



17th Annual Report & Balance Sheet
2021 - 2022

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Office Bearers 2021/22

Briars at Greenlees Ltd.



Patron	C Walker (2019-2021) K Free OAM †	
Life Members	T Cribb P Doherty G Price † M Weber J Price	
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>
	A Thomas	<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>
	M Truesdale	<i>Greenlees Park Women's Bowls</i>
	R. Cilona	<i>Greenlees Park Junior Bowls</i>

Club Honour Boards

Briars Sports

Honour Board | Founded 2005



Past Chairmen	I Blair	2010-2016	M Weber	2005-2006
	B Huttly	2006-2010		
Life Members	G Price †			
	M Weber			
	J Price			

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

Past Life Members	B U Williams	1965-1967	E J Siddeley	1924-1925
	W A Elder	1962-1965	H W Whiddon	1921-1924
	R J Thomson	1960-1962	J C Meeks	1920-1921
	A J Land	1957-1960	H W Whiddon	1919-1920
	R S Jones AOM	1953-1957	J H Stone	1918-1919
	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
Life Members	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
	P C Murray CBE	1993	S Hipwell	2019
Vice - Presidents	I G S Blair	W F Hooker	J F Threlfo	
	C R Hickey	R I G Richard	C D Walker	
	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

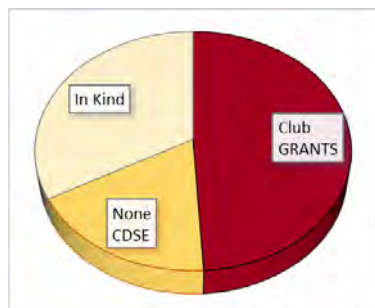
Chairmen	A Huttly	1989-1992	F Billyard	1964
	A Billyard	1982-1988	A Giblett	1963
	J Spargo	1981	C London	1960-1962
	T Murphy	1979-1980	E Hinks	1950-1959
	G Durie	1976-1978	C House	1975
	B Huttly	2003-2005	R Buchanan	1993-1996
	R Skehan	2001-2002	R Skehan	1991-1992
	R Crew	1997-2000	B Fumberger	1988-1990
	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
	A Lee-C Pratt	1993	J Henderson	1958
Life Members	J Vale	1992	C London	1957
	A Lee	1979-1991	W Dunlop	1950-1956
	L Coleman	K Free OAM	B Huttly	
Past Life Members	R Buchanan	R Skehan		
	J Jackson	A McLeod	R Riley OAM	
	E Knight	J Arantz	J Vale	
	C House	A Lee	A Fleeton	
	R Wiggins	N Tozer	M Davis	
	L Barry	H Wicks		

Briars Sports in the Community

2021/22 Community Support Programs



Briars Sports provides annual financial support to organisations and services within the local community, which include local schools, sporting groups and community organisations.



Support is provided through the Club GRANTS scheme, none CDSE donations and in-kind donations.

ClubGRANTS

Category 1

Activempowerment	Keep Stepping:	\$2,332.00
	Gentle Exercise program for Seniors aged 60+. Focusing on functional movement, strength, and balance activities.	
Guide Dogs NSW / ACT	Open Day Event for People with Low Vision or Blindness in Canada Bay:	\$5,000.00
	Guide Dogs NSW/ACT seeks funding to run an Open Day Event in Canada Bay for people with low vision or blindness and the wider community. The event will promote vital services, provide an inclusive opportunity for the low vision and blind community in Canada Bay and increase awareness of low vision and blindness. Event activities include.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcasing low vision equipment and partner • Assistive technology demonstrations • Guide Dog demonstrations • Information on available services 	
Mood Active Association	The 4-Week Wellbeing Workout:	\$2,000.00
	Is a free program over 4 x 2-hour workshops in person or virtually. Participants are introduced and encouraged to develop exercise skills and techniques that produce mental benefits of regular physical activity, become more comfortable in performing the activities, and going on to maintain the exercise habit in their daily life.	
The Royal Life Saving Society NSW	School Water Safety Project:	\$2,400.00

We are proud to report that the funds donated by Briars Sports to Royal Life Saving NSW through the ClubGRANT scheme, has enabled them to teach 79 high school students in Canada Bay vital lifesaving skills.

ClubGRANTS

Category 2

Briars Junior Cricket	\$4,800.00
Briars Junior Hockey	\$4,800.00
Briars Junior Netball	\$4,800.00
Briars Junior Rugby	\$2,500.00
Briars Junior Squash	\$2,000.00

None CDSE

Donations

Inner West Minis	The Inner West Minis Competition provides an opportunity for young Boys and Girls to learn and play Rugby Union on a weekly basis in a safe and family friendly environment. The competition is open to children from Under 6 through to Under 9s.	\$2,500.00
Concord Touch Football	Briars Sports sponsors Concord Touch Football who have over 100 participants from the age of 16 years to 50 plus, playing touch during the summer months at Greenlees Park, Concord.	\$1,000.00
St Marks Primary School Gala Night Fundraiser	The St Marks Primary School Gala Night raises much needed funds to support St Mark's students through programs that help the students with evolving technologies, reading, mindfulness and well-being and ensuring they receive a rich educational experience during their primary years.	\$500.00
Pinnacle Spine and Sports	Donated a voucher towards their Trivia night	\$100.00
Rosebank College	\$200 voucher towards their trivia night which was held to raise funds to purchase multipurpose furniture for their Inquiry Hub, as well as sporting equipment for their new courts.	\$200.00

In Kind

Donations

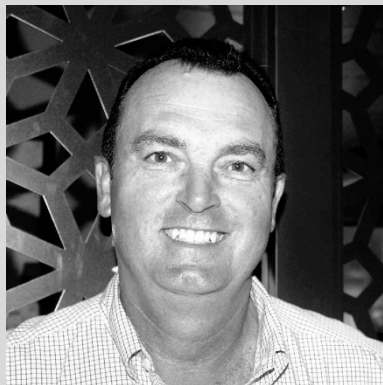
Sydney Weeds Network inc.	3-Day course held at Briars Sports.	\$750.00
Gaye Pietracci Weekly Watercolour Classes	Weekly watercolour classes held on a Friday morning from 10am at Briars Sports.	\$5,400.00
ALP Meeting	Monthly ALP meeting held at Briars Sports	\$1,500.00

Pinnacle Spine and Sports	Donated a voucher towards their Trivia night	\$100.00
ADRI	ADRI Meeting held at Briars Sports	\$150.00

Briars Sports

Chairman's Report

Brett Howle



On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to present the 17th Briars Sports Annual Report for the year ending 30th September 2022.

This has been another very successful year for both our club and all our sports. Since Sydney emerged from its second lockdown on the 11th of October 2021, Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Squash, Netball and Bowls have all gone from strength to strength during the year.

As a local community sporting club our 2 simple aims are to be the local sporting club of choice for those wishing to play in any of the above-mentioned sports. Additionally, we wish for our club premises and facilities to be contemporary and relevant to meet the needs of our local community.

On the club front it was pleasing to move on from the effects of Covid. Patronage of our facilities continues to grow allowing the club to post a profit of \$490,884 (2021 \$276,303), being an increase of 78% on the prior year and based on an EBITDA of \$1,166,831 (2021 \$858,486). This has allowed the club to reinvest these proceeds into improving club facilities for our members. Included in these numbers are the sports grants of \$117,000 provided by the club to assist our sports in lowering their running costs to both keep and attract new players. Please refer to Matina Moffit's treasurers report for greater detail of our financial performance.

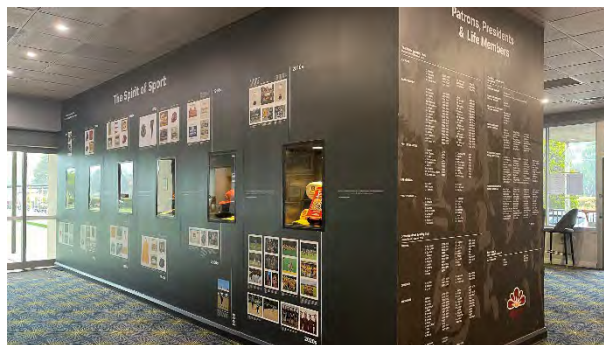
On the sporting front, our participation numbers and results remain strong. Cricket's success continues with Senior Cricket securing its 10th consecutive club championship which is a remarkable achievement. Briars also had a huge number of Junior Cricketers competing on fields in the local district. The previous season saw our Senior Rugby teams promoted to Division-2 however they suffered a disjointed season due to the effect of a very wet winter. Junior Rugby performed well picking up a premiership. Briars Senior Hockey and Junior Hockey teams also performed well in a competitive environment. Squash continues to thrive in



its newly renovated facility at Thornleigh with numbers growing and strong. Both our junior and senior Netball teams continue to perform well in a competitive environment with great results and strong numbers. Lastly our men's and women's bowling teams also had an enjoyable year with pleasing numbers and results.

In April we celebrated the much-anticipated opening of Parkside at Briars, a new alfresco style dining area & cocktail bar which has been well received by members and has turned an undervalued area into a refreshing dining experience with uninterrupted views over Greenlees Park. In December 2022 we also opened the newly expanded and refurbished gaming area which has been well received by patrons.

The club continues to reflect the importance of our sporting memorabilia to members, with several projects completed during the year to display the history of Briars Sports. Works include new displays within the club house and an on-line museum on the Briars Sports website, which is operational for members to view.



I wish to convey my appreciation for the efforts during the year of our General Manager, Jason Parle. Jason is an enthusiastic GM and instrumental in the club's success. 2022 was a particularly busy year as the club delivered on several initiatives. Supporting Jason in his role are our senior staff of Monique, Jacinta, Ben, Kim, Sam, Kypross, Alison and our friendly casual staff. Sadly Megan Garcia, a long term and much-loved staff member resigned during the year to further her career, her presence is fondly missed by all.

The success of our sports rest with the Chairman or Chairwoman that are responsible for their respective sports. It is due to their efforts and that of their committee that make sure our sports are well respected and administered during the year. I thank them for their efforts over the past year and the time contributed by all the volunteers who help the committees run their respective sports. I am grateful for the contributions of our volunteers, as our sports rely on the volunteers to ensure participants enjoy their sporting endeavours.

I would especially like to acknowledge Jules Boyter who stood down as junior rugby chairwoman during the year. Jules was the driving force in getting junior rugby up and running some 8 years ago with 2 teams on the park in the inaugural Briars junior rugby season to the success it is now, with a well-placed future as a result of all her hard work.

My appreciation goes out to our sponsors who support our sports and play an important role in assisting our sports to be financially sustainable.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the efforts of Canada Bay Council and the staff that have supported our club over the past 12 months. Council is a key stakeholder for all our sports, and we are grateful for the support we receive from Council and its various officers that deal with our sports.

During this year Briars Sports has lost several valued members. Firstly Ian Richard, affectionally known as "The Beast", who was a life member and past chairman of Briars. His enthusiastic support of Briars rugby as a player and supporter will always be remembered. Rod Smith will also be remembered fondly as a rugby and cricket player, and as one of these larger-than-life characters, always known for a quick story. Smithy was also a great Briar having been involved in the club for a long period of time. Condolences to all families of members that we lost during the year.

I would especially like to thank the Board of Directors for their contributions during the year. A key component of our club's success rests with the Board who provide a balance of opinions and representation of our sports. We work well as a team, which is reflected in the clubs achievements over the past 12 months. Post 30 September 2022, Kylie Backhouse resigned as director from the board with Sarah O'Brien filling the casual vacancy. I would like to thank Kylie for her contributions over the past 3 years, her wise counsel was much appreciated. I also welcome Sarah onto the board.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members and sporting participants for their contributions during the year. Our club exists for your benefit, and we thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to it continuing in 2023.

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 \$490,884 compared to the prior year result of \$276,303.

This was the first year, in a couple of years where we had no club closure. As a result, we had a strong financial year with both bar and poker machine revenue increasing in the last 12 months. 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 \$589,696. Once again, the club continues its upgrades, and our objective is to continue to invest to ensure we remain relevant to our members, and they can enjoy their time at the club.

In addition, the 2021 financial year profit does not include the profits made by the sports, which was \$331,535. These amounts are carried forward to 2023 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. I am sure most are keen to have an uninterrupted season.

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

General Manager's Report

Jason Parle



To all our Sports, thank you for your efforts this year! The winter sports were impacted by wet weather constantly and yet just kept on keeping on. Cricket again had a successful year and celebrated a 10th Club championship in a row!! Our junior sports continue to grow and thrive.

To all volunteers, thank you! You are the reason that Briars is the Sports Club of choice for adult and junior participants.

Our Sports are the reason for the Club's being, we support each other.

I briefly mentioned in my 2021 segment of the annual report that works had begun on an extension to the Ted Stockdale room decking area. This project took longer to complete due to constant rain delays.

The newly named "Parkside" officially opened in April 2022. With a shade structure, large screen TV's and a mobile bar for craft beers and cocktails, the area has provided a fresh alfresco alternative for members and their guests.

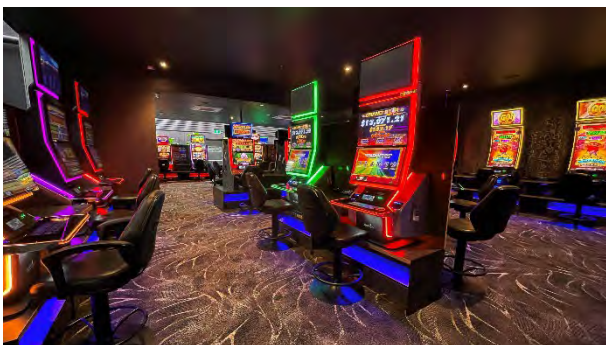
With the temporary poker machine room which blocks the view of Parkside soon to be “given back” to the Ted Stockdale lounge area, we will be able to see Parkside and Greenlees Park unobstructed and this is sure to enhance the whole area.



The Parkside build included an extension to the kitchen, which now has an Italian woodfired pizza oven. The new kitchen services both the Backyard & Parkside. I encourage all members to book any future functions at Parkside, which provides a unique alfresco dining experience overlooking Greenlees Park. It really is made for a party! However, remember, Parkside is an over 18's space.

Your Board strives to ensure that the Club facility modern while respectful to the heritage and history of both the Briars Sporting Club and Greenlees Park Bowling Club. To this end the following improvements have also been made:

- Memorabilia (populated) cabinets x 4
- Parkside furniture
- Upgrade to CCTV/Security system
- New heated “pass” for the bistro service area
- Privacy screen and illuminated sign at Club entrance
- 5 x Picnic tables for the play green



Of course, there is a budget in place for the purchase of new poker machines to ensure that this area always remains up to date and relevant.

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

To all our senior staff members Jacinta, Ben, Monique, Kim, Kypross, Alison and Sam, thank you for all your efforts this year. In February 2022, after 16 years' service to the Club, Megan left for a new challenge. In her many roles at the Club Megan remained a much-loved team member and she is missed, I am sure all members wish her the very best in her new challenge.

Our casual staff members Blake, Jarrod, Aiden, Paige and Alyssa, Laury our courtesy Bus driver and Ayoub our security officer thank you for all your help this year.

To your Club Board, who have provided such support and drive, thank you!

Vale Notices

Ian Richard



The Beast has left the building (before closing time!). Ian (Beast) Richard cashed in his chips in life's casino on Thursday morning the 8th of September 2022.

Where do you start to chronicle the life of a Briars Sporting Club legend? He played rugby from the age of 18 years, upgrading to playing Kentwell Cup, and subsequently working his way down the grades as age took its toll.

Ian took a very hands-on role in the Golden Oldies rugby festivals. If there was a rugby tour, he was in it, New Zealand especially. If there was another sports tour other than rugby, he managed to get himself appointed manager! He was a club president, and subsequently a lifetime member of the club. He will be remembered by all subbie's clubs for his animated performances of Alouette. A life full of adventure activities especially canoeing. Age was no barrier and he found himself partnering with team members twenty years his junior. He would do anything for the club, a more stalwart club servant you couldn't get.

After leaving university Ian joined International Computers UK. After a few years in Australia in Sydney and Melbourne, he transferred to the UK operations in London. At that time the Soviet "iron curtain" was firmly in place, but ICL was allowed to trade with the bloc. Ian became "country manager" for a number of the countries; not an easy job as life was very basic in those days. He recounted the journey from a main train station in Serbia on the back of a farmer's cart to get to his hotel in the capital!

Returning from the UK, Ian resumed his computer industry activities, working for numerous computer companies and government departments. He was a volunteer senior manager at NADOW (disability training) and also on programs to assist young people to gain employment, especially in the computer industry.

Helping other people was second nature to the man!

In retirement he travelled extensively around Australia, firstly in a Landcruiser and then upgrading to a Mercedes campervan. He was also a volunteer support person on the outback treks in aid of the Flying Doctor Service.

One interesting story is that he kept in touch with all his kindergarten fellow students, and every year would shout their original teacher lunch. Even after she passed away, they continued to meet for lunch, a tradition that lasted for 75 years!

An outrageous larrikin, his exploits are too numerous to list here. There is however a standout. Having a few too many at the club in Burwood he drove his old Rolls Royce to Abbotsford in reverse. Having got there he did another lap around the block to throw off any pursuers!

Rod Smith “Smithy”



Rod Smith joined The Briars Sporting Club in 1967 playing cricket initially and then rugby at the highest level.

He joined Briars with several fellow mates from Canterbury Boys' High where he was applauded as a sportsman of great ability. Smithy quickly showed us that he could lend his hand at any sport with consummate ease and precision.

Playing cricket, Smithy was a right arm spin bowler and hard-hitting middle order batsman. Far from being a prodigious spinner of the ball he fooled many a batsman with his infamous “Arm Ball”. Many an opposition innings was broken with the “Arm Ball”.

When Rod hit a cricket ball it remained hit with many sailing over the boundary. He rescued numerous innings with a hard-hitting or stoic performance following the collapse of the top order batting.

He was a valuable member of the 1980-81 A-Grade Shires Premiership Team whereby he formed a major part of the team's backbone.

In Rugby, Smithy was a solid Kentwell Cup fullback with great hands under the high ball and a prodigious kick to help relieve the pressure. His piercing runs from fullback through opposition defence was one to be seen.

Near the end of his rugby career Rod played Golden Oldies with the same passion as his earlier days on the paddock.

Rod was a true clubman. Always willing to encourage and mentor the younger members of the Briars. If it was a Rugby Tour or a Social Event, Smithy was quick to put up his hand and organise whatever was required. He was a very close mate to many Briars and will be remembered as a guy we all wanted to be with and treasured his company.

Rod was never heard to say a bad word about anybody, or anybody about him.

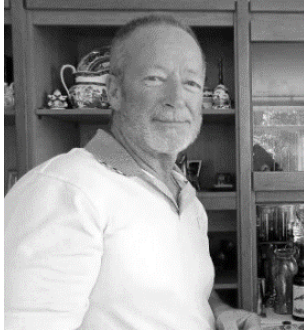
Christopher Charles Hensley

We are sad to share the news that Chris Hensley has passed away. Chris coached his son Max's cricket team for many years. He was always welcoming, easy going, and spent a lot of time refining the teams cricket skills which resulted in the team achieving three consecutive grand final appearances. His mischievous sense of humour and passion for cricket was infectious and gained him respect from both the boys he coached and their parents.



Natalie, Chris's wife, shared that 'Chris loved being able to contribute to the Concord Briars cricket club and was grateful for the friendships he made along the way. He adored his boys and was appreciative for the sense of purpose coaching gave him.'

Wayne Allan



Wayne Allan passed away on Wednesday, 29th June. Wayne was a long-standing member and past president of Greenlees Park Men's Bowling Club

The Briars Foundation

2021/22 Report

Bill Hooker | Company Secretary / Honorary Treasurer



The Board of Directors of the Foundation decided during the year to place the Foundation in a dormant status. This is mainly due to the current lack of any suitable capital project funding requirements.

Burwood Briars Cricket

Chairman's Report

Anthony Clarke



Season Summary

1st Grade 12th season in a row that they have made the Finals series. Runners Up for season 2021/22

2nd Grade 14th season in a row that they have made finals Premiers for 2021/22

3rd Grade 14th season in a row that they have been Qualifying Finalists

4th Grade 15th season in a row that they have been Qualifying Finalists

5th Grade made the finals and were Undefeated Premiers for season 2021/22

Chappelow Cup Brothers were Qualifying finalists, with both Gold and Maroon missing the finals. Under 24's Semi Finalists for this season Club Championship Winners 10th Season in a row.

Briars Cricket celebrated its 100th Season of Cricket in 2021-22 and what a way to celebrate.

We were fortunate enough to secure our 10th successive Club Championship along with premierships in 2nd Grade and 5th Grade as well as our 1st Grade side reaching the Grand Final. A wonderful achievement given that once again the season was disjointed with Covid restrictions in place and some of the worst weather encountered for some time. The results for this season are a testament to all the players and administrators hard work in being able to adapt to constant changing circumstances, this speaks volumes for our team captains who have ensured that we achieve another Club Championship along with 2 premierships in what was a trying season. This success is not taken for granted as every other Club is keen to beat us.

This season we again had our 4 top grades make the semifinals, making it 13 seasons in a row! We also had our 5th Grade team return to the final's series and a Chappelow Cup team compete in the semifinals.

The season started off with mixed results across the grades, but once we regained our composure, it all started to kick into place, resulting in Burwood Briars Cricket securing the Club Championship by the narrowest of margins, a truly remarkable achievement.

1st Grade again led the way for the Club by reaching the Grand Final however unfortunately went down to Balmain South Sydney. Another amazingly consistent season from this team.

Congratulations to 2nd Grade who won their Premiership for the season. It was a powerhouse display in the final against Auburn, which saw them bowled out for 52 with Briars passing them 2 down to take the silver wear.

3rd Grade made the Qualifying Finals, but the game was unfortunately washed out, and as the lower placed team their season came to an abrupt end.

4th Grade also made the Qualifying Finals, but like 3rd Grade were unfortunately washed out with their season ending as the lower placed team.

Under 24's ended their season when they lost in their semifinals game.

Congratulations to 5th Grade for winning the premiership and going through the season undefeated.

Our Chappelow Cup sides acquitted themselves well this season with the Burwood Briars Brothers team making the Qualifying Final, however like the 3rd and 4th grade sides they were also washed out and as the lower placed side their season came to an end. Both Burwood Briars Maroon and Gold had mixed results

for the season and bore the brunt of player unavailability's in the top grades. It was pleasing to see them develop multiple younger players, which should hold the club in good stead for the coming years as these players move up the grades.

Both the Chappelow Cup & 5th Grade competitions are still littered with standalone teams, trying to win competitions rather than develop the talent of the new and younger players.

The teams for the season were led by the skippers Max Squire - 1st Grade, Brett Bastow - 2nd Grade, Phil Maxwell - 3rd Grade, Lloyd Andrews - 4th Grade, Brett Howle - 5th Grade, Michael Taberner, Mark Smyck, Asita Galappatti - Chappelow Cup and Alex Favotto - Under 24's. Thanks for all your help and support throughout the season.

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 reassuring to know that when the call is made that so many of you are available to help out where required.

The Club is very fortunate to be able to play on some of the best grounds in Shires cricket in Rothwell Park and Ron Routley Oval. A big thank you to the ground staff that go above and beyond week after week to make sure that these grounds are constantly voted among the top grounds' year in and year out. To Jeff and Jason and their ground staff, thanks for all your hard work.

Off the field there are many of you who assist with running Burwood Briars Cricket. I would like to thank Paul Price for his regular updating of the Facebook page, along with his updates from around the grounds, his weather forecasts and his work in sponsorship. To Terry Murphy who once again served as the Clubs Representative to the SCA and his work with updating the Clubs statistics on past and present players. To Declan Kennedy for his assistance with all SCA & Shires paperwork and enquires, Brett Howle for his work with our accounts and his efforts with covers week in and week out and providing guidance during the season. Gareth Robson for his work with My Cricket player registrations and collecting fees throughout the year. Paul Simpson and Mark Smyck along with Damian Price, Diren Reddy and Jack Kovacic who were at every training session setting up for us and running the batting and bowling along with the fielding drills. Thanks to Richard Tregeagle who managed the Under 24's team this season along with Damian Price.

To Graeme Durrant and Paul Roper for all the work that they do in scoring for both 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and Under 24's and maintaining the end of season statistics.

To our regular supporters Peter Mansford & John Threlfo a huge thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our long-term sponsor Venus Packaging. This sponsorship has been ongoing for well over a decade. and we would like to especially thank Ian Venus for his generous support of Burwood Briars Cricket.

Thanks to Pinnacle Spine & Sports. Their partnership with the Club has been invaluable with the assistance they provided in getting our cricketers fit and back onto the field.

Once again, we took on Epping for the Turnbull/ Richardson Trophy which is awarded to the club that gains the most Club Championship point for the round and I am proud to say that we once again defeated Epping to retain the trophy.

On behalf of all the cricketers, I would like to thank the Staff and Management of Briars Sports, Jason, Ben, Monique & Jacinta for their assistance during the season.

We completed the 2021/22 season with our Annual Presentation Night at the club. We had a great turn out of past and present players with over 100 in attendance. Thanks to the Walker and Watt families for their ongoing support, we are proud to have two of Briars Cricket's main trophies named after David and Ted.

The individual winners of the annual awards were:

David Walker Trophy	<i>Services to Cricket</i>	Mark Smyck
Ted Watt Trophy	<i>Best New talent</i>	Harrison Luke
Richard Tregeagle Trophy	<i>1st Grade Players Player</i>	Jack Kovacic
Gerard Price Trophy	<i>2nd Grade Players Player</i>	Alex Vendrasco

Anthony Clarke Trophy	3 rd Grade Players Player	Jack Rogers
Peter Mansford Trophy	4 th Grade Players Player	Hugh Sims
Will Hood Trophy	5 th Grade Players Player	Anthony Clarke
Paul Price Trophy	Under 24's Players Player	Jamie Mc Leod
Chappelow Cup	Players Player	Mark Smyck
Bill Hooker Trophy	Masters / Classics Player	David Abood (Masters) Charlie Deguera (Classics) Douglas Lato (Vintage)

Congratulations to all the award winners' and thanks to Paul Simpson, Paul Price and Brett Howle for making the night a success.

It would be remiss of me not to thank Gerard Price for the 30 plus years as Cricket Chairman, to have left us with such a great legacy, to build on for years to come.

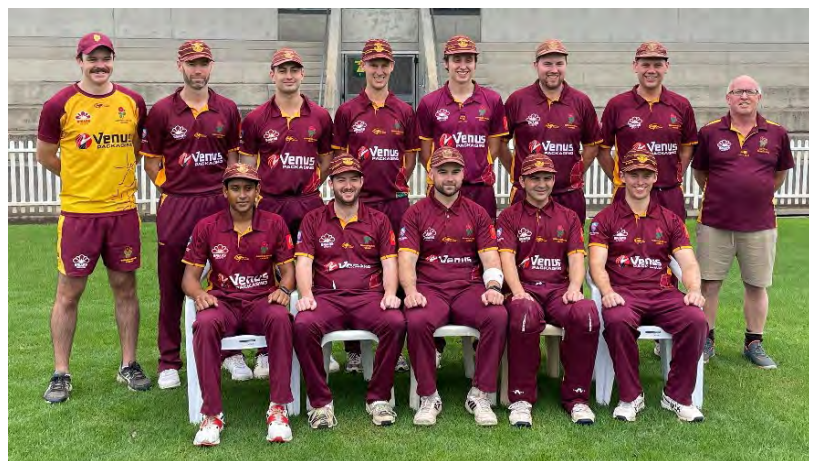
1st Grade – Runners-Up

Max Squire | Captain

Highlights

Over the course of the season, we had great times and a lot of good performances.

Kova and Ash were devastating with the ball, BJ had another brilliant all-round season, and I don't know if you heard but Tom Moffit can bat apparently. Tom's first half of the season was incredible. It was better than it looked on paper because he grinded for his runs on tough wickets and slow outfielders. A lot of our victories were off the back of Tom's bat.



I would like to congratulate and thank all supporters and followers of Briars Cricket. You have all played a role in our clubs' incredible achievement this season, whether you're a player, administrator, or supporter you have all contributed to that success and you should be very proud of yourself.

I would also like to thank our captains, who have all done a wonderful job, with a special mention going out to Alex Favotto and Phil Maxwell who had some big shoes to fill and were incredible.

The committee was brilliant once again and I would like to thank PP, Charlie and Clarkey for supporting our team, we appreciate what you do for us and it's very important to me that your work isn't taken for granted. Congratulations to Clarkey and Charlie on a brilliant premiership win, it's just rewards and a credit to you both and the rest of your team.

To my mate Kanga and his amazing team, congratulations to you all. You guys had a remarkable season and were clearly the best and most consistent team. To finish minor premiers and premiers is what you deserved, and we are all so proud of you.

To my team, you guys have been an absolute pleasure once again. Thank you all for your commitment to our team and our club.

I look back at the season and like everyone else, it was difficult battling the weather and covid week in week out. Unfortunately, we just ran out of gas. Over the course of the season, we had great times and a lot of

really good performances. Kova and Ash were devastating with the ball, BJ had another brilliant all-round season, and I don't know if you heard but Tom Moffitt can bat now apparently. Tom's first half of the season was incredible. It was better than it looked on paper because he grinded for his runs on tough wickets and slow outfielders. A lot of our victories were off the back of Tom's bat.

The best thing about our club but also the hardest is our ruthless pursuit of success. We fell short this time but in no doubt that we are on the right track for another premiership soon.

- **Max Squire:** 351 Runs @ 32 - 2 Wickets @ 33.5 - 8 Catches
- **Tom Moffitt:** 344 Runs @ 35.7 Catches
- **Brenton Wright:** 216 Runs @ 31 - 21 Wickets @ 13 - 4 Catches
- **Andrew Jalalaty:** 181 Runs @ 21 - 11 Catches and 4 Stumpings
- **Thomas Burt:** 153 Runs @ 17 - 7 Wickets @ 9 - 2 Catches
- **Ash Squire:** 95 Runs @ 19 - 18 Wickets @ 8 - 4 Catches
- **Declan Kennedy:** 90 Runs @ 10 - 5 Catches
- **Diren Reddy:** 78 Runs @ 13 - 10 Wickets @ 22 - 3 Catches
- **Jack Kovacic:** 36 Runs @ 6 - 31 Wickets @ 10 - 7 Catches
- **Aidan Gardner:** 25 Runs @ 25 - 1 Wicket @ 76 2 Catches
- **Xavier Tregeagle:** 52 Runs @ 18 - 3 Wickets @ 39 - 3 Catches
- **Alex Vendrasco:** 2 Wickets @ 72 - 3 Catches
- **Stephen Davis:** 10 Wicket @ 19 - 1 Catches

2nd Grade | Minor Premiers & Premiers

Brett Bastow | Captain

Highlights

The second game of the season against Lindfield set the season up for the Burwood Briars 2nd grade team. We were looking down the barrel of another loss – 9 down and still 70 runs behind, before Damian Price and Atul Mahajan put on an unbeaten 70 run partnership to win, what looked like the unwinnable game.

The poise and fight these two Briars showed, displayed what we as a team were capable of.

We never looked back and went on to win the premiership.



2nd grade had an amazing season which culminated in a deserved premiership. A huge thanks and appreciation to every player across the season who stepped up and helped secure the premiership. It was truly a team effort and exemplified the Briars spirit. However, as a captain I leant on many to help along the way. Special thanks and acknowledgement go to Karl Vendrasco who captained across some of the games and created seamless leadership to the group.

The season didn't start well with a tight loss first up against Warringah. We bowled first to get our cricket legs. The wickets were spread amongst the bowlers, and I think it was an early indication of the year our spinners collectively, and Alex Vendrasco were going to have with the ball. Tim Rose did his best to get us over the line with a 9 with the bat, but we fell short.

The second game of the season against Lindfield set the season up. We were down the barrel of another loss – 9 down and still 70 runs behind. Rothwell was filling up by other grades coming down to watch Damian Price and Atul Mahajan put on an unbeaten 70 run partnership to win what looked like the unwinnable game. Starting the season with two losses would have been hard to come back from. The poise and fight the two Briars showed at the end displayed what we were capable of, and really set the season up with the

team never looking back

The remainder of the main season was generally a bowler dominated season with both Alex Vendasco and Atul Mahajan leading the way. They were very well supported throughout the year by the spinning cartel whose collective economy rate was a tick over 2! Our batting did the job when required with each player taking their opportunity when the team required it. It was a real team effort across the 12 rounds of one dayers, ultimately allowing Briars to finish a win in front of the rest of the clubs setting the team up well for the finals charge in March.

Player	MATCHES	W	RUNS	BBF	AVE	SR
Vendasco, Alex	7	20	160	4/18	8.00	17.85
Mahajan, Atul	11	18	260	4/31	14.44	26.67
Gardner, Aidan	5	10	97	3/24	9.70	23.20

Player	MATCHES	INNINGS	HS	RUNS	AVE	SR
Rose, Tim	9	9	91	231	25.67	53.3
Wallace, Pascal	10	9	38*	178	22.25	55.1
Peters, Alexander M	10	7	71	167	27.83	96.0

Finals

1st round of the finals was a wash out against Georges River, so nothing to report except we were raring to go for the semi-final against Norwest Sydney.

The **semi-final** was the hardest fought game of the year and showed what it meant to be a Briar. Karl Vendasco stepped into captain this crucial game at the last minute, with Harry Lee joining the team. Batting first we made hard work of it. We had two partnerships to speak of with the opening pair of Jamie McLeod and Tim Rose starting us off quite well, and Pascal Wallace and Matt Roper in the middle order. Wickets tumbled at regular intervals with Matt Roper carrying his bat with a very handy 40 as we were bowled out for 125.

Defending 125 meant everything had to go to plan, and at 5/96 it would have been easy to see the season finishing there and then. However, an important wicket by Atul Mahajan set off Norwest's collapse and a runout by Karl on the same score saw the score at 7/96 and the pressure was fair and square back on the opposition. The last three wickets fell in quick succession with a runout to finish rolling Norwest for 110. The spinning cartel of Aidan Gardner, Harry Lee and Jack Rogers were brilliant in building pressure and securing 5 wickets, but it really was a great display of what a team at Briars achieves together.

Week leading into the Grand Final against Auburn was shrouded with impending storms and a buzz that we were up against Auburn who in recent years have been there with us at the top of the table for the past 4 years. 2nd grade was fortunate to secure the best ground in Shires – Rothwell, to play the final as we had a chance to play some cricket. We desperately wanted to get on and win the SJ Mayne Trophy, and our best chance was Saturday to do so. The outfield was sodden, but the deck was the best one for the year and fitting to hold a final.

We won the toss and put Auburn in. Matt Roper secured an early wicket and then Alex Vendasco imposed himself on the game getting the next few. We all came off for a huge storm and a long delay. Every player was out on the ground doing something to get back on. We wanted to win the GF not be appointed the trophy. As soon as we came back on, we reverted to Alex and brought spin in. We kept the pressure on Auburn who made 52. The bowlers dominated. Everyone who came bowled well, but Alex picking up 4 for 18 was the difference and ultimately a deserved winner on the player of the match.

We chased the score two down. An empathic win by the group and capped off a crazy covid season. We were all happy to be able to play cricket, represent the club and be around our Briar team mates. We saw some old heads bring their 'A' game, some younger players raise their game, and some new players establish themselves at this level. It was also a standout season by Alex Vendasco with the ball who was

easily the best play of the year.

Finally, a big thanks and congratulations to each player, committee member and supporter, who enabled Briars to win another club championship.

To all involved, each person makes this club, the standout club it is.

3rd Grade | Semi Finalists

Phil Maxwell | Captains

Highlights

With all the inconsistency due to the wet weather, covid and other changes faced throughout the year, I'd like to thank Anthony Clarke and Brett Howle for their enormous efforts, which lead to our 10th consecutive club championship!!!

#decadeofdominance

This season was anything but smooth sailing for Third Grade.

The year saw approx. 30 players play 3's across the season, with a few fill ins here and there to keep up with the everchanging season. We finished 5th, winning 5 of our 9 games played. Unfortunately for us, with all the wet weather around, the QF v Strathfield was washed out, knocking us out of the running.

A special thank you to Alex Favotto for covering as captain during the games I couldn't be a part of.



This season was the Clubs most challenging to date, claiming our 10th club champs by only 4.5 points! Likewise, it was also a tough year for Third Grade.

The season got off to a good start with a great close victory over Warringah. The greenies posted 185, led by a bloke named Kale. Luckily, we had our very own Kale (arguably better) rip 5 for 58 off 9. With a tough run chase ahead, Saurabh Ganguly and Gaurav Khadse batted beautifully scoring 51 and 52, respectfully. We ended up chasing down the total 6/186 off 47.5, with Harry Lee finishing off the job with a clean 24*. The next 6 rounds saw 2 wins, 2 losses and 2 wash outs. Sub-par performances saw us go down against Lindfield and Epping in rounds 2 and 6, with standout performances by Ganguly (40 against Lindfield) and Shreyas Patel (38 against Epping).

The delayed round 3 brought a good win against Pennant Hills, rolling them for 109 led by two of the quieter blokes of the team with Jack Rogers taking 4/12 and Ned Arnold taking 3/20, laying the foundation for the boys to chase it down in 32 overs, led by Favotto's 27. Likewise, round 4 brought a great win for us against Roseville. The boys batted excellently, notching up 6/237 off our 50. Harrington and Khadse grinding away, scoring 60 and 31, allowing for some late-inning fireworks brought to us by Harry Lee's 59*. The batting performance was back up by the ball, rolling them for 99 with Jack "The Ostrich" Benchoam (with a point to prove to his u24's captain) and Rahul "Candyman" Khandelwal sending down lightning bolts and bananas taking 5/13 and 3/37. A comprehensive win for the boys, seeing us take home the bonus point!

Round 8 and 9 brought another two good wins against River and Balmain. Candyman was up to his antics again taking 4/13 and JR mopped up the rest taking 3/29, rolling the boys in blue for 147. We chased it down in a good team batting performance, Harry Lee top scoring with 39. Round 9 took us to Alan Davidson Aquatic Centre. After waiting for the sun and being put into bat, Fav got to drinks! Batting superbly on a very slow ground, notching up 85. Some say it would've been worth around 200 at Frank Gray Oval. We finished up 9/184 and Balmain never looked like they wanted to win until their number 10 decided to bomb Rahul into the scoreboard. Balmain were all out for 123 off 39 overs with JR taking 3/22.

The last 4 rounds of the season were lacklustre at best for 3s. We lost 2 close games and had 2 wash outs. Round 10 against Mounties brought back a few ring ins looking to revive their cricketing careers. Unfortunately, we couldn't bat out the 50, scoring 173 off 48.3 with Cormac O'Connor and Harry Peters hitting 23 each and Chris Iaquinto scratching around in the middle for 21. Mounties looked to be struggling at 7/97 after some great bowling by Sanket Karkare (2/11 off 10), until their number 9 smoked 55 (10x4s and 1x6). Ultimately, Mounties chased us down in 48.2 overs. Our other loss at the end of the season against Strathfield saw them chase down our total of 185 in the 47th over. Standout performances included JR's 31, Lee's 28 and Adrian Dawson's 3/37. The wet weather saw us hold onto 5th spot at the end of the regular season and were set for revenge against Starthfield in the QF. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, with the weather refusing to give us a break, washing us out of the finals.

A huge congratulations to Brett Bastow and Second Grade for their season! Can't ask for much more than a shield at the end of a comprehensive and dominant first season as skipper. Hopefully there's many more to come.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate everyone for the 10th consecutive club championship!!! This just proves how much effort everyone puts in every week and is a testament to how great this club is. I'm looking forward to keeping this ridiculous streak alive next season, let's keep it going!

There's only one!

Batting

Player	M	I	NO's	100's	50's	0's	4's	HS	RUNS	AVE
Lee, Harrison	6	6	2	0	1	1	4	59*	171	42.75
Favotto, Alex	6	6	0	0	1	0		85	141	23.50
Harrington, Matthew	6	6	0	0	1	0	1	60	121	20.17
Khadse, Gaurav	7	7	0	0	1	1	4	52	113	16.14
Maxwell, Philip	8	7	1	0	0	1	3	37	108	18.00
Ganguly, Saurabh	4	4	0	0	1	0	8	51	108	27.00
Patel, Shreyas	6	6	0	0	0	2		38	84	14.00
Rogers, Jack	4	4	2	0	0	0		31	80	40.00
Peters, Harry	5	5	1	0	0	0		23	77	19.25
Karkare, Sanket	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	18	44	11.00
Pendyala, Vrishank	3	2	0	0	0	0		26	39	19.50
Khandelwal, Rahul	8	5	1	0	0	0		19*	38	9.50
Abood, Henry	3	3	2	0	0	0		14	29	29.00
Threlkeld, James	5	2	0	0	0	0		15	24	12.00
O'Connor, Cormac	1	1	0	0	0	0		23	23	23.00
Barton, Kale	3	3	0	0	0	0		12	23	7.67
Iaquinto, Christopher	1	1	0	0	0	0		21	21	21.00
Price, Damian	4	2	1	0	0	0		59*	171	42.75
Cullen, Douglas	1	1	0	0	0	0		85	141	23.50
Palmer, Alex	1	1	0	0	0	0		60	121	20.17
Arnold, Ned	2	1	1	0	0	0		52	113	16.14
Dawson, Adrian	4	2	1	0	0	0		37	108	18.00
BENCHOAM, JACK	4	2	2	0	0	0		51	108	27.00
Blaikie, Andrew J	1	1	0	0	0	0		38	84	14.00
Sims, Hugh	1	1	0	0	0	0		31	80	40.00
Smith, Christopher	1	1	0	0	0	1		23	77	19.25

Bowling

Player	M	O	M	R	W	5Wi	10Wm	BBI	AVE	STR	ECN
Khandelwal, Rahul	8	58.1	10	192	16	0	0	4/13	12.00	21.81	3.30
Maxwell, Philip	8	54	6	172	12	0	0	4/26	14.33	27.00	3.19
Rogers, Jack	4	24.1	4	63	10	0	0	4/12	6.30	14.50	2.61
BENCHOAM, JACK	4	21.5	4	69	6	1	0	5/13	11.50	21.83	3.16
Barton, Kale	3	18	2	100	6	1	0	5/58	16.67	18.00	5.56
Price, Damian	4	32	3	114	5	0	0	2/41	22.80	38.40	3.56
Arnold, Ned	2	13	1	47	4	0	0	3/20	11.75	19.50	3.62
Patel, Shreyas	6	13	0	67	4	0	0	2/22	16.75	19.50	5.15
Karkare, Sanket	4	33.5	4	110	4	0	0	2/11	27.50	50.75	3.25
Dawson, Adrian	4	33	6	111	4	0	0	3/37	27.75	49.50	3.36
Threlkeld, James	5	39	4	142	3	0	0	1/26	47.33	78.00	3.64
Palmer, Alex	1	10	1	43	2	0	0	2/43	21.50	30.00	4.30
Iaquinto, Christopher	1	2.2	0	22	1	0	0	1/22	22.00	14.00	9.43
Pendyala, Vrishank	3	9	0	40	1	0	0	1/18	40.00	54.00	4.44
Lee, Harrison	6	10	2	33	0	0	0	0/33	NA	NA	3.30

Fielding:

Player	M	CNWK	CWK	Stmp	RO Ass	RO Un
Favotto, Alex	6	3	0	0	0	0
Maxwell, Philip	8	2	0	0	0	0
Smith, Christopher	1	2	0	0	0	0
Harrington, Matthew	6	2	0	0	0	0
Threlkeld, James	5	2	0	0	0	0
Rogers, Jack	4	2	0	0	0	0
Cullen, Douglas	1	2	0	0	0	0
Dawson, Adrian	4	1	0	0	0	0
Khadse, Gaurav	7	1	0	0	0	0
Lee, Harrison	6	1	0	0	0	0
Price, Damian	4	1	0	0	0	0
Palmer, Alex	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barton, Kale	3	0	0	0	0	0
Pendyala, Vrishank	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stansfield, Tristan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arnold, Ned	2	0	0	0	0	0
Abood, Henry	3	0	0	0	0	0
Blaikie, Andrew J	1	0	1	0	0	0

4th Grade | Semi Finalists

Lloyd Andrews | Captain



Another fantastic year for Burwood Briars Cricket, 10 club championships in a row an unbelievable effort from the club. Congratulations to Kanga and his 2nd grade team for winning the Grand-Final and congratulations to Clarke and Charlie and their team for winning 5th grade Grand-Final.

Two premierships and a club championship to wrap up the 2021/22 season.

Thank you to all the captains and selectors for their continuous support. The emails start from Saturday night and don't stop till we walk on the pitch the following Saturday.

Special mention to my old mate Clarke, for another fantastic year leading this group of players, that continuously surprise not only us, but the whole shires competition, great job mate.

For the competition only being one dayers for the whole season very difficult to get momentum as we are not used to playing one-day cricket at the club. We prefer the two-day format, Rain played a big part in the season, and as everyone knows you need to be in the top 2 come semi-finals when the rain is around, unfortunately we were not able to do that. Finishing the season in 4th on 44 points.

Although it was an up-and-down season, we had some good performances throughout the year.

Albert and Virat putting on a very good partnership against Lindfield in round 2 to push the score above 190, which ended up winning the game for us. Virat backed it up with 4 wickets.

Wickets was shared against Penrith round 3 chasing 130, A hard hitting performance from Scott Brennan 51 Got the Briars home.

Round 8 saw River score 220 but young Hugh Sims score a very good 55 and backed up by Doug Cullen with a brilliant 75no to win the game.

Round 9 was a good batting performance from the old blokes in the team score 214 Brennan 48 Andrews 44 and Eichholzer 34no, with the ball one bloke stood up taking 5 -21 Doug Cullen.

Round 10 saw a beautiful batting performance from young Anton Demark batting the inns for 42no helped by Shreyas Patel with a hard hitting 67.

It was disappointing being knocked out in the first semi-final due to rain again, but I am sure we will be ready to go next year and continue the fight to win another premiership in fourth grade.

The team that played most of the year in 4s: Ned Arnold, Jack Benchoam, Hugh Sims, Doug Cullen, James Threhold, Lloyd Andrews, Albert Eichholzer, Shreyas Patel, Vrishank pendyala, Scott Brennan & Saurabh Ganguly.

Thanks for a great year. There's only one!

5th Grade | Undefeated Minor Premiers & Premiers

Brett Howle & Anthony Clarke | Co Captains

There is no better way than to start an end of season report with those words as Briar's 5th grade secured their 2nd premiership overall, and their first since winning it in the inaugural year of 2007/08.



The season started in a disjointed fashion due to the 2021 Covid pandemic & lockdowns which delayed the start of the season. Eventually, with a couple of weeks of preseason training commencing late October, the competition started some 6-weeks later than normal in mid-November.

As usual there was an influx of new players joining the club for the season

and a few of those, especially some of the younger ones, found a spot in 5s.

Game 1 vs Epping was a close one as we dismissed them for 112 with Paul Simpson 5-29 and we passed them 7 Down. Round 2 vs Lane Cove and 3 vs Northwest Sydney were both washed out, something we were going to get very used to as the season progressed. Round 4 Vs Pennant Hills was a very interesting game in that we had it won, then lost for all money, eventually ending up in a tied match. Batting first we posted 7-145 then had Pennant Hills on the ropes at 7-88 only for them to get to 8/145 and the game seeming theirs. At the start of the 40th and last over, bowled by youngster Alex Burkhart, Pennant Hills required 6 runs to win we needed two wickets. First ball goes for 4, then a single, so scores are now tied. 2 dot balls then a wicket. So, with one ball to go they still need a run we need a wicket, but we manage to get a run out to tie the match. Alex bowled extremely well to finished with 4-33

In round 5 Roseville scored 168, Alex Burkhart 5-23, and we passed them in the last over, 5 down. Openers Luke Scott 49 and Anton Demark 59 the pick of the bats. Next round we rolled Strathfield for 84 Anthony Clarke 4-21 and passed them 2 down in the 19th over for a bonus point win. That saw us into the Christmas break well placed on the ladder.

First game of the new year vs Mounties was washed out. In Rd 8 vs Georges River we finished at 4/169 with Peter Burkhart the standout batting superbly with 87 (retired hurt – “cooked”) due to the oppressive heat. We rolled them for 114 with Mick Towells joining the side and getting 5-22. Next round vs Lane Cove was another tight one. Starting only after the school game eventually finished, we rolled them for 66, Harry Luke 3-6 Anthony Clarke 3-8 however we were 6/62 then 8/63 and the game in the balance until Srikar Danthurty cleared the infield to send one over covers into the boundary for our win. Next was Northwest Sydney and we batted well for 9/168, losing some late wickets, Mick Towells 51 and a cameo performance by Gerard Abood as a late fill in, also playing with his son Henry. However, the less said about Gerard the better, in that some things never change. After not playing competitively for some 25 years Gerard somehow managed to place himself at deep mid-wicket so it would be easier to argue with the opposition's supporters. Managed to outscore his son, so at least has bragging rights for life. In a close one, they finished 9/160. Next were Souths who we dismissed for 90, James Webb 3-13, passing them 4 down for a bonus point win Mick Towells 46.

In round 12 Auburn batted first and were 3/15 after 8 overs until we came off for weather and the game eventually washed out. Round 13 vs Lindfield we achieved 5-158 Tristian Stansfield 74 and dismissed them for 143 Anthony Clarke 3-28.

Rd 14 vs Pennant Hills on 27 Feb was washed out, in what turned out to be our last game for the year. After that It started to rain, then even more rain, and the *%\$@&* rain continued for the next 7 weeks till the end

of season on 2 April with no further cricket being played at all. The next and final round vs Souths was of course washed out.

At the end of the regular season, we were on top of the ladder with 8 wins as minor premiers on 53 points, clear of 2nd placed Mounties and Roseville on 45 points.

The qualifying Final vs Strathfield, Semi Final vs Auburn and Final and finals reserve day vs Roseville and were all washed out. So, we were the Premiers.

My congratulations to all players in 5s on a deserved yet frustrating but hard-fought premiership. In total 28 players took the field during the season so my thanks to you all for your contributions. Unfortunately, weather intervened, and no final was played as we would have liked. Rounds 2, 3, 7, 12, 14, 15 and the entire finals were washed out. The rules stipulate those joint premiers were awarded to us and Roseville (as the other finalist), notwithstanding we were the clear minor premiers and well ahead of them on the ladder.

I would like to congratulate all players within Briars Cricket on 10 successive club championships. This is an unprecedented result of which the club will cherish and reflect upon for years to come and this achievement should not be understated. For the first time this season 5th grade results contributed to club championship points with a multiplier of 0.5. This was a critical contribution in the scheme of things as we only won the club championship by 4.5 points from Warringah in a nail-biting finish to the season. A significant part of our club's success rests with the captains of each side who make sure we get it right by ensuring our most competitive sides on the field each week, which is no easy task at times given the number of unavailability's we are presented with.

Well done to Brett Bastow and 2nd grade for their premiership and condolences to Max Squires and his first-grade side for being runners up. Also well done to 3s & 4s and Under 24s for making the finals and also to the maroon and gold sides for their seasons

A huge acknowledgment and thank you to Anthony Clarke as both our Cricket Chairman and Shires Management Committee representative for all the time and effort he devotes over summer to ensure Cricket runs without a hitch. For this success to occur, things just don't happen, they need to be planned for and dealt with as and when matters arise, and there were heaps of these situations during the year that needed his attention. Pleasingly Clarke's efforts are reflected in our club championship achievements. My thanks to Clarke also as co-captain for 5s during the year and also on winning the players player award for 5s this season.

We are all fortunate to play under the Briars cap as the current generation to represent this great club. It's not something we should take for granted and we all must continue to challenge ourselves to make each year better than the one before it, whilst maintaining our great culture. That has been why we have enjoyed the success we have. Congratulations to everyone involved.

The Team

Luke Scott: New to the club after getting back into cricket after a few years off. Fitted onto 5s very nicely in the role as opener. Could be relied upon to get us away to a solid start and keep the runs going.

Anton Demark: Played in 5s due to commitments on Saturdays but could easily be capable of playing in the higher grades due to his ability and technique. Has the perfect temperament as an opener and the ability to bat long periods and accumulate runs.

Alex Burkhart: Came back to Briars after a year or two away and had a great year contributing with both bat and ball. Still very young, Alex's best cricket is still to come however he must stay patient to allow this to occur over time and continue to develop his game. Naturally talented, Alex played an important role in the side and will play higher grades in future years. Just don't mention his run out with dad at the other end, which would have made for interesting conversation at the dinner table that night.

Chris Smith: A solid if not speculator year for Chris and pleasingly earning his first premiership for Briars after a few years of playing. Never one to give his wicket away Chris has worked on his batting to become a more reliable source of runs as is required to bat in the top order.

Brett Howle: Nothing to write home about with performances and topped it off with a finger injury leading to a few missed games. However, was pleased to be part of a premiership side, sharing the occasion with some great mates.

Paul Simpson: As a bit of a swan-song season for Simmo (after well over 30 years for Briars cricket), it was pleasing to see him walk away with a premiership in 5s. A valuable team man and contributor his vast experience can be called upon with either bat or ball. Always challenging the team to do better whatever the circumstance Simmo can be also relied upon to play his part both on and off the field. Our loss will be the Gerringong's Goannas Cricket Club gain.

Harrison Luke: A newcomer to the club this season Harry continued to improve as the season went on. As a zippy opening bowler Harry could be relied upon to get that break through due to his pace being above the norm in 5s. Could also come back for his final spell at the death to ensure runs were minimised. Handy with the bat he should continue to work on this facet of his game to allow him to move up the grades as he is capable of doing.

Anthony Clarke: Another solid season for the old timer (being one of a few in the side mind you). Whilst not as agile as once was he is still crafty in his trade to come on first change and bowl his 8 overs straight and tie up the opposites top and middle with accurate seam bowling. Never called upon to bat during the year.

Peter Burkhart: Peter is highly valuable member of the team given his vast experience on the cricket field. Apart from the premiership, highlight of the season as a classy 87* vs Georges River setting up a competitive total. A great team man has the knack to say the right thing at the right time to get the best out of the team. Enjoyed winning the premiership with his son Alex.

Srrikar Danthurty: New to the club and found a home in 5s as opening bowler. Always enthusiast and keen to do well Srikar must work on his consistency that comes with being an opening bowler which he is capable of doing.

Henry Lester: Another new player and still at school Henry fitted into 5 and Briars with ease. Very talented for his young age Henry has a bright future ahead of him (hopefully at Briars) as his game matures. A dynamic middle order batsman Henry has the potential to change the shape of a match in a few over such is his strong technique. And a very handy change bowler

Michael Towells: Joined the halfway through the season and was a more than handy contributor with either bat or ball. Found a niche as opener then called that position his own for the rest of the season as he managed to create momentum for the side from early in each innings setting up competitive totals. Also handy with his huge in swingers getting some valuable wickets during the season.

Tristian Stansfield: Handy when your keeper can also open the batting which we could achieve with Tristan. Reliable behind the stumps and generally did well with the bat when opening. Has the ability to be a more consistent scorer provided he puts in the time to develop his game as should be playing in the higher grades.

Season Results

Played	Won	Draw	Tied	Loss	Runs for	Overs faced	Runs against	Overs bowled	Points	Position
18	8	6	1	0	1168	304	1082	352	53	1st

Statistics

Player	Mat	Inn	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Best	Ct / S
A Burkhart	7	7	2	33	87	17.4	35.36	134	15	8.9	5-23	5

P Burkhart	2	2	2	87	115	-						1
A Clarke	9	0	0	-	-	-	59	168	14	12.0	4-21	2
S Danthurty	9	1	1	4*	4	-	57	197	9	21.9	2-15	3
A Demark	4	4	1	59	143	35.8						2
B Howle	8	7	3	16	42	10.5						2
H Lester	3	3	1	29	36	18	8	37	1	37	1-37	0
H Luke	5	3	2	4	7	7	41	78	12	6.5	3-6	1
L Scott	6	6	0	49	100	16.7	22.2	69	5	13.8	2-10	1
P Simpson	6	5	0	35	58	11.6	22	76	9	8.4	5-27	1
C Smith	8	7	1	25	122	20.3	8	0	11	-	0/11	5
T Stansfield	3	3	0	74	106	35.3						3 wk / 0
M Towells	4	4	1	51	107	26.8	28	61	7	8.7	5-22	0

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

D.C. Cup - Gold

Mark Smyck | Captain

Season Summary

The start of the season was pushed back to mid-November, shortening the competition to 13 rounds with 2 rounds split over 2 weekends.

Unfortunately, this was a season for Briars Gold to forget as we were only able to win 3 matches, all back-to-back in the middle of the season. With 17 teams in the Chappelow Cup competition, we managed to finish mid-table in 10th position.

There were 4 washouts during the season with 2 of them being the last 2 rounds which prematurely ended the season for us. At least two of the washouts were matches that I'd be confident to say we could have won to put us in the top 6.

The strength of the squad had been weakened a little with players from the past seasons making a presence in the higher grades, which is great for the club as these players have made an impact in their respective teams, however this made it stressful for the lower grade captains at the start of the season. We struggled to get enough players to join the team and hoped that more players would join the club, which did happen over the coming weeks into the season.

It was hard to replace the strength of the players who had graced the Briars Gold circles in the past and getting 11 out there every week was a difficult task but a learning experience for all.

Throughout the season we used 28 players, 13 of the players only played 1 match for us, either filling in from Briars Maroon, 4th and 5th grade, and we also had 6 players who gratefully answered my phone calls and accepted filling in for a game on the weekend. I'm very grateful to them all for helping me out during the season.

Our top run scorer for the season I can proudly say was me, Mark Smyck, with 110 runs for the season with a top score of 25. 2nd best was Sanjan Naganathan 105 runs and a top score of 45*. Our 3rd highest was Cameron Durrant with 101 runs with 43 as his top score.

With the ball, Dhruvil Gohel was our best bowler taking 14 wickets with his best figures being 4/14 against Pennant hills Pythons, 2nd best was leading wicket take for 20/21 season Michael Gordon with 11 wickets and the top figures of 4/15. Youngster Abhijeet Balaji was our 3rd best wicket taker with 7 wickets and best figures of 3/16.

I want to thank all the captains for their efforts this past season during team selections, player availabilities and decorum in our Captains WhatsApp chat group. Most players don't know the work that goes into selections and the stress one player can cause when they drop out after teams have been picked. Fighting for balanced team and one that can be competitive on the field is everyone priority. For Michael Taberner and me, as skippers for Burwood Gold and Maroon, sometimes just getting 11 players out on the field was

more of a hassle than getting balanced teams. We are very grateful for those players that accepted a chance to fill in for the teams.

Thanks to everyone who helped with covering the pitch throughout this rainy season, every extra hand helps make this task so much easier.

Congratulations to Brett “Charlie” Howle and his undefeated 5th grade side for their amazing effort. They were however not alone, as 2nd grade had an almost flawless season, it was their dominant performance in the grand-final, that showed the true class of team by knocking over Auburn for 52 runs and making easy work of the chase. Congratulations to Brett “kanga” Bastow and his 2nd grade for their success. Well done to Max Squire and his 1st grade side for another great season and making another grand-final. It was a shame they were not able to win at the last hurdle. Our 3rd and 4th grade were unlucky to be knocked out in the qualifying finals due to the poor weather. Great effort to first time 3rd grade skipper Phil Maxwell and 4th grade skipper Lloyd Andrews for their excellent seasons. In Chappelow Cup, well done to Asita Galappatti for getting his Burwood Brothers into the finals, and Michael Taberner with tough season in Burwood Maroon. All efforts by every captain should be recognised by all.

Finally, I want to thank Clarkie who has taken the reigns as chairman for his first full season. Clarkie certainly had big boots to fill and did a wonderful job juggling all the responsibilities and staying on top of everything with help from a few others, like Charlie, PP and Simmo.

Player Profiles

Cameron Durrant: As someone who I've played a fair bit of cricket with over the past few seasons, we have spent many weeks during the cricket season talking about our matches. Whether it is good or bad, Cam has many opinions about the direction of our matches or team selections. You can't fault his passion and willingness to win. During our opening match against Burwood Maroon, he scored an eye-opening 43 with most of the runs coming off Briar's bowling powerhouse Mick Towells, flicking shots over the leg-side infield to the boundary on multiple occasions. It was great to watch and something we were hoping for more of during the season.

Michael Gordon: “Gordo” has continued to improve his game each season, and his level of maturity has certainly been grown over the last couple seasons. His leadership amongst the players and confidence in the field has set the benchmark for the team, which I hope he continues to do into the future as someone that should continue to work hard on his game and be aiming for higher grades. His 4/15 against Mounties at the goat track of Greenway 2, cleaning up the tail end in clinical fashion, is something he has done often in previous seasons, and hopefully many more in the future. He was given a chance to captain the team for a round due to my unavailability and as much as a Win would make me satisfied about his opportunity, one can't hide the fact that he got suspended in the process! A learning experience indeed!

Callum McCall: Callum came from St. Joseph's to play senior cricket and showed in his first game that he was definitely not a number 8 batsman, scoring 29* against Burwood Brothers. He only played a handful of games and is a talented all-rounder who also opened the bowling for us and is someone to look out for in the future.

Matthew Overton: This is Matt's first season for the club. As one of the oldest players to join the team, he came to revitalise his cricket career once again. It took him a few games to get a handle of the conditions but his 69 against Auburn Colts was an absolute highlight for the season playing shots all around the ground, from paddle shots over the infield to big lusty blows. It was an absolute joy to watch. His excitement to play cricket was there for us to see, no matter how much the ball followed him in the field. We look forward to having him play a few more seasons with us.

Jack Bailey: Another first season player, Jack has relocated from England to Australia where he lived interstate before moving to Sydney. He struggled a little with the bat but managed his top score for Burwood Brothers as a last-minute replacement and scored 25 with a weary head. Let us hope his future seasons with the bat can improve and Jack becoming a key batsman for the team.

Abhijeet Balaji: Abhijeet joined the team courtesy of Briars player Sanjiv Khalkho, who knew Abhijeet and his parents and was told that he was looking for somewhere to play cricket. As a young 15-year-old, he

enjoyed this occasion with the team as a handy 1st change bowler taking pace off the ball from our openers. He is only 15 and learning to bowl on turf, hopefully in the next couple of years as he grows and gains experience, his game and bowling technique will improve, building that pace to become an imposing bowler.

Sanjan Naganathan: Sanjan is someone I have played cricket with for the past few years, he is a talented player, and the fastest person I've seen on a cricket field. His agility and speed are an asset in any team. This season he also had the opportunity to play a few games up in 4th grade before returning & completing the season with Briars Gold. His batting has really picked up in the last couple years achieving solid scores throughout the season, including a dominant 44* against Pennant Hills Panthers. We hope to see him make many more runs in the future and cement a spot in the higher grades.

Harry Charania: This was Harry's first season of cricket with Briars and his first season of cricket, ever. His love of the game over the last few years convinced him to give it a go. His enthusiasm and a willingness to learn was there for everyone to see, but it may have been a bit too early for him to play competitive cricket as his cricket skills were still lacking. He had a fair idea of his ability which made it a bit frustrating for him during each match. I hope that the match experience he has had this season has given him a good idea of where he needs to be in the future.

Anthony Ciancio: Anthony has not had the best of luck with the bat the last couple years, several times I have seen him get out in the unluckiest of ways, whether it's being given out when he didn't hit or when he smashed the ball to a great catch in the field. His fielding has improved during his time with Briars. He has a big throwing arm which makes him useful further away from the pitch. He is a great player, quiet and has a good attitude. I hope he continues to improve his cricket and gets plenty of runs in coming seasons.

Batting

Player	M	I	NO's	50s	HS	RUNS	4s	6s	Ave.
Mark Smyck	7	7	0	0	25	110	9	2	15.71
Sanjan Naganathan	5	5	1	0	44*	105	9	1	26.25
Cameron Durrant	7	7	0	0	43	101	9	1	14.43
Matthew Overton	7	7	0	1	69	88	11	1	12.57
Michael Gordon	6	6	2	0	39*	74	4	0	18.50
Callum McCall	3	3	1	0	29*	58	6	0	29.00
Vrishank Pendyala	1	1	1	0	34*	34	2	0	N/A
Jake Balnave	1	1	0	0	32	32	2	1	32.00
Colin Taylor	2	1	1	0	31*	31	1	0	N/A
Dhruvil Gohel	8	5	2	0	10	23	3	0	7.67

Bowling

Player	M	Overs	Mdns	Runs	W	B/B	Ave.	Econ.	Catches
Dhruvil Gohel	8	49	7	188	14	4/14	13.43	3.84	5
Michael Gordon	6	35.4	7	129	11	4/15	11.73	3.62	5
Abhijeet Balaji	6	30.1	5	132	7	3/16	18.86	4.38	1
Mark Smyck	7	43	7	159	6	2/13	26.50	3.70	2
Sanjan Naganathan	5	19	0	68	4	1/3	17.00	3.58	4
Greg Metcalfe	1	8	1	27	3	3/27	9.00	3.38	0
Johan Briedenhann	1	7	0	27	3	3/27	9.00	3.86	0
Biplav Dutta	2	15	2	53	3	2/39	17/67	3.53	0
Harrison Green	1	6	0	15	2	2/15	7.50	2.50	1
Colin Taylor	2	10	1	53	2	2/10	26.50	5.30	1

D.C. Cup - Maroon

Michael Taberner | Captain

The 2021/22 season was incredibly difficult for Chappelow Cup with wet weather, covers, Covid changes, the unique circumstances that a season of one day games in Shires brings, and difficulties in hosting 8 senior teams, a Masters, and a Classics on 2 and a half home grounds all contributing.

We had 24 different players represent Briars Maroon, and a total of only 6 games played for the season which gives an indication of how disruptive the season was, however to everyone's credit, our core players remained super keen and committed. We were ultimately unable to get into any rhythm despite competing with the best teams in the comp.

Once again, we completed the season with some great performances, and if this team exists for nothing else than to unearth new talent and clubmen, then we have definitely succeeded. We were richer to have committed players like Johan, Warney and Nate Tucker join our ranks with all providing key contributions throughout the year on and off the field. Our team brought a level of competition and drive that should see them all represent higher grades next season. It was fun to have Michael Towells on the team for 1 game, he was the leading run scorer for Briars Maroon for the second year in a row, indicative of how unconventional the season was.

Season firsts included being penalised 15 runs in a single game, playing at Greenway as many times as we played at home, but the best was round-1 and remaining undefeated against Briars Gold (only for friendly bragging rights). I am always honoured to be given the trust and responsibility of running any Briars side, so thank you once again. Special mention to Clarkey for being the tireless workhorse to make this team happen. Congrats to everyone – supporters, players, and old boys – on securing another Club Championship. There's only one!

A few players stats

Barrett Engelmann: Definition of unlucky this year, picking up only 2 wickets from 32 overs (compared to his average of 11 from the previous year!) A workhorse and great to see his love for the game did not subside despite hitting the stumps and not removing the bails, LBWs not given, catches dropped, and a captain that often moved the field to away from the ball ended up being hit to.

Johan Briedenhann: From his 6 matches, picked up 6 wickets at 15. Slower through the air than most, but deadly accurate, became a strong weapon for me as captain to control run rates from an end on the big wet fields we got to play on all year. A strong thinker of the game and with great confidence in his ability, was a welcome addition to the club.

Michael Taberner: not much to report on. A floater in the batting line up, not required to bowl, and often found at first slip making the wrong fielding calls. Snaffled 4 catches in the slips, and gratefully the score books don't record dropped catches.

Eshan Khot: great clubman, often filling in various grades at a moment's notice. Scored 36 runs across his 3 digs with the team, 3 wickets at 20, and was a senior figure in a team of guys new to the club. His pending move to the UK for work will be a big loss for the culture of the club but a great opportunity for Esh.

Nate Tucker: A wicket keeper who was enthusiastic, energetic, chirpy and the heartbeat of the team. A couple of great catches behind the stumps, didn't quite get going with the bat, but shows lots of promise as he matures into his cricket.

Peter Warne: Full of swagger in his big sunnies, Warney brought a lot of fun to the team. Often too good for the batsman, Warney was the leading wicket taker for the team, with 7 averaging at 10. Often moving across the grades, Warney was always a welcome addition when he landed in maroon.

Jake Narayan: It's no secret I am a big fan of Jakey's potential and he managed to play 4 games with us this year. 5 wickets at 19, often doing a job with Johan at the other end to keep us in the hunt, Jake showed how far his maturity and developing craft is coming along.

D.C. Cup - Brothers

Asita Galappatti | Captain

Congratulations go to all Briars teams for a successful year and the club as a whole for another club championship.

As per most teams, the wet weather only allowed us to play 8 games this season. The Brothers did however manage to make finals and were peaking at the right time. But unfortunately, the finals were also washed out for us, ending our season.

The big standout performance of the season was Jhangir's fantastic hundred at Hudson.

Bring on 2022/23!

Player	M	R	HS	Bat Ave	W	O	Bowl Ave	BB
Hari Lal Thrappa	8	65	29	9.29	0	0.1	-	-
Jhangir Mohammed	8	181	102	30.17	4	31.0	23.00	2/14
Raja Gogoi	8	178	53	22.25	3	16.0	21.00	2/14
Usman Farooq	7	40	20	6.67	0	3.0	-	-
Asita Galappatti	7	36	25	6.00	10	33.5	12.90	3/25
Paul Sultana	7	65	30	13.00	2	19.0	28.00	1/4
John Sibi	6	21	12	4.20	0	0.0	-	-
Shobin Raghuvanshi	6	28	13	7.00	7	32.0	18.43	2/9
Vincent Cleary	5	17	9	-	13	35.0	8.15	4/20
Ashish Surat	5	151	60	50.33	4	22.0	13.75	2/7
Pratik Chawan	5	70	25	17.50	6	17.0	6.67	2/0
Oshada Wijesinghe	5	29	13	29.00	-	-	-	-
Marlon Shou	3	5	3	1.67	3	22.0	25.67	2/22

Under 24's | Semi Finalists

Alex Favotto | Captain



Round 1 against Strathfield at Rothwell Park got the season off to a strong start. In what proved to be a very competitive game, our first innings score of 215, led by Jamie McLeod (64), Matt Roper (52) and a quick-fire innings from Harry Lee (26) proved to be too much for the Gorillas. Strathfield looked well positioned at 2-126, but a determined bowling performance from the spinners Aidan Gardner and Vrish Pendyala (3/38 and 3/37) and a clean fielding performance brought the team home.

In round 2 we built on our hungry start and produced a comprehensive victory against Balmain South Sydney at Jubilee Oval. Batting first, we amassed 9/232 with key contribution again from Jamie McLeod (61), Harry Lee (44), and Alex Favotto (41). After an outstanding opening spell from Adrian Dawson (1/9 off 5) and James Threlkeld (1/8 off 5), Balmain never stood a chance. The spinners then strangled Balmain with Aidan Gardner again playing a vital role with ball in hand taking 4/27 off 10. Balmain were eventually rolled for

107, meaning we picked up a vital bonus point in our hunt for the finals.

Round 3 post the mid-season break, was undeniably the hardest game we would face in the round robins stage of the competition. We came up against a strong Norwest Sydney side who had performed well in recent seasons. We again produced a super competitive score batting first. Scoring 7/220 with early contributions from Alex Favotto (34) and Jamie McLeod (45), and an impressive late stand from Adrian Dawson and Xavier Tregeagle (30 & 37) put us in a good position. Despite a great performance from Xavier Tregeagle with the ball (3/23 off 10 including 3 maidens), a few missed chances in the field eventually cost us a chance at securing first place in the Sydney Thunder conference with Norwest passing our total in the final over.

A dominant bonus point display in round 4 against a ten-men Mounties secured us a home game in the qualifying final against Georges River. The game was headlined by the first under-24s century in years by Harry Lee (109), a cruel end to a fantastic innings from Jamie McLeod (96), and Ned Arnold (4/9 off 7) with the ball saw the Briars boys with another finals berth.

Rothwell Park saw a hotly anticipated contest against the old foe Georges River in the Qualifying final. Bowling first for the first time this season produced the goods for the boys from Concord. It was undeniably our strongest bowling and fielding performance of the season, bowling our Georges River for 133 at the end of the innings. Every bowler pulled their weight this innings, with openers Matt Roper (1/22 off 10) and James Threlkeld (1/10 off 7) bowling superbly, and spinners Aidan Gardner and Xavier Tregeagle (3/34 and 3/32) again proving why they are some of the best young spinners in the Shires competition. With our top 3 batsmen controlling the innings from outset (Alex Favotto (34), Matt Roper (26), and Jamie McLeod (46)), Georges River never really had a sniff.

Up against defending premiers and top of the Sydney Sixers conference table, Warringah at Weldon Oval was going to require our best performance of the season. Winning the toss and choosing to bowl, a decision that proved costly, allowed Warringah to amass 8/223 by the conclusion of their innings. It could have been a much greater total if not for Aidan Gardner and Ned Arnold pegging the men in green back a little with vital wickets. We never really looked in the hunt in our batting innings, losing consistent wickets despite a few starts and we were bowled out for 136.

I am really proud of the team and their achievements this season. Losing 5 players from last year's semi-final side, not many people gave us a chance at giving this competition a real crack. Alas, we had another semi-final berth and were able to hand a lot of debuts to players this year. Congratulations to Vrish Pendyala, Ned Arnold, Adrian Dawson, Jack Benchoam, Henry Lester, and Hugh Sims who all made their 24's debuts this year and I am sure will go on to have prosperous 24's careers for the club. The club only loses myself, and Doug Cullen who has provided years of service to 24's. I would like to recognise Jamie McLeod for one of the all-time great 24's batting seasons on record, scoring an enormous 343 runs at 57.17, and two other star performers in Harry Lee with 203 runs at 50.75 and Aidan Gardner with 13 wickets at 10.69.

Having played my last 24's season this year after four years, I am sure success lies within this group of players. They have the talent, the drive, and the mateship to give this competition a red-hot go, for years to come. 24's is often where you find some of your closest mates at the club, spending every hour of Saturdays and Sundays together and I encourage the boys to continue to embrace the opportunity 24's provides to enjoy cricket and each other's company.

The season would not be possible without some key individuals who I would like to thank for their contributions this year. Firstly, to Richard Tregeagle and Damian Price who helped managed the squad this year. They were both an important shoulder for me to lean on and helped the squad develop their cricket skills. Their advice is an invaluable asset to the club, and I hope they continue in their roles in the future. To Paul Roper and Graham Durant, thank you for your reliable support scoring for the side weekly, a task that often goes unnoticed but is so important. The club as whole is very appreciative of your time and dedication. Of course, to Briars Cricket Chairman Anthony Clarke and Club Chairman Brett Howle, your support of the club is invaluable, and the season wouldn't be possible without your help.

Please see below some of the key performers for the 2021/22 Under 24's side below:

BATTING		BOWLING	
Jamie McLeod	343 runs @ 57.17	Aidan Gardner	13 wickets @ 10.69
Harry Lee	203 runs @ 50.75	Vrish Pendyala	9 wickets @ 17.44
Alex Favotto	129 runs @ 21.50	Xavier Tregeagle	7 wickets @ 15.57
Matt Roper	103 runs @ 25.75	Ned Arnold	6 wickets @ 6.67

Briars Masters

David Abood | Captain

This year the Masters side was hit particularly hard by the weather, playing only three games of the scheduled 9.

Round 1 against last year's runners-up Old Ignatians saw us get a respectable 139 (Ganguly 38, Thappa 24, DeGuara 27, Cramsie 19) but we were passed with only 2 wickets down.

Round 4 against a strong Auburn side saw them get 8/214 (DeGuara 2/27 off 9) and we replied with 6/184 (Turner 41*, Abood 27*, Blaikie 25, DeGuara 23, Thappa 20, Cramsie 19)

Round 6 saw us make 9/154 (Abood 41*, Sleeman 34, Gurr 21) before bowling Schofields out for 125 with 2 wickets each to Rous, DeGuara, Sutton Owen and Gurr.

Skipper David Abood averaged 73 for the season and was the player of the season, and Matt Turner also deserves a mention for his 5 stumpings and 3 catches in three games.

Masters would like to thank our Cricket Chairman, Anthony Clarke, and Club President, Brett Howle, for all their support.

Briars Classics

Steve Rous | Captain

The 2021 season saw Burwood enter a Vintage team, over 60's, for the first time so there was a migration of Classic Stalwarts onto a new epoch in their cricket life journey.

The classics hence became a sandwich team, between the young bucks of the masters and the old boars in the vintage. It gave us a large pool of potential players anyone from 49 ½ to 70ish.

Steve Rous was ceremoniously handed the crown from captain (Brian) Kirk and the new era began.

You would think having over 80 names on your distribution list would make team selection a challenge but match fit middle-aged men playing cricket is like Uranium with a half-life of 1 week. Each game 50% of the available names decay due to injury, so by week 3 we generally had about 10 players capable of taking the field and a few generously offering to stand at 1st slip willing to bat if they have a runner. There are some hard-core tough nuts who play for Burwood Briars.

Permanent injuries saw stars of the past Hayes, Matchett & Ridgely unable to take the field at all during the season, but it was great to see them turn up to the nets and show support and Stu Lind was travelling around Australia most of the season sending positive vibes and Facebook posts.

Overall, we had a fun season, taking the field 6 times from a potential 9 rounds with the result being 2 wins and 4 losses finishing on the table in a solid 11th out of 18 teams.

A lot of the guys played alternate weeks backing up for the Briars Masters or Vintage teams, true cricket lovers

Special mentions to captain Rous who runs through brick walls every game, Charlie De Guara, if he gets

out before retiring we know there is a problem, Brian Newton who flies back from China to get a game in, Rob Vilensky for perplexing batsmen bowling in that bucket hat, John Menzies for sometimes turning up before the start of the game, Dave Trewin Mr white line fever, Russ Nation would play cricket 7 days a week if possible, Joe Scarcella trains by having people throw cricket balls into his chest, John Carlos Henry the nicest guy you will ever meet, Salil Akolkar the quiet achiever, Wayne Scott one season back from retirement is enough I am back to golf, David Michell he turned up a lot, Patrick Sleeman doesn't look a day over 40, Brian Kirk in denial he is over 60, Steve Lucas always has a story, Paul Cramsie do we have someone else who can keep this game, Simon Mansfield he played one game, Stu Lind I will only play if you are short, Matt Turner can you play a bit more often.....

Special thanks to everyone who engages in banter as I discuss your fitness and "encourage" you to play each game, it's always fun. See you in the 2022/23 season!

Briars Vintage

Douglas Lato & David Trewin | Captain

Burwood Briars were able to field an over 60's cricket team for the first time in 2021-22, in partnerships with the Ku-ring-gai Club.

Poor weather limited our season to 6 matches, which included 3 losses and 3 wins. Our 3 wins were tight affairs and the result of good team efforts:

- Round 1 - Burwood/Ku-ring-gai 5/136 def Castle Hill 132 (David Trewin 31 no, Paul Alice 24 no; David Trewin 3/19 (7))
- Round 3 - Burwood/Ku-ring-gai 94 def Ashfield de la Salle 89 (Chris Ford 29 no; Joe Khodheir 4/20 (7))
- Round 6 - Burwood/Ku-ring-gai 9/123 def Roseville 9/122 (Rodney Ford 35 no, Jeff Loomes 19; David Trewin 3/12 (7), Jeff Matchett 3/18 (7))

The Roseville victory came on the last ball of the match, thanks largely to a 53-run partnership between Ford and Loomes.

Overall, it was a year of camaraderie, good cricket and fair success.

Briars Veterans Cricket continues to grow. We are one of only a handful of Clubs able to field teams in the Masters (Over 40), Classics (Over 50) and Vintage (Over 60s) competitions. Veterans Cricket allows players remain active Briars and to enjoy the sport they love.

Our ongoing participation would not be possible without the support of the Briars Club. We are indebted to our Cricket Chairman, Anthony Clarke, and Club President, Brett Howle.

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Presidents Report

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Season Highlights

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Several Briars players represented Briars and the Inner West Harbour Junior Cricket Association in the NSW Youth Championship.

Our ambition this cricket season 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 90 coaches, managers, and committee members. CBJCC fielded 40 teams comprising of 450 young men and women playing in 4 competitions each week.

A record 16 teams played Grand Finals cricket in 2021/22. Of the 9 teams competing for premierships CBJCC had 7 premiers. A fabulous result for the club. Without the rain I am sure we would have had more premiers. Unfortunately, due to covid, the Kookaburra Cup was cancelled.

A special thank you to our sponsors, Gold Sponsor Horwood Nolan, Pinnacle Spine and Sports and the Coronation club who make it possible for us to build out our broader cricket programs that include Coach the Coach, January Holiday Cricket Clinics etc.

A big thank you to all the committee members who continually give their time each week through the season. A special callout to Tracy Tuman who retires from the committee after several years of service. Tracy's significant contribution has gone a long way to ensuring that our junior cricket club goes from strength to strength.

Finally, a big shout out to both Jason Parle and Monique Laaper for their continued support throughout the season.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Blue (Maroon)

Paul Miller & Michael Sunderland | Coach & Manager



The Team: Ella Nixon, Thomas Miller, Henry Sunderland, Aiden Van Asperan, Amrith Rao, Sidarth Laha & Zen Uchino

The mighty Under 8 Blues had a super 1st season together. We won our fair share of games, but most importantly we had lots of fun! All our players skills improved throughout the season with some great individual performances as well. Ella Nixon was awarded most improved player, this award was hotly contested by other team members.

Jnr. Cricket U8 Yellow

Ernie Biasi & David Leaper | Coach & Manager

The U8 Yellow team had a very enjoyable season. Having assembled randomly for their first season of junior cricket, the boys really got on well from the get go. It was great to see the improvements each



week as the boys experienced their first wickets and run outs or hit their first ever boundary. The team had a great run of eight wins with only one loss at the end. There were so many consistent performers each week with Mikey Biasi narrowly taking out player of the season.

The Team: Zachary Abel, Mikey Biasi, Elliot Davies, Leo Germain, Viraj Jamwal, Liam Leaper & Hugo Nelson

Jnr. Cricket U8 Green

Luke Scott & Dominic Mooney | Coach & Manager

The Under 8s Green had a great season. It was the first year the boys had played together and for a few it was their first year of cricket. It was a tough start to the year for the boys with the weather preventing us from getting any meaningful training in before the start of the season. Our first few games were tough with



a couple of losses, however as we were able to have a few training sessions the boys showed some real positive signs of improvement. We finished the year with three wins, all coming in the back half of the year which is a testament to the improvement from each and every player throughout the year. Win, lose or draw each of the boys always showed up to training and game day with enthusiasm, a great team spirit and all improved greatly as the year went on.

I'd like to thank all of the players and the parents, in particular Dominic for managing the team, it was a pleasure coaching the boys this year!

The Team: Divit Bammi, Campbell Guthrie, Sai Madhav Jayakumar, Edward Morser, William Pearson, Konrad Scott & Morgan Sinclair-Kydd.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Maroon

Ray Garcia & Tess Burnicle | Coach & Managers



A great 2021/2022 season.

The Team: Ahana Minocha, Michael Hood, James Burnicle, Frederick Hillerstrom, Jack Briggs, Viaan Shah & Cooper Garcia.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Gold

Kevin White & Kim O'Connell | Coach & Manager



The Team: *Luke Aldini, Aidan Eagleson, Will Howard, Arjun Kiran, Ryan Milton, Liam O'Connell, Thomas Pearson & Luca White*

Another tremendous season of cricket was enjoyed by the wonderful group of boys from Briars Under 9 Gold. Those in their second season, as well as two enthusiast and fast learning new members, continued their growth as both cricketers and young men. The highlights included improvement by every member of the team in their bowling accuracy and consistency as well as in their range of shots and run scoring ability when batting. This was backed up by reliable and sometime spectacular fielding.

For the Coach, great listening, and a willingness to keep learning were the highlights. Once again, U9s Gold is more than just the players, our incredible families and supporters who helped every week were just as important to the success our season. Sadly, we will be losing several the boys next season to Saturday school sporting commitment. It is hoped their time in Briars Junior Cricket will give them the skills to have a head start for school cricket and hopefully they will be back playing for Briars in the future.

Finally, our end of season team dinner was an occasion to enjoy each other's company away from the cricket field and build upon great friendships.

Jnr. Cricket U9 Black

Biplav Dutta & Kelly Pisani | Coaches & Manager



It was a pleasure to coach the U9 Blacks team this year. Coaching for the first time, life was still easier as most of the kids from last year continued to be a part of the team and we had 2 new players joining our team.

The Team: comprised of the following children: *James Pisani, Henry Roberts, Arin Mehta, Sebastian Sauran, Rishaan Dutta, Byron Stewart, Vedant Gawli (new player) & Jacob Sproule (new player)*

We had a mixed season with most of the matches cancelled due to heavy rains. However, the children enjoyed all the games they played. They played convincingly and were graceful when they couldn't play well. It was pleasing to see that the children picked up new skills while training from where they left last year and

making significant improvements with their game and attitude. We hope to continue taking strides in their learning and skill development.

Jnr. Cricket U9 White

Trevor O'Neill & Rasa Venclovas | Coach & Manager

The U9 White team had a terrific season. After an undefeated season in U8, they experienced their first defeat playing in U9 & took it well. Their skills improved significantly, and they had many highlights during the season.

In a team made up entirely of well-behaved and very coachable boys, Max Halliday picked up the Coach's Award.



The Team: *Max Halliday, Jake Hall, Felix Backhouse, Travis Hunt, Ethan O'Neill, Flynn Mihaljek, Michael Andrews & Martin Verschuer.*

Jnr. Cricket U10 Maroon

Praneil Narayan & Lara Sarles | Coach & Manager

A fantastic season with the U10 Maroon team. The boys were always keen to learn at training and ready to apply their skills on game day. They were always competitive and played in the spirit of the game regardless of the outcome. Unfortunately the weather kept the boys from challenging a spot in the finals but still had a great season. I'm very proud of the boys and look forward to seeing them back next season.



The Team: *Byron Calder, Cole Tucker, Ethan Dang, Johnny Sarlas, Kristian Martin, Max Narayan & Tyrone Young*

Jnr. Cricket U10 Gold

Zubin Mirzan & Michelle Campion | Coaches & Manager

The Under 10's Gold had an excellent season. With all the players from last year and a few new recruits, the team had a near unbeaten season and ended up runners up due to the finals being washed out. Regardless, the team really enjoyed the season and were happy with the way they were able to finish off most games. Looking forward to another great season with them.



The Team: *Elijah Saoud, Jack Campion, William Hall, Hugh Morris, Rafael Majgaard, Ryan Camarda, Cooper Brincat & Aarav Mirzan.*

Jnr. Cricket U10 Black

Michael Chan & Carly Broadbent | Coach & Manager

The Under 10 Black had both a fun and successful season finishing undefeated premiers. The core of the team has been together since Master Blasters and it was great to witness the boys improve their cricketing skills as the season progressed. There were a number of outstanding team and individual performances and memorable moments during the season however, for me as Coach, the biggest highlight was to witness the boys come together as a team and enjoy each other's company both at training and on game

day. The coach's award this season went to Ben McKiernan. Ben had a great season taking on the important and added responsibilities as one of our wicket keepers and opening batsman. Well done Ben!



The Team: Hunter Beaumont, William Broadbent, Hunter Beaumont, Toby Chan, James Cook, Archie Di Donato, Jacob McGrath, Ben McKiernan & Eli Tan.

Jnr. Cricket U10 White

Abhik Sengupta & Samuel Yim | Coach & Manager

U10 White had a much improved season. Every team member showed significant progress in their skills and teamwork. While weather and tough competition limited the opportunities for success, the team is on a pleasing trajectory and should stay together and take the next step next year.



New team member Viraj Bhatia hit some towering sixes on the way to the batting award. Shohaan Sengupta and Sean Turner were the backbone of the bowling attack. Tye Middleton became proficient at the dark arts of wrist spin. Charlie Mackenzie and Jonathan Yim relished the challenge of opening the batting. Samuel Miller took all aspects of his game to the next level and was the deserving winner of the coaches award.

Most importantly every game was played with a positive mindset, great camaraderie and the spirit of fun and respect.

Jnr. Cricket U10 Blue

Michael Amparo & Dani Celegon | Coach & Manager

The 2021-2022 season was the first for many of the members in the Under 10 Blueys team. I highly commend the tremendous commitment, enthusiasm, courage, and spirit shown by all the players and parents towards the game.



Everyone contributed well and the team progressively improved throughout the season. There were many close games, and the team came up with some incredible performances and results to finish at the top of the table in a rain and Covid effected season.

Congratulations on a fantastic result and looking forward to having more fun and exciting season next time round.

The Team: Noah Abel, Joshua Amparo, Aarav Arora, Oscar Celegon, Nicolas Deligiannis, Oscar Emery, Keegan Forlee, William Playford & Liam Walsh.

Jnr. Cricket U11 Maroon

Simon Cleave & Michelle Gaskin | Coach & Manager



The team: Ben Hooker, Hugo Hackett, Jack Cleave, Koji Howard, Oscar Frederick, Leo Goldsworthy, Ned Ireland, Isaac Hood.

The under 11's Maroon had a good season, with all the squad returning from the previous year and only losing one player.

This year we won 3 games with a clear strength in most games being our performance in the field.

The U/11 Maroons had encouraging results to start the season, tying the first match then winning our next two

games before what would become the first of many rained out matches. Unfortunately, we could not hold our winning form and slid down the ladder to miss finals on run rate.

Our skills improved significantly with a strong focus on our calling and running between wickets to reduce runouts.

Jnr. Cricket U11 Gold

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



The Team: Charles Burges, Jack Scullion, Jack Brierty, Ashvik Shrestha, Fergus Smith, Owen McKinley, Marcus Hahnel, Zaquin Viola & Joshua Nixon

The Under 11 Gold Team went from strength to strength this season. This is the 4th season that the core team has played together, and 3rd season for the boys as a complete unit. It was great to see that every boy from last year returned too. Our coaching ethos is Fun comes First and Foremost. We then encourage a healthy level of competitiveness which aids improvement. The boys

definitely achieved that this year. After finishing 3rd last season, the boys were promoted to the harder division and doubled down to finish 4th this year. It was great to see them improve throughout the season, and it was only the rain that stopped us from progressing further in the semis, I'm sure. They were on a roll!!! Can't wait for U12s when things get more real!!!

Jnr. Cricket U11 Black

Andrew Campion & Juanita Rudman | Coach & Manager

The U11 Black team had a very enjoyable 2021/22 season – the team was almost unchanged from the previous year which demonstrated how much the boys enjoy playing together. Training sessions throughout the season were a lot of fun with the boys constantly working to improve their skills alongside some fantastic participation from the parents as well. The first half of the season saw the team win 4 out of 5 games and enter the Xmas break in 2nd place on the table. Unfortunately, the 2nd half of the season proved more difficult and there were several game cancellations due to the weather which resulted in U11 Black ending up just missing out of the semis on net run-rate. It's been a pleasure to have been the coach for such a great group of young cricketers over the past two seasons.



The Team: Jack Wong, Samuel Collard, Samuel Campion, Charlie Rudman, Bradley Sherer, Hayden Howard, Liam Guthrie, Alexander Crothers & Ranveer Maan.

Jnr. Cricket U11 White

Peter Locke & Cath Rogerson | Coach & Manager



A great 2021/2022 season.

The Team: Ishan Padmanesan, Adit Mehta, Alex Rogerson, Rishan Singh, William Locke, William McDonald, Mason Showyin, Zachary Parrab.

Jnr. Girls Cricket U11 Maroon

Nick Paleologos & Usha Dean | Coach & Manager

The Under 11s Girls Maroon team had a fantastic season. This was the first season playing cricket for some of the girls and the first playing together for most of the girls.

They supported each other on and off the field and were undefeated in both the spring and summer seasons. They finished the season on a high by winning the Grand final convincingly at home with all our supporters cheering the girls on!

Their skills and confidence grew with every training session and game. They were a coaches' dream! They were committed and enthusiastic to learn and improve throughout the whole season. I hope the girls will continue developing their skills and love for the game next season.

The Coaches Award went to Madison Allen.



The Team: Olivia Pisani, Madison Allen, Hannah Ryan, Mikaela Campton, Freya Hancock, Margot Blaikie, Elizabeth Barry & Neve McLennan.

Jnr. Girls Cricket U11 Gold

Anthony Joseph | Coach & Manager



A great 2021/2022 season.

The Team: *Sriza Sharma, Jessica Joseph, Megana Pasupati, Emma Whitton, Jade Burton, Sana Benedict.*

Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon

Michael Beckford & Arjun Minocha | Coach & Manager



The Team: *Aarav Chaudhary (17 runs); Daksh Kumar (50 runs, 4 wickets @13); Felix Beckford (10 runs, 1 wicket @61); Joseph Stafford (34 runs, 1 wicket @46); Leo Giannichronis (3 runs, 1 wicket @24); Matthew Wright (27 runs, 1 wicket @46); Patrick Foley (58 runs, 5 wickets @12); Peter Caccavari (48 runs, 5 wickets @5.4); Ranveer Minocha (35 runs, 7 wickets @6.14) & Yuveer Dawar (49 runs, 3 wickets @25)*

After being very competitive last year, the new season saw us struggle in the first two rounds in division one by mistake, where the gap in skills was clear. The two best catches we took all year were in round two - but unfortunately while fielding for the

opposition who beat us comfortably with a seven-player team! Overall, our bowling steadily improved during the year, with more balls targeting the stumps; taking catches will help us close the gap next year, but the biggest opportunity to improve next year is with the bat. Our first year of 'big kid' cricket was a lesson in risk management; by late in the season, we had 3/4 of the team able to stick out their 25 balls but too many battling 13 not-outs saw us consistently 30 runs short of winning scores. Particularly in the second half of the season (the summer of 21/22 will be remembered for grass length debates) as hitting 4's became near impossible, the need to pick up singles stood out - while we worked on this and improved markedly in the last few games, we'll need to start next year with a bang.

Thanks as always to all the parents and players for being such a great group to work with - every training session and game was a pleasure. Thanks also to our committee again in a very tough year to run a cricket comp on so many fronts.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Gold

Anthony Grant & Daniel Brandon | Coach & Manager

The U12 Gold boys enjoyed a fun season together. The boys adapted well to the new pressures of the famous if-you're-out-you're-actually-out rule and were able to develop their defensive technique through the season. Bowling and fielding skills also improved across the season, although still some work to do to consistently land the ball in the 'right areas'. It was fantastic to see each of the boys have highlight contributions and add value to the overall team performance. Most pleasing was their ability to rise to the occasion of playing the Balmain premier side twice during the season and knocking them off both times. Heroic stuff! Fox Sports missed a trick by not being in attendance on either day - unbelievable!



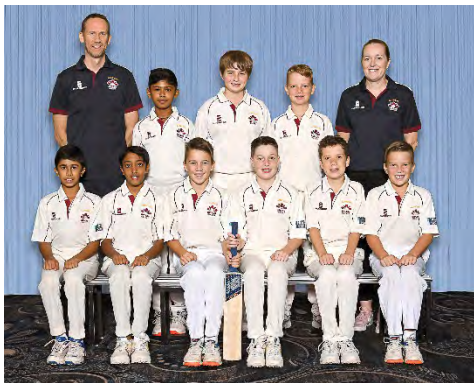
The Team: Alex Cremen, Archer Cameron, Dimitri Paleologos, Jack Brandon, Max Lygoyris, Peter Giannone, Rhys Lenord, Riley Grant, Siddharth Thapa and Veraj Singh.

Jnr. Cricket U12 Black

Adam Whitton & Laura Ronan / Rajesh Rao | Coach & Managers

The Under 12's Black had a fantastic year, winning all their regular season games except one.

All the boys performed well throughout the season. Everyone contributed to the success of the team, with some fine batting being complemented by less experienced players who assisted in many valuable partnerships.



In the field, great catches and sharp run outs kept opposition teams under constant pressure. As a result, the boys took regular wickets with every bowler having some success. Sid Siby Babu took out the batting award (297 runs with three not out scores of 50+), and Oscar Halliday picked up the bowling award (combined figures of 9/60).

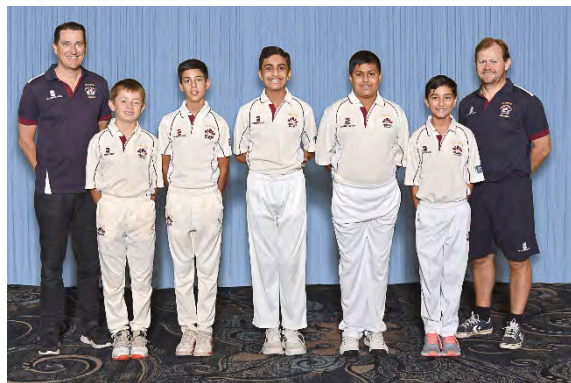
The Team: Charlie Halliday, Oscar Halliday, Malcolm MacKenzie, Harry Miller, Adhvik Rao, Thomas Ronan, Sid Siby Babu, Yassh Vora & Daniel Whitton.

Jnr. Cricket U12 White

David Mansford & James Tydd | Coach & Manager

Our team welcomed two new players this year, Zac and Aaryen, who joined the core of seven returning players from the last few seasons.

U12 White got off to a very strong start before it was realised that we had been placed in the wrong division. After moving to the Steve Waugh competition, the standard of opposition lifted markedly and the players were tested every week. We had some very close games that were so enjoyable to be a part of. It was great to see the boys develop and place a higher price on their wicket than in previous seasons. Some



players transformed their games and some very mature innings were played.

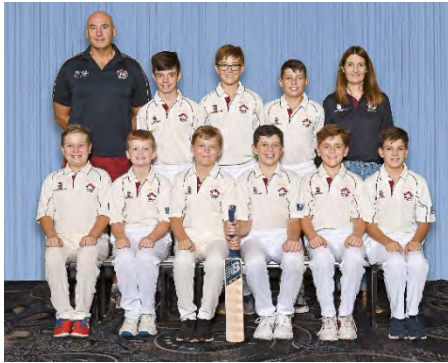
The team trained and played enthusiastically all season and friendships were solidified. We finished third on the ladder and our season was unfortunately cut short by the loss of the semi final round to wet or unprepared grounds.

The Team: Aaryen Kalia, Anish Sukumaran, Arham Iqbal, Ari Mansford, Fraz Iqbal, Matthew Tydd, Oscar Welfare, Vihaan Shah & Zachary Marando

Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon (Sunday)

Steve Maronese & Julie Bell | Coach & Manager

The Under 12 Maroon Sunday competition team made the most of a season disrupted by too much rain.



We came fourth at the end of the season with 4 convincing wins and 2 loses, but unfortunately the semi-finals were washed out so we didn't get a chance to defend our Premiership title from last year! This team continues to improve their skills and there were match winning performances from all the players throughout the season, reinforcing this really is a 'champion team'. Many thanks to all the parents who contribute and support the team every week.

The Team: Luke Maronese, Claudio Luzzani, Matthew Sarlas, Flynn Grainger, Beau Brown, Oliver Vardanega, Aiden Scullion, Hamish Ellston and Seamus O'Connell.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon

Saket Rao & Euan MacLeay | Coach & Manager



A great 2021/2022 season.

The Team: Max Hensley, Arnav Yadav, Harry Smith, Christian Majgaard, William Goldsworthy, Nathan Carvalho, Hamish MacLeay, Taj Locane, Aarav Dev Jeevas

Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon (Saturday)

Wil Knight & Matt Turner | Coach & Manager

An enjoyable 2021-22 and successful season was had by the Under 13's Maroon, who played in the IWHJCA Saturday afternoon competition.

It was a wet Sydney cricket season, but the boys had a good share of wins, losses and great experiences playing with and against some very talented junior cricketers. There were quite a few changes to the team for this season and it was nice to see the boys bond so quickly on and off the field. There were plenty of improvements from all the boys, and this culminated in qualifying for the semi-finals. Unfortunately the semi was washed out, however to make the top four was an achievement the boys should be very proud of.



The Team: Nirav Sharma, William Malone, Aaron Patel, Harry Horwood, Aaryn Jamwal, Emerson Urbano, Roman Urbano, Finn Bannan, Eamon Turner and Tom Knight.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon (Sunday)

John Allen / Keiron Devlin & Niklas Green / Luke Campton | Coaches & Managers

The 2021/22 season was an enjoyable experience for the U13 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 and won the competition with an excellent all-round team performance and strong victory in the Grand Final. The boys are to be congratulated on a fine season. Most importantly, the boys enjoyed their time together.

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



The Team: Jack Allen, Riley Campton, Guinness Devlin, Jack Edwards, Angus Green, James Hendry, Oliver Lockington, Lorenzo Luzzani, Hamish Malone, Andrew Morozoff & Ryan Scullion.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Gold (Sunday)

David Pate & Bridget Pate | Coach & Manager

The 2021/22 season was a good season for U13 Gold. They have been together for a couple of seasons now and come together well as a team.

Their skills and confidence improved as the season progressed, and with two rounds to go we were shaping up for a top 4 finish, but unfortunately the weather was against us, and we finished outright 5th in a very strong comp.

Every boy had notable performances through the season, and everyone was instrumental in our wins at one time or another. Some valuable lessons were learned, and the boys can be very proud of this season as they look forward to moving into Stage- 3.



The Team: Aayush Parikh, Abdullah Khurram, Archie Marshall, Cooper Tabell, Eddie Huynh, Lachlan Pate, Luca Di Pasquantonio, Lukas Peat, Patrick Coulton and Ryan Nagaram.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Black (Sunday)

Glen Barry & David Wood | Coach & Managers



The Team: *Lachlan Wodson, Tiger Bocking, Max Barry, Zack Kristallis, Aaron Patel (C), Achyuth Arunraj, Hayden Reeves, Kian White, Krishna Nair, Samuel Nixon & Patrick Wood.*

The Briars Under 13s Sunday Black team started off the season in blazing style, winning their first game by 100 runs, and sitting on top of the ladder after round 5.

The wet weather however dampened the season. In between washed-out games we lost a few matches and only had our full team together for one game, which was at the end of the season.

In this one game the rep players Aaron, Lachlan and Tiger showed why they are worthy of rep selection, as the team posted the highest ever score in U13's cricket of 250 runs, with Lachlan making a superb 95 not out, just missing a very rare one hundred runs. Tiger posted 59 not out and Aaron showed his all-round skills with bat, ball and leadership.

It was a most rewarding year as coach to see the development of the whole team throughout an interrupted 'wet' season with special mentions to Zack and Krishna. Zak finished a close second in both batting and bowling awards and did a great job sharing the keeping duties with Hayden. Max for his leadership, taking on the opening batting spot this year and setting the team up for many wins and the cricket development of Krishna, Kian and Samuel was most pleasing indeed.

We'll learn from this year and aim for the ultimate prize next season which is to finish on top!

Zack deservingly receives the Coaches Award for an all-round great season, Aaron the Bowling Award and Lachlan the Best Batting Award for season 21/22.

Thank-you for all the fabulous support from the parents helping with everything required and for David for once again being by my side as an excellent team manager.

Jnr. Cricket U13 White (Sunday)

Daniel Everett & Kate Kelly / Carla Roberts | Coach & Managers



The Team: *Aaron Siva, Aditiya Anand, Alex Kelly, Alex Stewart, Charlie Roberts, Ethan Toemoe, Hamish Hargans, Henry Toemoe, Mark Everett, Sooriya Anand & Yaliniyan Jaseetharan*

The Under 13s Sunday White had an interesting season, heavily impacted by the weather and representative honours. The boys have played together for several seasons and following a year where they won their semi-final due to rain and lost the grand final by 5 runs it was their turn to lose a semi to rain after finishing 3rd.

The boys all improved their cricket over the course of the season, as evident by the tight nature of the awards with Aaron Siva winning both the batting and bowling awards based on average, notes to Alex Stewart and Mark Everett who opened the batting and bowling respectively and did the work when the going was tough but were unfortunate to come second in this manner. Sooriya Anand demonstrated great commitment through his enthusiasm at training and constant reinforcement of the team goals during games, as a result winning the coaches award.

Aaron Siva also picked up a hat-trick – all caught on video.

Jnr. Cricket U13 Blue (Sunday)

Adam Fudeh & Justin Tsang | Coach & Manager



The Team: Well, it really was a season of two halves for the U13's Sunday Blues.

We started the first match like a house on fire, and then of course covid crept in. When you couple the impacts of covid-induced isolation, along with an unusually wet summer, our momentum halted for the next 4 games, but we rebounded just before Santa came to town, and headed into the Christmas break with a record of 2 and 6.

When we resumed play in late January, it felt like the boys grew taller and stronger, and the competitive nature on the pitch was unwavering. No matter if they were 'walking in with the bowler'

or 'keeping up the chatter to get the batter', you could feel the intensity and concentration with every delivery. During training, they were united like brothers in arms, encouraging each other with positive energy and learning more about their abilities – it was like watching each player perform a SWOT analysis on themselves 😊. As a true testament to their character, they drew 137-137 against the top team in the comp and many were calling for a super over that day – yes, that was the passion this resilient team played with, week in, week out. In the same match, they also racked up a team hatrick which setup a grandstand finish. The jubilation could be heard all over the inner west - it was an electrifying experience. After all, this was just a bunch of U13yo kids who just wanted to have fun and showed maturity beyond their years during the big moments.

We didn't make the finals, but our leading batsman topped the league with the most runs, our spearhead bowler notched up the most wickets in the comp, and our wicket keeper took the most catches. The camaraderie shone in these individual performances, which were underpinned by true team spirit and a willingness to support one another, even when there were some dubious calls – after all, it is cricket. The team was gallant in its defeats, respectful in their victories, and fearless against their competitors. This was not only a star team, but a team of stars who will take away many great memories from the 2021/22 IWH cricket season. Overall, it was my absolute pleasure to coach such a brilliant group of young men and I wish them all the very best next season.

A special thanks to the team manager and all parents who supported training days and game days, ensuring everyone applied sunscreen and had plenty to eat and drink.

Congratulations to: Jaden Tsang, Joshua Tsang, Patrick Foley, Jayden Jamil, Ryan Jamil, Tom Henry, Jordan Fudeh, Athan Fudeh and Julian Morris.....you are all superstars boys. Enjoy the offseason.

Jnr. Girls Cricket U13 Maroon

Ian Smith & Diane McCall | Coach & Manager

In the 2021-2022 season, the Under 13 Maroon girls team was born by putting last season's successful U11 White and Black teams together after they had played against each other in both finals last season. It is fair to say that I was blessed with a wonderful group of talented and competitive girls that were hungry to continue learning the great game of cricket but just loved playing together. This was the first time that many of the girls would advance to a longer pitch and a 142g hard ball, so it was always going to be a fantastic opportunity for them to further grow and learn. I am happy to say that the girls all come together with the same wonderful spirit and endeavour that they have displayed for several years now. The season kicked off with a blaze which saw the girls only dropping the one game heading into the Xmas break which saw them sitting on top of the ladder. This was an amazing achievement for the girls. They were the best

all round bowling team across the competition which saw them often bowling teams out quickly and cheaply. After the Xmas break, the girls suffered a couple of defeats in close games and combined with the regular washouts, saw us slip to third on the final table. With the semi-finals also deemed a washout, our season was cruelly cut short meaning we had finished in third place. The girls were devastated to finish the season in such a way but albeit we were all very proud of our girls who continue to flourish and compete at a very high level. The season was also a success for five of the girls who went onto play for the U13 IWH girls rep team which made the regional NSW youth finals. Congratulations to Makayla Day, Tara McCall, Tully Smith, Tilly Ryan, and Anique Michel.

It is fair to say that the Under 13 Maroon girls is a team made up of incredible girls, each with delightful parents that continue to support the team each week. The girls have been a joy to coach and are an absolute credit to themselves, their parents, and the Briars Club. The batting award went to Mikalya Day who continues to belt the ball to all parts of the park and the bowling award went to Anique Michel who bowls with good pace and is armed with a ripping swinging Yorker! My coaches award goes to Deana



Lancuba who came fourth in the batting but her wicket keeping was outstanding amongst a team of accomplished bowlers.

My sincere thanks must also go out to Dianne McCall who once again took on the team managers role and continues to keep us all on track. Well done girls and GO the mighty Maroons!

The Team: *Makayla Day, Tara McCall, Tully Smith, Anna Chan, Emily Broadbent, Lily Cameron, Adelaide Netting, Tilly Ryan, Anique Michel, Misha Sengupta, Isabelle Sauran & Deana Lancuba.*

Jnr. Girls Cricket U13 Gold

Peter Crowe & Gary Collins | Coach & Manager



The Team: *Tanisha Young, Mabel Turner, Eden Riley, Beth Ecclestone, Violet Crowe, Caitlin Collins, Emily Chase, Sophia Catton, Lily Carr, Allie Butler, Hazel Blackwood & Iris Arnold.*

Comprising players from last year's 11 Gold and 11 Maroon, plus one new player, Emily, the squad came together quickly to work well together as a unit. Allie joined us again for the summer rounds, but the weather put an end to things early this summer session. 13s Girls Gold this year were a capable unit, who made the most of limited match

opportunities.

We saw some very good individual bowling and batting efforts complimented by some great teamwork, particularly in the field and during run chases.

Recalling the batting, we'll all remember Hazel's quick runs! Tanisha's magnificent 6! Lily's cracking cover drive against Summer Hill! plus more than a few fours along the way.

Bowling efforts like two wickets in an over each from Eden and Beth come to mind. There were a couple of impressive run outs also. interesting to note, all the players stepped up, yet with different stars in each of the matches and each half season. It made for a team where a coach could call on anyone, they'd give their best, and more often than not, deliver.

In terms of results, the 21-22 season was very much “luck of the draw” having brought us 4 washouts, a bye, and a forfeit win out of 13 rounds...at least a third of training sessions were affected by the weather too, so, not a great deal of time on the pitch. Nonetheless, it was very pleasing to see the girls showed great enthusiasm for the game, a positive attitude, and great team spirit when we did take the field.

There were also some magnificent afternoon teas off the field (thanks parents!)

In the mere 7 matches we did manage to play; we were challenged by having to meet the eventual finalists twice each. We had two very close 40th over thriller finishes against Ryde - pipped at the post in both, but what tremendous games!

In polar opposite results the girls handed out an absolute hiding to Summer Hill in a 9 wicket win before the Christmas break, to have Summer Hill reciprocate with a 9 wicket win of their own just after Christmas!

Gold finished in the middle of the tightly bunched pack, but the table does not reflect the girls ability as cricketers ... these girls played together well, made quick runs, took wickets, and kept the runs down in the field (no opposition scored over 90).

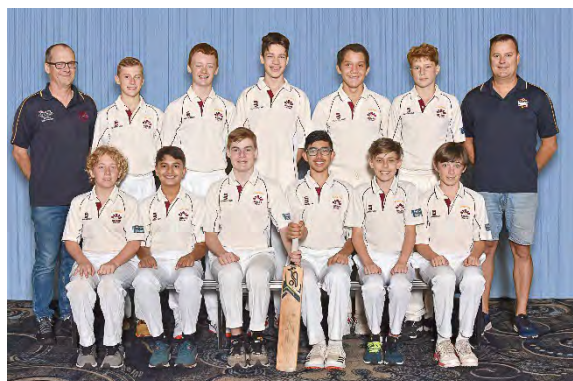
Looking forward to seeing what the girls can achieve next time, hopefully there'll be better luck with the weather. it was a pleasure to coach these young players. Keep it up girls, hope to see you all next year!

Congratulations Iris on being selected for Inner West Harbour Reps Squad.

Thanks to our manager, Gary Collins for keeping it all together in such a bizarre season, to the parents for helping, and thanks to Matt Carr who assisted at training, especially for his spin clinic, the team were using what they learned for the rest of the season.

Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon

Simon Thorne & Greg Marshall | Coaches & Manager



The Team: Dawar, Dylan Grainger, Zachariah Thorne, Luke Strmecki, Aryan Mirzan, Ansh Khetwani, Samuel Butler, Alexander Marshall, Liam Lenord, & Hamish O'Brien

Jnr. Cricket U14 Gold

Michael Johnstone & Jason White | Coach & Manager



The Team: Curtis Bowhill-Hayes, Kobe Cheung, Xavier Foster, Teadhg Finlayson Griew, Talan Irving, Archie MacDonald, Ryan Penwill, Dev Shah & Louie White.

This team has been together since playing U8s with a few new players joining the team each season. The U14 Gold team had a fantastic season and were unbeaten before Christmas. Unfortunately, the season was impacted by rain and byes, but they still managed to WIN the Northern Districts West Covid Cup.

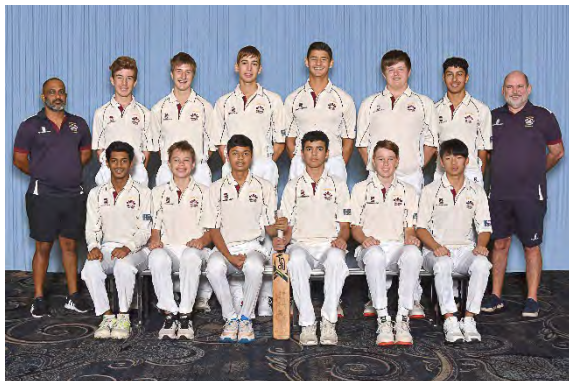
After the Christmas break the team lost just one game by 4 runs. They played with great passion and a sense of fairness fighting back from many tough positions to win matches. Each player contributed to the matches with great batting, bowling, and fielding skills, achieving results by encouraging each other on the field.

They are a joy to coach. This season their fielding really improved with many great catches, run outs and outstanding performances. This season the outstanding batter was Shaurya Saharan and best bowler was Josh Robinson. The Coaches Award went to Sam Johnstone.

Team coaches were Michael Johnstone and Rob Penwill, with Jason White as team manager.

Jnr. Cricket U15 Maroon (Saturday) | Premiers

Praneil Narayan & Evan Hannah | Coaches & Manager



The Team: Jamaal Tuman, Zack Narayan, Ryan Michel, Ben Hannah, Samuel Hepburn, Jarvis Cheung, Louis Wendt, Lachlan Williams, Aryan Nair, Ameya Shrestha, Luke Eccleston & Jacob Grant.

It has been a pleasure coaching the U15 Maroon team and will be the last time for me.

I've watched these boys develop over the past 4 years to become great cricketers.

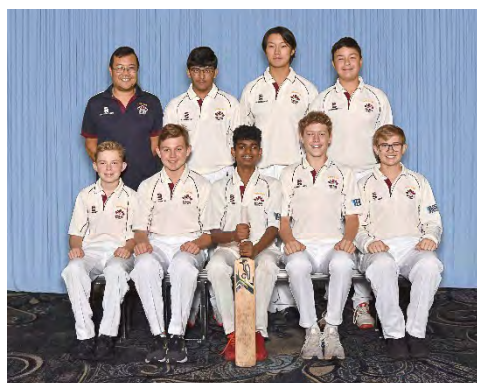
This season was challenging with the weather playing havoc on matches throughout the season, however the

boys' hard work and skill saw them secure first place. Which later proved to be beneficial as wet weather washed out the final match resulting in a premiership win for the team. It was disappointing to finish on this note, however the title was rightly deserved.

I will miss the boys immensely and wish them every success in their cricketing future.

Jnr. Cricket U15 Gold (Saturday)

Kevin Au-Yeung | Coach & Manager



The Team: Ryan Ali, Alexander Au-Yeung, Logan Barry, Yalon Chan, Luke Hill, Praneel Kavuri, James Kelly, Joseph Lombardo, Harry McCarthy, Archie Middleton, Matthew Plunkett and Kiran Siva.

Also playing in the team when needed were; William Allen, Dylan Grainger, Harry Mayne, Ali Smith, Luke Strmecki, and Zac Thorne.

Jnr. Girls Cricket U15 Gold

Kristin Hancock & Vidya Alvares / Holly Irving | Coaches & Managers

The 2021/22 season really challenged the girls. They needed to contend with moving up from U13's, four broken hands at the start of the season and rain washing out both training and match days on a regular



basis. Despite all that, the girls managed to come third in the table and were only prevented from making the final due to a washout in the semi-final. Our injuries forced the whole team to step up leading to breakout seasons from Lauren, Gurleen and our new addition Suhaan. Special mention also goes to Allegra Park who scored her first 50 in an innings. We look forward to coming back stronger next year.

The Team: *Suhaan Akhter, Lauren Blackwood, Harriet Blaikie, Lucinda Butler, Nadia Carvalho, Elsa Frewen, Phoebe Hancock, Kitri Irving, Gurleen Nagra, Sinead McLennan & Allegra Park.*

Jnr. Girls Cricket U15 Maroon

Steven Winstanley & Cameron Arnold | Coaches & Manager

The enthusiasm in the team was extraordinary and the girls love playing as a team, however the season was interrupted by rain and COVID restrictions

We had mixed results this season, but the team still enjoyed themselves and continued to improve their skills.

The Team: *Elsie Gray, Niamh Collins, Lola Arnold, Alana Winstanley, Aoife Foley, Jasmine Simpson, Cassidy Morris, Ruby Turner, Lily Hancock & Lucy Donellian.*

Jnr. Cricket U15/16 Maroon

Laura Ronan | Coach & Manager

The Under 15/16s Maroon had a very disrupted season due to split competitions, forfeits, injured players and poor weather, this meant the team only had one game prior to Christmas and four after. Despite this the team put in effort at each training session and came back together in January to ensure they got as much time together as possible before the start of the competition in the new year.

The boys didn't have a permanent coach this season but were able to organise themselves to prepare their game day line up in batting and bowling. Special thanks to Alex Favotto from Briars Shires who volunteered to help with training each week in the new year. The boys really enjoyed having an experienced player come to help them with technical aspects of their game.



The Team: *Cooper Adaimy, Ivan Alexander, Aidan Chan, Youseff Hamad, Matthew Morozoff, Jay Prajapati, Benjamin Ronan, Harshil Vora & Sean White*

Thanks to Andrew Morozoff who played up when required to ensure we could field a team some games.

Jnr. Cricket U15/16 Gold

Asit Trivedi & Natalie Newton | Coach & Manager

The U 15/16 Briars Gold team had a thriller to end the season, it was undecided up until the last ball. The majority of players played cricket together for the last 2-3 years. The boys kept their spirits high even when facing really stiff competition, as well as maintained respect for the game in the most adverse conditions.

The team really enjoyed their matches, the icing on the cake came with hattricks, spectacular catches and wickets constructed by clever field placement & bowling changes.



The Team: *Moran Abou-Antoun, Joyal Biju, Xavier Busch, Luke Eccleston, James Fitzgerald, Christian Furfaro, Jack Harris, Marco Iacovitti, Ibrahem Iqbal, Joseph Kalachian, Edward Newton, Aryan Trivedi, Jamaal Tuman & Garry Young.*

We experimented with rotating captains and vice captains before settling down on Jack and Moran 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 parents were really enthusiastic both during training as well as on match days. Most of us are going to miss the bbq's and sausage sizzles on the match days bt the teams MasterChef Chris. The team made the most of the rain marred season and finished the season with memories to last a lifetime.

Briars Senior Rugby

Chairman's Report

Mark Nelson



Final Results:

First Grade – 9th (3 wins 10 losses)

Second Grade – 9th (2 wins 11 losses)

Third Grade – 8th (3 wins 9 losses)

Colts – 11th (0 wins 13 losses)

It was a wet and wild season 2022 for Briars Rugby. The pandemic may have passed, but like all amateur sporting clubs there was to be a heavy aftermath of shorter, non-finished seasons in 2020 and 2021. Player retention was a key drop off and new players were hard to come by. Adding to this pain was the continued heavy weather linked to 2 major weather events which caused widespread flooding and limited our ability to get onto our training ground in the early part of the season and contributed to last ditch movement of fields to ensure games could progress. This inability to create cohesion in training and enhance fitness, more than anything, in my opinion led to the mixed results this season.

Coupled with this, the landscape of Subbies Rugby has changed dramatically and a shortage of teams in Division 2 left Subbies will little recourse other than the merge Division 2 and 3 into a larger 12 team competition. Even this had its flaws, as one club pulled out on the eve of round 1 and plenty of clubs were not able to field teams. Briars managed to complete the necessary teams for all but the long away trip to Newport and this is a testament to our players, especially some semi-retired ones, who pushed through and ensured they were available.

Further losses due to injuries continued to be an issue and due to a lack of opportunity to properly condition with limited training opportunities exacerbated the issue. The Divisions next year will again look very different and it's difficult to tell what might happen, and which clubs are able to complete the requirements.



Briars and Currumbin players after the trial game on the Gold Coast – ran out 29-27 winners on the day.

The season kicked off with a trip to the Gold Coast to play the Currumbin Gaters in a trial game. The club has a long-standing association with Briars as many a Briar has moved up to and played at Currumbin. This ended up being our only trial game of the season. Whilst the gap between division 2 and 3 was thought to be not wide at season start it became very clear there was a large jump in overall skills, rugby acumen and player numbers. This led to all division 3

clubs (with the exception of Hawkesbury Valley which benefited from the folding of a few clubs around them) unable to post wins against the stronger division 2 clubs. In fact, there were only 4 games in all divisions won by division 3 clubs, two of which were by Briars.

The season also saw a big impact to our home games as Rothwell was used for just 2 full home games for the season – seeing it larger unused all year due to major drainage issues. This is not ideal for several

reasons- an ability to play home games as a player is paramount but also from a club finances perspective it is a major source of income that was not realised.

Despite this, most pleasing was that the Briars culture was on full display. As the season went on, despite the losses, more and more players continued to turn up and fall in love with the club. Whilst some of our closest rivals moved closer and closer to total demise, the Briars outfit remained strong and did well to turn some opinions within the Subbies landscape. Trips to Newport and Lindfield were met with comments that Briars are a fantastic club and ooze a great rugby culture and they would be pleased to play against us whenever the opportunity arises. As chairman, this feedback is why being a part of Briars Rugby is so rewarding and I hope this continues long into the future.



Second grade pushing the line against Hills at Rothwell Park

Special congratulations to David Ananin who posted his 200 games for Briars. This is an amazing achievement over 17 years at Briars and given the number of games in each season has reduced a feat that will become harder to achieve. Congratulations to a club legend on this fine achievement and a great role model for our players coming through the ranks

Next year will see us enter our 100 years of playing rugby at Briars and whilst it's important to celebrate this milestone, we are working hard to ensure that we grow as a club with players and results as we eye off the next 100 years of Briars Rugby.



Third grade after a particularly wet game day

Finally, I would like to thank the plethora of volunteers, sponsors and committee members that make running Briars Rugby a success.

Coaches – thankyou to Luke Stewart, Mick Ellem, Luke Sinai, Matt Carew, and John Klumpp for all your hard work this year in trying times.

Volunteers – DJ Deep, David Meiklejohn, Derek Henderson, Chris Biasi, Dawit Solomon and the juniors' parents and players for making game days run smoothly

Sponsors – the team at Concord Land Rover, Paul Rathborne and Atomic Beer project, Tony Kerle and Kerle Constructions, Ian and the Pinnacle Sports team, Chris Kosmas and PK Restoration and the Century 21 Concord team.

Committee – thanks to Treasurer Geoff Coffill, Stacey Howcroft, Barnzy Walkemeyer, Troy Le Sueur-Hindmarsh, Mitch Warner, Dan Shalala, Alex McCrystal, and Alex Shalala. Thanks to Aaron Boyter, Jules Boyter, David Lannan and John Slender for their committed support and guidance and Jason Parle from Briars Sports for everything he does personally for Briars Rugby (including adding tap beer at Rothwell).

I hope to see you all in 2023, ready for a fantastic year of great rugby, great atmosphere, and great experiences.

Briars 1st Grade

Luke Stewart | Coach

2022 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 showed so much potential and promise, were improving every week, but unfortunately and frustratingly, the results didn't tend to go our way as often as we wanted.

Pre-season started in November 2021 and the enthusiasm shown by all players in the club was infectious. Good numbers turned up to the early sessions, willing to learn and improve. The work put in by the players through the pre-season and continuing throughout the season showed with the quality of work and effort seen on the field.



First grade scrum against Lindfield

Photo by: Joseph V Shalala

There is a quality in the skill level and talent in the side and this showed through certain stages in games. Unfortunately, our consistency let us down. When we applied those abilities for whole games, we were able to get the win, but when we mentally switched off at times during games, the opposition were able to get away from us.

Through the off season we were able to implement a rugby specific gym program for the players. Those players that adopted this program were shown to have improved strength and resilience throughout

the season. This was a pleasing improvement for the playing group.

Our lineout was one of the best in the competition, our scrums were continually improving, and our forwards play, and breakdown work were extremely strong. Our backs were always improving and had the ability to be silky smooth and a pleasure to watch.

There were several colts who made their 1st grade debuts this year. These players earned the opportunity to play 1st grade and have added to the depth in the club.

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, making it even more fun.

Forward of the year, **Peter Kosmas**. Inspirational and someone who the players certainly followed and looked up to throughout the year. Immense ability and toughness. Always willing to put his body on the line and continue to work hard for the team in every game.

Back of the year, **Chase Rye**. 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 ability and skill level, hard work to return from injury and dedication are second to none.

Player's Player, **Fraser Shaw**. Leadership, team first mentality, continually and consistently performing on the field. The consummate professional, someone the players all followed and an asset to the team.

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.

A big thank you to my co-coach Mick Ellem. The work you put in is certainly appreciated. Your knowledge and expertise really help 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. You go above and beyond and commit an extraordinary amount of time to the club, players, and coaches. Thank you for your support and continual work.

After a long season, our first full one in many years, enjoy the well-earned rest in the off season.

Briars 2nd Grade

Luke Sinai | Coach

Appreciate Mark Nelson, John Slender and the committee for all their hard work and giving me the honour, to coach Briars Rugby 2nd Grade again. With the weather being so bad this year, they were doing everything they could behind the scenes, especially securing fields to help get a good rugby season in.



Second grade scrum against Old Ignatians at Rothwell Park

I'm so very grateful for the support and encouragement of the coaches this year, especially after some very close and tough losses for our 2nd Grade.

2nd Grade. With lack of trainings and trials, it started out very tough. But I was so very proud of how the boys all responded through the season. We held our own destiny in our hands but couldn't quite get over the line and string the wins together. So many close losses. Three games on the death against old rivals Harlequins at home 12-10, another v Old Ignatians at home 10-11 and another vs Blacktown away 33-27. A shame considering winning those close ones we would have been

close to making semis-finals.

However, there was a standout win this year vs Beecroft away. The boys held on to win 10-5. It was pure desire and attitude. The period of defence at the end, on our line was truly what won us the game and I have high hopes to up that level of defence in the club in coming seasons.

Special mentions:

Jackson Le Claire for captaining and leading the boys around the park this year. He kept a cool head, especially with some very hard decisions that had to be made on the field.

Stacey Howcroft who would consistently help 3s, 2s and at times even 1s. He shows great character of a true club man.

Jack Klumpp. The number of times he was called upon in different positions, especially front row. Shows his incredible skill level and character. He would put his hand up when the team needed him the most in several positions, a God send for a coach.

Nick Keith went strength to strength, always improving and not always being about tries but looking for work. Putting his body on the line to make some great try saving tackles. Very humble and always wanting to put the club 1st even when asked to step down to play 3s. He was just happy to play anywhere, any grade, any time. His shift from wing to fullback was incredibly impressive and I can't wait to see just how much better he will get in the seasons to come.

John Taukolo a man with no quit. His rampaging runs and evading of defenders was phenomenal. Follow that up with some bone crunching tackles and pure desire to take it to the opposition. He was an absolute joy to watch, and I hope to see him running over defender's next season.

The last special mention is **Dave McDougal**, a guy who easily piqued the interest of 1st Grade later in the season. His go forward would inspire all the boys on a lot of occasions and even help turn the tide Not only was he a massive handful for the opposition. He was also the calm in the storm. Helping Jackson keep the boys' heads cool.

Briars 3rd Grade

Matt Carew | Coach

The season started very well with a gutsy win over perennial Div. 2 contenders UNSW.

Unfortunately with a large number of injuries in the higher grades, numbers were stretched which lead to a downturn in results. The club spirit however really shone through with a large number of colts and 2nd Grade players putting their hand up each week to get the team through the season.



Third grade defence against Hills at Rothwell Park

We played our best games against the stronger opposition in the comp with our backs to the wall. The season highlight being a comprehensive victory of old rivals, the Sydney Harlequins at Waterloo.

The season promised more than it delivered and we've unearthed some really good talent as well as gained a few old veterans off the couch, which really boosted our morale late in the season and solved a few headaches (and created a couple).

It was an honour and a privilege to be a part of another campaign with the mighty Briars and I'm looking forward to what next year brings.

Team of the Year

1 Neilesh Fernandes	2 Jon Luc Shalala	3 Anthony Nguyen
4 Miles Parhash	5 Fraser Shaw	
6 Peter Kosmas	8 Max Buist	7 CJ Court
9 James Traiforos		
10 David Ananin		
	12 John Taukolo	
	13 Chase Rye	
11 Isaac Chafei	14 Lachlan Koziollek	
15 Nick Keith		
	16 Jack Klumpp	
	17 Jack Rathborne	
	18 Ned Churchyard	
	19 Barnzy Walkemeyer	
	20 Alex McCrystal	
	21 Phil Adam	

The team of the year – calculated through 3 - 2 - 1s given out each week.

Briars Colts

John Klumpp | Coach

The 2022 Season proved to be both challenging and successful for the Colts squad. While there were quite a number of new and existing players come into the club during the season, the challenge was to keep them all on the field at the same time. While the results were less than impressive there were several positives to be taken out of the season.



Lineout take for Colts against Hills at Rothwell Park

With a full team and bench prepared to run out, the Colts proved to be worthy opponents for most teams during the season. Unfortunately, there were a few times when work, injury, illness and travel negatively impacted on performance. It was on these occasions that the players' positive attitude, resilience and never say die belief kept them going for the full 70 minutes.

The highest compliment I can give the players is that every one of them that turned out for The Briars during the season had a go, and never gave up. This was evidenced during a number of games where the team went in without a full front row, players playing out of position and in some cases rarely having played rugby previously. On these occasions the team always finished strong, never giving up and remaining positive.

A lot of credit needs to go to the senior players in the team. We have aged out up to ten players this season. But the senior players took a leadership role with the team, always encouraging others, especially new players during the season. This included recruiting players during the season and making sure players got to games on time.

Another positive to come out of the season is the number of Colts that represented the club in games for grade during the season. During every round this year the Colts were represented in 3rds, 2nds and 1st Grade. Whether it was starting the game or coming off the bench, the Colts proved themselves to be "Club Players" every week, by backing up and supporting grade as needed. There were up to 8 Colts players who debuted for 1st grade this season by either starting or coming off the bench. This is a testament to their ability and their desire to see the club do well.

As mentioned, it was a difficult year results wise on the field, but the positives that the Colts has brought the club as a whole far outweigh the negative results. Well done to all who turned out for the Colts team in 2022. We are looking forward to them getting down to preseason training, bringing their mates and having another go again in 2023.

Thanks fellas!

Briars Women's Rugby

Chairman's Report

David Lannan



Briars Women's Rugby entered 2022 without much activity in the previous season due to the impact that COVID-19 had on the season.

The team were excited for a new season and the opportunity of improved performance that a full season without interruptions could provide.

Briars Women's Rugby started 2022 with many of the same players as 2021, placing second

in our first tournament back in 9 months. Through pre-season we lost a few to West Harbour who at the time were compelled by NSW Rugby to have a mandatory Women's team in 2023.

Focus moved to recruitment opportunities and building our brand amongst the rugby community as strong women's team. Through club contacts Briars Women's Rugby were invited to compete at the Phuket 7s in early April which helped with recruitment and marketing of the club. It still took some time to rebuild the squad but by Round 3 of the Sydney 7s competition we were up to full strength in one team.

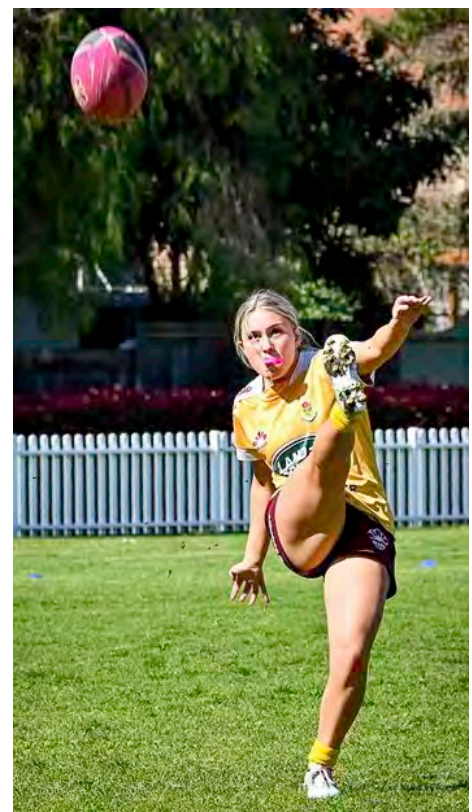
Weather was not our friend though in the first half of 2022. Training was often cancelled, and a number of tournaments were cancelled due to the significant amount of rain that fell on Sydney for the first half of 2022.

Briars Women's Rugby continued with the same coaching and management team in 2022 with Trent Eagle as head coach and David Lannan as President/Team Manager. Courtney Miller stepped up as Vice President and Taymarra Hayward took the role of Registrar. A big thankyou also to Catriona Blake who works behind the scenes with our social media.

Briars Women's Rugby look forward to another season of growth in the club for 2023, as we grow as players and make a name for ourselves as a high-quality club to be a part of. Our goal is to take out Division 2 in 2023 and work towards establishing Briars as a Division 1 side in the coming years as we build our club, brand and capabilities.

Briars will continue to build its relationship with Asia Rugby and provide international tournament opportunities for players to be a part of the international rugby community.

Briars will also continue 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. Hopefully getting a U16/17 side in the near future.



Head Coach Report

Trent Eagle

The 2022 season started with our team getting decimated by the departure of our captain and 4 other players leaving us with a team of 4 ladies. While it was heart-breaking and a hard start to the year it proved to be a blessing.

The remaining players and team got together and decided to not quit and to raise our effort and increase our profile and seek more and better players.

This started by starting a Briars International squad to play overseas tournaments this way giving ladies a chance to travel and play overseas whilst helping Briars recruit players.

This worked magnificently as the team travelled to Thailand for a trip and this raised our profile and brought new ladies to the club.

It was then announced we would head to Dubai in December, and this resulted in us attracting 7-8 quality players all who have stuck around and will add real value to our club.

The domestic season started with a tournament in Nth Sydney, we hadn't trained much, and the team was playing together for the first time. We didn't play to our potential, but it did show we had found a couple of potential stars in Monique & Taylah.

We then played a round robin tournament in Newport which we won after again bringing in a couple of new players Josie and Chloe. The team really started to take shape.

We then had two ladies from West Tigers turn up Rachel and Awhina and these two ladies bring experience and mana to our team. Good leaders and just great humans. This has lifted our side in terms of how we train and team spirit.

We held a tournament in Rothwell, our home ground, and we had two sides in this tournament and massive effort and achievement for our club. We also played very well in this tournament. With all the ladies Bianca, Rachel, Awhina, Mon, Taylah and our two consistent stars San & Annabel showing out.

The domestic season I feel was very successful. We beat some sides from Burraneer and now all the Shute Shield clubs don't really want to play us because we can compete. We will only get better as well.

We also entered a team for Byron Bay, the hardest comp in Australia to win, we again had a new player Bree Raymond join us, Bree proved to be a very fast player and although she got injured she did help us make the final by scoring some nice tries in the pool matches.

We managed to make the final in this tournament which to date I feel is our best result as a club.

To make a final in a tournament like this is a huge effort and although we lost two of our backs and couldn't really compete in the final, we showed amazing heart and courage.

I can't name everyone as everyone played very well but I do have to say a special thank you to San who played almost every minute of every game. Bianca for scoring tries as usual and again having a never die attitude and Rachel for stepping up when things got tough, scoring two tries, one a runaway in the quarter final was a huge effort.

2022 for me was the year Briars found our identity. We took some hits and have come back stronger and as a coach that shows true character and bodes well for the future.

I am excited for 2023.



Briars Women's Rugby

2022 Squad



Annabel Woo, Pui San Lai, Bianca Bennetts, Sasha Meeks, Courtney Miller, Cleo Carreno, Brittany Cubby, Racheal Taufetee, Kate Buchhorn, Gabby Buchhorn, Julieana Friedrichs, Bridget Deane, Mia Matthias, Taylah Watson, Monique McGlynn, Serenity Amiatu, Pania Kokaua, Chloe Sydenham, Liliana Kokaua, Awhina Akuhata, Rachel Simpson, Breanna Raymond, Josie Maejirrs, Trent Eagle (Coach) & David Lannan (Manager)

The Lakes 7s Tournament



After a few years off and many years of Old Boy “Gracey” trying to get Briars to play at The Lakes we made the trek up the coast to Budgewoi. Our first tournament since the 2021 season was cancelled, training is all we had in the lead up to the event in February.

With a full squad we were confident of being competitive in the event. Most teams were local Central Coast teams with some strong talent on show.

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 Terrigal	5 - 7
Pool Game 2:	Briars v Medowie	24 - 0
Pool Game 3:	Briars v Hamilton	12 - 5
Semi-Final:	Briars v Hornsby	14 - 12
Final:	Briars v Terrigal	0 - 30
Overall Result:	2nd Place	

Club 7s

The Sydney Women's Rugby Club 7s had a very disrupted season in 2022. The weather in Sydney saw many tournaments cancelled. Along with our team rebuild in the first few rounds the results were not as planned. Briars continued in Division 2 in 2022. 2022 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.

Briars missed Round 1 of the season, due to player numbers. In Round 2 we only had 3 players turn up. Thanks to the rugby community we were able to play a couple of games but had to forfeit the final game of the season.

Round 3 we were back to our full-size squad, but not having played together competitively we struggled against some more experienced sides, though showed promise.

Round 4 and 5 were cancelled and we headed to Kellyville for Round 6. A great day for Briars winning all our pool games and playing the final unfortunately losing 40-0 against a very experienced Sydney Uni.

Round 7 we headed to St Lukes Concord. A tough draw for the day and a slow start made it a hard day out losing all 3 games against Gordon, Norths and Burraneer.

Round 8 was hosted by Briars at Rothwell Park. This was a great opportunity to showcase the facilities at Briars and get some canteen sales too! Briars entered a Div 2 and Div 3 team into the tournament with strong numbers towards the end of the season (especially with rugby league finished for the season).

After only 5 tournaments for the year, Briars placed second of the Subbies teams just behind Old Barker (and not taking into account the tournament we played Div 3). 2023 with strong player numbers can be a much more successful season (if the rain holds off!)

Tournament Results as follows:

Overall Points after Rounds-5

Division 1			Division 2			Division 3		
Place	Points	Team	Place	Points	Team	Place	Points	Team
1 st	80	Burra Rays 1	1 st	96	Burra Rays 3	1 st	80	Eastwood
2 nd	72	Manly Red	2 nd	78	UTS Gordon 1	2 nd	62	UTS Gordon 2
3 rd	48	Sydney Uni	3 rd	72	Manly Blue	3 rd	60	Burra Rays 4
4 th	14	Burra Rays 2	4 th	70	Norths 1	4 th	58	Mac Uni
5 th	12	Randwick	5 th	50	West Harbour	5 th	58	UOW
			6 th	48	Easts	6 th	52	Hunters Hill
			7 th	46	Old Barker 1	7 th	50	Norths 2
			8 th	42	Briars	8 th	42	Sea Lice
			9 th	40	Sydney Uni 2	9 th	32	Renegades
			10 th	28	Burra Rays 4	10 th	26	Old Barker 2
			11 th	26	Renegades	11 th	24	Lindfield
			12 th	20	Hunters Hill	12 th	24	UNSW

13 th	14	Norths 2	13 th	20	Sydney Uni 2
14 th	10	UNSW	14th	18	Briars
			15 th	14	Newport
			16 th	12	Strathfield

Winner Div 1 Burra Rays 1

Winner Div 2 Burra Rays 3

Winner Div 3 Eastwood

Overall Results - Division 2 | Short Season

42 points - 8th place / 14 teams (2nd place removing Shute Shield clubs playing down a division)



2022 Award Winners

Hennie Muller Award for overall effort at training:

Monique McGlynn

Most Improved Award:

Julieana Friedrichs

Rookie of the Year:

Gabby Buchhorn

Coaches Award for performance on and off the field:

Bianca Bennetts

Players Player:

Monique McGlynn

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 **Taymarra Hayward** who is this years recipient of the award.

Taymarra unfortunately suffered a second ACL injury (not rugby related this time) and was unable to play the 2022 season. This didn't stop Taymarra from attending training and nominating to be a part of the committee. Taymarra took it on herself to be the club registrar, engaging with existing and new players to welcome them to the club, show them how to register and get fees paid. Beyond that Taymarra went out of her way to organise social events for the team and really be a part of the rebuild that we went through in 2022.

Women in Sport Dinner

Briars Women's Rugby hosted a Women in Sport Dinner at Briars Sports Club on Saturday September 10 to raise money for their trip to the Dubai 7s in December 2022. The night was a great success with 80 people in attendance and some amazing discussions about the challenges and opportunities for women in sport.

The event had a wide range of people help out to make it happen with a big thanks to Courtney Miller, Taymarra Hayward, Catriona Blake, Ashlee Scott, Stu Ryan and Becky Klimeck for their help in organising the event.

The event was hosted by womens sport campaigner and good friend of Briars Women's Rugby Mary Konstantopolous (Ladies Who) and we had some amazing guest speakers including Aideen Keane (Soccer), Amy Parmenter (Netball), Gillian Ragus (Athletics), Lizzie Welborn (Triathlete), Lauren Cheatle (Cricket), Sarah Blizzard (Bobsled).

With the 100 years of Rugby being celebrated in 2023 we hope to see this event return in 2024!



Briars Junior Rugby

Chairperson's Report

Jules Boyter



After 2 broken seasons due to Covid, 2022 saw us get in a full season of rugby, however we were dealt with another blow - La Nina, which wreaked havoc on ground availability. The start of the season was hit hardest by the weather, and it was weeks before we could start training at our beloved ground Rothwell Park.

But once the weather started to clear up, we could finally get the season under way, and it wasn't long before the games started.

This year, we fielded an Under 6s, Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, Under 11s and we formed an impressive JV with West Juniors for an Under 14s team. While numbers in the younger age groups were low compared to previous years, we had several very keen minis players who were willing to play double games on a Saturday to ensure we had enough players in each age group. A big thankyou to all the kids who clocked double game time each week.

Our Under 10s came out winners of their division, a massive achievement for the team in their first year in the Sydney Junior Rugby Union Competition. They were strong from the start of the competition, staying in the top 4 on the ladder throughout most of the season.

The Under 11s narrowly missed out on a semi-final spot, but they were another strong team throughout the season who unfortunately were down a few players in the final games due to injury.

Our Under 14s JV team with West Juniors, which we named West Briars made the grand finals but missed out on the win that day. However, this was a massive achievement, given the merging of the teams happened 1 week before the first round of the season, and the players still didn't know each other's names in that first game!

As always, no junior rugby season can go ahead without the help of an army of volunteers, I'd like to thank all the coaches who stepped up this year to run around on the field, or down the

sideline, and gave up their time each week for training. To all the team managers making sure the kids know when and where they should be each week. To the other game day helpers running water, tending to injuries, a big thank you.

The support we received from our seniors throughout the season was wonderful to see, the juniors love having the players come down and help out at training, and I hope to see this involvement increase further next year. Thanks to Ash Simpson, who for the 5th year has given up his time to work with our older age groups.

To the committee this year, thank you for all the support you have given me and the club. It was great to get a full season in and let's make 2023 an even better season.

Briars Jnr Rugby U6

Manel Oramas | Coach

2022 was an excellent year for the U6s despite the rain and the ongoing ground closures on training day. From the beginning, the U6s team was a bit short in numbers but that was no issue as the amazing U7s were always there to complete our team. This year was a mixture of new players as well as experienced

players from the 2021 season. Together, they formed an amazing group of children as well as an excellent rugby team.

With great ball runners and defenders, the team had no issues to make great runs and keep ball possession. It was always fun to see them run and display huge amounts of energy every Saturday morning. It was nice to see the team was always hungry for the ball, looking for one more run, one more try.

In terms of development areas, we will keep focus on running direction and ball passing in the new season. Although coach Manny and coach Chris put strong focus during the year on these areas, good skills take time to learn, so we can't wait for 2023 pre-season to start and continue the hard work.

Big thanks to Jules for all the hard work as well the parents who week after week, made the Saturday morning sacrifice so their kids could engage in such an amazing team sport and be part of the Briars family. Special thanks to those parents who stepped up and coached when we were sick/unavailable. Finally, thanks to all players for showing interest in this fantastic game and for giving us the opportunity to be your coaches this year.



- **Thomas:** Top try scorer! Excellent in the back as the last line of defence. Displayed excellent ball running skills throughout the season. Natural outside back.
- **Hannah:** Like Rodrigo, a true U6 player. Grew in confidence as the season went by and score some nice tries and kicks.
- **Mikaylah:** Strong girl with excellent rugby attitude and skill. Showed great confidence and positivity when playing the game.
- **Tiago:** Learned to understand the game with every game played and had great runs during the year. Very sociable player.
- **Roman:** Strong runner who can pick the ball and run forward. Hope to see more of him next year.
- **Alfie:** He can understand the game very well. Very confident and eager to have runs and score tries.
- **Aisha:** Silent as ever. Great discipline on and off the pitch. Reliable both on defence and attack.
- **Rodrigo:** Solid first year. Great on defence and usually the first player to run for the tag. High work rate.
- **Ethan:** Along with Callum, the two strongest players in the team. His confidence shifted in the second half of the season and performed not only great runs but also powerful tags.
- **Callum:** Understands that rugby is a contact game and loves it. Strong ball running skills. Natural forward and very physical player.
- **Leo:** Always there when we needed that extra try. Timed his runs well and showed great confidence throughout the year.
- **Agustin:** Natural ball runner. Always looking for another run. Excellent in attack and great footwork. Belongs in the midfield.
- **Lachlan:** His confidence increased more and more with every game he played. His improvement was noted by the coaches and the players.

In summary, 2022 was a great year overall for the team and all players. Great friendships were formed on and off the pitch which shows that rugby is not only a great game but also a great source of healthy relationships.

Briars Jnr Rugby U7

Matt Games and Chris Lissa | Coaches

It was amazing to have a full season of rugby in 2022 after 2 lockdown interrupted years. The weather did



its best to keep us off the field, but we had plenty of very enjoyable games and it was good to be back out playing regular rugby on a Saturday morning. The interruptions of the last 2 years did have a big impact on playing numbers which meant we had a combined under 6's and 7's team playing 2 games every week. Luckily the kids were more than willing to load up on lolly snakes in between games to keep their energy levels high.

We had a good mix of experienced players and first timers, and it was great to see the older kids leading the way and setting a great example for the younger and less experienced ones.

Thomas, Leo and Augustine were our speedsters and would often scour every inch of the field looking for that elusive gap to run through and score a try. If they can use their express pace next year in under 8's to hit gaps, then they're going to be very hard to tackle and will score lots of tries.

Callum, Ethan, Lachlan and Alfie preferred the direct route and could always be relied upon to rack up some big run metres and show off a bit of fancy footwork to get over the line. They will be very hard to tackle in under 8's next year even if they are running into the defenders head on.

Roman, Hannah, Mikaylah and Aiysha deserve special callouts as they came back in 2022 as hugely improved players, and it was a pleasure to watch them carving up the opposition with the ball in hand as well as putting in some excellent tags.

Finally, a big **congratulations to Tiago and Rodrigo** on their first full seasons of rugby. It was great to see them quickly latch on to the basic concepts of the game and have a lot of fun scoring tries and running down the opposition.

Thank you to all the parents, supporters and Jules, Mick, and the Briars team for all your support. We look forward to seeing everyone again for a huge season in 2023 and are looking to lure back some of our ex-players and bring along friends of current players to round out our numbers.

Briars Jnr Rugby U8 & U9

Steve Waddington & Harvey Sauran | Coaches



Due to being slightly short on numbers the Under 8 and 9 squads trained together. On the weekends they'd combine to field teams in both age divisions. It was fantastic to see the boys volunteer to help each team out and work together. Each player significantly improved during the season which was enjoyable to watch and made all the hard work at training worth it.

Under 8

Konrad is a natural ball runner who excelled in finding space and gaps in the opposition's defensive line and

scored a stack of tries this season untouched. One thing you can't coach is speed and opponents quickly realised that they couldn't show him the side-line. But Konrad also proved he could adjust and adapt, by cutting back infield to find openings in the defensive lines and accelerating through them with blinding speed and determination.

Kassidy's bone crunching tackles left me feeling sorry for his opponents and his ability to turn defence into attack set up many tries this season. He has an amazing talent to read the play **happening in front** of him, anticipate where the ball is going and move up quickly to shut it down. Kassidy's awareness meant that could back up his defensive efforts up by pouncing on loose balls and charging downfield with equally devastating runs.

Dinos proved to be an unstoppable force this season and learnt the most direct route to the try line is straight through an opposing player. Once he realised that he was as strong as an ox, Dinos unleashed his raw power with devastating runs and often had multiple players hanging off him, trying to bring him down. His eagerness in attack is only matched by his willingness to put his body on the line in defence, which was plain to see with his cannonball style approach to tackling.

Hamish demonstrated that he was a broken play specialist this season with jinking runs that left opposition players grasping at thin air. With dazzling displays of footwork, he was able to wrongfoot opponents and exploit weaknesses in the defence. Hamish was also a fantastic support player who time and time again was there to assist his teammates when they broke through defensive lines and the first to congratulate and celebrate when a try was scored.

Under 9



Both Alex and Dominic showed no fear in defence, throwing their bodies at opposition players twice their size. Their ferocious tackling resulted in many turnovers of possession which the team was able to capitalise on. I lost count of the times that Alex came out of a maul having stolen the ball. Dominic showed brilliance in attack, running the ball hard and using his speed and evasiveness to his advantage.

Emmett and Peter, both applied themselves at training, listened to instructions and significantly improved their tackling and defensive skills during the season. When not on the rugby field I found them to be quiet, polite, and

reserved but come Saturday they menaced the opposition, rucking and mauling with all their strength and positioned themselves to make tackles or receive the ball and run with it. They are both tough as nails and were a pleasure to coach.

Leo and Luca consistently backed up to play two games each weekend showing dedication to the club and spirit of the game. They both used their ability to read the play to their advantage, making tackles in cover defence and putting their bodies on the line to stop the opposition. They used their vision to spot gaps in the opposition's defensive line and made them pay, crossing the try line on several occasions.

Sebastian and Eli both loved the physicality of getting involved at the breakdown, clearing out the opposition and protecting the ball. As the season progressed, they used their strength to their advantage in attack, running the ball hard, bumping off tacklers and making meters for the team. They both took a leadership role in the forwards, setting up the scrums and lineouts independently so that our team was always ready before the opposition.

This season **we welcomed Nicholas to the club** in his first season of rugby. Each week he improved his skills and understanding of the game. As his confidence grew so did the aggressiveness of his tackles, rucking and mauling. He carried the ball well into contact, protecting it well so we retained possession. Tobias used his natural ability and evasiveness to break through the defensive line when he ran the ball.

He loves to attack! When the ball was with the opposition, he tracked the flow of play and would often be the first to the breakdown contesting the ball and on occasion would come away with a turnover.

Finally, we would like to thank Jules and the Junior Rugby committee for their time and commitment to the club, making sure the children could enjoy a fantastic season of rugby. It has been a pleasure coaching the teams and we hope to see everyone back next season.

Briars Jnr Rugby U10

Michael McGrath | Coach

2022 was a season that was as enjoyable as it was successful for our Briars Under 10s. It was a privilege to guide such an enthusiastic, passionate group of kids who were always willing to learn, listened to advice and clearly loved playing rugby and being a part of the Briars family.



I can hand on heart say that every single player improved their rugby skillset this year and I believe that everyone saved their best individual and team performance for the grand-final.

There could not have been a more fitting result on grand final day then a match winning try in the final minute of the game to come from behind to defeat Norwest 22 points to 19. Norwest had defeated us just two weeks earlier by 24 points.

It was a year of many FIRSTS

- First time on full length field
- First time with competitive line outs and scrums, both of which we dominated the opposition all year
- First time having a completion table, finals and for and against points recorded. For the record we scored 369 points comprising of 65 tries by 11 different players and 22 conversions by 4 players
- First opportunity to play representative football with Felix, Hugo, James, Mason, Anton and Ryan all playing for West Harbour at the Under 10s NSW State Gala this season
- First time a touch judge has disappeared completely into the bush in the middle of running the line
- First time playing on the hallowed turf of Rothwell
- First game under lights
- First time for seven members of our team ever playing rugby

We won six of our first eight competition games this year with the boys improving each week as the season went on. Our victories were built on solid and dominating set pieces of scrums and lineouts as well consistently punishing defence from our forward pack. This was equally supported by flamboyant, spectacular, and strong running of our backline who were also very strong defensively both as a line and in cover.

After losing the last two regular season games, our team of coaches pushed the boys really hard at training and worked on being strong and resilient - training under match like conditions and for a better word “bashed” themselves. And it paid off. Grand final day we were strong, we were one solid unit, and we got the well-deserved win to become just the second Briars Junior Rugby team to secure a premiership.

Our victorious squad this year consisted of:

FORWARDS

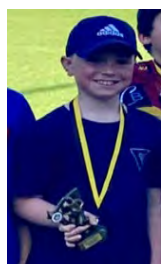
Front row: Felix Farah (vice-captain), Gabriel Abed, Monash Talagi, Hugo Chilcott
Locks: James Burnicle, Evan Russell
No 8: Mason Whitehead, Koby Addison

BACKS

Halves: Kye Games (captain), Anton Pantazacos
Centres: Ben Mellick, Zach O'Donovan, Ryan Milton
Wings: Sam Looney, Cameron Sherer, Inigo Jourdan

A shout out also to Jacob McGrath and Levi Buchan from the under 11s and Luca White from the under 9s who backed up so well in our time of need during the season.

SPECIAL AWARDS



2022 Spirit of Rugby – Koby Addison

Koby moved from the backs to the forwards last season and instantly found his ideal role at No 8. He put in 110% effort at every training and consistently improved all season through always working hard on developing his skills. Koby played in any position asked of him this season including a stint on the wing in the grand final and often jumped into hooker throughout games whenever needed against much bigger opponents. Koby always had a smile on his face and was a valuable member of our team.



2022 Back of the year – Anton Pantazacos

A quiet achiever who led by example in every game he played, Anton excelled equally at scrum half and fly half this year. He consistently made the right choice between linking with his fellow backs, taking the line on or heading back into the forwards to set up the next play. In his first year of rugby Anton showed that size does not matter particular with his textbook tackling and taking a big hit as he offloaded to put his outside backs into better positions.

Anton set up numerous scoring opportunities throughout the year and also bagged 8 tries himself including the match winner in the grand final



2022 Forward of the Year – Felix Farah

Felix is a prop forward with a quiet personality off the field who had a big presence on the field. Our vice-captain led by example with an equal balance of strength and speed. Twice this season he chased down opposition outside backs over 50 metres in try saving efforts.

Felix was the cornerstone of our hugely successful scrum and a defensive force in every match. He ran for huge metres every game, had great ruck and maul techniques and scored a crucial try through sheer strength and skill in the grand-final.

Thanks to the committee who volunteer many hours of their own time to ensure the ongoing success of OUR club. Arranging sponsors, attending meetings, registering, coaching to give such a great club and family environment for our kids to play in.

I was very lucky to have an extensive support team of co-conspirators, collaborators and co-coaches this year who were a huge part of the players developing into a well-rounded rugby team over the season. It was such an enjoyable year in which the coaching load was equally shared with my co-head coach Matt, our forwards coach Dan S, our motivator and touch judge Lawrence and our backs coach and trainer Dan P. It really was a team effort and they all brought so much to enhance the players experience and develop their skill set that led to our premiership. Thanks also out team manager and first aid officer Jaimee Lee who so passionately supported our boys every week with encouragement, oranges, sugar hits and crucial pep talks on the sideline.

Thanks also goes to the families. We had a volunteer list a mile long which made training and game day so much easier. They drove their boys all across Sydney so they could play each week and were there in numbers each and every week.

Thank you finally to Aaron and Jules for establishing Briars Juniors eight years ago and for your continued efforts to make it such a great family club that we all want to be a part of. Particular mention and appreciation to Jules for all her tireless work as president, registrar, equipment steward and the endless list of the hats she wears to keep the club thriving. She continues to selflessly give so much of her time to ensure Briars Juniors is a continued success.

Briars Jnr Rugby U11

Matt Crippa | Coach



The Under 11's had a strong season narrowly missing out on the semi-finals in the final minute of the final game. It was pleasing to see the team perform so well against a higher grade this year. The team was dedicated to training and the rewards were seen on the field. The forwards worked hard at competing at the breakdown, laying a strong platform for our backs. The back's positional play in both attack and defense was excellent and afforded us many opportunities to score points.

Congratulations to the whole team on a great season, I look forward to seeing you all at training next year!

Kobe Veiagina (Prop): Kobe had another brilliant season for Briars. His strong tackling and cleanouts often had the opposition on the back foot. Excellent runner with the ball in hand and was rewarded with some great tries.

Toby Boyter (Hooker): Toby had an excellent year. Strong at the breakdown, securing turnovers and relished the opportunity to run the ball, rewarded with some big runs and the team's final try of the season!

Karambir Singh (Prop): Kam made his debut to Rugby this year and grew leaps and bounds every game. A strong contributor in Scrums and Lineouts helping us secure good ball. He was rewarded for his efforts attaining the **Most Improved Player of the Year**.

Luke Wehbe (Prop / Hooker / No. 8): Luke continues to be a massive contributor in the forward pack. Strong in both attack and defense, runs all day and is always present at the breakdown. Has a good understanding of the game which helped him cover several positions in the pack.

Phoebe Cassidy (Lock): Phoebe had an excellent second season of rugby. Great commitment at training translated to some big contributions in games. Did a great job in the second row all year and was an excellent support player at the breakdown.

Tom O'Neill (Lock): Another strong season for Tom. Always trains hard and was rewarded with great contributions in the game. Excellent in the second row, involved in our moves off the lineout. Keen to get his hands on the ball and defended well.

William Milton (No.8): Will made his Briars debut this year and what a season it was. A fantastic understanding of the game. Was everywhere around the field. His attitude at training and on the field was brilliant and set the benchmark within the team.

Jacob McGrath (Utility): Jacob's passion and dedication to rugby and Briars is second to none. Played every position on the field outside of the front row this year. Committed to every role he was given and made massive contributions in every game. **Utility Player of the Year**

Daniel Crippa (Scrum Half): Daniel's love of scrum half and rugby is evident every time he steps on the field. Controls the game well and chooses his moments to "go himself" really well. Was an excellent link between the forwards and backs and made good decisions in attack and defense.

Jayden Paskaranathan (Fly Half): Making his debut for Briars this year Jayden was a star performer. Brilliant runner of the ball was the leading try scorer but also very capable of finding his outer backs and getting them into open space. Excellent contributions in defense and had a strong record on his shots for goal. **Best and Fairest.**

Saki Matairavula (Center): Saki continues to impress in the centers. Great speed can find a gap and nearly never gets stopped once in open space. Great improvements in his positional play this year and made strong contributions all year.

Levi Buchan (Center): Levi's support play in the centers was exceptional all year. Whether it was covering gaps in defense or supporting a break with a strong cleanout, Levi would be there. Always eager to get his hands on the ball and was rewarded with some fantastic contributions.

Kamal Ratnam (Center/Winger): Kamal is a defensive superstar, rarely misses a tackle. His positional play and reading of the game are excellent and leads him to regularly being first at the breakdown, often leaving with the ball. Great commitment in games.

James Hunt (Winger): James brought an exceptional attitude to the team this year. His strong efforts at training and "never give up" attitude was on show regularly. A big contributor to the backline, strong in both attack and defense, a great season all round. Welcome back to Briars!

Joseph Sukkar (Winger): Joseph's understanding of the game has come on leaps and bounds. His third season at the club saw some of his best rugby yet. Loves seizing opportunities around the ruck and his defensive reads are fantastic.

Finally a special mention to Kobe, Toby, Luke, Jacob, Daniel, Jayden, Saki & Levi who were all selected in Reps teams and represented our district at State Champs

Briars Jnr Rugby U14

Daniel Manu, Aaron Boyter & John Sinisa | Joint Venture Coaches



After an uncertain start, 2022 saw last years Under 12 and Under 14 teams combine with our village club Wests Juniors as a joint venture.

We are blessed to be able to collaborate with a club within our District. Thank you to Cameron and Marcus from Wests Juniors for being so welcoming the Briars players and families.

Starting the season with 7 players from each club, active recruiting saw us grow to a squad of 25.

With most players from the Briars side playing up a year – it was so pleasing seeing the growth as rugby players as they took on much larger opponents. The older players are to be commended taking the time and demonstrating patience to

accelerate the learnings of the younger ones. These efforts bore fruit rapidly with the team slowly chalking up wins, narrowly making the top 4 and the finals.

Tantalising close to the holy grail, with opportunities to win right up to the last seconds of the game, we finished the season as Grand Final Runners Up against a strong Manly Savers Rugby Club, 26-31. I am so proud of these young adults who came together as a combined club collectively making each other better. We hope to see you all again in 2023.

Thanks to my fellow coaches Dan and John for all their time and patience with the team. Having to combine the passions of two different clubs with different expectation on the committee is a huge task, massive kudos to Anna White for taking on the position of manager always ensuring that everyone was informed, and we were always all set on game day.

Coaches Award:	Connor Billington
Best Back:	Georgia Miller
Best Forward:	Samuel Leon
Player of the year:	Misinale Unga

Briars Hockey

President's Report

David Slater (Slash)



Season Highlights 2022

What did I see as the highlights for Briars Hockey in 2022?

Firstly, that we managed to get in a FULL SEASON OF HOCKEY for the first time in 3 years!

While we didn't pick up many premiership flags this year, just our fabulous Women's Social 1's plus Men's Masters Premier League teams, I felt that we had some great individual team results, and some fantastic individual game results in our top PL and ML grades this year, which augurs well for the coming season.

The strength of our junior program was a plus again this year, borne out by the remarkable level of representative players amongst the group. Tied in with that, came the opportunity for a number of our junior players to push up in the higher senior grades this year, which was great for their development.

There were also some fantastic representative results in our senior program, right up to Australian representative level for several of our masters players.

We ran a couple of very successful Derby Days this year with Glebe and Syd University- with the Glebe Day in particular regarded by many as the best we have ever held.

A major plus for us this year was the quality of operations of our canteen, and the funding it helped put back into the club - with special thanks to our Cintra Manager Kylie Norris.

Kylie was also heavily involved in "fixing the pitch" from our mould and mud problems of the previous year, and it's a bit of a highlight to me in how it now looks and plays again.

I'd also like to welcome Paul Schofield, our new PL1 coach, as a highlight for the year- joining with Alan Charlton as our ML1 coach to provide us with powerhouse coaching at the top of both of our senior programs.

And lastly, I'm pretty excited by the development in the background of a completely new uniform and support kit (led by our own Lewis Mike), which will be hitting the pitch next season.

We are now happily settled into our Summer Competition, led by Janine Hannigan, and I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas, and arrives back refreshed for another great season of hockey next year!

Thank You's

I have to also give out a few thank you's for the year!

- Firstly to our major sponsors, Mortgage Choice Concord and Flamingo Gas. In particular, a big shout out to Gary Bieser and Mortgage Choice Concord, who have now been a club sponsor for some 11 years.
- John Price and his UFC Gym for all of the background work and support given during the season.
- Our Hockey Committee- a group of talented and committed people who play a large part in making Briars the great club that it is.
- Those Committee members who are retiring, or had to vacate their posts during the year:
 - Harriet Ashton-Maxwell as Treasurer
 - Nicola Skinner as Junior VP and Registrar, plus Player Records and Project Lead roles.
 - Steve Norris as our Compliance Officer.
 - Chrystal-Anne Skoulogenis as our Social Coordinator, and
 - Pam Unsworth as our Secretary.

- Thanks also to Michelle Yu for stepping in to help out with the Secretary role during the year, she has done a great job.
- The Briars Sports Club, Board and all the staff for the support they've once again given to hockey, and to all the other sports this year.
- To Wal Zol, and everyone else who helped out down at the pitch and in the canteen this year.
- Everyone who coached or managed a team.
- And also to everyone who umpired during the year, with special thanks to Chris Thuell for the great job done in coordinating this programme for us all at Briars.

Briars Hockey Committee 2021

Executive Committee

President	David Slater
Secretary	Pam Unsworth / Michelle Yu
Treasurer	Harriet Ashton-Maxwell
VP - Men's	Lewis Mike
VP - Women's	Cindy Goodridge
VP - Junior's	Nicola Skinner
Social Coordinator	Chrystal-Anne Skoulogenis
Cintra Manager	Kylie Norris
Communications - eNews	Julie Prolov
Communications - Social Media	Ken Struthers

General Committee Members

Registrar - Men	Mike Denniss
Registrar - Women	Cindy Goodridge
Registrar - Juniors	Nicola Skinner
Umpires Coordinator	Chris Thuell
Uniform & Equipment Manager	Chris Hallett
Compliance Officer	Steve Norris
Briars Cintra Booking Coordinator	Mike Denniss
Briars Cintra Revenue Development	Emma Ratcliffe
North Area Junior Representative	Marcus Fung
Minkey Program Manager	Nicola Skinner
Summer Comp Manager	Janine Hannigan
Sponsorship and Fundraising Coordinator	James Bladwell
Player Records & Projects Lead	Nicola Skinner

Club Annual Award winners

Senior Awards

AJ Robinson Award - <i>Club Person of the Year</i>	Cindy Goodridge
Col "Hockey" Jones Awards for volunteering:	Walter Zol Nicole Taylor Chris Thuell Courtney Pearson

Senior Coach of the Year	Chris Hallett (<i>Mens 5th Grade</i>)
Mens Rising Star	Oskar Smith (<i>U17 & Mens 1st Grade</i>)
Womens Rising Star	Megan Keller (<i>Womens 1st Grade</i>)
Highest Goal Scorer (<i>Men</i>)	Shared between Kieran Govers (<i>13 goals, Mens 1st Grade</i>) and Mark Williams (<i>13 Goals, Mens 5th Grade</i>)
Highest Goal Scorer (<i>Women</i>)	Maddie Hall (<i>12 Goals, Women's Social-1 team</i>)

Junior Awards

RD Vanderfield Award – <i>Junior Club Person of the Year</i>	Dakota Thuell
David Cameron Memorial Award – <i>Briars Club Spirit</i>	Coady Stone (<i>U17's and Mens 1st Grade</i>)
Junior Coach of the Year	Stuart Turnbull
Junior Goalkeeper of the Year	Christine Flack

Briars Men's Hockey Report

Briars Hockey Men's 1st Grade – PL1

Paul Schofield & Michael Imer | Coach & Manager



What has been described as a season of “rebuilding” by many, the Men's PL1 team went into the 2022 season with a new look with several PL1 debutants. The promotion of Briars junior players Oskar, Henry and Max to PL1 was a great indication of the Club's commitment to the future success of our PL1 team. We also had Sam Houston join the club for the first time and his contribution to the club was outstanding.

In a major coup for the Club the signing of Kieran Govers has made a huge impact on the entire team, his ability to lead and guide our younger members has been a great driver for success in 2022.

There are many highlights from the season

- Beating Glebe twice.
- The performance of our debutants.
- The team's cohesion and enjoyment on and off the pitch.

One highlight was our performance against competition heavy weight Moorebank at home, despite going down 3-2 the game was in the balance right to the final whistle, giving a great indication of what the future could hold for the team. We had chances to draw level in the final 5 mins but were unable to convert.

I would like to thank all the players for their commitment week in week out, I can see a huge potential for the team as a whole and planning for the 2023 tilt at a semi-final berth is well underway. A special shout out to the PL2 lads who were keen to step up and support us when we needed it, you all played your part in a successful year.

Lastly it would be remis of me not to mention Michael Imer, Michael's work ethic and drive to assist in any way he can, should be mentioned. Thankyou again for your work as Manager and SHA rules advisory, which allowed me to concentrate on the team performance.

The Team: Scott Garner, Kieran Govers, Henry Tyree, Murray Bennett, Liam Swney, Samuel Houston, Oskar Smith, Coady Stone, Lee Brady, Nic Candido, Tom Vastani & Max Yeoland.

Competition position: The Briars PL1 grade team came 7th

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Kieran Govers
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Liam Sweeney
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Coady Stone

Briars Hockey Men's 2nd Grade – PL2

Aneesh Kesha & Leanne Ward | Coach & Manager



PL2 had a successful season making it through to the finals series. PL2 is a unique grade in that we don't always know until sometimes the day before who is available to play based on other teams' numbers around us.

This makes taking a core group of people and asking them to gel together with people around them moving in and out of the team quite a challenging task.

Troy and I had the pleasure of tackling that tasking with these wonderful ... athletes...

It was notable that a large majority of 3rd grade also helped us this year so our thanks also go to them.

Results wise we had a mixed bag in the first half of the season. We came close to upsetting a few of the more traditionally Successful clubs and it took a long while

For us to embed a playing style that suited our groups strengths. Usually, I would have ploughed through and asked my team to continue to play the way I think hockey should be played, and this is where having Troy involved was invaluable to me. He taught me a lot and I'm truly grateful for his input.

The second half of the season was a much more successful

One with the culmination in a "as complete a performance as we had put together all season" against the old enemy in the last game of the regular season. I was rather proud of the way this group played that game. I was most proud of how far the fringe and less established players performed. For me this made the season a successful one.

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves this year, we did good :)

The Team: Andrew Borg, Martin Pedersen-Clarke, Blake Durance, Lewis Mike, Steven Graham, Derryn Allsop, Timothy Fishlock, Dane McIlveen, Peter Barber, Sourish Iyengar, Karl Smith & Bailey Scanlon.

Competition position: The Briars 2nd grade team came sixth and made the finals series.

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

Lewis Mike & Leanne Ward | Coach & Manager

This squad showed plenty of promise, especially in the 2nd half of the year. It took a while for the squad to gel, if we could have earned a win from those close draws or losses earlier in the season, this team would have been finals bound.

A great mixture of young and experienced players, I wouldn't hesitate to coach this team again.

The Team: *Brandon Potts, Daniel Strout, James Fordham, Troy Prescott, Hardev Hansra, Jack Ward, Justin Ward, Aodhan Hannigan, Brendan Ius, Jason Ius, Chris Hallett, Trent Wilde, David Beaumont, Matt Wilson & Alan Charlton.*



Competition position: The Briars 3rd grade team came 9th

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Brandon Potts
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Justin Ward
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Brendan Ius

Briars Hockey Men's 5th Grade – SL3

Chris Hallett & Vicky Liao | Coach & Manager



With almost half of last season's team shifting up a grade it was a bit of a transition year for 5th grade. Starting off the season strong and at the top of the ladder they ran into a period of injuries and poor form that resulted in multiple frustrating draws. They recovered to end the season with a single loss to the minor premiership side and entered finals in 3rd spot and ready to push teams to their limits in the finals. After a comprehensive win over Ryde in the first week of finals they played an incredibly

tough and grinding game against Lions in week 2 to try and book a spot in the grand-final. Despite going into overtime, the game ended in a draw with Lions moving through due to finishing higher on the ladder. The end result of the season including finals was a single loss and the team should be proud of that achievement.

The Team: *Zack Arambewela, Rogier Knottenbelt, Gary Lea, James Maddock, Philip Maxwell, Jamie McLeod, Nathan Napper, Joel (GK) Osmond, Jason Shipton, Tully Shipton, David Slater & Mark Williams*

Competition position: The Briars 3rd including 2 weeks of finals

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Nathan Napper
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Joel Osmond
<i>Coach's Award</i>	James Maddock

Briars Hockey Men's 6th Grade – SL4

Mike Denniss | Coach & Manager

With the late decision to drop to six teams for 2022, we ended up fielding a team made up of 6s and 7s players from 2022 and playing in the same grade as 6s last year. As expected, the season was a struggle, but we enjoyed our hockey and post-game beers. We struggled for numbers throughout the year due to COVID, injury, work commitments and travel. Special thanks to those who filled in during the year: Dave Osmond, Jim Nichols and Danny Dolzadelli from Master Legends, Dave Slater, Mark Williams Tully Shipton, Jason Shipton and Jamie McCleod from 5s. Also special thanks to Joel Osmond from 5s who played two games most weeks as we did not have a keeper.

Additionally, Steve Norris moved back to Perth for family reasons. Steve was a great contributor to Briars both on and off the field during his five years with the Club.

Finally, a special mention to Greg Dunn who came out of retirement to help us out. Unfortunately, Dunny was only able to play two games before his “good” knee gave out, but managed to get five player's player points in those two games.

The Team: *Jesse Borthwick, Peter Carapiet, Michael Denniss, David Hayward, Dion James, Daniel Moore, Jim Nichols, Steven Norris, Alan O'Connell, Joel Osmond, Tim Port, Harris Tilbrook & Mike Tuckerman.*

Competition position: The Briars 6th grade came 8th, with 3 wins & a draw.

Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Joel Osmond
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Al O'Connell
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Tim Port

Briars Women's Hockey Report

Women's Season Recap

Cindy Goodridge | Women's Vice President

It was great to have a full season of Hockey, after two half-seasons due to Covid-19. I hope everyone enjoyed their hockey and had a fun season.

We had seven women's teams playing each week this year, with five in the Sydney women's hockey league competition and two in the Sydney East hockey competition.

Although we started the season with strong numbers across the grades, COVID, sickness, injuries and travel plans meant we had 57 players subbing up, down and across throughout the season. I would like to say a big thank you to all these players who helped other teams out throughout the year.

We had some big game millstones this year with many players reaching, 100, 200, 300 games- and 1 player reaching 400 games played for Briars this year. It is just awesome to see players reaching these career milestones with Briars Hockey.

This year we have continued to develop our junior players and bring them through the grades, giving them opportunities to play higher grades where possible. We continue to work towards building a strong performing women's club as well as offering a team for every level with a key focus of having fun playing hockey.

We had a large number of Briars women's players representing at SEHA level this year with some great results from our SEHA women's teams. Congratulations to all the players who played for SEHA this season. I encourage you all to keep representing Briars at a SEHA level from u13s all the way through to Masters.

We also had one of our largest number of representatives in NSW and state hockey teams this year and I would like to acknowledge these amazing hockey players,

- From our ML5 team Addison Wilson in the NSW U13s team
- From our ML4 team Liliana Turner in the NSW U15s team
- From our ML2 team Molly Robinson in the NSW U15s team, Christine Flack in the NSW U18s Team, Laura Anggadi in the NSW 35s master's team, Anny Hope in the NSW 35s Masters team – and a special mention Annie Hope has made the Australia Masters 35s team, absolutely amazing, and Nicole Taylor in ACT 35s Masters team
- From our ML1 team Annie Flack in the NSW U5s team – and Annie has also made the Australian all schools U16s team, another amazing result, Megan Keller in the NSW U18s team, Tegan Neowhouse in the U21s NSW team, Abi Simpson in U21 NSW Team, Kathleen Chua in the Masters 35s NSW team, Jade Callander in U21 NSW indoor squad and Kelsey Hughes in the open NSW indoor squad.

I would like to do a big shout out to all the coaches and managers who helped out this season, you all do an amazing job and make my life just that bit easier.

Our coaches have put in many hours developing each player's skills and team play, working out game plans and player rotations and most of them juggle playing their own games as well.

Our managers have done a great job of getting us to the right game at the right time and filling in all the game cards and uploading them each week, plus finding subs from other teams- an almost weekly occurrence.

Briars Hockey Women's 1st Grade – ML1

Alan Charlton & Jodie Flack | Coach & Manager



We had some new faces come into the group. Once again, we had an amazing pre-season Bathurst trip with the Men's team, except for the 8hr trip home.

The season was a mixed bag, we played some amazing hockey. The way we linked up play and worked with each other created some amazing hockey, just a little inconsistently!

We pushed all the teams in the competition, having some very narrow losses to the eventual winners and runners up!

We have a good mix of youth and experience who gained confidence each week. Last season we finished in 9th place, this year we finished 7th – 1 point off 6th with a lot of 'if only' moments!

I'm really excited to see this group of girls play next season and look forward to be involved in their achievements.

The Team: *Kelsey Hughes, Jade Callander, Emma Millington, Courtney Pearson, Eliza McPhee, Anastacia Flack, Rhiannon Priest, Veronica Pasternatsky, Alysha Brady, Nicky King, Annemijn Flokstra, Trinity Brook, Megan Keller, Monique Imer, Abigail Simpson & Tegan Neowhouse.*

Competition position: The Briars 1st grade team came 7th

Team Awards

Players Player	Alysha Brady
Best & Fairest	Tegan Neowhouse
Coach's Award	Annie Flack

Briars Hockey Women's 2nd Grade – ML2

Cindy Goodridge & Kara Ramsay | Coach & Manager



This year we welcomed some junior players into the Briars women's 2nd grade along with some new club players. The new look team had a nice mix of Juniors and senior hockey players with a lot of ambition for the year.

We implemented a new playing system this year into 2nd grade to try and develop a playing style that allowed the team to have options with both a sort and long passing game. Although the new system took a while to get use to when the team played the system well the opportunities opened up.

After two years of shortened seasons due to Covid it was nice to have a full season of hockey, although due to illness, injury and Covid we struggled with numbers for many weekends and have to give a big shout out to the 3rd grade girls that helped out and played up into 2nd grade to ensure we had a full team each week.



Every game we played was a hard fought by the girls this season with all players putting in their best. We had a strong defence and started to utilise our new playing system well but unfortunately could not convert our opportunities into goals.

It was a pleasure coaching the 2nd grade girls this year helping them develop as individual players with a focus on skills as well as a team. With many juniors in the team, I look forward and achievements of this team in the coming seasons.

The Team: Kathleen Chua, Annie Hope, Rachael Borg, Kylie Norris, Laura Anggadi, Julie Prolov, Nicole Taylor, Molly Robinson, Airley Goodridge, Ilse Knottenbelt, Katerina Reynolds, Gabrielle Harradine, Claudia Tyree, Kara Ramsay, Nicola Skinner & Christine Flack.



Competition position: The Briars 2nd grade team came 10th

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Christine Flack
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Annie Hope
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Molly Robinson

Briars Hockey Women's 3rd Grade – ML4

Nicole Taylor & Sarah Seaman | Coach & Managers



Competition position: The Briars 3rd grade ladies came 9th

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Myra Hamilton
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Emily Shipton
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Flynn Smith

This was my first season coaching our women's 3rd grade side. We started the season positively with a large selection of women trialling this year in all divisions leaving all teams looking very full of talented players; however, in the weeks starting out unfortunate our team had ladies leave the club and sustain injuries. So, at times throughout the season left us extremely short on numbers – to the ladies credit they persevered and with a little/ a lot of support from the other women's teams we fielded a competitive team each week, no matter what.

The 2022 season for our 3rd grade women was about largely about rebuilding. There were a lot of changes this year with a new coach, new faces emerging within the team and the new structure being played within the Briars' women's teams. The ladies gave their all in every game played, we actually had a few wins this year, which is something to be absolutely proud of, with majority of the games being quite close and surprising the top teams we were just unlucky not being able to score against.

The ladies positive outlook, and willingness to try, even when I was asking them to change the way they have played for years or needed them to play in different positions was commendable and a credit to the ladies in this team. Thank you for putting your trust in me throughout this season, I know it has been a hard year, but you ladies have proven to yourselves and the club that you have got what it takes. I look forward to what next year has to offer, hopefully with more players and less injuries and sickness – this team with the bond they have formed throughout this season will most definitely be competitive next year and hopefully be able to come away with the wins they so deserve.



The Team: Myra Hamilton, Melissa Rosser, Dakota Thuell, Scarlett Thuell, Shannae Lawrence, Emily Shipton, Liliana Turner, Flynn Smith, Milena De Silva, Elia Leung, Sarah Bowden, Hayley Scarborough & Grace LeMarquand.

Briars Hockey Women's 4th Grade – ML5

Courtney Pearson & Hannah Schasser | Coach & Manager

From starting the season with a different coach each week, to struggling to get numbers on the pitch in the middle of the year, to sticking it to some of the top teams at the end of the season, the Briars 4th grade women have come a long way!



We had 3 junior briars girls make their debut into women's hockey, a number of ladies return to playing after some time away and a bunch of dedicated enthusiastic briars who returned for the first full season of hockey in a few years. Although a very mixed bunch in regard to experience, skill and age, this group of young ladies and women grew in leaps and bounds throughout the season both on and off the field. Despite there being many

highlights this year, I think the standout one is our 2nd game against Glebe where the girls scored 5 goals to double our goals scored for the year.

I couldn't be prouder of their commitment, determination and enthusiasm shown by this team throughout the year, and they will definitely be a team to watch next season as they continue to build and develop great hockey whilst also building and fostering the Briars Hockey Club spirit.

The Team: Addison Wilson, Sarah Denny, Stephanie Black, Leanne Serra, Dakota Hammond, Sarah Smid, Angela Cauchi, Sara Hennessy, Monique Turner, Imogen Cook, Maya Corfield, Elizabeth Miller, Harriet Ashton-Maxwell, Madeline Hutchings, Abbie Green, Harriet Shepperd & Sheena Lawrence.

Competition position: The Briars 4th grade team came 9th.

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 & Caroline De Paoli | Coach & Manager

The 2022 season provided the 5th grade women's Briars team with the opportunity to play in the ML6 division of the SWHL competition. While this would certainly be a challenge, the team, made up of a few new faces to the club, were up for the contest.



The hockey year started well, with a set of promising pre-season results under the belt. After a challenging start with Covid cases, carpark fiascos and player unavailability, the team worked well together to secure their first win against a very experienced Canterbury team with the bare 11. After a couple of tight losses, the team hit back with a gritty performance against a very strong UNSW side, forcing a draw. The start of the second half of the season was a major test with consecutive games with limited player numbers, against very strong sides vying for the premiership. The team persisted in these

games with a positive attitude and high morale. This perseverance allowed the group to pick up some wins when the chance presented itself.

The team was a new group, and many played in new positions to accommodate everybody's strengths. It was evident that the squad began to mesh, with the forward line passing and working for each other, and the experienced defence consistently repelling attacks and making the opposition work for their goals. The improvement in skills and tactical awareness throughout the team was pleasing, with a strong win over Mosman Harbour in the final round a clear sign that the team is on the up!



The Team: Debbie Greenwood, Jessica Kirk, Ella Knottenbelt, Paige Gilroy, Hannah Quill, Darcy Jackman, Beth Duck, Teegan Bell, Nicola Bray, Maeve Kelaher, Dominica Ingui, Michelle Yu, Emma Thuell, Roxanne McWilliams, Caroline De Paoli & Emily Thomson.

Competition position: The Briars 5th grade team came 9th

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Emma Thuell
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Paige Gilroy
<i>Most Improved</i>	Jessica Kirk

Briars Hockey Women's Social Team 1 | Premiers

Emma Ratcliffe | Manager



After 2 disrupted seasons of hockey and 2021 being our first year in a new competition (SHEA) the Social 1 girls were ready to get on the pitch and play a full season of hockey. One of the great things about the Social Team is that whilst we have 16 players on the books, we usually only have 11-12 on game day (and in some instances only 8) but we absolutely make do and they give 110% each and every week.

It was an unusual feeling for the team to have a mixture of wins, draws and losses this season but we took it all in our stride and made sure we won

the games that matter- firstly coming away with the Minor Premiership with 2 weeks in the regular season remaining, then winning our Semi-Final convincingly to get a ticket straight to the Grand Final.

Given our successes throughout the season, there was a real expectation that we were going to take out the Grand Final easily but the opposition really brought their best game that day and we choose to do it the hard way ending up 2-2 at the end of regular time and going in to extra-time drop off Golden Goal and to make it even better we waited until we were 2 minutes away from being crowned Joint Premiers to slot the winner and take out the Premiership.

I am so proud of this group of women who turn up each and every week and give it their all despite their injuries, having 30 kids amongst us (some had only given birth 6 weeks before the season started!!) as well as having demanding lives outside of hockey. It has been such a pleasure this year to be able to coach/manage them but I look forward to being back on the pitch with them in 2022 for some more wins, laughs and great times.

The Team: Felicity Barry, Jessica Martyn, Emma Ratcliffe, Joanne Scanlon, Eve Wilson, Madeline Hall, Alana Durance, Jasmine No, Katie Ellem, Samantha Beames, Kylie Beckhouse, Anna Turnbull, Angela Wozniak, Kerrie-ann Gudmunson, Ella Gould, Julia Little & Emma Pacey.

Competition position: The Briars Social 1 team were 1st over all and won the grand final for the 2022!

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Jasmine No
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Maddie Hall
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Angela Wozniak

Briars Hockey Women's Social Team 2

Team Managed | Manager

The women's social team 2 started the year a little short on players and with no goalie. The team is made up of many players returning to hockey and looking for a fun game on the weekend. The girls did a fantastic job playing short on several occasions and still coming away with some great results. The girls took it in turn to be in goals until they found a player to take on the role. As the season progressed more players joined the team, but with injuries, sickness and travel plans it was a tough season to fill a full team each week.

The social 2 team is a fun and enthusiastic team with many players improving as the season went on. With

several players helping out from the team to manage and coach the girls they had a great season. We hope to see the players back next season for another year of hockey.

The Team: Claire Hodgkinson, Zara Lyons, Heather Tralagga, Naomi Rego, Brittney Beynon, Philippa Spork, Jamila Gatto, Hannah Hill-Wade, Kelly Parmenter, Kate Tappin, Johanna Elder, Ruby Watters, Mallory Morrell, Gabriella Searle & Sarah Jones.



Competition position: The Briars S2 grade team came 7th

Team Awards

Players Player	Zara Lyons
Best & Fairest	Kate Tappin
Coach's Award	Jamila Gatto

Briars Junior Hockey Report

Junior Season Recap

Nicola Skinner | Coach & Manager

This year we had 36 Minkeys and 80 Juniors playing across 10 teams within the North Area and Sydney Metro competitions. We had 13 new juniors join our ranks this year, if this was your first season with us, we hope you felt welcome and enjoyed playing in the maroon and gold. It was wonderful to see a full 14 round competition be delivered this season and so many great performances by individuals and teams.

Results Highlights:

- 1 x Minor Premiership by the mighty U13 Gold team
- 4 of our 6 teams reached the Semi Finals – U11 Gold, U13 Gold, U15 Maroon and U17 Gold
- From those semi-finals the U13's Gold team moved through to the preliminary final where they were unfortunately knocked out after an absolutely stellar performance.

Representative Players:

More than half of our juniors, 45 to be precise represented their association in one or more carnival or state championships in 2022. Participating in representative teams has a huge impact on skill development, building hockey smarts and so many hockey friendships around the state.

- **U11 Girls Reps:** Rosie Fung, Ella Murphy, Clancy Norris, Erin Parmenter, Brooklyn Turnbull, Makenna Turnbull, Ella Whitehall, Chiara Phan
- **U11 Boys Reps:** Charlie Broadbent, Connor Charlton, Sidharth Kale, Joshua Ratcliffe, Archer Shaw
- **U13 Girls Reps:** Kiandra Brook, Addison Wilson, Adelaide Netting
- **U13 Boys Reps:** Mitchell Barker, Mark Everett, Ashton Fordham, Harrison Hammond, Dylan Ulbrich, Sebastian Flood, Charlie Broadbent, Cooper Holmes, Tully Johnson
- **U15 Girls Reps:** Liliana Turner, Madeline Hutchings, Addison Wilson, Aurora Beaumont, Annie Flack, Kalahni Crews
- **U15 Boys Reps:** Joshua Bourke, Luke Broadbent, Brayden Brook, Felix Fung, Jarrod Holmes, James Reynolds, Tully Johnson & Cooper Holmes
- **U18 Girls Reps:** Dakota Thuell, Ilse Knottenbelt, Christine Flack, Annie Flack
- **U18 Boys Reps:** Brayden Brook, Zack Arambewela, Oscar Smith, Coady Stone, Henry Tyree, Felix Fung, Reece Rousell and Brayden Wilson, James Reynolds

Of our 45 representative players, 9 of them represented NSW in 2022, 6 have been selected in NSW squads for 2023, and 7 selected into the Accelerated Athlete Program. I am so very happy for all of these players who we will recognize a little later, their hard work and commitment is remarkable.

- **NSW U13's Girls 2022:** Addison Wilson
- **NSW U13's Boys 2022:** Cooper Holmes & Tully Johnson
- **NSW U15 Boys 2022:** James Reynolds
- **NSW U15's Girls 2022:** Annie Flack & Liliana Turner
- **NSW U15's Boys Squad 2023:** Brayden Brook, Felix Fung, Cooper Holmes, Tully Johnson
- **NSW U15s Squad 2023:** Addison Wilson, Kalahni Crews
- **NSW U18's Girls 2022:** Christine Flack
- **NSW U18s Boys 2022:** Oskar Smith, Henry Tyree

19 x Games Played Milestones Celebrated in 2022

- **50 Games:** Coady Stone, Zack Arambewela, Luke Broadbent, Anastasia Flack, Connor Charlton, Ella Murphy, Trinity Brook, Chiara Phan, Sebastian Flood, Fineas Shaw, Matthew Zeederberg, Mark Everett, Ella Whitehall, Clancy Norris, and Archer Shaw.
- **100 Games:** James Reynolds, Dakota Hammond, Callan Phan
- **150 Games:** Oskar Smith

Thank you to all junior coaches and managers

- **Minkeys:** Nicola Skinner, Stuart Turnbull, Christine Flack, Annie Flack, Darren French, Blake Durance & Emma Pacey
- **U11 Gold:** Kylie Norris, Dakota Thuell, Ilse Knottenbelt & Amanda Charlton
- **U11 Maroon:** David Ratcliffe & Stephanie Tse
- **U13 Gold:** Stuart Turnbull, Emily Shipton & Zander Caguin
- **U15 Gold:** Xavier Dao, Tom Vastani & Eve Wilson
- **U15 Maroon:** Greg Dunn & Liz Everett
- **U17 Gold:** James Fordham & Jodie Flack

Acknowledge & farewell aging out juniors

This year there are 5 players 'aging out' of the junior program and now solely playing senior hockey. The players listed below have a combined 33 years playing juniors for Briars and 420 junior games.

Juliette Triccas , Coady Stone , Dakota Thuell , Christine Flack & Ilse Knottenbelt

Briars Jnr Minkeys U7's

Nicola Skinner, Stuart Turnbull, Christine Flack, Annie Flack, Darren French, Blake Durance & Emma Pacey | Coaches



Members of the Briars U7 Gold team were:

Brooklyn Flack, Zane French, Kobe Haimona, Jessica Pace, Teddy Pacey, Abigail Ratcliffe, Lucy Skinner, Nathaniel Smid & Logan Brady

Members of the Briars U7 Maroon team were:

Yolanda Beames, Isla Cornforth, Sophie Durance, Raghav Kale, Kaden McLean, Imogen Partis, Gavin Singh & Samuel Smid

Briars Jnr Minkeys U9's

Nicola Skinner, Stuart Turnbull, Christine Flack, Annie Flack, Darren French, Blake Durance & Emma Pacey | Coaches



Members of the Briars U9 Gold team were:

Liv Caldwell, Ava Ceely, Cooper Charlton, Aiden Fitzgerald, Thea French, Rose Haimona, Jasneet Kaur, Minty Richardson, Toby Skinner & James Smid

Members of the Briars U9 Maroon team were:

Imogen Beams, Zachary Caguin, Airlie Clarke, Oliver Durance, Evelyn Hedges, Kiera Murphy, Xander Partis, Lachlan Spratt & Indie Turnbull

Briars Jnr. Hockey U11 Gold

Kylie Norris & Amanda & Charlton / Kelli Chinn | Coach & Managers



Whilst we didn't finish the season the way we would have liked, the team always showed enthusiasm, determination and perseverance. Their skills and sense of teamwork improved throughout the season and they maintained a spirit of fun and participation.

Players on the team;

Elyse Charmichael: Elyse is a quiet achiever with a subtle sense of humour. She is a solid defender with an impressive ability to tackle the opposition.

Connor Charlton: Connor has a stealth-like determination with an uncanny ability to score goals in unlikely circumstances.

Jagger Chinn: Jagger is full of energy, spirit and enthusiasm, except when it comes to doing the warm-up run. He can often fool the opposition with his unorthodox tackling style.

Jaxon Hind: Jaxon is a true student of the game. He's always wanting to improve and his approach is mature beyond his years.

Sidharth Kale: a super-charged defender who really wants to be a striker, Sid is a workhorse who is a wall of stability in the backline of defense.

Clancy Norris: Clancy has developed a real love of the game and being part of a team. Her confidence in her own ability has improved through the season and she has a great ability to chase down an opposition player or stray ball.

Erin Parmenter: Erin has found her niche in goalkeeping. She has natural goalkeeping abilities and has developed significantly in her first year in that position.

Chiara Phan: Chiara has a quite and determined attitude, hunting down her opposition, much to their surprise. It has been great to see her confidence and skills grow.

Archer Shaw: Archer is the kid that just wants to have a stick in his hand hitting a ball. When he's not actively in a training drill, he's hitting a ball against the wall. When's on the sideline during a match, he's hitting a ball against the wall. When you're explaining a drill or game plan, he's practicing his skills. It's

fantastic to see him so passionate about the game of hockey and really look forward to seeing him progress through the age groups.

Competition position: 4th

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Clancy Norris
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Archer Shaw
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Erin Parmenter

Briars Jnr. Hockey U11 Maroon

David Ratcliffe & Stephanie Tse | Coach & Manager



The U11 Maroon team wrapped up their season on Saturday morning. Most of these wonderful kids were new to the U11s age group, and some only in their second year of hockey. They have all progressed so well individually and collectively as a team with lots of laughs and smiles along the way.

Well Done: *Catelyn Anggadi, Abigail Blythe, Jayden Chow, Elsie Duggan, Rosie Fung, Blake Learmonth, Thomas O'Connor, Joshua Ratcliffe, Makenna Turnbull and super sub Oliver Durance.*

Competition Position: 5th

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Blake Learmonth
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Joshua Ratcliffe
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Catelyn Anggadi

Briars Jnr. Hockey U13 Gold | Minor Premiers & Preliminary Finalists

Stuart Turnbull / Emily Shipton & Zander Caguin | Coaches & Manager

With only 1 under 13 team this year this side had both experienced and first time players all taking the field together. This did mean that we started the season slowly but with the skills that the team developed were able to go on a 7 game unbeaten run and finished the year as the minor premiers in the 13B competition. Heading into the finals we were unlucky to get knocked out of the competition in the preliminary final in the last minute of extra time. This group of players this year developed not only their hockey skills and game awareness but also created new friendships with a great level of support and fun throughout every training session and game this year. A fantastic bunch of kids who will hopefully go 1 game further next season.



The Team: *Braydon Rousell, Makalah Pinches, Marcus Caguin, Sebastian Flood, Brooklyn Turnbull, Alexis Edwards, Hannah Hutchings, Dylan Ulbrich, Ella Whitehall, Ella Murphy, Kiandra Brook, Mitchell Barker, Elizabeth Barry, Charlie Broadbent & Tabitha Lloyd.*

Competition Position: Minor Premiers & Preliminary Finalists

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Charlie Broadbent
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Braydon Rousel
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Adelaide Netting

Briars Jnr. Hockey U15 Gold

Xavier Dao / Tom Vastani & Eve Wilson | Coaches & Manager



Competition Position: 5th

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Jarrold Holmes
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Addison Willson

The U15 Gold's season was probably one that could be described as what if? So many amazing games against the other best teams in the competition. We were on top of games a lot, but unable to close the important ones out. It was a great learning experience for the team, a young team in comparison to who we were up against, however we showed that we knew how to play good hockey and that we're primed to win it all next year!. I really enjoyed coaching the team along with our resident Canberran, Xavier, who dutifully turned up to every game. I would also like to give a really heartfelt thank you to Eve, our manager who kept meticulous records for me to refer to when writing this, as well as all of the parents who took their kids out to training and games on Wednesdays and Fridays every week (unless it was school holidays, or there was a hockey thing, or some other reason). A quick stat recap for those who are keen. We had three top goal scorers, all with 7 goals. Brayden, Cooper and Hamish. Our highest points received for a players player vote (3-2-1 system) was 24 in a single game. This record was shared by Aurora and Jarrod.

Player List

Aurora Beaumont: Aurora was another rock in defence, she pulled off tackles that most defenders only dream of! Rock solid when she had the ball as well. The only thing scarier for the other attackers than Aurora with the ball, was running the ball in Aurora's direction.

Joshua Bourke: I can't think of anything more clutch this year than Josh's goal against UNSW – final quarter, 2-2 game and he rips one in to win the game! Josh came every week with a never say die attitude, and a willingness to listen and learn.

Luke Broadbent: Luke played with grit all season long, and was also a consistent force in the front 5. The biggest sign of Luke's consistency was his regular finishes in the top 3 of our players player voting, being the only other player behind Jarrod to receive over 100 votes.

Brayden Brook: Brayden was one of those midfielders that are just as dangerous in the circle as any striker! Brayden created goal opportunities as easily as breathing and it was always wonderful on the sideline seeing him with the ball.

Kalahni Crews: Kalahni was a force in the middle of the field, silky skills to eliminate players, and a strong tackle kept opponents on their toes all the time. Kalahni's foot out to stop the ball was one of my individual highlights of the season, even if it wouldn't make a traditional highlight reel.

Annie Flack: Having Annie as a player in our team added incredible depth. Annie was happy to play wherever we put her, and scored goals in four of the six games she played. Her speed on the ball was impressive and added an extra dimension when we went forward.

Ashton Fordham: Ashton was another of the team's hardest workers and brought plenty of class to the team with his gorgeous skills. I loved seeing him turning up to Monday night training sessions, and applying what he learnt there into each and every game.

Felix Fung: One half of our fantastic goal keeping duo, Felix made many many saves to keep us in games, and when not keeping, added a dangerous stick into our striker line-up (who would've thought that a goalkeeper would be on our goal scorers list).

Cooper Holmes: Cooper was a sneaky player for us, often underestimated by the opposition, he'd shake and bake them before they'd even realised he had the ball. Another one of our gun goal scorers, he slotted them from everywhere in the D.

Jarrold Holmes: A wall at the back for us and once he had the confidence, he was throwing overheads further than Xav could! Jarrod also had a great ability to see a play unfold and make the correct decision, both with the ball and without.

Tully Johnson: Tully was another midfield workhorse for our team, he was always strong and protected the ball well, and made numerous tackles running back in defence. Tully also was constantly pulling one over the opposition with his hockey brain, allowing the ball to flow forward freely in attack.

Hamish Krimmer: Hamish was the gun high striker with the sweetest one touch in the team. Unfortunately for us on the sideline, the sweetest one touch in the team still occasionally misses. Hamish was also the fastest player I've ever seen, and his sideline runs are stuff of legends.

James Reynolds: This year for James was the year of the broken finger, missing a month in the middle of the season. He started strong before the injury, and came back playing just as well, scoring a goal in his first game back. James also still came to every game with his injury, and his commitment should be applauded.

Liliana Turner: The other half of the keeping duo, Lil was fabulous between the posts for us, she might qualify for sainthood, the number of miracles she pulled off. On the field, Lil was a gun in the middle, with great ball movement and vision.

Addison Wilson: Addison worked hard on the field, yet always seemed to come off the field with a smile. It could've been because she had just made a run down the sideline and dusted a couple of opponents, or because she prevented a goal with a great tackle. It could've even been because she was just happy to see me. Addison had an exceptional season this year (maybe that's why she was always smiling).

Briars Jnr. Hockey U15 Maroon

Greg Dunn & Elizabeth Everett | Coach & Manager



Competition Position: 4th

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Scott Wrigley
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Dakota Hammond
<i>Coaches Award</i>	CJ and Luke

The U15 Maroon team this year was a mix of players returning from a previous U15 campaign, some moving up from 13s and others entering the field for the first time or returning after a long time. The upshot

is that we had a mixed bag of skills, ability, and experience. We also had half the squad telling me that they played fullback!

At a holistic level, the entire squad needs to spend time individually and as a group improving their basic skills – hitting, trapping, and passing. At times it will seem boring and repetitive, but until you have good solid fundamentals, moving your games to the next phase at training and in competition cannot happen.

I would like to thank my awesome management team “The Everett’s” and my co-coach Malcolm; without you the year would not have run as smoothly - thank you for all the help with the team to make it a successful season.

It was pleasing as a coach to see how the group gelled together over the season and if they can bring the energy, talking and teamwork that they devoted to table tennis at the season ending party – who knows what this group could do on the field.

Player List

Finn – Goalkeeper: Finn had an up and down year and always lifted against the better opposition teams. To develop Finn needs more time in the pads which will come and to find and channel his inner “crazy” one thing all good keepers have. What Finn also needs is to improve is the talking at the back and organising the defence – it’s your circle Finn, own it!

Aiden – Defence (the first of my fullbacks): Aiden had a solid year in defence and has good hockey basics, he just needs to play with more confidence. Aiden needs to broaden his positional horizon and to move beyond fullback, he has the ability to involve himself more in general play, especially when he doesn’t have the ball.

Anastasia – Attack/Midfield: Anastasia played consistently throughout the year and was our floating forward playing just about every position in the forward line. Anastasia will develop through more game time and having more confidence on the ball which will lead to better passing and decision making.

CJ – Striker: A late arrival CJ has a great season for a new starter. As one of my attack dogs up front, CJ played with purpose and put pressure on the other teams consistently causing turnovers of possession. He created more chances than he was able to put on the scoresheet this season, but CJ is coachable and will improve with more time on the pitch. Co-winner of the Coaches Award.

Dakota – Midfield: A key player in our midfield and at one point defence, Dakota is the toughest person on the park without a doubt. Often playing injured she always gives 100%. Dakota needs to improve her distribution and decision-making skills with the ball to take her game to the next level, but she was our Best and Fairest winner this year. Well done on a great season.

Dylan – Half: Dylan was our go to left half and had a solid season in defence. Dylan listens and is a very coachable player who has the natural speed to be a dominant hockey player and to shut down opposition attacks in the coming years. Be confident and use your natural gifts Dylan, you have a promising hockey career ahead.

Harrison – Fullback/Midfield: Harrison was our youngest and one of the most talented team members who despite ending up in full back didn’t nominate to play there. Harrison is a terrier on the field always looking for the ball and chasing down the opposing players. As Harrison develops his ball running and distribution, he will be a very dangerous proposition in coming years.

Harry – Half (fullback as well): Harry was another one of my fullbacks who played most of the year as a wing half putting in some solid performances. Harry is his own biggest critic and often this stops himself from getting involved and making the plays that I know he can. Be confident Harry you have solid foundations to build from, just get in there and do it.

Lucas – Striker/Half (another fullback): Lucas is another player who has the natural physique and speed to be a very damaging hockey player. Another would-be fullback, he is destined to be a cracking right half or striker. He finished the season on a high with players player in the semi-final but to improve he needs to

control the ball more and not panic and throw loose passes. Lucas has a strong hockey career ahead of him if he wants it – just not as a fullback.

Luke – Striker: Luke was one of the most improved players in the team this year (nepotism aside). He listens, is coachable and with CJ were the key to our defensive press that unsettled opposing teams and changed how we played in the second half of the season. He is the co-winner of the Coaches Award for his running and pressing work up front, but to be successful Luke is going to have to take his chances and trouble the score board more frequently.

Maddy – Midfield: Maddy is the quiet achiever of our midfield and didn't play a bad game all season. Maddy has great positional play and is a good runner and distributor of the ball. Late in the season we learned she is also a handy stick trapper on a short corner. Maddy needs to trust her instincts, speak up and have confidence in her natural ability and her short corners traps.

Mark – Fullback/GK Sub (can I be fullback please): Mark was our defensive utility player, reserve goalkeeper and general live wire on the field. Mark gives his all and tries in every game. To improve Mark needs to listen to those around him (and at half time to his coach). Mark is a good talker but needs to ensure his talk remains positive as he has strong presence on the field.

Matt @ - Midfield/Striker: Matt was one of our senior players, captained the team this year and was our top goal scorer. Matt gives his all in every game and is probably the most physically busted 15-year-old running around Briars. To improve Matt needs to ensure he focuses on his game, leads by example, and does not get distracted by what other players are doing or not doing.

Nate – Fullback (yes, another fullback): Nate was another self-proclaimed fullback and spent most of the season at the back. Nate is a good listener, but like other players in the team needs to broaden his positional repertoire. To improve and be a quality defender Nate needs to communicate more confidently and effectively and set and lead the defensive structure at the back.

Rex – Striker: Rex was part of our striking unit in 2022 and developed as the year progressed. Rex has solid basics and scored a couple of goals during the year. To improve as a striker Rex needs to do more running off the ball and needs to work on the speed of his decision making when he has the ball.

Sasha -Half: Sasha had a consistent season and is a key member of the team's defensive unit. Always dependable Sasha goes about her job in defence without fuss. To take her game to the next level Sasha needs to work on her hit and like the rest of the team to do a lot more talking and communicating when defending.

Scott- Midfield/Striker: Scott was our Players Player for 2022 and had a great season, quietly leading and being a key part of our attack and was instrumental in our wins scoring goals on many occasions. Scott leads well, runs, and controls the ball at pace but needs to look up and work on his distribution skills instead of trying to beat one too many opposition players. Scott will do well next year up in U17.

Briars Jnr. Hockey U17 Gold

Jimmy Fordham & Jodie Flack | Coach & Manager

The Under 17s were a talented young side with 13 of the 15 players playing in Briars Senior sides on weekends. We were also blessed to have many NSW representative players in the side as well as Schools' representatives. A special shout out to Annie Flack and Oskar Smith who were named in the Australian Schools representative side this year, with Henry Tyree named as shadow.

We unfortunately lost a player early in the season with Ilse who had some serious back problems, so our 15-person squad was down to 14. Ilse still turned up every week to support her team, and we wish her every success in her recovery. Due to a busy year on the representative calendar, as well as ongoing covid cases, we only played as a full team on 3 occasions all year, which saw our ranking end up in 3rd spot. On that note, I would like to thank James Reynolds, Brayden Brook, and Jarrod from our 15s side for helping up on many occasions.

Due to a huge representative year in 2022, combined with covid and flu, we did have a tough year training-wise not being able to get the whole team together often enough through the year. But this gave opportunity to really develop some players – and their foundation hockey skills etc.

With, or without our full side, the team put in some excellent performances, and played some great quality hockey throughout the season. It was my pleasure coaching this wonderful group of young adults and I know they will all go on to play huge roles in their senior teams in the years to come.

It was also fantastic to see players like Coady, Oskar, Henry, Annie, Trinity and Christine play in our senior 1st and 2nd grade sides this year. They slotted into these sides like they belonged and made significant contributions to their respective teams.

The end of the season, unfortunately saw our team level with Glebe in the Semi-finals 3-3 after being 3-1 down with only 4 minutes remaining. They fought back wonderfully to set up extra time in a 9v9 5-minute golden point. Despite having possession and circle penetrations for 4 of the 5 minutes, we were unable to find the goal, and in the last minute, Glebe ran away in a counterattack and scored the winning goal.

As always, I enjoyed coaching, and steering these wonderful young current and future hockey stars around the field. In particular, seeing some players improve so much through the season – that's why we coaches do what we do – to see our players develop. The entire team with parents included, were a wonderful group, and really made my job enjoyable and rewarding. I would like to thank all the parents for their commitment to their kids and our team, and hope they enjoyed watching their kids play and develop this year.

Finally, coaching is very difficult without the wonderful support of managers, and we were blessed to have Jodie Flack keeping us all organised week in, week out. Thank you, Jodie, for all your help this year – sincerely appreciated your effort and time.

Player List

Zack Arambewela: Our rock-solid central defender. Zacks improvement from start to end of this season was outstanding. He fast became our rock in defence and was incredibly consistent all year.

Trinity Brook: Midfielder. Trin is a talented player, who was instrumental in mid field domination.

Anastacia Flack: **Annie** played defensive and offensive for the team this year. She is a determined player who never gives up and always put in 100% effort.

Christine Flack: GK: Superstar keeper, co-Captain of the side who was the teams' VOICE from the back. Christine's enthusiasm was infectious, and she was a great leader of the team on and off the field.

Grace Healey: Mid field and striker. Grace is a very competent hockey player who can play anywhere she is needed. She always played with heart and focus and was a great contributor on the field.

Ilse Knottenbelt: Defender. Isle is one of the players with a smart hockey-brain. She knows the game and always finds way to find the competitive edge. Unfortunately, we lost her mid season due to back issues, and hope she is back on the field ASAP.

Shannae Lawrence: Defender. Shannae is our quiet achiever. She was a very dominant force in defence this year and had some outstanding performances along the way. She quietly, and in a very focused way, gets on with her job on the field.

Callan Phan: Striker. Callan is one of our quickest players in the team, and never stops running. Good luck catching him. Callan is a player who absorbs knowledge, trains hard and gives his best for his team. Callan is one to watch in the future.

Reece Rousell: Striker. Reece is an enthusiastic teammate, who is always keen to get on the field and cause trouble for the opposition. He scored some cracking goals for the team this year and worked hard all season.

Tully Shipton: Defender. Arguably our quietest player in the team 😊 – Tully was one of our biggest improvers this year. Towards the back end of the season, he really stepped up and put in some massive games, earning him some well-deserved players' player points.

Oskar Smith: Centre mid. Oskar is one of the players, oppositions fear. He is creative, fast and very skilful. Whenever Oskar was on the field, the whole team stepped up and dominated. Genuine current and future Briars star right here.

Coady Stone: Captain and Defender (and occasional striker). Coady was the teams' rock this year. He gave 110% every game and worked as hard as anyone could all year. Scored some of our most impressive goals this year (his tomahawk is a weapon!).

Dakota Thuell: Defender. Dakota is one of the players who will give her best wherever she is asked to play. She is consistent and committed to her team, and an essential ingredient to any successful hockey team.

Juliette Triccas: Striker. Juliette was also one of our big improvers this year. She scored some cracking goals when we really needed them, always eager to be part of the attack.

Henry Tyree: Midfielder. Henry is our quiet star. Doesn't say too much, but rather let's his hockey do the talking. A wonderfully skilled player who inspires his teammates around him. Some epic performances from Henry this year and always one to watch.



Competition Position: 3rd

Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Christine Flack
<i>Best & Fairest</i>	Coady Stone & Oskar Smith
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Zack Arambewela

Briars Squash

Chairman's Report

Anthony Rex Thomas



Overview

This year has been one the biggest years for Squash, we have seen a massive increase in participation, an extra 3 Briars pennant teams from pre covid numbers, our junior programs has seen an increase in training days and a good conversion rate to Junior pennant teams.

Australian Junior Championships

The Australian Junior Championships were held in Perth from the 25th to the 2nd of October which saw 6 Briars juniors take to the court in the biggest junior event of the year. Briars now have a new Australian Junior champion in Kasper Cheung!! Kasper won his semi in a tight 5 games and then showed great resolve to win the final to be crowned the national champion. We also had Emilia Scott finishing 2nd in the under 13s girls with a great effort against a strong opponent in the final. Our other amazing Briars junior results include Romisa Jalaliasl 10th in under 19 girls, Thomas Scott 4th in under 17 boys, Maeghan Wang 5th in under 15 girls and Kieran Willathgumuwa 5th in under 13s. Well done to all our Briars juniors who gave their all and came away with some impressive results.

The Greenshield tournament

The annual Greenshield tournament is one of the oldest running junior events in Australia. This is a team event and saw 10 of our Briars juniors represent Sydney down in Dapto with Briars club coaches Mitch Black and Jen Wellby taking on the head coaching roles for the Sydney region. The Sydney team finished 2nd overall

with Briars player Daniel Gonzalez-Valencia being a part of the under 11 age group winning team.

Coach Mitch Black says, "it was a great event for all our young juniors to gain invaluable experience with a lot of them playing in their first tournament ever!!"



Briars Coach Mitchell Black leads the Sydney squad in a team warm up before they start their final match vs Western



Under 11's boys won the shield. With Briar, Daniel Gonzalez-Valencia on far right in the team.



Sydney team with the Under 11's title



Briars Girls in the under 15's squad - Emilia Scott and Miki Sponberg.



Green shield Sydney Team with 10 of the Squad Briars juniors and Briars Squash coach Mitchell Black.



Squash Australia High performance team Coaches Jenny Duncalf and Stewart Boswell calling on NSW state coach Gemma Wratten and Briars Head Coach Rohan Toole assist Squash Australia High Performance Squad program at Briars Squash Thornleigh venue.



Over the June long weekend we had squash royalty grace Briars at Thornleigh as Squash Australia held an elite junior camp for the state's top players. Former world number 3 Stewart Boswell and former world number 2 Jenny Duncalf ran the camp and imparted great knowledge to our juniors who were all grateful to be able to experience first class coaching from 2 outstanding squash players.

Country Tour

Staff members Rohan Toole, Brooke Pryor and Mitch Black will head out west for the first ever Cowra Open this weekend. Club pro Rohan was born and bred in Canowindra, NSW and played many competitions in both Cowra and Canowindra in his junior days which has inspired the trip down to Western, NSW. The tournament has over 70 entries.

Briars Squash NZ Tour



Briars at Thornleigh are also currently planning to go away on a tour to NZ in November to play tournaments and also watch the New Zealand Open which will feature some of the world's best players including former world number 1 Paul Coll. There are still 3 spots left so get in quick if you are interested!!

Senior Pennants

Autumn Season

At the time of writing this report, we reached the business end of the season with pennant finals starting. There are many Briars teams in contention for a championship and we wish them all good luck. Division 1 has seen all three Briars team finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd which is a great achievement and a testament to the depth of quality players within the club.

Division 1

Briars Thornleigh 1	Briars Thornleigh 2	Briars Thornleigh 3
1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Anthony Rex Thomas	Rohan Toole	Dan Goodwin
Bryan Knight	Stanley Mok	Thomas Scott
Mitchell Black	Mark Wilding	Fahad Siddiqui
Dominique Ratcliffe	Kirshna Viswanathan	Jane Kennedy
Michael Flannagan	Michael Amparo	Grant Michelson
		Justin Varjavandi

Division 2

Briars Thornleigh 4	Briars Thornleigh 5
2 nd Place	4 th Place
Alex Leonardi	Ben Miller
James Herbert	David Osie
Kasper Cheung	Mark Dickson
Kieran Ryan	Hyunku Kang
Peter Sinodinos	Darren Gardner

Division 3

Briars Thornleigh 6
4 th Place
Mark Trotman
Glen Mason
Douglas Macarthur
Roger Young
Mark Shaw-Taylor

Division 4

Briars Thornleigh 7
1 st Place
Ben Williams

Division 4

Briars Thornleigh 8
1 st Place
Zac Giuffre

Division 6

Briars Thornleigh 9
3 rd Place
Andy Mak

Joshua Mclean
Shaun Lorentz
Matthew McLaughlin
Richard Mclean
Michael Youssef

Ian Murray
Brendan Creek
Michelle Pym
Brooke Pryor
Jingni Liao
Romisa Jalaliasl

Tennille Cheong
Nick Turkington
Patrick Hui
Zohaib Khan

Division 7

Briars Thornleigh 10	Briars Thornleigh 11
1 st Place	4 th Place
Warren Schaffer	Ram Sharma
Tom Sinodinos	Michael McCauley
Peter Robson	Ilse Marais
Martin Langford	Rachael Hart
	Peter Cameron

Division 8

Briars Thornleigh 12	Briars Thornleigh 14	Briars Thornleigh 13
1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Tanian Naude	Brett Gardner	Liam Hammer
Boris Lekumovich	Merryn Vincent	Srinivasan Sivagnanam
Johnny Coyne	Ronald Vlser	Shalindra Selvadurai
Navil Narayan	Ros Lloyd	Anne Redfern
Rick Logan	Nicki Bispham	Hella Stratton

Awards Recognition

Doug Vanderfield Award

We have a new addition to the club with the Doug Vanderfield Board sitting at our entrance, it was kindly donated by Mick Jaroscewicz at MAJCON. The Doug Vanderfield Award goes to a member of the club that has put in tireless work over the year and helps out wherever they can.



This year it is awarded to Brooke Pryor. Brooke has come to us for across the ditch and has quickly adopted the Briars ethos and culture adding a great energy to the club. Brooke has completed her bachelors in exercise science and psychology and is now completing a Masters in Sports management.

Brooke has been able to use her skills to develop our Juniors, increase female participation, improve the quality of the Briars programs and be a positive role model for all our competitors. She is working for NSW Squash, Thornleigh Squash & Barker Squash, throwing herself at everything to do with participation.

Briars @ Thornleigh is grateful to have such a wonderful human being at the club and look forward to seeing the positive outcomes she brings in the next year.

Annie Gleason Award

This year's Anne Gleason Award goes to Kasper Cheung. Kasper is the current Australian junior champion in the under 15 boys, but it is his off-court demeanour that has won himself this prestigious award. Kasper

is always the first to put his hand up and help out wherever he can, and he frequently jumps on court during junior training sessions to help out kids just starting out their squash journey. Kasper is extremely popular with the other juniors due to his genuine kindness and approachable nature. Whether it be stringing racquets, coaching kids or helping score and referee at tournaments, Kasper is always energetic and can do it all!! Kasper is also our youngest player in Division 1 for Briars in the current spring pennant and he always puts in his best effort every match he plays. For these reasons Kasper is an integral part of our special squash community at Briars, and we know he will keep representing us and making us proud in the future. Congratulations Kasper on winning the 2022 Anne Gleason Award, you are a deserving recipient, and we are lucky to have you.

Briars Netball

Presidents Report

Kate Campbell



In 2020 and 2021 we fought through 2-years of short seasons due to that Covid.

We were all very excited to take to the courts for a full and fun season of winter netball. Then the rain hit. No matter what rain, what sleet type showers or low-pressure systems the weather sent us, it did not stop Briars Netballers from showing their true commitment and passion for the game.

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This year we proudly celebrate 10 years of Briars Junior Netball. The origin story of Briars Netball is inspiring, a cricketing mum who could not find a local club for her daughter to play netball at decided 'well, I will just start my own then'. The first season of this epic drama saw 2 teams of like-minded kids take to the court at Cintra. It was exciting times as the founding president Anne Burt and her small committee celebrated the young girls taking to the court. Now 10 seasons of this great story later we have a few teams more than 10 taking to the courts each Saturday.

Our modified numbers were slightly down on previous years with 6 teams of 8's and 9s, but we had 31 junior and cadets teams, 5 senior teams along with 26 kids doing netsetgo on a Friday night at Briars! Of that 42 teams, 9 made the grand final!

This year I could not have been prouder to lead an amazing executive committee that I have the honour of chairing.

Rosie Ryan is our Vice President. Rosie not only coached her Rubies to victory this year, cheered until she was hoarse and as many games as she could this season, volunteered for BBQ duties, but she has provided counsel to me and wonderful leadership to teams and members that were a little lost during the season. Rosie was able to step up when I needed to step back.

Our umpire convenor Bindi March Ali coached her Gemstones to a long waited for victory in the grand finals. This was after a year of last-minute changes to covid and flue issues with our umpires. Without the incredible work of Bindi and her team, the games quite simply could not go ahead.

Kath Walkley our dedicated registrar once again sat over the summer holidays organising, planning, confirming and sending out the teams. Kath's ability to place players in the right team is exceptional. This is evident by our ongoing success of making it into finals each season that she has been our registrar.

Brendon Eastlake was not only our hard-working coaching coordinator, but also the IWNA Umpire convenor. This year many teams benefited from Brendon running their kids through their paces when the girls weren't paying attention to the parent coach, when defence needed some work, or when coaches needed a break. He helped me out greatly too when along with Rosie he picked up some of my slack. Brendon also coordinated the clean out of our storage shed, the purchasing of new equipment, the ongoing good relationship with our suppliers AND coached the U12 Poppies!

With limited fundraising opportunities over the last couple of years finances have been carefully reviewed by our diligent Treasurer Sarah O'Brien. Sarah worked diligently to ensure that we had funds to pay for some new equipment, fund our pizza's for the AGM and Grand Finals night, pay Find My Coach for our netsetgo coaches, as well as assisting in coordinating our fundraising BBQ!

Our secretary Christine Eastlake is the glue that holds all of us together. Christine coordinated uniforms, supporters gear, photo day, assisted in the BBQ timetable, been an incredible sounding board for me, taken minutes at all of our meetings, kept Facebook and Team App up to date with current information. She managed managers, she mentored new volunteers, she is our conduit to other clubs and the Association. Not only does she do all of this, but also assists every Saturday in the Association office ensuring that things are kept on time there as well!

Our general committee contributed significantly in 2022 with Cara Edwards who coordinated a very successful BBQ Day for us this year as well as our NetSetGo Friday nights. Cath Rogerson and Sonya Armede for their work in suggesting and then timetabling our u8 and 9 Briars Friday night games. Grace Campbell for her social media work. Nicole Smith for coordinating a very successful grading day. Alan Nunez for the efficient photo day. Norma Jackson Snow for her diligent service as our member protection officer. And a special mention to Steven Winstanley for umpiring an incredible 58 games for Briars this season. Steven along with Celeste Jackson Snow assisted Bindi with our umpire development.

In 2022 we undertook some new initiatives. The netball club now has an active social media presence. Our followers have increased substantially this year. We have established a strong relationship with our main sponsor Pinnacle Spine and Sports, and I look forward to working with our physio Naomi in 2023. I am also very proud of our new grading committee that has established strong foundations for future grading. We have had great support from our volunteer coaches and managers. And our parents and supporters took on board our positive messaging to THINK on the sideline. This allows our club to continue to develop as a positive, inclusive, sportswoman club.

This year's Anne Burt Trophy recipient was Nicole Smith. Nicole is a dedicated coach who coordinated a seamless grading process early in 2022. She shows true Briars spirit starting early at Cintra on a Saturday, coaches two teams, mentors several junior coaches and encourages all participants to strive for their best.

We look forward to a covid free, dry 2023 season!

Junior Modified Netball

U8 Buttercups

Jess Abraham & Cath Rogerson | Coach & Manager

The team: *Maya Minh, Anh Nguyen, Emma Walsh, Eve Ghaly, Jessica Rogerson, Kiira Hodder, Ruby James, Ilana Kotsela, Liv Abraham & Anna Sweeny*



It was an eventful first year for the Buttercups as rain and more rain interrupted their grass court schedule, but the rain could not hold them back. The girls consistently showed up for training each week and were eventually given the opportunity to put their skills into practice when a Gala Day and additional games were added to the calendar. The highlights for the team were undoubtedly the opportunities they had to form new friendships (with all nine of them heralding from different local schools) and to learn how to play as part of a team.

They were always full of enthusiasm and willing to give it a go, it was an absolute joy to coach these girls and watch them learn the game this year.

U8 Zinnias

Sonya Amede & Rebecca Haddo | Coach & Manager

This year I had the pleasure in coaching the Zinnias who had a wonderful 2022 season. A lot of the girls in the team did not know each other at the start of the season and some had never played netball. They improved their netball skills every week and also started playing better as a team.

It was a shame the rain and vandalised grass courts effected the season. We really appreciated the effort made to accommodate the U8's on the asphalt courts throughout the season with the addition of the gala day which the team enjoyed immensely.



It was great to see the girls supporting each other and enjoy their netball each week, their footwork and ball passing skills improved significantly over the season.

Congratulations Zinnias on a great season, hope to see you all back on the courts in 2023!

The Team: Mia Bray, Zara Rizk, Elise Schojer, Kiera Ainsworth, Sophia Raad, Evelyn Cantley, Belle Trewick, Eve Kelly & Lorelei Haddo.

U9 Wattle

Suzie Beshara, Chrissy Kanofsky & Clare Francis | Coaches & Manager

The team: Audrey Beshara, Abigail Taylor, Cara Montuori, Bianca McLeod, Everly Dang, Emilia Saija, Amelia Francis, Georgia Ferris, Ava Karam & Alyssa D'Agostino



Team Wattle had a wet year, with many games cancelled due to the weather. They enjoyed the Friday night games organised by Briars, and the gala days. Each of the girls developed their game play and skills at training with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Great effort girls, you're all stars!

U9 Orchids

Emma Lademann, Grace Campbell (Asst) & Karen Brown | Coaches & Manager

The team: Gretta Pasquariello, Jacinta Cortis-Jones, Evie Monaco, Emma McCutcheon, Alyssa Khoury, Mikayla Brown, Billie Lademann, Samira Meate & Clare Campbell



U9 Bluebells

Rebecca Devine & Tanya Nicoll | Coach & Manager



The Team: Elizabeth Noyes, Gabriella Elazzi, Isabella Carroll, Amelia Seminara, Zara Gomez, Isla Devine, Erin Stafford, Ivy Dimassy & Clarissa Nicoll.

U9 Tulips

Elizabeth Broadbent & Megan Varlow | Coach & Manager



The Team: Annabelle Mansfield, Eleanor Lodewijks, Maddison Dao, Thisha Vishaal, Caitlin Cox, Stella Masiello, Juliette Dick, Sophie McInnes & Lucia Brown.

This year was my first year coaching a netball team and I was lucky to get the Tulips. As the coach I feel we had an amazing time with both wins and losses.

Most of the girls go to different schools, so it was nice to see them grow closer as a team.

We were lucky to participate in games organised by Briars on Friday night and were able to submit a team to play in the Inner West gala day. The girls improved their passing, footwork and defence skills every week. Each player had their favorite position and they were all keen to compete. The Tulips were a great team to coach, they followed instructions and were all actively participating during training and when they were competing on the netball court.

The Tulips had a great season overall and were all passionate about playing netball. I am looking forward to another great season with them in 2023. Well done to the Tulips!

Junior Netball

U10 Violets

Celeste Jackson-Snow & Narelle Horton | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Sparkles	15	24	10	1	4
TNC Snow Leopards	15	22	9	2	4
BNC Snapdragons	15	19	8	4	3
BNC Violets	15	10	3	8	4
LWNC Black Dolphins	15	8	2	9	4
FDAS Seagulls	15	7	2	10	3
HNC Sparkles	15	24	10	1	4

The Team: Lexie Gigante, Amalia Wickham, Olivia Nichols, Camille Boroza, April Horton, Zoe Crane, Winter Wawn, Eliza O'Neill & Ava Ngo.

The U10 Violets played incredibly well this year for their first year playing unmodified netball. They adapted and learned the new skills they needed to improve their game play slowly but surely. The competition was tough, as the Violets were placed in division 1 however, they rose to the occasion and played well. Each girl was motivated to improve, learn and further their netball skills and this was evident at our training sessions. Each week I could see the girls improving bit by bit, and this could be seen during game play. The team at the beginning of the season was coming last on the ladder but by the end of the season the Violets were ranked 4th overall out of 6 teams, I believe that is a fantastic result.

The Violets team members have grown stronger together as a team and as friends, and they have all improved and developed their netball skills tremendously. 2022 is my first year coaching the U10 Violets and I hope to continue coaching them in 2023. I can't wait to see what the Violets have in store for 2023!

U10 Azaleas

Renee McCarthy, Anna Turnbull & Siobhan Heathcote | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
ANC DAISIES	12	21	10	0	1
FDAS Parrots	12	17	8	3	1
TNC Silkies	12	14	6	4	2
LWNC Red Corals	12	14	7	5	0
SHLNC KOALAS	12	13	6	5	1
BNC Azaleas	12	3	0	9	3
TNC Birman	12	2	0	10	2

The Team: Charlotte McCarthy, Makenna Turnbull, Mila Wilkins, Charlotte Heathcote, Eve Maoudis, Havana Khalil, Anabel Stanzione, Mia Colussi & Ava Kordy.

U10 Snapdragons

Nicole Smith & Belinda Nicholson | Coach & Manager

The under 10 Snapdragons were excited to complete a full netball season with two interrupted years of play. Across the season, their skill level and knowledge of the game improved incredibly and they became one of three teams with the potential to take out the premiership. In the finals, we faced an equally skilful team in the TNC Snow Leopards. The game itself was hard fought and came down to a single intercept which didn't go our way for a loss by only 2 goals. A huge congratulations to all the girls, who turned up every week eager to learn all the intricacies of netball. Our defensive end became known for being one of the best in the competition. I have no doubt the premierships will come soon!



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Sparkles	15	24	10	1	4
TNC Snow Leopards	15	22	9	2	4
BNC Snapdragons	15	19	8	4	3
BNC Violets	15	10	3	8	4
LWNC Black Dolphins	15	8	2	9	4
FDAS Seagulls	15	7	2	10	3
HNC Sparkles	15	24	10	1	4

The Team: Grace Morgan, Madeleine Jovcevski, Sarcha McLeod, Hannah Ryan, Ellen Newton, Andie Belanger, Asher Sivanesarajah, Emily Tydd & Leila Abraham.

U10 Mayflowers

Belinda Nicholson & Saira Bansal | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Dahlias	14	23	11	2	1
BNC Mayflowers	14	22	10	2	2
BUNC Sunflowers	14	21	10	3	1
ANC PIXIES	14	17	8	5	1
HNC Sonics	14	12	5	7	2
FDAS Sparrows	14	10	4	8	2
HNC Wolves	14	5	2	11	1

The Team: Tamika Nicholson, Maeve Doyle, Sabine Bansal, Isabelle Tydd, Adrienne Novellini, Charlotte Casamento, Alice Morgan & Gemma Walliker

U10 Dahlias | Minor Premiers | Grand Final Runners Up

Lily Butcher, Jaye Stevenson & Vanessa Lalani | Coaches & Manager

The Dahlias are a wonderfully talented team who gave 110% every week. We came away with the minor premiership. The girls reached the very wet Grand-Final, but unfortunately didn't come away with the win. I could not be prouder of the Dahlias 2022 Winter season.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Dahlias	14	23	11	2	1
BNC Mayflowers	14	22	10	2	2
BUNC Sunflowers	14	21	10	3	1
ANC PIXIES	14	17	8	5	1
HNC Sonics	14	12	5	7	2
FDAS Sparrows	14	10	4	8	2
HNC Wolves	14	5	2	11	1

The Team: Gianna Kaloudis, Sahana Ramesh, Reese Tiglao, Grace Rizk, Eva Lalani, Kaitlin Nung, Ravie Dieleman, Sophie Gong & Anh Luong

U11 Daffodils | Minor Premiers | Grand Final Runners Up

Kelly Pisani & Ngoc Crisafulli | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Daffodils	12	21	10	1	1
LWNC Red Toucans	12	19	9	1	1
HNC Jellybeans	12	16	8	4	0
SHLNC LORIKEETS	12	11	5	6	1
FDAS Kookaburras	12	7	3	8	1
BNC Ivy	12	5	2	9	1
LWNC Red Raptors	12	3	1	10	1

The Team: Brooklyn Turnbull, Zara Kolokouris, Olivia Pisani, Juliette Nichols, Madison Crisafulli, Emilia Ghaly, Lilian Amede & Eloise De Silva

U11 Ivy

Karen Tancred, Candice Wright & Melanie Taylor | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Daffodils	12	21	10	1	1
LWNC Red Toucans	12	19	9	1	1
HNC Jellybeans	12	16	8	4	0
SHLNC LORIKEETS	12	11	5	6	1
FDAS Kookaburras	12	7	3	8	1
BNC Ivy	12	5	2	9	1
LWNC Red Raptors	12	3	1	10	1

The Team: Ainsley Wright, Sarah Arnold, Ella Tancred, Alani Singh, Isla Casamento, Olivia Iacono, Jasmine Taylor, Bella Geoghegan-Leech

This year saw some new faces in team Ivy and a big new challenge moving into division 1 for the Under 11's. Candice and I both coached and managed the team together so we could really focus on building the girls skills as much as possible. We trained extra hard each Tuesday and over time, due to the dedication and commitment of the team we managed to scrape together some unexpected wins finishing the season in the middle of the table.

Congratulations to Ella, Ainsley, Sarah, Olivia, Jasmine, Isla, Belia and Alani for a great season!

U11 Starlets | Minor Runners Up

Suzie Beshara, Chrissy Kanofsky & Liz Marques | Coaches & Manager

The Starlets had a fantastic season refining their individual skills and working together as a team.

They had great success throughout the season and embraced finals weeks with enthusiasm and excitement. Gracious in defeat these netball stars have character to be proud of. It's been an honour guiding them around the netball court.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Panthers	14	23	10	1	3
BNC Starlets	14	21	9	2	3
TNC Hunters	14	17	7	4	3
FDAS Eagles	14	14	5	5	4
ANC CRYSTALS	14	13	5	6	3
LWNC Black Finches	14	12	4	6	4
BNC Winterberries	14	7	2	9	3

The Team: Emilie Kucharski, Isabella Beshara, Hannah Devine, Amelia Sara Marques, Lilyana Canturi, Lulu Marshall, Ella Glading & Georgia Merry

U11 Camellias

Michelle McConnell & Cassandra Bourke | Coach & Manager

Camellias, it's been a pleasure coaching you amazing talented girls. A huge thanks to all our supporters who came to watch our girls train and play. You all were so dedicated and that's the passion you need to have for the game and the drive to succeed.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BUNC Smoothies	14	24	11	1	2
GNC Cruze	14	21	10	3	1
HNC Sprinkles	14	21	10	3	1
FDAS Magpies	14	15	7	6	1
HNC Magic	14	14	6	6	2
ANC RUBIES	14	9	4	9	1
BNC Camellias	14	5	2	11	1

The Team: Alexandra Yeates, Annabelle Cameron, Luella Liebenberg, Lexie Bellew, Eva Masiello, Myra Haddo, Krista McConnell & Kate Cooper

U11 Winterberries

Wayne Calleja & Emma Ladermann | Coach & Manager

It was always going to be a tough season for the girls with only 7 players in the team for the year. However, that didn't stop them from giving their best week in week out, whether they played shorthanded or not. So much so they still were able to grab a few wins, and keep the stronger teams honest for large parts of the game.

The skills of all the girls have grown dramatically, and I am so proud of the spirit and team work the girls showed each and every week. Also a special shout out to the parents for their commitment to each week's training and support at the games.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Panthers	14	23	10	1	3
BNC Starlets	14	21	9	2	3
TNC Hunters	14	17	7	4	3
FDAS Eagles	14	14	5	5	4
ANC CRYSTALS	14	13	5	6	3
LWNC Black Finches	14	12	4	6	4
BNC Winterberries	14	7	2	9	3

The Team: Imogen Calleja, Charlotte Fabri, Olivia Bogomiagkov, Ava Lademann, Olivia Newling, Eden Merhi, Elissa Soltani & Evie Wilson

U12 Marigolds | Grand Final Premiers

Daniel Ivanac & Praveena Sivanesarajah | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
LWNC Black Banksias	12	21	10	1	1
ANC METEORS	12	18	9	3	0
BNC Marigolds	12	14	6	4	2
SHLNC JOEYS	12	14	6	4	2
BUNC Sapphires	12	7	3	8	1
FDAS Doves	12	7	3	8	1
GNC Commodores	12	3	1	10	1

The Team: Lily Germain, Sienna Orlich, Zali Mitchell, Freya Hancock, Simaema Wickham, Tehya Sivanesarajah, Isobel Granger & Sierra Sparrow

Overall, another great season with a grand final victory, the three new girls improved every week which really showed towards the backend of the season.

Original team members really took their games to another level, we played most of the season with only seven players which was extremely challenging at times for the girls.

We finally got Sienna back from a serious foot injury with two games left to play which really lifted the team spirits and confidence, having a full team really helped the girls go up another gear sealing another grand final win.

U12 Junipers | Minor Premiers

Ian Allan & Rebecca Nichols | Coach & Manager

After some great play in parts during the 2021 games the focus for the Junipers for season 2022 was to be more consistent. The season started well and with each game the girls played stronger for longer and won many close games. With all players growing in skill development and with a team orientated approach to achieve that consistency the girls were rewarded by taking out the Minor Premiership. The girls should all be very proud of their growth and how they applied themselves to reach the seasons goal.

Whilst we dropped the last two finals it was great to hear the team was eager to sign up for summer netball and are already looking forward to season 2024.

Congratulations on a fantastic seasongo Junipers!!



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Junipers	12	18	8	2	2
LWNC Red Lilies	12	16	8	2	2
TNC Manx	12	16	7	2	2
LWNC White Ash	12	12	5	5	2
BNC Poppies	12	11	5	6	1
BNC Willows	12	5	2	9	1
HNC Storm	12	4	1	9	2

The Team: Audrey Allan, Moana Nikua, Leni Wilson, Betsi Lee, Ruby Nichols, Grace Fowler, Charlotte Allan & Elizabeth Allan.

U12 Poppies

Brendon Eastlake & Catherine Rogerson | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Junipers	12	18	8	2	2
LWNC Red Lilies	12	16	8	2	2
TNC Manx	12	16	7	2	2
LWNC White Ash	12	12	5	5	2
BNC Poppies	12	11	5	6	1
BNC Willows	12	5	2	9	1
HNC Storm	12	4	1	9	2

The Team: Alexis Edwards, Olivia Rogerson, Emily Horton, Sophie Gibson, Jessica Garigliano, Leiana-Paige Taria-Rima, Jane Campbell & Claire Turner

Finally, a full season albeit a bit wet. It was a hard competition with a lot of ups and down. The girls battled through the season and were in the hunt again for the finals, unfortunately missing a finals berth by one point. Although we didn't play finals this year, the girls continual improvement and competitive nature was refreshing to see. Such a wonderful group of girls to coach on and off the court.

U12 Willows

Alya Ali, Elia Malgioglio & Ana Marchese | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Junipers	12	18	8	2	2
LWNC Red Lilies	12	16	8	2	2
TNC Manx	12	16	7	2	2
LWNC White Ash	12	12	5	5	2
BNC Poppies	12	11	5	6	1
BNC Willows	12	5	2	9	1
HNC Storm	12	4	1	9	2

The Team: Olivia Tartak, Olivia Rizk, Claire Cantley, Lourdes Toomeh, Victoria Marchese, Maggie Quinlan, Violet Quinlan & Gabriella Di Pietro

U12 Honeysuckles

Antonella Seminara & Sonia Scauso | Coach & Manager

The Honeysuckles had a great season, despite challenges with injuries and illness. The girls never gave up and showed great sportsmanship.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Starburst	14	23	11	2	1
LWNC Black Pods	14	21	9	2	3
HNC Aztecs	14	20	9	3	2
LWNC Red Correias	14	19	9	4	1
BNC Honeysuckles	14	16	7	5	2
LWNC White Cedars	14	6	2	10	2
GNC Apollos	14	4	1	11	2

The Team: Alette Rofail, Lily Sarkis, Lily Woodbury, Mia Dimassy, Hemani Ramesh, Sienna Scauso, Ava Seminara & Zara Georges

U12 Sunflowers | Minor Runners Up | Grand Final Premiers

Raphael Revello, Savannah Revello & Maria Matrone | Coach & Managers

The Sunflowers gained three new team members for 2022 (Charlotte, Isabella, and Lana). The team came together, and friendships were formed quickly helping to pave for a great start to the season. The first round had the Sunflowers working together very well and strongly positioning the team as the leaders of the U12 Div5 with some very strong and convincing wins. As the season progressed into round 2 and the teams in the competition developed, it was quite evident that the team was up against some strong competition coming into the finals of the season.

The girls worked extremely hard and whilst challenging, yes all that running during training, the hard work paid off with Sunflowers taking out U12 Div5 Premiership.

Extremely proud of how the girls developed their play, implementing some simple sets and specific skills on agility and defence. The most humbling part is the dedication, commitment to training hard, and showing up every match with a drive to give the best they can. There was nothing more than one could ask for when training a great bunch of individuals.

Mid-season also brought changes to the coaching lead with Celeste Snow-Jackson handing over the reins to myself (Raphael Revello). I want to thank Celeste for all the hard work she did with the team and I'm sure she is just as proud of them as I am of their achievement.

A big thank you to the managers for their commitment (Maria Matrone and Suvannah Revello) and the parents for supporting the team, and again a massive congratulations to the Sunflowers on the 2022 Premiership.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BUNC Flames	12	20	9	1	2
BNC Sunflowers	12	18	9	1	2
FDAS Rosellas	12	15	7	4	1
ANC ATOMS	12	11	5	5	1
SHLNC ROBINS	12	11	5	6	1
LWNC Red Tulips	12	6	3	9	0
TNC Cubs	12	1	0	11	1

The Team: Lana Begetis, Charlotte Mansfield, Isabella Jenzen, Shriya Gauri Sungala, Alana Matrone, Veronica Ha, Isabel Revello & Ajla Sengul

U13 Gemstones | Minor Premiers | Grand Final Premiers

Bindi March-Ali & Amanda Ivanac | Coach & Manager

Our amazing 13 years, division 1, undefeated premiers! This team has amazing athletes who have formed into a beautiful team with each player coming into their own and becoming leaders in their own right.

They all give 100% at training and this shows during their game time, where, whether we are in a tight game, or winning convincingly, their never take their foot off the accelerator, keep to the game plan, improve each week as individuals and as a team and above all, have top 'games person' qualities every game - Well done team, you are incredible!



The Team: Kiana Mitchell, Indiana Middleton, Tara McCall, Emily Broadbent, Evelyn O'Neill, Tully Smith, Lily Ivanac & Anna Chan.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Gemstones	15	29	14	0	1
LWNC Redbacks	15	23	11	2	1
LWNC Black Pythons	15	19	9	5	1
HNC Swifts	15	11	5	9	1
FDAS Falcons	15	5	2	12	1
FDAS Cockatoos	15	3	1	12	1
BNC Gemstones	15	29	14	0	1

U13 Azurites

Linda Smith, Brooke Smith & Tashz Sinclair | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
TNC Bobcats	14	27	13	0	1
RNC Finches	14	21	10	3	1
LWNC White Lions	14	20	9	3	2
LWNC Black Hawks	14	17	8	5	1
SHLNC ECHIDNAS					
LWNC Black Pythons	14	10	4	8	2
BNC Azurites	14	9	4	8	1
LWNC Red Rosellas	14	7	3	10	1

The Team: Ava Alam, Nina Chashchina, Beth Eccleston, Isabella Nunez, Jenelle Melhem, Harini Umapathy, Kelly Lin & Sophie Flood

U13 Turquoise

Denise Rizk, Belinda Martino (Asst) & Nikki Kinloch | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
Schols WARRIORS	14	27	13	0	1
BNC Ambers	14	23	11	2	1
RNC Hawks	14	19	9	4	1
BNC Turquoise	14	13	6	7	1
LWNC Red Rangers	14	13	6	7	1
TNC Siamese	14	11	5	8	1
Schols NETS	14	3	1	12	1

The Team: Isabel Ballesty, Emma Hunt, Scarlett Sattout, Bianca Harris, Mia Rizk, Grace Restifo, Isabella Martino & Alia Coubrough

U13 Ambers | Minor Runners Up | Grand Final Premiers

Laura Eastlake, Amelia Walkley, Louise Quinlan & Anna Jackson | Coaches & Manager

This year, after many wins and a few losses, we became Premiers. Unlike previous years, we were able to have both coaches on the sideline. The girls played amazing, and we couldn't be prouder of the effort they have shown throughout this season, whether it was raining, or the sun was shining. GO Ambers!!!



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
Schols WARRIORS	14	27	13	0	1
BNC Ambers	14	23	11	2	1
RNC Hawks	14	19	9	4	1
BNC Turquoise	14	13	6	7	1
LWNC Red Rangers	14	13	6	7	1
TNC Siamese	14	11	5	8	1
Schols NETS	14	3	1	12	1

The Team: Ava Jackson, Mira Tra Thanh Nguyen, Olivia Reid, Milla Dickson, Chloe Gardiner, Lara Quinlan, Nina Edmiston & Miya Phibbs

U14 Tanzanites | Minor Premiers

Sienna Tierney & Pauline Tierney | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Tanzanites	12	20	9	1	2
LWNC White Rays	12	19	8	1	3
RNC Roosters	12	19	9	2	1
RNC Sandpipers	12	10	4	6	2
HNC Twisties	12	9	3	6	3
LWNC Red Giants	12	4	1	9	2
ANC RAVENS	12	3	1	9	1

The Team: Lily Cameron, Elissa Barzan, Elyssa Ghaly, Zara Portolesi, Anique Michel, Eve Quinlan, Leyla Tierney & Hunter-Rose Kazi

U14 Pyrites

Michelle McConnell & Babetha Posener | Coach & Manager

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the girls for making it to division 1 this season, from division 2 last year, though the finals and semis were not played due to the pandemic, and it was yet another short season. Last year in division 2, the U13 Pyrites scored the most goals against their division and across their age group with 199 for the season. Amazingly, this is the highest number of goals any team scored for the season across all clubs and all age groups. Well done to the shooters, you have been brilliant in converting the hard work of the rest of the team and we are all so proud of your hard work and sportsmanship.

This season, the girls started their second year together but got off to a slightly rocky start, losing the first half of the season's games. The girls' flow through the mid court, footwork and passing of the ball at the end to the GA/GS had to be worked on after facing some strong, very capable teams in Div 1. This was new to them, and they needed some adjusting and improvement to their game tactics. The girls pushed through after the mid break and won against some tough teams, including the representative team in the final game by 7 goals. The last two games were highlight of the season, highlighting the girl's talent and capability when they put their minds to it and when they play with confidence.

We thank the Briars club and the executive committee members for a great season and the wonderful presentation day. The girls were a pleasure to coach and to watch play. Some of them we will see back in summer games and for all the Pyrites, WE WANT TO SEE YOU ALL play bigger and better next season!



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
FDAS Sea Eagles	12	23	11	0	1
LWNC Red Comets	12	19	9	2	1
LWNC White Fireballs	12	13	6	5	1
SHLNC BILBIES	12	10	4	6	2
LWNC Black Flares	12	7	3	7	1
12 Yr Reps	12	6	2	6	2
BNC Pyrites	12	6	3	9	0

The Team: Lara Lo Giudice, Larissa McConnell, Yameena Mubarak, Harriet O'Connor, Miela Ocello, Aarani Posener, Aeryn Ransevycz & Georgina Walkley

U14 Zircons

Louise Kipreotis & Fran Best | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
GNC Astras	15	27	13	1	1
Schols BULLS	15	20	9	3	2
BUNC Dynamites	15	17	9	5	1
BNC Zircons	15	16	7	6	2
FDAS Wildcats	15	6	2	11	2
BNC Aquamarines	15	2	0	13	2
GNC Astras	15	27	13	1	1

The Team: Gaia Belotti, Caitlin Collins, Anna Newell, Arabel Best, Riley Goyal, Sienna Kipreotis, Sienna Yeates, Laura Sendall & Sibelle Tevfik

U14 Aquamarines

Andrew Karas & Christina Karas | Coach & Manager

With the Aquamarines returning to the 2022 season, this was a difficult, challenging but learning journey for the whole team.

We, again, had some new starters who had never played the game before, and looking back now you can clearly see the ongoing development and confidence in them.

Even though we only drew one game (which was actually the biggest win) out of the 15 x game season, what impressed me the most, was the fact that they learnt how to loose with grace and the respect they showed their opponents.

Playing in such a high-quality division, this also brought out the best in most of our long serving players, as we had to guide them into different positions, mix things around and bring them out of their comfort zones, which they did openly.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
GNC Astras	15	27	13	1	1
Schols BULLS	15	20	9	3	2
BUNC Dynamites	15	17	9	5	1
BNC Zircons	15	16	7	6	2
FDAS Wildcats	15	6	2	11	2
BNC Aquamarines	15	2	0	13	2
GNC Astras	15	27	13	1	1

The Team: Lara Moussa, Gabrielle Scanlon, Eva Awadallah, Orahnia Sophia Karas, Niamh Foley, Lauren Dovico, Tara Fagan, Arianna Alexandru Francalanci & Isabel Campillo

U15 Pearls

Michelle Mitchell, Brad Morrow & Melita Stanmore | Coaches & Manager

What a season!

Despite the challenges for what was essentially a new team with many players who hadn't played together before, put into Division 2.

These girls were accepting of each other, were flexible in their approach to positioning as they began to work out their strengths and weaknesses, and certainly improved as a team over the course of the season.

They approached every game with a positive attitude, determination, and enthusiasm,

They were a delight to coach, turning up for each other, and with a common love of the game this team had a lot of fun regardless of the outcome.

Well done girls, it was a tough year, but I'm sure if you all play together again, it will be an entirely different experience and result.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
RNC Lorikeets	14	27	13	0	1
FDAS Diamonds	14	23	11	2	1
Schols MAGIC	14	15	7	5	1
LWNC Black Cats	14	13	6	7	1
BUNC Stars	14	13	6	7	1
TNC Cheetahs	14	11	5	7	1
HNC Hedgehogs	14	7	3	10	1
BNC Pearls	14	3	1	12	1

The Team: Esther Holding, Shayla Naidoo, Alana Sparrow, Sophie Slade, Riyaa Panchal, Ingrid Stanmore, Grace Campbell & Cassidy Morris

Cadets Onyx | Minor Premiers | Grand Final Runners Up

Donna Wollen, Jaye Stevenson & Kath Walkley | Coach & Managers



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Onyx	12	20	9	1	2
LWNC Red Cheetahs	12	20	9	1	2
BNC Jades	12	14	6	4	2
FDAS Phoenix	12	14	6	4	2
LWNC White	12	9	4	7	2
HNC Hornets	12	4	1	5	2
Angels HNC Wildcats	12	3	1	9	2
BNC Onyx	12	20	9	1	2

The Team: Lily Butcher, Charlotte Dick, Nellie Ebenezer, Zahra Hamilton, Viva McConnell, Josie Walker, Amelia Walkley, Abigail Wollen & Romilly Gjessing

Cadets Jades

Bindi March-Ali & Christine Eastlake | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Onyx	12	20	9	1	2
LWNC Red Cheetahs	12	20	9	1	2
BNC Jades	12	14	6	4	2
FDAS Phoenix	12	14	6	4	2
LWNC White	12	9	4	7	2
HNC Hornets	12	4	1	5	2
Angels HNC Wildcats	12	3	1	9	2
BNC Onyx	12	20	9	1	2

The Team: Elizabeth Broadbent, Laura Eastlake, Aoife Foley, Gemma Greer, Layla Sattout, Jasmine Virk & Alana Winstanley

What a great bunch of teenagers we have representing Briars Sports Club, half of the team arrive before 8.30am every Saturday and we don't play until 3:10pm. During the day, they coach and umpire many games for the club and yet despite their long day, they gave all for our games.

The Jades made it to the semi-finals this year in their first Cadet season, which is applauded especially since they played with 7 or less players throughout the season due to injuries. We seriously just missed out on making the finals having only 6 players of our team on the court during the last match. I'm so very proud of this bunch of young ladies and how they play and represent themselves and the club.

Cadets Rubies | Minor Premiers | Grand Final Premiers

Rosie Ryan & Kate Bruce | Coach & Manager

I made a promise to the girls in the first training session, that if they were committed all season, we would make the GF! They kept to their part of the agreement and worked hard in both the training sessions and during the games. They never stopped reaching for that goal and improved every game. In the close games, they all stepped up and supported each other demonstrating superior skills and passion.

They were rightfully rewarded as undefeated Minor Premiers, and then the grand title of undefeated Premiers for 2022. We relied on everyone in the team to play their part and fulfil their roles on the court. This was acknowledged by the Inner West Netball Association, naming the Briars Rubies as the team with the best defence record in comparison to every other cadet team. So proud! These girls are champions on and off the court.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Rubies	14	26	12	0	2
LWNC Red Rubies	14	22	10	2	2
HNC Unicorns	14	18	8	4	2
BNC Larimars	14	17	7	4	3
GNC Geminis	14	13	5	5	3
RNC Parrots	14	10	4	8	2
SHLNC LARKS	14	2	0	12	2
Schols MAVERICKS	14	2	1	9	2

The Team: Haylee Bruce, Amy Davis, Aadhya Dhanpal, Sienna Quinlan, Elyana Qutami, Lily Sauran, Anneliese Tambakeras, Alice Whitmore & Elly De Araujo

Cadets White Opals

Virasha Singh, Grace Hayman & Geraldine White | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
LWNC White Fire	14	24	11	0	2
ANC GEMS	14	22	10	2	2
TNC Kool Kats	14	17	7	4	3
Schols HAWKS	14	17	7	4	3
BNC White Opals	14	10	5	6	2
GNC Jackaroos	14	9	3	8	3
Schols KINGS	14	6	2	10	2
HNC Sherbets	14	5	1	10	3

The Team: Amelie Fehir, Emma Hayman, Tahlia Lo Ricco, Niamh McInerney, Niamh Ogle, Gabbi Slater, Sabrina White & Zara Barakat.

Cadets Larimars

Nicole Smith & Louise Quinlan | Coach & Manager

The Cadet 6 Larimars moved up from the under 15 division eager to build on their previous year. This was a team who was not used to winning games and we finished our first rounds in the middle of the table. Our skill level, connection and friendship on court led to a huge second half of the season where we were able to beat all teams except the undefeated leaders. This meant for the first time for many of our girls, the team went on to compete in the semi-final. The team managed to claw back a huge deficit put on early, which enabled them to be right in the game at half time. The intensity of competing in the finals beat the Larimars in the end, which they lost by 5 goals.

This team is known for their beautiful friendship on court and the respect they have for one another is second to none. 2023 looks bright for the Larimars as they are a joy to coach!



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Rubies	14	26	12	0	2
LWNC Red Rubies	14	22	10	2	2
HNC Unicorns	14	18	8	4	2
BNC Larimars	14	17	7	4	3
GNC Geminis	14	13	5	5	3
RNC Parrots	14	10	4	8	2
SHLNC LARKS	14	2	0	12	2
Schols MAVERICKS	14	2	1	9	2

The Team: Leila Hahnel, Natasha Iacono, Tyla Janes, Alexandria Liu, Peri Tevfik, Orla Turner, Abby Quinlan, Caitlin Merrick & Ruby Slade

Cadets Blue Sapphires

Daniel Ivanac & Linda Smith | Coach & Manager

This season was very challenging as most of the girls were balancing the demands of high school plus part time jobs.

The team still managed some great wins along the way and just missed out on the semi-finals with only the top three teams progressing to finals.

The Team: Ayla Ali, Sienna Cham, Aurelia Flammia, Olivia Ivanac, Elia Malgioglio, Isabel Reid, Brooke Smith, Emily Steele & Bailey Belanger

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
LWNC Red Cyclones	15	26	11	1	3
SHLNC POSSUMS	15	25	11	1	3
LWNC White Wolves	15	17	7	5	3
BNC Blue Sapphires	15	14	5	6	4
13 Year Reps	15	6	1	9	4
FDAS Firetails	15	3	0	12	3
LWNC Red Cyclones	15	26	11	1	3
SHLNC POSSUMS	15	25	11	1	3

Senior Netball

Opals

Leanne Sharpe | Manager

The Team: Grace Dent-Ratcliffe, Kelly Fung, Grace Hayman, Leah Jacobsen, Charlotte Kunkler, Lillian Kunkler, Leila Rahme, Virasha Singh & Vanessa Stanmore.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BUNC Spritzers	14	26	12	0	2
PNC MOCKTAILS	14	22	10	2	2
BNC Opals	14	18	8	4	2
WMNC ORCAS	14	17	7	4	3
HNC Strikers	14	13	5	5	3
SHLNC GLIDERS	14	10	4	8	2
HNC Jades	14	2	0	12	2
BUNC Spritzers	14	26	12	0	2

Moonstones

Beth Munsie | Manager

The Team: Susan Anderson, Suzie Beshara, Frances Cordaro, Christine Kanofski, Emily Montuori, Beth Munsie, Fiona Richards, Belinda Sacco, Karen Tancred, Dianne Thomas & Candice Wright.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
SHLNC DOLPHINS	14	26	12	0	2
WMNC PANTHERS	14	22	10	2	2
BWNC Magik	14	16	7	4	2
TNC Purrers	14	15	6	3	3
BNC Moonstones	14	14	6	5	2
HNC Gurlz United	14	8	3	9	2
14 Year Reps	14	7	2	7	3
BNC Quartz	14	4	1	9	2

Quartz

Rebecca McLachlan | Manager

The Team: Kate Burnicle, Christina Grygiel, Rebecca McLachlan, Samantha McLachlan, Courtney Miller, Naomi Roberts, Nicole Smith, Anne-Maree Zietsch, Melanie Taylor & Alex Stimson.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
SHLNC DOLPHINS	14	26	12	0	2
WMNC PANTHERS	14	22	10	2	2
BWNC Magik	14	16	7	4	2
TNC Purrers	14	15	6	3	3
BNC Moonstones	14	14	6	5	2
HNC Gurlz United	14	8	3	9	2
14 Year Reps	14	7	2	7	3
BNC Quartz	14	4	1	9	2

Iolites | Minor Premiers | Grand Final Premiers

Rebecca Nicholls | Manager

The Team: Jody Fowler, Celeste Jackson-Snow, Sally Kudrna, Emma Le Sueur-Hindmarsh, Elizabeth Maniscalco, Rebecca Nichols, Lauren Phillips, Monica Senger, Michelle Turchini, Jodie vannLoo, Claire White & Melanie Lazar.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Iolites	12	20	9	1	2
BUNC Roses	12	20	9	1	2
WMNC RAVENS	12	16	7	3	2
GNC Barinas	12	12	5	5	2
GNC Sparks	12	9	4	7	1
LWNC Red Queens	12	5	2	9	1
LWNC White Leopards	12	2	0	10	2
BNC Iolites	12	20	9	1	2

Topaz

Natasha Yong | Manager

The Team: Cassandra Diamantis, Chris Diamantis, Ammellia Fu, Claudia Furdi, Samantha Hamilton, Katie Han, Annabelle Jenkins, Adrianna Kostic & Natasha Yong

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BUNC Cheetas	14	26	12	0	2
FDAS Jades	14	22	10	2	2
BNC Topaz	14	18	8	4	2
SHLNC VINCENTS	14	17	7	4	3
HNC Dazzlers	14	13	5	5	3
RNC Bluebirds	14	10	4	8	2
BUNC Cheetas	14	26	12	0	2
FDAS Jades	14	22	10	2	2

Greenlees Park Bowling Club



Women's Bowls

Presidents Report

Margaret Truesdale



Finishing off the year on a high!

We welcomed two new members, Karen McManus & Rosalind Lightfoot.

Once again North Strathfield Primary School joined us in term 2 & 3 to learn to play Bowl. I would like to thank the men & lady bowlers who helped teach the students every Friday, especially Ric Cilona our co-ordinator.



It has been a very exciting half year. Gladys Barnes & Margaret Truesdale won the District Open Pairs Regional Playoff, which was played at Wentworthville Leagues. It was a great game, played

in good sportsmanship, but they went down to the Northmead ladies, Angella Platt & Maeleen Reynolds. In the District Senior Pairs Val Day & Rosalind Lightfoot were runners-up.

We are very proud to report that Greenlees Park Women's Bowling Club won the regional playoff in grades 2 & 4 against Mitchell District, The Hills & Pennant Hills. I would like to thank Greenlees Park Men's Bowls for their support & letting us finish our game. Our Gold medals were presented by District President Jenny Roddy.

Women's Bowls Grade-2 & Grade-4 Pennant teams competed in the State Play-offs on the 18th & 19th November. The Grade-4 team played 2 games at Mark's Point but unfortunately went down. The Grade-2 team played at Taren Point and going down in the quarter final game by two points to Cabramatta. A great time was had by all.

Anne Hare, Jennifer Leek & Rosalind Lightfoot competed in the Final District Senior Triples on the 3rd of November at Beecroft. Unfortunately, they went down to Denniston.



We had a delayed Easter Consistency Day which was held on the 28th of July and was well attended. Many thanks to Gai Shirvington for organising the cards and table seating. Morning tea which included cakes, biscuits and scones was delicious.

We celebrated Friends Day on Friday, 28th September. The weather was perfect, bowling was fun, and the company was great. Thanks to the Backyard, Dhaval and staff, for a lovely meal which included salad, cold

meats & dessert. We had 29 members, and 22 visitors attend Friends Day. A special thanks to Gai Shirvington for the gift packs she made up for our visitors.

Our annual Veterans Day was held on the 28th of October. Everyone had a great day in the sun and enjoyed their bowls, which was followed by lunch which included quiche, salad & Pavlova with passionfruit. Greenlees Park Ladies Bowls would like to thank Canada Bay Council for their contribution towards this event.

Many thanks to the Bowls Committee for their help & support throughout the year and to Peter Neary, our greenkeeper who does an excellent job in maintaining the green and surrounding gardens.

Thanks to Jason, Monique & Jacinta for their administrative support throughout the year and to Ben and the bar staff who are always helpful and ready to quench our thirst after a hot day on the green.

The 2023 Women's Bowls Season will start on the 12th January.

Wishing the members of Briars Sports, a very Merry Christmas.



2022 Club Championships Results

	Winner	Runner-up
<i>Major Singles</i>	Rosaline Lightfoot	Jennifer Leek
<i>Major Pairs</i>	Jennifer Leek Rosaline Lightfoot	Margaret Cunningham Molly McLachlan
<i>Triples</i>	Marlene Dunn Margaret Truesdale Gladys Barnes	Lorraine McAuliffe Janet Cooper Maureen Kearney
<i>Fours</i>	Marlene Dunn Valda Day Margaret Truesdale Gladys Barnes	Molly McLachlan Pamela Jones Maureen Kearney Margaret Cunningham <i>Maureen Picone (Sub)</i> <i>Jennifer Leek (Sub)</i>



Greenlees Park Bowling Club



Men's Bowls

Presidents Report

Ric Cilona



It is with great pleasure that I submit the Men's Bowling report for the 2022 year.

This year has been one of consolidating and building upon the developments and structures which have been put in place over the past couple of years.

An uninterrupted year which allowed for competitions and initiatives to proceed was welcome.

The club is currently in a strong and viable financial position moving forward and this has allowed for several infrastructure improvements to be put in place. My thanks, on behalf of the Club, to our sponsors for the continued support and we look forward to furthering our association in the coming years. My particular thanks to Burwood Diggers for sharing and helping improve our playing areas over the course of the year.

2022 has seen significant work on the playing Greens with new shading installed across both the Goldberg and Free Greens. The replacement of the old shading was necessary and now allows for sustained protection from the sun for our bowlers. Alongside this, the Goldberg Green was re-laid and lasered to address some issues and is now ready as a playing surface. The club has purchased a music "Boom Box" to facilitate Friday afternoon Bowls and also to provide music for outside bowlers looking for Bowling parties during the festive season. As the man said – you're never too old for Rockin' and Bowlin'...

Pennants

The Pennants Competition this year saw Greenlees Park enter two teams in Zone 10 – Grades 3 and 4. Both did extremely well with the Grade 4's going through undefeated and Grade 3's also going through undefeated until the last couple of rounds. The competition saw some wonderful bowls put down and one of the most positive set of results in memory for Greenlees. Both divisions began with wins and consolidated with positive results against The Hills both with 9-1 aggregate wins. This was followed up with great results against Denistone and Hunters Hill clubs in Round 2. Round 3 built momentum and saw Greenlees leading the Zone table at the halfway point of competitions.

Round 4 was washed out and played later. Big wins in Rounds-5 against Denistone and Hunters Hill and Greenlees were well set for the Finals. Unfortunately, Round-6 saw the Division 3 team go down to Toongabbie but the 4s won against NBC in a close encounter 56-55. Coming into the washed out Round 4 match, the division 3 team needed a win against Toongabbie but were beaten on the day. Better news for the 4s who won against NBC. Whilst this should have seen the 4's go through to the playoffs, a technical oversight in the player selection resulted in disqualification. Disappointing but far outweighed by the positives which the competition brought out this year. 2023 has much to look forward too not least the emergence of several quality young bowlers to see the club through in the coming years.

Club Championships

The club championship competitions were played and at the time of writing have seen the Club Major Singles. Major Fours, Major Pairs and Minor/Major Pairs completed. The results follow, but my

congratulations to both the Winners and Runners Up and indeed all participants in the club competitions. A particular thanks to Bryan Coulthart for again entering results each week and updating Bowls Link as required and Wayne Comber for the Administration of Pennants each week.

2022 Club Championship Results:

<i>Competition</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
<i>Major Singles</i>	John Goulding	Marc Devillecourt
<i>Major Fours</i>	John Houteas Eddie Truesdale Steve White Ronan Coombes	Mario Zanella Marcus Woods George Templenezza Adrien Crump
<i>Major Pairs</i>	David Puckeridge Gino Borg	Adrien Crump Bryan Coulthart
<i>Major / Minor Pairs</i>	Mark Gorlecki Marc Devillecourt	Gino Borg David Puckeridge
<i>Club Triples</i>	John Houteas Tony La Greca Edie Truesdale	Mark Leslie Paul Koziollek Marc Devillecourt



Schools link

2022 has seen the continuation of and strengthening of the Bowling sports link with a feeder Primary school Strathfield North Primary. Over 25 students participated each week in organised sport activities run through the much valued work of volunteers each Tuesday afternoon. Feedback was exceptionally positive and culminated in a memorable ceremony which saw the children distribute handmade cards and gifts to the volunteer bowlers who had given of their time and expertise. My thanks to the women and men bowlers for your efforts – the spirit of community sport was on show here and we look forward to continued contribution in the coming year.

Sundry

The year culminated in the annual appreciation weekend trip – this year for the first time to Mollymook on the South Coast. The weekend saw the inaugural Molly Green Cup played for against Mollymook Bowling Club. Greenlees were narrowly beaten but the good spirit and bonhomie on display far outweighed the result. We look forward to reclaiming the Cup in 2023.

Greenlees Park also applied for the scholarship awarded to a junior player through the R B Clark scholarship grant. We were successful in the application process and our congratulations and best wishes

to the successful candidate, Ronan Coombes, for the coming year. A fine bowler and even finer young man.

Finally, and as ever, a couple of thank you's for the work which is vital and often unseen. To the Front office staff, our thanks for the support across several areas which made the work of the Bowls Committee easier. Your good nature and patience is very much valued. To our exceptional Greenkeeper Peter Neary, thank you for making it possible to play over the course of the year and keeping the Greens the envy of every other club in the state. To the Bowls Committee, your time and expertise across selections, match organisation, web information, sponsorship, publicity and marketing and everything else, thank you.

Lastly to the winner of the Phil McAuley Trophy for 2022, Bryan Coulthart. The ongoing work of Bryan across both Operational and Strategic planning has been instrumental and vital to the club success this year. He is a most significant Cog in the overall operation of the club in all respects.

My best wishes for all members in the coming year.



Pennant – Division 3

Player Names

<i>Daniel Ackery</i>	Gino Borg	Bryan Coulthart
<i>Colin William Darlington</i>	Marc De Villecourt	Anthony Ronald Fullagar
<i>Mark Gorlicki</i>	John Goulding	John Houteas
<i>Tom Gaetano La Greca</i>	David Materazza	Anthony Mark Stuart
<i>Eddy Truesdale</i>		

Pennant - Division 4

Player Names

<i>Adrian Crump</i>	Maurizio Falcone	Kevan Habgood
<i>Ronny James</i>	Paul Koziollek	Myron Kubyk
<i>Chris Landas</i>	John David Leek	Mark Leslie
<i>Jesse James Loveridge</i>	Guy Mandato	Tony Mandato
<i>Chris Maxfield</i>	David O'Connell	Terry O'Kane
<i>Giuseppe Repaci</i>	Greg Russell	Garry Savvidis
<i>George Tamplenizza</i>	Steven John White	Marcus Woods
<i>Mario Zanella</i>		

2022 Men's Bowls Committee

A very large, and in many ways insufficient, thank you to the Bowls Committee for 2022.

<i>President</i>	Ric Cilona
<i>Vice President</i>	Brian Coulthart
<i>Treasurer</i>	Ben Williams
<i>Bowls Coordinator</i>	Wayne Comber
<i>Chairman Selection Committee</i>	Steven White
<i>Selectors</i>	Mark Gorlicki & Mark De Villecourt
<i>Chairman Match Committee</i>	Steven White
<i>Match Committee</i>	Ronnie James & David Puckeridge
<i>Returning Officer</i>	Barry Remmington
<i>Welfare Officer</i>	Ric Cilona
<i>Scrutineer</i>	Mark Cooper
<i>Chairman Junior Bowls</i>	Unfilled
<i>Zone 10 Delegate</i>	Wayne Comber
<i>Publicity Marketing & Development</i>	Marcus Woods



Briars Sports Trophies

J H Stone Trophy

Awarded to *Daniel Shalala*

When Daniel joined the club in 2018, Briars Rugby was competing in Division 4, and we did not have a colts team.

Daniel worked hard as a leader among the colts' group to get numbers together to play in the Radford Cup competition, taking the team to a final. Once he aged out of colts, Daniel took on the arduous task of being Club Captain, a significant honour for someone only aged 22.

Daniel has been instrumental in keeping the club culture steadfast through a difficult season disrupted by Covid and bad weather and has welcomed new members into the Briars Rugby family.

Daniel will shift his focus back to the Briars colts team in 2023, as an assistant coach, which will help drive continued growth.

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 *Cindy Goodridge*

Cindy is currently playing in her 20th consecutive year for Briars Hockey. In this time, she has represented the club continuously at the level of our top two women's grades, an achievement that we believe is unparalleled in the Club.

On top of having represented our Club at the highest level for some 20 years, Cindy's contributions at a sports Committee level have been instrumental in the administration, growth, and consistently high reputation of the Briars Hockey Club across this time.

Beyond her Committee involvement, Cindy has also taken on additional responsibilities without being called upon, such as driving the organisation of social functions including the recent Senior Presentation Night, spending many hours volunteering in the Cintra canteen, and being

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.

present with her kids and husband Brad at every Cintra Clubhouse Working Bee in living memory.

Cindy has been a genuinely outstanding contributor to both Briars Hockey, and to the overall Briars Sports Club.

A J Robinson Shield

Awarded to **Cindy Goodridge**

Cindy Goodridge has been an outstanding contributor to the Briars Hockey Club for some two decades now. She has represented Briars at the highest level of women's hockey throughout that time and is still a key member of our ML2 team (knee injuries withstanding!).

Cindy has been our Women's VP for a couple of years now and has also taken on the role of Women's Registrar at the same time.

Cindy has coached our senior women's teams over several years and been involved in coaching our juniors as well.

She has also been the key liaison person between the Club, and the SWHL competition committee, giving strong representation and advocacy for the club at this level.

She has been a regular volunteer in the canteen and has also been known to pick up a whistle to referee games when required.

Cindy has also been a regular out our working bee days and has willingly stepped forward to help the club whenever it has been needed.

Awarding Cindy the most prestigious Briars Hockey AJ Robinson Award as Club Person of the Year was a unanimous choice of the Committee this year.

The A J Robinson Shield was donated in 1958 by the late A J Robinson ("Robbie"). The Shield is awarded to the hockey player who has contributed the most to Briars Hockey during the year and which is determined by the most points in the following manner:

Value as a team member	35 points
Value in Hockey Administration	20 points
Value to Club other than Hockey	20 points
Conduct on field of play	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

R D Vanderfield Trophy

Awarded to **Dakota Thuell**

Dakota is an integral player in the Briars U17's team, and has also grown to become one of our most accomplished and confident umpires. She has been a coach in our junior programme, has been a regular volunteer in the canteen, and has always stuck her hand up to help whenever it has been needed throughout the year. A genuinely great club person, and deserved winner of the RD Vanderfield Trophy for Junior Clubperson of the Year.

The R D Vanderfield Trophy established in 1973 is awarded to a member of Junior Hockey who has contributed most to the junior teams. This award carries the name of a past President who showed interest in the formation of junior teams.

R B Clark Scholarship

Awarded to:

- **Aiden Gardner** – Briars Junior Cricket
- **Rowen Coombes** – Briars Junior bowls
- **Monique McGlynn** – Briars Women's Rugby

Cricket Memorial Trophy

Awarded to **Graeme Durrant**

Graeme is a valuable supporter in Cricket as the long-time scorer for our higher-grade games each weekend over summer, and the father of regular player Cameron. Graeme is very diligent and comprehensive in this role. Additionally, and with the help of others, Graeme is completing the entire historic record of Briars cricket statistics since the first game over 100 years ago. Congratulations to Graeme on this deserved award in recognition of his efforts supporting cricket.

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.

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 **Alexander Au-Yeung & Allegra Park**

Alex & Allegra had an exceptional season of cricket. Alex played cricket for the U15 Gold boys team and Allegra played for the U15 Gold girls team. They were both awarded junior cricketer of the year and are deserving winners of the Gerard Price Junior Cricket Trophy.

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 **Ridley De Lange**

Ridley was an instant hit at Briars in his first year – he first struck the coaches eyes when he was willing and able to jump straight into first grade games and was always willing to help with coming off the bench all season. He was also an integral part of the pre-season trip to the Gold Coast where he received plenty of plaudits from our QLD brothers as to his ability and desire to run the ball. Ridley also was willing to help off the field as well – ensuring that he took it upon himself to bring down players to cover injuries and the like in the colt's outfit. Always happy to jump on the BBQ, help the committee with organisation and willing to join the committee in

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.

2023. This is just the start to a long and illustrious Briar's career.

Gordon Bevan Shield

Awarded to **Barnzy Walkemeyer**

Barnzy was a pivotal member of the club this year on two fronts. Always happy to put his hand up and play in multiple games where needed and fill in in a host of different positions. He always seemed to have another gear to go up to on the field when required and this all despite only playing in his 2nd season of rugby. His rugby playing will go from strength to strength with this positive, winning attitude. Off the field Barnzy was vital in ensuring both the day-to-day committee tasks were done, often putting his hand up for the less than desirable tasks, as well as working hard to ensure the future of the club is governed well and responsibilities of member and players are understood well. Barnzy has stepped into the Secretary role for 2023 and will be an important component of any success Briars has in the coming years.

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

Briars Women's Rugby Trophy

Awarded to **Taymarra Hayward**

Taymarra unfortunately suffered a second ACL injury (not rugby related this time) and was unable to play during the 2022 season. This didn't stop Taymarra from attending training and nominating to be a part of the committee. Taymarra took it on herself to be the club registrar, engaging with existing and new players to welcome them to the club, show them how to register and get fees paid. Beyond that Taymarra went out of her way to organise social events for the team and really be a part of the rebuild that we went through in 2022.

The "yet to be named shield" is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has contributed the most during the year towards Women's Rugby and the Club in general.

The criteria for selection is as follows:

Attendance at training	20 points
Value to the team	20 points
Most improved player	20 points
General attitude	15 points
Value as a Club member	15 points
Support Club growth	10 points
Total	100 points

The Mal Blair & Bill McLaughlin Junior Rugby Trophy

Awarded to **William Boyter**

William has been with Briars Junior Rugby since the inauguration which was 8 years ago. During this time, he has shown great commitment to the club, whether helping with the younger players or by spending his Saturdays assisting the seniors by cooking the BBQ or running water when needed.

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.

This year he was the first junior player to play 100 games for the club.

William has shown himself to be a great clubman and is very deserving of this award.

Doug Vanderfield Trophy

Awarded to **Brooke Pryor**

Brooke came to us for across the ditch and has quickly adopted the Briars ethos and culture adding a great energy to the club. Brooke has completed her bachelors in exercise science and psychology and is now completing a Masters in Sports management.

Brooke has been able to use her skills to develop our Juniors, increase female participation, improve the quality of the Briars programs and be a positive role model for all our competitors. She is working for NSW Squash, Thornleigh Squash & Barker Squash, throwing herself at everything to do with participation.

Briars @ Thornleigh is grateful to have such a wonderful human being at the club and look forward to seeing the positive outcomes she brings in the next year.

The Doug Vanderfield Trophy was donated in 1970 by the late R D Vanderfield who was instrumental in commencing Squash in the Club and having it recognised as a major sport.

The Trophy is presented to the squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general.

Points are awarded as follows:

Value as a team member	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	20 points
Keenness as a player	20 points
Improvement as a player	15 points
Conduct on the Squash Court	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

Anne Gleason Jnr. Trophy

Awarded to **Kasper Cheung**

Kasper is the current Australian junior champion in the under 15 boys, but it is his off-court demeanour that has won himself this prestigious award. Kasper is always the first to put his hand up and help out wherever he can, and he frequently jumps on court during junior training sessions to help out kids just starting out their squash journey. Kasper is extremely popular with the other juniors due to his genuine kindness and approachable nature. Whether it be stringing racquets, coaching kids or helping score and referee at tournaments, Kasper is always energetic and can do it all!! Kasper is also our youngest player in Division 1 for Briars in the current spring pennant and he always puts in his best effort every match he plays. For these reasons Kasper is an integral part of our special squash community at Briars, and we know he will keep representing us and making us proud in the future. Congratulations Kasper on winning the 2022 Anne

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

Gleason Award, you are a deserving recipient, and we are lucky to have you.

Anne Burt Trophy

*Awarded to **Nicole Smith***

This year's Anne Burt Trophy recipient was Nicole Smith. Nicole is a dedicated coach who coordinated a seamless grading process early in 2022.

She shows true Briars spirit starting early at Cintra on a Saturday, coaches two teams, mentors several junior coaches and encourages all participants to strive for their best.

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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 **Carole Pomroy***

Carole joined women's bowls in October 2018 and has been of the social committee for the last 3-years.

Carole is a willing worker and always ready to help on other committees organising social events.

This is an award 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 **Bryan Coulthart**.*

Bryan has been involved in Men's bowls for many years both at Greenlees Park and other Bowls clubs including North Manly. His work ethic is second to none at the club and he has been the driver of significant change and innovation across a number of areas. Whilst taking on the general administration of Competitions at Greenlees, he ensures a smooth passage of information to bowlers in respect of play, venues and unforeseen changes. As Vice President Bryan is indispensable in the running and general functioning of Men's bowls.

Perhaps more significantly He shows a deep understanding of the value and role that bowls plays in many Men's lives. A telling example of this became clear during the lockdowns due to Covid. Bryan organised and facilitated online Team meetings on a weekly basis which allowed many to access contact with their colleagues.

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.

On a strategic and forward planning level Bryan is much respected and valued. His initiative to promote an Open Day this year which brings together Men's bowls, Women's bowls and the wider Community is noteworthy.

If this award recognises outstanding contribution to the spirit of community sport, Bryan is an exceptional awardee.

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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 2022.

Directors

The names of the directors who held office at any time during the year ended 30 September 2022 and up to the date of this report are:

Howle, Brett
Jaroszewicz, Michael
Beckhouse, Kylie

Moffitt, Matina
Norris, Kylie
Cilona, Ric

Boyter, Aaron
Price, John

Information on Directors

Name	Position	Eligible Meetings	Meetings Attended	Qualifications
Brett Howle	Director/Chairperson	12	12	Company Director
Matina Moffitt	Director/Treasurer	12	9	Executive Director
Aaron Boyter	Director	12	12	Engineer
Michael Jaroszewicz	Director	12	10	Structural Engineer
Kylie Norris	Director	12	10	Sourcing Manager
John Price	Director	12	11	Company Director
Kylie Beckhouse	Director	12	9	Director Family Law
Ric Cilona	Director	12	12	Retired Scholl Principal

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	2022	2021
Full members	1,021	1,094
Social members	2,615	2,624
	3,636	3,718

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 \$7,272 [2021: \$7,436]

Operating result

The net profit from trading for the year ended 30 September 2022 [after no provision for income tax] amounted to a profit of \$490,884 [2021: Profit \$276,303] after charging depreciation and amortisation of \$639,971 [2021: \$543,695] and includes payments received from the Commonwealth, State and Local governments as a result of COVID-19 of wages subsidies \$29,291, grants totalling \$20,322 and lease payment abatements totalling \$13,899 [2021: included payments received from the Commonwealth, State and Local governments as a result of COVID-19 of wages subsidies \$15,802, JobKeeper \$36,000, grants totalling \$80,245 and lease payment abatements/waived totalling \$24,342]

Review of operation

	2022	2021	Increase (Decrease)	%
Poker machine clearances [net]	\$2,564,280	\$1,896,995	+ \$667,285	+ 35.18
Bar sales	\$1,366,414	\$1,047,600	+ \$318,814	+ 30.43
Operating and overhead costs	(\$4,393,162)	(\$3,750,870)	+ \$642,292	+ 17.12

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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	2022	2021	+/- %
[a] Employees numbers			
• Permanent	5	5	
• Casual	10	10	
[b] Employee remuneration			
• Wages	\$710,622	\$639,709	+11%
• Superannuation	\$75,704	\$63,482	+19%
• Direct on-costs	\$88,835	\$81,914	+8%
[c] Poker machine operations			
• Net poker machine clearances	\$2,564,280	\$1,896,995	+35%
• Return to player [turnover %]	91.00%	91.01%	+0%
[d] Bar operations			
• Bar sales	\$1,366,414	\$1,047,600	+30%
• Cost of sales	\$532,771	\$403,098	+32%
• Gross margin	\$833,643	\$644,502	+29%
• Gross margin to sales	61.01%	61.52%	-1%
• Direct expenses	\$439,876	\$380,545	+15%
[e] Marketing and promotional expenses			
• Member promotions	\$199,843	\$211,435	-5%
• Other marketing and promotional expenses	\$207,333	\$174,959	+18%
[f] Key metrics			
• EBITDA	\$1,167,831	\$858,486	+36%

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DIRECTORS' REPORT [CONTINUED]

Auditor's independence declaration

The Auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 September 2022 has been received and is located below.

Dated at Concord this 12th day of December 2022
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors



.....
Brett Howle, Chairperson



.....
Matina Moffitt, Treasurer

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE *CORPORATIONS ACT 2001* TO THE DIRECTORS OF BRIARS AT GREENLEES LIMITED

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that during the year ended 30 September 2022:

- (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 11th day of December 2022



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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 2022. The discussion and analysis are 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 \$5,559,993 has increased by \$950,638 (20.62%) compared to last year [\$4,609,355], and operating expenses excluding depreciation, amortisation, and finance costs of \$4,393,162 has also increased by \$642,292 (17.12%) from last year [\$3,750,870], resulting in net profit before tax of \$490,883 [income tax: \$ Nil] compared to a 2021 profit of \$276,303 [income tax: \$ Nil].

Individual items and trading conditions that have impacted the 2022 result include:

- The Club was closed due to covid-19 lockdown from 27 June 2021 through to re-opening on Monday, 11 October 2021, so the impact on the club this financial year, if any, is marginal.
- Government assistance and support was provided in the form of:
 - State: Grants supporting operating expenses and wages \$49,613
 - Local: Lease abatement [Cintra Complex; Clubhouse car park] \$13,899
 - **Total** **\$63,512**
- Entertainment, marketing, and promotion expenses increased by \$20,782 (5.38%).
- Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by \$96,276 (17.71%). The major categories impacting this increase were:
 - Building improvements +\$21,537
 - Plant & Equipment +\$30,672
 - Poker Machines +\$34,149
- Employee benefit expenses increased by \$100,542 (12.48%):
 - Employee costs increased following strong increases in bar and poker machine activity.
- Other expenses from ordinary activities increased by \$282,497 (15.61%) and spread across all expense items, but the major items were:
 - Consulting fees +\$68,364
 - Club grants +117,000
 - Cleaning +\$17,940
 - Gas/Electricity +\$17,464
- Poker machine direct expenses [taxes and other expenses] increased by \$107,861 (31.22%) were offset by an increase in net poker machine clearances of \$667,284 (35.18%).
- Bar sales were strong at \$1,366,414 compared to last year of \$1,047,600. An increase of \$318,813 (30.43%):
 - The Club experienced another year of strong bar sales with little impact from the covid-19 lockdown in early October 2021.
 - The gross profit percentage decreased marginally from 61.52% to 60.01%.

Statement of financial position

Briars net assets have increased by \$490,883 or 7.78% since last year. This change consisted of:

- An increase in total assets of \$1,131,256; and
- An increase in total liabilities of \$640,373.

The increase in net assets for the year is mainly attributable to:

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE REPORTS [CONTINUED]

Statement of financial position [continued]

- Net decrease in property, plant, and equipment of \$95,645 on the Right-of-use assets [ROU].
- Net Increase in property, plant, and equipment of \$1,289,350 comprising renovations to the clubhouse, furniture and equipment, and new poker machines.
- Decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$173,713. Payment of Club renovations.
- Increase in other assets of \$89,633. Changes in prepayments and accruals.
- Trade and other payables increased substantially by \$502,480 by an increase of trade creditors and accruals.
- Increased in current financial liabilities of \$149,431. Financing of new poker machines and gaming system.
- Other liabilities decreased by \$128,944 on repayment poker machine deferred payments liabilities.
- Increase in non-current financial liabilities of \$100,095 attributable to the financing of new poker machines and gaming system.

Statement of cash flows

Operating activities provided net cash inflows of \$1,455,053 compared to \$736,733 last year. An increase of \$718,320 (97.50%) due to strong bar and poker machine operations.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$1,452,444 mainly related to the payment of clubhouse renovations, and property, plant, and equipment.

Net cash outflow from financing activities of \$176,322 includes current repayment of financed poker machine and gaming system commitments, and after payment of current lease liabilities [mainly the CINTRA hockey complex].

Cash at year end of the year was \$589,696 compared to \$763,409 last year. A decrease of \$173,713 (22.75%).

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT/(LOSS) AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 September 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Revenue from the sale of goods	1,449,429	1,106,935
Revenue from rendering of services	3,906,591	3,287,179
Other revenue from ordinary activities	203,973	215,241
Total revenue from ordinary activities	5,559,993	4,609,355
Cost of sales	(532,771)	(403,098)
Directors' expenses	(1,866)	(928)
Employee benefit expenses	(905,913)	(805,371)
Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses	(407,176)	(386,394)
Poker machine taxes and other expenses	(453,295)	(345,434)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(2,092,141)	(1,809,644)
Total expenses	(4,393,162)	(3,750,869)
Operating profit	1,166,831	858,486
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(639,971)	(543,695)
Finance costs	(35,976)	(38,488)
Profit before income tax expense	490,884	276,303
Income tax expense	0	0
Net profit for the year	490,884	276,303
Other comprehensive income	0	0
Total comprehensive income for the year	490,884	276,303

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the year ended 30 September 2022

	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Retained Earnings	Assets Revaluation Reserve	Briars Equity Transfer	Total Equity
Balance as at 1 October 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
Net profit for the year	490,884	0	0	490,884
Other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0
Balance as at 30 September 2022	4,296,575	2,160,358	343,837	6,800,770

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 30 September 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	589,696	763,409
Financial assets	5,000	5,000
Inventories	37,004	22,600
Trade and other receivables	56,562	41,894
Other assets	186,005	96,372
Total current assets	874,267	929,275
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	8,904,687	7,710,982
Intangible assets	583,933	591,374
Total non-current assets	9,488,620	8,302,356
Total assets	10,362,887	9,231,631
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	867,536	365,057
Financial liabilities	253,400	103,969
Provisions	425,745	422,756
Other liabilities	100,733	229,677
Total current liabilities	1,647,414	1,121,459
Non-current liabilities		
Financial liabilities	1,891,357	1,791,262
Provisions	23,346	9,024
Total non-current liabilities	1,914,703	1,800,286
Total liabilities	3,562,117	2,921,745
Net assets	6,800,770	6,309,886
Equity		
Reserves	2,504,195	2,504,195
Retained earnings	4,296,575	3,805,691
Total equity	6,800,770	6,309,886

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 30 September 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from members and guests	5,200,911	4,286,999
Payments to suppliers and employees	(4,076,266)	(3,846,327)
Interest received	748	802
Rental income received	342,860	308,563
Cash generated from operations	1,468,253	750,037
Finance costs - CBA line of credit facility and other	(13,200)	(13,304)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,455,053	736,733
Cash flows from investing activities		
Change in financial assets - interest received	0	2,524
Change in financial assets - term deposit matured	0	149,219
Payment for clubhouse improvements	(858,044)	(159,507)
Payment for plant, equipment, and poker machines	(594,400)	(472,736)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(1,452,444)	(480,500)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Other finance - payments	(51,970)	0
Lease liabilities - payments	(124,352)	(110,894)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(176,322)	(110,894)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(173,713)	145,339
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	763,409	618,070
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	589,696	763,409

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 September 2022

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 2022. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2022 is available on request from Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The financial statements are presented in Australian Dollars which is the entity's functional and presentation currency.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the summary financial statements have been derived from and are consistent with the full financial statements of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the financial year.

The summary financial statements do not, and cannot be expected to, provide a detailed understanding of the financial performance, financial position and operating, financing and investment activities of Briars at Greenlees Limited as the full financial report.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by Briars at Greenlees Limited are consistent with those of the financial year unless otherwise stated.

Briars at Greenlees Limited has adopted all new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current year. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of Briars at Greenlees Limited declare that the summary financial report of the entity for the financial year ended 30 September 2022, 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 2022 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 12th day of December 2022



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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 2022, 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 2022. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 12 December 2022.

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 2022 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 13th day of December 2022



Harley, Russell & Day
Chartered Accountants

Garry William Day
Registered Company Auditor

THE BRIARS FOUNDATION LIMITED

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

ABN 92 069 500 161



Summary Financial Report

For the year ended 30 September 2022

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THE BRIARS FOUNDATION LIMITED (ABN 92 069 500 161)
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Statement of Financial Performance

	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
Ordinary Income						
Interest received	173.80	353.84	919.79	1,931.06	1,795.58	1,956.88
Fee Rebate - Advisor Commission		119.86	419.28	215.86	-	-
Donations	13,073.20	-	1,500.00	8,500.00	500.00	8,250.00
Aust Sports Foundation Grant	-	-	-	-	3,786.00	4,091.50
Movement in Net Market Value Investments	-	-	-	-	-	17.37
	13,247.00	473.70	2,839.07	10,646.92	6,081.58	14,315.75
Capital Projects / Grants						
Rugby Enforcer Equipment	-	13,785.00	-	-	-	-
Ted Stockdale Pavilion	-	-	-	-	3,542.00	-
Ted Stockdale Pavilion Donor Wall (W.I.P)	5,848.37					
Memorabilia Wall Feature Boards @ Briars	12,773.20					
	18,621.57	13,785.00	-	-	3,542.00	-
Administration Expenses						
Audit fees	-	-	-	130.00	3,300.00	2,520.00
Bank fees	0.20	0.60	0.20	5.80	1.40	0.80
Board Meeting Expenses	-	-	-	-	245.00	-
Statutory Fees	198.00	383.00	160.00	197.43	418.00	76.00
Insurance Premiums	3,414.86	3,245.66	2,935.00	2,845.44	2,497.12	2,108.57
Ted Stockdale Pavilion Opening	-	-	-	-	1,200.00	-
Postage	-	-	-	-	6.35	7.50
	3,613.06	3,629.26	3,095.20	3,178.67	7,667.87	4,712.87
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	- 8,987.63	- 16,940.56	- 256.13	7,468.25	- 5,128.29	9,602.88

Statement of Financial Position

	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018	FY2017
Current Assets						
Bank Accounts Cash on Hand	110,005.36	113,046.76	130,387.08	130,717.36	115,823.74	119,083.96
Term Deposits	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Investment Products	-	-	-	-	-	-
	130,005.36	133,046.76	150,387.08	150,717.36	135,823.74	139,083.96
Squash Loan - Ball Machine	-	-	-	-	767.78	2,767.78
Briars @ Greenlees Receivable	-	-	-	-	9,480.00	6,980.00
Accrued Income	-	-	57.01	57.86	298.58	357.53
Prepayments	2,070.48	1,970.34	1,871.00	1,636.00	1,696.44	3,084.56
Total Current Assets	132,075.84	135,017.10	152,315.09	152,411.22	148,066.54	152,273.83
Current Liabilities						
Trade creditors	6,046.37	-	357.43	197.43	371.00	-
Accrued Charges	-	-	-	-	2,950.00	2,400.00
Total Current Liabilities	6,046.37	-	357.43	197.43	3,321.00	2,400.00
NET ASSETS	126,029.47	135,017.10	151,957.66	152,213.79	144,745.54	149,873.83
RETAINED EARNINGS/EQUITY	126,029.47	135,017.10	151,957.66	152,213.79	144,745.54	149,873.83

William F Hooker, CPA, NTAA
Honorary Treasurer / Company Secretary

The Briars Foundation Limited

Membership - September 2022



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 *
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	Crockart John †	Khalkhoskhaiko Sanjiv	Scoble David
Appleton Rohan	Durrant Cameron	Lewis David	Tregeagle Philip
Barrett Jim	Guest Doug †	McGill Scott	Tregeagle Richard
Beames Cameron ***	Guille David	McGregor Ian	Tsang Fai
Bell Ken	Haikin Daniel	McLeod Phillip	Tweedale Geoff †
Brennan Scott	Halliday Todd	Matchett Jeff	Unwin Peter
Brooks Lance	Jalalaty Andrew	Mattick Paul ***	Vanderfield Dr Roger †
Callaway Lindsay	Jones Colin	Metcalf John	Wallace Greg
Cooke David	Kable Ken	Price Paul	Wearne Keith
Clarke Michael	Kersey Bob	Richardson Tim	Weber Mal
Critchley Maurice	Kershaw Terry	Roper Paul	Wright George †

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