliveries in an innings that eventually put our team in the ascendancy.

In the second innings Epping were bowled out for a quickfire 141 as they tried to set us a total, they could potentially bowl us out under late in the 2nd day. Once again Brenton Wright was the standout performer with the ball as he and Sam Tregeagle took 4 wickets each.

Our final innings started off with a wobble and Tom Burt joined Akarshan Arora at the crease with the score at 14 and Epping had the bit between their teeth. What followed was one of my most memorable afternoons of cricket, with plenty of support from various Briars we all watched on in delight as Tom (52*) and Arky (60*) pummeled the Epping Bulls attack all over a sun-drenched North Sydney Oval no2 for a brilliant unbeaten partnership of 124.

Deservedly, our celebrations were emphatic!

Akarshan Arora: A difficult season for Arky as he was probably a victim to the various players that were available to us and the differing formats. This meant that he found himself in various positions in the order throughout the season, so it was hard for him to get the consistency he needed. As always, he was wonderful in the field and consistent with the ball. He is an absolute pleasure to play with and an integral part of our team.

STATS 145 runs @ 18.1, 8 Wickets @ 29.4, 6 Catches

Andrew Jalalaty (vc): A true leader of this team. I appreciate all of the knowledge, humour, skill, and effort that he brings to our team. I'm so glad we could win our 4th premiership together. Aj didn't have his best season with the bat but his 50 against Georges River set us up for brilliant victory in round 2. As always, his gloves were fantastic, and his consistency was integral in our success. AJ's presence is vital for our team and much of our success can be attributed to him. Our club is extremely successful and I'm not sure many people have won more matches in the first-grade competition than AJ. The fact that he continues to win and is still so well liked by his opposition speaks volumes of his character. He is my favourite ever teammate and someone our club can always rely on.

STATS 112 runs @ 14, 8 Catches, 5 Stumpings

Ash Squire: We were very lucky to have Ash for 3 matches. He performed admirably in each game and was a pleasure to have around the playing group. Ash has also played an important part in our squad over the last three seasons as he has been privy to and advised us all regarding our training sessions, so it was brilliant for Ash to be able to play in some matches in this premiership winning season. We all hope that he might be able to find the time to play some more matches this coming season.

STATS 86 runs @ 28.7, 8 Wickets @ 14.5, 2 Catches

Brenton Wright: Without doubt our star player. Brenton thoroughly deserved all the accolades he received this season. Not only did BJ receive the award as our player's player but he was also crowned Shires' 1st grade player of the season and appointed captain of the Shires 1st grade team of the season. His performances with the ball were consistently brilliant and usually set us up for victory. Brenton is not only great on the field, his commitment to the team and club cannot be questioned as he rarely misses any matches, and he is always in attendance at club functions. A wonderful thinker of the game; he consistently provides advice and encouragement.

STATS 336 runs @ 33.6, 50 Wickets @ 9.1, 3 Catches and 1 Runout

Brett Bastow: Played one match in 1st grade this season and it happened to be in the Grand Final. Kanga has been a fantastic clubman and player for many seasons, and it was an absolute privilege to win a Grand

Final together.

STATS 15 runs and 2 wickets in the Grand Final

Damian Price: Had some very good performances throughout the season with some important spells in one-dayers. Unfortunately, this season was curtailed by injury, but Damian has made steady improvements over the last two seasons and will once again challenge for a spot in the bowling attack this coming season.

STATS 3 Wickets @ 37.3, 1 Catch

Diren Reddy: Diren showed a steady improvement once again this season. He was solid with ball and bowled many important spells. He seems to have really found his feet as a batter and this culminated in a brilliant 73* against Lane Cove in a match winning partnership with Tom Parton. Our team and club is lucky to have Diren, his dedication to our youth will maintain our success for many years to come.

STATS 90 runs @ 30, 10 Wickets @ 23.6, 4 Catches, 0 Drops

Graeme Durrant: We were very lucky to have the support of Graeme this season. He is definitely a part of our team, and his wonderful efforts will never be taken for granted. Thank you, Graeme.

Jack Kovacic: Another injury affected season for Kova diminished a season that looked so promising on a personal level. Once again when Kova was fit he showed why he is the best pace bowler in the comp. His spell in the Grand Final was herculean and set us up for a famous victory. He is a vital component to our team. His possesses brilliant cricketing IQ and his humour is a reason why our squad is so compatible. I love playing cricket with Kova and it is a privilege to win another 1st grade comp together.

STATS 46 runs @ 9.2, 17 Wickets @ 11.9, 7 Catches

Karl Vendrasco: Karl didn't play many matches with us this season but as always, when he was a part of the squad, his presence was felt. Karl has been an important member of our squad over the past three seasons, and I believe he is a big reason that we had turned from 'a team in transition' to 'premiers'. His dynamic stroke play against George's River in round 2 set us up for a great win. A pleasure to play with Karl always plays aggressive cricket that always moves the game forward. A brilliant clubman that we are lucky to have.

STATS 64 runs @ 16, 6 Catches

Max Squire:

STATS 199 runs @ 22.1, 6 Wickets @ 15, 10 Catches

Nick Govers: A brilliant batsman and tactician. We were lucky to have Nick join our team this year and he quickly established himself as one of the competitions premier batters. His experience and calm nature brought a lot to our team, and he was vital in a run of games that brought important points for our club. We really hope that Nick will play more matches this coming season as his presence improved our team.

STATS 232 runs @ 46.4, 4 Catches

Ryan Corns: The billy ducker himself! After many successful seasons with Sydney Cricket Club, we were finally able to convince Ryan to come and join us. By Christmas he was the competitions leading wicket taker, and he formed a brilliant bowling partnership with BJ that continuously strangled the opposition. Ryan has much more to offer with the bat where he can be absolutely devastating once he gets going. He demolished the Warringah opening attack at Weldon in a well-made 50 and we hope that we will see more of that this coming season.

STATS 113 runs @ 14.3, 15 Wickets @ 16.4, 4 Catches

Samuel Tregeagle: Made his first grade debut this season and became an important member of our team. Hopefully Sam learned a lot this season as he possesses the natural ability to become one of the competitions best seam bowlers. He bowled many important spells this season, but we all know that there is more to come. His 4-wicket effort in the second innings of the Grand Final should be taken as the blueprint for future success, as he bowled with pace at the stumps and mixed it up with a great short ball. Sam is a

wonderful character that I look forward to playing a lot more cricket with.

STATS 12 Wickets @ 27.4, 1 Catch

Thomas Burt: Re-joining the mighty Briars after many solid seasons with Western Suburbs, the club welcomed back Burty with open arms. Tom really showed his undoubted quality with many important innings throughout the season. He plays cricket with enthusiasm and a strong competitive streak that leads him to dominate bowling attacks once he gets going. Burty eventually found his way to the top of our batting statistics, but we all know there is more to come. We are all looking forward to seeing what the next few seasons bring.

STATS 366 runs @ 33.6, 5 Catches

Tom Moffit: After a strong season in 2nd grade, Tom once again made himself an important part of our team through some great performances. He is a wonderful teammate that approached each matchday with enthusiasm and determination which was appreciated by all members of the squad. Tom bookended his first-grade season with two brilliant performances as he made is first grade highest score of 78 in a match winning innings against Southern Districts and a vital 44 in the Grand Final against Epping. His performances this season confirmed that Tom can become one of the competitions leading batters.

STATS 234 runs @ 26, 4 Catches and 1 Runout

Tom Parton: One of my favourite batters to watch. Tom was a young captain at his home club of Ramsbottom who play at the high standard of Division 1 in the Lancashire league. With these credentials Tom brought a wealth of experience and a calm nature to the crease. He plays the ball late and times it with minimal effort. Over the past two seasons Tom has played many important innings for our team to both set us up for victory or to see the 6 points home. Tom has been a wonderful teammate that has shown brilliant dedication to the club whilst truly understanding its values. Tom has made the move to South Australia. I thank him for his terrific efforts over the past two seasons. The club was lucky to have him, he will be sorely missed but a return will always be welcome.

STATS 212 runs @ 42.4, 4 Catches

2nd Grade

Brad Sculley | Captain

Highlights

There were some outstanding individual performances that need to be recognised which contributed to our successes.

Jamie McLeod with 257 runs opening the batting @ 28.56 and also receiving a deserving call up to First Grade.

Matt Roper for 280 runs and 19 wickets as a crucial all-round performer.

Alex Vendrasco (20 wickets @ 15.35) and **Darren Leichsenring** (18 wickets @ 15.33) for an always reliable opening bowling partnership.

Brett Bastow (aka 'Kanga') receiving the Players Player for a skillful season



Once again it was a privilege to captain such a balanced side of experience and exuberant youth committed to helping the club achieve another club championship.

The 2nd Grade team came into the 2020/21 season with the attitude of a 'job not finished' after finishing second last year and not having the opportunity to play for the title, due to COVID.

of 174 runs @ 29.00 and topping the wicket taking with 27 wickets @ 9.26.

For the first time our batting line-up delivered the goods putting us in commanding positions or chasing down decent totals to support our ever-strong bowling attack.

Our record for the regular season saw us finish yet again second with a total of 56 points. A costly loss to Lane Cove towards the end of the season saw us narrowly miss out on a Minor Premiership which ended an unbelievable undefeated run for the Team that spanned from November the 2nd, 2019 to the 27th of February 2021. This was an incredible feat that the boys should be very proud of. Ironically, it was Lane Cove who beat Briars last season!

Unfortunately, we could not take our form into the Qualifying Final, being beaten in the first day by Epping. The following weeks' monsoon ensured we would not play again, with the team qualifying for the semi-final as the lowest ranked team. Having said that, it was only one session would ultimately determine our fate, finishing an overall fourth after such a promising season up until then.

Thank you to all the players who played for second grade across the last two seasons, you made my time as captain thoroughly enjoyable and memorable. Everyone was able to contribute towards our success at some point. I am grateful for the efforts you displayed each match to get us in a position to challenge for the title once again. It always takes a squad get to where we finished this season. Particularly, I would like to thank Brett Bastow for being my right-hand man and thoroughly deserving the Player's Player award. I wish everyone all the success in their playing careers going forward and trust that everyone will continue on the winning tradition this Club is known for.

The 2nd Grade Team and I congratulate the Burwood Briars Cricket on achieving a record 9th straight Club Championship and the success of all top four grades on reaching the semi-finals. We also want to congratulate Max Squire and the 1st Grade Team for bringing Bobby back home in an amazing premiership win. To Paul Simpson and Declan Kennedy, you both led exceptionally well to get 3rd Grade to a semi-final and Lloyd Andrews continuing his 'Gerard' like success in 4th Grade in another Grand Final appearance, being denied another trophy by the slimmest of margins. To Diren Reddy and the ever-important 24's squad for challenging for a grand final spot and laying the platform for future club successes. We'd also express our congratulations to all 5th Grade sides for successfully representing the Club again with thanks to the Captains Brett Howle, Anthony Clarke, Mark Smyck and Michael Taberner for providing support for the top four grades during selections.

On behalf of myself and the entire Second Grade squad we want to acknowledge and thank club legend and great mate, Gerard Price, for helping create our successful Club and the enjoyable environment that we are all able to play cricket within. A record number of Club Championships achieved under his time as Cricketing Chairman will have him be remembered as the most successful Administrator and Director in NSW Cricket history. Let alone the outstanding career he forged on the field which has him listed as a Sydney Shires Hall of Famer. What the records won't have room to show is that he led exactly the way he played the game. Gerard created an environment for so many people to feel accepted and valued, allowing us to forge lifelong friendships while aspiring to succeed both on and off the field. Record books also won't have enough room to reflect what a great confidante and friend he would be to everyone who donned the Briars Bumblebee and the example he set in how to be an amazing human being. But records will reflect the outcomes of these amazing traits he displayed, and therefore he will go down as the best there was. We miss him so much and hopefully we carry his legacy on for years to come. There's only one Gerard Price.

3rd Grade

Paul Simpson & Declan Kennedy | Captains

Season Summary

Firstly, a big thank you to Declan Kennedy who took over from me as 3rd Grade skipper from Round 7. Great job mate in leading the team into the finals and if not for the rain I am positive the side would have been very hard to beat.

To my old mate Gerard Price there is not much else I can say that hasn't already been said. Along with everybody else I consider myself very fortunate to have known Gerard as a person. To the most humble and unassuming person I know thanks for everything you have done for me and the mighty Briars. You will never be forgotten, and your legacy will last a lifetime.



This season was the Cubs most challenging to date, 3rd grade rode this wave with ups and downs throughout the season.

After 4 Rounds we were winless. 2 draws and 2 defeats saw third grade in an unfamiliar position down the bottom of the ladder. Thankfully the boys rallied, and we bounced back with some good wins heading into the Christmas break. Our bowlers were the key to this success, with tight bowling restricting the opposition to low totals, making the job a lot simpler for our batsmen. Rahul, Jeremy, James, and Phil were certainly the key influencers on these results. The second half of the season kicked off with back-to-back outright victories against Pennant Hills and Strathfield. Rahul stood tall against Pennant Hills taking 10 Wickets in the match, ensuring we

bowled them out for under 65 Twice. He again led the way against Strathfield, with the aid of Paul, Atul and Sanket, ensuring we would again bowl a side out twice for under 80 runs each. These two match inspiring victories saw us back up around the top of the table with an unlikely minor premiership in reach. Unfortunately, a poor showing against Lane Cove saw our hopes dashed. We finished the final round of the regular season in 4th position

We picked ourselves up and nearly knocked over Strathfield in the Qualifying Final on day 1, securing 9 of Strathfield's wickets before the day was called, and ultimately the match, with day 2 washed out. This draw saw us progress through to the Semi Final the following week, however torrential rain across Sydney that week resulted in no play on both days, with the team bowing out of the race, being the lower placed side.

Many thanks to Gerard Price, Anthony Clarke, Brett Howle and all the Skippers throughout the season. Paul and I couldn't have done it without the support of these fine gentlemen. They are also the reason why we have been so successful for so many years. The 9th Club Championship in a row is testament to the dedication of these gentleman.

Finally, congratulations to Max and the 1st Grade boys on a superb grand final victory and for bringing Bobby Home! Look forward to seeing everyone again next season for the #decadeofdominance.

Batting

Player	M	I	Agg	NO's	50's	100's	Ducks	HS	Avg	4's	6's
Jackson, Tom	7	7	138	0	1	0	1	54	19.71	13	3
Favotto, Alex	8	8	127	2	0	0	0	49	21.17	11	1
Kennedy, Declan	7	7	113	1	1	0	2	67	18.83	5	1
Wright, Jake	10	10	113	1	0	0	3	40	12.56	7	0
Peters, Alexander M	4	4	103	1	0	0	0	39	34.33	15	1
Karkare, Sanket	3	3	94	1	1	0	0	63	47.00	4	1
Wedd, Jeremy	11	8	88	3	0	0	1	24	17.60	8	0
Khandelwal, Rahul	11	8	82	2	0	0	2	35	13.67	7	0

O'Connor, Cormac	6	6	74	0	0	0	2	26	12.33	6	0
Patel, Shreyas	6	6	66	2	0	0	2	38	16.50	7	0
Maxwell, Philip	7	4	52	1	0	0	0	28	17.33	5	0
Cullen, Douglas	3	2	49	0	0	0	0	36	24.50	2	0
Simpson, Paul	5	3	44	1	0	0	0	25	22.00	3	
Ralph, Elliott	8	4	18	1	0	0	0	9	6.00	0	0
Lee, Harrison	5	3	16	1	0	0	0	9	8.00	0	0
Arora, Neeraj	2	2	11	0	0	0	0	10	5.50		
Tregeagle, Xavier	3	2	11	0	0	0	0	8	5.50		
Mahajan, Atul	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	8	8.00	1	0
Ganguly, Saurabh	2	2	7	0	0	0	1	7	3.50	1	
Pannuti, Paul	4	3	7	1	0	0	1	7	3.50	0	0
Peters, Harry	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.00	0	0
Threlkeld, James	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	2.00		
Gardner, Aidan	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	1.50	0	0

Bowling

Player	M	WK	Mdns	O	R	5fa	Ave.	S/R	Econ	Best
Khandelwal, Rahul	11	25	35	117	298	1	11.92	28.08	2.55	7/16
Wedd, Jeremy	11	22	19	84	191	0	8.68	22.91	2.27	3/9
Ralph, Elliott	8	12	18	88	251	0	20.92	44.00	2.85	4/26
Patel, Shreyas	6	11	6	32.3	98	0	8.91	17.73	3.02	3/11
Maxwell, Philip	7	11	7	47	149	0	13.55	25.64	3.17	4/27
Pannuti, Paul	4	9	25	56	88	0	9.78	37.33	1.57	3/12
Tregeagle, Xavier	3	7	9	30.1	59	0	8.43	25.86	1.96	3/19
Threlkeld, James	3	7	7	32	89	0	12.71	27.43	2.78	4/23
Mahajan, Atul	1	5	3	17	53	0	10.60	20.40	3.12	3/35
Karkare, Sanket	3	4	7	30	66	0	16.50	45.00	2.20	2/4
Lee, Harrison	5	3	7	27	56	0	18.67	54.00	2.07	2/11
Metcalfe, Greg	1	2	0	7	30	0	15.00	21.00	4.29	2/30
Kennedy, Declan	7	2	0	9	33	0	16.50	27.00	3.67	1/3
Gardner, Aidan	2	1	2	2	0	0	0.00	12.00	0.00	1/0
Arora, Neeraj	2	1	1	3	3	0	3.00	18.00	1.00	1/3

Fielding:

Player	M	C	CWK	RO Ass	RO Un	Stmp
Kennedy, Declan	7	7	0	0	0	0
Favotto, Alex	8	6	0	0	0	0
Cullen, Douglas	3	3	0	0	0	0
Ralph, Elliott	8	3	0	0	0	0
Karkare, Sanket	3	3	0	0	0	0
Wedd, Jeremy	11	2	0	0	0	0
Pannuti, Paul	4	2	0	0	0	0
Khandelwal, Rahul	11	2	0	0	0	0
Peters, Alexander M	4	2	0	2	0	0
Jackson, Tom	7	1	0	0	0	0
Gardner, Aidan	2	1	0	0	0	0
Patel, Shreyas	6	1	0	0	0	0

Whitfield, Brad	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simpson, Paul	5	0	0	0	0	0
Metcalfe, Greg	1	0	0	0	0	0
Maxwell, Philip	7	0	0	0	0	0
Khadse, Gaurav	1	0	0	0	0	0
Arora, Neeraj	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mahajan, Atul	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wright, Jake	10	0	6	0	0	1
Tregeagle, Xavier	3	0	0	0	0	0
Peters, Harry	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ganguly, Saurabh	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lee, Harrison	5	0	0	0	0	0
O'Connor, Cormac	6	0	0	0	0	0
Threlkeld, James	3	0	0	0	0	0

4th Grade

Lloyd Andrews | Captain

Highlights

The fourth grade had a great season with a few comprehensive wins during the season. The team performing well week in & week out, finishing the season on 77 points, 24 points from 2nd spot.

First of all I would like to thank Gerard Price for allowing me to come to the club and captain this great club as you are well aware Gerard's passing affected everybody, The man was a heart and soul of the Burwood briars he taught me everything there is to be a Briar, how to win like a Briar and how to celebrate like a Briar, a fantastic person that we will dearly miss every year, I know he would've celebrated our Club Championship win and First Grade Premiership win, I love you and I miss you mate.

There's only one Gerard Price!

The 2020/21 4th Grade Team.

Scott Brennan: Year in and out you get the same thing with Scott, very good at the top of the order, he likes to take on anyone, however his injuries stopped him from having a full year.

Saurabh Ganguly: Saurabh had a good year with the team, whenever we needed a good start, he would take it on. He was very good behind the stumps taking 14 catches, 5 in one innings in an outright win versus Lane Cove. Saurabh also won our players player.

Doug Cullen: A very likable bloke at the club, always gives 100% on the park but sometimes it's hard to get him to the park, fantastic player at the club and should be playing higher grades. hopefully with a full season next year, the runs will come.

Shreyas Patel: Shreyas is a quiet person but very knowledgeable about cricket. He understands the game and it showed in the grand final with a fantastic innings that nearly got us home. Fantastic bloke, however, his fielding is not one of his strong cards.

Harrison Lee: Effort from Harry is second to none, always trying to get better with each game he plays. A future club first grader.

Xavier Tregeagle: Xavier had an exceptional first year at the club. The most talented leg spinner I've seen



in a while and very handy with the bat. I can see Xavier playing first grade in seasons to come.

Matthew Harrington: Matthew has all the talent in the world he just needs to put his head down and the runs will come. A team man who is very handy in the field.

James Threkhould: Young Jimmy has a bright future at the club he is a talented bowler and batsman as seen during the grand final match. This season's loss will give him more hunger to win next season.

Greg Metcalfe: Fantastic cricketer! A clubman through and through, Greg gives everything when he's on the field and encourages the young guys to do their best out on the field. Whenever we needed a wicket Greg would come home with the goods. Greg was also a skipper for half the season and did a fantastic job to secure first place.

Jason Tran: I think Jason had one of his best years to date, his bowling was fantastic, he never gave up in the field and was handy with the bat when needed. He was unlucky in not getting us home in the grand-final.

Players who helped us through the 2020/21 cricket season:

- Paul Pannuti
- Aiden Gardner
- Liam Penwill

Batting:

Player	
Ganguly	278 @ 30.89
Brennan	198 @ 19.80
Cullen	170 @ 21.25
Tregeagle	147 @ 29.40
Andrews	143 @ 23.83
Threkhould	142 @ 47.33
Lee	129 @ 25.80
Gardner	102 @ 34.00

Bowling:

Player	
Metcalfe	28 @ 8.93
Tran	22 @ 15.95
Threkhould	19 @ 9.32
Gardner	11 @ 12.91
Tregeagle	11 @ 20.55
Lee	9 @ 13.89
Penwill	6 @ 8.17

Congratulations to the Club for another fantastic season winning the Club Championship for a 9th season. Thank you to all the selectors on picking competitive teams' week in and week out, Congratulations to Simmo / DK and Sculls for making the SF Good season lads, and of course BIG Congratulations to one of the best blokes going around Max Squire and his team for winning the 1st grade final, unbelievable season and topped off with a gusty win in the GF.

I would like to thank Greg Metcalfe for helping me Captain the team at the start of the season due to work, mate you did a fantastic job, and you should be every proud of captaining at a great club like Briars

Thank you everyone, till next year.

There's only one!

5th Grade

Brett Howle & Anthony Clarke | Co-Captains

The 2020/21 season saw Fifth grade finish in 7th position on the ladder (from 12 teams) just 4 points shy of 6th position and a finals appearance. A win in the last round would have seen the side compete in the qualifying finals however that did not eventuate. As it turned out, it would not have mattered in the end as the season was cut short and abandoned after the qualifying final due to Covid.

The side won 7 games and lost 6 with 3 wash outs. As usual, the side was a mixture of extremes, with several very experienced (i.e., old) players mixing it with a group of youngsters who were generally still at school and having their first year at the club. Overall, this was a great mix for the side, always enjoying

ourselves and we were competitive against many stronger sides. A core of these regular players are to be thanked for their contributions and I hoped they enjoyed themselves.

These new and young players included Liam Penwill, Ned Arnold and John Papanthanasious who are still at school plus a twenty something Chris Smith, all in their first year at the club. At times we had to call in favours from ex-players to ensure 11 players got onto the field so my thanks to them for helping out.

My thanks to Anthony Clarke as cricket chairman for the time and effort he dedicates over summer in making sure what needs to get done, is done. My thanks also to all my fellow captains, especially Mark Smyck and Michael Taberner for all the time we all spend looking after our respective teams and also during the selection process. Overall, it was another great year for Briars Cricket as we claimed our 9th consecutive club championship. Congratulations to everyone who contributed.

Firstly, some notable individual performances during the year:

Craig McKenzie starting the year with 38* & 46*, but season lowlights were being able to run himself out from a free hit no ball and being given out bowled from a beamer off his helmet!

Anthony Clarke 4-4 from 8 vs Georges River: Aiden Gardner 62 vs Auburn: Chris Smith 43 vs Roseville: Pat Fraser 5-21 vs Pennant Hills: Rolling Souths for 42 in round 11 and Strathfield for 77: Matt Harrington 4-21 vs Norwest

As usual, there were no superstars in fifth grade, (because if there were they would be promoted up the grades) Overall, we used 28 players during the year with only 5 playing 11 or more games. Main contributors during the year were:

The Young

John Papanthanasious: Newcomer who really enjoyed his first season and fitted in well. Very capable with both bat and ball and will develop into a talented cricketer as he plays more cricket and gains more experience against stronger opponents.

Chris Smith: Also new to Briars this year. High score of 43 during the season but needs to aim to be more consistent in scoring runs when batting in the top order. Can also be relied upon for a few overs when a change is needed.

Ned Arnold: Shared the new ball responsibilities with Liam and did a good job in a challenging role. Perhaps didn't enjoy the success he would have liked in terms of wickets but will be much better for this first season in seniors on turf. Rates himself as a lower order batsman who can whack the ball when needed to get quick runs.

Liam Penwill: A product of our juniors Liam has enjoyed his first season on turf and was thrown the new ball and did not disappoint. It can be seen that even at his young age Liam is a very talented cricketer and has shown he will continue to develop into serious opening bowler as he gets older and enjoys more time in the middle.

Tristian Stansfield: Has been with Briars for several seasons now. Can be relied upon to do the job as opener or behind the stumps. Needs to challenge himself and aim to consistently play in the higher grades which he is capable of doing.

And the not so young

Craig McKenzie: Great start to the year with some decent scores but results fell away a bit. Reliable behind the stumps when called upon to do a job. Always enthusiastic and encouraging the side to do well

Anthony Clarke: Still provides great value as a first change bowler and can be relied upon to bowl a tight line and slow down the run rate. As has been the case for a while only good for one spell, generally the full 8 overs as finds moving more challenging once he cools down.

Brett Howle: Still running around the field pretending to be able to play. Loss more tosses than won so value to the team is being questioned.

Season Results

Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Runs for	Overs faced	Runs against	Overs bowled	Points	Position
16	7	3	6	1417	479	1584	519	47	7 th

Statistics

Minimum 9 matches

Player	Mat	Inn	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Best	Ct / S
Ned Arnold	13	9	5	14*	56	14.0	64.2	277	9	30.8	3/26	8
Antony Clarke	9	4	2	8	10	5.0	67	132	18	7.33	4/4	2
Brett Howle	12	10	3	29	117	16.7						3
Craig McKenzie	12	12	2	46*	178	17.8						Wk 6c & 1s, 2c oth
John Papanthansiou	8	6	2	23*	68	17.0	564	194	12	16.8	3/22	3
Liam Penwill	11	5	4	8*	23	23.0	67	195	9	21.7	3/11	7
Chris Smith	13	13	1	43	123	10.3	10	49	1	49.0	1/23	7
Tristian Stansfield	9	9	0	34	113	12.7						Wk 3c & 0s, 1c oth

Statistics for those that played but not listed above can be found on Mycricket.

D.C. Cup - Gold

Mark Smyck | Captain

Season Highlights

For Briars Gold, it was another decent season making it to the finals and finishing 5th on the ladder. Our run to the finals was incredible with 5 wins in a row to confirm our spot. Once again, we failed to get past the qualifying finals losing narrowly to our nemesis Mounties Gold (who we beat to start our 5-win streak) by 3 runs. It was heartbreaking to fall so short, but this only strengthened the desire by all players to push even harder next season.

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

-Pele

I don't know if this club would have been as successful as it has been without the great man Gerard Price. Chairman for 31 years, his commitment and love for the club was there on show every week. The group emails and phone calls he made every week would have others throwing their phone off a cliff, but Gerard took it in his stride. When team selections hit a snag, his impartial opinion would be the best option of the lot. He was the calmest person in the room but had the quickest wit. There is so much Gerard has done, and he has impacted everyone greatly in one way or another. I came to this club with a friend to continue playing cricket after

finishing school. Little did I know then I'd still be playing for this club almost 20 years later. Gerard was the first person I met, as I'm sure was the case for basically everyone who joined the club. Over that time, I had many conversations and phone calls with him, from his concerns over my health to team selections to what apps to download on his phone. I also had the opportunity to work with Gerard for a few months at Cricket NSW helping in the Milo In-2-Cricket program. I remember early in my Briars career I emailed him about a

selection issue. He called me not long after and we met later that day at a Concord Café to talk it over. I was very grateful that such a busy man took the time out of his day to do this.

Thank you so much for the opportunities you've given to me at this club. You gave me the chance to manage the under 24s team and now to captain our Chappelow Cup team, Briars Gold, and share my wisdom onto the new and younger players of the club. Thank you for the legacy you have instilled in us. I hope it continues long into the future & I hope we've made you proud.

In what was a tough and Covid-interrupted season, it was another successful season for Briars Cricket with our 9th consecutive Club Championship. Congratulations to Max Squire and his 1st grade Premiership Team. I've never been so nervous at a cricket game when Sam Tregear got the 1st innings lead. But to eventually win outright, I'm so proud of you mate and your team. Congratulations to Brad Sculley, Paul Simpson and Declan Kennedy on their efforts to get to semi-finals in 2nd and 3rd grade. Washouts are never the way you want to be eliminated from the finals, but you did so well to get there. And congratulations to Lloyd Andrews on making another Grand Final, unfortunately finishing agonisingly short for another GF win. Well done to 5th grade captains Brett Howle & Anthony Clarke on their double duties as leaders of the club. And to Michael Taberner who returned to captain the newly formed Briars Maroon. All the hard work to get 11 players on the field each week is a tough job, but the reward comes with success and opportunities for the younger players to step up and get that call up to the higher grades.

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This season we were again able to have a consistent group of players most of the season with another dozen players filling in, this helped build the trust and confidence between the players but also the momentum heading into the finals. It didn't matter whether you played one game, or you played the whole season, everyone made an impact on the team. It was also great to see a few of our regulars get selected to play in higher grades.

In this competition we have had a lot of young players joining the club, many from Briars Juniors, which has been great to see. With their selection in the team, comes their supporters – their parents. All the parents, mostly fathers, have been great supporters of the boys, the team, and their chance to play senior cricket. It's been great to hear back from the parents about their opportunities which sometimes, depending on the ability of the kids, can be limited; especially if they're out early. Our match against NW Sydney we played 5 kids under 17 years old. To win with an over remaining was amazing. I was taken back by their support when hearing the group of fathers cheering our win from 80m away, louder than where I was with the team.

A couple weeks after the completion of the season, we held the 2nd annual Briars Gold End-of-Season Presentation night. A chance to award the highs and lows of our season, but also to get back together once again after a great season. Held in the private room at Briars Sports, we had plenty of players turn up to vote for over 25 awards from "The best bowler that didn't bowl" to "Best Young Gunz" to "The Vrishank Pendyala Most Runs off an over" award. Our final award was the most important, The Gerard Price "Simply the Best" award for the best moment of the season. And it was a bittersweet moment with the winning decision being the pre-match speech and minutes silence with Briars Maroon for our great chairman, Gerard Price.

Lastly, I want to thank Brett Howle, Anthony Clarke, Paul Simpson, and Paul Price. The last year or so has been tough on everyone. The responsibilities and pressure you have had on your shoulders, and all the club duties which were done effortlessly each week. I hope everyone understands what it takes to run such a successful club.

Player Profiles

Michael Gordon: A veteran of Briars Gold, "Gordo" really stepped up his game this season. His leadership grew as well as someone that pushed a positive mindset throughout the team to keep the momentum going

through tough times. His efforts in the field and with the ball, especially during the second half of the season, he set the standard for every player.

Vrishank Pandyala: Affectionately known as the “Pest”, Vrish had a disappointing season with the bat, lacking the confidence we had seen previously. But early into the season he rolled his arm over to signify intent to bowl, like the rest of the team. When finally given the chance and with his first ball, he took the wicket of Liam Gordon against Briars Maroon. Caught by Michael Gordon. His leggies were deadly, taking at least 1 wicket in his first 2 overs. In his first 3 spells, he took a wicket in his first 2 balls. Looking forward to all aspects of game firing at the same time, this enigma could be a very potent player.

Biplav Dutta: The last few seasons, Biplav has continued to tweak and improve his off-spin bowling, slowing it up and creating the drift to make him a lethal spinner. His 3/3 off 5.4 overs against MPSD Gold demonstrated his manoeuvrability with the ball to bamboozle the opposition and give him confidence heading towards finals. Biplav has been a great team member and watching him add words of encouragement to the boys in the dressing room this season has been a real pep up for the rest of the team.

Jack Benchoam: Into his 2nd season for the club, Jack unfortunately didn't reach the heights of his sensational 1st season with the ball. But if you can't take wickets, build pressure. And with an economy rate of 3.6, he built pressure for the rest of the bowlers to take wickets and keep run chases low. I'm hoping he can develop into an even better bowler in coming seasons.

Hugh Sims: Hugh spent the past couple seasons training with us and finally had the chance to be picked. A great young kid who moulded himself into the team very well. He was his own worst critic when it came to batting, but when playing against opposition twice his age he still took up the challenge. He's only 16 and playing with the big boys, his confidence will only get better in the seasons ahead.

Cameron Durrant: If there was an award for commitment to a team or club, Cameron Durrant would be right up there. Always there to lend a hand and help with covers when available, which was most weeks, his spot in the team was never in doubt. Of course, he was always opinionated about the bowling line and lengths, but with the best view behind the stumps, I won't disagree...with most of the comments. Cam didn't have the greatest season with the bat either. A direct throw from the youngest (and best) player from Ryde Hunters Hill from 40m away in the last round summed up his season with the bat. His movement behind the stumps was good, minimising byes but didn't get many catching opportunities throughout the season.

Anton Demark: After missing the first half of the season due to the HSC, Anton was a welcome inclusion into the team as an opening batsman, something we have consistently lacked in previous seasons. Along with his batting efforts, his hands were safe as houses with 10 catches, including 3 against NW Sydney.

Sanjan Naganathan: Sanjan has continued to improve season by season, and his attitude to batting has been the best I've seen from him, making very important runs when needed. His 34* against MPSD in a tight, fiery match showed the patience and strong mindset that gave him a chance to play up the grades. Looking forward to this form flourishing.

Dhruvil Gohel: After a few seasons away, Dhruvil returned with some strong performances with the ball, taking 9 wickets in his first 3 matches, including 5/16 against MPSD Blue. Injury during the season made it tough to get back in the team but the pressure and opportunities he created with his loopy offies made him a surprising asset to the team.

Jack Kent: For a 15-year-old, Jack has all it takes to become an incredible cricketer. And has the 'chat' to back it up too. His double duties with grade cricket didn't make him available every week but when he got the chance, he made the most of his time in the team. He was our highest run scorer and his temperament with the bat was valuable for the team as he kept his head to bat out the innings or finish it off as he did against NW Sydney when he came in at 3/17 to win the match scoring 49 not out chasing 100.

Glenn Workman: On the other side of the spectrum, we acquired veteran Glenn Workman halfway through the season and his efforts were pivotal in our run to the finals. He was our 2nd highest run scorer with his highest score of 61 not out. His 2nd top score of a blazing 45 against Lindfield showed the aggressiveness

we've needed and along with Anton, gave us the strongest openers we've had for a long time. He also raised the average age of the team by about 10 years.

There's only One Burwood Briars.

There's only One Gerard Price.

Batting

Player	M	I	NO's	50s	HS	RUNS	4s	6s	Ave.
Jackson Kent	6	5	3	0	49*	157	10	0	78.50
Glenn Workman	7	7	1	1	61*	145	11	1	24.17
Michael Gordon	10	8	2	0	43	135	5	0	22.50
Sanjan Naganathan	7	7	2	0	44	128	8	0	25.60
Vrishank Pendyala	11	10	2	0	45*	124	3	0	15.50
Mark Smyck	11	9	0	0	31	123	6	1	13.67
Anton Demark	7	7	1	0	41	96	3	0	16.00
Hugh Sims	10	10	0	0	19	77	4	0	7.70
Biplav Dutta	11	7	4	0	23*	44	2	1	14.67
Cameron Durrant	10	8	3	0	13	36	1	0	7.20
Jack Benchoam	11	3	2	0	12	23	1	0	23.00
Aiden Gardner	1	1	0	0	23	23	1	0	23.00

Bowling

Player	M	Overs	Mdns	Runs	W	B/B	Ave.	Econ.	Catches
Vrishank Pendyala	11	31.1	5	106	15	4/17	7.07	3.40	8
Michael Gordon	10	55	11	174	15	4/14	11.60	3.16	4
Jack Benchoam	11	80	18	212	12	2/5	17.67	2.65	4
Biplav Dutta	11	68.4	8	222	12	3/3	18.50	3.23	2
Dhruvil Gohel	7	35.3	6	130	10	5/16	13.00	3.66	4
Mark Smyck	11	54	11	163	8	2/14	20.38	3.02	1
Hugh Sims	10	15.2	2	77	6	2/6	12.83	5.02	4
Keerthekan Nagarajah	5	32	5	134	5	2/26	26.80	4.19	0
Aiden Gardner	1	5.5	2	6	4	4/6	1.50	1.03	1
James Webb	1	8	1	27	4	4/27	6.75	3.38	0
John Papathanasiou	2	10	0	29	4	2/6	7.25	2.90	1
Harrison Lee	1	3	0	5	3	3/5	1.67	1.67	0
Michael Franklin	1	8	0	25	2	2/25	12.50	3.13	0
Barrett Englemann	1	8	1	22	1	1/22	22.00	2.75	1
Gaurav Khadse	1	6	0	25	0	-	-	4.17	0

D.C. Cup - Maroon

Michael Taberner | Captain

Briars Maroon contributed to the club throughout the season with players going up grades, training together and trying to learn off each other. A special thanks to some of the senior cricket players who filled in at various times through the season, Mick Towells, we always loved playing with the big guy. Briars Maroon also welcomed some new members to the team; Barret Engelman, Tom Pooley & Virat.

Included in the team we had a rotating group of 10 or so young guys who were still eligible for juniors; Jack Eccleston, Jake Narayan, Cooper Morris, Manaav Bhandari, Keerthehan Nagarajah & Anthony Ciano. Their cricket skills improved as the season progressed and they became more comfortable players within the team. These young cricket players have big futures in the club, and I hope to see them return next season hungrier, wiser, (and taller!).

Player Profiles

- **Michael Taberner (C):** Brain snaps with the bat. Uncanny ability to bowl two unplayable balls in a row (the second being a wide) A few starts but never got going. Looked to the field for support
- **Barret Engelmann:** Old School Opening Bowler - charged in, got angry, bowled with everything he had. Never short of a drinks supply at fine leg. 24 wickets @ 11.04 and the Briars Chappelow Cup player of the year.
- **Mick Towels:** Old School Opening Bowler #2 - didn't charge in, got angry, bowled with everything he had. Class too good.
- **Jack Eccleston:** Played some dogged digs with the bat and grew out of site behind the stumps. Reliable stayer.
- **Jake Narayan:** Off Spin development was one of the season highlights. Can go the distance.
- **Shubham Jani:** Filled plenty of roles and was a mainstay throughout the year. Showed glimpses.
- **Eshan Khot:** Mr. Fix It! Never complained, moved around a lot. Great to have in any team. Will back again.
- **Manaav Bhandari:** Grew in confidence and skill throughout the season. Will grow as a player. One to watch.
- **Cooper Morris:** Tried hard, big ticker with the bat. Never over awed.
- **Tom Pooley:** Returning from injury, brought some personality to the side. Welcome anytime.
- **Virat Bishnoi:** Mr. Cool. Off the long run with sunnies, gave it a crack. Looks set for higher honours.
- **Keerthehan Nagarajah:** Came of age with a new ball spell in the last game. Reward for a season of working on his game. Big ticker will get better with experience.
- **Anthony Ciano:** Effort was faultless, tried hard every start and grew in confidence. Underrated.

Others included A Eichholzer, G Robson, J Kent, M Franklin, J Papathanasiou, V Pendyala, H Lee, H Sims and D Gohel.

I want to thank the one and only Gerard Price for always backing me and giving me the opportunity to captain a Briars side once again. For all the hundreds of players who have worn the Briars cap, better than me in skill, not everyone is given the chance and I hope I have done you proud! So much has been said about what Gerard meant to the club, but to me personally, it was the feeling of being a welcomed and valued member of a club that obviously meant so much to him. There's only one Gerard Price!

Congratulations to the whole Briars Cricket Club for such a successful season – Old mate wouldn't have expected any less! Maxy and first grade, a well-deserved grand final win. Sculls, Diren Reddy, DK, Simmo, Lloyd, Greg Metcalfe, Brett Howle, Anthony Clarke & Mark Smyck and any other skipper I have left out, - every one of you stood up and led from the front when we all needed it most. On a more direct note, a big thank you to Anthony Clarke, Brett Howle, and Mark Smyck for the work in running and keeping the Tim Creer and Chappelow Cup sides competitive, a vital part of the club's growth. It's a tough job!

D.C. Cup - Rivals

Vivek Thangaswamy | Captain

Season Highlights

Round 5 vs Briars Gold:
Vivek Thangaswamy 56
 Round 5 vs Briars Gold:
Ujjwal Kumar 5/19
 Round 9 vs Lindfield:

Started off our sixth year with Briars, with a few regulars missing in action again this year. We were eager to get on to the field after the extended lockdowns and delayed start of the season but did not have the start we would have liked, not winning a game in the first five rounds.

We did shake off our rust, picked ourselves up for the remaining

Santhakumar Muthupandiyar 52*Round 10 vs Lane Cove:***Vijayasekar Jagadeesan 48***Round 12 vs Burwood Brothers:***Jai Kumar 43***Round 15 vs Pennant Hills Panthers:***Dilip Robinson 51**

2/3rds of the tournament – few individual performances and team effort saw us losing just two games of the next ten. We finished the league stage at 7th in the points table, earning ourselves a Qualifying Finals spot.

Unfortunately, that's how far we were to go this season! We had an interesting, rain delayed, truncated, 20 overs close context in the Qualifying Finals, losing at the last over of the game.

Batting

Player	Aggregate	Highest Score
Santhakumar M	181	52
Kalairaja M	171	32
Karthic N	165	43*
Jai K	163	43
Vivek T	146	56

Bowling

Player	Wickets	Best
Ujjwal K	18	5/19
Satheesh R	18	3/15
Santhakumar M	13	3/28

Fielding

Player	Catches	Stumpings	Run Outs
Satheesh R	10	0	1
Karthic N (WK)	9	0	8
Dilip	7	0	0

D.C. Cup - Brothers

Asita Galappatti | Captain

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 club championship.

The Brothers struggled this season, mainly with the bat. Only three players managing to score more than 100 runs for the full season. Our bowlers carried us throughout most of the season, in particular our spin bowling department. However, the overall lack of application saw us finish a disappointing 11th out of 17th. Try again next season!

Season MVP – Briars Admin. For being able to find us a junior at the last minute to fill in for an injury or a late-night misdemeanour.

Player	M	50s	HS	Runs	Ave	R	W	BBI	Ave
Asita Galappatti	12	4	87*	356	39.56	115	2	1-5	57.50
Paul Sultana	12	0	18	70	6.36	9	0	0-9	
Hari Lal Thappa	11	0	49	140	12.73	19	0	0-19	
Shvetanshu Desai	11	0	31	82	9.11	86	3	2-14	28.67
Monadil Syed	10	0	12*	41	5.86	13	1	0-19	13.00
Marlon Shou	9	0	22	68	17	218	11	4-48	19.82
Vincent Cleary	9	0	9*	25	25	213	10	3-24	21.30

Umair Sherwani	9	0	31	76	9.5	176	16	4-23	11.00
Oshada Wijesinghe	8	0	11	19	2.71				
Robbie Ovseev	7	0	13	29	4.14	24	2	2-24	12.00
Vaidya Panch	7	0	27*	56	14	139	10	3-18	13.90
Jeet Parikh	6	0	21	50	10	185	13	5-45	14.23
Harris Khan	6	0	10	20	4	56	1	1-19	56.00
Ashish Surat	6	1	52	134	22.33	18	1	1-8	18.00

Under 24's

Diren Reddy | Captain



Round 1 against Balmain South Sydney got the season off to a winning start with a decisive victory. A first innings score of 8-289 led by Matt Roper (61 runs) and Diren Reddy (99 runs), setting up a huge total. Balmain were never able to get started thanks to early wickets from James Threlkheld, and Xavier Tregeagle capped off a convincing win with a hat-trick to close the innings on debut!

The team looked to continue their momentum into Round 2 against Auburn. Jamie McLeod led the way scoring 71 runs, with some late power hitting from Aidan Gardner pushing the total to a competitive 209. Auburn was bowled out for 90 thanks again to great bowling spells from James Threlkheld and Xavier Tregeagle, who took three wickets each.

So far, we demonstrated our ability to play high-quality and well-rounded cricket. Round 3 saw us face Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts on a new Rothwell wicket. Winning the toss and electing to bat, Jamie McLeod scored 63 runs to build a foundation, again supported by Aidan Gardner's power-hitting, who scored 69 runs at a strike rate of 150! Samuel Tregeagle ensured Mounties never had a chance taking 7-21 from his nine overs. Another strong performance from the playing group.

Next was our club rivals George's River. Adding to the importance of this game was that it was a battle for second place in the conference and who would have the home-ground advantage for the qualifying match two weeks later. Burwood won the toss and chose to bat first. Alex Favotto scored a quick-fire 50 runs setting up the innings, with Matt Roper compiling 40 runs in stabilising a brief collapse. Aidan Gardner (59 runs) yet again did the job late in the innings supported by Phil Maxwell (33 runs) to push our score to a very competitive 226 runs. It was a hard fought second innings with both teams not giving an inch. Eventually, George's River came out on top after a well-compiled 86 runs from their opener to see them reach the total with two overs remaining. This set up a qualifying final rematch between the two clubs at the same ground in two weeks.

The team re-focussed to return for the qualifying final ready to improve on the previous result. This time George's River batted first, with Jeremy Wedd leading with the ball, taking 5-19 off an incredible seven overs. Aidan Gardner again proved he's an all-around cricketer taking 3-24. A strong bowling performance restricted George's River to 160 runs. The team started the chase well with a 50 run partnership between Jamie McLeod (40 runs) and Diren Reddy (29 runs). However, the consistent loss of wickets caused the chase to falter. A brilliant, clutch partnership between Phil Maxwell and Xavier Tregeagle steadied the ship to see the Briars to victory with only one over left! A fantastic mental performance by the team to turn around from the previous loss, bringing the first victory for our under 24s at Bexley Oval since 2011.

The semi-final was played against Epping Bulls at North Epping Oval. Epping finished on top of their conference, meaning that we knew that we would be in for a battle. Briars were sent into bat first on a tricky wicket. Our innings was never able to get going with a consistent loss of wickets. Matt Roper provided some

stability, scoring 33 runs and guiding the team to a total of 159. We knew this would always be a challenging total to defend. Aidan Gardner (1-16 off ten overs) and Xavier Tregagle (1-25 off ten overs) ensured Epping had to fight for every run. However, Epping's middle-order batsmen crafted patient innings taking the game to the death, with some lapses of concentration in the field saw the Epping chase down the total with only two balls remaining.

Although we couldn't fulfil our ultimate goal, the team showed what they were truly capable of. The season was full of outstanding, well-rounded team performances where two shining lights in Aidan Gardner and Xavier Tregagle showed that the club certainly has a bright future ahead.

I'd like to recognise the efforts of my great mate Phil Maxwell, who played his final season of under 24s. He's a good character in the sheds and always did the job on the field, leading the team to victory multiple times. This season was also my final year. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to represent the club in this competition and also to captain a fantastic group of players. Every Sunday together was an absolute pleasure.

This season saw several players put their names forward as some of the best talents at the club:

Batting	Bowling
Jamie McLeod – 226 runs @ 45.20	Samuel Tregagle – 8 wickets @ 10.25
Matthew Roper – 173 runs @ 28.83	Jeremy Wedd – 8 wickets @ 11.00
Diren Reddy – 164 runs @ 27.33	Xavier Tregagle – 8 wickets @ 17.25
Aidan Gardner – 161 runs @ 40.25	Aidan Gardner – 6 wickets @ 17.00
Philip Maxwell – 118 runs @ 23.60	James Threlkheld – 5 wickets @ 7.00

Briars Masters

David Abood | Captain

Season Highlights

Without doubt, our two best wins

The win against Lane Cove - 9 down and six required on the last ball, with Dan Bowcock conjuring a massive blow over mid-on to finish 62 not out.

The win against Epping, who, chasing 160, were 2-130 with 12 overs to go, being cleaned up by superb spells from Warwick Hayes and Pete Hansen to finish 5 short.

The 20/21 season was always going to be difficult to put in context, given the impact of Covid-19 and the subsequent delays to the season starting. Throw in the loss of a couple of games to rain and one to heat, and the season was reduced to a bit of a hit-and-miss.

And hit-and-miss is as good a way as any to describe the Masters' performances over the season. The team finished a credible 9th out of 20 with 4 wins and 3 losses (and 3 weather-related draws), a good result given the disjointed nature of our campaign. With the stop-start nature of the competition, combining with the late start, we found it difficult to build consistency both as a team and from availability perspectives. In effect, when we fielded relatively strong teams, we won, and when we were hurt by availability, we didn't.

Regardless, we did experience a number of highlights through the year. We had a very good win against a strong Cricketers Club of NSW, where we easily chased down a decent score, with 4 players making the compulsory retirement of 40. Without doubt, our two best wins were against Lane Cove - 9 down and six required on the last ball, with Dan Bowcock conjuring a massive blow over mid-on to finish 62 not out and win the game – and Epping, who, chasing 160, were 2-130 with 12 overs to go, being cleaned up by superb spells from Warwick Hayes and Pete Hansen to finish 5 short.

A special congratulations to Matt Turner on winning the Bill Hooker Trophy for Masters Player of the Year. Matt has been with us for a couple of seasons now, and whilst the wicketkeeper is often the unsung hero, this award was recognition for consistently brilliant performances behind the stumps. I maintain that a catch he took two seasons ago from a leg glance was the best keeper's catch I have ever seen at any level of cricket.

Thanks to all the players for making yourselves available and in particular, to my "PA" Paul Cramsie, who

does all the work to get a team together each week.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the club on a fantastic season, played under an enormous emotional cloud. Having played cricket with Briars since I was 16, I was one of the hundreds, if not thousands, of people who were influenced in sport and life by Gerard Price. For the club to succeed on-field whilst dealing with his irreplaceable loss was heart-warming and a fitting tribute – and just how Gerard would have wanted it....and made me, as always, proud to be a Briar.

Briars Classics

Brian Kirk | Captain

After a strong pre-season training regime there was a great amount of enthusiasm for the upcoming season.

Round 1: Briars v Ku-ring-gai - We won.

A rather bleak day and a track that was damp and somewhat underprepared.

A good start to the season, we won the toss and put them in. The wicket didn't disappoint and Rous (1/8 off 5) and Deguara (0/9 off 5) opened well but both deserved more – after 10 overs Ku-ring-gai were 1/18. New starter to the team, Joe Scarcella took the ball and continued to restrict the scoring (1/9 off 5). Dave Trewin took over from Steve at the southern end and was the pick of the bowlers for the day (3/16 off 4). Skipper Kirk had a go for the last over before drinks and picked up 1 more wicket.

At drinks we were looking to be in control with Ku-ring-gai 6/48.

After drinks, Dave Michell, Sadanand, Luco and Warwick all contributed with 1 wicket each to have them all out in the 33rd over for a total of 75. We held 5 catches (which was a good sign for the season), with Matt Turner taking 2 excellent catches as keeper.

Charlie and Warwick opened with the sky getting darker – both batted well and determinedly, and both retired on 30. Dave Trewin was unlucky to be given out by lbw on 3 by Spencer but with the back broken, Matt Turner (7*) and Steve Rous (2*) finished it off in the 19th over for good win and an early finish for the day.

Round 2: Briars v Sri Lankan Lions - We lost.

In stark contrast to 2 weeks beforehand, the day was very, very hot and dry.

After driving all the way out to Wilberforce, it was disappointing to lose the toss and have to take the field in the hottest part of the day. This was never going to be easy against the Lions. Steve Rous (1/29 off 6) and Joe Scarcella (0/31 off 7) toiled hard in the heat. The Lion's batsmen were quick between wickets, and we had a lot of chasing to do, on a big ground, in the heat.

At drinks, Lions were 1/112. They ran like hares to take singles and turn 1's into 2's – and we were looking hot and bothered in the field. Dave Trewin (0/30 off 6) bowled well but was very unlucky. Dave Michell, Luke Magee and I chimed in for a wicket apiece, but it was difficult to restrict the scoring and the Lions finished their 40 at 4/239.

Warwick, reliable as ever, took 2 good catches in the field.

Warwick and Dave Trewin opened for us. Warwick fell cheaply for 2 to a good catch and Dave was run out for a duck. Not a good sign. The lions bowled well and fielded like they were 20 not 50+. Dave Michell (caught 16) and Luke Magee (caught 28) were the only batsmen to get to double figures.

All out 66 in the 28th over. An early finish and a long, sad drive home.

Round 3: Briars v Lane Cove – We won.

The perfect weather to play cricket – sunny, warm and the hope of a breeze as the afternoon went on. Loss the toss again but the weather was less intense to field than it was a fortnight before.

Started with Rous (0/12 off 6 – excellent bowling, deserved so much more) and Deguara (0/38 off 5 – after getting hit around the park in the first 4 overs, he turns around and bowls a maiden in the 5th !!). Trewin (3/22

off 9 – 3 maidens) took over from Steve at the southern end and once again bowled extremely well.

At drinks, Lane Cove were 2/78 and we were restricting the runs and looking better in the field than we did the match before. Kirk (0/31 off 6), Hayes (0/39 off 8), Carlos Henry (0/14 off 3) and Rob Vilensky (1/16 off 3 – a great caught & bowled) didn't let Lane Cove get too much traction and combined with some keen fielding keep their total to 5/177 off 40.

A highlight of the day in the field (and always great to see) was one of Warwick's trademark unassisted runout – spectacular!!

Charlie (30*) and Paul Cramsie (30*) got our batting off to a great start against some very accurate bowling. Warwick Hayes (caught for 6) unfortunately went cheaply but the rally picked up again with Dave Trewin (stumped 28), Andy Blaikie (30*) and Steve Rous (33*).

Kirk (8*), Rob Vilensky (bowled for 4 – but what a magnificent boundary it was!!) and Mark Schwartz (0*) got us over the line (3/178) in the 39th over – cutting it a bit fine but enough in the end.

A great win!! Played in the best spirit by both teams – except that Lane Cove read the Covid rules too strictly and there were no beers after the match :(

Round 4: Briars v Warringah

Covid struck, Northern Beaches in lockdown, Round 4 cancelled – Merry Christmas!!

Round 5: Briars v Mosman - We lost.

Always going to be a tough match. Beautiful day, Ron Routley looking a picture, Covid testing station in the carpark for safety (did not see 1 person get tested there the whole afternoon) – what could go wrong?

I lost the toss – but Mosman only had 10 players!

Steve Rous (0/25 off 8.3) bowled extremely well and deserved so much more. It didn't help in the first over when a bit of a mix-up between Andy Blaikie (wk) and Kirk (1st slip) ended with a perfectly regular catch being put down. Unfortunately, Steve had to hobble off in his final over after doing a hammie. Dave Michell (2/29 off 4.3) finished Steve's over and bowled a few more to do well.

Charlie opened from the river end (0/30 off 5) and struggled with his rhythm. Joe Scarcella (1/36 off 5) took over and also found it hard going but picked up a valuable wicket (the only one before drinks).

Mosman were 1/128 at drinks and looking on top. Our fielding was not the best and Mosman's running between wickets was sharp and they were always pressing our field. The bowlers after drinks did very well to start picking up wickets (Steve Lucas 1/34 off 6, Warwick 1/20 off 6 and Rob Vilensky 3/30 off 4 (a real standout and Rob collected his 3rd wicket on the last ball of the innings) and the rest of us helped out by holding catches.

Mosman lost their 5th wicket at 200, their 6th at 201, 7th at 201 and their 8th at 234 – if only we had been able to achieve that trend earlier in their innings. But we just couldn't stop hemorrhaging runs earlier.

Mosman 8/234 after 40.

Charlie (bowled 24) and Phil Robinson (bowled 4) started us off but unfortunately Phil lost his wicket very early. Charlie batted with gusto against a very good opening spell by the Mosman bowlers and was unlucky not to retire on 30.

Warwick (30*) and Andy (30*) batted courageously to keep us in the game but the required run rate was opening up and the curve was getting steeper. At drinks we were 2/84. Dave Michell (stumped 10), Steve Rous (15* - still feeling his hammie), Joe Scarcella (caught 8) and Stevie Lucas (13*) saw out our 40 overs but couldn't really get going against a solid bowling attack and 10 athletic fielders (plus the fielder(s) we lent them – not for the whole 40 overs mind you – it was deal done with the umpire to ensure the spirit of the game was maintained).

Briars 4/145 off 40

Round 6: Briars v Cricketers Club - We lost.

Winning the toss was the only thing we won on the day. Batting first our innings never really got underway, consistently losing wickets early. Warwick Hayes (26), Dave Trewin (13) and David Michell (36x) the only batsmen to reach double figures. All out 117 in the 36th over. Insufficient runs to defend on the flat wicket presented on the day.

Cricketers Club smashed through our opening overs passing our score one down at the conclusion of the 20th over. Steve Rous bowled well yet again (0-13) off four whilst Steve Lucas claimed our only wicket (1-22) off four overs.

Round 7: Briars vs Castle Hill - We Lost.

The toss of the coin fell our way once more and as such we had no hesitation in batting first on a good track at Ron Routley. We quickly found ourselves in deep trouble at 3 for 8 in the 5th over. A good partnership between Brian Newton (33x in his comeback match) and Steve Lucas (28) stabilised our innings. Good contributions from Steve Rous (15), Mark Ridge (17) saw our score to 8 – 137 after 40 overs. A fantastic late partnership of 25 in three overs between Pat Sleeman (18x) and Paul Cramsie (9x) helped achieve this total.

The defence of our total started well with Steve Rous capturing two quick wickets. Their 3rd and 4th drop soon climbed into the task of chasing down our score. Both retired fairly quickly with 30 runs against their names. From that point onwards it was a topsy turvy match with us on top for most of the remainder of their innings. Castle Hill snuck home though with a over to spare having lost eight wickets along the way. Pick of the bowlers Steve Rous (2-16) off eight, Luco (1-20) off five, David Trewin (1-18) off six and Paul Alice (2-19) off seven. Another match slipped through our fingers.

Round 8: Briars vs Old Ignatians - We Lost.

Once again, the coin landed in our favour, and we took the opportunity to bat first. As has been the theme in the last couple of games we were in early trouble being two down with 15 runs on the board. David Abood (16) and Andrew Blaikie (12) steadied the ship for a while however we were 5 – 55 before drinks. Brian Newton (30x) and Steve Rous (30x) added some respectability to our score. 7 – 151 at the conclusion of our 40 overs.

In defence of our score, we took two early wickets to have 2 – 7 after four overs. That was the end of the sections for us with their remaining opener, numbers 4 & 5 flaying us all over Ron Routley. They passed our score 4 down in the 30th over. Another early drinks afternoon. Steve Rous again bowled well (1-36) off nine and Rob Vilensky chimed in with two late wickets.

Round 9: Briars vs Georges River at Bland Oval

Washed Out.

Congratulations to David Trewin being awarded the Players Player for season 2020/21.

Classics Batting Best

Player	Matches	Innings	Aggregate	Not Out	Fours	Sixes	Catches
Deguara, Charlie	6	6	100	2	7		2
Rous, Steve	7	7	98	4	6		
Hayes, Warwick	5	5	94	2	6		3
Blaikie, Andrew J	3	3	72	2	9	1	2
Newton, Brian E	2	2	63	2	2		1
Michell, David	4	3	62	1	7		1
Cramsie, Paul G	5	5	49	2	3		
Lucas, Steve W	4	3	45	1	2		1
Trewin, Dave	5	5	44	0	5		
Magee, Luke	3	3	36	1	4		

Concord Briars Cricket

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Season Highlights

6 Junior Premier Teams

- Sixers - U12 Black
- IWHJCA - U12 Gold
- Sixers - Girls U11 White (Spring)
- Sixers - Girls U11 White (Summer)
- Sixers - Girls U13 Maroon (Summer)
- Sixer - Girls U11 Gold (Spring)

And finally, we had several players representing Briars participating in age group representative cricket in greater Sydney.

Our ambition was to provide both young men and women the opportunity to play cricket and develop lifelong friendships along the way.

CBJCC is one of the largest junior cricket clubs in NSW. Armed with a Volunteer base of approximately 100 coaches, managers, and committee CBJCC fielded 44 teams in 4 competitions comprising of 450 young men and women playing in 44 teams in 4 competitions each week. We had 9 teams represent CBJCC in Canberra at the Kookaburra Cup.

Success off the field delivered success on the field with 20 teams playing Final's cricket. If it were not for rain, again. I am sure we would have more premiers.

A very thank you to our **Gold Sponsor Horwood Nolan** and Checked In Care who provided valuable financial support through a very challenging year off the field.

Special Mentions

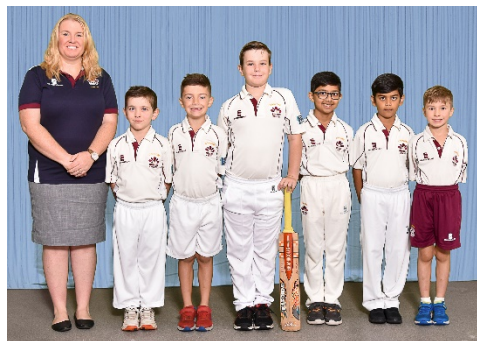
Thank you to all committee members of their continued support through a year of many unknowns. To retiring committee members Gerard Buchanan (15 Yrs.) and Rob Mani (3 Yrs.) thank you for your service. Matina Moffitt was awarded the Ted Stockdale Trophy in 2021 for her services to Briars and Junior Cricket. A special callout for Tracy Tuman who manages several committee portfolios each year including Kookaburra Cup.

Finally, a big shout out to both Jason Parle, Monique Laaper and rest of team at Briars Sports Club for their unwavering support of CBJCC.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Black

Kelly Pisani & Sajeevani Jayawardena | Coach & Manager

What a great introduction to cricket our U8 Black players had. The team had never played competitive cricket before, and many were playing up an age group. The season saw improvement in all aspects of the game, everyone was able to bowl, bat and field consistently by the end of the season while showing strong sportsmanship at every game.



Congratulations to the team on a tremendous first season of cricket.

The team: *Kelly Pisani (Coach), Sebastian Sauran, Henry Roberts, Byron Stewart, Rishaan Dutta, Arin Mehta, James Pisani, Sajeevani Jayawardena (Manager) & Seyara Etiga Silva.*

Jnr. Cricket U8 Gold

Kevin White & Kim O'Connell | Coach & Manager



Front Row: *Ryan Milton, William Pearson, Aidan Eagleson, Thomas Pearson, Luca White*

Second Row: *Kevin White (Coach), Arjun Kiran. Liam O'Connell, Kim O'Connell (Manager)*

A fabulous first season of cricket was enjoyed by a wonderful group of boys who made up Briars U8 Gold. Many had little cricket knowledge before the season, and it was exciting to watch their growth both as cricketers and as young men.

The highlights were many and included some masterful batting shots, deadly spells of bowling and classic catches. For the

Coach, mastering sliding the bat, keeping the head down, the body behind the ball when fielding and listening were the major achievements. The U8 Gold team was more than just the players, it was a group of tremendous families and supporters who shared the workload.

The culmination of the season was a team dinner, where players and family had a laugh, got to know each other even better and looked forward to doing it all again next season.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Maroon

Bilal Khan & Monica Russell | Coach & Manager

A great season had by all.

Players; *Mohemmed Yahya Khan, Patience Emery, Viaan Shah, River Stampar, Evan Russell, Marksim Orgad, Jack Briggs, Bilal Khan (Coach), Monica Russell (Manager).*

Jnr. Cricket U8 White

Trevor O'Neill & Emily Coffey / Daniel Backhouse | Coach & Managers



The U8 White team had a terrific season. They were enthusiastic from the very first training session, played the matches in a great spirit, and to manage to win all their matches was an added bonus.

Front Row: *Felix Backhouse, Michael Andrews, Max Halliday Flynn Mihajek, Ethan O'Neill.*

Second Row: *Trevor O'Neill (Coach), Travis Hunt, Jake Hall, Daniel Backhouse (Manager) & Emily Coffey (Manager)*

We want to thank the supportive parent group who offered assistance during the season.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Black

Michael Chan & Carly Broadbent | Coach & Manager

This was the second season the boys played together. It was fantastic to see them continue to improve their cricketing skills, both individually and as a team. There were a number of highlights as the season progressed, including classic catches, unbelievable run outs and fantastic batting partnerships. All the boys



deserve praise for their enthusiasm and commitment to training which reflected in the many wins the team achieved during the season.

The Briars Under 9 Black team were a pleasure to coach and I thank the parents for allowing me the opportunity.

The team included: *Michael Chan (Coach), Elijah Tan, James Cook, Toby Chan, Benjamin McKiernan & Carly Broadbent (Manager).*

Jnr. Cricket U9 Blue

Nathan Catalano, Darren McCarthy & Caitlin Catalano | Coaches & Manager

The U9 Blue team enjoyed a triumphant 2020/2021 season, securing numerous wins and showing great improvement in their cricket skills and match fitness. The boys fronted up to training and games each week with a positive attitude and growth mindset, which, together with the support shown by their parents was the key to their success.



The team included:

Front Row: *Maximilian Catalano, Noah Abel, Oliver Sproule, Noah Richards, Jacob McGrath.*

Second Row: *James Arrow (Manager), Darren McCarthy (Coach), Henry McCarthy, Viraj Bhatia & Nathan Catalano (Coach).*

Jnr. Cricket U9 Gold

Zubin Mirzan & Rasa Venclovas | Coach & Manager



The Under 9's Gold had an excellent second summer together with their strong team play strengthening as the season went on.

The team played well with only two losses. We are all looking forward to another great season with them.

The team.

Front Row: *Aarav Mirzan, William Hall, Rafael Majgaard & Jack Campion.*

Second Row: *Zubin Mirzan (Coach), Elijah Saoud, Hugh Morris & Rasa Venclovas (Manager)*

Jnr. Cricket U9 Green

Charu Sharma & Abeer Qureshi | Coach & Manager

U9 Green had a fantastic first season. The team came together well and learned new techniques week by week. Kids as well as parents had fun during the matches.

It was heartening to see them playing for the school teams and look forward to see them grow into good cricketers. All of them played really well and gave their 100%. The most improved player award goes to Alex!



The team:

Charu Sharma (Coach), Alexander Khalil, Veer Singh, Aarav Sharma, Eshaan Qureshi, Matthew Della Torre, Abeer Qureshi (Manager) & Jayshan Shanmugaratnam (Absent).

Jnr. Cricket U9 Maroon

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

Another great season with the U9 Maroon team. This is the second season I've had the pleasure in coaching these boys. I commend their attentiveness at training and their eagerness to learn. All games were played with great enthusiasm and with each game came a noticeable improvement in skills and an understanding of the game. Hope to see all the boys again next season.



The team.

Front Row: *Tyrone Young, Max Narayan, Johnny Sarlas, Byron Calder & Cole Tucker*

Second Row: *Praneil Narayan (Coach), Ian Tucker (Trainer), Ethan Dang & Lara Sarlas (Manager).*

Jnr. Cricket U9 White

Abhik Sengupta & Samuel Yim | Coach & Manager



The team.

Front Row: *Hannah Ryan, Shohaun Sengupta, Jonathan Yim, Sean Turner & Tye Middleton.*

Second Row: *Abhik Sengupta (Coach), Charlie MacKenzie, Samuel Miller & Samuel Yim (Manager).*

Under 9's White was a newly formed team with a combination of new and experienced players. Everyone had a great season, making significant progress in skills, application and teamwork. While we didn't win a lot of games on the field, there was pleasing improvement in competitiveness throughout the season and I have no doubt we will be a formidable unit next year. Most importantly everyone had a go, everyone had fun and games were played in tremendous spirit. Samuel Miller was the standout performer, with Tye Middleton receiving the Most Improved Award.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Yellow

Sam Emery & Diana Emery | Coach & Manager

The Season was a lot of fun, with a few players that had previously played cricket and a few that had never played a game.

The team bonded well with good friendships formed on and off the field,. The U9 Yellow team were keen to play and learn the basics, smashing through the drills at training and each week showing improvement

on their skills. I look forward to seeing the youngsters continue playing cricket with the same enthusiasm and thirst for learning & wish them all the best in their life goals. A big thanks to all the parents who helped at every training and game day with food, drinks, support and stepping up whenever we needed that extra hand.

The Team: *Oscar Emery, Felix Farah, Hugo Chilcott, Keegan Forlee, Nicholas Deligiannis, Aarav Mukesh & Samarth Sandeep.*

Jnr. Cricket U10 Black

Andrew Campion & Tim Guthrie | Coach & Manager

The 2020/21 season was a thoroughly enjoyable one for the U10 Black team.

The team was evenly split between boys returning from last season's team and first-time players. There was also a new coach in Andy Campion along with Tim Guthrie returning as manager. The boys demonstrated great enthusiasm right from the start, culminating in a great finish to the first half of the season, winning 4 of 6 games leading into the Christmas/New Year break.

The second half of the season proved a tougher proposition, and unfortunately the boys finished just outside a semi-finals place. That being said, the boys exhibited great spirit and camaraderie throughout the season, and definitely finished the season as a stronger team. All the boys improved their core skills markedly over the season, primarily as a result of a positive attitude towards training each and every week. Hayden Howard picked up the most improved award.



The team.

Front Row: *Liam Guthrie, Bradley Sherer, Alexander Crothers, Samuel Collard & Jack Wong.*

Second Row: *Tim Guthrie (Manager), Charlie Rudman, Hayden Howard, Samuel Campion & Andrew Campion (Coach).*

Jnr. Cricket U10 Blue

Peter Locke & Cath Rogerson | Coach & Manager

The under 10 Blue team had another competitive year of cricket with all players showing a genuine love of the game, excellent sportsmanship, comradery and a willingness to learn. This resulted in each and every player improving throughout the year and a number of strong performances along the way to finishing near the business end of the ladder. While we missed the finals by a whisker, having a few issues with player availability towards the end of the season, the boys demonstrated a growing bond and the development of a true team culture with an understanding of the "craft" of the game.



The team.

Front Row: *Alex Rogerson, Lachlan Tucker, Isaac O'Neill, Adit Mehta & Arin Gokhale.*

Second Row: *Peter Locke (Coach), William McDonald, William Locke, Catherin Rogerson (Manager), Rishan Singh (Absent)*

It has been extremely pleasing to witness their growth and it has been a privilege to coach such a fine group of boys. My sincere thanks to our manager Cath and to all the families for their ongoing support throughout the season.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Gold

Scott Nixon / Niall Scullion & Tony Burges | Coaches & Manager

The team had a great season, a very consistent team with every player contributing week in week out. We were hovering around 4th place all season, with the highlight being the last round in which we took 18 wickets to win by 5 runs. It was a match where everything went right, from direct hits, classic one-handed catches and accurate bowling. This effort pushed us up into 3rd place for the season. A great team effort.



The team.

Front Row: *Jack Scullion, Ashvik Shrestha, Jack Brierty, Marcus Hahnel, Joshua Nixon & Zaquin Viola.*

Second Row: *Scott Nixon (Coach, Niall Scullion (Coach), Charles Burges, Fergus Smith, Owen McKinley & Anthony Burges (Manager)*

Jnr. Cricket U10 Maroon

Mark Lenthén & Michelle Gaskin | Coach & Manager

The U10 Maroons had yet another successful and fun-filled season. Not only did their skills improve but so did their match awareness. They are developing into a highly competitive team and deserved their semi-final appearance in their Division-1 comp.

Our team was largely the same group that started 2 years ago. We also welcomed Ned Ireland, who in his first season of cricket progressed rapidly. Ben Hooker and Leo Goldsworthy were other big improvers in all departments. Jeremy Lenthén missed the second half of the season but returned to play in the semi-final. Oscar Frederick and Jack Cleave consolidated their skills even further this season.



Batting award: *Hugo Hackett* | Bowling award: *Koji Howard* | Coach's award: *Isaac Hood.*

The team.

Front Row: *Leo Goldsworthy, Oscar Frederick, Jack Cleave, Koji Howard, Ned Ireland & Isaac Hood.*

Second Row: *Mark Lenthén (Coach), Jeremy Lenthén, Ben Hooker, Hugo Hackett, Michelle Gaskin (Manager)*

Jnr. Cricket U10 White

Andy Noyes & Nicola Walsh | Coach & Manager



A great season had by all. The boys really progressed in their cricket skills and game awareness. Best performance was a very close game against the comps best team (4 run loss). Thanks also to all the very supportive parents. A great bunch of kids and parents.

The team: *Andy Noyes (Coach, Lachlan Maiden, Harry Walsh, Zachary Parrab, Leo Noyes, Aidan Mattiussi, Nicola Walsh (Manager), Mason Showyin (Absent) & William Milton (Absent).*

Jnr. Cricket U11 Black

Nick Paleologos & Usha Dean | Coach & Manager

With new members added to our team, the boys worked cohesively and had some very close results. They improved throughout the season and, importantly, enjoyed playing cricket with their mates!



The team.

Front Row: *Max Lygoyris, Peter Giannone, Siddharth Thapa, Dimitri Paleologos, Rhys Lenord & Alexander Cremen.*

Second Row: *Nick Paleologos (Coach), Riley Grant, Rohan Dean, Noah Thorne & Usha Dean (Manager).*

Jnr. Cricket U11 Blue

David Mansford & Jen Welfare | Coach & Manager

Briars U11 Blue enjoyed another fun season with highs and lows and overall improvement from all players.

A great all round effort in the semi final ensured an 18-run win as the team went one better than last year.



In the grand final we faced a team of excellent bowlers from RHCC who were just too good. It was a great learning experience for the boys. The team enjoyed great support and assistance all season from enthusiastic parents.

The team.

Front Row: *Matthew Tydd, Ari Mansford, Anisha Sukumaran, Oscar Welfare & Vihaan Shah.*

Second Row: *David Mansford (Coach), Leo Kelly, Arham Iqbal, Fraz Iqbal, Jennifer Welfare (Manager)*

Jnr. Cricket U11 Gold

Michael Beckford & Arjun Minocha | Coach & Manager

We had some new players to the team this year, and the biggest highlight was how right from the first game we had the loveliest group of kids who had a great time all year - every training session and every game. The team only missed semi-finals by a few runs on net run rate and finished the year in great form, beating two of the top 4 teams in the last 3 rounds. The bowling was fantastic all year, and the improvement in batting in the last rounds should see the team adapt well to next year's format change. Thanks to the players and parents for being so much fun this year - and thanks as always to Briars and the association for their support in making this a great way to play cricket.



The team.

Front Row: *Yuveer Dawar, Ranveer Minocha, Peter Caccavari, Joseph Stafford & Leo Giannichronis.*

Second Row: *Michael Beckford (Coach), Aarav Chaudhary, Felix Beckford, Patrick Foley & Arjun Minocha (Manager).*

Jnr. Cricket U11 Maroon

Sumit Kalia & Daniel Brandon | Coach & Manager

The Under 11 Maroon's had an emotional roller-coaster of a season (even with COVID). It's never easy to win back-to-back but as 2019/20 premiers, we definitely had a target on our back and having set the standards, the whole competition felt stronger this year. That being said, the majority of this team have been together for 3-4 years and the bond between the boys and general vibe at training and games was most enjoyable.

While there was a strong under-tone of sportsmanship, comradery, individual brilliance and whole lot of fun, we failed to make the semi's by losing our last game of the year by 2 runs. That together with a forfeit in round 1, two-washouts plus a heat effected (no result) game all against lower ranked teams had us

consistently hovering at 5th position and chasing points. While it was a disappointing end to the year, we've collectively improved our skillsets, had fun, created some memories and it will put us in good stead for next season. Upwards and onwards...



The team.

Front Row: *Oscar Halliday, Cooper Allan, Jack Brandon, Charlie Halliday & Aaryen Kalia.*

Second Row: *Sumit Kalia (Coach), William Malone, Julian Morris, Zachary Muncaster & Daniel Brandon (Manager).*

Jnr. Cricket U11 White

Mathew Holani / Sidy Babu & Laura Ronan | Coaches & Manager



The team

Front Row: *Adhvic Rao, Harry Miller, Thomas Ronan, Luke Holani Taj Gupta & Connor Papworth.*

Second Row: *Matthew Holani (Coach), Sidy Babu (Coach), Siddharth Silby Babu, Malcolm MacKenzie & Laura Ronan (Manager).*

Concord Briars U-11 White has been going strong since its inceptions as U8 Boys, their skill level in the game has gone to a new level.

This year in particular, the boys played some excellent cricket with one of the highlights being not losing any wickets in one of their matches and a half century score by a team player. Mutual respect and appreciation is a strong element of the team and helps them to learn from each other. This year, two new boys (Taj and Adhvik) joining the team and made significant contributions to the team's performance.

Jnr. Girls Cricket U11 Black

Rosie Ryan & Harvey Sauran | Coach & Manager

The Under 11s Girls Black team had another fantastic season. This was the second season for most of the girls and we welcomed 2 new younger players, Olivia and Madison.

They supported each other on and off the field and were successful in reaching 2 grandfinals; spring and summer.

Their skills and confidence grew with every training session and game. They were a coaches' dream! They were committed and enthusiastic to learn and improved throughout the whole season, and their very enthusiastic parents were a great support at all trainings and games. I hope the team can continue with their success next season. The Coaches Award went to Matilda Ryan.



The team.

Front Row: *Madison Allen, Suhaan Akhter, Anique Michel, Isabelle Sauran & Olivia Pisani.*

Second Row: *Rosie Ryan (Coach), Matilda Ryan, Misha Sengupta, Deana Lancuna, Harvey Sauran (Manager)*

Jnr. Girls Cricket U11 Gold | Premiers

Adrian Bell & Gary Collins | Coach & Manager

The U11 Gold Girls returned for their second season together over the 2020-21 summer with three new players. It was certainly a summer of two halves. The girls were all conquering champions of Division 2 pre-Christmas with everyone showing significant improvement from last summer. Post Christmas the girls moved up to Division 1 and the move up was a good challenge. All the girls relished the tougher competition



even if the results didn't necessarily go our way. The girls forged a strong bond and camaraderie and it was a pleasure to watch them develop as cricketers and as friends. The Coaches Award went to Lily Carr for her great catching and overall development as a player.

The team.

Front Row: *Eliana Joseph, Elizabeth Barry, Lily Carr, Jessica Bell & Freya Hancock.*

Second Row: *Adrian Bell (Coach), Hazel Blackwood, Sophia Catton, Caitlin Collins (Manager) & Abigail Tattersall (Absent).*

Jnr. Girls Cricket U11 Maroon

Jonathan Butler & Tessa Riley | Coach & Manager

In 2021, the Under 11 Maroon girls team played with the same wonderful spirit they have displayed for several years now. We welcomed a couple of new faces in Niamh McLennan and Tanisha Young; both of whom added incredible enthusiasm and skill to our side. The season kicked off with a blaze of boundaries from Violet Crowe, who having never hit a 4 before in her life hit 3 in her first innings of the year! Violet went on to claim most runs for the spring season, with Aliana Butler taking the most wickets.

The summer season saw the girls kick things up a notch. We were joined by young gun, Abigail Halit, who at the age of 9 was our 4th highest wicket taker and proved to all that she is a player to watch.

Iris Arnold was another clear standout. To see the improvement in every aspect of her game in 2021 was a real highlight. Iris was our leading run scorer and wicket taker right up until the last round. She is a wonderful team player and an incredible support to her team. Beth Eccleston proved what a genuine wicket taking threat she is, whilst also honing her batting skills to become a threat on all sides of the wicket. Mabel Turner also put her natural talent to great use, slapping cover drives for fun and consistently hitting a great length with her bowling. Mabel also developed a taste for wicket keeping in 2021!

Our queen of consistency was again Eden Riley. Now at the stage of refining her skills, Eden showed the full range of shots and was our most consistent bowler.



Under 11 Maroon girls is a team made up of incredible girls, each with delightful parents. They have been a joy to coach and are an absolute credit to the Briars Club.

My sincere thanks to Tessa Riley who once again took on the team manager role and smashed it out of the park!

The team.

Front row: *Tanisha Lee Young, Neave McLennan, Aliana Butler, Beth Eccleston, Iris Arnold & Abigail Hallit.*

Second Row: *Jonathan Butler (Coach), Mabel Turner, Eden Riley, Violet Crowe & Tessa Riley (Manager).*

Jnr. Girls Cricket U11 White | Premiers

Ian Smith & Diane McCall | Coach & Manager

The U11 Girls White team had a fantastic season across both the spring and summer competitions. The girls went undefeated across 15 games which culminated in them winning both the Spring & the Summer Grand-finals. I am super proud to have coached this amazingly talented group of girls who loved representing Briars and playing for each other. The improvement in every girl was clearly evident with some incredible team and individual performances along the way. Special call outs for Malaya Day and Tara McCall for making the U13 IWHA Girls Rep's team. Coaches award went to Lily Cameron. Go the mighty whites! The team was Makayla Day, Tara McCall, Tully Smith, Anna Chan, Emily Broadbent, Lily Cameron and Adelaide Netting.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Gold | Premiers

Chris Hensley & Daniel Majgaard | Coach & Manager



The team

Front Row: *Nathan Carvalho, Akshayan Muralidaran, Arnav Yadav, William Goldsworthy, Harry Smith & Zac Mara.*

Second Row: *Chris Hensley (Coach), Taj Locane Max Hensley, Hamish MacLeay, Christian Majgaard & Daniel Majgaard (Manager).*

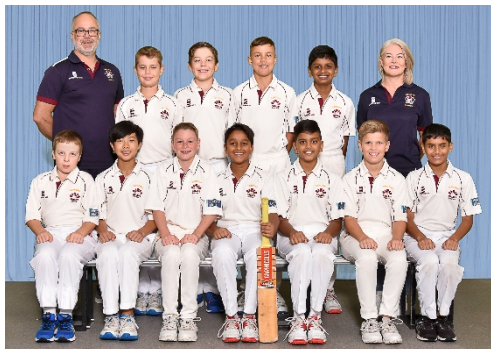
The Under 12s Gold had a fantastic season.

This was the third season that most of the boys have played together although we welcomed 4 new faces into the team due to school sport commitments and increased player requirements moving from stage 1 to stage 2 cricket. Following a difficult year where we struggled to win many games, this season the U12 gold only lost 2 games in the regular season. Importantly, we won the games that counted winning a tense semi-final, defending a total of 84 with an outstanding bowling performance and turning the tables on the minor premiers in the grand final with a calculated and dominant display. Of particular note was the commitment and enthusiasm shown by all the boys, their love of cricket and the way they encouraged each other every week. There were some exceptional individual performances with bat and ball throughout the season, but special mention to William Goldsworthy for his great consistency with his Leg spin bowling and Harry Smith for his greatly improved wicket keeping. Cricket debutants Taj Locane and Askshayan Muralidaran showed improvement with each game.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon

David Pate & Bridget Pate | Coach & Manager

The U12 Maroons started season 20/21 with many new players and some even new to the sport of cricket.



The team

Front Row: *Luca Di Pasquantonio, Edward Huynh, Lachlan Pate, Aayush Parikh, Ryan Nagaram, Cooper Tabell & Abdullah Khurram.*

Second Row: *David Pate (Coach), Patrick Coulton, Lukas Peat, Archie Marshall, Balaji Suraparaju Bridget Pate (Manager).*

It was clear from the first training session that everyone was going to get along and the more experienced would support the development of the others. We opened the season with a bye, and followed it up with a loss, which left U12 Maroon languishing at the bottom the ladder early on, but to their credit they didn't let this get the better of them and they continued improving their skills at training. A win provided much needed confidence, which grew during the rest of the regular season as the team maintained their winning momentum allowing them to finish as minor premiers of the IWHJCA U12 Yellow competition. Our semi-final against Leichhardt was a heart stopper. We successfully restricted Leichhardt but needing just 48 to win a batting collapse to 4-0 off the first nine balls of the innings meant the remaining boys had to dig deep to grind out a win. Unfortunately, our luck ran out after the semi-final, losing to a strong Concord Briars Gold in the rain-delayed grand final.

As coach, I am very proud of the boys' efforts and how they developed both as individuals and as a team through the season.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Black (Sunday) | Premiers

Steve Maronese & Julie Bell | Coach & Managers



The team

Front Row: *Oliver Vardanega, Claudia Luzzani, Aiden Scullion, Aidan Lang, Flynn Grainger & Beau Brown.*

Second Row: *Steve Maronese (Coach), Ryan Scullion, Tiger Bocking, Luke Maronese, Matthew Sarlas & Julie Bell (Manager).* The U12 Black (div 2) team enjoyed another fun filled season. Most of the team played a year above their age-group, which provided a format for challenges and opportunities to grow their skills.

The form of the team improved each week under the leadership of their coach Steve and the senior team members. The U12 Briars Black team won their first ever Grand Final in a very tightly contested match. It was lovely to see the whole team contribute and celebrate their success. Well done team!

We hope to see all the boys return next year to defend their title!

Jnr. Cricket U12 Gold (Sunday)

Will Knight & John Perkins | Coach & Manager

The Under 12s Gold enjoyed an excellent 2020-21 season. The team faced new challenges with the move to 30-over games and 'out-you're-out' rules. All the boys handled the transition well and developed their skills to cope with the more demanding cricket laws and jump in standard.

The Goldies were top of the table for a good chunk of the season and went on to finish the regular season in fourth spot with 10 wins from 14 games. Disappointingly the semi-final was washed out, but the boys



can hold their heads high following a fine season. Importantly they strengthened friendships and learnt more about teamwork and application.

The team.

Front Row: *Joshua Hannan, Roman Urbano, Harry Horwood, Henry Perkins, William Gibson & Lachlan Gacitua.*

Second Row: *Will Knight (Coach), Tom Knight, Tarlin Mehta, Charlie Chehine, Eamon Turner & John Perkins (Manager).*

Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon (Sunday)

Glen Barry & David Wood | Coach & Manager



The team.

Front Row: *Aaron Patel, Hayden Reeves, Aaryn Jamwal, Kian White, Kia Guelfi & Achyuth Arunraj.*

Second Row: *Glen Barry (Coach), Pulkit Mishra, Patrick Wood, Angus Gill, Max Barry & David Wood (Manager).*

The Under 12s Sunday Maroon team had a fantastic season.

We continued to improve each game and in the last game of the season displayed our best performance beating the top team on their own field. We unfortunately finished third and had our semi-final washed out. Of particular note was the enthusiasm shown by all the boys, passion for the game and want to improve each week at training and in matches.

We had many memorable moments throughout the season including man of match winning innings by Achyuth, Aaryn, Kian, Kai, Aaron and Max. Worth noting Aaryn our opening batsman won the league trophy for most runs scored throughout the season. We had match winning run outs from Kai and Hayden and magnificent catches from our leading fields man Achyuth. Hayden was outstanding all year as our main wicket keeper and supported brilliantly by Max. The coaches award for outstanding commitment and skills displayed in all aspects of the game and stepping up to lead the team when most in need goes to Aaron.

Jnr. Cricket U12 White (Sunday)

Ferg Stewart / Mark Kelly & Elizabeth Everett | Coach & Manager

What a fantastic season by the boys!

They performed consistently throughout the season, winning twelve of their fourteen regular season games by large margins, whilst the two loses came down to a nail biting last over. This was enough to secure them a well-deserved Minor Premiership. Following a semi-final washout, the grand final again went down



to the last over, where unfortunately we fell a few runs short of the win. A big congratulations to the team for what they achieved this year and fingers crossed we go one better next year!

The team.

Front Row: *Alexander Stewart, Ethan Toemoe, Charlie Roberts, Hamish Hargans & Soorya Anand.*

Second Row: *Ferg Stewart (Coach), Mark Everett, Aditya Anand, Henry Toemoe & Elizabeth Everett (Manager).*

Absent: *Mark Kelly (Coach), Alexander Kelly, Arush Virmani.*

Jnr. Cricket U13 Black

Simon Thorne & Greg Marshall | Coach & Manager



A great season had by all.

The team.

Front Row: *Liam Goldsworthy, Tanishq Shah, Zachariah Thorne Alexander Marshall & Samuel Butler.*

Second Row: *Simon Thorne (Coach), Ali Smith, Luke Strmecki, Liam Lenord & Greg Marshall (Manager).*

Absent: *Ansh Khetwani & Finn Bannan*

Jnr. Cricket U13 Gold

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

Throughout a season disrupted by rain and byes U13 Gold improved consistently. Very unlucky to miss out on the finals, the boys played some great games and there were a number of personal highlights including this team's first half century after 4 seasons together (Xavier Foster). During the season the batting got better and better, thanks to the ongoing work of coach Rob Penwill, which culminated in a competition high score of 2-253 in one innings. The batting effort was led by Talan Irving who averaged 59.5 across the season and picked up the batting award. The bowling was particularly good especially when we kept the ball pitched up and the fielding was solid when we were switched on.

Josh Robinson took out the bowling award with most wickets during the season and the Coaches award went to Will McKinnon. the boys showed great sportsmanship throughout the season and always played within the spirit of cricket.



The team.

Front Row: *Archie MacDonald, Joshua Robinson, Ryan Penwill, Talan Irving, Louie White, Curtis Bowhill-Hayes & Will McKiernan.*

Second Row: *Rob Penwill (Coach), Michael Johnstone (Coach), Kobe Cheung, Samuel Johnston, Xavier Foster, Jason White (Manager).*

Other players in the team were *Louie White, Curtis Bowhill-Hayes, Ryan Penwill, Kobe Cheung, Archie McDonald, Sam Johnstone.*

Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon

Phil Ellison & Scott Nixon | Coach & Manager



The team.

Front Row: *Aryan Mirzan, Dhruv Dawar, Luca Beckford, Matthew Clarke & Samuel Nixon.*

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

Absent: *Riley Campton.*

The same team from the previous season was rolled out for Season 20/21. A team with great team spirit and friendships. They improved their development as players under the guidance of the Coach. A team high for the season was scoring over 200 in a match.

Training Assistants: Josh Nixon, Flynn Grainger, Yuvvee Dawar, Felix Beckford.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon (Sunday)

John Allen / Chris Malone & Niklas Green / Kieron Devlin | Coaches & Manager



The team.

Front Row: *Angus Green, Lorenzo Luzzani, Jack Allen Andrew Morozoff, Jack Edwards, Riley Campton & Oliver Lockington.*

Second Row: *John Allen (Coach), Hamish Malone, Jack Swan, Guinness Devlin, Oscar Todd, Niklas Green, (Manager), Kieron Devlin (Manager)*

Absent: *Chris Malone, Harry Mayne, Henry Abood.*

The 2020/21 season represented another enjoyable experience for the members of the Under 13 Maroon Briars. It was wonderful to see the improvements in the technical and tactical aspects of their respective games. 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. However, rain forced an abandonment of that match and an end to their season.

The boys enjoyed their time together and supported each other well. They played some entertaining cricket.

We wish to acknowledge the support received from the parents and 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 13 Maroon. We hope that they continue to enjoy their cricket long into the future.

Jnr. Girls Cricket U13 Maroon | Premiers

Kristin Hancock & Vidya Alvares | Coach & Manager

The Under 13s Maroon had an awesome 2020/21 season. The girls season is split into two competitions and over the course of the year, the girls only lost two games. Our team was a combination of new players, younger girls coming through and a number of players who remained from the previous season.

The girls created a great culture, supported each other throughout the year and made great progress in their skill development. Saving their best cricket for the Grand Final, every girl excelled in our final game to take home the trophy with a 140 to 70 run victory. Congratulations also to Nadia Carvalho and Phoebe Hancock who both made the Inner West Harbour representative team.



The team.

Front Row: *Phoebe Hancock, Sinead McLennan, Harriet Blaikie, Nicola Wiodarczyk, Gurleen Nagra & Elsa Frewen.*

Second Row: *Kristin Hancock (Coach), Lauren Blackwood, Lucinda Butler, Nadia Carvalho & Vidya Alvares (Manager) & Allegra Park (Absent).*

Jnr. Cricket U14 Gold (Saturday PM)

Praneil Narayan & Evan Hannah | Coaches & Manager

An enjoyable and satisfying season with the U14 Gold team. I've watched these boys improve remarkably over the past 3 years and their comradery and commitment was second to none. The boys approached each game with enthusiasm and competed at every level, but always within the spirit of the game. They



just fell short of making the grand final, but I am very proud of their efforts. Hope to see all the boys back again next season.

The team.

Front Row: *Jarvis Cheung, Louis Wendt, Ameya Shrestha, Ben Hannah, Jacob Grant, Alex Au-Yeung & Owen Lang.*

Second Row: *Praneil Narayan (Coach), Zack Narayan, Luke Eccleston, Jamaal Tuman, Ryan Michel, Sam Hepburn, Evan Hannah (Manager)*

Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon (Saturday PM)

Linc Roberts / Robert Wodson & Guy Lombardo | Coaches & Manager

The U14 Saturday PM Maroons enjoyed a successful season overall. Despite not winning a game until round 6 the team finished minor premiers with a hallmark being that every game had different contributors with bat and ball. Unfortunately, the good run didn't continue, and we were beaten by a better team on the day in the Grand Final. However, the boys can hold their heads high for many outstanding team and individual performances.



The team

Front Row: *Rafferty Kitching, Joseph Lombardo, Praneel Kavuri, Luke Hill, Zachariah Thorne, Lachlan Wodson & Logan Barry.*

Second Row: *Robert Wodson (Coach), Lachlan Williams, Jack Roberts, Thomas Charles, Justin Ryan & Guy Lombardo (Manager).*

Absent: *Benny Seeto, James Kelly & Will Sims.*

Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon

Eugene Morozoff | Coach & Manager

The Under 14s Maroon, I believe had an awesome season. Started the season with 10 players (Andrew Morozoff 11yrs), and not record their first win till round 6. We all thought it be a long season, but credit to the boys, they stuck it out, and reach the Semi-Finals, which was an awesome achievement from the boys.



All boys contributed in their own ways, with Jay Prajapati receiving the coaches award, never give up attitude and willing to improve his game.

The team.

Front Row: Jay Prajapati, Christian Steel, Andrew Morozoff Benjamin Ronan, Matthew Morozoff.

Second Row: Eugene Morozoff (Coach), Cooper Adaimy, Harshil Vora, Youssef Hamad & Sean White.

Absent: Archie McConnel & Luke Austin.

Jnr. Cricket Girls U15 Maroon

Steven Winstanley & Cameron Arnold | Coach & Manager



The U/15 girls have had a great season, they have really enjoyed the cricket, the challenges each game, competed hard and had fun while doing so.

The team.

Front Row: Lily Hancock, Aoife Foley, Mia Grassia, Niamh Collins, Lola Arnold & Alana Winstanley.

Second Row: Steven Winstanley (Coach), Jasmin Simpson, Kitri Irving, Ruby Turner, Elsie Gray & Cameron Arnold (Manager).

Jnr. Cricket U15/16 Gold

Asit Trivedi & Natalie Newton | Coach & Manager



The team.

Front Row: Ted Newton, Christian Furfaro, Joseph Kalachian, Ibrahim Iqbal, Aryan Trivedi & Xavier Busch.

Second Row: Asit Trivedi (Coach), Marco Iacovitti, Taj Thorne, Moran Abou-Antoun, Jack Harris, Natalie Newton (Manager).

Absent: Garry Young & Sonya Kalachian.

The U 15/16 Briars Gold team ended on high with a few 50s and wickets winning the games. The team had a majority of players from last year the bonding was visible on the field as well in the camaraderie. The boys and the sole girl kept spirits high even when facing really stiff competition. the players improved as the season went on. Apart from the 50s, there were some spectacular catches, wickets constructed by clever field placement, bowling changes and half chances converted to wickets.

We experimented with rotating captains and vice captains before settling down on Jack and Xavier for the second part of the season. Each and every player contributed either with the bat or with the ball or fielding and catching. Some of the players saved the best for the last with notable contributions with the bat. The competition for maximum wickets saw a lot of them neck to neck right till the last game.

The enthusiasm of the parents deserves a special mention as they actively contributed during the coaching sessions as well as on game days with critical inputs. I'm not sure who enjoyed more, the parents or the kids.

Jnr. Cricket U15/16 Maroon

Ben Cummins & Darren Sims | Coach & Manager

A great season had by all.

Players; *Rameez Vu, Yuvraj Dalvi, Gabriel Steel, Alexander Henderson, Patrick Cummins, Oliver Cohen, Matthew Carr, Liam Penwell, Hugh Sims, William Cellucci, Dhillon Jagdev, Hamish Gordon.*

Jnr. Cricket U15 Maroon (Sunday)

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



The team.

Front Row: *Arpan Desai, Lochlan Demark, Roan Fahy, Alexander Colreavy, Nate Wuromus-Hilzinger, Viren Parikh & William Allen.*

Second Row: *Mehul Parikh (Coach), Matthew Plunkett, Angus Reen, Joshua Malone, Gabriel Sainsbury, John Allen (Coach).*

Absent: *Purvi Desi (Manager), Charlie Gray & Luke McSweeney*

The 2019/20 season was an enjoyable experience for the U15 Maroon team. The boys played some fine cricket. They improved in a range of aspects and applied their skills well.

The bowling and batting talent was of a high standard and the team was consistently successful in defending their total or chasing runs. They played some outstanding cricket, especially considering several of them were playing in a competition a year above their age. The team qualified for the semi-final. Unfortunately, that match was abandoned due to rain and the team's season ended at that point. Most importantly, the boys enjoyed their time together.

We wish to acknowledge the support received from the parents. Also, much praise and gratitude 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 15 Maroon team this season. We hope that they continue to enjoy their cricket long into the future.

Men's Park Cricket

Matthew Whitting | Senior Men's Team coordinator

We had two teams competing in different divisions in Mens C grade this season and were fortunate to have both teams make the finals.

Both teams enjoyed many exciting games with Jeff Burt leading the competition bowling attack. Alas, the two teams played each other first up in the finals, with the Gold team victorious in a dominating performance with Abhi hitting a punishing first century for the team this season including 28 from one over.

However, it was the Grand final that was an incredible and exciting seesawing game. The team featured a strong batting lineup that was hoping for 180+ in the conditions. Unfortunately they slumped to a numbingly bad 5/51. The opposition were so confident of a win that they went out and bought a cake to celebrate during the tea break. The positive spirit throughout the team was still shining strong with Trent and Rohan proceeded to attack despite the score, putting on an incredible 130 run partnership in quick time with fast running between wickets. Trent went on to post his maiden century aided by some fast late hitting from Charlie. With 222 on the board, they chased well with their 1st drop bat looking threatening on 68 in quick time. With persistent bowling and some fine catching they managed to find a breakthrough after drinks and from then on the pressure never relented resulting in a great 70 run win. The opposition kindly donated their cake which all the team agreed tasted particularly delicious.

This team enjoyed the season so much that their team grew to become two teams.

Briars Senior Rugby

Chairman's Report

Mark Nelson



Final Results:

- *First Grade – 2nd (6 wins 3 losses) – up from 4th in 2020*
- *Second Grade – 6th (3 wins 6 losses) – down from 4th in 2020*
- *Third Grade – 5th (5 wins 4 losses) – even with 2020*
- *Colts – 4th (3 wins 5 losses) – up from 6th in 2020*

Another “what could have been” season for Subbies Rugby in 2021, as the global pandemic continued to affect our ability to complete a full season. 2021 will probably be most remembered as the first time since World War II that a season had been cancelled. However, for Briars Rugby, it was a tremendous season filled with great promise and improved performances.

The season began with naming a new coaching structure with Head Coach and coach of first grade Luke Stewart joining us from West Harbour, as well as Director of coaching Hugh Carpenter coming on board to support and teach our fantastic coaches led by Mick Ellem. This was possible due to the support we received from - Briars Sports – ensuring we had the funding to put together the top-class coaching outfit that the players learnt so much from in 2021.

The players returned in 2021 in droves, eager to finish off the shortened season from 2020. The number of boys wanting to return to training in November and December was impressive and with them came new players willing to join what is becoming one of the best social and nurturing young clubs in all of Sydney. One additional aspect of Season 2021 that got the players excited was the advent of live streaming video of all games through a deal with ClutchTV that Subbies Rugby brokered. This allowed anyone,

anywhere to watch the games and for us to be able to provide fantastic highlights through our in-house tech guru “DJ Deep” with all his amazing editing and voice over skills. This has really allowed the Briars Rugby to step up in terms of the content we are able to provide to our sponsors, old boys and supporters alike.



Preseason Trip to Cowra, finished in 3rd overall.

Pre-season through January and February was completed at Greenlees as we awaited a return to the new Rothwell Park, where major works were done during 2020 to level the cricket pitch with outstanding results Briars was already the envy of so many clubs in Subbies rugby for its grounds and facilities, but the improved Rothwell has put the club on par with the top Shute Shield clubs in many aspects. It would be remiss of me to not mention the fantastic work our partners in council do to maintain a fantastic pitch every week for us.

Pre-season, once more, started with a trip to Cowra for a 10s competition. Another strong performance from Briars saw us make the semi-finals before

losing a tight game 7-10 to Woy Woy but once more the comradery shown by the boys and that of the other clubs makes this preseason trip always worth the early start. Our other trials saw us take on newcomers Raptors, Division 2 powerhouse UNSW and Brothers with our Walker Cup game against Northern Saints

being cancelled due to inclement weather. Across all our trials Briars either won or drew and set us up for a great start to the season.

The season itself got off to a mixed start. Meeting club champions favourites Beecroft in the first round at



Winning try in the first game at Rothwell Park in over 18 months

our return to Rothwell was going to be tough but a phenomenal comeback from behind win in first grade was a great way to start the season. The season frustrated through the early rounds due to two main reasons – discipline and injuries. Discipline is something well in our control and something we need to improve on in season 2022 if we are to go far in the competition with red cards and some yellow cards going against our code of conduct. Injuries are always an unfortunate byproduct of our game, but we are beginning to put in place good governance and processes to ensure we are supporting our players to return to the game.

At the turn of the season Briars was involved in an ugly incident at an away game whereby innocent supporters were embroiled in a fracas that is inexcusable. The negative reputation damage of this incident is undeniable, and we will work internally with our processes to ensure we do what we can to ensure an event of this nature does not occur again.

The latter part of the season saw strong progress as our 1st grade team moved into the top 2 while our 3rd grade and colts also moved into finals contention. Unfortunately, our run would be halted with the onset of Lockdown 2.0, wiping away any chance of results for the season. I can honestly say, had there been finals we would have been in a strong position to take home a trophy and I hope this fires up our players to return in 2022 to finish the job.

Briars 1st Grade

Luke Stewart | Coach

2021 was a year of mixed emotions for 1st grade.

Reflecting on the season, it was filled with many memorable moments, times of needing to show improvement and finally the feeling of frustration. The side displayed so much potential and promise, they were improving every week, but unfortunately and frustratingly, just as they were starting to peak the



competition was cut short and cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be the season of 'what could've been,' with 1st grade sitting second on the table when the competition was called off.

Pre-season started in November 2020; the enthusiasm shown by all players in the club was infectious. Good numbers turned up to the early sessions with everyone willing to learn and improve. The work put in by the team through pre-season and continuing on throughout the season showed with the quality of skill and effort displayed on the field.

The season started for 1st grade with a hard-fought victory over Beecroft. After scoring first, the match turned into a big arm wrestle with teams exchanging the lead several times. Beecroft took a strong lead late in the match. The training put in all pre-season by Briars 1st Grade began to kick in and it became evident from the sideline that they started to believe in themselves as Briars 1st Grade closed the gap and

eventually took the lead with only minutes to go. This victory was truly a whole team effort with the backs consolidating phase play and the forwards sealing the win.

Round 2 started extremely well against Hawkesbury Ag College with Briars leading the game early through solid phase play, they consolidated and went into half time well ahead, however in the second half we never followed through. Mistakes started to creep in, there were a lot of dropped balls and missed tackles which had a big effect on the team. HAC gained momentum and we started to panic. Hawkesbury Ag College caught us with some poor decisions on the field, scoring with the final play of the game to take the win.

Round 3 saw the team back at home against Hawkesbury Valley, after working through the problems experienced in the previous game during training, we came into this match confident of a win. It was a low scoring and tightly contested match, an uncharacteristic game for us as we didn't play to our best ability or game plan, as a result we weren't able to cross the try line. Hawkesbury Valley scored two tries through our defensive lapses taking the win.

A lot of work was needed coming into round 4 against Blacktown and the players prepared well. It was one of those games where we just couldn't get into the match. Everything worked well for Blacktown and the harder we tried, the worse it got. The work ethic of the players couldn't be faulted, sometimes these games happen. The result was that we were well beaten. After three straight losses, the bye on the following week couldn't have come at a better time. It was a chance to refresh and regroup.



Round 5 saw the team up against Old Ignatians. They were high up in the top four and we were looking to turn our season around. The players enjoyed the previous weekend off and had worked hard at training to prepare for round 5. Leading into the game and in the warm-up, the enthusiasm was high, and the players were quite relaxed. There was a quiet confidence in the team. This was a good sign of what was to come. We played incredibly well. Started the game strongly and never gave Iggies a chance. Iggies tried to come back at the end, but they left it too late to have a realistic chance of catching us. This win was definitely a whole team effort.

Round 6 saw us at home against Sydney Harlequins. We were fairly level on the table leading into this game and we knew we had to play well to get the win. The players stuck to the game plan and played some smart rugby. We kept the ball away from our attacking threats, applied pressure and often came away with points, made up from tries and penalty goals. Harlequins' points only came through silly mistakes from us. We didn't allow them to build pressure or work for their points. While the game seemed close, we were always far enough ahead to secure the victory.

Round 7 was a game that didn't happen. We were away to the Western Raptors and even though at the time they were on top of the table, we were confident that we would beat them. Due to events that happened earlier in the day which involved spectators and some of the Raptors players in an earlier game, the remaining games scheduled on the day were cancelled. As a result, we were awarded the win. The players had prepared really well for this game and the team was looking really strong, it is a shame we didn't get to play.

Round 8 saw the team playing away to Beecroft. We had fought hard to get into the top four and this was going to be a tough game as Beecroft were ahead of us on the table. The team was excited for the game and it showed on the field. We started the game really strongly and never gave Beecroft a chance. This game was 1st grade's best performance of the season. We played rugby with a great deal of physicality in

both attack and defence. The set piece was strong and the skill level with the ball was high. The team secured a strong victory.

Round 9 saw us host Hawkesbury Ag College. The team was on a roll and building good momentum for the season. The weather was terrible, and it had an effect on the quality of the game. We started well and scored some really well executed tries, taking a strong lead into half time. The second half enabled HAC to try and get back into the game. We lost some focus but still scored points to ensure a strong victory.

This is unfortunately where the season ended. After starting the season well, we fell into a bit of a slump but through hard work, perseverance and belief, 1st grade were able to get to second on the ladder with a 5-game winning streak.

The team has a high level of quality and skill and the depth and talent through the club is really high. At times during the season, the injury toll was high but there was always a player willing and able to step in seamlessly without affecting the team. We also had several players who made their 1st grade debuts through the season. It is really pleasing that these players were able to get this opportunity and get a chance to play 1st grade.

Thank you to the players for the season. Your hard work, commitment and enthusiasm for the team, the club and for your own development and improvement was truly enjoyable to be a part of. Many laughs were had during the season, which made it even more fun.

Forward of the year, Geoffrey Coffill. Inspirational and someone who the players certainly followed and looked up to throughout the year. His dedication, hard work and willingness to learn and improve was really pleasing. He certainly led from the front.

Back of the year, Anthony Manassa. Cool, calm and collected on the field. Provided guidance for the team and kept the drive and direction that the team needed during the games. His boot and goal kicking kept us ahead in many games and was pivotal in helping secure our victories.

Player's Player, Max Fiorini. Started the season in colts but worked his way into 1st grade. His skill and speed on the wing left a lot of defences diving at thin air. His ability to turn a half chance to tries led to many points being scored.

Thank you to all the coaches for your help through the season. Luke Sinai, Matt Carew, John Klumpp and Scott McGill, your hard work, passion and dedication is a reason that the club is so strong. Thank you to Hugh Carpenter for your insight, advice and help when needed.

A big thank you to my co-coach Mick Ellem. The work you put in is certainly appreciated. Your knowledge and expertise really helps and drives the players and is a big reason for the team's success. Working together was thoroughly enjoyable as was our team talks or talking anything rugby.

Thank you to the committee for your tireless work and dedication to the club. It certainly doesn't go unnoticed, another reason the club is in a strong position.

Special thanks to Mark Nelson and John Slender. You both go above and beyond and commit an extraordinary amount of time to the club, players and coaches.

I know there is a lot of excitement for next year. Enjoy the off season, train hard and hope to have you all on board next year. See you in the pre-season.

ROUND	OPPONENT	SCORE	W-L	SCORERS
1	Beecroft	38-24	W	T: Koziollek (2), McCrystal, Lewis, Khoury, Simpson C: Manassa (4)
2	HAC	31-36	L	T: Koziollek, Aperila (2), Le Sueur-Hindmarsh, A Shalala C: Manassa (3)

3	Hawks Valley	3-15	L	T: P: Manassa
4	Blacktown	12-43	L	T: Fiorini (2) C: Manassa
5	Old Ignatians	32-24	W	T: Fiorini (3), Koziollek C: Manassa (3) P: Manassa (2)
6	Harlequins	23-15	W	T: Shaw, Koziollek C: Manassa (2) P: Manassa (3)
7	Raptors	28-0f	W	T: C:
8	Beecroft	45-28	W	T: Syron, Fiorini, Shaw, Manassa, Koziollek, Nguyen C: Manassa (6) P: Manassa
9	HAC	36-19	W	T: Rye (2), Fiorini, Coffill (2), Khoury C: Manassa (3)

Briars 2nd Grade

Luke Sinai | Coach



- Round 1: Briars 14 – Beecroft 21
- Round 2: Briars 3 – Hawkesbury Ag College 17
- Round 3: Briars 17 – Hawkesbury Valley 26
- Round 4: Briars 14 – Blacktown 19
- Round 5: Briars 5 – Old Ignatians 24
- Round 6: Briars 25 – Sydney Harlequins 22
- Round 7: Briars – Western Raptors (*match abandoned*)
- Round 8: Briars 17 – Beecroft 22
- Round 9: Briars 20 – Hawkesbury Ag College 12

The start of the season looked promising, the boys were keen and fit and with the bolster of new Grade players from Colts we had a few 2nd Graders from 2020 itching to go one better in 2021. The team overall looked strong.

2nd Grade started with narrow losses. Sadly, the club being riddle with injuries meant 2nd grade players were continually changing through the season, however that is never an excuse for 2nd Grade and it did not change the boys resolve. The team always knew what they were capable of welcoming changes and

challenges every week. They kept fighting for victory every game knocking over the Harlequins who were top of the table at mid-season. 2nd Grades impressive for and against record showed that they would play the 80 minutes no matter what.

The team's effort this season was at an extremely high level and so gallant at times with very narrow losses, which if they had gone our way would have cemented 2nd Grade into the semis. Plenty of positive signs and unfinished business will be leading into what I believe an awesome 2022.

Briars 3rd Grade

Matt Carew | Coach



- Round 1: Briars 14 – Beecroft 22
- Round 2: Briars 24 – Hawkesbury Ag College 15
- Round 3: Briars 31 – Hawkesbury Valley 10
- Round 4: Briars 28 – Blacktown 0 (*Forfeit*)
- Round 5: Briars 11 – Old Ignatians 12
- Round 6: Briars 18 – Sydney Harlequins 14
- Round 7: Briars 11 – Western Raptors 37
- Round 8: Briars 10 – Beecroft 26
- Round 9: Briars 41 – Hawkesbury Ag College 5

Season 2021 began with Stacey Howcroft taking over as captain and myself as Coach, with plenty of new faces and some familiar older faces. We had a feeling that this was going to be a special season, and the first few rounds lived up to that as we surged into the top four and consolidated our position for much of the year. With the help of some savvy veterans like Luke Sinai, Simon Carew and Stacey Howcroft we won some tight contests, while also producing some great running rugby with the like of Will Wan, Leslie Lee and Isaac Chafei proving a nightmare to contain for the defence.

Unfortunately, injuries struck at regular intervals throughout the season and we were forced to call on colts and 2s players who answered the call without hesitation and made life much easier for me.

As the season came to a disappointing close through Covid, we sat 5th on points difference and we believe we were closing in on a few huge weeks leading up to the semis and quietly building some serious momentum of which I have no doubt would have seen us give the comp a huge shake. I think we can look back on this season fondly and for me seeing the development of players not only new but also some of the more experienced players as a great achievement personally and for the club.

Briars Colts

John Klumpp | Coach

Like many a first date this season promised so much, but fell a little short.

- Round 1: Briars 7 – Beecroft 40
- Round 2: Briars 37 – Hawkesbury Ag College 31
- Round 3: Bye
- Round 4: Briars 14 – Blacktown 15
- Round 5: Briars 5 – Old Ignatians 28
- Round 6: Briars 14 – Eastern Suburbs 61
- Round 7: Briars 5 – Western Raptors 17 (*match abandoned*)
- Round 8: Briars 5 – Beecroft 66
- Round 9: Briars 28 – Hawkesbury Ag College 0 (*forfeit*)

That's all she wrote.



And yet, we still finished the season in 4th position, ready to make a serious tilt at the title. One might say we were confident in that we could bring it home with a wet sail and challenge for a premiership had it not been for the virus.

There was no doubt we had the talent to do that. One look through the team sheets during bye weeks and forfeits tells us that many a 2021 Colts player was selected and played well from 1st Grade through to 3rd Grade. The

commitment and talent on show for the 2021 Briars Colts was never in doubt. While some game results may have been blowouts the team never gave up and fought through each game to the final whistle.

In all honesty we lacked the numbers and depth to make a serious dent in the opposition during the season, but the players we had turning up week after week to games and training were all quality players. Short term and long term injuries and suspensions during the season were not kind, with both happening at precisely the wrong times.

Looking forward, there are ample opportunities for the Briars to become a force in the Nicholson Cup competition. The nucleus of a successful team is present, and with more recruitment and a little luck there is no doubt that season 2022 will be a big improvement on this season.

The club is indebted and thankful to all of our 'graduating' colts from this season. We will have another five or more players moving on from Colts this year and we are thankful for their support, efforts and leadership during this and previous seasons. We look forward this this year's players filling the void and becoming leaders in their own right in the coming seasons.

All in all, another rugby season that offered many opportunities, but did not reach any great heights for many reasons. The virus, indeed, cruelled many a dream.

With that in mind, all credit to the Briars Colts 2021 for their commitment and never say die attitude. They fought to the end and displayed maturity beyond their years and offered a view to the future for this proud suburban rugby club. More power to you, you young Briars, see you in 2022.

Briars Women's Rugby

Chairman's Report

David Lannan



Briars Women's Rugby entered its third full season within the Briars Sports Club in 2021, but again due to the impact of COVID-19 our season was cut short after only a few rounds.

Briars Women's Rugby continued with the same coaching and management team in 2021. Trent Eagle as head coach and David Lannan as President/Team Manager. Injured players Courtney Miller and Taymarra

Hayward assisted with training and game day, ensuring the team could focus on playing. A big thankyou to Catriona Blake who worked behind the scenes on our social media.



Briars Women's Rugby had over 20 players competing across 2021. Many of the 2020 season players returned to Briars. The team included members from the local area and across Sydney. We were also fortunate to introduce a few new ladies to the Briars family, Julieana Friedrichs, Liz Tan, Alani Gavid and Paiten Wise.

COVID-19 continued to have a significant impact on our activities throughout the year, but some would say it helped to focus on fitness and continued resilience for the team.

With no summer season across 2020/2021 the players focused on their own fitness and when possible, got together to run their own sessions outside of Briars. As a result, when training started in February, the players were fitter, faster and better off for the break. Focus then shifted to skills and playing games.

Briars Women's Rugby look forward to another season of growth in the club for 2022, growing as players and making a name for ourselves as a high quality club to be a part of. Our goal is to take out Division 2 in 2022 and work towards establishing Briars as a Division 1 side in the coming years as we build our club, brand and capabilities.

Briars will also begin focusing on engaging with junior players and opportunities to work with local secondary schools to build out a pathway into senior competition for junior players.

Team Captain's Report

Kowhai Ruawhare | Team Captain

2021 was the season our ladies came back fitter and stronger going into the season. We got straight back into it training harder and building as a unit getting ready to hit the fields again.

Unfortunately, we were hit with a few injuries, so the struggle was real trying to pull a team together every weekend. We managed to always come through, but then having Covid-19 cut our season short, our ladies and I were very devastated.

Despite all the turns we had we also had some highlights of the season including making it into a few finals. I could not have been prouder as captain to lead the ladies and am so grateful.

We will be ready for the 2022 rugby season and cannot wait to get back out on the field with a ball in our hands ready to take on anything that comes our way.

Head Coach Report

Trent Eagle

This season was supposed to be the next step in building a strong successful women's side. Unfortunately it turned into a Covid/Injury affected season.

We had 3 major injuries and one major hand injury which left us often struggling for numbers.

However, there were some very encouraging performances and truly inspirational days.

Season Highlights

Hunters Hill Subbies Tournament

We only had 8 players for a 6 game tournament and the ladies showed amazing heart and resilience to make the final.

Making a final in any 7s tournament is hard work but to make one with only 1 reserve is remarkable and a testament to the heart of these ladies.

I could name all the ladies in this tournament as they all did well but some highlights of this was:

Chelsea Pettman played almost 5 full games when in 2020 Chelsea struggled to run for 10 minutes. This achievement alone makes coaching worthwhile. Well done Chelsea!

This tournament saw the emergence of Alani who scored 4 tries, mostly run away and once she realises how good she is this young lady could go a long way.

The tournament also showed the talent and heart of our captain Kowhai. Kowhai scored 5 tries and more impressively kicked two conversions from the side-line. A true captain's performance.

Pre-season Games

2021 saw several pre-season games organised with West Harbour hosting Briars as a joint training and opposed session.

On the 24th of April Briars hosted a round-robin tournament at Rothwell Park, inviting Macquarie Uni, Sydney Irish and the University of Wollongong, playing 15 halves of Rugby 7s before the men's games.



Subbies Women's 7s Tournament



The inaugural Subbies Women's 7s tournament was held at Boronia Park, Hunters Hill on 10th April. This was Briars first competitive hit out since the 2020 season, and everyone was keen to test out their new found fitness and skills. This tournament was also the first tournament that was live streamed on Cluch TV meaning supporters from across Australia could watch Briars play!

Due to injuries and work commitments Briars only had a squad of 9 players for the day, which dropped to 8 later in the day. This meant the players were really going to test their fitness on a warm and windy day.

With 3 round games plus two knockout finals rounds, Briars went out there to win. With a number of new players having their first foray onto the field it was a mix of youth fitness and experience that held the team together even when they were exhausted. Team Captain Kowhai Ruawhare led the team from the front delivering some excellent results as follows:

- Pool Game 1: Briars v Renegades 15 – 7
- Pool Game 2: Briars v Old Barker 15 – 10
- Pool Game 3: Briars v Newport 17 – 20
- Semi-Final: Briars v Mac Uni 14 – 12
- Final: Briars v Hunters Hill 5 - 17

Overall Result: 2nd Place

Club 7s

The Sydney Women's Rugby Club 7s unfortunately was stopped short due to lockdown in Sydney, with only 4 rounds being played. Tournaments were still under strict COVID Safe requirements so game time was unfortunately limited at the events with all the games compacted together within 3-4 hours, so fitness was a key aspect to everyone's game.

Briars continued in Division 2 in 2021 with a mix of experienced and new players, ensuring competition was level and did not discourage players. 2021 saw 3 divisions played with Division 1 often playing on separate days due to the delays to representative tournaments. It was great to see such a large number of clubs coming together for every tournament as Women's Rugby continues to grow in Sydney.

Tournament Results as follows:

Round 1 – Sylvania

- Briars 10 v UNSW 12
- Briars 22 v Hunters Hill 10
- Briars 10 v Warringah 21

Result Equal 4th place - 14 points



Round 2 – Campbelltown

- Briars 19 v UNSW 0
- Briars 19 v Norths 19
- Briars 12 v Souths 3 17

Result Equal 3rd place - 16 points



Round 3 - Warringah

- Briars 5 v Souths 2 36
- Briars 7 v Renegades 22
- Briars 10 v Hunters Hill 0

Result 5th place - 12 points



Round 4 - St Ives

- Briars 0 v Souths 2 25
- Briars 10 v Newport 5
- Briars 7 v Sydney Uni Red 21

Result 4th place - 14 points



Overall Results - Division 2 (short season)

- **54** points - 8th place / 18 teams (2nd place removing Shute Shield clubs playing down a division)

2021 Award Winners

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| • Hennie Muller Award for overall effort at training: | <i>Pui San Lai</i> |
| • Most Improved Award: | <i>Madison Garrett-Kabro</i> |
| • Rookie of the Year: | <i>Elizabeth Tan</i> |
| • Coaches Award for performance on and off the field: | <i>Kowhai Ruawhare</i> |
| • Players Player: | <i>Kowhai Ruawhare & Meredith Cravey</i> |

2021 Briars Women's Rugby Club Award Winner

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. Congratulations to **Kowhai Ruawhare** who is this years recipient of the award.

2021 Squad

Annabel Woo, Bec Clark, Bianca Bennetts, Brooke Gray, Chelsea Pettman, Cleo Carreno, Emily Watts, Jennie To, Julieana Friedrichs, Kowhai Ruawhare (*Captain*), Liz Tan, Madison Garrett-Kabro, Meredith Cravey, Mia Matthias, Paiten Wise, Pui San Lai, Vilisi Matanimeke, Trent Eagle (*Coach*), David Lannan (*Manager*)

Briars Junior Rugby

Chairperson's Report

Jules Boyter



Season 2021 started out so well! Playing numbers were strong across our minis teams from the first training session, and with a slightly slower but steady growth rate across our junior teams, it saw us field 6 teams in the Inner West Minis Competition, and 3 teams in the Sydney Junior Rugby Competition.

In the Minis competition, we had 2 Under 6's, an under 7's, 2 Under 8's and an Under 9's. In the Juniors competition we fielded an Under 10's, Under 12's and Under 14's. The gold jersey standing out strong across the field everywhere!

After a season away from our home ground, it was fantastic to get back onto Rothwell Park, thanks to Canada Bay Council for returning the field in pristine condition.

While we still had some Covid related guidelines to follow at the start of the season, it didn't appear that anything was going to stop another great season for Briars Junior Rugby. Flash forward to June and everything changed.

The season was put on hold due to the rising Covid-19 numbers, and while there was a small hope that we would be able to get back onto the ground for a few final games, this wasn't able to happen, and the season was cancelled much to the disappointment of the kids. Unfortunately given the early end of the season, we were unable to get team photos done.

No season can go ahead without the support from all our Sponsors, and I'd like to thank all of you for getting behind us, I

know this was another tough year for you all as well, and we hope to keep working with you to build our relationships long into the future. To Jason and the staff at Briars Sports, thanks for always supporting Junior Rugby, and for always helping out with my last-minute requests.

To the parents, grandparents, extended family, thanks for driving the kids round to training and fields around Sydney. Some of those Saturday and Sunday morning 8.30am games are tough, but the joy the kids get out of it makes it all worth it.



To our coaches and managers, getting the kids on the field would not be possible without you. You all go above and beyond to ensure the kids are learning the skills required but enjoying it at the same time. A special thanks to a couple of our Senior players, Ash Simpson and Barnzy Walkemeyer. Ash has been working with our older players now for a number of years and it has been great to see him continue to build a bond with the players of the U14's and pass on his knowledge of the game. Barnzy was a great help with our Under 8s, which is a

tough age group to manage as they learn the new skill of tackling within the game.

Finally, to the Junior Rugby committee, your support and commitment to the club is what makes Briars Junior Rugby the club that it is.

Briars Jnr Rugby U6

Matt Games, Chris Lissa, Joseph Bitar & Gerard Quinn | Coaches

2021 was great fun while it lasted! It was another year of high numbers, forming two team – Gold and Maroon - mixing the new players and experienced players. There were plenty of smiles on the faces of the children during training and the games, where the newbies learned from the more experienced players and the children supported each other and started to form bonds. We were all disappointed when the year was cut short, but no doubt we will be back next year with similar numbers of eager children.

U6 Maroon



By the time the first game came around most of the kids were familiar with the concept of catching the ball, having a run and tagging the opposition if they came near them with the ball. The early weeks required a big focus on knowing which direction to run. The experienced players lead by example and it was great to watch some tries of the seasons by Jack (aka - Jack Jack from the Incredibles due to his speed and side-steps), Thomas (our self-imposed sweeper to stop any line breaks – it's great to see children understand the game at such a young age without any coaching on tactics), Callum with his barn stomping runs (just had to point him in the right direction!) and Alfie with his direct running which you could see improving week on week.

As the season progressed, the newbies; Angus, Isaac, Hannah, Mikaylah and Charbel all start to learn the game. From Isaac growing in confidence, initially two shy to partake to showing great speed and will definitely be a player to watch over the coming years, Angus with his speed of defence and direct running, to watching Hannah take the ball into contact and score a few great tries, and Mikaylah and Charbel starting to have some real fun on the pitch.

But wasn't all about rugby, it was also about the social side and noticing the players in the second half hang back and start to kid about and have chats or just laze about in the back-pitch; this is when the friendships are formed.

Looking forward to a full season next year!

U6 Gold



Team Gold - With such a short season it was great while it lasted. Team Gold brought so much fun and excitement to the start of the weekend. Joe and I observed some great skills, teamwork and development within the team. We feel had we got to play the whole season we would have seen some pretty exciting under 6s Rugby.

It was a shame it was cut short. Coach Joe and Coach Chris hope to see you all again in 2022 when restrictions ease.

Thanks to everybody involved in particular Julz who is the backbone of the team's organisation. To all the coaches involved and most importantly to the players and parents who supported

them. Thank you for all your effort.

Kareem: As always, your ball and running skills are fantastic. You were always enthusiastic at every game. It's always a pleasure having you in our team.

Aisha: The silent achiever. It's always great to see you get possession of the ball and use your foot skills which eventually ended up with tries being scored. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Roman: We have seen your skills improve every year. You show more tenacity at every game you attend, and we look forward to more games with you by our side.

Lachlan: We saw some good plays and commitment from Lachlan. With a bit more listening and focus we believe you have great potential, and we hope to see you return next year.

Emmanuel: You're a great Team player. Emanuel always carried a smile on his face except when he had the ball in his hands, and it was game time. Emanuel your spirit for the sport is great and it will be a pleasure to see you again next year.

Rafa: We saw Rafa's skills and confidence improve at each game. He is a silent clown and never failed to make us laugh. We hope he finds his heart at footy, and we see him next year.

Matthew: Matthew a great team player. We could see how much he enjoyed playing footy with his friends. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Ethan: A sports super star in the making. Anyone that watched Ethan play could see how much focus and determination he had for the game. We look forward to seeing your speed and ball skills next year Ethan.

Augustine: The teams speed star who would always know how to find a gap and score a try at every game he brought his A game to every training session and game. Well done, see you next year.

Connor: We could always see your determination and willingness to play footy at every training session and weekend game. Connor was a great team player and enjoyed playing footy with his friends. We look forward to next season with you Connor.

Briars Jnr Rugby U7

Adam Dodd | Coach



2021 was once again hampered by Covid-19 which was a great shame. The team really progressed well this year as a team, I was very proud of the team's learning and making very positive steps forward in the journey in their rugby careers.

I also want to thank all the parent & siblings this year for your support in making sure the players made the games & cheering them on from the sidelines. It really helps build confidence in each of our players to have this support from family & friends. I also want to thank all of you for also helping me teach our players respect of our competitors. Winning is important (while scores are not kept the players do keep score) but learning to be respectful & humble is just as important, seeing all the parent & siblings showing respect to the other teams scores was fantastic & very helpful.

I am sure that you would agree that our team performed well & the tragedy this year was that Covid interfered with our season closing which also meant that our team also lost the chance to say goodbye to Orrick at season end. I am sure I speak for everyone that we wish Orrick & his family safe travels back to the UK and hope we see Orrick continuing his rugby journey.

Just some coach's thoughts for the kids.

First it was great to see plenty of faces from last year but also some new faces this year.

Konrad Scott: Your skills are progressing well Konrad. Still our speed machine & scoring plenty of tries this year, but I was very impressed that you embraced the learning of passing & supporting your teammates. Keep it up & we hopefully we see you again next year Konrad.

Hamish Waddington: Great improvement this year in your ball skills Hamish. Really impressed with seeing you passing & supporting the ball carrier. Keep up the good work & focus on passing & running straight & hopefully we see you again next year Hamish.

Kassidy Veiagina: Great to have you back again this year Kassidy, we did miss you when you were away. Your skill with the ball has improved & your defence is still very strong and our never give up attitude was impressive. Keep up the good work & we will hopefully we see you again next year Kassidy.

Ridhvaan Shah: We welcomed Ridhvaan to our team this year & you made a fantastic impact. Your skills in running & passing were fantastic & you scored plenty of tries. It was great to have you as a part of our team. Keep up the effort & we hopefully we see you again next year Ridhvaan.

Maxx Dodd: Much better participation this year Maxx, you and Con teamed up well in the middle defensive wise & you participate in attacking plays. If you concentrated a little more & listen to the coach, there is so much potential in you. Keep up the effort & hopefully we see you again next year Maxx.

Jayden Zhao: We also welcomed Jayden to our team this year & you made a fantastic impact. Your skills in running & passing were fantastic. Great footwork allowed for you to make plenty of metres up the middle & score tries. Keep up the effort & we hopefully we see you again next year Adian.

Orrick Lam: Once again this year you were very impressive. You got your confidence up it with the ball you showed great speed and skills when passing, once again your defence commitment was very impressive, not afraid to put yourself on the line. We are sorry to see you go but hope you find a good team to continue playing in England. Take care & Bon voyage.

Konstantinos Andreatidis: Much better participation this year Konstantinos, As mentioned you and Maxx teamed up well in the middle defensive wise & you participate in attacking plays. It was fantastic to have your scoring tries this year & shows that if you concentrate & listen to the coach you will have success. Keep up the effort & hopefully we see you again next year Konstantinos.

Jordan Park: We sorry we lost you this season Jordan. The games you did play with us we just need to get your confidence up in ball skills and positioning on the field. Hopefully we see you again next year Jordan.

Adian Pontoh: We sorry we get to have you as much this year. The games you did play with us we will work towards getting your confidence up with the ball. Hopefully we see you again next year Adian.

Finally, a big thanks to Jules Boyter & the Briars Rugby Club members for putting together the season & for everything they do behind the scenes for the kids. We would also like to thank the sponsors of Briars for their support and funding which allow for the equipment & uniforms.

Be safe, have a great summer break, Christmas & New Years. Hopefully we will see you all again next year.

Briars Jnr Rugby U8

Harvey Sauran | Coach

The Under 8s had a great start to the season and it's a shame it was cut short because every week I could see improvement at training and during games. Due to player numbers, we had a squad of 13 who played across both teams, and while that made game day slightly more difficult, everyone played their part and made themselves available to help out with the other team when needed. I was grateful to have a team of parents willing to assist with training and coaching. This was particularly appreciated when we were trying to rotate players on and off the field on a Saturday. Thanks to Matthieu, Chris, Andrew, Maroun and Emmett (Snr) for their support this season. A special shout out to Coach Barnesy, one of our senior players, who

showed he was a true club man by generously giving up his time on a Thursday evening to help coach the Under 8s.



“This is way better than soccer!”

It was the first year of tackle for the majority of players and it was good to see many of the kids embrace the opportunity to finally engage in some contact.

James is one of the most passionate players on the field and never gives up. He used his size and strength well in attack this season and clearly enjoyed the physicality of the breakdown. He is a pleasure to coach and one of the most polite and respectful rugby players I've ever met.

Leo was fearless in defence. He was unafraid to throw himself at his opponents without a thought, no matter their size. He pounced on opportunities to run the ball hard and was sometimes rewarded for his efforts with a try.

Alex worked hard on developing his rucking skills this season and was an excellent team player. In one game, he turned over the ball to our advantage three times, each time resulting in us scoring a try. He will only get better as his confidence in the game grows.

Dominic used his size and speed well to get the team over the advantage line many times throughout the season. It was great to see him becoming more comfortable with the contact as the season progressed.

Sebastian, after 3 years playing touch rugby relished the opportunity to get involved in the contact this year. He really enjoyed being involved in the contest at the breakdown, even though sometimes was a bit too eager to get his hands on the ball. It was great to see his improvement from last season.

Aiden increase his involvement in the game this season which was great to see. He was more focussed at both training and the games and wasn't afraid to be tackled on the field. He clearly loves rugby and will only continue to improve.

Luca was always the first to volunteer to fill a position on the field and would often play 3 games on a Saturday backing up for the Under 9s. This was particularly impressive considering he involves himself as much as possible during the game. Luca is a very effective tackler despite his size, reads the game well and is always ready to score a quick try or 7 for the team.

After announcing at the Try Rugby day “this is way better than soccer”, **Peter** switched codes and came to be a valuable player for the Under 8s. Despite his size, he was courageous with the contact and enthusiastic in training and games.

This season, **Emmett** was always on the lookout for ways to get the ball. He was always ready at the breakdown or calling out on the field, making himself available to his teammates. Emmett has come such a long way since the Under 6s and his confidence on the field has developed immensely.

Tobias is one of the most competitive players on the field. He is determined and very skilful in attack. It's disappointing the season was cut short because with a bit more work on his defensive skills, he would be a true all-rounder.

Eli runs the ball hard and was very determined in defence this season. He reads the game well and would run across the field to chase the opposition down if they made a break.

On the field, **Logan** reads the play well. He has good hands and his catching and passing is some of the best in his team. He uses his body well in the breakdown and his speed is an asset on the field.

This year was **Zac's** first season playing rugby and he improved each week. Towards the end of the season, he was putting himself in positions that better allowed him to be involved in the game.

Tony joined us part way through the season so only got a few games in before the abrupt end to the competition but took to rugby right away. I look forward to seeing him get the chance to do more next season.

Well done to all of the Under 8 players. Although the season was short, everyone seemed to have a great time. I hope to see you all for pre-season in 2022.

Briars Jnr Rugby U9

Michael McGrath | Coach



Once again, we had a shortened season this year which was unfortunate timing as the boys were really hitting their stride both as rugby players and a team come mid-season. Little did we know that the Gala Day we hosted in June would end up being our final matches for the year. Our squad grew in numbers this season through welcoming back players from past seasons and the additional of new and enthusiastic first timers – both new to the club and new to rugby.

Some of the proudest aspects of coaching our developing talented group of boys was their commitment to each other, to playing as a team and their willingness to learn not only from the coaching group but also from each other. Rugby produces mates for life and the boy's mateship and willingness to get in there for each other was often the difference between winning and losing each week. Players were just as excited for a huge covering tackle from their mate, or a length of the field run as they were for their own successes.

As this was our second season of tackle rugby, and the players really started to find their position within rugby and the uniqueness of their role within the team.

Our forwards comprising of Hugo, Jacob, Felix, Tom, Gabriel, Monash, Mason and Koby were tough tacklers who were often pulling off huge front on and covering tackles driving their opponent backwards. It was almost a weekly event to see one of our forwards muscle through tackles and make a break downfield. With their toughness also came mobility and having every forward move around the field like a breakaway often led to three and four phases of play that resulted in well supported tries through 'pick and go' moves or impressive mauling techniques. Our forward pack will be a force to be reckoned with next season with the introduction of competitive scrums and lineouts.

Our backline of Kye, Luca, Levi, Harry, Brent, Evan, Zach were all blessed with speed, elusive sidesteps and the versatility to move to anywhere in the backline as required. Their support play was some of the best in the competition and all were keen to get their hands on ball. Regularly our backs would hit the line of defence and it was exciting to wait in anticipation to see if they would break the tackle or pop the ball to

their ever-present support player who was invariably there wanting. Every single backline player loved getting in to clean out the ball and weren't scared to get amongst the rough stuff of rucking to secure the ball for our team.

I am looking forward with excitement to the season ahead and supporting this team of fine young men into the world of Junior rugby – full size field with more room to run, contested scrums to further benefit our toughness and mostly to see our players continue to enjoy the game of rugby.

A huge shout out to Toby and Kamal who filled in when we were short, to all those boys who played other sports or multiple games each weekend because they just wanted to be a part of our team and the Briars family. My deepest appreciation is extended to the coaches (Pete and Matt) who knowledge and advice was invaluable and to the parents who helped at training on a regular basis.

Lastly the team and club would not even be in existence without the support of Briars Sports Club nor the ongoing work year in year out of Jules. So, on behalf of our players and families, thank you for all you do to make Briars Rugby all it is.

See you all in 2022. Yours in rugby, Coach Mick

Briars Jnr Rugby U10

Matthew Crippa | Coach



Under 10's is the transition from Saturday Mini's to Sunday Sydney Juniors, and much to the delight of the team, keeping score! There are several key changes to the game as we step up to U10's. This included the introduction of 2 more players (No.8 & another Centre), contested Scrums and Lineouts as well as the option to kick for Goal. The team had a very successful year developing their skills and applying them brilliantly in the games resulting in some good wins in 3 of our 4 games (against Newport, Seaforth, and Wahroonga). A big callout to all the U9 players (and parents) that agreed to play up an age and helped us form the U10's team this year. Without the U9's taking the step up, U10's could not have happened!

Congratulations to the whole team on their efforts this year. I look forward to seeing you all down at training next year!

Kobe Veiagina (Prop): Despite missing part of the season Kobe made a massive contribution to the team. His tackling continues to be the benchmark all the team strive for. In attack, he is strong with ball in hand and excellent at the breakdown.

Toby Boyter (Hooker): Club stalwart Toby made the hooking position his own this year. Brilliant lineout throws, barnstorming runs down the sideline and a strong commitment at the breakdown. Another excellent season from Toby, rewarded with captaining the side in their first ever game at the hallowed Rothwell Park

Luke Webhe (Prop): Luke's debut season at Briars was sensational. Playing up an age group and out of position did not phase him. He was extremely attentive at training and worked hard on developing his skills all year. Was rewarded in game with some great runs and big defensive contributions. Well done!

Phoebe Cassidy (Lock): From a spectator at our first training session to a superstar lock, Phoebe often led the way at training, very attentive and considered in her approach and translated to great execution both at training and in the games. Was very committed in defense and probably pulled off the tackle of the season at training! Fantastic first year of Rugby.

Tom O'Neil (Lock): Tom had a brilliant season all round, training the house down. Tom was very strong at the breakdown, both defensively and in attack. Was our go-to man in the lineout for several games. He was a strong runner of the ball, and an excellent team player.

Jacob McGrath (No.8): Jacob's love of Rugby is evident from the moment he turns up at training to the final whistle on game day. Passionate and fully committed to developing his game. A great asset to the club! Jacob played out of position all year but did not let it phase him, instead learnt all he could about playing No.8. His crafty runs from the base of rucks and always being in support of the runners saw him score some great tries this year. Awesome!

Daniel Crippa (Scrum Half): Daniel continues to develop his skills at Halfback. Caught the opposition napping with quick taps as well as blindside plays from the base of the scrum leading to some great tries. Organises the team well around the field and is committed in defense. Worked hard on his goal kicking all year and was rewarded with 6 from 8 in the last game.

Levi Harrison (Fly Half): Levi made the transition from Forward to Back amazingly well this year. Grabbed the opportunity to play Fly Half with both hands and never looked back. His fearless running and tackling from past seasons were on show regularly with the space afforded to him at Fly Half. Developed excellent organisational skills getting the backline set around him quickly and directing the ball into space regularly. Great season!

Saki Matairavula (Center): Saki's debut season at Briars was outstanding. A great competitor on the field both in defense and attack. A brilliant runner of the ball with sharp evasive skills saw Saki rewarded with some great long distance tries this year.

Levi Buchan (Center): Levi was an exceptionally strong center, fearless in defense and sharp in attack, made some great runs often getting offloads away to players in space. Reads the play well and puts his skills to great use in games. A big contributor to the team in every game!

Kamal Ratnam (Center/Winger): Kamal reads the game really well. Not afraid to come off his wing to make tackles, and get involved in rucks and mauls, he has developed into a great utility back. Always trains the house down!

Joseph Sukkar (Winger): Joseph's second season at Briars (and Rugby) was fantastic. Taking the skills he learnt last year and applying them well both at training and in the games. His defense was a particular highlight this year. Not scared to go looking for the ball and getting involved in the rucks and mauls. Great contribution this year!

Dino Tuipulotu & Ethan Earle: Both players were late inclusion in the team, joining us for training in the Bye round and getting a run in what was to be our final game of the season. Both players showed a great understanding of the game and promise to be strong players in their respective positions, would love to see you both in Briars colours next year!

Finally, a special mention to Kobe, Toby, Luke, Daniel & Levi H who were all selected in the Reps side to play state championships, unfortunately the event didn't go ahead but it was great to see so many Briars in the U10's Rep side.

Briars Jnr Rugby U12

Aaron Boyter, Mal Buchan & Jen Richmond | Coach & Assistant Coaches



Another COVID affected year with a late start and an early finish has come to an end.

While missing sport seems to pale in comparison to the alternatives that may have eventuated due to a widespread outbreak, it is gut wrenching for the kids to miss out on the freedom that should be afforded them. Only made worse by the fact that this occurred at such an impressionable age for a rugby player.

Our interrupted start, coupled with the challenges of the troublesome year as players are either finishing Primary or commencing High school, saw the team struggle for numbers early. Some late recruiting by players and parents alike resulted in twelve players registering.

In 2021, we welcomed 3 new players, **Connor Billington**, **Nico Prillis** and **Ace Sharma** who excelled in their first year. Well done, and looking forward to fulfilling that potential you have shown early as you continue your rugby with Briars in the Under 13's next year.

An early injury pre-season, saw us lose **Nicholas Algie** with a broken arm, I am sure we will see him in 2022.

Whilst not the ideal amount, (Under 12's field 15 a side), 11 players on game day allowed us to officially compete. It was a delight to have everyone available for 2 of our last games, and do more than compete but to finish with a few wins.

Some stats from the season:

We successfully competed in 9 games (Rounds 1 and 2 were Gala days with 3 and 2 games respectively).

We scored a total on 132 points. While these points were shared fairly evenly, **Kian White** and **Max Hadfield** were always close to the action generally either being directly involved in the scoring play or the lead up.

179 points were conceded, however, there is no stat for how many points **Lucas Petreski** and **Harry Chilcott** managed to save in solid cover defence and deft turn overs.

Andre Richmond goal kicking came into it's own, boasting a 30 metre conversion helping a secure a 38-35 victory against Wahroonga in May.

Max Portelli and **William Boyter** finished the year on 98 career games, **Harley Buchan** on 82, another disappointing side effect of this lock down. On the bright side, something to look forward to coming into the 2022 Rugby season. Imagine having 100 games for Briars at 12!

Huge thanks to "Coach Mal" and "Coach Jen" for your continuing support. Your efforts at training and on game day is invaluable. The young men really do listen to you both the team really do benefit from a different voice when they have had enough of hearing from me.

Also, a massive thanks to Anna White for being an awesome manager and "wrangling" the parents and players alike. You truly did make a coach's life that little bit easier.

Reflecting on the season, I am amazed by the potential in these young men. I look forward to a strong recruiting drive from the players and parents as we move into a more physical games in the Under 13's and to see the boys thrive.

I am hopeful for a relatively uneventful, Covid-free 2022.

Briars Jnr Rugby U14

Sean Toomey | Coach



The 2021 season was the 7th consecutive season for the Briars U14 boys and although it was cut short, the boys really matured, and they continue to show great promise as a rugby team. Three of our players, Christian Tassopolous, Jack Callaghan and Dominic Toomey, have played in all seven seasons. These boys will be our first Juniors to play 100 games for Briars next year and I am sure they will all go on to break many more club records.

Our forwards continued to win the upfront battle, with club stalwarts, Dominic Toomey, Jack Callaghan, Marcus Petreski Burneikis, Lucas

Rosato, Callum Whitehead and Liam Donegan, taking their game to new levels, including developing their set piece skills such as lifting in the lineout. Christian Jones, Luca Ianni and Anthony Maklouf joined the team this year and brought some real punch to the pack. Oscar Dillon had another great season at Break Away and was joined by Declan Fletcher, whose speed and skill at the breakdown, allowed the team to play with continuity. Anthony Dicerto also supported our loose forwards and showed great promise in his first year of Rugby.

Our backs were brilliant this year, with many great new players coming on board to combine with our highly versatile back line, with attacking options all across the park. Jack Taylor continued to provide spark out wide with his speed and rock-solid defence. James Kelly and Jacob Tran again played key roles, filling a variety of positions throughout the season, developing their skills and playing with their usual high level of enthusiasm and competitiveness. Louis Galvin joined the team this year, bringing strong running and uncompromising defence at Inside Centre and at Fly Half Charlie Gray brought strong leadership, great playmaking and game management to our backline. Charlie also formed a great combination with his good mate Jack Clark who played his first year of rugby this year with Briars. The two combined together to score many of the teams points this year.

Our outside backs were as safe as ever this year. Christian Tassopolous cemented himself into a permanent wing position, after a couple of seasons in the loose forwards and was great in both attack and defence. Newcomers to the club and to Rugby, Alex Hennessy, Ryan Liddle and Johnny Divine finished our back line off really well, improved throughout the season and are all showing real promise for the future.

I really enjoyed coaching the team this year and it is extremely rewarding to see the boys make new friendships, develop their combinations and face into the on-field challenges and experiences that the great game of rugby provides. I am very much looking forward to continuing to coach these young Men next year, when I am sure they will achieve great success and hopefully continue to develop into a future competition winning team for Briars.

Briars Hockey

President's Report

David Slater (Slash)



It was once again a very strange year for Briars Hockey, with another half-season played. This time it was the front half, chopped off mid-season by the extended Covid-19 lockdown that started in Sydney in late June.

This not only stopped each of the various competitions, but also resulted in the cancellation of a number of Junior, Senior and Masters representative carnivals, as well as the various development clinics that would normally have been run.

Despite the repeat of a Covid-shortened season, we managed to again field plenty of teams this year-although no Premiership tilts were possible owing to competitions finishing mid-season.

We again fielded around 350 players in total, which was a great result in the second year of a pandemic! We fielded 7 Mens teams, 7 Womens teams, 12 Junior teams, and 3 Mens Masters teams, as well as having a thriving Minkies programme bringing the next generation of players in to the Club.

"Results" for the year are very hard to get a handle on, as mid-season results can be quite misleading in trying to get a feeling for each team's trajectory. I have to say that in our second disrupted year, I am really not fussed about where any team "finished" when their competitions were halted, I am just glad that we were able to get half a season in on the pitch, everything considered.

A particular highlight was again our Juniors programme, ably led by Angela Cauchi and Nicola Skinner. We fielded 12 teams from U7 to U17, with 123 Junior players, and amazingly had 43 of these selected as Representative players at some level. Of our U11 – U17 players, some 49% of them were selected in Representative teams. This is a quite astonishing record, and a testament to the ability of our key Juniors people and coaches in developing our Junior players.

Thanks are due again to our Committee for sticking it out in another tough year, that once more saw twice the workload, for half the hockey played in compensation. I have said it openly before, but I am just astonished by the calibre and professionalism of the people we have on our Hockey Committee. It would be lovely to see all club members just give them a simple "thank you" the next time you bump into them down at Cintra.

Also a big shout-out to Alan Charlton, who coached both our Mens and Womens 1st Grade teams this year. That is one heck of a level of commitment, again in a most difficult and disrupted season- many thanks are due to Al from all of us.

Thank you to our Major Sponsors. Gary Bieser from Mortgage Choice Concord has been a stalwart in the Club, and a very loyal Major Sponsor for us. Thanks also to our newer Major Sponsor, Flamingo Gas, for coming on board in the last couple of years.

In conclusion, all I can say is "Just bring on a full year of hockey for us all in 2022". I think we all need to just get back on the pitch to have some fun, and to get some extra enjoyment out of seeing everyone in our great Briars family getting back into the sport we all love, alongside the people we love.

Briars Hockey Committee 2021

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Club Annual Award winners

Senior Awards

AJ Robinson Award - <i>Club Person of the Year</i>	David (Slash) Slater
Col "Hockey" Jones Awards:	Cindy Goodridge
	Angela Cauchi
	Chris Thuell
	Amanda Charlton
Senior Coach of the Year	Aneesh Kesha (<i>Mens 2nd Grade</i>)
Mens Rising Star	Jett Leong (<i>Mens 1st Grade</i>)
Womens Rising Star	Annie Flack (<i>Womens 1st Grade</i>)
Highest Goal Scorer (<i>Men</i>)	Mark Williams (<i>10 Goals in a half-season</i>)
Highest Goal Scorer (<i>Women</i>)	Maddie Hall (<i>8 Goals in a half-season</i>)

Junior Awards

RD Vanderfield Award – <i>Junior Club Person of the Year</i>	Juliette Triccas (U17s Gold)
David Cameron Award – <i>Briars Club Spirit</i>	Christine Flack (<i>U17's and Womens 2nd Grade</i>)
Junior Coach of the Year	Kylie Norris
Junior Goalkeeper of the Year	Felix Fung (<i>U13s and U15s</i>)

Briars Men's Hockey Report

Briars Hockey Men's 1st Grade – PL1

Alan Charlton & Michael Imer | Coach & Manager



We had a mixed season this year for our Mens 1st grade. We gained a couple of great new recruits, to join in with the majority of last year's men sticking around.

We have had a big focus on developing a great team culture, which we are in the process of driving into all our premier league squads. I think it's starting to show results, based on our pre-season attendance numbers being consistently over 30 players working hard for each other.

To start off our pre-season we travelled to Bathurst with our Womens ML1 side to play in the Western Region Super League season launch. On the Saturday we played a "best of the west" side, and on the Sunday a round robin of 5 shortened games. We remained undefeated for the weekend!

Moving forward to the Sydney season, we trained well, played well in patches but struggled to connect for full games. The attitude and effort is there and something extremely positive to build on for the club. We are just now looking to 2022 to turn these attitudes and effort into results.

We have a great base of juniors coming through 2nd and 3rd grade, who in the next couple of years will push for 1st grade spots, and I'm really excited to watch their development.

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	William Orth
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Murray Bennett
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Lee Brady



Briars Hockey Men's 2nd Grade – PL2

Aneesh Kesha & Leanne Ward | Coach & Manager

Our PL2 team had a positive 2021. We had a generational mix of players, which bodes well for the future of the club.

We ended a disjointed year in 6th place with a win/loss record of 50%. This was an accurate reflection of where this group is currently, however their work ethic puts this group of players in good stead for the future.

It was a great group of men to coach. I thoroughly enjoyed watching this group grow game by game.



Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Tristan Potts
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Andrew Borg
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Jack Baxter



Briars Hockey Men's 3rd Grade – PL3

Chris Potts & Leanne Ward | Coach & Manager



As the season has now come to an end and we look towards 2022 for hockey, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the players for your efforts this year. As a new group of young and old, we struggled at the start of the season to find a rhythm, but then we worked hard and had some encouraging results. I honestly thought it would not be too long before a few wins came our way.

Thanks to Leanne for managing the group. A massive thanks to Ratty for being my sounding board. Hope to see you all back next season.

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Brandon Potts
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Max Yeoland
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Daniel Strout



Briars Hockey Men's 4th Grade – SL1

David Ratcliffe | Coach & Manager

Well, this was the season that could have been! After a disastrous 2020 season which saw the team on the bottom of the ladder and feeling rather flat, a few changes were made and some familiar faces returned to make it a season (though shortened) to remember.

The Briars Men's SL1 team finished two spots higher than any other Briars Senior team in the 2021 season. The team finish equal second by one point to a team they beat before the lockdown hit, and in a nail biter. Through the season they only lost by 1 goal to the UTS 1st grade, which is the team that has won the comp for the past two years. This was an amazing achievement for the team, and proved they could match it with the best. Unfortunately, with Covid 19 cutting short the season, we will never know how far our Briars 4ths would have gone- but I know they would have had a good crack at it.

Now, with that sad stuff aside, we can't forget to mention the team and the interesting and important stats they set for the 2021 season (the fun stuff).

We start with what some would have thought was a miracle, and that was **Lochlann Oag** setting a personal record for the cheapest season in his playing history and the least amount of time spent on the bench.

Tom Vastani's hair also had a first, and didn't get shaved, re-coloured and stayed the same all through the shortened season (Jack, you're off your game mate). But I'm happy you three (The KFC Combo) didn't get a chance to get injured on your yearly skiing trip, because Tom, you had a screamer.

Now **Jack Bieser** set a record for the most positioned played in one season and got a nosebleed playing so high in the field this year, but we are very thankful he did, and the coach really appreciated it mate.

William Haigh had the least amount of injuries even with his hamstring playing a tune for most of the shortened season.

David Beaumont set a record for the least amount of fines given in one season (worst fine master ever) He's just too nice for the position, but tackles like a snow plow!

Danno Mammo set the record for the fastest strip tease in the 3rd quarter of the second game (due to injury). On return from that injury, he almost got me 10 minutes in the bin after running (in full keepers gear) the length of the field to try and get involved in a short corner.

Jason L set the record for getting the closest to an open goal and then hitting the post.

Lim JW also set the record for running the furthest to give it to him in Korean after every miss, but WOW, these two could score a goal.

Chris Hallett copped the most from the team all season... thanks for being a good sport and giving it your all this year!

Hardev Hansra always played in good spirits or was it good spirits from the night before? He had a no-fear attitude, and silky skills.

James Paul Fordham set the record for the most shuttle runs per game- he never took a backward step he reckons, but I think he had a more controlled and circular approach when he had the ball. Well played this year mate.

This year for the first time **Troy Prescott** could actually walk straight after a season without thousands of dollar's-worth of strapping tape. Please note- we just found out KT tape has gone out of business.

James Bladwell (AKA Blads)- he may seem like nice guy on the outside but deep down if you get between him and the ball there's a dark side waiting, and you're coming off second best. One of the best defencemen in the team. Thanks for the trust mate to come back.

Josh Kent always dependable and giving it everything in front of the net, but also has the genuine ability to play anywhere.

We are also very thankful for our super subs this year: **Matt Wilson** (Mr ten-foot-reach, and provider of after training snacks) I'll always back you in a 4 on 1 mate.

Daniel Strout (AKA sidewinder) - Strout is the only man who can look one way and throw the pass like a missile the other. Still makes my jaw drop as to how you get that much speed in those passes.

Stuart Turnbull (AKA Disco Stu)... "Watch me score the impossible shot somersaulting over keepers, or lobbing them from the top of the circle, but don't put me right in front of the net as I miss the easy ones!"

Kristiane Skoulogenis (AKA Tinkerbelle... I'll learn to hit it like a big boy one day)... always dependable, and gives it bloody everything.

Bailey Scanlon (buy me a beer and I'm yours)... the man of a thousand skills (get back soon mate).

Thank you for all the support lads, we all truly appreciated it and it wouldn't have been as fun without you guys.

Final notes from the coach, thank you to those who trusted me and returned after a very disappointing 2020 and thank you all for trusting in my crazy training drills, weird white-board set ups, and out-there position placements. It paid off most games, and gave us the edge or at least confused the opposition!

Gentlemen, it's been a privilege and an honour to share the field of battle this year with all of you, and I hope this ignites the spark to return for the 2022 season. Give me a "B"!

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Tom Vastani
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	James Fordham
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Dave Beaumont & James Bladwell

Briars Hockey Men's 5th Grade – SL3

Chris Hallett | Coach & Manager



With a much-changed squad heading into the 2021 season it was always going to be an interesting season for SL3 Briars. After a strong start against Bankstown things slowed down a bit with some tough defeats early in the season. With a lot of work at training as well as on the pitch during games the team was able to put in some impressive performances against the likes of Ryde and UNSW as well as the highlight of the season being a 4-2 win over 2nd placed Glebe.

Ultimately when the season was called off, the SL3 Briars team was firmly in the hunt for a finals spot, and shaping up to be a headache for the top teams in the latter half of the season. It was impressive to see some of the younger squad member step up and put

in some awesome performances over the season, and it was also good to see several long-term Briars players step up a division and give their all in a fresh team. It was a pleasure to coach the team, and I think there was a great mix of youth and experience within the team to grow and develop over the next few seasons.

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Mark Williams
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	David (Slash) Slater
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Zack Arambewela

Briars Hockey Men's 6th Grade – SL4

Timothy Fishlock & Mike Denniss | Coach & Manager

It goes without saying that this season has had its own set of unique challenges; having breaks in training and being cut short is certainly not how anyone would hope for a season to go.

We saw a fair few good players move up in grades, and some newer faces looking to fill the shoes they left. It can sometimes be a struggle in the lower grades to find consistency in a team - we had a couple of injuries and travellers to deal with - but I felt we started to gain some cohesion as the weeks went on., even with having one or two “ring-in's” most weeks.

Hopefully next season will be complete, and the team can really get a roll going to take the top spot again!

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Alan O'Connell
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Ken Struthers
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Zack Arambewela

Briars Hockey Men's 7th Grade – SL7

Simon Bergfield | Coach & Manager



When the plug was pulled on the season, 7ths were sitting in 4th place on the ladder. We probably should have been higher on the ladder than this. There were 3 games we should have won but managed to convert into a draw, plus two narrow losses (one due to not being able to field a full team). A key reason for this was lapses late in games that allowed the oppositions to score.

This is our best result for a number of years. It would have been interesting to see how things panned out if the season had continued!

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Viv Paul
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Lucas Coletta
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Gary Bieser

Briars Hockey Men's Masters (Premier Division)

Alan Charlton | Manager

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Chris Coombes
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Blake Durance
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Scott Dickson

Briars Hockey Men's Masters (Sydney Cup Division)

Adam Schasser | Manager

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	James Bladwell
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Ian Reynolds
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Stuart Turnbull

Briars Hockey Men's Masters (Legends Division)

David Paul | Manager

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Jackson Carmichael
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Steve Norris
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Michael Imer

Briars Women's Hockey Report

Briars Hockey Women's 1st Grade – ML1

Alan Charlton & Ann Grinham | Coach & Manager

This was my first season looking after the Metro League 1st Grade women. We lost a few players in the off season, and were therefore looking at rebuilding the team, our style of play and trying to develop a pathway for our juniors moving into senior teams.

We started the season with a trip to Bathurst to play in the season launch weekend for the Western Premier League. On the Saturday we played a very tight game against a "best of the west" team, but saw the home side run away with a win in the final quarter. On Sunday we played 5 round robin games, being undefeated for the day. We stayed at the same accommodation as the Mens' side and it was a great opportunity to all hang out together, which hasn't happened for many years.

Every game we played in ML1 this year was a tight game, with Briars surprising many of the teams. In a few of them we were just unable to put the ball away, finishing with a few losses. Our positive play and willingness to try out some different structures and defensive patterns was a credit to the girls' trust in me, and we had some very promising games. With over half our team U18, I'm really looking forward to next season with everyone being a year older and wiser. I think we will be a team to beat in the coming seasons.

Briars Hockey 1st Grade Team

Shirt No.	Name	Games Played	Goals
3	Jade Callander	7	0
4	Sienna Campese	8	2
7	Kathleen Chua	9	0
9	Esther Hotham	1	0
10	Courtney Pearson	8	1
12	Eliza McPhee	9	0
13	Anastacia Flack	9	1
14	Rhiannon Priest	7	0
20	Abigail Simpson	4	0

28	Annemijn Flokstra	9	0
34	Alexandra Singleton	9	1
41	Phoebe Cox	8	0
45	Alix Townsend	7	1
152	Tegan Neowhouse	9	0
Fill ins			
	Laura Anggadi	1	0
	Courtney Bates	2	0
	Rachael Borg	1	0
	Trinity Brook	7	0
	Monique Imer	1	0
	Megan Keller	6	1

The Briars 1st Grade team came 9th

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Alex Singleton
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Tegan Neowhouse
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Annie Flack

Briars Hockey Women's 2nd Grade – ML2

Glenn Lim & Cindy Goodridge | Coach & Manager



Our 2nd Grade Women had a tough season. With an abbreviated season in 2020, the team had to start from scratch this year with learning how to compete at an ML2 level. 2nd Grade quickly took to a new defensive scheme that was installed part-way into the season. Along with stellar goaltending, their ability to execute the new defensive system effectively saw them in contention in most games.

However, offense was an issue due to positioning during outlet situations. What I cannot fault the team on was their efforts at every training session and at every match to improve this aspect of the game. The team made consistent strides every week, which saw them win decisively in their final game of the season. It was a shame that the

season ended when it did as the team was finally reaching their potential. If the team can start again next season at the point where they finished this year, Briar's 2nd Grade Women's will be a force to be reckoned with.



Briars Hockey 2nd Grade Team

Shirt No.	Name	Games Played	Goals
11	Cindy Goodridge	7	0
17	Annie Hope	7	1
18	Rachael Borg	9	1
19	Kylie Norris	8	1
22	Julie Prolov	8	1
31	Trinity Brook	0	0
33	Courtney Bates	9	0
36	Dakota Thuell	9	0
46	Emily Shipton	6	0
47	Megan Keller	0	0
52	Katerina Reynolds	7	0
59	Laura Anggadi	5	0
71	Monique Imer	9	0
90	Kara Ramsay	8	0
94	Nicola Skinner	9	0
132	Gemma Taweel	8	0
152	Christine Flack	9	0
Fill ins			
	Myra Hamilton	1	0
	Ilse Knottenbelt	1	0
	Grace LeMarquand	2	0
	Molly Robinson	2	0
	Melissa Rosser	2	0

The Briars 2nd grade team came 7th.

Team Awards

Players Player Cindy Goodridge & Christine Flack
Best & Fairest Rachel Borg
Coach's Award (MVP) Katerina Reynolds

Briars Hockey Women's 3rd Grade – ML4

Corry Allsop, Danielle Alexander & Nicole Taylor | Coach & Managers



Season 2021 was a year of rebuilding for ML4 with a number of players getting pregnant in the off-season. Whilst this bodes well for season 2036 it did mean we had a bit of a mountain to climb.

Despite this we started the season brightly with a win and a couple of draws but found it hard to score goals as the season wore on. We looked to be getting things together as we entered the second round but unfortunately, we saw the season postponed, and can only wonder at the improvements we could have made.

A lot of positives to be found, and I am looking forward to seeing how these girls go next year.



Briars Hockey 3rd Grade Player Stats

Shirt No.	Name	Games Played	Goals
11	Cindy Goodridge	1	0
38	Molly Robinson	7	2
42	Airley Goodridge	9	0
43	Shannae Lawrence	8	0
44	Ilse Knottenbelt	9	0
48	Pamela Unsworth	8	0
50	Melissa Rosser	9	0
58	Milena De Silva	7	1
61	Elia Leung	8	2
79	Jessica Martyn	9	1
83	Myra Hamilton	9	0
85	Sarah Bowden	9	0
93	Grace LeMarquand	7	0
101	Aliysa Gibbons	6	1
132	Gemma Taweel	0	0
Fill ins			
	Claire Coletta	6	0
	Christine Flack	2	0
	Lydia Najdzion	7	0
	Liliana Turner	5	0
	Michelle Yu	1	0

The Briars 3rd grade team came 8th.

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Myra Hamilton
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Molly Robinson
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Claire Coletta

Briars Hockey Women's 4th Grade – ML5

Adam Schasser & Hannah Schasser | Coach & Manager

It was again a great honour to coach the women's 4th grade this year, as we welcomed both new and existing players. The women showed their determination and skill on the field no matter the score, and while

juggling the hardships of COVID 19 restrictions. A big thank you to all the women in my team who have worked hard all season, advancing their skills and working as a team!

Best and fairest went to Elizabeth (Lizzie) Miller. She continued to show her great sportsmanship on and off the field while staying competitive and was always open to mastering new skills. Lizzie played a big role in motivating the team each week through her natural leadership skills.

The award for Players Player went to Leanne Serra. Leanne is new to Briars and was a welcome addition to the team. Very skilled and a hard worker, she became a team favourite.

The Coaches Award went to Flynn Smith. Flynn is a young lady who stepped up this year from the junior ranks. Flynn improved throughout the year and was a pleasure to coach but is yet to realise her full potential. I have no doubt that I will be watching her in years to come in the top grades.

A huge thanks also to my daughter Hannah Schasser for stepping up and becoming the team's manager for the season! Very much appreciated darling!!

Women's 4th grade team: *Sheena Lawrence (GK), Sarah Denny, Anna Smyth, Jessica Kirk, Leanne Serra, Flynn Smith, Hannah Schasser, Sara Hennessy, Monique Turner, Maeve Kelaher, Elizabeth Miller, Harriet Ashton-Maxwell, Andrea Motbey, Micheala May Ferreira.*

Briars 4th Grade Player Stats

Shirt No.	Name	Games Played	Goals
24	Sarah Denny	9	0
30	Anna Smyth	8	0
32	Jessica Kirk	7	1
40	Claire Coletta	0	0
49	Leanne Serra	8	1
53	Liliana Turner	4	0
55	Flynn Smith	9	0
67	Lydia Najdzion	1	0
72	Hannah Schasser	8	0
77	Michaela-May Ferreira	5	0
82	Sara Hennessy	8	0
88	Monique Turner	5	0
96	Maeve Kelaher	9	0
100	Lizzie Miller	8	1
101	Harriet Ashton-Maxwell	9	0
115	Michelle Yu	6	0
121	Andrea Motbey	8	0
157	Sheena Lawrence	8	0
Fill ins			
	Airley Goodridge	1	0
	Elia Leung	1	0

The Briars 4th grade team came 9th for the season.

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Leanne Serra
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Elizabeth Miller
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Flynn Smith

Briars Hockey Women's 5th Grade – SN D Division

James Maddock & Chrystal Skoulogenis | Coach & Manager



The 2021 season started with quite a few fresh faces for the Briars 5th Grade team (including the coach). Coming off the back of a great 2020 season, the team started the year enthusiastically and with lots of excitement for what was to come.

The first part of the season saw great potential with narrow losses and a victory under challenging circumstances (with our team winning despite being a couple of

players down on the field). As the season developed, it became challenging at times, with the team being short on numbers for numerous games. The team took it in their stride and outshone their opposition in teamwork, enthusiasm and drive. We learnt to be versatile in our positioning, and grew in our ability to gel together. The team loved getting to know each other, and learning how to play together as a strong unit.

It was shame to have our season shortened, but we were extremely grateful to fit in a team get-together before games came to a halt. We know that in 2022 we can expect big things from the 5th Grade team and a continuation of the excellent camaraderie that we established this year. Thanks to all those who participated and to those who helped out our team!



Shirt No.	Name	Games Played
119	Caroline De Paoli	7
155	Debbie Greenwood GK	5
95	Leonie Hancock	6
112	Dominica Ingui	5
74	Darcy Jackman	6
68	Polly Jankov	3
64	Ilsa Knottenbelt	5
127	Melissa Mail	2
102	Caitlin Neill	7
70 (120)	Hannah Quill	6
84	Chrystal-Anne Skoulogenis	7
116	Emma Thuell	5
115	Michelle Yu	6
200	Sheena Laurance	1
72	Hannah Schasser	1

	Scarlett Theull	0
	Elizabeth Miller	2
142	Alanah Southan	1
139	Jade Virgona	1
99	Heather Tralaggan	2
140	Ruby Watters/Grace	1
143	Isabella Coirson	1

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Caitlin Neil
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Michelle Yu
<i>Most Improved</i>	Hannah Quinn

Briars Hockey Women's Social Team 1

Emma Ratcliffe | Manager

The Social Team had the pleasure this year of joining the SEHA competition after dominating the SNWHA competition over the last 2 years. It was always going to be a challenge that we were excited for, but it became very evident that we had really stepped up a few grades when we lost our first round match - the first game we had dropped since the team started playing together in 2019. Once we got over the shock of losing a game, it was back down to business and getting some wins on the board.

Considering we have a team that does not train and is regularly light on players for games, we were incredibly happy with the 4th place standing we were holding when COVID shut down community sport. We were really starting to hit our stride and rising to play teams that are the 1st grade team in their club, and were super pleased with how the season was progressing.

A huge shout out to Rachael Borg who was playing both 2nd grade on the field and where games didn't clash (which was most weeks, thank goodness) she would play in goals for us - the results could have been very different if we didn't have her back there.

Whilst our season was cut short, we are all super pumped to get back on the field in 2022 and get some more wins on the board. Thanks to all the ladies who play in our team, it is an absolute pleasure to step on the field with you all each week and I know we can't wait until we get to do it again.

Briars Social Team Player Stats

Shirt No.	Name	Games Played
129	Felicity Barry	1
63	Samantha Beames	4
91	Kylie Beckhouse	2
18	Rachael Borg	4
35	Alana Durance	4
54	Katie Elem	5
123	Ella Gould	4
107	Kerrie-Ann Gudmunson	5
26	Madeline Hall	4
128	Julia Little	3
67	Emma Ratcliffe	4
73	Lily Scanlon	2

93	Anna Turnbull	4
81	Claudia Tyree	4
114	Briony Tyree	3
98	Angela Wozniak	1
86	Joanna Scanlon	3
115	Michell Yu (Sub up)	1

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Katie Ellem
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Anna Turnbull
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Kerrie Ann Gudmunson
<i>Top Goal Scorer</i>	Maddie Hall with 8 goals (Women's highest goal scorer for the season).

Briars Hockey Women's Social Team 2

Alanah Southan | Coach & Manager

This year Briars fielded a second social team in the SEHA competition for the first time. The team was a great mix of returning Briars girls from all grades, new players to Briars, and new players to hockey.



The team come together with a fantastic attitude to have fun, help each other, and play great hockey. Alanah Southan, a returning Briar, stepped up to help the team out with some coaching, game play and strategy, especially helping the "new to hockey" players. The team only had one win for the season, but they continued to show up every week and giving it their best.

The team did not have a designated goalie, so a big shout out to Deb Greenwood, the 5th grade goalie, who played as many games as she could to help the team out. When Deb was not available several of the girls stepped up and had a go in goals for the first time.

The social 2 team is a great bunch of girls with an infectious positive attitude, we hope to see them all back next season.

Briars Social Team Player Stats

Shirt No.	Name	Games Played
99	Heather Tralaggan	8
103	Naomi Rego	8
106	Brittney Beynon	7
108	Chanel Beynon	5
113	Jamila Gatto	7
135	Kelly Parmenter	8
137	Kate Tappin	7
138	Johanna Elder	4
139	Jade Virgona	4
140	Ruby Watters/Grace	8
141	Mallory Claire	3

142	Alanah Southan	4
143	Isabella Coirson	4
145	Sarah Joans	6
155	Deb Greenwood GK	4

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Kate Tappin
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Heather Tralagga
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Kelly Parmenter

Briars Junior Hockey Report

Briars Jnr. Hockey U17 Gold

James Fordham & Deepa Surti | Coach & Manager

2021 was a challenging, but exciting season for our young stars. Sadly, Government Health Orders saw our season get cancelled just after the half-way point, so the kids didn't get the full season in.

Our 2020 Under 17 side were made up mostly of 17 year olds, who all moved into our senior ranks this year. This meant that for 2021, we only had 8 "of age" players remaining. This provided a great opportunity to bring up some of our rising stars from the Under 15 Metro squad. Our Briars under 17s side was the youngest team (average age) in the competition, and they performed outstandingly, and with great maturity.

We were also affected, in a short season with our Under 15 teammates missing rounds due to the Under 15s State Championships, and a couple of injuries, and played with a bare 11 on a few occasions. Whilst we went down on these occasions, the kids never gave up, and gave 100%. I couldn't ask for more.

The highlight of the short season for me, was the massive game against the competition leaders Ryde where with 3 minutes remaining, we were locked at 5-5. Unfortunately, we ultimately went down 6-5, however, this game displayed that our team (when complete) were Finals bound in terms of pure quality hockey. I was really sad we never got the opportunity to see the season finish, and see what we could have achieved. I really backed our kids to make the Final, and win.

Despite not having a full team for four of the eight rounds, we finished 2021 in 4th position, and only 3 points (1 game win) from the 2nd ranked team, so we were well and truly in the mix at the half way point.

These kids are incredibly talented, and awesome people on and off the field. Briars as a club are very lucky to have them as part of our Hockey family, and I would be shocked if they all are not playing in our top 2 seniors sides in the near future. All the parents were also wonderful in supporting the team/kids all year.

Some of our esteemed players were selected in NSW State teams and squads. In particular Christine, Annie, Trinity, Coady, Oskar and Henry. This is an awesome representation from the Briars fold.

Our team this year was: *Anastacia Flack, Christine Flack, Coady Stone, Dakota Thuell, Flynn Smith, Henry Tyree, Ilse Knottenbelt, Juliette Triccas, Matthew Wollen, Megan Keller, Oskar Smith, Rian Surti & Trinity Brook.*

A shout out to young under 13s Ashton Fordham, and Brayden Brook for playing one game to help when we were short one week due to Under 15's State Championships. They were awesome.

I'd like to finish by also thanking Deepa Surti for stepping up to manage the team this year. She was a tremendous help each week organising match cards and communications week to week. Really appreciate it. She still owes me a bag of pineapples 😊

Briars Jnr. Hockey U15 Maroon

Jack Bieser, Lochlann Oag & Sharlene Zeederberg | Coaches & Manager



The Team: *Addison Wilson, Amy O'Donovan, Anouk Macarthur Mitchell, Ashton Fordham, Brayden Wison, Caleb Sebastian Rigney, Dakota Hammond, Fletcher Netting, Ivy Browne, Jason Campese, Lucas Hargans, Matthew Zeederberg, Milo Richardson, Sarah McPhail, Scott Wrigley & Stella Despinidic.*

Briars Jnr. Hockey U15 Gold

Andrew Borg & Belinda Rushbrook | Coach & Manager

Borgie and I would like to thank all the players and parents associated with the 15 GOLD Metro team, it was a fun season that promised so much.

As a team there were many challenges- i.e. personnel changes, a change in age groups and divisions for most of the team, changing of player roles within the team, team cohesion and of course COVID 19.

As a team we were sitting in 2nd position just behind a team that we should have beaten comfortably in round one, we suggest limited experience at the 15's metro level and a new team composition cost us on the night, but the team learnt from it and grew from strength to strength each week.

We were amazed by the personal development and the way the team progressed as a group.

We hope you'll all be back next season, because we really feel this group of amazing children have so much potential both as a team and individually... some of you will remain in the 15's whilst some will transition to 17's.

Thank you to the committed group of parents who assisted Borgie and I throughout this season, what a great community we have. We wish you all the very best for a safe and prosperous new year.

Bring on 2022 and a full season of hockey!

Team members were: *Angelina Foley, Brayden Brook, Callan Phan, James Reynolds, Jarred Potts, Liliana Turner, Luke Broadbent, Molly Robinson, Monique Turner, Reece Rousell, Tully Shipton, Tyler Rushbrook, Zack Arambewela, Trinity Brook & Felix Fung.*

Our 2021 U15 Gold Superstars were...

Zack, you had a wonderful season. Your strong work ethic, attitude and preparation for each game made you an obvious choice for captain, and you didn't let us down. Your hockey brain and your leadership qualities developed strongly over the season and will only continue to improve in coming years, keep up the great work, the sky is the limit!

Luke, what an amazing competitor you are. Your hard work and drive was a pleasure to witness. The amount of selfless work you got through each game often went unnoticed by many, but not by me! Keep working hard, you have so much potential, and I can't wait to see the player you develop into!

Brayden, watching you mesmerise oppositions with your raw skill, talent and finishing ability was something to witness. Keep working hard, challenge yourself and take on board feedback and the sky is the limit for you. I can't wait to see how you progress in coming seasons!

Trinity, what an incredibly gifted player you are! Watching you on the ball is something special to witness. You have an amazing ability to rip teams apart, keep working hard and you have so much untapped potential it is insane!

Angelina, the true surprise package of the season! It is a real shame the season was cut short largely because I was loving watching your rapid development. With some confidence and a bit of self-belief it is scary how good you will become. You were our most reliable and one of our best and fairest players each week, what a tremendous season you have had. You should be very proud of what you achieved!

Callan, what a legend! Nothing gave me more excitement than watching you flying down the wing with the ball out in front of you. Your ability to rip teams apart with your raw speed is rare, but you also worked hard on your basics and with continued focus on this area, I can see a bright future in the game! Well done, a brilliant year.

Jarred, another season cut short. But you are an absolute pleasure to have in our team! One of the hardest working players, a joy to coach and a really great team-mate. With a bit of self-belief, you will develop into an exceptional player for a long time to come!

James, what a season! I can't think of a player who I have seen develop so much, so quickly! Your game management, work ethic and ability to lift those around you was one of our team's most valuable components. I can't wait to see you continue to develop, because you have not even scratched the surface as to the player you can be! Keep up the incredible effort!

Molly, you are a truly gifted player with some of the silkiest skills I will ever witness! Keep working hard, push yourself and you are going to develop into an incredible hockey player! I am very excited to see how far you can go, thank you for an enjoyable season!

Reece, you are a hardworking, versatile player who is equally effective in defence as attack. This versatility made you an incredibly valuable member of our team. Keep working hard because you have got so much ability and potential and I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching you for the last couple of seasons.

Tyler, you are one of the competition's strongest defenders. With a bit of self-belief, you will develop into an amazing player for a long time to come! Enjoy your hockey and have fun with it, because when you do there aren't many better defenders in the entire comp!

Tully, what a pleasure you are to coach! You were always one of the hardest working players both on the pitch and at training. You are also a wonderful teammate that brings the best out of those around you. Keep working hard, enjoying your hockey, I can't wait to see the player you develop into in coming seasons!

Liliana, what a season! Rightfully, rewarded with NSW selection, but you haven't even scratched the surface as to how good you can be. Keep working hard, pushing yourself and you will only continue to develop. I am very excited to see your progress in the coming seasons (you will have keepers looking over their shoulder in seniors too). Keep up the amazing work!

Monique, you proved to be one of our most dangerous attacking weapons! You have an amazing ability to pop up at the right time to knock a goal in. With a bit of self-belief, the sky is the limit as to how far you go in the game! A real character of our team that I have enjoyed coaching!

Felix, what a wonderful asset you proved to be this season! Equally effective in the goals, defender, midfield and striker, your versatility is something I have not witnessed.

Whatever avenue you decide to go down, I know you will succeed due to your strong work ethic and desire to develop your game, keep up the great work!

Briars Jnr. Hockey U13 Maroon

Juliette Triccas & Rebecca Semple | Coach & Manager

Overall this year my team played very well, considering we struggled with the number of players attending games each week. All the players put their absolute 100% in at games and even though the season was cut short, it was still a fulfilling experience.

Team members were: *Adelaide Netting, Aiden Pan, Dylan Grainger, Dylan Ulbrich, Fineas Shaw, Harry Bartetzko, Marcus Caguin, Mercedes Campese, Nathaniel Smith, Nicola Walsh, Rex Newman & Sebastian Flood.*

Briars Jnr. Hockey U13 Gold

Jackson Carmichael & Danielle Woods | Coach & Manager



U13 Gold had a really wonderful 2021 season. After a slow start against some much older and more experienced teams, Briars U13 Gold found their feet and gradually developed into the season.

Built on some rock-solid defence in goals and in the backfield, the team went from strength to strength with each game. As the children found their confidence, they started to play as a team, putting together some great combinations and grinding out some solid wins (as well as a few nail-biting draws!).

If not for COVID, the team was building nicely towards the finals, and I am very pleased to have been able to

witness them grow as players and as human beings through the season.

Members of the team were: *Anastasia Sakoulas, Aurora Beaumont, Braydon Rousell, Emily Chalmers, Harrison Hammond, James Carmichael, Lucas Ross, Madeline Hutchings, Makayla Day, Mark Everett, Molly Lucas, Sasha Woods, Felix Fung & Kiandra Brook.*

Briars Jnr. Hockey U11 Maroon

Dakota Thuell, Ilse Knottenbelt & Shefali Zarapkar | Coaches & Manager

The U11 Maroons were a strong team that brought excitement and enthusiasm to every game. They played against tough teams every week and showed great improvement after each game. They are all talented young players who demonstrated teamwork and confidence that led them to their first win on their last game of the season.



Members of the team were: *Brooklyn Turnbull, Chiara Phan, Elizabeth Barry, Ella Whitehall, Elyse Carmichael, Hannah Hutchings, Peyton Beaumont, Rosie Fung, Taylor Le Gat, Tabitha Lloyd & Sidharth Kale.*

Briars Jnr. Hockey U11 Gold

Kylie Norris & Amanda Charlton | Coach & Manager



Members of the team were: *Annabelle Roxburgh, Archer Shaw, Charlie Broadbent, Clancy Norris, Connor Charlton, Ella Murphy, Eloise Roxburgh, Erin Parmenter, Jagger Chinn & Kiandra Brook.*

Briars Jnr. Hockey U9 Minkeys

David Ratcliffe & Laura Anggadi | Coaches



Briars U9 Maroon team members were: *Catelyn Anggadi, Abigail Blythe, Elsie Duggan, Rose Haimona, Isobel Motbey-Chee, Minty Richardson, Hunter Beaumont, Jasneet Kaur & Zachary Caguin.*

Briars U9 Gold team members were: *Joshua Ratcliffe, Eva Marris, Jayden Chow, Isabel Srdic, Oliver Durance, Makenna Turnbull, Thomas O'Connor & Xander Partis.*

Briars Jnr. Hockey U7 Minkeys

Stuart Turnbull & Nicola Skinner | Coaches



Under 7s this year had a fantastic mix of players who were new to the club, had transitioned from the Flick Kids program and in some cases were playing in their 4th season of under 7s. With enough players to field 3 teams this group were able to learn and build on their core hockey skills and positional play and this showed through the season with excellent passing, trapping, tackling and goal-scoring throughout the season.

All players showed their enthusiasm for the game and a great team spirit which saw this group have

many memorable experiences with their teammates over the shortened season. This same enthusiasm was shared by the parents of this group who were positive supporters to the players during the games as well as to the coaches and the club by assisting with coaching, training, canteen duties and setting up the ground before and after games. With the majority of the Under 7's able to play in this same age group next

season, I am looking forward to seeing this group continue to develop into the future of the club over the coming season.

Members of the Briars U7 Maroon team were: *Kiera Murphy, Indie Turnbull, Sophie Durance, Airlie Clarke, Yolanda Beames, Imogen Beames & Evelyn Hedges.*

Members of the Briars U7 Gold team were: *Ava Ceely, Thea French, Zane French, Darcy Le Gat, Tahlia Borg & Abigail Ratcliffe.*

Members of the Briars U7 Rose team were: *Toby Skinner, Cooper Charlton, Brooklyn Flack, Isla Cornforth, Gavin Singh & Liv Caldwell.*

Briars Squash

Chairman's Report

Anthony Rex Thomas



Overview

2021 saw covid take its biggest toll on Sports with multiple seasons disrupted and the loss of a Squash legend Annie Gleason. Despite the sad losses and adversity faced Briars Squash saw increased participation and what was set to be one of our biggest seasons with 15 teams submitted in the Spring comp before it was cancelled due to lockdowns.

Briars Juniors clean up at ACT Gold Event

May 2021 saw 10 Briars Juniors head to the ACT Junior Open. Very proud of all that attended as they played in true Briars spirit and excellent sportsmanship.

11 Girls

Winner	Mila Maziuk
3 rd Place	Karissa Cheung

13 Boys

2 nd Place	Kasper Cheung
3 rd Place	Kieran Willathgamuwa

13 Girl

2 nd Place	Maeghan Wang
3 rd Place	Emilia Scott
5/6 Place	Mila Maziuk

15 Boys

Winner	Thomas Scott
5 th Place	Jackson Wylie
7 th Place	Kieran Willathgamuwa

15 Girls

4 th Place	Emilia Scott
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17 Boys

10 th Place	Kasper Cheung
12 th Place	Tom Sinodinos

19 Girls

Winner	Maja Maziuk
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19 Boys

8 th Place	Will Slade
10 th Place	James Slade
11 th Place	Zac Giuffre

U23 Mixed

4 th Place	Thomas Scott
6 th Place	Maja Maziuk



Briars Open

2020 - 21 Season

Briars Open 2021 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.

OPENS		
1st - Rohan Toole	2nd - Mick Fullick	3rd - Jack styles
A GRADE		
1st - Sam Goodman	2nd - Kyle Piggot	3rd - Connor Bolitho
B GRADE		
1st - James Sommer	2nd - Ned Harrison	3rd - Mark Dickson
C GRADE		
1st - Haneya Fuse	2nd - Paul Papadopoulos	3rd - Kelvin Ho
D GRADE		
1st - Paul Cottrell	2nd - Zohaib Khan	3rd - stephen Graham
JUNIOR A		
1st - Sam Goodman	2nd - Kyle Piggot	3rd - James Sommer
JUNIOR B		
1st - Zac Guiffre	2nd - Matt Nealon	3rd - Jackson Wylie
JUNIOR C		
1st - Mattia Candotti	2nd - Jack Ryan	3rd - Michelle Lam

Briars Junior Open

Briars Junior Open 2021. Thank you to everyone who entered and supported this tournament!
Congratulations to the following players who ended up at the top of their divisions:



DIVISION 1		
1st - Charlie Carey	2nd - Mitchell Black	3rd - James Slade
DIVISION 2		
1st - Marcus Wang	2nd - Kasper Cheung	3rd - Jackson Wylie
DIVISION 3		
1st - Kieran Willathgamuwa	2nd - Thomas Wang	3rd - Tom Sinodinos
DIVISION 4		
1st - Lucy Keogh	2nd - Jingni Liao	3rd - Niall Boomla
DIVISION 5		

1st - Josh Markham	2nd - Emilia Scott	3rd - Amalia Ricketts
DIVISION 6		
1st - Sohan Henadeera	2nd - Fatimah Khan	3rd - Elizabeth Wang



Senior Pennant

Autumn Comp only due to Covid

Thank you to everyone who has participated and played in this season, we had some cracking results with 8 of the 14 teams making the finals really shows the strength of the Briars Squash club. Finals were not completed so it was top of the ladder wins this season.

Division	Team	Placing
Div 01	Briars 01	4 th place
Div 01	Briars 02	1 st place
Div 02	Briars 03	2 nd place
Div 03	Briars 04	3 rd place
Div 03	Briars 05	5 th place
Div 04	Briars 06	4 th place
Div 06	Briars 07	4 th place

Division	Team	Placing
Div 07	Briars 08	6 th place
Div 07	Briars 09	1 st place
Div 08	Briars 10	6 th place
Div 10	Briars 11	2 nd place
Div 10	Briars 12	4 th place
Div 10	Briars 13	6 th place
Div 10	Briars 14	1 st place

Vale Annie Gleason

Squash won't be the same.



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Annie Gleason. She passed away after a long battle with cancer Saturday 5th June 2021.

Annie has been the backbone of junior Squash in the Sydney North region for the past 20 years. Annie worked at Knox Grammar, Barker College Squash and Briars Junior Squash, on top of those commitments she helped maintain and grow one of the biggest junior Squash leagues in Australia for NSW Squash on a voluntary basis.

Along with Annie's services to Squash she also volunteered with Manly Surf lifesaving and The NSW Rural fire service for 15 years.

Annie truly asked for nothing for herself and fought hard for every volunteer service to ensure they thrived and had the required resources to be effective. She would always lead by example and had a major focus in developing new kids into the sport and teaching the basics which requires great patience and love of the sport.

We will miss Annie very much and miss her bringing us a pie from some of the best bakeries on her way to coach the kids.

The Annie Gleason Trophy is in place to promote the importance of respectful sportsmanship and the value of voluntary service to an organisation and oneself to today's youth.

Awards Recognition

Every year we look to our club to see who is deserving of the prestigious Briars Squash awards Doug Vanderfield and Annie Gleason Awards. Congratulations to last years winners Michael McCauley and Maeghan Wang.

Doug Vanderfield Award

Rohan Toole is this year's Doug Vanderfield award winner. Rohan is the head coach of Briars Juniors program and Club Pro. He has been driving participation from Briars Juniors and we have seen one of the biggest intakes of Juniors in the past 20 years since Rohan has been involved in the program operations. On top of this Rohan led his Briars 2 Pennant team to be Division 1 Champions in the Autumn Pennant 21 with an impressive 14 matches played winning 13 and only losing 1 all season.

Rohan is a true asset to Briars Squash, and we wish him all the best on the Pro tour and representing Briars club.



Annie Gleason Award

This year the Annie Gleason award will go to two participants. James & Will Slade. The super twin combo, that have shown excellent leadership qualities, continuous improvement to their game and a deep passion for Squash. They often help with our younger squash starters and are happy to help around the club with jobs. The true strength of James & Will is their on and off court temperament and excellent sportsmanship that really makes them stand out amongst the rest. James & William have a never give up attitude which drives them to excellent results in tournaments. Pleasure to announce they receive the Annie Gleason Trophy for 2021.



Briars Netball

Presidents Report

Kate Campbell



After a shortened 2020 season we were pleased to welcome new players, coaches, and managers into the Briars Netball Club. We had 5 under 8 modified teams start their netball journey with us. Our Senior Teams once again shone through with 6 teams across a variety of grades taking to the court. In total, we had 44 teams for the 2021 Winter Season. In total we had 10 modified teams, 28 Junior and Cadet teams, and our 6 Senior teams. A total of 380 players for 2021.

At the end of 2020, and after years of service as the founding President of Briars Netball Club, Anne Burt stood down from her netball role to take time to enjoy life on the local golf courses and with her family. We had a small farewell and covid compliant celebration at Briars Sports early in 2021.



The 2021 season started out with lots of enthusiasm. We were blessed once again with an excellent executive committee who made sure we could hit the courts running as they purchased new equipment and uniforms, conducted grading, set up training sessions, finalised team allocations, trained up our new umpires and of course registered all our members. Although we had some early rain interruptions for our preseason training the teams took to the courts with passion and devotion to their game.

On most Tuesday afternoons and evenings in autumn you could hear the excitement of training sessions as our dedicated coaches went back to basics and worked on foot work, shooting and defence. And for a couple of months if you had been anywhere near Cintra you would have seen a sea of our new maroon and gold Briars uniforms and heard many calls of 'Here if you need' and 'Run to the space' from our teams.

For most Friday nights of Term 2 we had our newest netballers, our

Net Set Go kids coached by Swifts and Giants players, as well as our own young coaches. The 38 girls learned to throw, pass and have lots of fun on the netball courts. There were many new friendships made during the hour sessions.

And then Lockdown 2021 happened.

This cut our season very short, and we were unable to finish the season as we had hoped. The Association had to make the call and determine the premiers based on the ladder at the time lockdown took place. We had many teams that were just finding their rhythm and groove, who were making their way up the ladder. We are confident that with a full

season they would have been in the finals. For our junior teams - 5 teams came runners up and 4 teams were declared minor premiers! Of our Senior teams we had 1 runner up and 1 minor premier.



• C4 Iolites	PREMIERS
• U15/2 Jades	PREMIERS
• U12/1 Gemstones	PREMIERS
• U11/1 Marigolds	PREMIERS
• U10/3 Starlets	PREMIERS
• A4 Moonstones	RUNNERS UP
• Cadet 2 Blue Sapphires	RUNNERS UP
• U13/2 Pyrites	RUNNERS UP
• U12/2 Azurites	RUNNERS UP
• U10/1 Daffodils	RUNNERS UP
• U10/2 Ivy	RUNNERS UP

I would like to thank the dedicated work of our executive committee, who without their tireless work and commitment, the BNC could not function.

Vice President - Rosie Ryan; for her dedication to the sport of Netball, her considered counsel and her ability to light up a room or netball court with her passion.

Secretary - Christine Eastlake; for her incredible administrative work including working with Brendon on the ordering of new uniforms, the administration of the Team-App and Facebook, organising and minuting all of our meetings, ensuring that as President I was kept up to date with Association developments, and her enthusiasm for our netball community and her beaming smile.

Treasurer - Sarah O'Brien; for her love of numbers and her ability to put the financials into plain English. For looking into lessons learned in the past and ensuring we had enough money for the season.

Registrar - Kath Walkley; for her tireless work at ensuring all of our members were placed into the right team for them based on her exceptional knowledge of the teams and her wonderful people skills.

Umpire Coordinator - Bindi March Ali; for her ongoing passion and commitment to the development of our umpires and the game of netball. Who with her team in the umpiring committee ensured our umpires were trained and supported throughout the short season, they were even able to badge some of the umpires early on in the season.

Coaching Coordinator - Brendon Eastlake; for bringing a love of competition and skills-based training to our coaches and their teams. For ensuring that our coaches knew that they were supported and could seek out help when needed. And with Christine he coordinated our new uniform supplier this year, which saw all of our volunteers and players looking extra sharp on the side of the courts.

Sponsors

We appreciated the efforts of our sponsors to stick by us during 2021 noting the harsh blows that 2020 had dealt many of our local small businesses. This year, we were proud to welcome Pinnacle Spine and Sports to our club. We wish to also thank the ongoing support of Exclusive Real Estate Concord West, TLE Electrical Silverwater, Scanlon Hair North Strathfield, Sean the Sparky, Find My Coach, Horizon Homes, Ready Fence and Trevor Lee & Sons Funerals.

We look forward to a full season in 2022!



Junior Modified Netball

U8 Wattle

Suzie Beshara & Clare Francis | Coach & Manager

A short and sweet first season of netball for the energetic Wattles. The girls enjoyed putting the skills they learnt at training into their first real games of netball. They had a few great wins, made some fantastic new friendships and developed great skills and a good understanding of the rules of the game. We had loads of fun at training and "waddling" into our positions on game day.

Team: Audrey Beshara, Everley Dang, Georgia Ferris, Amelia Francis, Ava Karam, Bianca McLeod, Cara Montouri, Emilia Saija & Abigail Taylor.

U8 Orchids

Emma Lademann & Karen Brown | Coach & Manager



What a season the girls have had. The girls have shown amazing growth in all aspects of the game, their ball handling skills have really improved, and their knowledge of positions is excellent. The girls have worked wonderfully as a team and have been a pleasure to coach. We are all looking forward to building on our skills next season.

Team: Audrey Barnes, Mikayla Brown, Jacinta Cortis-Jones, Alyssa Khoury, Billie Lademann, Evie Monaco, Ariana Paterson & Gretta Pasquariello.

U8 Bluebells

Caroline Noyes & Tanya Nicoll | Coach & Manager

I really enjoyed my first-time coaching with the U8s Briars Bluebells this season. The girls turned up to training and every game ready to learn, with the spirit, heart, and enthusiasm of champions. It was inspiring to watch them grow in skill and confidence each week.

The parents were a great support, bringing fun, flexibility, and encouragement to training and to the sidelines. We celebrated with abandon each time the Bluebells regained possession, passed down the sideline, and whenever that ball passed through the ring (as stunned as we were excited!).

Huge thanks to Tanya, our team Front Row Manager for all her organising and team communication and to those parents (and siblings!) who stepped in to assist with coaching and umpiring through the season.



Watching our Bluebells blossom was a memorable highlight in an otherwise challenging Covid-lockdown year!

Team: Isla Devine, Ivy Dimassy, Gabriella Elazzi, Zara Gomez, Clarissa Nicoll, Elizabeth Noyes, Amelia Seminara, Erin Stafford & Eve Stevenson.

U8 Lilies

Sonya Amede & Rebecca Haddo | Coach & Manager

This was the first season of netball for all these girls and many of them did not participate in Net Set Go, so they were very new to the game. Along with being first timers, they also came together not knowing each other.



Improvements were made by all players throughout the season with their footwork and passing.

Each week the girls gave 100% and showed great sportsmanship in every game enjoying their time on the court. Although the season was cut short, I am very proud of the skills developed in such a short time. It was a pleasure to coach the Lilies!

Team: Maddison Dao, Lorelei Haddo, Eve Kelly, Annabelle Mansfield, Leila Martinesi, Samira Meate, Elise Schojer & Thisha Vishaal

U8 Tulips

Reanna Merhi & Megan Varlow | Coach & Manager

This was the first year of playing Netball for the girls on the team. Our girls came together without knowing each other and have finished the season of 2021 with new friends and new skills. Improvements were made by all the girls, and we are all so proud of their passion and commitment to play. Their knowledge of the game rules, positions, and importance of footwork has developed over the season. It is a shame we were



unable to complete the season due to COVID19 outbreak in New South Wales. However, we look forward to next season to be able to progress in skills development and just having fun! Well done Tulips, we are so proud of you all.

Team: Lucia Brown, Caitlin Cox, Juliette Dick, Eleanor Lodewijks, Stella Masiello, Sophie McInnes, Nieve Merhi & Inaya Sharma.

U9 Violets

Isabella Sheldrick & Narelle Horton | Coach & Manager



Team: Camille Borozan, Zoe Crane, Lexie Gigante, April Horton, Ava Ngo, Olivia Nichols, Eliza O'Neill, Winter Wawn & Amalia Wickham

U9 Azaleas

Renee McCarthy, Anna Turnbull & Siobhan Heathcote | Coaches & Manager



Team: *Charlotte Butler, Charlotte Heathcote, Havana Khalil, Eve Maoudis, Charlotte McCarthy, Frankie Porter, Anabel Stanzione, Makenna Turnbull & Mila Wilkins*

U9 Snapdragons

Rosie Ryan & Belinda Nicholson | Coach & Manager



I had the privilege of coaching this wonderful group of girls for the second year in a row. With one season of experience already attained, this season was all about the refinement of their skills and the development of their understanding of the game. From the very first game of the season, the girls demonstrated superior passing, catching and movement skills all around the court. This continued throughout the season, finishing undefeated and definitely a more skilled and complete team.

The girls committed passionately to every training session and game. Not only did their skills improve, but their confidence also grew with each week, and it was wonderful to witness. A special mention to Sabine Bansal who was awarded the Coach's Award for an outstanding season.

Team: *Leila Abraham, Sabine Bansal, Andie Belanger, Sophie Gong, Madeleine Jovcevski, Sarcha McLeod, Grace Morgan, Tamika Nicholson & Hannah Ryan.*

U9 Columbines

Lily Sauran, Chloe Indari & Melissa Wilson | Coaches & Manager



The Columbines had a great season despite some of the girls never having played netball before and many not knowing each other at the start. It's a shame that the season was cut short because every week we could see more and more improvement on the court and more understanding of the rules and positions. It was great to see the girls supporting each other on the court and enjoying netball so much.

Congratulations Columbines on a great effort this season, we hope you all come back and play for Briars again next season.

Team: *Sarah Briggs, Clare Campbell, Valentina Cantali, Charlotte Casamento, Tiffany Gao, Isobel Milowski, Zoe Mitchell, Adrienne Novellini & Isha Sungala.*

U9 Dahlias

Lily Butcher, Jaye Stevenson & Vanessa Lalani | Coaches & Manager



The Dahlias had an amazing season, they worked wonderful as a team and gave 110% each game. Every single game I could see improvement in the players skills. Their determination and hunger for the ball was a pleasure to coach.

Team: Ravie Dieleman, Gianna Kaloudis, Eva Lalani, Kaitlin Nung, Sahana Ramesh, Grace Rizk, Reese Tiglao & Isobel Willis.

Junior Netball

10 Daffodils | Runners Up

Kelly Pisani & Ngoc Crisafulli | Coach & Manager

This was the first competitive season for the girls as they moved into the under 10's competition. Once grading was complete, the eight girls formed a brand-new team to take on the other Inner West Division 1 teams. From the onset, the girls were dedicated and always wanted to improve their skills. They trained hard and took on feedback to develop their understanding of the game. From the first game, the girls were hungry for the ball and tried their absolute best. It is a shame the season was cut short due to Covid.



Congratulations to all the Daffodil team players on being undefeated and becoming joint premiers at the top of the ladder. We look forward to the 2022 netball season. A big thank you to Ngoc for being an amazing manager. Well done Brooklyn, Juliette, Olivia, Emilia, Zara, Madison, Eloise and Lilian.

Team: Lilian Amede, Madison Crisafulli, Eloise De Silva, Zara Kolokouris, Juliette Nichols, Olivia Pisani, Emilia Ghaly & Brooklyn Turnbull.

RANK	TEAM	p	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC Red Toucans	7	5	0	2	109	10	11	155.71
2	BNC Daffodils	7	5	0	2	96	9	11	152.38
3	HNC Jellybeans	7	4	2	1	88	30	8	41.90
4	SHLNC Lorikeets	7	3	3	1	34	50	6	9.71
5	FDAS Eagles	6	1	4	1	14	74	3	3.15
6	GNC Berlinas	7	1	5	1	12	92	2	1.86
7	LWNC White Faloons	7	0	5	2	11	99	1	1.59

U10 Ivy | Runners Up

Alya Ali, Elia Malgioglio & Karen Tancred | Coaches & Manager

Ayla and I have had a tremendous time coaching our amazing Ivy's. We have been so happy to see such a young group of girls, some not knowing one another, working together and growing into a strong and

skilful under 10's team. Seeing the girls slowly improve and adjust to what we critique has shown us how much potential they have both individually and as a team. We look forward to seeing our girls progress further within netball but also find a sense of fun and community within Briars. Can't wait to get back out there!

Team: Sarah Arnold, Isla Casamento, Emilia Srdanovic, Olivia Iacono, Arabella Roberts, Alani Singh, Ella Tancred, Ainsley Wright & Sienna Ryan

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	FDAS Kookaburras	7	6	0	1	69	23	12	42.86
2	BNC Ivy	6	5	1	0	50	16	10	52.08
3	LWNC Red Raptors	7	4	2	1	58	18	8	46.03
4	TNC Hunters	7	3	3	1	26	24	6	15.48
5	ANC Crystals	7	2	4	1	19	47	4	5.78
6	FOAS Magpies	7	1	5	1	10	52	2	2.75
7	BNC Camellias	7	0	6	1	9	61	0	2.11

U10 Starlets | Minor Premiers

Suzie Beshara & Mirella Magri | Coach & Manager

The U10 Starlets brought drive and enthusiasm to every training session and game. The energy on game day was amazing! The girls ability to bond, encourage each other and implement new skills made them an unstoppable force that grew with strength every week. These unique abilities to adapt and respond saw them finish the season undefeated! A short and super season for the Super Starlets!

Team: Isabella Beshara, Lilyana Canturi, Hannah Devine, Ella Glading, Emilie Kucharski, Georgia Magri, Amelia Marques & Lulu Marshall.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Starlets	8	7	0	1	67	7	14	119.64
2	HNC Panthers	8	6	1	1	56	14	12	50.00
3	LWNC Red Firetails	8	5	2	1	38	24	10	19.79
4	HNC Sprinklers	8	3	3	2	30	25	7	15.00
5	GNC Cruze	8	3	4	1	25	38	6	8.22
6	HNC Freckles	8	2	6	1	37	45	4	10.28
7	BNC Asters	8	1	6	1	11	73	2	1.88
8	LWNC Black Petrels	8	0	6	2	8	46	1	2.17

U10 Camellias

Michelle McConnell & Cassandra Bourke | Coach & Manager



I absolutely loved every moment with these motivated under 10s and even though the competition was strong, the Camellias always came to each training and Saturday game with determination and lots of bubbly personalities.

Team: Olivia Antoune, Lexie Bellew, Annabelle Cameron, Kate Cooper, Myra Haddo, Eva Masiello, Krista McConnell & Alexandra Yeates.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	FDAS Kookaburras	7	6	0	1	69	23	12	42.86
2	BNC Ivy	6	5	1	0	50	16	10	52.08
3	LWNC Red Raptors	7	4	2	1	58	18	8	46.03
4	TNC Hunters	7	3	3	1	26	24	6	15.48
5	ANC Crystals	7	2	4	1	19	47	4	5.78
6	FDAS Magpies	7	1	5	1	10	52	2	2.75
7	BNC Camellias	7	0	6	1	9	61	0	2.11

U10 Asters

Grace Campbell, Cassidy Morris & Melanie Taylor | Coaches & Manager

The under 10 Asters made major improvements over the few games and training sessions we were able to play. Not only did the girls improve on their skills such as shooting, footwork and defence they also seemed to have achieved a greater understanding of the game itself, further than the basic rules. We watched our team become more confident on and off the court as well as more confident in the team and themselves.

Our coaches award went to Isabelle who always tried her best in games and training. She made mistakes but never let that get to her and used it as a chance to improve by listening to coaches' advice and trying again. In training she was focused and always had great participation.

Our team had great advancements in skill and confidence this season and we hope that continues into the next season.

Team: Bella Geoghegan-Leech, Eden Merhi, Phoebe O'Connor, Lucinda Oong, Elissa Soltani, Jasmine Taylor, Emily Tydd & Isabelle Tydd.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Starlets	8	7	0	1	67	7	14	119.64
2	HNC Panthers	8	6	1	1	56	14	12	50.00
3	LWNC Red Firetails	8	5	2	1	38	24	10	19.79
4	HNC Sprinkles	8	3	3	2	30	25	7	15.00
5	GNC Cruze	8	3	4	1	25	38	6	8.22
6	HNC Freckles	8	2	6	1	37	45	4	10.28
7	BNC Asters	8	1	6	1	11	73	2	1.88
8	LWNC Black Petrels	8	0	6	2	8	46	1	2.17

U11 Marigolds | Minor Premiers

Daniel Ivanac & Sonia Sparrow | Coach & Manager

Great season considering all the injuries we had plus two new girls had come up from division 4. The team still managed to finish first which says a lot about the team and their love of netball.

Team: Chiara Biviano, Sienna Biviano, Freya Hancock, Ella Haugen-Peninton, Zali Mitchell, Sienna Orlich, Sierra Sparrow & Simaema Wickham.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Marigolds	7	5	1	1	91	52	10	25.00
2	LWNC Black Banksias	7	5	1	1	81	49	10	23.62
3	SHLNC Joeys	7	5	1	1	88	66	10	19.05
4	FDAS Doves	7	3	3	1	69	54	6	18.25
5	ANC Meteors	7	2	4	1	63	65	4	13.85
6	LWNC Red Lilies	6	1	5	0	56	94	2	9.93
7	TNC Manx	7	0	6	1	37	105	0	5.03

U11 Junipers

Ian Allan & Rebecca Nichols | Coach & Manager



The Junipers gained two new players for the season. Grace and Moana fitted in seamlessly and brought new skills to the team, welcomed by their teammates. It was great to see the team come together after a long break.

The season got off to a cracking start winning the first few games, the girls flowing and moving the ball smoothly through the mid court and playing with great confidence. The rest of the games in the first round we faced some strong, very capable teams. The girls pushed every team winning at least one quarter each game but weren't able to pick up another win until the second round which highlighted some areas needing improvement.

To the girls credit, they were able to develop their play, implementing some simple set plays and specific skills which is exciting going into next year.

Again everyone involved with the team was so proud of the girls. Thanks to everyone in the club for getting the season going the Junipers loved it and are keen to get into another season, bigger and better and more

fit ;-)Go Junipers!!

Team: Audrey Allan, Charlotte Allan, Elizabeth Allan, Grace Fowler, Betsi Lee, Ruby Nichols, Moana Nikua & Leni Wilson

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BUNC Sapphires	8	6	0	2	136	48	13	35.42
2	GNC Commodores	8	6	1	1	117	37	12	39.53
3	BNC Poppies	8	4	2	2	110	80	9	17.19
4	LWNC White Orchids	8	4	3	1	58	53	8	13.68
5	BNC Willows	8	4	3	1	82	75	8	13.67
6	BNC Junipers	8	2	5	1	76	93	4	10.22
7	ANC Atoms	8	1	6	1	35	123	2	3.56
8	ANC Rockets	8	0	7	1	18	123	0	1.83

U11 Poppies

Brendon Eastlake & Catherine Rogerson | Coach & Manager



After the highs of last year we were looking forward to a long hard season in DIV2. It was hard but not long due to COVID. The girls really stepped up to the challenge of the season and were well in the hunt for the finals series, sitting 3rd when the pin was pulled was a great achievement. All through the first half of the season they trained hard, they listen and they learnt. As a coach, I could not have asked for anything more than what they gave. The future

is bright for these girls and we cannot wait to hopefully get a full season in 2022.

Team: Jane Campbell, Alexis Edwards, Jessica Garigliano, Sophie Gibson, Isobel Granger, Emily Horton, Leiana-Paige Taria-Rima & Olivia Rogerson

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BUNC Sapphires	8	6	0	2	136	48	13	35.42
2	GNC Commodores	8	6	1	1	117	37	12	39.53

3	BNC Poppies	8	4	2	2	110	80	9	17.19
4	LWNC White Orchids	8	4	3	1	58	53	8	13.68
5	BNC Willows	8	4	3	1	82	75	8	13.67
6	BNC Junipers	8	2	5	1	76	93	4	10.22
7	ANC Atoms	8	1	6	1	35	123	2	3.56
8	ANC Rockets	8	0	7	1	18	123	0	1.83

U11 Willows

Melinda Di Pietro & Kristy Cantley | Coach & Manager

I absolutely love coaching the Willows and once again this year was very rewarding. This was our first year with new members and because our girls were so welcoming it was no surprise, after a couple of games, the team was playing as if they'd been together for years. It was a shame our season was cut short because the Willows were at their peak when we had to stop playing.



Each girl's dedication to training and game day combined with their newfound friendships made me so proud to be their coach this year and I'd like to congratulate them all on such a positive season.

Team: *Claire Cantley, Gabriella Di Pietro, Neave McLennan, Maggie Quinlan, Violet Quinlan, Olivia Rizk, Lourdes Toomeh & Victoria Marchese*

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BUNC Sapphires	8	6	0	2	136	48	13	35.42
2	GNC Commodores	8	6	1	1	117	37	12	39.53
3	BNC Poppies	8	4	2	2	110	80	9	17.19
4	LWNC White Orchids	8	4	3	1	58	53	8	13.68
5	BNC Willows	8	4	3	1	82	75	8	13.67
6	BNC Junipers	8	2	5	1	76	93	4	10.22
7	ANC Atoms	8	1	6	1	35	123	2	3.56
8	ANC Rockets	8	0	7	1	18	123	0	1.83

U11 Honeysuckles

Antonella Seminara & Sonia Scauso | Coach & Manager

Under 11 Honeysuckles had a great season. They showed great sportsmanship and put in 100% effort every week. The girls had fun and showed great improvement in their core netball skills.

Team: *Mia Dimassy, Hemani Ramesh, Alette Rofail, Lily Sarkis, Sienna Scauso, Ava Seminara, Olivia Tartak' & Lily Woodbury*

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	ANC Comets	8	4	0	4	82	49	11	20.92
2	TNC Ragdolls	8	5	2	1	70	52	10	16.83
3	BNC Honeysuckles	8	4	2	2	58	41	9	17.68
4	HNC Aztecs	8	4	2	2	70	57	9	15.35
5	GNC Apollos	8	4	3	1	59	49	8	15.05
6	LWNC Black Pods	8	2	3	3	56	46	6	15.22
7	BUNC Flames	8	1	5	2	29	69	3	5.25
8	SHLNC Robins	8	0	7	1	17	78	0	2.72

U11 Sunflowers

Celeste Jackson-Snow & Maria Matrone | Coach & Manager



The U11 Sunflowers came together as a completely refreshed team for 2021, with 6/8 players new to the team and new to the game of netball. We all met for the first time at our first training session of the season. Friendships were slowly formed until all players started laughing and joking with each other as if they had played together as a team for many years. After numerous training sessions held by me (Coach), we approached our first game. With great trepidation, we took the court, and together we won triumphantly 5-0. We had a great season, although short, equally losing and winning placing us 5th overall in our division. The girls have grown stronger as a team and they have all improved their netball skills tremendously.

I look forward to what the Sunflowers will show us in 2022.

Team: Deanna Buric, Zara Georges, Savannah Khoury, Veronica Ha, Alana Matrone, Isabel Revello, Aja Sengul & Shriya Sungala

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC Red Correas	7	5	0	2	49	16	11	43.75
2	HNC Minties	6	4	2	0	35	31	8	18.82
3	BNC Daisies	7	3	3	1	36	25	6	20.57
4	FDAS Rosellas	7	3	3	1	39	38	6	14.66
5	BNC Sunflowers	7	3	3	1	28	40	6	10
6	ANC Galaxies	7	1	3	3	21	26	4	11.54
7	TNC Straycats	7	0	5	2	3	35	1	1.22

U11 Daisies

Christine Bonnici & Marianne Begetis | Coach & Manager



The girls started their second year together, confident and ready to play. Each player focused on one or 2 positions and worked together as a team to play consistently and effectively. Although it was a short season, the girls (and their families) enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to getting back to it in 2022!

Team: Lana Begetis, Mabel Clark, Lily Germain, Gabriella Gosarevski, Isabella Jenzen, Charlotte Mansfield, Ilia Morelli & Evie Wilson

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC Red Correas	7	5	0	2	49	16	11	43.75
2	HNC Minties	6	4	2	0	35	31	8	18.82
3	BNC Daisies	7	3	3	1	36	25	6	20.57
4	FDAS Rosellas	7	3	3	1	39	38	6	14.66
5	BNC Sunflowers	7	3	3	1	28	40	6	10
6	ANC Galaxies	7	1	3	3	21	26	4	11.54
7	TNC Straycats	7	0	5	2	3	35	1	1.22

U12 Gemstones | Minor Premiers

Bindi March-Ali & Amanda Ivanac | Coach & Manager

Our Under 11, division 1, Gemstones were undefeated this year and took out the winners' position in the short season. Unfortunately, they were denied the opportunity to put all that they had worked during this season into a grand final game and win due to the COVID situation!!

The girls worked hard working on new combinations and new plays – there was no weakness in any part of our court and the girls showed great confidence in each other. They were strong in attack, used the whole court well and were a lot tighter in defence this year. I was very proud of their progress and the way they played their game each and every week. The Coaches Award this year went to Evelyn O'Neill due to personal improvement, the new way she took to her play and her willingness to play any position with a great 'can do' attitude.

Team: Emily Broadbent, Anna Chan, Lily Ivanac, Tara McCall, Indiana Middleton, Kiana Mitchell, Evelyn O'Neill & Tully Smith

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Gemstones	7	6	0	1	153	45	12	48.57
2	LWNC Redbacks	7	5	1	1	185	49	10	53.94
3	FDAS Falcons	7	4	2	1	90	66	8	19.48
4	LWNC Black Pythons	7	3	3	1	130	106	6	17.52
5	FDAS Cockatoos	7	2	4	1	71	135	4	7.51
6	LWNC White Sharks	7	1	5	1	61	134	2	6.50
7	LWNC Red Lions	6	0	6	0	15	170	0	1.47

U12 Azurites

Linda Smith, Brooke Smith & Tashz Sinclair | Coaches & Manager



Team: Ava Alam, Nina Chaschchina, Beth Eccleston, Lauren Glastras, Leila Guelfi, Jenelle Melhem, Isabella Nunez, Freya Sinclair & Harini Umapathy.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Swifts	8	7	0	1	188	39	14	60.26
2	BNC Azurites	8	5	2	1	94	89	10	13.20
3	TNC Bengals	8	4	3	1	113	99	8	14.27
4	LWNC Black Hawks	8	4	3	1	83	82	8	12.65
5	LWNC Red Rosellas	8	3	3	2	68	79	7	10.76
6	SHLNC Echidnas	8	2	5	1	77	104	4	9.25
7	ANG Saints	8	1	5	2	75	143	3	6.56
8	LWNC Black Bilbies	8	1	6	1	63	126	2	6.25

U12 Turquoise

Denise Rizk, Ela Huber & Nancy Restifo | Coaches & Manager

This was the first season many of the girls played together. They matured as the season went on, learning and following instructions. Understanding and anticipating plays. They learnt many new skills. The girls that hadn't played before really learnt the love of the game. Our end result didn't reflect how well the girls did and if we finished the season there would have been a very different result. But making new friends, looking forward to training and learning new skills made our season a success. It was such a pleasure to train and watch the girls compete each week.



Team: Bianca Accurso, Bianca Harris, Emma Hunt, Isabella Martino, Anna Newell, Sophia Noiret, Mia Rizk, Grace Restifo & Scarlett Sattout.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Giants	7	6	0	1	68	29	12	33.50
2	LWNC Black Bunyips	7	5	1	1	106	53	10	28.57
3	BNC Ambers	7	3	3	1	80	71	6	16.10
4	LWNC Red Wrens	7	2	3	2	54	77	5	10.02
5	GNC Trax	7	2	4	1	66	59	4	15.98
6	BNC Turquoise	7	2	4	1	55	73	4	10.76
7	FDAS Owls	6	0	5	1	28	95	1	4.91

U12 Ambers

Laura Eastlake, Amelia Walkley, Megan Gardiner & Rosanna Keating | Coaches & Managers

This year the team, even though we had a short season, the girls had a great season with some wins and some losses. We couldn't be prouder of the girls for the effort and commitment they put into this season, and we cannot wait until next year. This year much like last year we only had one coach on the court due to a conflict in game times, but the girls have stepped up and helped us during training as well as during the games by talking to each other on court from the side lines. We couldn't be prouder of the girls this year.



Team: Aliya Abed, Elisha Brown, Milla Dickson, Nina Edmiston, Chloe Gardiner, Ava Jackson, Lara Quinlan, Olivia Reid & Sofia Sanfilippo.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Giants	7	6	0	1	68	29	12	33.50
2	LWNC Black Bunyips	7	5	1	1	106	53	10	28.57
3	BNC Ambers	7	3	3	1	80	71	6	16.10
4	LWNC Red Wrens	7	2	3	2	54	77	5	10.02
5	GNC Trax	7	2	4	1	66	59	4	15.98
6	BNC Turquoise	7	2	4	1	55	73	4	10.76
7	FDAS Owls	6	0	5	1	28	95	1	4.91

U13 Tanzanites

Sienna Tierney & Pauline Tierney | Coach & Manager



Team: Suhaan Akhter, Elissa Barzan, Lily Cameron, Hunter-Rose Kazi, Anique Michel, Mira Nguyen, Zara Portolesi, Eve Quinlan & Leyla Tierney.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SHLNC Bilbies	8	6	1	1	160	55	12	36.36
2	BNC Pyrites	8	6	1	1	199	90	12	27.64
3	LWNC Black Flares	8	6	1	1	145	110	12	16.48
4	LWNC Black Vipers	8	3	4	1	114	119	6	11.97
5	BNC Tanzanites	8	3	4	1	91	121	6	9.40
6	LWNC Red Giants	8	2	5	1	92	140	4	8.21
7	SCHOLS Pink	8	2	5	1	94	146	4	8.05
8	FDAS Sunbirds	8	0	7	1	44	158	0	3.48

U13 Pyrites | Runners-Up

Michelle McConnell & Babetha Posener | Coach & Manager



This was my second season coaching the Pyrites and I was so fortunate to be able to train and watch them play together so well. We had a few new players on board, and they blended in easily. The team were a pleasure to coach, and I hope they continue to play netball because they all have amazing skills to contribute.

Team: Lara Lo Giudice, Larissa McConnell, Yameena Mubarak, Harriet O'Connor, Miela Ocello, Aarani Posener, Aeryn Ransevycz & Georgina Walkley.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SHLNC Bilbies	8	6	1	1	160	55	12	36.36
2	BNC Pyrites	8	6	1	1	199	90	12	27.64
3	LWNC Black Flares	8	6	1	1	145	110	12	16.48
4	LWNC Black Vipers	8	3	4	1	114	119	6	11.97
5	BNC Tanzanites	8	3	4	1	91	121	6	9.40
6	LWNC Red Giants	8	2	5	1	92	140	4	8.21
7	SCHOLS Pink	8	2	5	1	94	146	4	8.05
8	FDAS Sunbirds	8	0	7	1	44	158	0	3.48

U13 Zircons

Niamh Collins, Sarah Strati & Cate Sendall | Coaches & Manager

Team: Arabel Best, Lara Biazzo, Caitlin Collins, Sienna Kipreotis, Annalyse Seminara, Laura Sendall, Sibelle Tefvik & Sienna Yeates

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Twisties	7	5	1	1	96	34	10	40.34
2	RNC Sandpipers	7	5	1	1	90	35	10	36.73
3	BNC Zircons	7	4	2	1	64	43	8	21.26
4	BUNC Dynamites	7	4	2	1	74	51	8	20.73
5	BNC Aquamarines	7	2	4	1	47	79	4	8.50
6	SHLNC Brolgas	6	1	5	0	38	89	2	7.12
7	ANC Hawks	7	0	6	1	21	99	0	3.03

U13 Aquamarines

Steve Bonnor & Andrew Karas | Coach & Manager



The Aquamarines U13s showed the commitment and tenacity that saw them win the grand final last year. Going up two grades was a massive challenge, and one that the girls rose to on every occasion. It was great having some new members, and the team were really starting to hit their stride just as the season ended.

The girl's attitude, and commitment turning up to all training and games despite not many wins made it very rewarding for Andrew and I as coaches.

Improvements were made by all the girls throughout the season, and we are all so proud of their passion and commitment to play.

Their knowledge of the game rules, positions, and importance of footwork has developed over the season.

We are looking forward to next year.

Team: Eva Awadullah, Anastasia Bonnor, Lauren Dovico, Niamh Foley, Orahnia Karas, Lara Moussa, Tara Fagan & Gabby Scanlon.

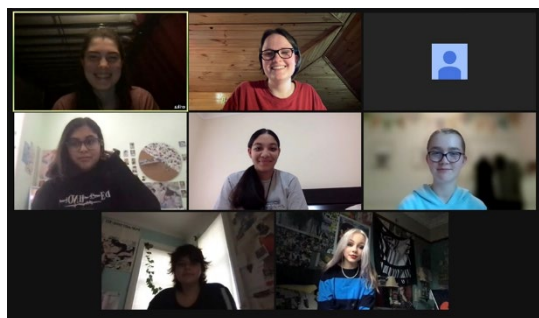
RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Twisties	7	5	1	1	96	34	10	40.34
2	RNC Sandpipers	7	5	1	1	90	35	10	36.73
3	BNC Zircons	7	4	2	1	64	43	8	21.26
4	BUNC Dynamites	7	4	2	1	74	51	8	20.73
5	BNC Aquamarines	7	2	4	1	47	79	4	8.50
6	SHLNC Brolgas	6	1	5	0	38	89	2	7.12
7	ANC Hawks	7	0	6	1	21	99	0	3.03

U14 Blue Zircons

Zoe Ransevycz, Erika Lehmann & Melita Stanmore | Coaches & Manager

Despite a short season with few wins, we are absolutely delighted to have coached this team. We had lots of fun, laughing, and learning together, and bonding together as a team. Every single player showed incredible improvement both on and off the court in their skills,

confidence and attitude. Throughout the season, they all showed amazing dedication to our team and their sport, coming to extra training sessions and practicing skills themselves during periods of uncertainty about the season. We are so proud of everyone and how supportive they have been for each other; we hope that they have come out of this season with great memories and will come back when we can!



A special thank you to the parents who made this season possible and ensured their kids were always at the early morning Saturday games!

Team: *Grace Campbell, Sophia Chesterton, Esther Holding, Cassidy Morris, Shayla Naidoo, Riyaa Panchal, Alana Sparrow & Ingrid Stanmore.*

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SHLNC Taipans	7	6	0	1	168	73	12	32.88
2	SCHOLS Gold	7	5	1	1	134	75	10	25.52
3	RNC Lorikeets	7	4	2	1	132	62	8	30.41
4	FDAS Diamonds	6	3	3	0	112	118	6	15.82
5	SHLNC Quolls	7	2	4	1	95	143	4	9.49
6	BNC Blue Zircons	7	1	5	1	102	154	2	9.46
7	SCHOLS Yellow	7	0	6	1	47	165	0	4.07

U15 Onyx

Donna Wollen & Jaye Stevenson | Coach & Manager

We had one of the strongest divisions I've seen at Inner West. Despite this everyone turned up to training and games with enthusiasm and ready to play. I'm immensely proud of the girls' teamwork, effort and determination. They are a great bunch of girls, and I can't wait for next season.



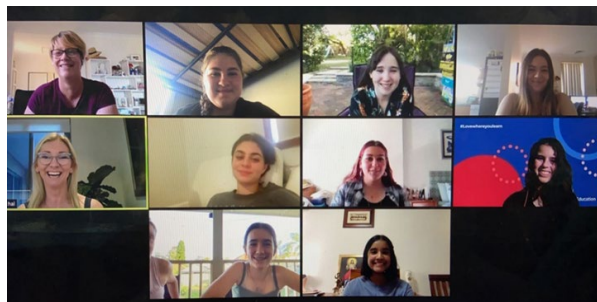
Team: *Lily Butcher, Charlotte Dick, Nellie Ebenezer, Viva McConnell, Thashalia Naidoo, Abbey O'Neill, Josie Walker, Amelia Walkley & Abigail Wollen*

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SHLNC Possums	7	6	0	1	178	76	14	33.46
2	FDAS Firebirds	8	4	2	2	145	110	9	16.48
3	FDAS Gold	7	4	1	2	131	100	9	16.38
4	FDAS Emeralds	8	4	3	1	153	121	8	15.81
5	SHLNC Wagtails	8	3	4	1	149	161	6	11.57
6	LWNC White Lightning	8	3	4	1	148	162	6	11.42
7	LWNC Red Cheetahs	8	2	5	1	133	192	4	8.66
8	BNC Onyx	8	0	7	1	91	206	0	5.52

U15 Jades | Minor Premiers

Bindi March-Ali & Christine Eastlake | Coach & Manager

What a fabulous year for this group of teenagers who have only really been together for 2 years.



They took out the Premiership this year and were undefeated! Their growth from last year with their confidence, movements on the court both in attack and defence and filling in different positions due to injuries was remarkable!

I was so pleased with the way they held themselves on and off the court, the positive chat and their new attitude of keep going for the whole game was commendable. They bravely competed for the ball

with a great sportsperson's attitude. Any of the girls could have taken out the Coaches Award, however, this season it went to Gemma Greer for her extra effort off and on the court. The extra percent practicing her shots and movements in her own time needed to be commended.

Team: Elizabeth Broadbent, Nadia Carvalho, Laura Eastlake, Aoife Foley, Gemma Greer, Layla Sattout, Jasmine Virk & Alana Winstanley.

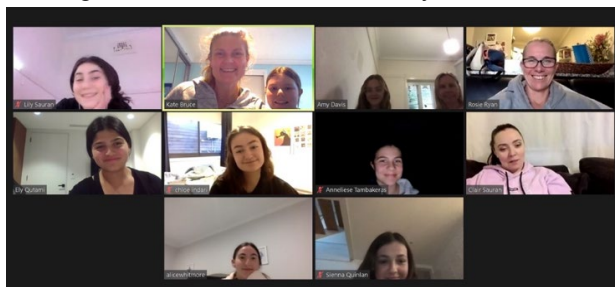
RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Jades	8	6	1	1	168	102	12	20.59
2	FDAS Phoenix	7	5	1	1	174	128	12	19.42
3	HNC Wombats	8	5	2	1	196	97	10	25.26
4	TNC Koolkats	8	5	2	1	139	112	10	15.51
5	BNC White Opals	8	3	4	1	132	167	6	9.88
6	HNC Sherbets	8	1	6	1	82	138	2	7.43
7	IWSNA Reps 4	7	2	4	1	83	90	0	11.53
8	ANC Opals	8	0	7	1	100	240	0	5.21

U15 Rubies

Rosie Ryan & Kate Bruce | Coach & Manager

I thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of coaching the Rubies this season. They are a mature, fun, committed and enthusiastic bunch of girls, who have been playing with each other for many years, and welcomed new players and a new coach, with open arms!

It was a hard season, and every game tested the girls in regard to their fitness and skill level. Each game the girls improved in specific elements and were committed to each other and trying their best both during training sessions and on Saturdays. I commend the girls on their attitude, and the enthusiasm they maintained throughout the whole season.



A special mention to Sienna Quinlan who was awarded the Coach's Award for an outstanding season.

Team: Haylee Bruce, Amy Davis, Chloe Indari, Sienna Quinlan, Elyana Qutami, Lily Sauran, Anneliese Tambakeras & Alice Whitmore.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SCHOLS Red	8	7	0	1	173	95	14	22.76
2	ANC Gems	8	5	2	1	162	108	10	18.75
73	LWNC Red Heads	8	5	2	1	154	106	10	18.16
54	RNC Firetails	8	4	3	1	161	97	8	20.75
55	LWNC Stripey Tigers	8	4	3	1	138	114	8	15.13
46	GNC Geminis	8	2	5	1	104	145	4	8.97
47	BNC Rubies	8	1	6	1	79	170	2	5.81
28	SHLNC Larks	8	0	7	1	31	167	0	2.32

U15 White Opals

Virasha Singh & Geraldine White | Coach & Manager

Coaching the U15 White Opals was an amazing experience. The girls always had a smile on their face and put in 100% at every game. They each displayed amazing sportsmanship pushing and encouraging each-other to compete at their best.



In every training session they were always happy to learn a new techniques and skills and displayed significant amounts of improvement throughout the course of the season. In the games they continued to work collaboratively and stayed committed, putting all their hard work at training to good use. Although the season was cut short, we all managed to have tremendous amounts of fun and the girls made some amazing long-lasting friendships. They should all be

super proud of what they accomplished this season.

Team: Zara Barakat, Amelie Fehir, Emma Hayman, Tahlia Lo Ricco, Niamh Mcinerney, Niamh Ogle, Gabbi Slater & Sabrina White

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Jades	8	6	1	1	168	102	12	20.59
2	FDAS Phoenix	7	5	1	1	174	128	12	19.42
3	HNC Wombats	8	5	2	1	196	97	10	25.26
4	TNC KoolKats	8	5	2	1	139	112	10	15.51
5	BNC White Opals	8	3	4	1	132	167	6	9.88
6	HNC Sherbets	8	1	6	1	82	138	2	7.43
7	IWSNA Reps 4	7	2	4	1	83	90	0	11.53
8	ANC Opals	8	0	7	1	100	240	0	5.21

U15 Larimars

Nicole Smith & Louise Quinlan | Coach & Manager

New to the Briars Club it was an excellent welcome by the U15s Larimars who showed to be an exceptional group of girls to coach and work with across the 2021 season. The strength of this team was in the friendships formed on and off the court which gave us a real edge against the teams we faced. The first half of our season showed steady improvement in both attack and defence drawing two wins as we worked on strengthening our skills that would leave us with more creative play. As we came into the start of the 2nd Rounds, we started to connect and execute better, giving us consecutive wins and knocking on the door of a semi-final position. The season highlight on court was a draw with the team leading the competition. Given our rate of improvement, a semi-final position was likely if the season had continued. This is a real tribute to how hard the girls worked on and off court. Off court, our highlight was definitely our team bonding day watching the Swifts play at Ken Rosewell Arena and the poor singing of the Coach as a pre-game pump up! Something the Larimars I am sure will miss!

Our shooters Abby and Orla improved with their accuracy and physicality in the circle. Our midcourt team of Tyla, Natasha and Caitlin were the work horses of the team, giving a full effort each time. Our defensive unit, Alex, Peri, Leila and Lauren showed a huge improvement in netball knowledge and ball hunting skills. Overall, we had a huge development year.

A big congratulations to Tyla and Alex who assisted in higher division teams in the season, showing they could match it with the higher grades and also to Orla who played exceptionally for her first ever season of netball.



Well done girls, I hope the friendships, laughter and good times continue for us all through sport into the future! An absolute pleasure to coach.

Team: Lauren Boumelhem, Leila Hahnel, Natasha Iacono, Tyla Janes, Alexandra Liu, Caitlin Merrick, Abby Quinlan, Peri Tefvik & Orla Turner.

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Unicorns	8	6	1	1	178	112	12	19.87
2	LWNC Red Rubies	8	5	2	1	168	84	10	25.00
3	RNC Parrots	8	5	2	1	152	78	10	24.36
4	SCHOLS Maroon	8	4	2	2	143	85	9	21.03
5	ANC Jades	8	4	3	1	113	88	8	16.05
6	BNC Larimars	8	2	4	2	90	90	5	12.50
7	RNC Sparrows	8	1	6	1	46	189	2	3.04
8	SCHOLS Orange	8	0	7	1	43	207	0	2.60

Cadet Blue Sapphires | Runners Up

Daniel Ivanac & Linda Smith | Coach & Manager

Really enjoyable season, we were undefeated but eventually came second due to for and against, which was only by a few goals. We would have won the grand final without a doubt had the season gone on. Looking forward to next year, a very special team to be a part of.

Team: Ayla Ali, Sienna Cham, Aurelia Flammia, Olivia Ivanac, Elia Malgioglio, Isabel Reid, Brooke Smith & Emily Steele

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	LWNC Red Cyclones	6	5	0	1	293	164	11	29.78
2	BNC Blue Sapphires	6	5	0	1	287	167	11	28.64
3	FDAS Firetails	6	4	2	0	248	202	8	20.46
4	LWNC Red Stripes	6	3	3	0	194	191	6	16.93
5	HNC Comets	6	1	4	1	143	224	3	10.64
6	SCHOLS Aqua	6	1	5	0	139	210	2	11.03
7	RNC Darters	6	0	5	1	126	272	1	7.72

Cadet Peridots

Rosie Ryan & Peter Goth | Coach & Manager

The girls had a good season and did well to manage their school, work and family commitments with both training and games. It was a hard season, with some wins and losses, but the girls consistently tried their best every time they stepped on the court.

The older, established players welcomed new players to the team this year who slotted in perfectly. The girls did well in adapting to playing different positions and worked hard as a team all season.

A special mention to Isabella Carbonne who was awarded the Coach's Award for an outstanding season.

Team: *Elly Araujo, Bailey Belanger, Isabella Carbonne, Aadhya Dhanpal, Isabella Goth-Towney, Zahra Hamilton, Abbie Johnson & Stephanie Sandu.*

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	SCHOLS Navy	6	6	0	0	340	129	12	43.93
2	TNC Aussie Mists	6	5	1	0	269	173	10	25.92
3	GNC Barinas	6	4	2	0	174	189	8	15.34
4	HNC Seals	6	2	4	0	184	219	4	14.00
5	SCHOLS Turquoise	6	2	4	0	158	231	4	11.40
6	BUNC Berries	6	1	5	0	160	218	2	12.23
7	BNC Peridots	6	1	5	0	111	237	2	7.81

Senior Netball

Opals

Leanne Sharpe | Manager

Team: *Grace Dent-Ratcliffe, Kelly Fung, Charlotte Kunkler, Lillian Kunkler, Elizabeth Polley, Leila Rahme, Virasha Singh, Vanessa Stanmore & Jessica Stewart.*

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Strikers	6	6	0	0	240	144	12	27.78
2	FDAS Garnets	7	6	1	0	228	168	12	19.39
3	HNC Goldlightning	7	4	3	0	281	225	8	17.84
4	BNC Opals	7	4	3	0	259	208	8	17.79
5	TNC AA Cats	7	3	4	0	232	175	6	18.94
6	HNC Sparks	6	3	3	0	197	192	6	17.10
7	LWNC Red Queens	7	1	6	0	164	283	2	8.28
8	SHLNC Wallabies	7	0	7	0	101	307	0	4.70

Moonstones | Runners Up

Kate Crawford | Manager

Team: *Susan Anderson, Susie Beshara, Frances Cordaro, Kate Crawford, Phoebe Crawford, Christine Kanofski, Taryn Lear, Emily Montuori, Beth Munsie, Jenny Nichols & Fiona Richards*

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Gurts United	7	6	1	0	249	189	12	18.82
2	BNC Moonstones	6	5	1	0	208	215	12	16.12
3	HNC Ravens	7	4	2	1	272	216	9	17.99
4	BWNC Starbolt	7	4	3	0	255	213	8	17.10
5	SUNC Lions	7	3	3	1	260	238	7	15.61
6	GNC Caprice	6	2	4	0	164	220	4	10.65
7	FDAS Angels	7	1	6	0	190	239	2	11.36
8	HNC Sapphires	7	1	6	0	183	251	2	10.42

Sapphires

Melanie Taylor | Manager

Team: *Amanda Ainsworth, Kristie Cheng, Natalie Cowell, Cara Edwards, Jenny Flammia, Christine Montgomery, Nicole Smith, Melanie Taylor & Candice Wright.*

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	FDAS Roosters	7	7	0	0	331	143	14	33.07
2	HNC Flames	7	5	2	0	275	243	10	16.17
3	BNC Sapphires	7	4	3	0	253	201	8	17.98
4	PRUNC Mocktails	7	4	3	0	266	224	8	16.96
5	SHLNC Gliders	7	3	4	0	257	252	6	14.57
6	WMNC Orcas	7	3	4	0	195	253	6	11.01
7	GNC Vectras	7	2	5	0	198	276	4	10.25
8	SUNC Jaguars	7	0	7	0	189	372	0	7.26

Lolites | Minor Premiers

Rebecca Nicholls | Manager

Team: Jody Fowler, Celeste Jackson-Snow, Sally Kudrna, Elizabeth Maniscalco, Rebecca Nichols, Lauren Phillips, Monica Senger, Maria Stevis, Michelle Turchini & Jodie van Loo

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	BNC Lolites	7	4	1	1	2	104	8	28.43
2	BUNC Roses	7	4	1	1	2	142	8	23.34
3	SHLNC Lyrebirds	7	3	2	2	2	142	6	14.49
4	HNC Jewels	7	2	2	2	3	197	5	13.63
5	JNC Ravens	7	1	3	3	3	156	3	10.07
6	GNC Captivas	7	0	5	2	2	221	0	5.24

Garnets

Sarah Burt | Manager

Team: Jessica Agosti, Kara Brown, Sarah Burt, Kate Campbell, Sophie Carolan, Kate Coyne, Emily Cowley, Gabriella Di Mento, Catherine Hayes, Isabella Lo Surdo, Jade Reeves

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	TNC Polecats	7	6	1	0	313	190	12	23.53
2	BUNC Bullets	7	6	1	0	284	175	12	23.18
3	HNC Waratahs	7	5	2	0	194	157	10	17.65
4	SHLNC Bullants	7	4	3	0	233	190	8	17.52
5	SUNC Tigers	7	4	3	0	180	173	8	14.86
6	WMNC Jaguars	7	2	5	0	165	197	4	11.97
7	BNC Garnets	7	1	6	0	148	251	2	8.42
8	SHLNC Phoenix	7	0	7	0	150	334	0	6.42

Topaz

Natasha Yong | Manager

Team: Cassandra Diamantis, Christiane Diamantis, Ammellia Fu, Claudia Furdi, Samantha Hamilton, Katie Han, Annabelle Jenkins, Adrianna Kostic, Vinea Pho & Natasha Yong

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	MR
1	HNC Stars	7	4	1	2	186	130	8	20.44
2	HNC Hotshots	7	4	1	2	157	132	8	16.99
3	JNC Comets	7	3	2	2	130	152	6	12.22
4	RNC Hawks	7	2	3	2	122	122	4	13.11
5	BNC Topaz	7	1	4	2	159	159	2	12.13
6	BUNC Cheetahs	7	1	4	2	151	151	2	11.92

Greenlees Park Bowling Club



Women's Bowls

Presidents Report

Veronica Waring



This is my third year as President. It has been a difficult year with COVID, restrictions and all Bowling Clubs having to close during lockdown. Let's hope 2022 will be a better year for all. It has been an honour to be President of GPWBC for the three-year term and to see our women's bowling club grow.



We have welcomed thirteen new members over the year, bringing our total membership to fifty, a great feat considering a few years back our member numbers were very low. Now we have at least over thirty regular players on a Thursday. Many thanks to Eddie Truesdale for coaching our new members.

We had two Grades in Pennants this year, Grades 2 and 3. Unfortunately both Grades were unsuccessful in reaching the finals, however both teams displayed great determination. Greenlees Park WBC had entries in the Macquarie District Open Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. All teams were unsuccessful but again a great effort by all.

Major Singles and Fours Club Championships have been completed. Congratulations to all the winners and also to all the runners up – well done ladies. Unfortunately, because of COVID and lockdown, the Pairs and Triples are yet to be completed.

Just before lockdown we had an informal Presidents Day which was enjoyed by all our ladies and included a delicious luncheon prepared by Tiffany, Adam and the team at the Backyard at Briars. We had an Australiana theme throughout, many thanks to the ladies who helped to make it a very special day.



I wish to thank Jason Parle, Monique Laaper, Ben Williams, Megan Garcia and all the Briars Sports staff for the help they have given us ladies over the year. I also would 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 cater for our Thursday lunches and special days. My thanks to Briars Sports and the Bowls President, Ric Cilona 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 to all our bowling ladies for their support and friendship, without which I couldn't have continued during my term as President.

I wish the Committee members and all the ladies a happy and fruitful year ahead. Stay safe and most of all enjoy our wonderful sport of bowls and the friendship and comradeship it provides.



2021 Club Championships Results

	Winner	Runner-up
<i>Major Singles</i>	Margaret Truesdale	Jennifer Leek
<i>Fours</i>	Helen Whelpton Val Day Margaret Truesdale Gladys Barnes	Marlene Dunn Carole Neale Jean Richardson Gina Caccaviello
<i>Pairs / Triples</i>	Not completed	



Greenlees Park Bowling Club



Men's Bowls

Presidents Report

Ric Cilona



It is with great pleasure that I submit the President's report for 2021 for the Men's Bowling Club.

Given the nature of the year and its attendant challenges, 2021 has been a solid year of consolidation and growth in some areas which we can fully expect to build upon in the coming 12 months.

Year's end sees the club in a strong financial position and having secured significant new and continuing sponsorship. My thanks to our long-term sponsors and the organisations who came on board in 2021. Your support is much appreciated and allows us to continue to play the sport we love.

Club competitions in 2021 were obviously disrupted and impacted over the lockdown period. We managed to complete the Club Fours, Major Singles and Major Pairs both prior to and post the June Club closure. All other Club Championships were suspended for the year. With the competitions that were complete, I would like to congratulate all players in both the

Club Fours and Major Singles and Major Pairs. Specifically, congratulations to the following:

2021 Club Championship Results:

	Winner	Runner-up
Major Singles	Ben Williams	R Zrilic
Fours	J Goulding M Devillecourt T LeGrega T Fullager	M Leslie W Comber B Coulthart B Williams
Major Pairs	Bryan Coulthart Adrian Crump	Col Darlington Ron Kubyck



Zone Pennants was completed prior to the extended closure of clubs across the State. In 2021, Greenlees Park optioned to participate across 3 Grades – Grade 3, 4 and 6. The loss of a number of experienced and valued bowlers was felt across all grades but particularly in Grades 3 and 4. The inability of those Grades to have bowlers of the quality of Wayne Comber, Paul Reynolds, Alun Fenton and Kevin Bolger was always going to heavily impact results. Our results reflected this with all 3 Grades finishing creditably around mid-table at best. That being said it would be remiss not to acknowledge and thank those bowlers who stepped up and agreed to move across and within grades to cover for others. Your experience in filling in above your regular grade augurs well for the club in coming years. Below are the starting teams for each grade at the commencement of the 2021 Pennants Competitions. I acknowledge the reserves and others who gave of their time at short notice to fill in as required. Also, to the women who agreed to step in and play when we were short and to those bowlers who drove everyone to and from venues. A very special thank you to Bryan Coulthart for entering results each week and Wayne Comber for making the administration tasks work.



Pennant - Grade 3

Player Names	Player Names	Player Names
1. Daniel AKARY	1. Tom LA GRECA	1. Mark LESLIE
2. Adrian CRUMP	2. Kevin HABGOOD	2. Ronny JAMES
3. Paul REYNOLDS	3. Rod OGRADY	3. Bryan COULTHART
S Mark GORLICKI	S Eddie TRUESDALE	S Ben WILLIAMS

Pennant - Grade 4

Player Names	Player Names	Player Names
1. David PUCKERIDGE	1. Marc DEVILLECOURT	1. Marcus WOODS
2. Col DARLINGTON	2. Maurice FALCOE	2. Tony FULLAGAR
3. Tony MANDATO	3. Gino BORG	3. John GOULDING
S Ron KUBYK	S Jesse LOVERIDGE	S Alun FENTON

Pennant - Grade 6

Player Names	Player Names	Player Names
1. David MATTERAZZO	1. Ric CILONA	1. Chris MAXFIELD
2. Greg RUSSELL	2. Des HOGAN	2. Terry O'KANE
3. Ronan COOMBES	3. Mario ZANELEA	3. George TAMPLENIZZA
S Steve WHITE	S John LEEK	S Terry BOYD

Merrick PLATTER, Alvin DIXON, David O'CONNELL, Joe CUNNINGHAM, Mark COOPER, Paul KOZIOIEK, Richard THORPE, Peter NEARY & John BAILEY.

Concluding remarks need to address the invaluable work done by significant others mostly behind the scenes. To the Front Office staff, my thanks for making some of the year workable and helping make the Club run. You know who you are – we know who you are. And of course to our wonderful Greenkeeper Extraordinaire Peter Neary. Legend.

A very large, and in many ways insufficient, thank you to the Bowls Committee for 2021. Having given of their time to make a difficult year less so, I acknowledge:

Vice President

Mick Laws

Treasurer

Ben Williams

Bowls Coordinator

Wayne Comber

Chairman Selection Committee

Eddie Truesdale

Selectors

Mark Gorlicki & Brian Coulthart

Chairman Match Committee

Alun Fenton, David Puckeridge & Ronnie James

Returning Officer

Wayne Comber

Welfare Officer

Eddie Truesdale

Scrutineer

Mark Cooper

Chairman Junior Bowls

Eddie Truesdale

Zone 10 Delegate

Wayne Comber

Publicity Marketing & Development

Marcus Woods



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 **Kylie Norris***

Kylie has played for Briars Hockey for over 20 years.

During this time, she has involved herself in committees each year and more recently coaching junior hockey.

As a player Kylie has represented the club in many grades including 1st grade and has gone onto represent NSW at the Vets level.

Kylie has been a valued member of the clubs Board for approximately 10 years and has in recent years taken over the role of canteen operator and ground manager at Cintra.

Kylie is a worthy recipient of the Ted Stockdale award.

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 **David Slater***

David has been Hockey President for 3 years, he has also been the Hockey and Cintra Covid-19 Safety Officer for the past 2 years, working directly with Hockey NSW to coordinate the appropriate safety plans. In what was another interrupted season for the sport, he has created a supportive and inclusive environment for the Committee to operate within.

As well as being an active playing member and a regular volunteer in the Canteen, Dave has a passion for the future of Briars and has led multiple sub-committees to achieve success for the Club. He is the first person to offer help in whatever way he can, always has a positive outlook and he has

The A J Robinson Shield was donated in 1958 by the late A J Robinson ("Robbie"). The Shield is awarded to the hockey player who has contributed the most to Briars Hockey during the year and which is determined by the most points in the following manner:

Value as a team member	35 points
Value in Hockey Administration	20 points
Value to Club other than Hockey	20 points
Conduct on field of play	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

provider Hockey with sponsorship through his company Flamingo Gas.

R D Vanderfield Trophy

Awarded to *Juliette Triccas*

Juliette played in U17s Gold team this year.

She coached the U13s Maroon team and had a huge impact on the players, creating a positive environment and having a strong focus on skills development.

Juliette umpires every week and is also a huge help in the canteen.

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 *Paul Roper*

Paul has been involved with cricket for some years now as a scorer for our teams and provides a great service in this role. He scores in the games in which his son, Matt plays which is generally 2nd Grade, the Under 24's and the finals series as required.

Additionally, Paul, along with others, has recently dedicated many hours to recording all the historic cricket scorebooks and records within the club electronically. This electronic documentation will be valuable for the history of Briars Cricket once completed.

Congratulations to Paul on this deserved award

The Cricket Memorial Trophy is intended as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during service in World War II and was donated in 1946 by the late H G Whiddon.

The basis of arriving at the winner is as follows:

Value to team as a cricketer	35 points
Conduct	15 points
General keenness	15 points
Value to Club as a member	25 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

Gerard Price Jnr. Cricket Trophy

Awarded to *Roan Fahy*

Roan had an excellent season with Concord Briars Junior Cricket. His contribution as a batsman is shown in his statistics with 493 runs at an average of 37.92. 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 **Geoff Coffill**.

Geoff joined Briars this year and quickly rose to becoming a first pick for our first-grade team. Geoff's leadership, commitment, team first attitude and his brilliant skill made him a standout and winner of Best Forward for 2021. Furthermore, Geoff has put his hand up to be treasurer in 2022, which showcases his desire to help Briars Rugby on and off the field.

Gordon Bevan Shield

Awarded to **Luke Sinai**.

Luke has been an integral member of Briars Rugby for the past 14 seasons as a player and more recently as a coach.

Luke's passion for Briars Rugby is infectious and his knowledge of the game is paramount to success for Briars. Luke has recently involved Briars Rugby in more than just the game, he has included elements of faith and mental health to the playing group ensuring Briars Rugby is producing more than just Rugby players, but also players who are respectable citizens with integrity.

Luke is always willing to go the extra mile to support our playing group, helping on or off the field. Luke is a deserving winner of the Gordon Bevan Shield for 2021.

Briars Women's Rugby Trophy

Awarded to **Kowhai Ruawhare**.

Kowhai is an outstanding member of the Women's Rugby team. She captained the team on the field and lead the team off the field, showing significant personal development.

Attendance at training: *Kowhai attended every training session including additional training sessions with the team on off weekends. She also took it upon herself to organise training with the team when Trent & Dave were unavailable.*

Value to the team: *Kowhai continued as team captain in 2021, delivering leadership to new and existing players. In a tough year with many unknowns, Kowhai led the team and continued the motivation to train and develop, especially when interaction was not possible, and training cancelled.*

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.

The Gordon Bevan Shield was first awarded in 1938. It is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has contributed the most during the year towards Rugby and the Club in general. It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident.

The criteria for selection is as follows:

Attendance at training	20 points
Value to the team	20 points
Most improved player	20 points
General keenness	15 points
Value as a Club member	15 points
Neatness of uniform	10 points
Total	100 points

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

Most improved player: Kowhai has developed her skills significantly on the field, adapting to the 7s style of play and being a utility player on the field. Kowhai has lifted her fitness significantly, noting in previous seasons she would use an asthma puffer and now no longer requires it.

General keenness: like many players Kowhai was lacking some motivation with the interruptions of Covid. She worked with our coach and adopted a new approach to training and playing. Kowhai lifted herself and the rest of the team to play a fun brand of 7s Rugby, which was noticed by other teams who recognised Briars previously

as the "Social Team" to now recognising the team as being serious contenders in the competition.

Value as a Club member: Kowhai embodies the Briars spirit in her activity on and off the field. Kowhai will encourage social engagements, additional training sessions with the team and ongoing discussion to ensure that all players understand and practice the essence of being a Briar.

Neatness of uniform: Kowhai is a leader in her presentation of Briars, always training in Briars kit and turning up to and leaving games in the Briars uniform.

The Mal Blair & Bill McLaughlin Junior Rugby Trophy

Not awarded this year.

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 Rohan Toole

Rohan is head coach of the Briars Juniors program and a Club Pro.

Since Rohan's involvement in program operations, he has been the driving force for Briars Junior Squash participation, which has resulted in one of the biggest intakes in the past 20 years.

Rohan also led his Division-1 Briars 2 Pennant team to be Division-1 Champions in the Autumn 2021 Pennants with an impressive 14 matches played winning 13, and only losing 1 all season.

Rohan is a true asset to Briars Squash; he wears his uniform with pride and always sets a good example

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

to the juniors players, teaching them good on court etiquette and behaviour.

We wish Rohan all the best on the Pro tour, where he will be representing Briars Sports.

Anne Gleason Jnr. Trophy

Awarded to **James & William Slade**

This year the Annie Gleason award will go to two participants, Brothers James & William Slade.

The super twin combo, that have shown excellent leadership qualities, continuous improvement to their game and a deep passion for Squash. They often help with our younger squash starters and are happy to help around the club with jobs. The true strength of James & Will is their on and off court temperament and excellent sportsmanship that makes them stand out amongst the rest. James & William have a never give up attitude which drives them to excellent results in tournaments.

It is a pleasure to announce both James & Will the recipients of the Annie Gleason Trophy for 2021.

Annie would be very proud of their progress as young athletes.

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
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

Anne Burt Trophy

Awarded to **Christine Eastlake**

Christine is an integral part of Briars Netball.

Since taking on the role of secretary she works tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the club. Christine keeps all our members informed through social media and the Briars Team App on news and events. Christine played a key role in notifying the members of the sudden changes over the past two seasons with Covid. She ensured that safe protocols were established, and clear communication relayed.

Christine constantly looks to how we can improve our club. She coordinated the supply of new Australian made uniforms for our teams!

Christine is always polite and courteous around the courts and in our committee meetings. She provides wise advice and quite frankly the club would not run as effectively without her. Christine's enthusiasm for netball and volunteering is second to none!

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 *Maureen Picone*

Maureen joined Greenlees Park W.B.C. in April 2016 and became chair of the catering committee in July 2018.

Maureen is always willing to help on Thursdays and official days and is a great asset to the women's bowling club

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 *Alan Gallagher*

Alan has been a member of Greenlees Park Bowling Club since 2005 and has assumed a number of roles on a voluntary basis. In the spirit of community sport Alan has given of his time in helping present the Greens in the best possible light by painting and maintaining

the shade covers across both greens and also stepping in at short notice to assist with the organisation of day to day bowls. In 2021, Alan very generously sponsored a weekend tournament in memory of some of our past bowlers. Well done Alan!

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 2021

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SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

for the year ended 30 September 2021

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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 2021.

Directors

The names of the directors who held office at any time during the year ended 30 September 2021 and up to the date of this report are:

Howle, Brett
O'Kane, Terrence
Jaroszewicz, Michael

Norris, Kylie
Moffitt, Matina
Boyter, Aaron

Price, John
Cilona, Ric
Beckhouse, Kylie

Information on Directors

Name	Position	Eligible Meetings	Meetings Attended	Qualifications
Brett Howle	Director/Chairperson	12	12	Company Director
Matina Moffitt	Director/Treasurer	12	10	Executive Director
Aaron Boyter	Director	12	12	Engineer
Michael Jaroszewicz	Director	12	10	Structural Engineer
Terrence O'Kane *	Director	3	3	Disability Support Worker
Kylie Norris	Director	12	11	Sourcing Manager
John Price	Director	12	10	Company Director
Kylie Beckhouse	Director	12	10	Director Family Law
Ric Cilona **	Director	9	9	Retired School Principal

* Resigned from the Board January 2021

** Appointed to the Board January 2021

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	2021	2020
Full members	1,094	1,168
Social members	2,624	2,562
	3,718	3,730

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 \$7,436 [2020: \$7,460]

Operating result

The net profit from trading for the year ended 30 September 2021 [after no provision for income tax] amounted to a profit of \$276,303 [2020: Profit \$488,994] after charging depreciation and amortisation of \$543,695 [2020: \$492,229] and includes payments received from the Commonwealth, State and Local governments as a result of COVID-19 of JobSaver \$65,245, grants totalling \$15,000 and lease payment abatements/waived totalling \$24,342 [2020: Cash flow boost for employers \$100,000 and \$198,000 from JobKeeper payments to subsidise wages].

Review of operation

	2021	2020	Increase (Decrease)	%
Poker machine clearances [net]	\$1,896,995	\$1,920,227	- (\$23,232)	- 1.21
Bar sales	\$1,047,600	\$1,051,125	- (\$3,525)	- 0.34
Operating and overhead costs	(\$3,750,870)	(\$3,503,203)	+ \$247,667	+ 7.07

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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 Briars short and long-term objectives:

Indicators	2021	2020	+/- %
[a] Employees numbers			
• Permanent	5	5	
• Casual	10	11	
[b] Employee remuneration			
• Wages [2020: subsidised by JobKeeper payments \$198,000]	\$639,709	\$455,468	+40%
• Superannuation	\$63,482	\$65,972	-4%
• Other direct on-costs	\$81,914	\$65,696	+25%
[c] Poker machine operations			
• Net poker machine clearances	\$1,896,995	\$1,920,227	-1%
• Return to player [turnover %]	91.01%	91.75%	-1%
[d] Bar operations			
• Bar sales	\$1,047,600	\$1,051,125	0%
• Cost of sales	\$403,098	\$413,589	-3%
• Gross margin	\$644,502	\$637,536	+1%
• Gross margin to sales	61.52%	60.65%	+1%
• Direct expenses [2020: includes subsidised wages by JobKeeper]	\$380,545	\$250,298	+52%
[e] Marketing and promotional expenses			
• Member promotions	\$211,435	\$158,118	+34%
• Other marketing and promotional expenses	\$174,959	\$163,502	+7%
[f] Key metrics			
• EBITDA	\$858,486	\$1,025,019	-16%

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]

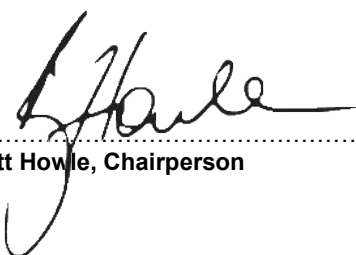
New accounting standards implemented

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.

Auditor's independence declaration

The Auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 September 2021 has been received and is located below.

Dated at Concord this 16th day of December 2021
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors



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Brett Howle, Chairperson



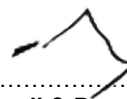
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Martina Moffitt, Treasurer

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 2021:

- (i) no contravention of the auditor's 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 15th day of December 2021



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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 2021. 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 \$4,609,355 has increased by \$81,134 (1.79%) compared to last year [\$4,528,222], and operating expenses excluding depreciation, amortisation, and finance costs of \$3,750,870 has also increased by \$247,667 (7.07%) from last year [\$3,503,203], resulting in net profit before tax of \$276,303 [income tax: \$ Nil] compared to a 2020 profit of \$488,994 [income tax: \$ Nil].

Individual items and trading conditions that have impacted the 2021 result include:

- The Club was closed due to covid-19 lockdown from 27 June 2021 through to the end of this financial year. The Club re-opening on Monday, 11 October 2021.
- Government assistance and support was provided in the form of:
 - Commonwealth: JobSaver employee support \$65,245
 - State: Grants supporting operating expenses and wages \$15,000
 - Local: Lease abatement [Cintra Complex; Clubhouse + Grounds] \$24,342
 - **Total** **\$104,587**
- Entertainment, marketing, and promotion expenses increased by \$64,774 (20.14%).
- Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by \$51,466 (10.46%). The major categories impacting this increase were:
 - Building improvements +\$12,075
 - F&F and P&E +\$31,109
 - Poker Machines +\$20,441
- Employee benefit expenses increased significantly by \$213,592 (36.09%):
 - Subsidised wages support by the government JobKeeper payments scheme ceased with the last payment received in October 2020.
- Other expenses from ordinary activities increased by \$15,785 (0.88%).
- Poker machine direct expenses [taxes and other expenses] decreased by \$34,533 (9.09%) were offset by a decrease in net poker machine clearances of \$23,231 (1.21%).
- Bar sales were slightly down to \$1,047,600 compared to last year of \$1,051,125. A decrease of only \$3,525 (0.34%):
 - The Club experienced strong bar sales in the early part of the year. The Club was closed due to covid-19 lockdown on 27 June 2021 through to the end of the financial year.
 - The gross profit percentage increased from 60.65% to 61.52%.

Statement of financial position

Briars net assets have increased by \$276,303 or 4.58% since last year. This change consisted of:

- A decrease in total assets of \$50,620; and
- A decrease in total liabilities of \$326,923.

The increase in net assets for the year is mainly attributable to:

- Net decrease in property, plant, and equipment of \$164,953 on the Right-of-use assets [ROU].
- Net Increase in property, plant, and equipment of \$199,282 comprising renovations to the clubhouse, furniture and equipment, and new poker machines.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE REPORTS [CONTINUED]

Statement of financial position [continued]

- Increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$145,339. Matured CBA term deposit to CBA cheque account.
- Decrease in financial assets of \$152,198. CBA term deposit matured and transferred to the CBA cheque account.
- Decrease in other assets of \$67,011. Changes in prepayments and accruals.
- Trade and other payables decreased substantially by \$367,781 by a reduction of trade creditors and accruals.
- Provisions increased by \$57,200. This was attributable to Rugby provisioning for sports injuries.
- Other liabilities increased by \$112,868 on poker machine deferred payments and other creditors.
- Net decrease in non-current financial liabilities of \$118,953 attributable to the abatement of ROU lease payments.

Statement of cash flows

Operating activities provided net cash inflows of \$738,804 compared to \$952,272 last year. A decrease of \$213,468 (22.42%) due to the covid-19 lockdown and Club closure on 27 June 2021 through to the end of the financial year.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$480,500 mainly related to the payment for property, plant, and equipment of \$632,243 which is partially offset by matured CBA term deposit of \$151,743.

Net cash used by financing activities of \$112,965 is for the ROU lease payments to lessors.

Cash at year end of the year was \$763,409 compared to \$618,070 last year. An increase of \$145,339 (23.51%).

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT/(LOSS) AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 September 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Revenue from the sale of goods	1,106,935	1,082,914
Revenue from rendering of services	3,287,179	3,165,709
Other revenue from ordinary activities	215,241	279,599
Total revenue from ordinary activities	4,609,355	4,528,222
Cost of sales	(403,098)	(413,589)
Directors' expenses	(928)	(2,369)
Employee benefit expenses	(805,371)	(591,779)
Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses	(386,394)	(321,620)
Poker machine taxes and other expenses	(345,434)	(379,987)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(1,809,644)	(1,793,859)
Total expenses	(3,750,869)	(3,503,203)
Operating profit	858,486	1,025,019
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(543,695)	(492,229)
Finance costs	(38,488)	(43,796)
Profit before income tax expense	276,303	488,994
Income tax expense	0	0
Net profit for the year	276,303	488,994
Other comprehensive income	0	0
Total comprehensive income for the year	276,303	488,994

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 September 2021

	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Retained Earnings	Assets Revaluation Reserve	Briars Equity Transfer	Total Equity
Balance as at 1 October 2019	3,040,394	2,160,358	343,837	5,544,589
Net profit for the year	488,994	0	0	488,994
Other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0
Balance as at 30 September 2020	3,529,388	2,160,358	343,837	6,033,583
Net profit for the year	276,303	0	0	276,303
Other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0
Balance as at 30 September 2021	3,805,691	2,160,358	343,837	6,309,886

The Statement of Profit/(Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income and Statement of Changes in Equity are to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements

BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 September 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	763,409	618,070
Financial assets	5,000	157,198
Inventories	22,600	33,637
Trade and other receivables	41,894	34,495
Other assets	96,372	163,383
Total current assets	929,275	1,006,783
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	7,710,982	7,676,653
Intangible assets	591,374	598,815
Total non-current assets	8,302,356	8,275,468
Total assets	9,231,631	9,282,251
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	365,057	732,838
Financial liabilities	103,969	109,450
Provisions	422,756	365,556
Other liabilities	229,677	116,809
Total current liabilities	1,121,459	1,324,653
Non-current liabilities		
Financial liabilities	1,791,262	1,910,215
Provisions	9,024	7,950
Other liabilities	0	5,850
Total non-current liabilities	1,800,286	1,924,015
Total liabilities	2,921,745	3,248,668
Net assets	6,309,886	6,033,583
Equity		
Reserves	2,504,195	2,504,195
Retained earnings	3,805,691	3,529,388
Total equity	6,309,886	6,033,583

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 30 September 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from members and guests	4,286,999	4,193,430
Payments to suppliers and employees	(3,846,327)	(3,544,530)
Interest received	802	1,446
Rental income received	308,563	315,175
	750,037	965,521
Cash generated from operations		
Finance costs - CBA line of credit facility and other	(13,304)	(13,250)
	736,733	952,271
Net cash inflow from operating activities		
Cash flows from investing activities		
Change in financial assets - interest received	2,524	1,014
Change in financial assets - term deposit matured	149,219	0
Payment for clubhouse improvements	(159,507)	(284,196)
Payment for plant & equipment, and poker machines	(472,736)	(210,311)
Payment for gaming machine entitlements	0	(136,500)
	(480,500)	(629,993)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		
Cash flows from financing activities		
Lease liabilities - payments	(110,894)	(94,921)
	(110,894)	(94,921)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held	145,339	227,357
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	618,070	390,713
	763,409	618,070
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 September 2021

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 2021. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2021 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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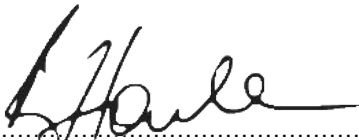
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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of Briars at Greenlees Limited declare that the summary financial report of the entity for the financial year ended 30 September 2021, 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 2021 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 16th day of December, 2021



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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 2021, 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 2021. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated **15th December 21**.

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.

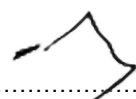
Auditor's responsibilities

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 2021 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 15th day of December 2021



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Harley, Russell & Day
Chartered Accountants

Garry William Day
Registered Company Auditor

The Briars Foundation Limited

Membership - September 2021



PATRON (\$100,000 - \$249,000)

Singleton John
Walker Family (Don, John, Chris, Peter, David)

FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBER (\$50,000 - \$100,000)

Keir Steve †
Threlfo John *

FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

Crookes Richard
Goldsmith Mal
Randle John *
Richard Ian *
Way Don †

FOUNDATION MEMBER (\$2,500 - \$24,999)

Alford Jim †	England Philip	Richards John
Anstey Ross	Green Garnet †	Routley Laurie †
Balmforth Jack †	Hooker Bill	Stevens Cec †
Blair Ian	McPhee Greg	Trollope Kerry
Brown David	Mansford Peter	Waddington Matt
Clifford Andy	Mathews Mike	Walker Don †
Dennis Colin †	Price John	Williams Warwick ***
Edmonds John †	Prowse Doug †	Wozniak Tony

FOUNDATION NON VOTING MEMBER (\$101 - \$2,499)

Ackerman Ray	Durrant Cameron	Lewis David	Tregeagle Philip
Appleton Rohan	Guest Doug †	McGill Scott	Tregeagle Richard
Barrett Jim	Guille David	McGregor Ian	Tsang Fai
Beames Cameron ***	Haikin Daniel	McLeod Phillip	Tweeddale Geoff †
Bell Ken	Halliday Todd	Matchett Jeff	Unwin Peter
Brennan Scott	Jalalaty Andrew	Mattick Paul ***	Vanderfield Dr Roger †
Brooks Lance	Jones Colin	Metcalf John	Wallace Greg
Callaway Lindsay	Kable Ken	Price Paul	Wearne Keith
Clarke Michael	Kersey Bob	Richardson Tim	Weber Mal
Critchley Maurice	Kershaw Terry	Roper Paul	Wright George †
Crockart John †	Khalkhoskhaiko Sanjiv	Scoble David	

FOUNDATION NON VOTING MEMBER (\$100 GROUP)

Boytor Aaron	Evans Gerard	Macky Andrew	Raymond Anthony
Burkhart Family	Giblin Warwick	Magrath John †	Robinson Bruce
Castle Scott	Gonano Alex	Mansford Ari	Rojo Nick
City of Canada Bay	Gorton Geoff	Mansford David	Sherer Family
Clarke Anthony	Haikin Jeremy	Moffitt Tom	Smith Jason
Constantine Kerry	Harris Jason	Nandi Robin	Smith Rod
Cramsie Paul	Howle Brett ***	Norris Kylie	Smyck Mark
Crew Ray	Kirk Brian	Pannuti Paul	Trent Bob
De La Salle Old Boys	Lamb Rex	Parker Trevor	Trewin David
Drinkwater Ashton	Long Gregory	Partington Warren	Williams Barry †
Edwards Ben	McMonnies Charles	Price Gerard †	Williams Charlie †
Edwards Joanne	McPhee Daniel	Price Kevin	Worner Tim
England Robert	Ma Gabriel	Rankin Col	

† Deceased

* Bequest

*** Foundation Director