



**18th Annual Report & Balance Sheet**  
**2022 - 2023**

Presented to Members at the Club Rooms  
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Concord 2137

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# Office Bearers 2022/23

Briars at Greenlees Limited



<b>Past Patrons</b>	C D Walker	2019-2021	D A Walker †	2005-2015
	K Free †	2005-2019		
<b>Life Members</b>	T Cribb			
	P Doherty			
	M Weber			
	J Price			
<b>Past Life Members</b>	G Price †			
<b>Chairman</b>	B Howle			
<b>Board of Directors</b>	B Howle		M Jaroszewicz	
	A Boyter		M Moffitt	
	J Price		K Norris	
	S. O'Brien		R Cilona	
<b>General Manager</b>	J Parle			
<b>Treasurer</b>	M Moffitt FCA			
<b>Auditor</b>	Harley, Russell and Day			
<b>Solicitors</b>	P Mattick & Associates, Turner Freeman			
<b>Sports Management Committee</b>	A Clarke		<i>Briars Senior Cricket</i>	
	D Slater		<i>Briars Senior &amp; Junior Hockey</i>	
	M Nelson		<i>Briars Senior Rugby</i>	
	M. McGrath		<i>Briars Junior Rugby</i>	
	D Lannan		<i>Briars Women's Rugby</i>	
	A Thomas		<i>Briars Senior &amp; Junior Squash</i>	
	K Campbell		<i>Briars Junior &amp; 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



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

## The Briars Sporting Club

Honour Board | Founded 1918



<b>Patrons</b>	C D Walker	2018-2021	R B Clark BEM	1972-1994
	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
<b>Past Presidents</b>	M Weber	2002-2005	E Watt	1948-1953
	P G Mattick	1999-2002	H G Whiddon	1943-1948
	J F Threlfo	1996-1999	R W May	1942-1943
	C R Hickey	1991-1996	E J Siddeley	1939-1942
	R I G Richard	1988-1991	R W May	1936-1939
	P D Richardson	1985-1988	J E Holmes	1935-1936
	I G S Blair	1983-1985	R G Herford	1933-1935
	J H Edmonds	1980-1983	H W Whiddon	1932-1933
	C K Dennis	1976-1980	E J Siddeley	1931-1932
	D A Walker	1973-1976	R W May	1929-1931
	R D Vanderfield	1972-1973	E J Siddeley	1928-1929
	H C Ford	1969-1972	H W Whiddon	1926-1928
	H G Whiddon	1967-1969	E Love	1925-1926
	B U Williams	1965-1967	E J Siddeley	1924-1925
	W A Elder	1962-1965	H W Whiddon	1921-1924
	R J Thomson	1960-1962	J C Meeks	1920-1921



<b>Past Life Members</b>	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
	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
<b>Life Members</b>	R I G Richard	2022		
	I G S Blair	W F Hooker	J F Threlfo	
<b>Vice - Presidents</b>	C R Hickey	C D Walker		
	R Anstey	C J Jones †	G Price †	
	J F Crockart †	K R Kable	J Price	
	P England	H W Lennartz	G Rolleston	
	G Heggarty	P Mansford	S Schomberg	
	M Howell	P G Mattick	J Staniforth	
	G Ireland	R Pontifex	K E Wearne	

## Greenlees Park Bowling Club

Honour Board | Opened 1950

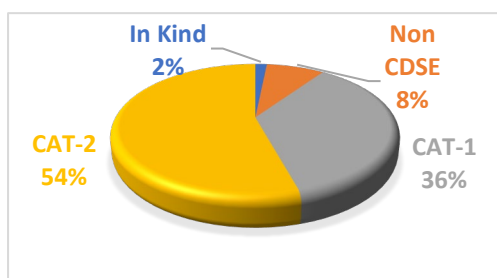


<b>Patrons</b>	J Sneddon	2019-Current	G Durie	1974
	R Buchanan	2014-2018	R Toogood	1970-1973
	K Free OAM	2006-2013	N Lowe	1968-1969
	K Gordon	1994-2005	C London	1966-1967
	J Jackson	1993	A Giblett	1965
	A Huttly	1989-1992	F Billyard	1964

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

# Briars Sports in the Community

## 2022/23 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, non CDSE donations and in-kind donations.

**TOTAL AMOUNT DONATED IN 2022/23: \$59,900.00**

## ClubGRANTS

Category 1 | Supports community welfare and social services.

<b>Concord West Public School P&amp;C Association.</b>	<b>A Yarning Circle for Collaboration &amp; Support:</b>	<b>\$8,180.00</b>
	The yarning circle will involve bringing together students, teachers & community members to engage in discussion and create a safe space conducive to open & honest conversation.	
<b>Mortlake Public School</b>	<b>Yarning Circle:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
	Mortlake PS has identified the need to create a safe and inclusive learning environment where all students feel valued, respected, and heard. A Yarning Circle would provide a unique opportunity for students to engage in meaningful conversations and build their capacity to communicate effectively with others.	
<b>The Royal Life Saving Society NSW</b>	<b>Seniors Lifesaving Skills Refresher:</b>	<b>\$2,320.00</b>
	Royal Life Saving NSW (RLS NSW) will conduct five Lifesaving Skills Refresher workshops, engaging 100 people age 60+ in Canada Bay. The workshops aim to teach/refresh seniors in how to confidently respond to an emergency through providing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This program is designed to empower older people to know that they can save a life, no matter their age.	
<b>The Scouts Association of Australia.</b>	<b>2nd Abbotsford Seas Scouts:</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
	To run a programme teaching 150 11–14-year-old boys & girls to sail, as well as boat safety and maintenance skills. This program uses 11-foot sailing boats which can comfortably be crewed by	

two, enabling youth to experience sailing, develop their skills in a supportive environment and operate the boat safely and independently. (Supervised by our volunteers and the safety motorboat).

## ClubGRANTS

Category 2 | Provides funding for general community development and support activities.

Briars Junior Cricket	\$6,200.00
Briars Junior Hockey	\$6,200.00
Briars Junior Netball	\$6,200.00
Briars Junior Rugby	\$2,500.00
Briars Junior Squash	\$2,000.00
Yaralla Cricket Club	\$4,000.00

## Non CDSE

### Donations

<b>Molong Hockey Club</b>	Funds donated towards rebuilding the Molong sporting and recreational facilities, which were damaged by severe storms and flooding in the area at the start of December 2022.	\$10,000.00
<b>Inner West Minis</b>	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
<b>Concord Touch Football</b>	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
<b>St Marks Primary School</b> Easter Fete	The fete is an important event on the St Marks Primary School calendar, bringing together students, families, staff, and friends to celebrate, have fun and raise valuable funds for the school.	\$500.00

## In Kind

### Donations

<b>Concord Occasional Care</b> Trivia Night Fundraiser	Concord Occasional Care is a not-for-profit local childcare centre relying solely on fundraising. They offer flexible care for members of our community.	2 x \$100 Gift Voucher
<b>Victoria Avenue Public School</b> Father's Day Raffle	Victoria Avenue Public School is a new public school that opened in 2015, who requested support for their fundraising initiative by donating a prize towards their Father's Day Raffle.	2 x \$100 Gift Voucher



**St Patricks Primary School**  
Art Show – 11/11/22

Donation towards the St Patricks auction, which was held during the St Patrick's art show, to raise funds for the school. \$200  
Gift Voucher

**Derek's Place**  
Trivia Night Fundraiser

Derek's Place is a not-for-profit organisation that supports kids with a terminally ill parent. 2 x \$100  
Gift Voucher

# Briars Sports

## Chairman's Report

Brett Howle



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present to members the 18<sup>th</sup> Briars Sports Annual Report for the year ending 30 September 2023.

The past year has been a remarkable period in our club's history marked by significant achievements, both on and off the field. Our sporting fields witnessed exceptional participation for cricket, rugby, hockey, squash, bowls, and netball, which was complimented with record patronage and club turnover.

Briars Sports' continues its commitment with its aim to be the sporting club of choice within our community by providing well administered and well-respected sports. We wish to provide seniors and juniors, men and women, boys, and girls the opportunity to play amateur sport at any level and have an

enjoyable experience whilst doing so. As a local community club our focus is on continually enhancing our club premises for our members, their guests, and visitors.

I am pleased to report that over the past 12 months Briars Sports has been successful on both fronts.

Financially, the club reported a profit of \$297,714 (2022 \$490,884). This includes significant one-off expenses that were incurred during the year, thus affecting the result when compared to the prior year. A truer reflection of the club's performance rests in our EBITDA results of \$1,166,820 (2022 \$1,166,831). We are aware of the current cost of living challenges faced by our members and would like this opportunity to thank our members, their guests, and visitors for their patronage over the past 12 months. Please refer to Matina Moffit's Treasurer's report for great commentary on our financial results.

As a result of the Club's strong performance, the Board was once again happy to support all sports under the Briars and Greenlees Park banners. The total contribution to our sports was \$115,900 and this funding will be used to help with all costs associated with the running of those sports to ensure that they will be able to serve the community from a solid base.

The community funding does not stop with our own sports. The Club contributed \$55,900 to local groups through the Club Grants category 1 and non-Club Grants funding. Further information on individual group funding can be found on page 6 of this annual report.

In early 2023 the expansion of our new gaming room was opened and has been well received by patrons. Other improvements included the ongoing display of our memorabilia around the club, the highlight being the return of the refurbished rostrum within club premises for the benefit of our sports with their post-match day celebrations. 10 Additional external tables were also installed on the playing green to cope with additional demand. Overall, our clubrooms present contemporary and functional spaces for the benefit of members and guests.

Our sporting achievements over the last 12 months have been notable with our playing numbers and results remaining very pleasing. Senior cricket won their 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive club championship. Junior cricket continues to perform strongly, especially with girls' cricket growing with ever increasing numbers. Senior Rugby continue to strive for consistent performances and need to benefit from this year's experiences to make next season better. Junior Rugby performed well notwithstanding the challenges of their sport at a national level. Hockey continues to strive to be one of the top clubs with Sydney and are working hard towards this goal. Squash remains relevant and strong with their refurbished new facilities at Thornleigh proving popular. Our Netball teams remain one of the largest clubs within the Inner West Comp with several

premierships and strong on-field performances over a large range of ages. Importantly Men's and Ladies bowls have had another fruitful year being well patronised and enjoyed by all participants.

Briars Sport is well led by our General Manager Jason Parle. Jason joined us some 6 years ago and the results of his leadership and enthusiasm over these years are evident in how the club has evolved and significantly improved during this time. Jason is well supported by his senior team of Jacinta, Monique, Ben. On behalf of our members my sincere thanks to all our staff for their efforts during the year.

Changes in leadership for some of our sports have occurred over the last 12 months. Anthony Clarke (senior cricket) was replaced by Damian Price, Kate Campbell (Netball) was replaced by Bindi March-Ali, David Slater (Hockey) and Keiron Devlin (Junior Cricket) have also stood down with their replacements to be confirmed. It is obvious that the success of all our sports rests with the leadership, time and effort put in by our respective sporting chairpersons. I wish to express my gratitude to those departing chairs and thank them for a job well done. I also appreciate the commitment of the remaining sport chairs and their committees for the enormous amount of time they dedicate towards their sport. As an amateur sporting club with some 2,000 participants, we rely on the multitude of volunteers to run our sports. At the top of the pile is chairperson and their committee right down to the coaches and managers to make sure we get a competitive team on the field each week. Each year the challenges seem to get greater in terms of running our sports for participation numbers, sourcing income, or keeping costs under control, however all our sports should be proud of their recent achievements.

My thanks also to all the sponsors of all our sports who play an important role in keeping our sports viable. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Canada Bay Council for their pivotal role and assistance during the year. Briars Sports is probably one of the largest users of the council's grounds and facilities and we are grateful for their support and that of the individual council officers that our sports deal with.

During the year Richard Davies took over as operator of The Backyard, being our bistro. Richard and his team have been a welcome addition and have brought some refreshing enhancements to our bistro and food offerings. His hard work since commencing has been evident and we wish him every future success.

My condolences to the families of those club members that passed away during the year. The club especially notes the passing of Ian Steele, Warren Bryan, Robert "Bob" Buchanan, Colin Jones & Mike Mathews.

Finally, my thanks to our Board of directors for their efforts and contributions during the year. The Board can be well pleased with the results of the last 12 months; however, the challenge always remains how we can strive to make the year ahead better than the one before. The Board is always planning for the future and addressing issues for where the club and our sports will be in 5 or 10-years' time. That said, the Board is well balanced in terms of both sport representation and business acumen, which provides a solid foundation for our future performance.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members and sporting players for their contributions over the last year. My sincere appreciation for your patronage and / or participation on the sporting field. I look forward to that continuing in the year ahead and seeing you on the sporting field or around the club sometime.

## Treasurer's Report

Matina Moffitt | FCA - Treasurer



It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Treasurer's report for the year ended 30 September 2023.

The profit for the year was \$297,714 compared to the prior year result of \$490,884.

This was a big year of renovations both for the club premises and the remediation works performed on our investment property held at George Street, Burwood. These major renovations resulted in a business loan of \$631,699 as at year end. 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 2023 financial year profit does not include the profits made by the sports, which amounted to \$202,811. These amounts are carried forward to the financial year ending September 2024 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



I am pleased to present this report as Club Manager for the fiscal year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Over the past year, our club has continued to thrive, navigating challenges while embracing opportunities for growth and improvement.

To all the Sports within the Briars family, congratulations on your achievements throughout 2023, and thank you to our volunteers! Your dedication is what makes Briars the preferred Sports Club for both adult and junior participants.

The essence of our Club thrives through our sports, as we stand by each other in unwavering support.

### **Operational Highlights:**

***Membership Growth:*** Our club has seen a significant increase in membership, showcasing the value and appeal of our offerings. Through strategic marketing efforts and word-of-mouth referrals, we have welcomed a 15% increase in new members, fostering a vibrant and inclusive community.

***Financial Performance:*** Despite economic uncertainties, our club has maintained robust financial stability. Briars Sports has achieved a 17.35% increase in revenue, largely attributed to prudent financial management, enhanced services, and member engagement initiatives.



*Facility Upgrades:* Recognising the importance of providing top-tier amenities, your Board has invested in facility upgrades. These enhancements include an extended alfresco gaming room that opened in December 2022, ensuring that our members enjoy a modern and comfortable environment.

### **Community Engagement and Events:**

Throughout the year, your club has been committed to fostering a sense of community among members. Briars Sports plays host to many community groups that utilise the facilities for no cost to them including painting classes, Sydney Weeds network (they use drones and there were demonstrations over the clubhouse and Greenlees Park) and Asbestos and Dust Diseases Research Institute – ADDRI, this research is an area that has affected Briars Sports intimately and as such is something the Club is proud to support.

### **Acknowledgments:**

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors who comprise representatives from each Sport that play under the Briars and Greenlees Park banners. Your Board continually strives to ensure that Briars is the Club of choice for all who wish to play sports in the local community and that the registered Club continues to evolve.

To the Club managers Jacinta, Ben, Monique and Club Supervisors Alison, Kim, Aiden, Sam C, Sam R and Paige, thank you so much for your hard work! To our casual staff of Ben, Justin, Kaz, Blake, Angelina, Maks, Zet, Sophie and Milly, thank you for helping the Club make members, their guests and those who visit feel welcome.

To Richard and his team in the Backyard, congratulations on settling into the catering operation so well and I look forward to working with you for some time to come.

### **Looking Ahead:**

As the Club moves forward, the focus remains on continual improvement and innovation. Your Board is dedicated to enhancing member experiences, exploring new opportunities for growth, and adapting to evolving trends to ensure your club remains a premier destination for our community.

In conclusion, I am proud of the accomplishments the Club has achieved this year. Thank you to all Sports once again for the support you give to the registered Club and thank you to every member of the Club!

## **Vale Notices**

### **Ian Steele**

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The Briars Bar at 30A George St. Rugby Heaven, has just welcomed a new drinking partner for the other recent arrivals 'Smithy' and 'The Beast'. Steelie will certainly ensure that the bar service available is for the full 24 hours.

Ian Steele passed away in his sleep last Thursday following a long illness with MS with other complications. Steelie played Rugby for The Briars, in the second row, during the 1970's and 1980's.

Ian joined the club in 1972 with some other Homebush Boys' High School friends. He acclimatized to the Briars Bar scene quicker than most. A true stayer and he was often still at the club to greet Ted Stockdale, as he arrived for his early Saturday or Sunday morning admin duties.

Steelie reached icon status being the brakeman in the infamous Christmas Eve shopping trolley escapade down Burwood Rd, towards Westfield. The trolley was out of control and luckily stopped by running onto a car...unluckily it was a Police car. Thankfully the Desk Sergeant on that night saw the funny side of this.

Always the gentleman, polite and thoughtful, Ian would often apologise to any women present at the beginning of the night for any bad language or inappropriate behaviour that may ensue.

At one stage Steelie worked for a bank located across the road from the Club. Probably not great news for either the bank or the club. At this time many members cashed cheques at the club. Ian took this to a new level by borrowing anyone's cheque, madly scribbling in numbers, and crossing out others so he could access cash from his account. Amazingly this was all OK and the cheques were always accepted.

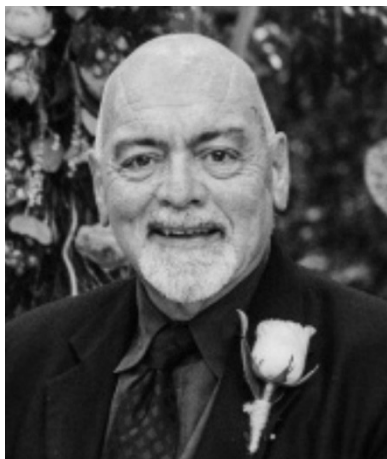
Steelie saved his best performances for tours. In the 1978 USA Rugby tour report he vied for the 'most scores' award only to be pipped by one of the other tourists. Ian had to be satisfied with 'most consistent' award on tour.

He was a caring character, who would regularly keep in touch, regardless of the time or circumstances. His kindness and care were something that all his friends can attest. If there was illness, tough times or you just needed a hand, he was always there for you.

Steelie, you're now free from pain but you will be sadly missed. Condolences to all his family.

## Warren Bryan

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Warren Bryan passed away at John Flynn Hospital on Wednesday. Over the last few years Warren had fought several debilitating health issues culminating with a cancer diagnosis.

He is survived by Auriol and sons Clayton, Mitchell and their families. To them we pass on our heart felt condolences.

Warren joined The Briars Sporting Club in 1975. He was another recruit, like John Kemp, Mike Sterry, David Guille John Threlfo and the late Rod Smith, to come from Canterbury Boys High School. All of these men made sizeable contributions to the club both on and off the field and Warren was no exception.

It was reported that Warren came from Rugby League as a Prop. He quickly became immersed in all aspects of the club. Warren was Social

Chairman for 3 years from 1978 to 1980. He also toured with the 1975 side to New Zealand and again in 1978 to the USA.

In 1978 Coach Bill Leckie noted that Warren was a keen trainer and had captained the Judd side capably until handing it over to a younger player. He also noted that "Warren's speed in the open was only matched by his ability as a goal kicker." Anyone who knew Warren, knows that he wasn't quick.... so did he miss the goal opportunity he gave himself ...we will never know!

Work moved Warren and his family away from Sydney, however he always kept in contact with the club.

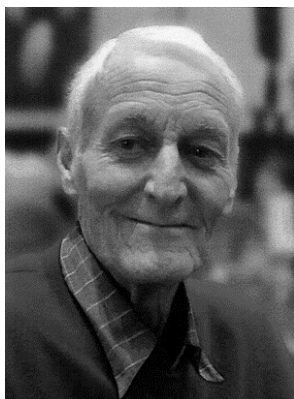
Warren always had a joke and told them extremely well. He contributed to the club's Focus newsletter for many years. When living in Mollymook as 'The Mouth from the South' and when he moved to Queensland 'The Noise from the North'.

Warren was a Rugby League Referee, in New Guinea, NSW and Qld. He was a passionate Western Suburbs Magpies supporter and later a Wests Tigers fan. Winning the 2005 Premiership was definitely a highlight for Warren. The writer was privileged to go to that grand final with him and the experience will never be forgotten.

Warren is now at the Briars Bar, 30A George St, Rugby Heaven. He is probably retelling some of his better jokes to the likes of Smithy and Steelie and other Briars who have recently passed on.

## Robert Buchanan

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To the Buchanan family and the members of Greenlees Park Bowling Club, we join to celebrate the life of our dear friend and mate, Robert Leslie Buchanan.

In reflecting on Bob's remarkable journey, I will focus on his myriad achievements at Greenlees Park Bowling Club, as well as our shared experiences socially and in our business ventures.

I first crossed paths with Bob when he became a part of Empire Ave and joined Greenlees over five decades ago in 1969. It didn't take long for Bob and me to strike up a friendship, leading us to jointly coach and manage junior soccer at Edwards Park Concord, where we experienced considerable success together.

Throughout our 54-year association, Bob has remained an immensely popular and respected figure among our membership. It has been an absolute pleasure to have known him.

Known affectionately as "Flash" among his close friends, Bob embodied this moniker perfectly. Whenever there was a task at hand, Flash was the first to dive in and get it done.

Beyond his successful career in the building industry and as the owner/operator of Buchanan Constructions, Bob generously sponsored the U6, U7, and U8 teams at the Concord Junior Soccer Club. His active involvement extended to managing the teams, while I had the honour of coaching them.

Bob has been an invaluable asset to Greenlees Park Bowling Club over the years, contributing in various capacities from organising Sunday afternoon sausage sizzles to serving as Secretary Manager. His oversight of building works and green repairs further exemplified his commitment. It was fitting that Bob was granted Life Membership of Greenlees Park Bowling Club and later assumed the well-deserved position of Club Patron.

His reputation in the building industry at Mortlake stands as a testament to his remarkable achievements, overseeing numerous successful projects.

Bob and I also delved into small electrical projects within our local community, a testament to his diverse skill set and willingness to lend a hand wherever needed.

Some of our fondest memories were made out on Bob's boat, the Garth, as we zipped up and down the Parramatta River, sharing laughter and creating unforgettable moments.

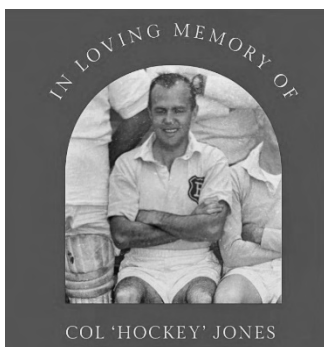
To Bob's family and wide circle of friends, Shirley, and I, along with the members of the ladies' and men's bowling clubs, extend our deepest and most sincere condolences during this difficult time.

Bob "Flash" Buchanan, your memory will forever be cherished among us.

*(Shirley and Brian Huttly JP)*

## Colin Jones

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Col was a member of Briars for over 70 years. He became a member after graduating from Homebush Boys High alongside friends "Hammy" Lennartz, Ted Stockdale, and Brian Williams. Col was renowned for his exceptional skills in hockey and cricket, he earned the AJ Robinson Shield and served as Vice President at Briars Sporting Club. His presence as a player and a friend was greatly cherished and respected.

## Mike Mathews

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Mike Mathews Joined the Briars Sporting Club in 1958, playing rugby in the Centres or Wing position, he also had a few games as a No.10. Mike's combined Sub-District rep games were mainly as Left Wing with the odd game at Out-Centre. Note following rep game program where he played O.C. to John Brass at I.C. who went on to play Union and League for Australia.

Mike coached Rugby at the St. Ives Rugby Club together with other Briars Old Boys from 1972-1974. Under Briars coaching, St. Ives won Club Championships and Premierships.

Mike Mathews sporting achievements as a Briar:

- 1958 - 1967 Briars Kentwell Cup
- 1964 Kentwell Cup Premiers (Invincibles)
- 1964 Club Champions
- 1965 Briars NZ Tour Captain
- 1965 Kentwell Cup Premiers (2 tries in G.F.)
- Combined Sub-District Rep. x 6.
- Briars Management Committee 1964-65
- Briars Rugby Chairman 1965
- Sub-District Board 1962, 1963 & 1964
- Briars Foundation Member.



# Burwood Briars Cricket

## Chairman's Report

Anthony Clarke



### Season Summary

*1st Grade Runners up 13th season in a row that they have made the Finals series.*

*2nd Grade Undefeated Premiers 2022/23 and back-to-back Premiers 15th season in a row that they have made finals.*

*3rd Grade Premiers 2022/23 15th season in a row that they have made finals.*

*4th Grade 16th season in a row that they have been Semi Finalists*

*5th Grade 2nd season they have made the finals.*

*Chappelow Cup Brothers were Semi-finalists, with both Gold, Maroon and Mustangs missing the finals. Under 24's Semi Finalists for this season Club Championship Winners 11th Season in a row*

Season 2022-23 was one of adulation and despair. We were fortunate to secure our record breaking 11<sup>th</sup> successive Club Championship along with Premierships in both 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. This was on the back of great work from the Committee and Captains throughout the season ensuring that teams were able to achieve this remarkable result once again this season.

This success is not taken for granted as every season every Club is keen to beat us and with that, we know that we have worked hard to achieve this, and all players should be proud of what they have done over the season to make this happen.

This season we were able to add to our ever-growing success and once again, we have had our 4 top grades make the semi-finals this now makes it 14 seasons in a row! 5th Grade were once again in the final's series. On top of that we had one of our Chappelow Cup make the semi-finals as well. Great achievement across the Club.

The season started off with mixed results in the lower grades, but once we regained our composure, it all started to kick into place,

1<sup>st</sup> Grade again led the way for the Club by reaching the Grand-Final, however unfortunately went down to Strathfield on the last ball of the match. Another amazingly consistent season from this team.

Congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade who won their Premiership undefeated and back-to-back for the season. in what was a great display against Warringah.

Congratulations to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade who won their Premiership, against Mt Pritchard Southern Districts in excellent display of finals of cricket.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade who unfortunately met a strong Warringah side in the semi-final loss.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade, like 4<sup>th</sup> Grade went down to Georges River losing the qualifying final.

Our Chappelow Cup sides acquitted themselves well this season with the Burwood Briars Brothers team making the semi-finals and losing a close match to eventual Premiers Northwest Sydney. 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.

The teams for the season were led by the skippers Max Squire - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Declan Kenneady - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Alex Favotto - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Mark Smyck - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Brett Howle - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Michael Taberner, Cameron Durranty, Asita Galappatti - Chappelow Cup and Jamie McLeod - Under 24's. Thanks for all your help and support through out 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 so many of you are available to help out when required.

The Club is very fortunate to be able to play on some of the best grounds in Shire's 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 Cameron 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 enquiries, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 sponsor Peter Gardner PGA & Associates This sponsorship has help offset the fees for several of our juniors for the season, and we would like to especially thank him 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 turnout 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>	Gareth Robson
Ted Watt Trophy	<i>Best New talent</i>	Harry McCarthy
Richard Tregeagle Trophy	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Players Player</i>	Brenton Wright
Gerard Price Trophy	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Players Player</i>	Xavier Tregeagle
Anthony Clarke Trophy	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Players Player</i>	James Threlkeld
Peter Mansford Trophy	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Players Player</i>	Amar Warpe
Will Hood Trophy	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Players Player</i>	Mandeep Oberoi
Paul Price Trophy	<i>Under 24's Players Player</i>	Aidan Gardner
Chappelow Cup	<i>Players Player</i>	Biplay Dutta
Bill Hooker Trophy	<i>Masters / Classics Player</i>	Paul Cramise,

## 1st Grade – Runners-Up

Max Squire | Captain

### Highlights

*Throughout the season, we shared great moments and witnessed many outstanding performances.*

*BJ consistently delivered another brilliant all-around season, Tom Burt displayed brilliance during the semi-final and grand final, and Ben Van den Nieuwenhof made an incredible impact with his devastating bowling.*

I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to our dedicated team. Your commitment to our club has made this year an absolute pleasure. Personally, I can honestly say that I've never enjoyed a cricket season as much as I did this year, and I eagerly looked forward to every weekend with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the remarkable contributions of my dear friend Diren Reddy. Since I had the honor of becoming the first-grade captain, Diren has been a cornerstone of our team and an invaluable asset. His exceptional personality and cricketing acumen have a unique quality of elevating every team he's a part of, regardless of his personal achievements. Over the past five seasons in the first grade, Diren's role within the team has evolved,

and this season he solidified his position as one of our most crucial batters, consistently playing a pivotal role in achieving strong totals and leading us to victory. I vividly remember Diren's first net session with the club at St Lukes, and I also had the privilege of captaining him in his first U24s match. Witnessing Diren's personal and cricketing development over the years has been a source of great pride, and he is undoubtedly one of my favorite individuals. I extend my best wishes to him as he embarks on a journey in Germany.

One of the most remarkable aspects of our club, and one of the most challenging, is our relentless pursuit of success. While we may have fallen short this time, I have unwavering confidence that we are on the right path to secure another premiership soon.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to all the supporters and followers of Briars Cricket. Your unwavering support has played a pivotal role in the remarkable achievements of our club this season. Whether you are a player, administrator, or supporter, you have all contributed to this success, and you should take great pride in your contributions.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all our exceptional captains, who have done an outstanding job in leading our teams.

Our committee has once again demonstrated their brilliance, and I would like to extend special thanks to PP, Charlie, and Clarkey for their invaluable support of our team. We deeply appreciate your efforts, and I want to emphasize that your work is not taken for granted; it is integral to our success.

Lastly, I'd like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to my friend DK and his remarkable team. You had an outstanding season and were clearly the best and most consistent team. Your accomplishment as minor premiers and premiers is well-deserved, and we are all immensely proud of your achievements.

### Burwood Briars 1st Grade Statistic - Season 22/23

Max Squire	568 Runs @ 47.3 - 6 Catches
Tom Moffitt	256 Runs @ 25.6. - 14 Catches, 3 Stumping, 3 Run Outs
Tim Rose	168 Runs 15.2 - 8 Catches
Brenton Wright	401 Runs @ 50.1 - 37 Wickets @ 12.7 - 10 Catches
Thomas Burt	268 Runs @ 29.78 - 2 Catches
Ash Squire	52 Runs @ 17.3 - 9 Wickets @ 10 - 2 Catches
Jamie McLeod	308 Runs @ 22 - 4 Catches
Diren Reddy	304 Runs @ 38 - 9 Wickets @ 22 - 6 Catches
Jack Kovacic	31 Runs @ 15.5 - 19 Wickets @ 17 - 1 Catches
Aidan Gardner	176 Runs @ 29.33 - 16 Wickets @ 14.5 - 8 Catches

Matthew Roper	76 Runs @ 10 - 12 Wickets @ 15.6 - 6 Catches
Ben Van den Nieuwenhof	33 Wickets @ 12.8 - 5 Catches
Alex Vendrasco	5 Wickets @ 21 - 2 Catches
Liam Gibson	1 Match 171* Runs

## 2nd Grade | Premiers

Declan Kennedy | Captain

### Season Summary

*Overall, our team had an exceptional season, showcasing remarkable batting and bowling performances, more so bowling performances...*

*We have consistently shown our strength as a unit, and the camaraderie among the players has been outstanding. I am proud to have led such a talented and dedicated group of men.*



Another season in the books, and another remarkable season for the club. Our 11th straight Club Championship was capped off with 2 Premierships. Second grades season was an exceptional season filled with memorable moments, outstanding performances, and remarkable teamwork displayed by all, a typical Briars performance.

### Match Highlights:

#### Round 8 - One Day

In a thrilling one-day encounter at Rothwell Park, we posted a formidable total of 292 runs, with H. Sims scoring an outstanding 150 and D. Kennedy contributing 104. This was a coming-of-age performance from Hugh, look forward to another big season ahead for the young fella! Strathfield managed 215 runs in response, with A. Vendrasco and S. Davis impressing with the ball.

#### Round 7 - One Day

At Greenway Park, our team displayed exceptional batting depth as we chased down a target of 170 set by Mt Pritchard Southern Districts. D. Price and X. Tregeagle shone with the ball, taking key wickets throughout the innings. H. Peters played a pivotal role in the chase with 73 runs, and X. Tregeagle added 41 crucial runs.

#### Grand Final

In a closely contested two-day encounter at Airey Park, we secured a thrilling victory against Warringah by 2 wickets. Bowling first, Warringah got off to a solid start however AV, Damo, Xavier and Kanga swung the momentum back our way. X. Tregeagle's impressive bowling figures of 4-30 and A. Vendrasco's 3-54 played a significant role in restricting Warringah to 139 runs. In reply, Xavier and Harry once again stood up and guided us to stumps putting together a 50 Run Partnership before X fell with only minutes left to play on day 1. We returned the next morning with Damo performing the night watchmen role superbly, outlasting the batsmen he was protecting. Pete McKell turned the game in our favour, smashing some brutal boundaries before Kanga and AV took us past Warringah's first innings, and adding another 50 Runs to the total before the game was called.

Overall, our team had an exceptional season, showcasing remarkable batting and bowling performances, more so bowling performances... We have consistently shown our strength as a unit, and the camaraderie



among the players has been outstanding. I am proud to have led such a talented and dedicated group of men.

As we look forward to the next season, we will continue to build on our successes, and work on adding a few more runs on the board for our bowlers. Congratulations to all the players for their hard work and dedication and congratulations to Fav and the 3rd Grade boys on your premiership.

#Theresonlyoneburwoodbriars

## Batting

Player	M	I	NO's	100's	50's	6's	4's	HS	RUNS	AVE
Abood, Henry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Allen, Isaac	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	16	31	15.5
Arnold, Ned	6	4	3	0	0	0	0	6*	9	9
Arora, Neeraj	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5
Barton-Bissaker, Kale	9	7	0	0	0	1	9	37	123	17.57
Bastow, Brett	12	8	1	0	1	0	17	51*	105	15
Buchanan, Tom	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	10	16	8
Davis, Stephen	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	2*	2	2
Dawson, Adrian	4	3	0	0	0	0	2	28	46	15.33
Gardner, Aidan	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Harrington, Matthew	5	5	1	0	0	0	7	42*	107	26.75
Karkare, Sanket	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	38	38	38
Kennedy, Declan	13	12	2	1	0	5	23	104*	271	27.1
khandelwal, Rahul	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mahajan, Atul	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maxwell, Philip	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	11
McKell, Peter	9	9	0	0	0	5	19	25	147	16.33
Pendyala, Vrish	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Peters, Alexander	5	4	1	0	0	0	2	7*	19	6.33
Peters, Harry	14	14	2	0	1	1	21	73	244	20.33
Price, Damian	12	9	2	0	0	0	3	15	58	8.29
Sims, Hugh	10	10	1	1	0	1	28	150*	297	33
Tregeagle, Xavier	10	9	5	0	2	0	18	79*	287	71.75
Vendrasco, Alex	10	6	3	0	0	1	9	21*	95	31.67
Vendrasco, Karl	12	11	1	0	2	5	14	62	232	23.2

## Bowling

Player	W	M	O	5fa	BB	Avg	SR
Price, Damian	33	33	116	2	5\14	8.27	21.09
Vendrasco, Alex	27	40	132	0	4\20	11.81	29.33
Tregeagle, Xavier	21	20	88.3	0	4\11	10.43	25.29
Bastow, Brett	16	33	89.5	0	3\16	11.56	33.69
Davis, Stephen	15	16	57.1	0	4\10	8.07	22.87
Mahajan, Atul	7	7	14	0	3\3	3.86	12
McKell, Peter	7	6	22.2	0	3\1	9.86	19.14
Arnold, Ned	6	6	30.4	0	4\16	16.5	30.67
Gardner, Aidan	6	2	16.5	0	4\23	12.5	16.83

Dawson, Adrian	3	14	40	0	3\9	28	80
Arora, Neeraj	2	4	12	0	2\29	14.5	36
Barton-Bissaker, Kale	2	1	7	0	1\5	12.5	21
Buchanan, Tom	2	0	5	0	2\17	8.5	15
Sims, Hugh	2	0	13	0	2\48	24	39
Allen, Isaac	0	0	1	0	0\11		
Kennedy, Declan	0	0	5.3	0	0\8		
khandelwal, Rahul	0	0	3	0	0\13		
Maxwell, Philip	0	3	14	0	0\41		
Pendyala, Vrish	0	0	5	0	0\24		21.09

### Fielding

Player	Catches	Runouts	Stumpings
Peters, Harry	16	2	3
Bastow, Brett	11	0	0
Kennedy, Declan	7	0	0
McKell, Peter	5	0	0
Tregeagle, Xavier	4	0	0
Vendrasco, Karl	4	1	0
Arnold, Ned	3	1	0
Barton-Bissaker, Kale	3	0	0
Price, Damian	2	1	0
Vendrasco, Alex	2	0	0
Davis, Stephen	1	0	0
Gardner, Aidan	1	0	0
Harrington, Matthew	1	0	0
karkare, sanket	1	0	0
Dawson, Adrian	1	0	0
Buchanan, Tom	1	0	0
Sims, Hugh	1	0	0
Peters, Alexander	1	0	0
Khandelwal, Rahul	1	0	0
Pendyala, Vrish	1	1	0

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

Alex Favotto | Captain

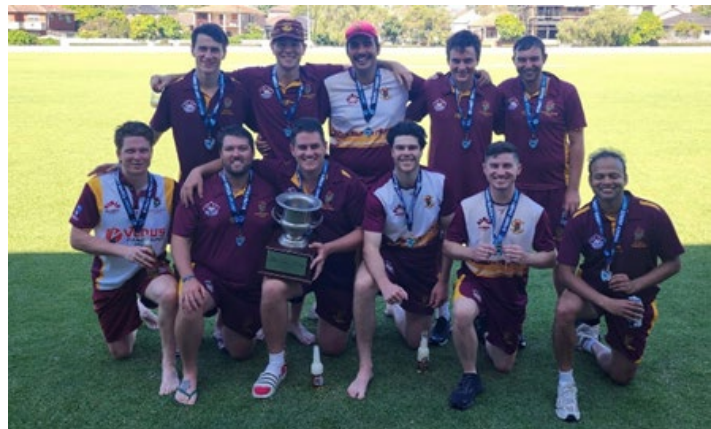
### Highlights

#### Batting

- Sanket Karkare – 315 runs
- Alex Favotto – 317 runs

#### Bowling

- James Threlkeld – 33 wickets @ 11.3
- Harry Lee – 17 wickets @ 11.24
- Douglas Cullen - Balmain
- James Thelkeld - Strathfield
- Harry Lee -Strathfield



The 3rd-Grade team experienced a journey that will be etched in their memories forever. This season was defined by a remarkable squad and epic finals run that showcased the true spirit and determination of our players.

Our campaign began with a strong start, clinching a bonus point victory in Round 1 against Auburn, followed by an outright win against Balmain South Sydney and two more victories in the two-day games. However, we faced a challenging period midway through the season, enduring a run of losses in the one-day matches, coupled with a draw against table-topping Epping. Despite this challenging phase, our early successes kept us in contention for a top sixth spot. Entering a pivotal phase, we needed maximum points from the final two regular season matches to secure a spot in the finals. With unwavering determination, we achieved a vital outright win against Pennant Hills and repeated the feat against Roseville, accumulating 20 points in the process and finishing the regular season in 3rd place.

The thrill of the finals began at Airey Park, our home away from home due to the success of our 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teams. In the qualifying final against Auburn, our batting struggled, but a resilient effort from Phil Maxwell and Adrian Dawson led us to a total of 144. Auburn seemed poised for victory at 3-60, but outstanding bowling performances from Adrian Dawson and James Threlkeld led us to bowl them out for 114, securing our place in the next round.

In the semi-final against historically challenging opponents Strathfield, our batting faltered, but Harry Lee's determination allowed us to post 117. In response, a sensational bowling performance by James Threlkeld and Harry Lee triggered an epic collapse, with Strathfield losing 8-8. The team's belief in our ability to win, no matter the situation, proved crucial.

The Grand Final against Mounties proved to be a relatively stress-free affair. Batting first, we capitalised on a good pitch, amassing 199 runs thanks to contributions from Adrian Dawson, Alex Peters, Alex Favotto, and Sankeet Kakare. Our bowlers, led by James Threlkeld's four wickets and supported by Adrian Dawson and Harry Lee, consistently took wickets. Mounties never gained momentum, and our team emerged victorious, securing the title in a fitting celebration of our hard-fought season.

This season will be remembered not just for the victories but for the unwavering spirit, resilience, and teamwork displayed by our 3rd-grade team. Each player's dedication and passion contributed to this remarkable journey, making it a season to cherish and a testament to the true essence of Briars Cricket.

In my first year as captain, I'm grateful for the support of Anthony Clarke, Brett Howle, and Declan Kennedy. Congratulations to DK and second grade on their premiership win, and heartfelt condolences to first grade on their loss. To my fellow captains and all players, your contributions make Briars Cricket exceptional. Let's aim for a record-breaking 12th club championship together. Here's to another great season ahead!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade | Semi Finalists

Mark Smyck | Captain

### Highlights

*Henry Lester's demolition of Lane Cove's bowling attack, scoring 116 not out including a towering six to bring up his ton.*

*Anton Demark's patient, chanceless knock of 132 not out against Warringah, which placed the team in a strong defending position.*

*Neeraj Arora who demolished Georges River, taking 5/6 in 5.5*

After 6 out of the last 7 years as skipper, Lloyd Andrews stepped down and gave me the opportunity to take over and continue the legacy he had created as leader. Winning 3 premierships in this time, 4<sup>th</sup> grade has set the benchmark for the other grades by their show of dominance in the competition keeping themselves in the hunt every season. I want to thank Lloyd for everything he has done for the team and for the club. Being a great mate of mine, I appreciate all the support he has given me, inside and outside of cricket, and the opportunity to lead the side he has moulded.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade had another good 2022/23 season, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the competition and making it to the semifinals, where unfortunately we got outplayed by Warringah. Through the season, we managed 6

overs.

*Isaac Allen, our resident pom for the season, finishing his stint in Australia on a high, with a 63 in the Qualifying Finals against NW Sydney.*

*The opening partnership of Amar Warpe and Neeraj Arora in the match against NW Sydney was impeccable taking 8 of the 10 wickets to guarantee us the first innings win and a spot in the Semi-finals.*

wins, with two matches being abandoned due to weather. These two matches could have ultimately put us in a better position on the table for the end of season.

The team started the season with a loss against Auburn, poor fielding led to Auburn getting away from us. The batting was also not as good as expected, and we finished well short of Auburn's total. The team improved from there and had a string of wins with only one loss to Strathfield in tight match just before the Christmas break.

After the break, the team ran into some mixed fortune with an easy win against Georges River but after two disappointing losses against Epping and Pennant Hills we were just holding onto our position in

the top six to make it into the finals. A win against the top placed Roseville could solidify our spot in the finals. Batting first we scored 225. In reply, Roseville played like they had already won the minor premiership and we were swiftly bowled out for 88. We were once again unable to gain an outright win.

In the quarter finals we played the minor premiers NW Sydney, it was our first match against each other for the season as bad weather abandoned our round match. This was our strongest performance for the season. Winning the toss and with a healthy total of 224 runs, we had plenty of overs to bowl at NW Sydney who, at the end of day 1, were 5/80. On the morning of day 2, there was not too much resistance from their lower order batters as we dismissed NW Sydney for 115. We went back into bat and put the game out of reach for the home side as we made 1/115 by lunch and the match was called off.

Going into the semi-finals against Warringah we were hoping for another close game. The toss of the coin would be make or break for either team as batting first at Frank Gray tends to be the more favourable option. Warringah won the toss and batted a hot, breezeless day with the outfield more compared to carpet than short cut grass as any ball that got through the infield carried onto the boundary. Warringah made 289 and we finished 0/4 after day 1. Day 2 felt like we were in a different part of the world. It was cold, windy, and most balls that passed through the infield held up making the chase even more challenging. Unfortunately, our season ended that day, well short of their total.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade made history this season by welcoming Zoya Thakur, the first female player to play for Burwood Briars Cricket. Zoya made a huge impact with her bat against Balmain South Sydney, making an unbeaten 40. She partnered up with Lloyd Andrews, who himself made 62 not out, for a combined partnership of 97 runs. Zoya handled the opposition bowling with ease and patience. She couldn't bowl for us, but she is a handy all-rounder who will be one to look out for in the future of women's cricket.

I want to congratulate all the captains for their amazing efforts throughout the season in making 2022/23 another massive success for the club. To Declan Kennedy and his undefeated 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade premiership season, Alex Favotto and his first premiership as Captain of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Max Squire and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade making the Grand final but falling so agonisingly short from victory, Jamie Mcleod on getting the Under 24's boys to the Semi-finals, Anthony Clarke and Brett Howle also getting 5<sup>th</sup> grade to the Semifinals. To our Chappelow Cup skippers, well done to Michael Taberner and Asita Galappatti on getting Maroons and Brothers into the Chappelow Cup Semi-finals, as well as Cameron Durrant & Tejas Parikh for their efforts as captains of Gold and Mustangs. Having so many teams finish so late in the season shows the strength that this amazing club has built over the many seasons to be the most successful club in Shire's cricket history.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who worked behind the scenes and those on the committee, Paul Price with his match updates on our socials, Paul Roper and Graeme Durrant on their duties as scorers for 1sts, 2nds, under 24s or any grade lucky to have them at their match, Brett Howle and his efforts with selections, training and other bits of housekeeping and our Chairman, Anthony Clarke, who represented the club on the Shires Sub-Committee. Anthony and Brett have been pivotal to the success of Briars, continuing the legend that was Gerard Price. I have always appreciated the hard work that "Charlie" and "Clarkey" have put into Briars Cricket.

Theres only One Burwood Briars!

## Batting

Player	M	I	NO's	100's	50's	0's	4's	6's	HS	RUNS	AVE
Lester, Henry	7	7	2	1	0	2	9	2	116	248	49.60
Burkhart, Alexander	11	11	1	0	0	0	7	0	42	213	21.30
Smyck, Mark	11	9	0	0	1	0	14	2	72	205	22.78
Cullen, Douglas	6	5	1	0	1	0	16	3	78	192	48.00
Demark, Anton	6	4	2	1	0	0	8	0	132	182	91.00
Pendyala, Vrish	9	7	1	0	0	0	13	0	42	168	28.00
Brennan, Scott	11	11	0	0	0	1	13	0	25	145	13.18
Andrews, Lloyd	8	6	1	0	1	1	13	0	62	109	21.80
Allen, Isaac	7	6	1	0	1	2	6	2	63	108	21.60
Arora, Neeraj	7	5	1	0	1	1	11	0	59	100	25.00
Khalkho, Sanjiv	12	8	1	0	0	4	2	0	15	44	6.29
Warpe, Amar	12	6	4	0	0	1	2	0	23	44	22.00
Thakur, Zoya	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	40	40	-
Threlkeld, James	5	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	23	38	19.00
Abood, Henry	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	22	30	15.00

## Bowling

Player	M	O	M	R	W	5Wi	BBI	AVE	STR	ECN
Warpe, Amar	12	126.2	34	299	26	1	5\42	11.5	29.15	2.37
Arora, Neeraj	7	60.5	16	164	17	1	5\6	9.65	21.47	2.7
Pendyala, Vrish	9	73	18	195	14	0	3\28	13.93	31.29	2.67
Khalkho, Sanjiv	12	110	26	267	13	0	3\7	20.54	50.77	2.43
Benchoam, Jack	6	81.3	33	152	10	0	3\14	15.2	48.9	1.87
Cullen, Douglas	6	30	7	90	6	0	3\14	15	30	3
Metcalfe, Greg	1	22	6	52	5	0	3\28	10.4	26.4	2.36
Allen, Isaac	7	37	13	80	4	0	2\7	20	55.5	2.16
Lester, Henry	7	35.4	11	89	4	0	2\4	22.25	53.5	2.5
Threlkeld, James	5	41	2	160	4	0	2\47	40	61.5	3.9
Potter, James	8	46	9	168	4	0	1\17	42	69	3.65
Pannuti, Paul	2	16	7	25	3	0	2\17	8.33	32	1.56
Papathanasiou, John	2	22	5	58	3	0	3\41	19.33	44	2.64
Burkhart, Alexander	11	18.3	2	96	3	0	1\9	32	37	5.19
Gordon, Michael	4	12	1	41	2	0	1\14	20.5	36	3.42

## Fielding

Player	Catches	Runouts	Stumpings
Brennan, Scott	9	0	2
Warpe, Amar	5	0	0
Cullen, Douglas	5	1	0
Andrews, Lloyd	5	0	0
Burkhart, Alexander	4	0	0
Pendyala, Vrish	3	3	0
Potter, James	3	0	0

Arora, Neeraj	2	0	0
Khalkho, Sanjiv	2	1	0
Benchoam, Jack	2	0	0
Lester, Henry	2	0	0
Gordon, Michael	2	1	0
Smyck, Mark	2	0	0
Metcalfe, Greg	1	0	0
Allen, Isaac	1	0	0
Ganguly, Saurabh	1	0	1
Demark, Anton	1	0	0

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade | Qualifying Finalists

Brett Howle | Captain

Returning in 22/23 as the defending undefeated premiers, 5<sup>th</sup> grade were not able to repeat the success of the prior season but did make the finals by finishing 6<sup>th</sup> during the regular season, only to bow out during the first week of the semifinals.

Overall, the season can be viewed as a success as we won more games than we lost, were competitive on most occasions, welcomed many new players to the club, and always had fun during the season enjoying each other's company. As is usual for each new season, a host of new and younger faces joined the side including Harry McCarthy and James Kelly, amongst others. This group, together with the usual older faces generally made up the core of the side for the season ahead.

After the 20 rounds of the regular season, we finished in 6<sup>th</sup> position playing 17 games, winning 11 and losing 6 with 2 washouts and a bye. Pleasingly, we had to win our last few games to give ourselves a chance to make the semis and we achieved this with a solid win against Auburn in the last round.

The semi-final had us play minor premiers Georges River with them batting first for 221 from their 40 overs. Unfortunately, we lost early wickets and were never in the chase to finish our 40 overs at 7/95 in an underwhelming performance by us.

Some individual highlight during the year included.

Vrish Pendalaya; 75\* v Pennant Hills, Harry Lee; 103\* vs Lane Cove, Chris Smith 49\* Rd 2 vs Lane Cove, Anton Demark; 49\* vs Epping, 50\* vs Lindfield, 55 vs Epping, James Kelly, 76 vs Epping. Harry McCarthy; 53 vs Auburn, 66\* vs Roseville. Johnno Powell; 66 vs Auburn, Lloyd Andrews; 51 vs Roseville. Mandeep Oberoi; 52 v Warringah. 4-35 vs NWS, 61 vs Souths, Peter Warne; 4-7 vs Souths, Michael Towells; 137 vs Georges River, Michael Gordon 4-38 vs Georges River, Jack Benchoam 4-17 vs Lane Cove, Peter Burkhart; 52 vs Auburn

Overall, we used 38 players during the season, with 24 players playing 3 games or less as is the nature of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Importantly, there are several of the younger players during 5s this year that are clearly capable of playing in the higher grades and they should see that as their target for next season as their cricket matures as they get older.

Mandeep Oberoi was awarded the Players Player trophy for his consistent performances with either bat or ball during the season.

Pennant Hills were premiers for the season; however, it was very pleasing to have one of our best wins of the season in Round 16 whereby we defended our 138 by dismissing them for 80 after they were 2-52.

A majority of the teams we play against are standalone sides in that they don't integrate with the other teams of their own club by promoting or relegating player selections based on performance. Some sides have players that are clearly too good for fifth grade, however they would rather be a big fish in the small pond of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Pleasingly, our side held their own against these sides on most occasions, notwithstanding the greater experience and ability of the opposition.



My congratulations to the whole playing group within the club for winning our 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive club championship. This is simply a phenomenal and unprecedented achievement. Briars Cricket is the sum of it parts so well done to all players that contributed to this success during the year. In order of importance, we are always a club first followed by the respective sides, then the individual. Condolences to first grade for their heartbreaking loss in the final. Whilst accolades to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on their premierships win.

The success of cricket rests with those willing to put their hand up to help and make a difference. Anthony Clarke as Cricket Chairman is to be congratulated for all the hard work he put into the season to make sure it was the success it was. No one will quite appreciate the enormous amount of time and effort Anthony put in during the season in conjunction with his additional role on the Shires subcommittee of management.

Our challenge as a club and playing group is to make sure we strive for our continued success by making each season better than the one before. We are the club to beat. We have a strong culture which must never be taken for granted but rather nurtured and promoted for the next generation of players to enjoy the same success as we have in recent times.

My thanks to all those who put on the Briars cap for 5s during the season.

## Season Results

Played	Won	Draw or washout	Tied	Bye	Loss	Points	Position
17	11	2	1	6	74	6th	17

## Statistics

Player	Mat	Inn	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Best	Ct / S
J Benchoam	7	2	0	0	0	0	38	103	8	12.9	4-17	2
P Burkhart	4	4	3	52*	128	128						
A Clarke	14	4	1	8	11	3.67	93.5	301	20	15.1	3-7	2
A Demark	7	7	2	55	199	39.8						
H Fisher	11	10	1	24	80	8.9	41	172	7	24.6	2-11	1
S Ganguly	9	9	0	46	160	17.8						2
M Gordon	7	3	2	23*	32	32	37	145	8	18.1	4-35	4
J Kelly	10	9	0	76	189	21.0	17.3	78	4	19.5	2-27	4
B Howle	16	11	6	19*	70	14.0						
M Oberoi	14	14	2	61	269	22.4	92	325	16	20.3	3-8	2
J Papathansiou	6	5	2	57	14	19.0	28.2	83	5	16.5	3-11	1
C Smith	10	9	1	49*	151	21.6	2.4	13	0	-	-	0
M Towells	7	7	220	137	220	31.4	6	42	0	-	-	1
P Warne	7	4	1	2	3	1	42.3	180	11	16.4	4-7	0

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

## D.C. Cup - Gold

Cameron Durrant | Captain

### Season Summary

*One of the standout moments of the season was witnessing the impressive performances of Kyron Thapa and Will Sims. Both players*

I want to express my gratitude to the senior cricket Chairman Anthony Clarke for entrusting me with the captaincy of Briars Gold. I hold great respect for Anthony and all the captains who work tirelessly, coordinating and communicating with numerous players through countless messages and calls to ensure we field a team of over 77

*were part of the opening lineup in the first game, their contributions were indicative of the potential within our team and added a layer of excitement to our season.*

players each week. Their dedication is truly commendable, and I'm fortunate to have their support.

Briars Gold had a challenging season in the 40-over Chappelow Cup competition, sharing the field with Briars Maroon. This grade primarily serves as a developmental platform for younger players, many of whom were experiencing their first season playing on turf wickets and

competing against seasoned adults, often twice their age. This transition from junior cricket to the senior level represented a significant step up in terms of competition, surpassing the standards of several 4th grade sides.

One of the standout moments of the season was witnessing the impressive performances of Kyron Thapa and Will Sims, both of whom were part of the opening lineup in our first game, making their 4th grade debuts this season. Their contributions were indicative of the potential within our team and added a layer of excitement to our season.

Throughout the season, a total of forty-five players represented Briars Gold, with most of them only getting the opportunity to play 2-3 games. This constant rotation led to the team's balance fluctuating from week to week, posing a unique challenge for consistency. Despite these challenges and the limited exposure our players had, it was encouraging to note that, as a team, we remained competitive in the majority of our games.

While the season may have seen us secure only one victory, it is essential to highlight the progress made by our young and inexperienced team. The exposure to higher-level competition and the opportunity to develop our skills on turf wickets against experienced adult opponents will undoubtedly pay dividends in the future. This season was a valuable learning experience, and we look forward to building upon it in the seasons to come.

### **Season Highlights and Notable Moments:**

**Om Mogali's Hat-Trick:** Om Mogali's outstanding performance, taking 5/10 in a match, including a remarkable hat-trick against Strathfield, was undoubtedly one of the season's standout moments. His bowling prowess left a lasting impact.

**Bailey and Thapa's Partnership:** Jack Bailey and Kyron Thapa's remarkable 104-run partnership for the 4th wicket was a high point in a match against Briars Maroon. Both players notched up their maiden half-centuries for the club, showcasing their batting prowess.

**Thapa and Captain's Partnership:** The 88-run 3rd wicket partnership between Kyron Thapa and the team's captain was another memorable moment. Both batsmen got out in consecutive balls, epitomizing the ups and downs of the season.

**Catching Misfortune for Thapa and Balaji:** Kyron Thapa and Abhijeet Balaji's unfortunate experience of having a single fielder drop three catches in consecutive balls was a testament to the unpredictable nature of the game.

### **Junior Standouts:**

- **Cooper Adaimy:** Not only did he demonstrate a solid technique and defense, but his commitment to the team by spectating matches he wasn't selected for showed his dedication.
- **Ismail Arshad Meyer:** Despite missing the first half of the season due to school commitments, he quickly became a valuable asset as an opening bowler, showcasing impressive bowling skills.
- **Yahiya Arshad Meyer:** With his remarkable talent, including a classy 36\* against Roseville and 20 against Auburn, Yahiya displayed immense potential. His vicious off-breaks impressed, even though they occasionally spun too much.
- **Ibrahim Iqbal:** A promising all-rounder who excelled as an opening bowler, displayed batting prowess, and proved to be a reliable fielder despite his limited appearances due to overseas trips.

- **Kyron Thapa:** A true all-round talent who consistently stood out. His top-order batting skills were evident when he scored his first 50 against Briars Maroon. His leg-spin added value to the team, and he showcased exceptional athleticism with 9 dismissals, including 5 catches and 4 run-outs.
- **Jarrold Walsh:** Although not a junior, Jarrod's first season for Burwood Briars was notable. A top-order batsman, he was finding form with several 20+ scores before an unfortunate wrist injury ended his season prematurely.

Despite the challenges faced during the season, these highlights and the contributions of these players are a testament to the talent and dedication within the Briars Gold team.

### Batting

Player	Runs	INNINGS	NO's	Average	HS	Catches
Cameron Durrant	256	15	0	17.07	40	20
Kyron Thapa	188	12	1	17.09	50	5
Yahiya Arshad Meyer	120	13	1	10	36*	5

### Bowling

Player	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowler	Average	Econ
Kyron Thapa	84	381	12	3/25	31.75	4.54
Yahiya Arshad Meyer	54	209	9	2/13	23.22	3.87
Ismail Arshad Meyer	35	153	8	4/10	19.13	4.31

I thoroughly enjoyed my first year on the field as captain of Briars Gold. It's been a phenomenal experience to watch the development of some promising young juniors who will hopefully become the lifeblood of Briars for years to come.

Congratulations to DK and Fav for their 2nd and 3rd-grade premierships, and kudos to all who played last season, contributing to our 11th straight club championship. With our club's strength, depth, and culture, there's no doubt we can aim for 12 in a row. Let's keep the success rolling!

There is Only One.

## D.C. Cup - Maroon

Michael Taberner & Asita Galappatti | Captains

The season. 41 different players represented Briars Maroon throughout the 18 round season, with only 6 players automatically qualifying for the finals match, having been required to have played 7 out of those 18 games. We were able to make the Qualifying Final, placing 8th, with nothing else needing to be said about that match... A success for some clubs, but not at Briars.

Season 2022/23 for Briars Maroon was nothing if not "Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda". Even so, we were competitive. We were able to maintain a balance of youth, experience, fitness, and fatigue throughout. We won games we had no right to win, lost games that were unlosable, had washouts when the sun was bright, and in one particular instance, one of the only teams to play in Sydney due to the condition of the pitch (thanks to our amazing groundsman for that one!). Many who represented Maroon learnt what it meant to play with Briars by way of expectation, as well as giving some younger players an opportunity to transition into senior Shires cricket. Special thanks go to the parents of the junior players coming through, often being asked quite late in the week to play, with details as to when and where their son was playing - with special mention to Emma and Darren Sims, for being so willing to go to Greenway on at least 3 separate occasions throughout the season!

A key moment, and favourite this season was coming off the ground thinking we had won, 9 down, with one

over remaining, chasing a mammoth total (it was under 70 runs), only to discover the books did not add up correctly. As the light dwindled, we put our pads back on, trudged back out, took guard, argued over whether a bowler had completed his allocated overs or not, only to have the bowler spray it down leg side for us to scamper through and win (convincingly) with a bye. This was Round 1...

Mainstay of the team throughout the season, and worth mentioning:

- **Michael Taberner** - (C) - 16 matches - no contribution
- **Jeffrey Burt** - 10 matches - 14 wickets
- **Biplav Dutta** - 14 matches - 21 wickets
- **Jake Narayan** - 9 matches - 19 wickets
- **Peter Warne** - 7 matches - 9 wickets
- **Will Sims** - 9 matches - 44 runs, and his first Briars wicket
- **Zachariah Thorne** - 7 matches

Other players this season included:

Anthony Ciano, Adam Alesci, Cooper Adaimy, Ritesh Desai, Fazal Chishti, Ismail Arshad Mehar, Yahiya Arshad Mehar, Sanjan Naganathan, James Bale, Ali Smith, Daniel McAdam, Om Mogale, Christopher Smith, Max Christensen, Nick Crowther, Jack Bailey, Michael Gordon, Anton Demark, Liam Hill, Saurabh Ganguly, James Kelly, John Papathanasiou, Andrew Blaikie, Scott Brennan, Cameron Durrant, Andrew Blaikie, Mandeep Oberoi, Tristan Stansfield, Scott Brennan & Aiden Chen

## D.C. Cup - Brothers

Asita Galappatti | Captain

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The Briars Brothers embarked on a journey this season with the singular vision of making it to the final of the Chappelow Cup. Displaying sheer determination and sportsmanship, the team notched up an impressive 10 victories out of 14 matches. It was a season edged with thrilling moments, as the Brothers finished a whisper away from claiming the minor premiership, missing out by the slimmest margin of just one point.

### Season Stats: Batting Brilliance

Leading the batting charge was Asita Galappatti, whose blade danced to the tune of 404 runs, averaging a solid 44.89. His maiden century for the club, an unbeaten 102\* against Auburn at Mona Park, was the highlight, marking him as the top run-scorer for Burwood in the Chappelow Cup. Ashish Surat and Sibi John added firepower to the lineup with 236 and 206 runs respectively, setting the grounds ablaze with their consistency.

### Bowling Prowess

The bowling arena was ruled by Vaidya Panch with a scintillating 21 wickets at an average of 8.76. His armoury included two five-wicket hauls, cementing his place as the season's leading wicket-taker. Ashish Surat complemented the attack with 20 wickets and an impressive average of 8.25, along with a five-for against the Auburn Eagles.

### Challenges and Spirit

A persistent hurdle for the team was fielding a complete XI each week, testing the depth and resolve of the squad. Yet, the spirit of the Briars Brothers never wavered, with camaraderie shining through as the bedrock of their impressive season.

### Season Reflection

Navigating through the season, the Briars Brothers demonstrated an exceptional level of resilience and teamwork. Each member's ability to assume responsibility and provide support where needed speaks volumes of their collective leadership and tactical awareness. The semi-final loss, while disheartening, serves as a poignant reminder and a motivator for the potential heights the team can reach. The strong camaraderie

and trust that the players share are the lifeblood of the team's philosophy and the key to their successful season.

## Looking Forward

While the Brothers have shown formidable form this season, they remain poised and hungry for the next. The unity and shared passion for the game suggest that this team has more chapters to write in the saga of the Chappelow Cup. Until then, they carry with them the experiences, achievements, and lessons from a season truly well played.

## Notable Batting Stats

Player	Runs	Average
Asita Galappatti	404	44.89
Ashish Surat	236	29.50
Sibi John	206	34.33
Harris Khan	167	16.70
Jhangir Mohammad	154	38.50
Sekhar Menon	125	31.25

## Notable Bowling Stats

Player	Runs	Average
Vaidya Panch	21	8.76
Ashish Surat	20	8.25
Kuber Kamboj	16	9.94
Asita Galappatti	13	19.15

## Under 24's | Semi Finalists

Alex Favotto | Captain

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### Highlights:

- M Roper 4/24 vs North West Sydney
- J McLeod 87 vs North West Sydney
- A Gardner 81 vs Mt Pritchard Southern Districts
- H Lee 50 vs Mt Pritchard Southern Districts
- J McLeod 106 vs Balmain South Sydney
- A Gardner 169\* vs Balmain South Sydney
- J Threlkeld 5/8 vs Balmain South Sydney
- A Gardner 75\* vs Warringah
- V Pendyala 4/29 vs Warringah

The U24 Frank Gray Shield has been an elusive prize for Briars, with many of our teams coming close to winning a premiership over the last two decades. With a strong preseason behind us, we went into round one confident that we would be able to put out a strong showing against Auburn. However, a lacklustre batting performance left us defending a meagre 85. In true Briars' spirit, we felt that the game was still there for us to be won. A rapid 3 wickets from Ned Arnold (3/7) opened the door for us, and the combination of some good fielding and our spin partnership of Xavier Tregeagle (3/24) and Harry Lee (2/1) were able to tighten the screws and ultimately win one of our most memorable come-from-behind victories in the U24s competition, bowling out Auburn for just 68.

In the second round, we faced North West Sydney, one of the stronger teams in recent years, at their home ground of Kanebridge Oval. Bowling first, we were able to put into practice our lessons learnt from Round-1, limiting NWS to 197 on a friendly wicket, thanks to Matthew Ropers' 4 wickets. In reply, we made steady work of the chase, winning 4 wickets down in the 39th over.

The third round brought us our first home game of the season, against Mount Pritchard Southern Districts at Rothwell Park. In front of a strong home crowd showing for Back to Briars Day, and after a shaky start, the middle order partnership of Gardner (81) and Lee (50) led us to a total of 233. In the field, the wickets were shared across the board, and we were able to bowl MPSD out for 164.

With a finals spot secured, we went into the final round of the season looking to consolidate a home semi-final against Balmain South Sydney. Batting first, Gardner and I were able to put on a record-breaking 3rd wicket partnership of 273, and Briars' second highest individual score in the competition of 169\* from Gardner. In response, BSS were only able post 52, thanks to Threlkeld's 5-wicket haul, securing first place and a record-breaking winning margin of 334 runs.

At the conclusion of the regular season, we finished first in the Thunder Conference, with 25 points.

The semi-final was played, once again, at Rothwell Park against defending joint-premiers Warringah. Winning the toss and batting first, we posted a defendable score of 190 in oppressively hot conditions, thanks to another outstanding innings from Gardner of 75\*. Unfortunately, the difficult heat during the day took its toll, and we lost several players to injury when taking the field. Our spinners delivered again, and we were nonetheless able to wrestle the game to a strong position, having Warringah 9/150. However, a last-gasp 10th wicket partnership meant that this was not to be our season, being passed in the 49th over.

Overall, this season was a great learning experience for the players, many of whom have several seasons of Frank Gray Shield cricket ahead of them. I thank Damian Price, Max Squire, Richard Tregeagle and Anthony Clarke for their contributions to managing the team this season and making this all possible. I extend my further thanks to the wider Briars Cricket Club for being unwavering supporters of us at every turn this season.

Player of the Season: Aidan Gardner

## Briars Masters

David Abood | Captain

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The Masters (Over 40s) competition this year turned out to be a bit of a dog's breakfast from an organisational perspective. A competition that began with 20 teams was interspersed with one club withdrawing after a couple of rounds, numerous forfeits throughout the season, and teams regularly not being able to provide turf wickets, to which my common catch cry was that if I wanted to play on synthetic wickets I would have signed on for the local park competition, and not bothered travelling all over Sydney....

From a Briars perspective, we were able to play 6 of our 11 games, with another 2 forfeited by our opposition, and three lost to rain. Of the six, we had two big wins, and four losses. As is often the case with Masters, performances were dictated by player availability – in some games where we had good availability, we either won or had competitive losses, whilst there were a couple of games where we struggled to pull a team together and got towed. Overall, our tenth-place finish was just about right.

Thanks to all the players who made themselves available throughout the season. In particular to Ewan Sutton, who was the only person to play in all six games.

A very big thank you to Paul Cramsie, who is standing down as the manager / chief recruiter after many years - thanks for your tireless efforts over a long period. Often, we were only able to get teams together due to Paul's endless work, sometimes continuing up to 10 minutes before play was due to start.

Whilst speaking of Paul, congratulations on winning the Bill Hooker Medal for player of the year after averaging 41 with the bat – a fantastic season, and well recognised.

Finally, after 14 years, and the last 6 (I think) as captain, I will be retiring from Masters cricket. Thanks to all



those who have provided support across the years. I leave the team in the very capable hands of Matt Turner moving forward and wish him and the team all the best for the upcoming season.

## Briars Classics

Luke Magee | Captain

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The 2022/23 season saw Burwood Briars Classics field 30 different players during the season, a true reflection of comradery, generosity, and susceptibility to injury.

It was a fantastic season and for a while we were nudging the top of the table, with only 1 loss up to Round 5.

Consistent performance and stamina proved our undoing, with the team ending the season with 4 wins, 5 losses and 2 wash outs, finishing a firm 11<sup>th</sup> on the table amongst 18 teams. This coincidentally is the same position as the previous season.

We had fresh talent join the team this season, Mark McKinnon, Michael Collister and Nic McGilvray and look forward to them playing cricket with the team next season.

I would especially like to mention Steve Rous who led from the front every game and became our very own captain grumpy, modelling himself on Alan Border. Steve was also awarded the player's player for the season, very well deserved leading the batting averages with 28 and second in the bowling 57 overs for 8 wickets also at 28.

Sadanand took the bowling honours with 9 wickets from 32 overs at an average of 13

Notable mention to Rob Vilensky who bowled 25 over for 8 wickets at 13

Looking forward to season 2023/2024!

## Briars Vintage

Douglas Lato & David Trewin | Captains

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Although the Over 60s (Vintage) season was marked by more losses than victories, it was an enjoyable year for the 20+ players who participated.

Of the 8 completed matches, we had victories against Georges River and Hunter and lost to the Premiers, Cricketers' Club, in a very tight finish. Our losses were due mostly to inconsistent batting, as we were able to pass 150 runs on only 2 occasions.

Our 'Player of the Season' was Sadanand Karmakonda who made 115 runs from 6 innings, including 2 scores of '30+ retired not out'. A highlight of his season was a blistering 33 retired against the Cricketers' Club of NSW, which included 3 sixes and 3 fours.

Jeff Loomes was our most reliable bowler, taking 9 wickets at an economical run rate, including an excellent 4/16 from 7 overs against De La Salle Old Boys. There were other good performances from: David Trewin (95 runs from 5 innings, including 2 scores of 30+ retired); Douglas Lato (78 runs from 3 innings, including 1 innings of 30+ retired; and Mark Ridge (67 runs from 4 innings and 1 score of 30+ retired). Gus Fernando had an outstanding game against Lindfield with 4/19 from 7 overs and 26 runs. Kanda was also impressive against Georges River with 3/17 and 26 runs.

Overall, it was a year of camaraderie and cricket played in the right spirit.

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 60) competitions. Veterans Cricket allows players to remain active 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.

# Concord Briars Cricket

## Presidents Report

Kieron Devlin



### Season Highlights

#### *Premiers:*

*U10 White, U11 Gold, U11 Maroon, U11 Girls, U13 Maroon, U13 Black, U12 Sunday Black, U14 Sunday Blue & U15 Saturday Black.*

*Several Briars players represented Briars in 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 37 teams comprising of 450 men and women playing in 5 competitions each week.

A record number of teams played Grand Finals cricket in 2022/23. Of the 14 teams competing for premierships CBJCC had 9 premiers. A fabulous result for the club. We also had 3 teams compete in the Kookaburra Cup.

A special thank you to our sponsors, Gold Sponsor Horwood Nolan, Pinnacle Spine and Sports 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. Finally, a big shout out to both Jason Parle and Monique Laaper for their continued support throughout the season.

## Jnr. Cricket U8 Black

Mark Lenthén & Kate Wiggins | Coach & Manager



It was the first year of 'real' cricket for our U8 Black team. Most of the kids didn't know each other at the start of the season, but by the end, they had gelled into a tight unit. The skill development over the season was phenomenal and an absolute joy to watch. Every one of our team members worked hard at training every week to improve both their batting and bowling, which paid off on game day with plenty of wickets and even a few 6s! Their fielding in particular saw a massive improvement after the summer break – was like watching a different team. The team's confidence and enjoyment of the game also developed over the season, and

we are all looking forward to the next season.

**The Team:** Joel Agudo, Zach Elliott, Daniel Lenthén, Ethan Lissa, Angus MacGillivray, Ayaan Mishra, Aariv Shah, Rhys Stewart and Eleanor Sutton.

## Jnr. Cricket U8 Maroon

Ramakrishna Cherukoori & Vaishali Paspupati | Coach & Manager

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The U8's Maroon team was an enthusiastic bunch of boys who were all playing their first season of cricket.

The first few games were very much a learning curve for them and it was exciting to see them slowly understand the elements of batting, bowling and fielding.



Each team member made a concerted effort on game day and during the training sessions. As the weeks went by their bond as a team also strengthened.

We are very proud of the effort and determination shown by the U8 Maroons. They did not win every game, but every Saturday they showed up with more skill and enthusiasm than the last.

Well done U8 Maroons!

**The Team:** Jaideep Cherukoori, Vivaan Paupati, Nicholas Lazar, William Obaid, Roman Black, Rafael Santon, Aarav Shah and Miles White.

## Jnr. Cricket U8 White

Murali Madhavuni & Greg Nicoll | Coach & Manager

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**The Team:** Adarsh Raju Chennamadhavuni, Maeve Nicoll, Harry Eagleson, Lucas Kukavica, Colette Obaid, Dev Shah, Cristian Welsh, Aidan Fitzgerald and Hudson Smith.



**Collette** - motivated by a cricket-playing family and a father who never gave up on pre-game tuition for the whole team, Collette was our team enthusiast. Who could forget the sledging Collette gave to her cousin Willie when we played him and his mates in our final game of the year? Winning runs by Collette and Dev may well have justified the sledges.

**Dev** - a leader by nature who was always ready to offer advice to our bowler or his batting partner. When bowling, came in from the long marker; when batting, aimed beyond his bowler's mark. A split hair between his

batting and bowling prowess but I reckon the opposition were more alarmed by his bowling.

**Ardash** - competitive spirit and a love for the game shared by our patient coach, Ardash's father, Murali. Quietly went about his work with one of the best on drives of the team. Ardash's determination was an inspiration for his teammates and their parents.

**Christian** - A Briar's harvest: novice turned wicket-taking weapon who never lost his eve with the bat. Future all-rounder. Watch out for hat-tricks followed by tons from this talented yet humble young man.

**Lucas** - new to the game and worked to cement his position as Mr Reliable. Lucas had a knack for batting yet didn't give up on improving his bowling. Always awake in the field, looking for a run-out opportunity.

**Aiden** - Is known as a workhorse for his after-game net practice with Ardash. Aiden managed to unsettle even the most potent pace attack by taking one on the body without so much as a wink. He loved to bat but gained respect for his willingness to work on his bowling.

**Harry** - the man you wanted at the other end when a quick single was required. Harry personified the thorn in the opposition bowler's side as he turned a single into a two. Let's also not forget that Harry took the first catch of the season, over-head, one-handed, off the bowling of his team-mate, Maeve.

**Hudson** - can a team have two all-rounder's? Well, we did. Hudson struck the ball cleanly and bowled with menace. A strong arm also made opposition batters think twice before going the extra when Hudson was on the boundary.

**Maeve** - a bustling combatant that left nothing in the tank. A joy to watch in the field as she hurled herself across the turf to save a run. Lefty with the bat, right-arm over wicket: competitive streak saw Maeve to a caught and bowled and probably prefer the ball over the bat as she took it up to the opposition.

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Yellow

Ernie Biasi & David Leaper | Coach & Manager

This year the U9 Yellow team welcomed two new faces with most of the team back for their second season of junior cricket. With no rain-interrupted games it was great to have a full season schedule and the team improved week after week. The boys closed out the season undefeated with some very close games and every team member chipped in with plenty of runs and wickets.



Congratulations!

**The Team:** *Micahel Biasi, Elliot Davies, Leo Germain, Raghav Kaivaram, Liam Leaper, Hugo Nelson, Nisanth Siddhu and Viraj Singh Jamwal.*

## Jnr. Cricket U9 Green

Luke Scott & Dominic Mooney | Coach & Manager

The Under 9 Green team had a great season this year. We had four returning players from last year, and five new players, some of whom were playing their first year of organised cricket.

Over the course of the year, all players improved both individually and as a team and by the end of the year, we excelled as a team. We had a few really good wins, but the true measure of success was the improvement across the whole team, in particular from our new players, some of whom ended up being our most consistent performers week in and week out. The whole team always showed up to training and game day with enthusiasm, a willingness to listen and learn and a desire to play in the true spirit of cricket which made coaching the team an absolute delight.

I'd like to thank all the players and their parents for a great year. It has been a pleasure to coach the team again this year. A special thank you to Dominic for managing the team again this year and to Tim for stepping in as coach when I wasn't available.



**The Team:** *Isaac Gibson, Campbell Guthrie, Aariz Hyder, Edward Morser, Alexander Nicoll, Clarissa Nicoll, Konrad Scott, Morgan Sinclair-Kydd and Jaiman Vanza.*



## Jnr. Cricket U9 Blue

Paul Miller & Micahel Sunderland | Coach & Manager

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**The Team:** *Thomas Miller, Ella Nixon, Amrith Rao, Riyaan Shah, Henry Sunderland, Siddharth Laha, Aiden Van Asperan and Henry Scott.*

It is with a heavy heart that our season comes to an end 😞.

But what a season!

We welcomed a new player into the team, Henry Scott and wow! he improved out of sight through the season. Watching him bowl stump to stump in his final game and hit a couple of good shots with a big smile on his face is what it's all about.

As for the rest of our superstar lineup... where do I start...

**Aiden** - by season's end was bowling some super-fast unplayable rockets and his batting wasn't far behind with some great boundaries, some even clearing the boundary rope with ease!

**Ella** - the leader of this motley crew. We watched her bat with confidence & play some great shots all around the wicket throughout the season. Her bowling was unplayable at times!

**Amrith** - great bowling all season and was regularly bowling stump to stump with a few middle stump outs all season! His batting & running between wickets was also excellent.

**Sundo** - what a competitor. His shot selection improved throughout the season, his running between wickets and his bowling was something else... the complete all-rounder.

**Riyann** - was full of energy, his energy rubbed off on everyone! He played some lovely straight drives for boundaries all season and his bowling as always was great and at times unplayable!

**Thomas** - another great season and a great team all-rounder. His bowling was regularly stump to stump and his batting was excellent with a number of cracking boundaries. Like Aiden, his batting even cleared the rope on a few occasions.

**Sid** - had a great season. His bowling improved and he developed an almost unplayable in-swinging and great slower ball. As for his batting, some great shot selection all season.

When I look back over the season and try to reflect on where we started to where we finished, I can only raise my hands & start clapping crazily!

We are a very competitive team that plays with high energy, great spirit, unbelievable teamwork and always with a smile and at this age, that is what it is all about.

Our skills have been and will continue to develop but there is something this team has that isn't coachable, which is their inherent energy, spirit, teamwork and wanting to have fun.

It's a massive privilege to be the coach of this mighty team and to be able to enjoy & watch these children grow, laugh & learn.

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Green

Simon Howard & Daniel Brandon | Coach & Manager

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The Under 10s Green should be incredibly proud of the season they had.

This was the first season that the team had played together and for some was the first time they had played organised cricket altogether. As such, the focus for the Mighty Greens was on having fun, being part of a team and developing their cricket skills, particularly in match conditions. The bravery shown with bat in hand, the willingness to learn and the desire to embrace the spirit of cricket is a real testament to each and



every one of them. Whilst Ashton, Charles and Jax were the lucky recipients of the Batting, Bowling and Coach's Award respectively, it could have so easily gone to any number of players based on their performances. It was a real thrill for me to see how far their cricket had come from the first game to the last game and I look forward to them all coming back next season to continue their cricketing development.



**The Team:** *Phoebe Brandon, Vedant Gawali, Ashton Holtsbaum, Charles Holtsbaum, Will Howard, Jax Lee, Bailey Smith and Riley Tran.*

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Maroon

Oscar Hillerstrom / Abhi Shah & Tess Burnicle | Coaches & Manager

The Briars Under 10 Maroon team had a bumper 2nd season together. New to our team were Owen, Max and Lachie. True legends of the sport. It was so good to have their batting, bowling and fielding talent join the group. The players improved week in and week out by listening to their coaches and practising their new skills. The Maroons made it to the grand final for the first time. And what a match it was! The Briars White team beat us by 1 run! It was so exciting. We are so proud of the way you all played that final game. Such good sports. Congratulations to you all for your enthusiasm and hard work at training and on game day. Thank you also to our marvellous coaches Oscar and Abhi who volunteered many hours of their time to help each player improve their game.

The Coaches Award goes to Owen Qin for his positive attitude, respect for officials and teamwork.



**The Team:** *Jack Briggs, Lachlan Brincat, James Burnicle, Oscar Garcia, Frederick Hillerstrom, Max McKiernan, Ahana Minocha, Owen Qin & Viaan Shah.*

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Blue

Innes Smith & Chintan Shah / Samir Tejani | Coach & Managers



**The Team:** *Jake Maiden, Lucas Smith, Raphael Mesiti, Michael Biasi, Rohan Tejani, Riaan Gurung, Ayaan Shah & Lucas Smith.*

The U10 Blues had an amazing season. As a first-time coach and non-cricketer, I have been constantly impressed with the commitment of the players, their parents and the Briars set-up.

We made the grand finals in our very first season playing together and only lost to 1 team. The most satisfying for me personally was that each and every player improved

throughout the season.

- **Jake Maiden:** Good wicket-taker and reliable run machine
- **Lucas Smith:** Our best improved who started the season with single digits for batting in each game and finishing with 20+ for each game.
- **Raphael Mesiti:** One of our youngest and possibly the most enthusiastic on the team, Raphael had a great season.
- **Michael Biasi:** Joined us from the U9s and was a star player all season, mighty mouse.
- **Rohan Tejani:** Best batting and bowling figures, 1st award winner.
- **Riaan Gurung:** 2nd place for batting and bowling, best score in a game with 49, 2nd award winner
- **Ayaan Shah:** Special achievement. Ayaan had an amazing season scoring 43 in a game, 37 x 4's and 2 x 6's – amazing season
- **Lucas Smith:** Received the coaches' award for best improved. Lucas started with single digits in batting and ended up scoring 27 in the grand final! one of our very best for the last 6 games.

Overall, Rohan received first prize for his exceptional batting and bowling, Riaan came second with his special achievement scoring 49 in one of the games he competed in, and Ayaan received the coaches award.

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Gold

Kevin White & Carla Pearson | Coach & Manager



**The Team:** Luke Aldini, Arjun Kiran, Ryan Milton, Liam O'Connell, Thomas Pearson, William Pearson, Luca White, Hunter Bueamont and Darcy Cruikshank.

Another tremendous and enjoyable season of cricket by the wonderful group of boys who make up Briars U10 Gold. For those with several seasons of cricket under their belts, it was about further developing skills gained over the last few years and growing upon already established friendships. We welcomed two new players into the team this season, Hunter Beaumont and our "American import" Darcy Cruikshank for the second half of the season. Both boys and their families

contributed substantially to the U10 Gold team. Every member of the team improved as cricketers throughout the season with bowling accuracy and consistency, as well as great shot-making and running between the wickets. This was backed up by reliable and at times remarkable fielding.

Getting to the Grand Final was a wonderful result and although we didn't quite win it, we gave it a good crack. Once again, Under 10s Gold is more than just the players, our families and supporters who helped every week were just as important to the success of our season.

## Jnr. Cricket U10 Black

Biplav Dutta & Manali Mehta | Coach & Manager



U10 Blacks had a fabulous summer of Cricket! Playing together for the third season it was lovely to witness the growing camaraderie and true sportsman spirit from our boys. With new personal bests across batting and bowling, the team continues to sharpen their skills.

**The Team:** Rishaan Dutta, Arin Mehta, James Pisani, Henry Roberts, Sebastian Sauran, Jacob Sproule, Aiden Stellino & Byron Stewart.



## Jnr. Cricket U10 White | Premiers

Trevor O'Neill & Daniel Backhouse | Coach & Manager



The Under 10 White team had another fantastic season. The team welcomed Jack this year and for the rest of them, they have been playing the last 3 seasons together and it is amazing to continually see them improve each season. After only one loss throughout the season, the team faced their first finals campaign. They made the final against the Briars Maroon team. It was a fantastic game with Briars White's winning by one run on the final ball.

**The Team:** *Felix Backhouse, Jake Hall, Max Halliday, Travis Hunt, Jack Johnston, Flynn Mihaljek, Ethan O'Neill and Martin Verschuer.*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 White

Abhik Sengupta & Samiel Yim | Coach & Manager



U11 Boys White had an exciting first season playing with the hard red ball. While on-field success was intermittent, all the boys made strong improvement across the board. Viraj Bhatia topped the batting charts and found new variations with his off-spin bowling. Samuel Miller dominated in all facets of the game and showed his emerging leadership qualities. Sean Turner found his voice, his smile and an extra yard of pace in his bowling. Tye Middleton and Jonathan Yim opened the batting and were instrumental in each of our wins. Newcomers Aarav Desai and Chris Kavadias learnt the basics of the game and showed tremendous courage at

various stages of the season. Shohaam Sengupta was eager, curious and vocal as always and doubled his runs and wickets tally from the previous year. Most of all, the season was played with great camaraderie, spirit and enjoyment. Thanks to the boys, parents and volunteers for another great season.

**The team:** *Viraj Bhatia, Samuel Miller, Sean Turner, Tye Middleton, Jonathan Yim, Aarav Desai, Chris Kavadias & Shohaam Sengupta.*

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Maroon | Premiers

Praneil Narayan & Lara Sarlas | Coach & Manager



What a fantastic season for the U11 Maroon team! A season that proved to be both challenging and rewarding for the boys. With three newcomers in the team, the boys quickly formed a good bond. They trained hard and applied their newly acquired skills on match day and as a coach, it was a pleasure to watch. Their hard work and efforts were rewarded with the team winning their first Grand Final. Looking forward to doing it all again next season.

**Assistant Coaches:** *Ian Tucker & Michael Amparo*

**The Team:** Joshua Amparo, Byron Calder, Ethan Dang, Jacob Davies, Koby Gibson, Max Narayan, Johnny Sarlas, Cole Tucker & Tyrone Young.

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Girls Maroon | Premiers

Rosie Ryan & Emily Allen | Coach & Manager

The Under 11s Girls Maroon team had another fantastic season. This season we had a mixture of new and old girls with a variety of cricket experience, but they came together well from the start and grew together as a team to form a formidable force! We lost a few girls at the end of the Spring Season but managed to support each other on and off the field with just 6 players.



The girls went on to win both the spring and summer seasons. They finished the season on a high by winning the summer 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 Mikaela Campton.

**The Team:** Olivia Pisani, Madison Allen, Hannah Ryan, Mikaela Campton, Sriza Sharma, Emma Whitton & Phoebe Shadford. Jessica & Sienna Joseph who only competed in the Spring season.

## Jnr. Cricket U11 Gold | Premiers

Andy Campion & Cath Rogerson | Coach & Manager

The U11 Gold team had a fantastic season, with the boys ending up as Premiers of the Alyssa Healy division! The team was a great mix of boys that have played several seasons together for Briars (Aarav, Jack, Rafael, Cooper, Ryan) as well as some new additions to the squad (Ben, Will, Shahan, Alex).

It was fantastic to see both the returning players and the debutantes improve so much over the season – a big part of this was that they displayed the same enthusiastic and committed approach to training on Wednesday evenings at Edwards Park as they did to the games on a Saturday morning. The team had a lot of big wins throughout the regular season, with only one loss to the Mariners team from the old foe of Ryde Hunters Hill Pirates club. Although the lads were disappointed after this result as it was the last game of the regular season, it turned out to be a galvanising moment for U11 Gold as they turned up the intensity for the Finals. They easily disposed of the Whites from Leichhardt Wanderers in the semi-final before facing a rematch with the Mariners in the Grand Final. The boys turned up with a steely focus and took their revenge on the Mariners with a 55-run winning margin which probably underplayed the intensity of the game. The boys and I are thoroughly looking forward to defending our title in the upcoming 2023/24 season! A shout out to our manager Cath who did a fantastic job with team logistics and another shout out to myself for being such a brilliant coach.



**The Team:** Aarav Mirzan, Alexander Rogerson, Benjamin Murone, Cooper Brincat, Jack Campion, Rafael Majgaard, Ryan Camarda, Shahan Siddique, William Symonds.



## Jnr. Cricket U12 Gold

Scott Nixon & Anthony Burges / Carol Brierty | Coach & Managers

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The U12's Gold had a sensational season with every game providing excitement and flair. Working as a team they deservedly made the finals run, ultimately having their season come to an end by the top team who remained unbeaten. From centuries to hat tricks, there were plenty of moments to celebrate, though no more than the sportsmanship and support all boys showed each other, their opposition and umpires.

**The Team:** Jack Brierty, Charles Burgess, Toby Chan, Alex Crothers, Marcus Hahnel, James Kavadias, Owen McKinley, Josh Nixon & Fergus Smith.

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

Dan Sherer & Tim Guthrie | Coach & Manager

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What a great season for the Briars U12 Black Sunday competition.

The U12 Blacks showcased exceptional skills and camaraderie throughout the season, leading them to secure the minor premiership. Their efforts were further validated as they clinched a resounding victory in the grand final.

This team has continued with a core group that had moved from the 2021/22 Saturday competition the previous year, and along with

the addition of some new faces to the playing group they started the season with some great wins, the momentum continued during the competition

Great effort from all the boys throughout the season to develop into a team that was able to confidently take the opposition to task either with the bat, or ball in hand. Solid efforts in the field saw run chases kept to the minimum.

Special thanks to Tim for managing and scoring each week, Tony for the drills at training and keeping them sharp in the field, Andy for the warm-up training and taking care of the boys when I was unavailable, and especially all the parents, grandparents, and supporters who came to watch the boys achieve their best.

**The Team:** Andre Alesci, Nathaniel Anastasovski Samuel Champion, Mirza Dalvi, Liam Guthrie, Will Hall, Hayden Howard, Arjan Kooner, Hugh Morris, Harry Nathanson & Bradley Sherer.

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon (Sunday)

Terrence Reece & Prabhleen Arora | Coach & Manager

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The Under 12s Sunday Maroons had not played together before and most of the team will be eligible to play u12s again next season. Despite a tough year, the boys played with a lot of heart and never gave up. Most impressive was their support for their teammates and attitude to play the game the right way. Special thanks to our manager Prabhleen Arora for all her help and for the players who helped us when some of our boys had rep commitments - Fergus Smith, Josh Nixon, Toby Chan and Marcus Hahnel.





**The Team:** Jayden Jamil, Jayshan Shanmugaratnam, Aarav Sharma, Aariv Sharma, Conor Scullion, Patrick Reece, Aryan Kotwal, Rishan Singh, James Hunt & Eshaan Qureshi.

## Jnr. Cricket U12 Maroon

Ka Ken Wong & Michelle Gaskin, Dan Collard | Coach & Managers



The Under 12 Maroons had a strong season in Division 1, with the team getting used to the rules for the older Stage. The boys trained extremely hard, and it was great to see them develop so quickly, resulting in a 5-game winning streak after Christmas, beating some of the higher-placed teams. All boys were able to contribute to the team's success throughout the year, with everyone able to record a personal best with the highest score, multiple wickets or taking catches on the field. The team were unlucky to miss out on the Semi-Finals, but they can be extremely proud of the way they played their cricket and conducted themselves each week.

**The Team:** Hugo Hackett, Jack Cleave, Jack Wong, Isaac Hood, Leo Goldsworthy, Ben Hooker, Sam Collard, Ned Lea & Charlie Rudman.

## Jnr. Cricket U12 White

Abhik Sengupta & Samuel Yim | Coach & Manager



The Under 12 White team showcased an exceptional cricket season, and made it to the grand final, securing second place in the regular season standings. I'm immensely proud of the boys for their camaraderie, exhibiting the true spirit of the game throughout. Witnessing their growth as both individuals and cricketers has been remarkable. They've embraced teamwork and each member's positive contributions have been instrumental in our journey to the grand final.

**The Team:** Viraj Bhatia, Aarav Desai, Christopher Kavadias, Tye Middleton, Samuel Miller, Shohaam Sengupta, Sean Turner and Jonathan Yim.

## NDCA Jnr. Cricket U13 Black | Premiers

Adam Whitton & Laura Ronan | Coach & Manager

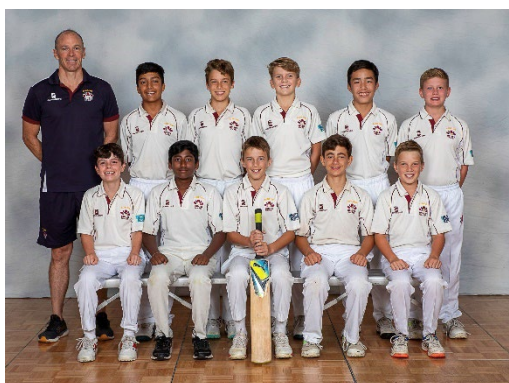
The Under 13's Black had a brilliant season, winning all their regular season games except two, and winning their final. Throughout the season everyone contributed to the success of the team, with some spectacular batting and solid partnerships keeping the runs flowing. In the field, tight bowling, great catches and sharp runouts kept opposition teams under constant pressure with every bowler having some success.



**The Team:** Sameer Gupta, Aaryen Kalia, Vivaan Kanhe, Ari Mansford, Harry Miller, Adhvik Rao, Thomas Ronan, Lachlan Shadforth, Vihaan Shah, Sid Siby Babu & Daniel Whitton.

## NDCA Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon

Michael Beckford & Arjun Minocha | Coach & Manager



**The Team:** Felix Beckford, Peter Caccavari, Aaron Chaudhary, Yuveer Dawar, Patrick Foley, Leo Giannichronis, Zain Kazmi, Daksh Kumar, Oliver Maxwell, Ranveer Minocha & Matthew Wright.

U13 Maroon had an amazing season, ending up second in the competition and taking an outstanding fellow Briars team all the way in the grand final, and being the only team to beat them all year. It was a season of fighting back and having to work for our success - from losing our first three games before a stellar run to win eight in a row to end up second in the regular season, and then from 3/11 in the semi-final to set a

competitive score through lower order partnerships, and defend it in a thrilling game, taking all eight wickets with catches.

It was one of those years where our best wins came from team efforts and it was hugely satisfying as a parent and coach to see the 'non-star' players step up in big occasions. Every player had several moments where they can look back and say they did something important to help their team. There were so many who improved dramatically during the year and to have 11 players come away with confidence in their own game is something they should all be so proud of.

It's never just about the wins with this team - they were a lovely bunch of kids with a beautiful positive attitude, supporting each other all year, and it was an absolute pleasure to work with them all and their parents. Thanks, everyone for a memorable year!

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon (Sunday)

Dominic Ortado | Coach & Manager



The U13 Maroons, Sunday squad had a great season considering the challenges of playing most of the season with only 7 players, due to the rep players in the team only being able to play from January. The gaps in the field were huge, however, the teams fighting spirit was much greater, and they managed to drop only 2 matches and tie 1, before the rep players returned.

It was an impressive feat to finish the regular season 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder. Unfortunately, the team bowed out in the semi-final, but not without a fight. Every player made significant contributions throughout the season and their confidence



grew with each match. I was highly impressed with the boys attitude, maturity, and willingness to encourage teammates of all abilities, and most of all, the respect they showed for each other, the game, the coaches, and the parents. This team did themselves and the club proud, I hope they can fulfill their ambitions of winning the comp in future seasons.

A special mention to our regular fill in players from other teams, without them we would not have been able to field a team each match. *Hugo Hackett, Luke Maronese, Jack Trad & Ranveer Minocha.*

**Coach & Manager:** Dominic Ortado. (special mention to Julie Bell who gave up a lot of her time to show me the ropes and assist me despite managing her elder son's side – it was greatly appreciated)

**The Team:** *Claudio Luzzani, Ranveer Maan, William Malone, Nicholas Ortado, Aaron Patel, Aidan Scullion, Matthew Tydd.*

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Girls Maroon

Adam McCall / Peter Kav & Cameron Arnold | Coaches & Manager



**The Team:** *Scarlett Armour, Iris Arnold, Elizabeth Barry, Hazel Blackwood, Margo Blaikie, Lily Carr, Sophia Catton, Freya Hancock, Alexis Kav, Tara McCall, Neave McLennan & Kiana Mitchell.*

We are thrilled to highlight the outstanding achievements of our Under 13 Girls Maroon team. This season was marked by remarkable growth, new friendships, and an abundance of fun-filled moments.

At the onset of the season, our objectives were clear: enhance individual skills, foster camaraderie, and most importantly, enjoy the sport. The team not only met but exceeded these goals, showcasing their dedication and passion for the game.

Over the season, the team was defeated in only four instances, a testament to their skill and tenacity.

Elizabeth Barry received the Coaches Award in recognition for her outstanding effort and significant improvement through the season. Elizabeth's dedication and progress have set a commendable example for her peers, embodying the spirit of our team.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to every player, coach, and supporter who contributed to the success of the Under 13 Girls Maroon team.

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Gold (Saturday)

Anthony Grant / Jimmy Giannone & Litsa Cremen | Coaches & Manager

The U13 Gold boys enjoyed a fun and successful season together. The further the season progressed, the more the team grew in confidence, The season highlight was a 5-0 run that included a nail-biting victory over one of our nemesis Pirates teams. A huge press conference and team party followed that one. There was plenty of pleasing development of all the key skills and a great take-the-game-on mentality. Despite a record season for this team of 8 wins, we narrowly missed out on a semi spot. Another press conference was called.



A big thank you to the parents, who made the sidelines very entertaining and enjoyable.

**The Team:** *Alex Cremen, Arham Iqbal, Dimitri Paleologos, Fraz Iqbal, Max Lygoyris, Navya Modi, Peter Giannone, Rhys Lenord, Riley Grant and Veraj Singh.*

## Jnr. Cricket U13 Maroon (Saturday) | Premiers

William Knight & Matt Turner | Coach & Manager

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The U13 Maroons enjoyed a memorable season, highlighted by strengthened friendships, character-building battles with both bat and ball, lots of laughs and fun.



The teams improvement was impressive, and their competitiveness was intense. There was great camaraderie, which solidifying their love of the game. All the boys in this talented group of 11 cricketers contributed throughout the season, culminating in a dominant win in the final and a well-deserved premiership victory. They were a pleasure to coach, and they loved getting together to challenge each other at training as much as they loved competing in matches on Saturday afternoon. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to making the 2022-23 season such an enjoyable and rewarding one for our Briars boys.

**The Team:** Nirav Sharma, Eamon Turner, Charlie Halliday, Tom Knight, Luke Holani, Harry Horwood, Josh Hannan, Finn Bannan, Roman Urbano, Oscar Halliday & Yath Selvarasa.

## Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon (Sunday)

John Allen / Luke Campton / Keiron Devlin & Julie Bell | Coaches & Manager

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The U14 Maroon team played some fine cricket during the 2022-23 season. They improved in a range of aspects and applied their skills well.

Their 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 finished runners up in the competition, which is a great result, especially considering the team was depleted during the finals series.

One highlight was the excellent fighting all-round team performance and a strong victory in the Semi Final. The boys are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Most importantly, the team enjoyed their time together on the cricket pitch. I would like to acknowledge and thank those players from the club who assisted by filling in for the team, to cover absences due to representative and school duties. We also want to highlight the significant contributions of Siddharth Babu, Riley Grant, and Eamon Turner, who played crucial roles in the team throughout the season, particularly during the finals series.

Thank you to the support received from the parents, especially Julie Bell, who's efforts as manager were exceptional. We also express our gratitude for the tireless work of the Committee members. They do a great job indeed.

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

**The Team:** Guinness Devlin (Captain), Jack Allen, Riley Campton, Jack Edwards, James Hendry, Oliver Lockington, Lorenzo Luzzani, Hamish Malone (co-captain), Andrew Morozoff, Ryan Scullion & Hamish Turner.

## Jnr. Cricket U14 Black (Sunday)

Glen Barry & Rob Wodson | Coach & Managers



**The Team:** Lachlan Wodson (Captain), Tiger Bocking, Max Barry, Zack Kristallis, Achyuth Arunraj, Hayden Reeves, Kian White, Krishna Nair, William Hunt & Patrick Wood.

The Briars Under 14s Sunday Black team had a great year! The team just missed the finals after going up to Division 1 and defeating the eventual premiers.

Lachlan was brilliant as our captain this year and led the way with on field leadership, commitment and opening the batting each week. He also led the league with over 300 runs scored.

Achyuth was outstanding all year leading the bowling with his majestic spinners and sliders. The whole team stepped up around him and fielded brilliantly.

Hayden was great all year with his keeping and bowling when required. Zack and Lachlan were a brilliant opening partnership and supported by Max and Achyuth coming in at 1st and 2nd drops to allow us to achieve some defendable totals even in heavy conditions. Yes, the grass was still 3 inches thick.

It was a most rewarding year as coach to see the development of the whole team this season. Max for attending every training session (he had to being the coach's son : ) his leadership in the field and taking on the opening batting spot when required to again this year and setting the team up for many wins and seeing the cricket development of Krishna, Kian and William was most pleasing indeed. Krishna and Kian getting some valuable wickets and runs through out.

We'll learn from this year and aim for the ultimate prize next season hopefully as a team!

Zack deservingly receives the Coaches Award for an all-round great season, Achyuth the Bowling Award and Lachlan the Best Batting Award for season 2022/23.

Thank you for all the fabulous support from the parents helping with everything required throughout the year and Rob for being an excellent team manager.

## Jnr. Cricket U14 Gold (Sunday)

David Pate & Bridget Pate | Coach & Manager



The 2022/23 season was a great season for U14 Gold, making the Grand Final in the Sixers Sunday Division-2 comp. The have been together for a few seasons now and played well as a team. Their skills and confidence improved as the season progressed, especially the non-rep players who kept the team at the top of the ladder for the first half of the season, until the rep players returned.

It was a particularly tough for the team, due to many of the boys having rep and other commitments, which meant that the team was down players for every game. The Grand Final was the first game where we had the entire team competing together. Each



player had notable performances through the season, and everyone was instrumental in our wins during the season. Valuable lessons were learned, and the team can be very proud of this season and their Grand Final performance.

**The Team:** Aaron Siva, Aayush Parikh, Archie Marshall, Bede Quang, Cooper Tabell, Eddie Huynh, Lachlan Pate, Luca Di Pasquantonio, Lukas Peat, Ned Forde, Patrick Coulton & Veraj Singh.

## Jnr. Cricket U14 Blue (Sunday) | Premiers

Aarti Narayanan | Manager

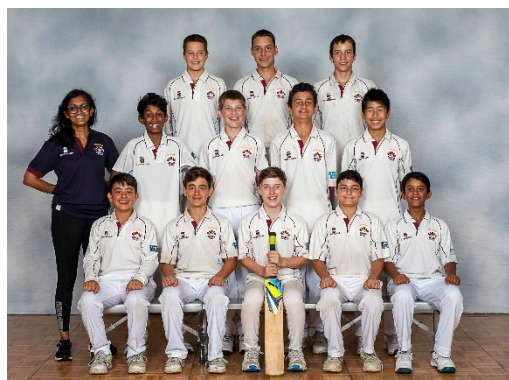
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The U14 Sunday Blue had an incredible season. Every week the team went from strength to strength.

The team borrowed players from U14 black, other Briars teams & younger brothers along the way to the Grand Final.

The team supported one another and knew each other's strengths which they capitalised on during their matches. Thanks to all the parents who took turns in coaching the team. The culmination of this joint effort helped steer the team to its ultimate win.

We played the Grand Final against U14 Briars Gold, who were worthy finalists and put up a fierce fight. It was a nail biting game and with only 2 balls left, the U14 Blue won by 6 runs.



**The Team:** Nathan Carvalho, Athan Fudeh, Jordan Fudeh, Hamish Hargans, Thomas Henry, Julian Morris, Sachin Narayanan, Ethan Toemoe, Henry Toemoe, Jaden Tsang & Emerson Urbano.

## NDCA Jnr. Cricket U14 Maroon

Euan MacLeay | Coach & Manager

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Briars u14 Maroon had another great season in the Northern Districts competition.

We gained three new players who fitted well into this established team, which had previously made the finals three times in a row. The team brought together quality batting, bowling and fielding to build on the recent successes they had experienced.

This was the team's first season following the loss of their much-loved coach Chris Hensley. We were grateful and fortunate to secure some first class help when numbers were low, these substitute players brought a lot of skill & quality to the team. Once again, we managed to make the finals and in a competitive and enjoyable match, fell just short of the total needed to progress into the Grand Final. With plenty of overs in hand we just ran out of wickets.

Overall, it was an enjoyable season, made great by the spirit within the team and the willingness to play for each other. Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the season, especially the parents who supported the team and Natalie for sourcing players on a weekly basis.

**The Team:** Hamish MacLeay, Max Hensley, William Goldsworthy, Aaryn Jamwal, Taj Locane, Zach Marando, Ryan Nagaram & Harry Smith.



## Jnr. Cricket U15 Girls Gold

Abhik Sengupta & Shabnam Akhter / Anita Kanagasundaram | Coach & Managers

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**The Team:** *Suhaan Akhter, Harriet Blaikie, Caitlin Collins, Nethrra Deva-Selliah, Phoebe Hancock, Misha Sengupta, Sinead McLennan, Tanisha Lee Young, Elsa Frewen & Shalini Kanagasundaram.*

The Under 15 Girls Gold team was newly formed, comprising players with diverse levels of experience and skills. Despite facing challenges in terms of on-field success, the girls demonstrated excellent teamwork, spirit, and determination. Phoebe Hancock stood out with remarkable performances both with the bat and ball. She received strong support from wicket-

keeper batters Misha Sengupta, Sinead McLennan, and Shalini Kanagasundaram, as well as from Harriet Blaikie, who excelled in bowling. Suhaan Akhter, Nethrra Deva-Selilah, Tanisha Lee Young, and Elsa Frewen showcased significant improvements.

Notably, Caitlin Collins emerged as the heart and soul of the team. She earned the coach's award for her outstanding contributions, displaying exceptional skills with bat and ball, along with strong leadership qualities both on and off the field.

## Jnr. Cricket U15 Girls Maroon

Ian Smith & Harvey Sauran | Coach & Manager

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**The Team:** *Tilly Ryan (Captain), Anna Chan, Beth Eccleston, Makayla Day, Anique Michel, Tully Smith, Isabelle Sauran, Adelaide Netting, Violet Crowe & Rhea Arora.*

The U15 Maroon team comprised seven players from the previous season's U13 Maroon team and welcomed three new additions. It was heartening to witness the return of many players, prepared to transition into the challenging U15 girls Sixer's competition, where they faced older and more experienced opponents. Despite the initial intimidation, the girls displayed remarkable teamwork, securing an impressive second place in the 15-round season with 13 wins.

I'm delighted to note that the girls consistently applied themselves, playing for one another week after week, which led to several hard-earned victories. Standout performances were plentiful throughout the season, but many games were won due to the collective efforts of the team. Special mention goes to our Captain, Tilly Ryan, whose exceptional leadership both on and off the field greatly contributed to the team's spirit. Tilly voluntarily stood behind the stumps every game, boosting the team's morale.

Although we finished in second place, our season came to an unfortunate end in the Semi-Final against the formidable Marrickville team. Despite the loss, players like Makayla Day, Violet Crowe, and Adelaide Netting showcased exceptional skills, putting up a strong fight. It's a testament to the team's determination that they performed so admirably in their first year of U15 competition.

Congratulations are in order for Makayla Day, Tully Smith, Tilly Ryan, and Anique Michel, who represented the U15 Peden girls' reps team in December/January. I also commend Anna, Beth, Izzy, Violet, Adelaide, and newcomer Rhea for their continued growth and improvement this season. I am extremely proud of their progress.

I want to express my gratitude to the supportive parents who have stood by the team week after week. The team's success is a testament to their dedication. Makayla Day received the batting award for her

consistent performances, while Tully Smith earned the bowling award for her accuracy and consistency. My coaches award goes to Anna Chan, who demonstrated rapid improvement in both batting and bowling, impressing us all.

A special thank you to Harvey Sauran, our team manager, who ensured everything ran smoothly. Congratulations once again to the mighty Maroons, and let's continue our excellent work next season.

## Jnr. Cricket U15 Black | Premiers

Simon Thorne & Lucas Kitching | Coach & Manager

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The team had an exceptional season, clinching not only the minor premiership but also the premiership with a convincing 50-run victory. Despite a few nail-biting matches, the team suffered just one loss throughout the season. Every member of the team made significant contributions, displaying exceptional teamwork and individual brilliance without relying solely on specific players. They played with respect for their opponents and each other, maintaining a balance between competitive spirit and enjoyment. Many of them, in their final season of Juniors, cherished every moment on the field. Remarkably, some of these boys have been cricket companions for seven seasons, fostering a strong bond.

I would like to express my gratitude to Ben Ronan, who stepped in for a few matches and contributed to the team's success. Here's to a fantastic season of teamwork, sportsmanship, and unforgettable memories on the cricket field.



**The Team:** *Ali Smith, Hamish O'Brien, Harry Walsh, Josh Hardiman, Tanishq Shah, Luke Strmecki, Dylan Grainger, Param Shah, Liam Goldsworthy, Dhruv Dawar, Rafferty Kitching & Zach Thorne.*

## Jnr. Cricket U15 Maroon

Michael Johnstone & Jason White | Coaches & Manager

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The Under 15s Maroons faced a tough season, yet they earned commendation after delivering one of their most impressive performances in the season's semi-final, despite the loss. Playing predominantly at Edwards Park posed a challenge, especially given the team's lack of power hitters. However, their consistent tight bowling and exceptional fielding skills throughout the season resulted in victories and kept most games closely contested. What truly set this team apart was their sportsmanship and the camaraderie they displayed throughout the season.

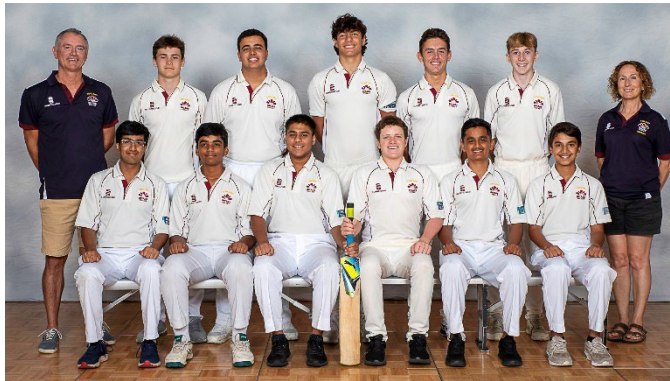
A significant portion of the team has been together for six seasons or more, fostering enduring friendships and a genuine passion for cricket. This unity and love for the sport have been the driving force behind their admirable spirit on the field.

**The Team:** *Matt Morozoff, Talan Irving, Kobe Cheung, Josh Robinson, Dev Subbanna, Sam Johnstone, Dev Shah, Xavier Foster, Louie White, Archie MacDonald & Curtis Bowhill-Hayes.*

## Jnr. Cricket U15/16 Maroon

Greg Harris | Coach & Manager

The Under 15/16 Maroon boys played the 2022/23 season with tremendous spirit. Half of the team had



shared the field for several years, while the rest had recently joined from different teams. It was truly remarkable how quickly they bonded as a cohesive unit, dedicating themselves to playing excellent cricket.

This season was particularly special after three previous disrupted seasons due to smoke pollution, the pandemic, and rain. Being able to participate in every game in 2022/23 was a delight for the team.

The season began slowly due to a shortage of players in the initial games, leaving us at the bottom of the ladder by Christmas. However, with a complete team available after the break, we embarked on a winning streak, propelling us past our last game opponents to secure the fourth position.

In the semi-final, they put up a strong fight against the top team, but ultimately, it proved to be a challenge beyond their reach. For several of these boys, this season marked the end of their junior cricket journey. As they transition into the open age competition next year, we extend our best wishes to them.

**The Team:** Ted Newton, Joseph Kalachian, Moran Abou-Antoun, Aryan Mirzan, Jack Harris, Joseph Markham, Harshil Vora, Aryan Trivedi, Ibrahim Iqbal, Sachin Kanagasundaram, Ben Ronan, Sean White, Henry Aboud & Dhruv Dawar.

## Jnr. Cricket U17 Girls Maroon

Kristin Hancock & Luke Foley | Coach & Manager

Our girls were faced with the daunting reality of having no season ahead, with only Briars and Leichhardt Wanderers managing to form U17 teams. Playing against Leichhardt twice in a season was challenging but having to do it 16 times was simply unimaginable. Thankfully, Cricket NSW and the Briars committee stepped in and devised a brilliant plan to relocate us to the North Shore Junior Cricket Association for the summer.

This change brought new grounds to play at, fresh opponents to compete against, and a challenging format - T20 games squeezed into a strict two-and-a-half-hour window. Kiri Irving showcased exceptional skills with both bat and ball, finishing as the leading wicket-taker in the competition with 17 wickets at an average of 10.2. Jasmin Simpson was honoured with the coach's award for her outstanding performance.

While there were fewer wins than losses, the sheer joy of playing cricket for a club where most of our girls had their debut in the Under 11s shone brightly. This joy made all the road trips to the Hills district and the upper north shore not only bearable but also worthwhile.



**The Team:** Lola Arnold, Niamh Collins, Aoife Foley, Lily Hancock, Kiri Irving, Allegra Park, Hannah Rose, Ashley Simpson, Jasmin Simpson & Alana Winstanley.

## Senior Men's Team

Matthew Whitting | Senior Men's Coordinator

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We had three men's teams this season and all playing C grade. All teams performed strongly and were competitive. Our Concord Briars Black team finished the regular season in 4<sup>th</sup> spot and made the quarter finals which they lost. But due to a protest and a team being disqualified the team was able to progress to the semi-finals which they won and then progressed to the grand final which they unfortunately lost. Overall a great season for the three teams.



# Briars Senior Rugby

## Chairman's Report

Mark Nelson



### 2023 Season Results:

- First Grade – 6<sup>th</sup> (3 wins 9 losses)
- Second Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> (4 wins 8 losses)
- Third Grade – 6<sup>th</sup> (3 wins 9 losses)
- Fourth Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> (0 wins 4 losses)
- Colts – 7<sup>th</sup> (2 wins 10 losses)

The 2023 season saw Briars Rugby celebrated its promotion into Division 2, relishing the chance to face the top Subbies teams. This promotion was a result of the unwavering support of my committee which has been invaluable in reaching this milestone, and the continuous dedication of players stepping up which is crucial for the club's success. A heartfelt gratitude to our committed coaches who invest a tremendous amount of time in ensuring our success on the field.

I must acknowledge the unwavering efforts of our executive, Aaron Boyter and John Slender, whose support across various initiatives has been instrumental in Briars Rugby's journey. A special mention goes out to the women's and junior programs, along with David Lannan, Mick McGrath, Jules Boyter, and their committees for their outstanding achievements this season. Gratitude also extends to our sponsors for their unwavering support.

Our volunteers' exceptional efforts are the backbone of Briars, with a special thank you to Cathy for her remarkable work in managing the canteen and to DJ Deep for his unparalleled commentary and match day presence. His exceptional commentary skills earned him the honour of commentating on all Subbies finals games this season.

I extend my appreciation to the board of Briars Sports, particularly Jason, for their consistent and unwavering support. Their dedicated efforts in ensuring the smooth functioning of the club are highly valued.



*Briars and Avoca Beach players after the trial game on the Central Coast.*

The season commenced with a trip to the Central Coast for a three-way trial with Gosford and Avoca Beach, marking a welcome return to rugby in March after last season's trials were washed out. Further trials with UNSW, Randwick, Harlequins, and Beecroft exhibited promising signs for the upcoming season.



*Colts winning a line out against Hills at Rothwell Park*

We began the season with a successful sweep of Hawkesbury Valley, setting high hopes for a great season. However, a challenging road trip to Newport in Round 2 brought us back to reality. Despite close encounters with Hills, Epping, and UNSW, our finals aspirations were within reach in all grades. A remarkable first-grade win against last year's champions, Newport, was a standout moment, yet heavy losses to eventual club champions Lindfield were humbling. The latter half of the season faced interruptions due to a city-wide exodus to Europe's beaches post-COVID, denting our chances.

While on-field results didn't fully reflect the club's centenary achievement, Briars remained strong, consistently fielding a 4th grade side, and celebrating a successful Rugby Lunch with guest speakers Eddie Jones and Owen Finegan.

Special congratulations to Stacey Howcroft, Ash Simpson, and James Ashton-Maxwell for reaching the milestone of 100 games for Briars.

Looking ahead, we aim to capitalize on our successful women's sevens program by establishing a similar initiative for the men, fostering a culture of fitter, smarter, and disciplined rugby. Remaining in Division 2, our sights are set on challenging for the Barraclough cup, aiming for a triumphant return to contention after 30 years.



*Third grade making a line break against Epping at Rothwell Park*

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

Finau Makamaka and John Klumpp | Coaches



*First grade players in support against Hawkesbury Valley at Rothwell Park.*

The arrival of new first-grade coaches sparked fresh enthusiasm for the upcoming year. Trial games showcased promising performances from both familiar and new faces vying for first-grade spots, intensifying the competition within the Briars teams and elevating their overall skill and determination.

The season commenced triumphantly with a significant home win against Hawkesbury Valley, fueling hopes for a strong season. However, a series of setbacks followed: injuries, a disrupted start due to Easter and



byes in the seven-team competition, leading to hefty losses away at Newport and Lindfield, as well as frustrating defeats against Hills and UNSW at home.

Amidst mid-season breaks for the European summer, the team faced an imperative match away at Epping. A remarkable last-minute victory breathed fresh life into the season. A historic home win against Newport, overturning an earlier huge loss, positioned the team within reach of finals. However, a narrow two-point loss to Hawkesbury dashed these hopes, marked by a controversial missed penalty kick for Briars late in the game.

As injuries, suspensions, and more breaks took their toll, the season concluded with substantial losses to Hills, Epping, and Lindfield. Yet, a promising display against UNSW provided a glimmer of positivity for the next season.

Throughout the year, standout performances shone, with Alex McCrystal's leadership earning him the well-deserved Players Player award. Fraser Shaw continued to defy age, showing continual improvement year after year. Debutants Isaac Chafei, Brody Tierney, and Azza Fine made impactful contributions in the backs. Ned Churchyard and Peter Kosmas delivered brilliant performances before their breaks, while Ash Simpson, Anthony Nguyen, and Geoff Coffill remained consistently impressive.

Looking ahead, preparations for the Division 2 demands begin earlier, recognizing its structured, fast-paced nature where fitness and skill are crucial. With an eye on a successful season, the team eagerly anticipates the challenges and opportunities awaiting in the upcoming year.

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

Matthew Carew | Coach

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In hindsight, the season brimmed with moments that left us pondering "what if." Beginning with a promising showing in the trials, there was a strong sense of confidence in our ability to challenge the competition.



*Second grade kick-off at Rothwell Park*

Things kicked off on a high note until an unfortunate injury marred our opening game against HV, and a narrow loss to defending champions Newport at Porter Reserve left us feeling optimistic. Players like Adam Muderis, Tyson Ibrahim, and Phil Adam showcased remarkable performances, bolstered by Captain Jack Rathborne's exceptional leadership. However, a bout of inconsistency and lapses in discipline troubled us mid-season, impacting our matches against the top-tier teams. While we displayed

resilience against Lindfield and UNSW and secured a resounding victory against Newport at Rothwell, notable performances from James Oh, unfortunately, couldn't alter our course. Our late surge fell short, missing the finals by a mere 2 points. Nevertheless, I firmly believe that the trials, disappointments, and experiences of this season will only fortify every member of our squad, shaping them into more seasoned and resilient players for the years to come. Anticipating a collective effort from each squad member donning the gold jersey next year, we aim to strive harder and aim for success.

## Briars Colts

Luke Sinai | Coach

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I want to start by expressing gratitude for the opportunity to coach and contribute to this extraordinary Rugby Club. My heartfelt thanks go out to Marky, Boyter, Slender, Mitch, Stace, Geoff, Barnsey, Macca, Dan, DJ, Jack, and the entire coaching staff. Your dedication, presence, time, energy, and support have

been the backbone of this season. Despite the outcomes not aligning with our hopes, your unwavering belief in the team remains constant.



*Colts taking the win against Hills at Rothwell Park*

Coaching the Colts has been a pleasure. From starting with a squad of 4 and growing to 40, witnessing the teams dedication and energy has been remarkable. As a young team, our competitive spirit prevailed, with no major defeats. The teams resilience speaks volumes about their character. The potential they hold for the upcoming seasons isn't just about what you can be, but what you will be. And let me warn the grade boys to be prepared during during their off-

season because the Colties are on the rise! I am immensely proud of this team

A special acknowledgment goes to Angus Mooney, who was entrusted with the captaincy, his composure and exceptional rugby skills held the team together. He's a natural leader, and his influence will only grow in the years to come.

Reflecting on the season's start, we had promising trials despite concerns about player numbers. Victories against Hawks Valley and Hills showcased Tadhg Aldridge's growth and the brilliance of The Chafei! The memorable match-winning try against Hills is etched in our minds. Although we faced tough losses against Newport and Lindfield, the team's growth was evident. We ended strong in many games, displaying resilience, a promising sign for the future.

We had a busy season, even playing out of season fixtures against Terry Hills and Mosman. Some of the colts played over 17 games, a testament to their dedication. Special mention to Nazir Hammoud for his commitment and growth. Lachie Andrews' for his unwavering dedication which earned him the Players Player award, he put his body on the line throughout the season. James Walker who we admired for his consistent presence, aggressive defense, and versatility.

Kudos to Jacob Ogle and Ryley Brennan for making the team of the year, and to Isaac Chafei, Jon Cusack, Maxim Clarke, Tadhg Aldridge, Josh Estwick, Angus Mooney, Matthew Vasuturaga, Ryley Brennan, George Kosmas, and Will Swan, their presence in first grade was a remarkable achievement this season.

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

Tim Gorman | Coach

Third grade had its ups and downs this season, presenting a mixed bag of experiences. The team comprised a blend of seasoned veterans and spirited newcomers, offering a glimpse of potential that could have propelled us into the finals. We came close, but various factors, including European holidays and injuries to players in higher grades, disrupted our momentum. Many from our team were called up to higher grades, resulting in a lack of stability that made it challenging to compete against Hills, Epping, and Lindfield, who fielded former first graders.

Despite the lack of desired results, our club's resilience and collective mentality shone through. This resilience lays a strong foundation for future successes. The season commenced with a mix of wins and losses, but victories against Newport and Hawks Valley in the early return legs kept our hopes of reaching the finals alive. Sadly, a forfeit against UNSW, made for the club's betterment and nearly snatching a win in the second grade, halted our momentum and dashed our finals aspirations. However, our formidable challenge against an undefeated Epping team likely contributed to their eventual falter in the finals.

Individual brilliance from players like Stacey Howcroft, David Ananin, James Ashton-Maxwell, and Bailey Carrington significantly contributed to our season's successes. Furthermore, the impressive progress of younger talents such as Josh Gardiner and several colts who honed their skills in third grade before excelling in higher levels indicates a promising future for Briars Rugby Club.

## Fourth Grade

Michael Taberner | Coach



*Fourth grade in the sheds at Rothwell Park*

This season marked a significant milestone for Briars as we revived our fourth-grade team after more than a decade, showcasing our club's enduring strength as we embark on our second century of rugby. Despite not clinching any victories, the team, comprising mostly middle-aged men, savored every moment and notably contributed to the Saturday afternoon beer sales at Rothwell Park.

A special mention goes to Rob Hamilton, recognized as the Players Player, who showcased his prowess in the lock position, complementing the club legend Aaron Boyter. Their imposing stature, characterized by both height and a substantial beer belly, made for formidable opponents and tough tackles. Nick Alvaro, aptly known as "Intensity," provided the team's main drive (and occasionally, penalties), effectively enticing retired players to don the gold jerseys once more.

Inevitably, injuries visited almost every player at some point (the classic adage of aging bodies), but the camaraderie and love for the game made every bruise worthwhile. Plans are already underway within the famous fourth-grade "chat" for the upcoming season, with aspirations for another shot at gracing the revered turf of Rothwell.

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## Team of the Year

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| 1 Stacey Howcroft | 2 Lachie Andrews        | 3 Neilesh Fernandes |
| 4 Jacob Ogle      | 5 Fraser Shaw           |                     |
| 6 Ned Churchyard  | 8 James Walker          | 7 Alex McCrystal    |
| 9 Phil Adam       |                         |                     |
| 10 David Ananin   |                         |                     |
| 12 Peter Kosmas   |                         |                     |
|                   | 13 James Oh             |                     |
| 11 Nazir Hammoud  | 14 Lachlan Mills        |                     |
| 15 Tadhg Aldridge |                         |                     |
|                   | 16 Ryley Brennan        |                     |
|                   | 17 James Ashton-Maxwell |                     |
|                   | 18 David McDougal       |                     |
|                   | 19 Bailey Carrington    |                     |
|                   | 20 Ash Simpson          |                     |
|                   | 21 Isaac Chafei         |                     |



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



# Briars Women's Rugby

## Chairman's Report

David Lannan



The 2023 season marked a watershed moment for Briars Women's Rugby, culminating in a triumphant new era after five years of navigating the highs and lows as a club.

This transformative journey propelled Briars Women's Rugby into the spotlight as a formidable force not only in Sydney but across Australia and on the international stage, resulting in a maiden premiership win in the Division 3 Sydney Women's 7s competition.

### Season Highlights:

- **Dubai 7s Kick-off (December 2022):** The season ignited with a spectacular trip to The Dubai 7s, where our dedicated squad of 12 players and 4 staff competed fiercely against top clubs and national teams, setting the tone for an extraordinary year.
- **Strategic Player Recruitment:** Building on recruitment efforts in 2022, Briars welcomed new talents, enabling us to field two squads at the Sydney Club 7s. This strategic move provided experienced players with competitive matches while nurturing development players in a supportive environment.
- **Regional NSW Tournaments:** The 2023 calendar year kicked off with numerous regional NSW tournaments, showcasing our team's prowess despite a bit of early-season rustiness.
- **Borneo 7s Triumph (March):** Invited by Asia Rugby, Briars triumphed at the Borneo 7s in Malaysia, securing the Shield with a victory over Uzbekistan's national team during a short but eventful tour.
- **Sydney 7s Club Competition (May-August):** Negotiating challenges such as rugby league crossovers, our teams competed in Division 2 and 3, with the Maroon side going undefeated, securing the Division 3 premiership.
- **Club Championship Debut:** Briars shone in the inaugural Sydney Women's Rugby Club Championship, finishing 4th in 7s and 11th overall, a testament to our all-around excellence.
- **Fast 5 Rugby 7s Tournament (August):** Briars hosted a thrilling tournament featuring the China National 7s team, showcasing our competitiveness and sportsmanship in an event telecast live on our YouTube page.
- **Consistent Leadership:** With Trent Eagle as head coach and David Lannan as President/Team Manager, along with the steadfast commitment of Vice President Courtney Miller and Registrar Annabel Woo, the coaching and management team remained a steady force.

### Looking Ahead to 2024:

Briars Women's Rugby eagerly anticipates another season of growth, aiming to compete in Division 1 in 2024. As we continue building our club's brand and capabilities, we remain dedicated to fostering

international ties with Asia Rugby and engaging with junior players, exemplified by our U18 team scheduled for the Spring 7s in 2023.

A heartfelt thank you to Taylah Watson for elevating our social media presence, and congratulations to the Briars Maroon team for their well-deserved Premiership. Here's to a promising future filled with success, growth, and continued excellence in Briars Women's Rugby!

## Head Coach Report

Trent Eagle

The year 2023 has marked a significant breakthrough for Briars Women's Rugby Club, showcasing remarkable growth from approximately 8 players to an impressive roster of 40 ladies, including the establishment of a development training group. Notably, this year brought several firsts, with Briars securing their maiden victory in the Sydney 7s Comp's third division, followed by another back-to-back win in the same division. Simultaneously, our 3rd division ladies achieved commendable wins.

In a thrilling finale, Briars emerged victorious in the Sydney Women's 7s Third Division, underscoring the incredible growth demonstrated by our dedicated ladies over the past 12 months. Despite entering the 1st division in the initial week of competition, we came close to clinching the second division title as well.

An exciting highlight of the year was Briars hosting the China National Squad for a round-robin tournament alongside Burraneer, Sydney Uni, and Gordon, showcasing our ability to compete with the top teams in NSW. Post-Sydney season, our team triumphed at the Mudgee 7s comp but faced a setback in the Byron Bay 7s quarterfinals. Nevertheless, the experience served as a valuable learning opportunity for the team.

Beyond the field, the heart of Briars Women's Rugby lies in the dedication of individuals like Emily, Jacinta, Keisha, Taylah, San, Annabel, Gabby, Courtney, and Kate. Their contributions to coaching, social media, fitness training, and club management have been pivotal to our success. Special thanks to Kate for her leadership, guidance, and the ability to bring the team together, fostering accountability.

As the coach, witnessing the growth of our club has been the highlight of 2023. The support from Briars Sports Club and the invaluable contributions from David have played a crucial role in our achievements. Looking forward, the success of 2023 sets the bar higher for 2024, and we eagerly embrace the challenges ahead.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved, and to David, who is the backbone of Briars Women's Rugby. We appreciate the unwavering support from Briars Sports Club, without which our journey would not be as rewarding.

Here's to an even more remarkable 2024!

## Briars Women's Rugby

2023 Squad



*Courtney Miller, Annabel Woo, Awhina Akuhata, Ashlee Scott, Birralee Cutmore, Bridget Deane, Chloe Bromage, Emily Eden, Kate Mateffy, Katie Buchhorn, Makenzie Baxter, Olympia Plummer, Sasha Meeks, Pui San Lai, Taylah Watson, Josephine Maejiirs, Sarah Chapman, Gabby Buchhorn, Amber Chittick, Julieana Friedrichs, Keisha Lotoaniu, Rachel Simpson, Jade Swabey, Bianca Bennetts, Ruthie Mose Aunei, Olivia Lancuba, Miranda McMurray, Bridie Searle, Breanna Raymond, Adi Vuga Mere Naqatoloalo, Chelsea Killey, Ameena Kanj, Jacinta Tui, Karen*



Waq, Jenaye Collins, Wendy Meza, Cleopatra Carreno, Emma Cardoso & Isadora Sgroi.

## 2023 Award Winners

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Hennie Muller Award for overall effort at training:	<i>Jacinta Tui and Kate Mateffy</i>
Gold Squad Most Improved Award:	<i>Ruthie Mose-Aunei</i>
Gold Squad Coaches Award for performance on & off the field.	<i>Taylah Watson</i>
Maroon Squad Most Improved Award:	<i>Bridie Searle</i>
Maroon Squad Coaches Award for performance on & off the field.	<i>Gabby Bucchorn</i>
Rookie of the Year:	<i>Keisha Lotoaniu</i>
Players Player:	<i>Olympia Plummer</i>

## Briars Women's Rugby Club Award Winner

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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 **Gabby Buchhorn** who is this years recipient of the award.

## The Dubai 7's 2022

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After extensive preparation, fundraising, and training, the Briars Women's Rugby 7s team embarked on their journey to Dubai in the early hours of Monday, November 28. Despite the anticipation, the 14-hour plane ride didn't afford much rest, as excitement for the upcoming adventure overshadowed any thoughts of fatigue.



Touching down in Dubai on Monday afternoon, the team was greeted by the awe-inspiring sight of the Burj Khalifa dominating the cityscape. The realization hit that they were in the midst of the grandeur, ready to partake in the world's most significant 7s tournament. A leisurely day acclimatising to the surroundings, along with a team dinner, provided some much-needed rest and an early night to align with the local time zone.

Tuesday morning kicked off with a beach training session at Kite Beach, an unconventional choice due to limited grass pitches but deemed the best option in Dubai's heat. The team then received an exciting surprise – an invitation to the Aussie Women's 7s training session at a Dubai



high school, offering a firsthand look at the intensity and discipline of the world-class team. The day concluded with a thrilling sunset desert safari, featuring quad bike rides, camel treks, 4WD dune bashing, and a BBQ dinner – an unforgettable team adventure.

The day before the tournament allowed for sightseeing, culminating in a captains' run at the remarkable Ballers facility in downtown Dubai beneath the towering Burj Khalifa. The team received their jerseys from Briars

International coach Stuart Ryan and Briars Women's Rugby President David Lannan. The eve ended with a team dinner beside an aquarium, complete with sharks and mermaids, setting the stage for Tournament Day 1 with the team's goal to secure a top-two position in the group and push the boundaries of their performance.



**Back Row:** *Stu Ryan (coach), Breanna Raymond, Annabel Woo, Courtney Miller, Awhina Akuhata, Bianca Bennetts, Sam Small & David Lanna (President).*

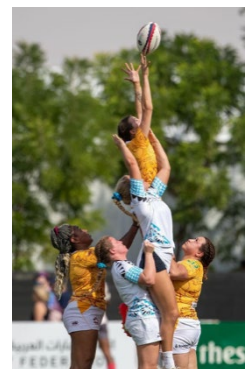
**Front Row:** *Ashlee Scott (chaperone), Chloe Bromage, Rachel Simpson, Kate Mateffy, Taylah Watson, Josephine Maejiirs & Pui San Lai.*

On the first day of the event, Briars had two scheduled games. Arriving at the remarkable facility proved to be a source of inspiration for the team. The venue boasted eight rugby fields, including the main stadium, along with additional amenities such as a swimming pool and recovery facilities, undoubtedly living up

to its reputation as the world's most significant 7s tournament. The sun was shining bright, with temperatures reaching a high of 31 degrees, posing a definite challenge to our fitness levels.

### Game 1 | Briars v Tabusoro Angels International | 10 – 10

The first game was against an international invitational team, Tabusoro Angels, based in Norway with Fijian roots. The team consisted of national level players from across Europe, having won the Dubai 7s in 2018 and 2019, Briars knew we were up for a big game. With some early jitters we settled into the game. With tries from Bree Raymond and Taylah Watson scores were locked at 10-10, Angels got a break down the far wing, and we thought we were beat but a massive chase and big tackle from Chloe Bromage saw Angels drop the ball over the line and seal the draw.



### Game 2 | Briars vs Kazakhstan | 26 - 7



In the second game, Briars engaged in an international matchup, although this wasn't their inaugural experience on the global stage, having played their first international games earlier in the year against Thailand, Singapore, and the UAE. Anticipating a physically demanding match against Kazakhstan, similar to their style, we prepared a team ready to face the challenge head-on. Late information revealed that several Kazakhstan players were sidelined due to injuries sustained in a UAE tournament the previous weekend, aligning with our team's strengths. It marked Briars' first



international victory, with tries credited to Sam Small, Rachel Simpson, Breanna Raymond, and Pui San Lai.

The team had their final pool game on day 2 of the tournament. Depending on results Briars would either move to the Cup finals on Day 3 or Plate Finals on the same day. The sun was beating down and the team was excited focusing on a big first game.

### Game 3 | Briars v Rhinos Rugby | 7 - 36



Rhinos went into this game undefeated with some big wins against the other group teams. Briars needed to secure Top 2 spot and all that needed was to not lose by too much. Rhinos are a professional academy team based in the USA, with players from the national sides of South Africa, USA, NZ, Ireland, Poland, Japan and Fiji. It was going to be a tough match.

Briars had a slow start, with a mostly defensive start, the heat was testing the fitness. Three quick tries to Rhinos saw us move back to our attacking pattern and speed to force mistakes on Rhinos and it worked. Our second half was much stronger, holding Rhinos out for most of the match and Chloe Bromage breaking the line and being the first player to score against Rhinos for the tournament. Briars held the difference and secured second spot in the group.

Our day at the ground ended early. As we headed back, we reflected on our great performance, celebrating the day with a team dinner.

### Cup Quarter Final | Briars v Tropics 7s | 19 - 21

An early morning game didn't mean the sun went away, but we were ready to take on another professional academy team with players from across Europe and the UK, coached by renowned English player Heather Fisher. The team were up for the game and captain Bianca Bennetts had been in the ear of the coach to get the best out of the team. Briars went out strong with a perfect 7s play ending with Taylah Watson with the undercut on Breanna Raymond to find the gap and sprint down the line for a converted try. Tropics hit back, dragging our defence a bit too far and created a gap for a try. Bianca hit back with a signature tackle buster and sprint to score under the posts and another conversion. Tropics again hit back scoring two tries to go ahead by 1 point at half time 14-15. A defensive battle played out in the second half with Tropics the first to score taking the score to 14-20. A try in the last minute of the game and a captains effort from Bianca Bennetts got us to kicking the conversion to win. Unfortunately, the try was forced into the corner and missed the conversion. Another great game cemented Briars, an amateur club from Australia in the Top 8 at the biggest club 7s competition in the world.



The tournament finished with a party for all the players and spectators once the World Series event finalised (with Aussie Women taking top spot).

The rest of the tour was free time. A late Sunday night flight gave everyone plenty of time to get in a lot of sightseeing and enjoy the offerings of Dubai.

Briars Women's Rugby look forward to heading back to Dubai in the future and taking out the competition!

### Players Report - Taylah Watson

Dubai was hands down one of the greatest experiences I've ever had. Being lucky enough to travel with such a fantastic team is something I will never take for granted. Meeting new people and making new

friends from all over the world is something not many people get to experience! If I'm being completely honest, I was so very nervous to head over to another country, but Briars made it a whole lot easier with their support and making me feel comfortable the whole trip. Playing against people from all over the world was such a new and exciting experience. Not only did we make friends, learn new skills, and watch some great rugby, we learnt new languages, tried new food and most importantly made some lifelong friends.

Scoring my first international try was something I will remember for the rest of my life, and for it to be alongside the girls from Briars made it even more special. While away on tour we grew as a team. It was such an honour to put on the briars jersey and make everyone proud!

## Briars Women's Rugby Win in Borneo!

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Briars Women's Rugby secured victory in the Plate Final at the Borneo 7s, triumphing over the Uzbekistan National team with a gritty 12-5 win in challenging hot and humid conditions after three days of intense competition. The invitation to compete at the Borneo 7s, extended by Eagles Rugby Club and Asia Rugby, placed Briars against formidable opponents, including national sides from Singapore, India, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan, as well as the Borneo Eagles, featuring a mix of professional players from New Zealand and Malaysia. Despite finishing in 5th place overall, Briars claimed the Plate final against Uzbekistan Rugby, establishing themselves as the top club side in the tournament.



The Borneo 7s, renowned as the Greenest 7s in the World, unfolded near the rainforests of Sandakan,



known for its diverse wildlife. Briars commenced their journey with an 18-hour overnight flight on March 14, arriving in Kuala Lumpur before proceeding to Sandakan. The team, with several players experiencing their first international trip, quickly bonded through a swim in the hotel pool, a rooftop team dinner, and a day of sightseeing in Sandakan, which included wildlife sanctuaries showcasing Proboscis monkeys, Sun Bears, and Orangutans.

The tournament commenced with a solemn visit to the Sandakan War Memorial, commemorating prisoners of war during the Sandakan Death Marches. The first day of play brought a challenging match against the well-drilled Indian national side, resulting in a hard-fought 12-19 loss. Despite disappointment, the team regrouped and secured a satisfying 31-5 win against Malaysian club side Labuan Wipers. The final day saw Briars competing in the Plate competition, facing India once more in a tough match, which ended 0-31 in India's favour. Undeterred, Briars rallied in the Plate semi-final, defeating Malaysian club team Convent Jaguars 49-0, setting the stage for a thrilling Plate Final against Uzbekistan. In an impressive display of resilience, Briars emerged victorious with a 12-5 scoreline.

The team accepted their well-deserved trophy and medals in front of an enthusiastic stadium crowd, and celebrations continued into the night with an end-of-tournament dinner and entertainment, a tradition shared by all participating teams. Briars Women's Rugby showcased remarkable resilience and skill, competing admirably against semi-professional players as dedicated amateur club athletes. As they look forward to the upcoming local season in Sydney, Briars Women's Rugby expresses gratitude to everyone for their unwavering support, including Briars Sports, sponsors, fans, friends, and family.



## Club 7s

The Sydney Women's Rugby Club 7s made a triumphant return to full swing in 2023 after three seasons of disruptions, showcasing the robust growth of Women's Rugby in Sydney. The excitement was palpable as a significant number of clubs converged for each tournament, reflecting the thriving interest and participation in the sport.



Briars Gold and Briars Maroon kicked off the season with a novel approach, competing in Division 1 and Division 2, respectively. This innovative program aimed to provide Division 1 teams with more game opportunities. Briars took the lead by being the sole team to step up to Division 1, underlining the distinct capabilities of the clubs. By Round 2, Division 3 was reintroduced, allowing newer development teams to engage in competitive matches.

In this transformed landscape, Briars Gold set out to assert their dominance in Division 2, facing tough competition from Norths, Gordon, Sydney Uni, and Burra Rays. While Briars Gold clinched outright victories in three tournaments, the impact of Round 1 and exclusive play against the Maroon side in Round 2 prevented them

from securing a higher position on the table.

With the reintroduction of Division 3, the Maroon team strategically aimed for a series win, concentrating on tournament victories. Displaying exceptional 7s rugby skills, the Maroon squad asserted their dominance in the division, and the late entry of Sydney Irish added a new dimension to the competition.

A special congratulations to Briars Maroon for securing the first Premiership for Briars Women's Rugby!

Throughout the season, Briars also engaged in friendly matches, hosting Norths for Briars Ladies Day, traveling to compete against Burra at the Southern Districts Ladies Day, and participating in a 10s match against Petersham at the inaugural Welcome Day at Henson Park in Marrickville. The season was a testament to the team's dedication and the vibrant spirit of Women's Rugby in Sydney.

Tournament Results as follows:

### Overall Points after Rounds - 7

Division 1		Division 2		Division 3	
Points	Team	Points	Team	Points	Team
138	Burra Rays 1	116	Burra Rays 3	<b>114</b>	<b>Briars 2</b>
124	Sydney Uni	110	Norths 1	90	Sydney Irish
102	UTS Gordon Gold	106	Syd Uni 2	78	Eastwood
80	Burra Rays 2	104	UTS Gordon Green	64	Blue Mountains
		<b>100</b>	<b>Briars 1</b>	62	Mac Uni



66	Manly	38	Syd Uni 3
60	Randwick	18	UTS Gordon Blue
50	Burra Rays 4	16	West Harbour
44	Norths 2	14	Sydney Irish
38	UTS Gordon Blue		

#### Overall Results | Division 2

100 points – 5<sup>th</sup> place / 10 teams

*(1st place removing Shute Shield clubs playing down a division)*

#### Overall Results | Division 3

114 points – 1st place / 9 teams

#### Club Championship (XVs, 10s & 7s)

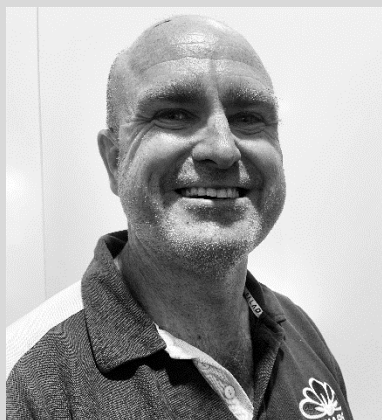
Overall – 11<sup>th</sup> place 368 points

7s – 4<sup>th</sup> place 368 points

# Briars Junior Rugby

## Chairperson's Report

Mick McGrath



### Team Achievements:

- *Under 11s – 2022 and 2023 back-to-back Premiers*
- *Under 12s - 2023 Minor Premiers and Grand Finalist in Sizzling 7s.*

Our successful 2023 season started with four age groups competing in our first ever Rugby 7s Gala Day and concluded with all three of our junior teams completing also for the first time in the SJRU Spring 7s which saw 10 new players join Briars Junior Rugby for the first time. The highlight of the season was our Under 11s winning their grand final, becoming the first Briars Junior Rugby team to go back-to-back and only the third team in our history to take out a Junior Premiership.

We had an unprecedented eight Minis and Junior teams ranging from Mighty 5s through to our Minor Premiers, the Under 12s. We had 85 registered players this year comprising 75 boys and 10 girls with 33 volunteers generously donating their time in official roles to support our great club. Our club would not be able to function without the expertise and commitment of our wonderful coaches and managers. So many of our age groups had a team of coaches sharing the load and our club would be lost without the time and effort they put into guiding our young men and women on their rugby journey. Briars Junior Rugby were strongly represented in the State Championships this season with 20 players being selected for this year's West Harbour District Junior teams.

New initiatives in 2023 included the highly successful introduction of Junior Coaching Mentors, with 5 current and former players aged 10 to 14 years of age taking on coaching, mentoring and refereeing roles with our club. Kye Games (2023 Junior Clubman of the Year), Jacob McGrath, William Boyter, Harley Buchan and Kian White (our first ever junior referee) passionately took on these inaugural mentoring positions. This year also saw our first ever Junior Club Captain appointed, Daniel Crippa, who rounded out Briars Junior Rugby's six member Junior Leadership team. Daniel's emotional presentation day speech embodied perfectly what it means to be a Briar and was inspirational to his captivated audience of junior players and parents.

A huge thanks to all our players and their families for being a part of Briars Junior Rugby this year.

Additionally, our success would not have been possible without our innovative committee who never wavered in their support, ensuring our club provided the best, most inclusive rugby experience possible and our many generous sponsors.

The club appreciates and thanks all our sponsors for the 2023 season. Our Jersey sponsors continued their long-term partnership with Briars Junior Rugby, and we are proud to have Concord Land Rover, TOCO fresh and Timber Floor Collective as part of the Briars Junior Rugby community. As well as established Junior Rugby supporters The Athletic Buddha Kids, Chilcott's Butchers and Maranello's, we were fortunate to welcome new sponsors FINDEX, IGA Mellick's and Cure Cancer this season. Horwood Nolan again showed their great support for junior sport in our community as our main training apparel sponsor along with FINDEX.

A special mention to our Treasurer Jules Boyer and our Vice President Anna White for the hundreds of hours of work they put in behind the scenes to make Briars Junior Rugby the club of choice for local families as we head into our tenth year in 2024. It goes without saying that Jules Boyer has been the heart and soul of Briars Junior Rugby since she established the club 9 seasons ago. After 8 years as president, Jules was our Treasurer this season and mentored Anna and I in our new roles. Jules has officially stepped down from the committee and will take on an all-important advisory role next season. On behalf of the many families, she has supported in chasing their rugby dreams, I sincerely thank Jules for all she has done and for her continuous support in my first year leading the awesome club she has created.

Finally, I would like to thank Jason Parle and Briars Sports for their guidance and support of our club as none of our successes would have been possible without their continued commitment to community sport and particularly Briars Junior Rugby.

#### Individual Achievements:

Junior Clubman of the Year	Kye Games
Junior Player of the Year	Daniel Crippa
Leading Point Scorer	Daniel Crippa (198 points)
Leading Try Scorer	Kobe Veiagina (31 tries in 13 games)
100 Junior Games	Toby Boyter
Junior Clubman of the Year	Kye Games



*Junior Player of the Year and Junior Clubman*



*Junior Coaching Mentors*

## Briars Jnr Rugby Mighty 5's

David Lannan | Coordinator



Our first effort at engaging 4-year-olds into Briars Rugby was a resounding success. It was a great start to rugby for all involved and the excitement on the kids' faces each week of the 14-week skills program reflected how much fun the experience was for them.

Jude 'debuted' in this program, following in the proud Briars tradition of his dad (Briars Women's Rugby President and former Briars player) and bringing along his day care mate Emile to join the Briars family. Samuel followed in the footsteps of his siblings Hannah (under 6/7s) and Hamish (under 9s) as well as their dad, who spent his rugby days playing for Briars and now coaching one of our junior rugby teams. Rounding out this passionate group of budding superstars were

Briars' newbies Harrison and Aary.



We look forward to being a part of the developing rugby careers of this fab group of young Briars and watching their love of the game and skills go from strength to strength.

## Briars Jnr Rugby U6 & U7

Manuel Oramas & Jacob McGrath | Coach & Mentor



Max, Julian, Jaden, Arion, Rodrigo, Hannah, Chloe, Owen, Fletcher, Medha, Mikaylah, Austin and Aarish made up our combined under 6s and 7s squad this year and were enthusiastic and energetic for every training session and every game. These superstars of the touch version of rugby improved every week, with some itching to continue their rugby education with tackle rugby for the first time next season. Eager to learn and excited to play, many of these energizer bunnies played two games of football back-to-back on Saturdays in both age groups and would have even played a third match if they were allowed.

Junior Coach Jacob loved every minute of passing on his rugby knowledge to the team and learning the art of coaching from Coach Manny.

Thank you for a great season!

## Briars Jnr Rugby U8

Chris Lissa, Matt Games & Kye Games | Coaches & Mentor



2023 was a great first season of tackle rugby for the under 8's. Although there is officially no score keeping and no winners or losers for this age group, there was never any doubt as to whether the kids were keeping score. It's great to see how competitive they are! During the season we scored lots more tries than we conceded, won lots more games than we lost and most importantly had a lot of fun doing it. We also supported the under 9's who were short on numbers all season – a big thanks to all the kids that backed up and played 2 games pretty much every week.



**Kareem Lokhandwala:** A key part of our big forward pack, Kareem always runs hard and sets a great platform for our other players to run off. He missed a large part of the season with a broken collarbone, but we enjoyed welcoming him back for the last few games.

**Alfie Games:** Another hard running forward who was always good for a few tries every week and gave a few of the backs a run for their money in the top try scorer department. Great eye for a gap and excellent step.

**Ethan Lissa:** Has a great combination of pace and size which saw him run a little wider than the other forwards but still get over the try line plenty of times.

**Callum Archer:** Another big, bustling forward that knows the shortest way to the try line is straight forward! Always put his hand up to take the first hit up which is a scary prospect for the opposition.

**Oliver Logan:** Showed moments of brilliance throughout the season with some strong runs. He was starting to do that more consistently by the last few games and carries good momentum into the 2024 season.

**Roman Black:** One of our most improved players. Learned to run straight and hard and was very effective doing so. One of our better defenders too.

**Tiago De Andrade:** The nicest kid on the team! Showed moments of brilliance when he was able to forget about the opposition and pin his ears back and go for the line.

**Aiysha Ratnam:** Our quiet achiever. Didn't score as many tries as some of the other players but always got through a mountain of work. Our best player in ruck and maul play.

**Augustine Sukkar:** A pocket rocket! Equally at home stopping tries with brilliant tackles as he was scoring them.

**Thomas Cassidy:** Another one of our speedsters who scored plenty of tries and was a reliable cover defender who shut down many line breaks.

**Ash Kerle:** A little dynamo who unfortunately only played a few games before getting injured at school and not making it back on the pitch.

A big thanks to all the players and parents for a very enjoyable season.

## Briars Jnr Rugby U9 & U10

Harvey Sauran, Steve Waddington, Chris Veal, Jamie Lee Makatoa & Kian White | Coaches & Mentor



Our under 9s numbered only 5 players this season but these committed individuals not only showed up week in week out for their Minis games, but they also backed up without fail whenever called on to play Under 10s the following day. Supported by our under 8s, this combined group playing Under 9s bonded together so well, made some excellent friendships and came away with some hard fought victories.

This year the Under 10s were a joint venture team with West Harbour, with the above mentioned under 9s backing up when needed. At the start of the season, there were reservations about how it would work.

When we realised that the whole team would never all be available to train together, we made the best of the situation by keeping both Wednesday and Thursday training sessions open to players from both clubs. This helped in building not just the skills of our players, but the camaraderie of the team.

The Briars Wests team started off strong and early in the season we were promoted to a more challenging division. We were lucky to have one of the strongest forward packs in the competition, but the conflicting availability meant the forwards only came together on game days. Despite this, the players worked together well, and it was great to see how far they came over the season.

Our backs had speed in attack, solid defence and weren't afraid to get involved in the breakdowns to help the forwards. The scoreboard for the second half of the season doesn't adequately reflect how competitive the team was, how much they improved or how hard they worked.

Congratulations to all the Briars and Wests players on a great effort this season.

Playing squads:

- Kassidy, Konrad, Hamish, Leo and Dinos who courageously played Under 9s on Saturday and Under 10s on Sunday
- Callum, Elwood, Israel, Sebastian S, Ruby, Nick, Emmett, Monash, Luca, Sebastian C, Alex, Tobiah, Dom and Will from our U10's.

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who supported the team this season. A special thanks to Chris and Jamie-Lee for their help at training and on game days when Coach Harvey was working and to Anna for her incredible organisation of all team logistics and game day volunteering.

Under 10s Presentation Day awards from Briars and West Harbour went to:

Coach's Award	<i>Callum Hughes</i>
Best & Fairest	<i>Elwood Semple</i>
Consistent Back	<i>Luca White</i>
Consistent Forward	<i>Monash Talagi</i>
Best Defender	<i>Sebastian Conway</i>
Best Utility Player	<i>Emmett Gohan Taulapapa</i>
Most Improved	<i>Alex Ratnam</i>

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 Games, Daniel Pantazacos & Laurence O'Donovan | Coaches

2023 was a great year for the team, culminating in grand final success and becoming the first Briars Junior Rugby team to win back-to-back premierships. A huge congratulations to the kids on this amazing achievement and a special thanks to the parents and volunteers who made it possible with your unwavering commitment.

We've built a special team here; they play good rugby but just as importantly have a lot of fun and have built strong friendships around a shared desire to succeed. That desire was critically important this year in a season that had its fair share of challenges.



Two of our best players, Felix and Hugo, were lost to us early in the season with both choosing to step up and play U12s to balance out playing numbers across our two squads. Well done to those two players for accepting that challenge and also to our team on the way we regrouped and filled the not-inconsequential hole that their departures left. We had a similarly challenging time late in the season when we seemed to catch every illness going which left us severely short of players and saw us lose 3 of our last 4 regular season games. The way we rallied, trained and played hard showed a lot of self-belief after that low point and is a testament to that desire to succeed mentioned earlier. That trait will serve these kids well in future so hang onto it.

A few comments about each player in the team:

**Gabriel Abed:** A defining year from him as he was challenged to step up and become a starting prop in Felix's absence and duly accepted that challenge. Hard to stop when he runs at pace.

**James Burnicle:** Our Best and Fairest forward who gave his all every game and scored match saving tries on multiple occasions. The ultimate team player, he jumped off his sick bed to play and ensure we weren't short on players in the final round against Newport after his Mum had already ruled him out.

**Lucas Nero:** Was dropped in the deep end by being asked to play prop in his first season of rugby. He got better every week, and his season highlight was scoring 2 tries against Petersham on his birthday.

**Mason Whitehead:** Another who gives his all every game. His running game always been excellent, and he really benefitted from honing his tackling and rucking skills during the rep season and improved immensely over the year.

**Evan Russell:** Another that had a defining year which saw him win our spirit of rugby award. Evan's a pleasure to coach as every piece of advice you give him, he takes on board and implements and that has seen him improve immensely this season. Got through a mountain of work in the final.

**Ben Hooper:** A solid first season with some hard running tries being the highlight. Has the potential to be a superstar if he trains hard and gets more involved.

**Kye Games:** Our captain and winner of the Junior Clubman of the Year award in recognition of all the great work he does as part of this team and as a junior coach to the U8's. Always good for a big tackle or critical clean out to lift the team's spirits.

**Anton Panatazacos:** Mr Reliable at fly half who scored and setup many tries. Improved remarkably late in the season when he moved away from premeditating to run and pass and started making calls in the moment. Great try in the final!

**Ben Mellick:** One part of a formidable Centre pairing who runs and tackles hard and was a handful for all opposition teams. Our best and fairest back and try scorer in the final.

**Zach O'Donovan:** The other half of that pairing who also scored and stopped plenty of tries. Another who really benefitted from the rep season, he came back a much-improved tackler and an absolute demon at the breakdown.



**Sam Looney:** Mr Versatile spent most of the season in the forwards but found himself on the wing for finals to nullify the oppositions speedsters. Nobody runs or tackles harder than Sam and his dedication to kicking practice produced vital results for us in the finals.

**Ryan Milton:** Missed a large chunk of the season through injury but came back just in time for finals and slotted back into the team on the same wing that he played on last year. Solid as a rock in the finals.

**Presley Popovac:** Joined part way through the season and learned quickly to become a valuable member of the team. His deadly step led to several tries and will lead to many more in the future.

**Inigo Jordan:** When he was focused, he played very well including an excellent stint in the grand final which included a very high-quality run.

**Haylee Bruyn:** A great first season during which she grew in confidence every week. Confidence is key and when she stepped up and ran hard, she was tough to stop.

A special mention to Monash Talagi and Izzy Tupou who stepped up from U10's to provide prop bench cover in the finals. Both are absolute units and contributed strongly to the grand final win.

Finally, a special thanks to the volunteer crew for all their hard work. Laurence O'Donovan and Dan Pantazacos as my co-coaches, Sonia Games as manager plus Dione and Matt Whitehead and Ward Mellick our Ground Marshalls and Touch Judges.

## Briars Jnr Rugby U12

Matt Crippa & Harley Buchan, Will Boyter | Coach & Mentors



The Under 12's cohort had their most impressive season yet. After narrowly missing out on the Semi Finals last year, the team trained hard all year and were rewarded for their efforts with the Minor Premiership after only dropping 1 game in the regular season. Unfortunately, things didn't go our way in the Semi Final however all the team should be really proud of their efforts in what was the first year of 15-a-side Rugby.

**Felix Farah (Prop):** Felix played up an age group this year to help the Under 12s field a team. His efforts across the park were fantastic all year. Scrummaged well and was a strong runner with the ball, being rewarded with a try in the last game of the regular season!

**Toby Boyter (Hooker):** Toby is the club stalwart. Another great season on and off the field. Trained hard all year and contributed to every game that he played. Toby also celebrated his 100th game for Briars this season which is a massive achievement!

**Vereimi Levula (Prop):** Veremi made his debut to Rugby this year and grew leaps and bounds every game. A disciplined trainer who picked up the core skills and confidence to assert himself on the field in no time. Was awarded U12s Rookie of the Year.

**Phoebe Cassidy (Lock):** Phoebe continues to be a strong team player. Contributed massively to our defensive efforts at every breakdown and was strong across the set piece.



**Ethan Halliday** (Lock/Centre): Ethan's first season with Briars but came to us with a wealth of Rugby talent. Ethan was immense across the park. Fantastic ball runner and strong in defence. Had stints at both Lock and Centre and jelled well with the team from day 1.

**Hugo Chilcott** (Lock): Hugo was another player that played up a year this season. Wasn't fazed by the often-bigger opponents, a strong contributor across the park, particularly with his defensive efforts at the breakdown and strong go forward runs.

**Luke Wehbe** (Flanker): Luke took to his new position of flanker exceptionally well this year. Strong contributions all year with some great defensive efforts at the breakdown, pilfering the ball on many occasions, turning defence into attack!

**Kobe Veiagina** (No. 8): Kobe was a superstar in both attack and defence. Kobe was the leading try scorer across Briars junior rugby with an impressive tally of 31 Tries in 13 games and was always a strong presence in defence. Strong in every facet including set piece and a deserving winner of the team's Player of the Year!

**Jacob McGrath** (Flanker): Jacob's passion for the club and for rugby is unrivalled. It's on display every time he takes the field for Briars. He did a great job playing flanker throughout the year and also helped fill holes in other positions when needed. Was one of the strong leaders in the team all year and kept the team motivated throughout the games.

**Daniel Crippa** (Scrum Half): Daniel had another strong season at Scrum Half. Provides great service from the breakdown for the backs and keeps the forwards running forward really well. Another excellent leader on the field. He had a fantastic season leading the points scoring across Junior Rugby with 198 points and being awarded the inaugural Junior Player of the Year.

**Levi Buchan** (Fly Half): Levi moved in to Fly Half this year and grew in confidence every game. Truly made the position his own and provided an excellent link in shifting the ball to our Centres and Wings. Was a determined defender shutting down opposition plays every game.

**James Hunt** (Centre): James grew in confidence immensely throughout the year. His contribution in the centres was outstanding. Always took the opportunity when afforded space in attack and was a determined presence in defence. A real breakout season for James and was awarded U12s Most Improved. Well done!

**Kamal Ratnam** (Centre): Kamal continues to be a strong player across the park. A strong trainer that applies his learnings well in games. Hard to get around when he is defending and excellent in support when attacking.

**Joseph Sukkar** (Winger): Joseph isn't your typical Winger. Loves getting himself involved in the game in both attack and defence. Strong contributions all year and didn't look out of place when filling in at Flanker. Another excellent season.

**Shayanna Krishna** (Winger) & **Ava Di Mento** (Winger): Both Shayanna and Ava joined us late in the season to help bolster our numbers. New to Rugby, both committed themselves at training and picked up the core skills in no time. Their efforts were rewarded with some solid contributions in the games they played.

**Sakiasi Matairavula** (Full Back): Saki made the move to full back this year. A great runner of the ball finding opportunities to break the line regularly. The most pleasing part of his game though was the improvement and confidence in defence. Regularly pulling off try saving tackles. Another great season.

# Briars Hockey

## President's Report

David Slater (Slash)



### Season Highlights 2023

*it was a bit of a mixed bag of results this season. We won three premierships, spread across Juniors, Women's, and Masters, and I am particularly proud that we have once again become a threatening force come finals season in our top grades. Team and player numbers were stable in comparison to the previous season, which was in effect a great result for the Club.*

*We are also now seeing several of our talented juniors coming through and performing at the very highest levels within both the Men's and Women's sides of the club, which is a testament to all of the hard work put in by the people involved in our junior programmes over the past few years.*

I have to firstly apologise to everyone for not being able to come to Presentation night this year. It is the first one I have missed for a very long time. I hope I can claim a valid excuse, having joined my wife Helen on a swimming tour on the Great Barrier Reef as part of her "60th Birthday Festival".

I would like to firstly thank our Cindy Goodridge, who performed a fabulous job organising our Presentation night, on top of being an absolute powerhouse in the Club both as Women's Vice President and Registrar, in combination with all the other remarkable behind-the-scenes work and roles she has performed this season.

Thank you also to all our talented Committee members- we have been blessed for many years now to have had a quite astonishingly capable group of people driving all the key positions in our Club.

Many thanks also to all the people who have stuck their hands up to volunteer with something (anything!) during the year- some of them were singled out for recognition at our Presentation night, but everyone who just put in a little bit of their time was greatly appreciated. Our Club cannot function without the generosity and good humour of our volunteers, whatever part they play.

I must also give a shout-out to all our major sponsors (Mortgage Choice Concord, Flamingo Gas and *is-Strata*), and also to Brett and the Sports Club generally for all the support they have given to hockey during the year- when they say they are here to support the sports, they really do mean it. Once again Jason and all his fabulous staff have been an absolute pleasure to deal with during the season.

In terms of the hockey season itself, it was a bit of a mixed bag of results. We did win three premierships, spread across Juniors, Women's and Masters, and I am particularly proud that we have once again become a threatening force come finals season in our top grades. Team and player numbers were pretty stable in comparison to last year, which was in effect a great result for the Club.

We are also now seeing several of our talented juniors coming through and performing at the very highest levels within both the Men's and Women's sides of the club, which is a testament to all of the hard work put in by the people involved in our Juniors programmes over the past few years.

On a personal note, it has been an absolute pleasure playing and sharing a beer with all the blokes in the lower grades and Masters program. You all exemplify why we love playing for this great club of ours.

It has also been a privilege sharing the pitch for a season or two with some of our great young up-and-coming members such as Zack and Tully. We have some great young people in our club, all of them a credit both to their families and to Briars.

I am stepping down as President this year, but I know in my bones that my successor will perform an outstanding job in keeping Briars Hockey a happy and inclusive place for everyone, and will help continue to grow our strong family culture. As I have said on more than one occasion, I really do “Love youse all”!

Finally, I hope everyone had a great time this season, and can celebrate just having been together with a great bunch of mates, who make being a part of this club such a wonderful part of all our lives.

## Club Annual Award winners

### Senior Awards

AJ Robinson Award - <i>Club Person of the Year</i>	Chris Thuell
Col “Hockey” Jones Awards for volunteering:	Stuart Turnbull Jade Callander Jude Kirby Lewis Mike
Senior Coach of the Year	Courtney Pearson
Mens Rising Star	Henry Tyree
Womens Rising Star	Airley Goodridge
Most Outstanding Team	Women’s 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Social Team

### Junior Award

RD Vanderfield Award – <i>Junior Club Person of the Year</i>	Felix Fung
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## Briars Men’s Hockey Report

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

Paul Schofield & Michael Imer | Coach & Manager

It was another great season for our PL1 Men, our young group worked well together all season just falling short of a semi-finals spot. With 6 players in the HNSW U18 State program we are progressing well and should be a force to reckon with in the next couple of years.



There were some memorable performances throughout the year, our 11-1 demolition at home against SESH a great team performance and our first quarter against Manly-GNS in a 3-2 win, drew praise from the opposition coach “you guys were untouchable in the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr”.

Another enjoyable season with the PL1 boys, looking forward to setting new goals for the 2024 season.

**The Team:** Lee Brady, Nic Candido, Aaron Foong, Scott Garner, Kieren Govers, Sam Houston, Nicholas Morgan, Will Orth, Oscar Quix, Oskar Smith, Coady Stone, Liam Swney, Henry Tyree, Tom Vastani, Michael Woodgate & Max Yeoland.

A special mention to Ben O’Rourke our strength and conditioning coach and those players who supported 1<sup>st</sup> Grade through the year; Dane McIlveen (3 *games*), Adrian O’Rourke (4 *games*), Martin Pedersen-Clarke (7 *games*), Tristan Potts (5 *games*), Karl Smith (8 *games*) & Jack Ward (5 *games*).

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

## Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Henry Tyree
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Oscar Quix
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Nicholas Morgan

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

Troy Prescott & Leanne Ward | Coach & Manager

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Throughout this season, the Men's second-grade team showcased the talents of 28 players, with three promising young athletes—Henry Yeoland, James Reynolds, and Brayden Brook—making their impactful debut. Their performance reassured the club of a promising future, displaying remarkable skill and ensuring the team's continuity.

Despite finishing just 1 point shy of securing a spot in the finals, the team's record of 6 wins, 3 draws, and 7 losses encapsulated a season consistently on the cusp of brilliance. The roster's mix of experienced, mid-level, and younger players resulted in fluctuating lineups from week to week. Yet, regardless of changes or absences, every player contributed their best when on the field.

Striving for consistency, we adhered to a solid game plan, witnessing moments of brilliance when the team synergized and competed fiercely against top-tier opponents. However, occasional lapses in focus lasting around 10 minutes in most games disrupted our structure, often placing us at a disadvantage.

I tried to keep a consistent game plan, and when the team worked together, they held their own and matched it with the best teams and looked amazing. Unfortunately, we could not keep composed all game, seeing us lose structure for 10 minutes in most games putting us behind. I hope the kids enjoyed the season and **HAD FUN!**

**Competition position:** The Briars 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team came 7th.

### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Dane McIlveen
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Blake Durance
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Andrew Borg

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

Lewis Mike & Leanne Ward | Coach & Manager

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After a shaky start with two narrow losses, I braced myself for what seemed like an arduous season ahead. Historically, Briars Premier League 3 often followed this pattern: a sprinkling of wins, numerous close defeats, and falling short of the finals.

Yet, against the odds, our squad put in relentless effort and secured the necessary results to clinch a finals berth. To reach the top six, we had to conquer some formidable opponents, and we pulled off impressive victories, notably a thrilling 3-2 triumph

against the eventual Premier League 3 champions, Sutherland.

However, the lack of experience in handling finals pressure, both within the squad and across the club, proved to be our downfall in the initial round of the playoffs. It was a commendable campaign overall, tinged with a few moments of contemplating 'what could have been,' yet notably fewer of those instances



compared to previous years.

**Competition position:** The Briars 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team came 9th

#### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Jarryd Hill
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Henry Yeoland
<i>Coach's Award</i>	

## Briars Hockey Men's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – SL1

Mike Tuckerman | Coach & Manager

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This was my first season co-ordinating and working with 4s men. It took a while from pre-season to mid tournament to gain consistency with the team - Men's 4s naturally fall between the 3s and 5s team, but it



was clear that 4s needed time to establish and settle its core group.

By mid-tournament we had some consistency beginning to emerge with the team regulars. We lost a couple of good players, rightly so to the thirds, as well as a couple of players who for personal reasons were unable to continue.

There is no doubting this was a trying season for us, goals proved hard to come

by and whilst our defence showed grit and determination there were times when goals against us came in quick succession.



The 4s showed true grit and team spirit this year, every game was played positively, there were no negatives to speak of, and happy banter encouraged all. Team Captain Nigel Francisco and Vice-Captain Chris Hallet proved reliable, helpful, and consistent. When I was away overseas for 4 weeks, Chris was particularly helpful - a champion indeed.

Every member of the team – young and older (youngest 15, and oldest 44 or thereabouts) pulled their weight, did what was best for the team (without exception), filled the gaps and covered for their team mates as required.

I'm really looking forward to next season, improved and stronger.

**Competition position:** The Briars 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team came 9th

#### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Luke Broadbent
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Ian Pedersen-Clark & David Beuamont
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Jarrold Holmes

## Briars Hockey Men's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – SL3

Chris Hallett | Coach & Manager

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5<sup>th</sup> grade had a strong start to the season going undefeated for almost the whole of the first round of games. The team worked well together coming off a strong 2022 season and added some fresh faces into the team for the 2023 campaign. With a few retirements from 2022 a handful of players had to play in new positions and took up the challenge well including James Bladwell and Kristiane Skoulogenis.

With a mixture of experience and youth, speed and cool heads the 5<sup>th</sup> grade side played some scintillating hockey at times. With a fairly tight contest at the top of the table against Manly and UNSW it was always going to be a question of which team ended up third. With some untimely injuries and a bit of a dip in form the team dropped down from top spot late on in the season and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> spot.

Finals proved to be just as tight as the regular season and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> required a win in every game. Missing out on the top 2 by 2 points forced Briars into a match up against Glebe, which we beat 1-0 in a



very tight contest. The next round of finals required a win against top of the table Manly who had come off a 5-4 loss against UNSW the previous week. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade team played their hearts out and took Manly to a 1-1 draw in regulation time after going down a goal early in the game. Unfortunately, in extra time a clinical Manly goal from a short corner ended both the finals run and the season.

While the final result wasn't quite what the team wanted it was still an excellent season. It was good to see the team culture remained positive and strong throughout the season and also great to see the mix of experience and youth playing together.

**Competition position:** The Briars 5<sup>th</sup> Grade team came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Zack Arambewela
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	James Maddock
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Tully Shipton

## Briars Hockey Men's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – SL4

Mike Denniss | Coach & Manager

With the late decision to again only enter six mens' teams in 2023, we ended up fielding a team that should probably have played one or two divisions lower. As expected, the season was a struggle, but we enjoyed our hockey and post-game beers.

One positive to come out of the season was the number of new players to the club. Welcome to Andy Tsang (a much-needed boost to our goalie stocks), Joel Dawson, John Plessas, Jim Nichols and Hugo Moore (a junior who joined late in the season to play with his father). Also, welcome back to Ken Struthers. We hope to see all these guys back next year.

With injuries, work, holidays and other commitments, we needed help from a number of fill-ins to field a team most weeks. Thanks to following:

#### The Team:

From the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: *Dave Hayward, Dave Slater, Jacob Foster, Mark Williams, James Bladwell, Troy Juillerat, James Maddock, Steve Strain, Ronin Wetherspoon, Kristiane Skoulogenis, Lucas Baird, Jason Shipton & Tully Shipton.*

From Masters: *Jackson Carmichael, Danny Dolzadelli, Mike Imer, Same Rowe & Bryan Wilson.*

**Competition position:** The Briars 6<sup>th</sup> Grade team came 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Alan O'Connell
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## Briars Women's Hockey Report

### Briars Hockey Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – ML1

Alan Charlton & Wendy Callander | Coach & Manager

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Our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Women had a tough season this year. A few new players moving to the club, with a lot of players returning. We were very positive of having a successful season.

Over the first few weeks of the season, the side sustained several injuries, as well as some players having to leave due to personal reasons, which put us under pressure and playing short for the majority of the season.



To the team's credit, they performed out of their skin every week- but due to having limited fresh players, as well as players doubling up from second grade, we often just couldn't stay in touch for the full 70 minutes against fully-fresh opposition.

The effort of the group showed, and the commitment to each other was second to none and amazing to be a part of- I'll look back on this season as one of missed opportunities and "if only" moments, and wish them all the best next season.

**The Team:** Laura Anggadi, Annie Hope, Karena Gilroy, Nicole Taylor, Alysha Brady, Rachael Borg, Kathleen Chua, Tegan Neowhouse, Eliza McPhee, Courtney Pearson, Jade Callander, Kelsey Hughes, Annemijn Flokstra, Anastcia Flack, Veronica Pasternatsky, Megan Keller, Emma Millington, Trinity Brook, Destiny Peris, Brooke Pilcher, Lilly Schulte-Westhof, Paula Grover Johnson, Faith thompson, Chelsea Thornton, Gabrielle Harradine, Kara Ramsay, Airley Goodridge, Claudia Tyree, Addison Wilson & Grace Matthews.

**Competition position:** The Briars 1st grade team came 9th

#### Team Awards

Players Player	Tegan Neowhouse
Best & Fairest	Emma Millington
Coach's Award	Eliza Mcphee

### Briars Hockey Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – ML2

Cindy Goodridge & Simone Wilson | Coach & Manager

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Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade started the season with many new players to the team, including some younger players moving their way through the grades.

The team had a tough start to the season- being very competitive, but just not being able to bring home a win. Half-way through the season the team started to really gel and played some of their best hockey- winning 5 games in a row and challenging some of the top teams along the way.



It was wonderful to see how this team trained and played together, improving throughout the season.



Senior players stood up and helped the younger players develop their game- but even more importantly in having a great time playing their hockey.

A big shout-out to all the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade girls that subbed for the team throughout the season, and to my wonderful manager Simone who was always there for the team on the sideline. It was a pleasure to coach the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls this year and I look forward to what they will achieve next season.

**The Team:** Nicola Skinner, Julie Prolov, Laura Anggadi, Annie Hope, Karena Gilroy, Nicole Taylor, Melissa Rosser, Rachael Borg, Rhian Magrath, Sarah Bowden, Courtney Pearson, Annemijn Flokstra, Veronica Pasternatsky, Megan Keller, Monique Imer, Trinity Brook, Faith Thompson, Gabrielle Harradine, Dakota Thuell, Emily Shipton, Kara Ramsay, Airley Goodridge, Claudia Tyree, Addison Wilson, Chelsea Jarrett, Grace Matthews, Grace LeMarquand, Carolina Mayol, Flynn Smith & Sarah (Sally) Smid.

**Competition position:** The Briars 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade team came 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Karena Gilroy
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Courtney Pearson
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Addison Wilson

## Briars Hockey Women's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – ML4

Nicole Taylor & Gabrielle Harradine | Coach & Managers

Our Briars 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ladies were strong finals contenders all year, finishing off tying for 4<sup>th</sup> overall, and unlucky on goal difference to not go through.

Every single one of these ladies gave their all, learning and listening to feedback all year and improving their game. I can't wait for next year - bring on a 2024 premiership for these ladies.

**The Team:** Kylie Norris, Cindy Goodridge, Nicola Skinner, Julie Prolov, Melissa Rosser, Katie Ellem, Rhian Magrath, Sarah Bowden, Briony Croft, Courtney Pearson, Dakota Thuell, Emily Shipton, Scarlett Thuell, Grace LeMarquand, Carolina Mayol, Claire Coletta, Elia Leung, Flynn Smith, Sarah (Sally) Smid, Harriet Ashton-Maxwell, Michelle Yu, Elizabeth Miller, Dakota Hammond, Kirsten Wilson & Sarah Haouchar.



**Competition position:** The Briars 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade team came 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Nicola Skinner
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*Best & Fairest*  
*Coach's Award*

Dakota Thuell  
Julie Prolov

## Briars Hockey Women's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – ML5

Courtney Pearson & Michelle Yu | Coach & Manager



This year our 4<sup>th</sup> grade women put together a fabulous season of team hockey, fun and support for each other despite all the challenges that were thrown their way.

The team grew in leaps and bounds throughout the season, finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place and proving they were a force to be reckoned with, taking points off 3 of the top 4 teams in the ML5 competition.

Throughout the course of the season we had 17 fabulous women from other teams who helped us field a team on the pitch, and thanks

so much to you all! I am so proud to have coached this amazing group in 2023 and can't wait to see what is in store in 2024!

**The Team:** Pamela Unsworth, Melissa Rosser, Katie Ellem, Rhian Magrath, Eve Wilson, Kylie Beckhouse, Emma Thuell, Emma Pacey, Briony Croft, Sarah Denny, Emily Shipton, Scarlett Thuell, Carolina Mayol, Elia Leung, Emma Ratcliffe, Harriet Ashton-Maxwell, Michelle Yu, Elizabeth Miller, Sara Hennessy, Sheena Lawrence, Dakota Hammond, Madeline Hutchings, Abbie Green, Ella Murphy, Maya Corfield, Kirsten Wilson, Aurora Beaumont, Mallory Morrell, Clancy Norris, Sarah Haouchar, Heather Tralaggan, Ella Murphy & Jasmine No.

**Competition position:** The Briars 4<sup>th</sup> grade team came 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Dakota Hammond
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Sheena Lawrence
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Briony Croft

## Briars Hockey Women's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – SE

James Maddock & Caroline De Paoli | Coach & Manager

This season our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade women's Briars team participated in a SEHA Women's competition. This provided the team with a challenge, and after starting the season with some close losses, the team came up with a win against UNSW early in the season.



After some tricky mid-season games, an injection of new faces meant the team could build up its competitiveness in the latter half of the season—snaring a win in the penultimate game with a strong team performance at Cintra!

**The Team:** Clancy Norris, Adelaide Netting, Madeline Hutchings, Aurora Beaumont, Hannah Schasser, Mallory Morrell, Beth Duck, Darcy Jackman, Debbie Greenwood (GK), Paige Gilroy, Heather Tralaggan, Teegan Bell, Katie Tappin, Caroline De Paoli, Jo Scanlon.

**Competition position:** The Briars 5<sup>th</sup> Grade team came 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Mallory Morrell
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Aurora Beaumon
<i>Most Improved</i>	Darcy Jackman

## Briars Hockey Women's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – ML6 | Premiers

Emma Ratcliffe | Manager

2023 was the first year in the SWHL competition for the Social 1 Team, so we knew it was going to present us with new challenges. Our goal was always to remain competitive and finish in the top four – little did we know we would walk away with the Minor and Major Premierships!!



This year also saw us welcome some new members into our team, the most important being Brooklyn Turnbull & Ella Murphy, who were not only experiencing their first year of Women's hockey at the tender age of 12, but also gave us two dynamic mum-daughter duo's!!

Going into the Grand Final we always knew it would be a tough match as we had drawn against Glebe each time we had come up against them during the season. However, with the memories of the 2022 Grand Final going all the way to the end of extra time, we were keen to take an early lead and lucky for us Anna Turnbull was all fired up for a GF win with 2 goals in the opening quarter- but then it was almost 3 quarters of solid defence to ensure we came away with a convincing 3-0 win.

I am so proud of this group of women who turn up each and every week and give it their all despite their injuries and demanding lives outside of hockey. We are a team that just loves to play hockey and it is being made even better by seeing future stars of hockey starting their journey with us. As always, a huge shoutout to our support crew who absolutely got us home on Grand Final day.

Looking forward to going around the park with these ladies in season 2024!

**The Team:** Anna Turnbull, Pamela Unsworth, Katie Ellem, Eve Wilson, Kylie Beckhouse, Kerrie-ann Gudmunson, Emma Pacey, Joanne Scanlon, Emma Ratcliffe, Angela Wozniak, Alana Durance, Ella Murphy, Jasmine No, Samantha Beames, Brooklyn Turnbull, Madeline Hall, Julia Little, Ella Gould, Jude Kirby & Mary Konstantopoulos.



**Competition position:** The Briars 6<sup>th</sup> grade team came 1<sup>st</sup> and won the Grand Final.

## Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Madeline Hall
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Jasmine No
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Emma Pacey

# Briars Junior Hockey Report

## Junior Season Recap

Nicola Skinner | Coach & Manager

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In season 2023, Briars Hockey fielded 7 teams in North Area Junior Hockey competitions from U11 through to U17 Metro with 82 children pulling on the maroon and gold. In addition to this, we had over 35 children participating in the Under 7/9 Minkies competition giving us a promising pipeline for coming years.

At the completion of the season, we had most of our teams in finals contention. The U11 Gold teams played a fantastic season and came away with the U11B Premiership trophy – congratulations to the team and coach David Ratcliffe and Manager Nicola Skinner. Our U13 and U15 Maroon teams also made the U13C and U15C grand finals, however, both went down in tight contests.

## Season Results

- 4 out of 7 teams qualifying for semi-finals with U11 Gold Minor Premiers and
- 3 teams U11 Gold, U13 Maroon and U15 Maroon all appearing in grand finals.

Briars had 54 players qualify for SEHA Sydney representative honours during the season in both field and indoor teams, with a number of these players selected to represent NSW at the National Field Hockey Championships and National School Championships. Congratulations to those players for their fine representation of Briars Hockey at those events.

Briar Junior athletes making state squads included: Henry Tyree, Oskar Smith, Coady Stone, James Reynolds, Felix Fung, Trinity Brook, Addison Wilson, Braydon Brook, Jarrod Holmes, Aaliyah Dunham and Oscar Taylor.

For milestone games for season 2023 we had a slew of Briars hitting their 50<sup>th</sup> game including: Minty Richardson, Oliver Durance, Rosie Fung, Xander Partis, Joshua Ratcliffe, Toby Skinner, Makenna Turnbull, Indie Turnbull, Elyse Carmichael, Hannah Hutchings, Charlie Broadbent, Kiandra Brook, Connor Charlton, Sidharth Kale, Erin Parmenter, Brooklyn Turnbull, Marcus Caguin, Nathaniel Smith, Aurora Beaumont, Madeline Hutchings, Harrison Hammond, Lucas Hargans.

Adelaide Netting reached an amazing 100 games and Tully Shipton topped out the group with a phenomenal 200 games as a Briar – Amazing Tully, well done!

A big thank you to all the coaches and managers including:

- **Minkeys:** Nicola Skinner, Emma Pacey, Annie Flack,
- **U11 Gold:** David Ratcliffe & Nicola Skinner
- **U11 Maroon:** Greg Dunn, Darren French and Zander Caguin
- **U13 Gold:** Stuart Turnbull, Emily Shipton & Zander Caguin
- **U13 Maroon:** Dakota Thuell and Ilse Knottenbelt
- **U15 Gold:** Tom Vastani, Liam Swney, Dan & Liz Everett
- **U15 Maroon:** Greg Dunn, Malcolm Newman and Zander Caguin
- **U17 Gold:** Wade Johnson and Sharleen Zeederberg

Briars junior hockey is looking forward to a fun and successful 2024 season 2024 – see you next year. Greg Dunn, Junior VP Briars Hockey.



## Briars Jnr Minkeys U7 Gold & Maroon

Nicola Skinner & Emma Pacey | Coaches

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Members of the Briars U7 Gold & Maroon team.

### **Back Row (L to R):**

*Nathaniel Smid, Matilda Simon, Yolanda Beames, Zoe Scott, Kobe Haimona, Charlotte Churcher, Asher Prolov, Zara Di Sepia*

### **Front Row (L to R):**

*Zachary Graham, Mary Kent, Zoe Borg, Grace Bowden, Madeline Ratcliffe, Isaac Williams, Edward Pacey*  
*Absent – Logan Brady*

## Briars Jnr Minkeys U9 Gold & Maroon

Nicola Skinner & Annie Flack | Coaches

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Members of the Briars U9 Gold & Maroon Team.

### **Back Row (L to R):**

*Lachlan Goulder, Zane French, Samuel Smid, Hugh Bowden, Cooper Charlton, Aiden Fitzgerald, Abigail Ratcliffe, Izabelle Jasneycz, Raghev Kale.*

### **Middle Row (L to R):**

*Tahlia Borg, Sophie Durance, Kaden McLean, Fillippa Zimmer, Levi Prolov, Isla Cornforth, Anastasia Argyrous.*

**Front Row (L to R):** *Jessica Pacey, Lucy Skinner, Sophie Learmonth, Imogen Beames, Brooklynn Flack.*

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U11 Gold | Premiers

David Ratcliffe & Nicola Skinner | Coach & Managers

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2023 started with some new fresh faces for the under11's team. Coming off a solid building year the team really showed the improvement and skills they had worked so hard on in 2022, winning most of their first-round matches. As the season progressed this team got better and better with all members pushing themselves to be the best team they could be. The word TEAM is really what this group was all about as each member gave their all for each other, and it showed on the field with huge improvements seen in all their skill and game development.

Through the year the main contenders were Ryde and our amazing little group of champions who managed to finish top of the ladder at the end of the regular season. All year Ryde and Briars couldn't be separated, and that was the same in the finals. Unfortunately, the major Semi did go their way with Ryde jaggng a goal in the second overtime sending Briars into the next week knock out semi.





**Back Row (L to R):** David Ratcliffe (Coach), Oliver Durance, Rosie Fung, Blake Learmonth, Toby Skinner, Catelyn Anggadi, Nicola Skinner (Manager)

**Front Row (L to R):** Makenna Turnbull, Kiera Murphy, Joshua Ratcliffe, Indie Turnbull, Xander Partis

The team knew they had to do it the hard way, but it didn't stop them and after beating Manly it was off to the grand final to face an old foe once again, knowing it was going to be a good one. The grand final didn't start the way the team hoped with Ryde scoring two quick goals within the first 7 minutes of the game, but going back to my previous comments, this was a team who dug deep for each other and it's exactly the character these little legends showed.

Together the team managed to hold off a barrage of shots and short corners from Ryde and against the run of play and just before the half time siren Briars managed to claw one goal back going into half time 2-1. The second half saw Ryde come out hard but again together this team did their Job and again held off and kept out almost-certain goals, frustrating the Ryde attack.

In the fourth the tide started to change with individuals from Ryde trying to break a now determined and united Briars team. Finally, the Briars under11's relentless structure wore down their opponents and in the last two minutes of the game Briars found an equaliser, sending

both teams into another round of over time. Almost exhausted, both teams had their chances but in the second round of overtime Briars put the memories for the semi-final behind them and scored the winner taking the game 3-2.

Although throughout this game and the season there was some amazing individual efforts and skills on display by many members of this little team, the thing I am most proud of is that they became an amazing group. That is the reason they won, and got the lift the trophy- because when it got hard there was no one hero, only one team of good friends that achieved something amazing together. The future of Briars looks bright with these little legends coming through, and I'm sure one day we will see many of them playing in our top grades at Briars.

A big thank you needs to go our Manager Nicola Skinner and Husband Matt Skinner, who made sure all the duties were covered week to week, and keeping everyone informed. Thank you also to all the parents who stepped in throughout the year to help- please know we really appreciate your contributions.

See you all in 2024 across those white lines!

**Competition position:** The Briars Under 11 Gold WON THE GRAND FINAL!!!!

#### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Catelyn Anggadi
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Joshua Ratcliffe
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Kiera Murphy, Toby Skinner & Mackenna Turnbull

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U11 Maroon

Greg Dunn, Darren French & Zander Caguin | Coach & Manager

This was my first season looking after under 11's and it was a great experience to go back to where a passion for hockey begins. Our team was a great bunch of little Briars most of whom could have still been playing Minkies, but turned up at the first training ready to play and learn.



**Back Row (L to R):** Darren French (coach), Greg Dunn (coach) Rose Haimona, Thea French, Zachary Caguin, Zander Caguin (Manager)

**Front Row (L to R):** Evelyn Hedges, Ava Kordy, Minty Richardson, Adam Bornhorst, James Smid.

**Absent:** Ava Ceely, Liv Caldwell and Zane French)

Every week at training they built on their skills and teamwork and every Saturday they did their best to put that into practice. The funniest thing about coaching these kids is that they know exactly what they should be doing and they would verbalise that during the break - the trick is to get them to actually do it once they were back out on the field. To that end, the senior players need to understand that they are the ones setting the tempo for their team mates to follow and this is a lesson that will be carried into season '24.

For our award winners, Rose was always one of our best players and needs to ensure she gives her best all the time. Adam was my everywhere man, he runs around the field nonstop all game and never stops trying. And finally, the coaches award could only go to one person – Zachary. This team now has a set play that is destined for greatness, the “Zac Attack”! If it proved one thing, it is that if you can explain things in a fun way, it makes it easier for them to execute the play on the field.

I'm really looking forward to 2024, and watching the kids grow and develop in the coming seasons to run around in the maroon and gold for Briars.

**Competition Position:** The Briars Under 11 Maroon team came 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Rose Haimona
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Adam Bornhorst
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Zachary Caguin

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U13 Gold

Stuart Turnbull & Ben Murphy | Coach & Manager



**Back Row (L to R):** Stuart Turnbull (coach), Ella Whitehall, Clancy Norris, Brooklyn Turnbull, Nate Taylor, Mitch Barker, Sidharth Kale, Connor Charlton

**Front Row (L to R):** Kiandra Brook, Ella Murphy, Lily Dunham, Erin Parmenter, Archer Shaw, Dylan Ulbrich, Charlie Broadbent

This team retained the core players from the 2022 season so were moved up into the A division competition for 2023. Dealing with the additional pace of the competition the team took a few rounds to find their feet, however after training well and developing across the season they finished the regular season in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

These young players overcame challenges in their semi-final and secured an extra time victory to move into the Preliminary final, where unfortunately this is where their season came to an end.

A huge improvement moving from B division to finishing 1 win away from a grand final birth in A Division, the growth of this side has been a huge positive over this season.

**Competition Position:** The Briars Under 13 Gold team made the preliminary final.

#### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Dylan Ulbrich
<i>Most Consistent</i>	Sidharth Kale
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Nate Taylor

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U13 Maroon

Dakota Thuell & Ilse Knottbelt | Coach & Manager



**Back Row (L to R):** *Dakota Thuell (coach) Toby Skinner, Tanish Kumar, Kirby Valtwies, Clancy Norris, Ella Whitehall, Hannah Hutchings, Makenna Turnbull, Ilse Knottbelt (Coach)*

**Front Row (L to R):** *Elyse Charmichel, Chiara Phan, Rosie Fung, Tabitha Lloyd, Oliver Durance, Xander Partis, Blake Learmonth.*

With increased numbers this season we were able to field a second U13 side during 2023. With a good balance between experienced and new players this team entered the season with a level of optimism about how they would perform.

With an difficult draw, the team unfortunately lost some of their core players due to school commitments- however the U11 players who regularly doubled up over the weekend did a great job in continuing the momentum for the U13 Maroons and they finished the regular season in 2nd place.

With direct GF qualification on the line the team played an exceptional match but the strain of many players doubling up coupled with extra time resulted in the side needing to take the long way through the finals campaign. A strong second week with a 3-0 prelim win meant the team had a shot a redemption in a grand final under the lights at Homebush. In an

even contest the team were unlucky to fall on the wrong side of a 1-0 result and finished the season runners up.

A strong result for this side which saw new players develop, experienced players lead, and young players experience full field hockey for the first time.

**Competition Position:** The Briars Under 13 Maroon came 2nd & played in a losing grand final

#### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Clancy Norris
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Chiara Phan
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Joshua Ratcliffe

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U15 Gold

Tom Vistani, Liam Sweeney & Elizabeth, Daniel Everett | Coaches & Managers

Over the past season, the 15 Metro team has been engaged in a journey of growth and fortitude. This period been marked by a concerted effort to enhance their skills and build resilience, preparing them to navigate the complexities of hockey.

The team committed to learning and adapting, focusing on both individual and collective development. They faced challenges head-on, viewing them as opportunities to strengthen their resilience and adaptability. This resilience not only allowed them to weather the storms but also to emerge stronger, more capable, and ready to take on future challenges.



The skills they have acquired over the year span across various parts of the game, equipping them to perform their roles more effectively and contribute more significantly to their collective goals.



**Back Row (L to R):** Liz Everett (Manager) Madeline Hutchings, Mark Everett, Jarrod Holmes, Harrison Hammond, Oscar Taylor, Sebastian Derrick, Dan Everett (manager)

**Front Row (L to R):** Adelaide Netting, Ashton Fordham, Tom Vastani & Liam Swney (coaches), Aurora Beaumont, Addison Wilson.

**Absent –** Braydon Brook, Joshua Bourke

**Competition Position:** The Briars Under 15 Gold team came 9th

#### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Harrison Hammond
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Oscar Taylor
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Adelaide Netting

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U15 Maroon

Greg Dunn, Malcolm Newman & Zander Caguin | Coaches & Manager



**Back Row (L to R):** Zander Caguin (Manager), Greg Dunn (Coach), Luke Dunn, Nathaniel Smith, Tabitha Lloyd, Marcus Caguin, Rex Newman, Malcolm Newman (coach)

**Front Row (L to R):** Andrew Morozoff, Sasha Woods, Simao Gil, Fineas Shaw, Alana Nguyen, Nicola Walsh, Anastasia Sakoulas

The Under 15 Maroon team had a great season and really bonded as a group during the year, a bond that pushed them all the way to the grand final, before falling at the final hurdle. It was always going to be a challenging year with only limited player numbers across both under 15's teams, but the extra game time and consistency of positions for players week to week allowed the group to gel.

The creation of a team chat was evidence that this group really got along, and it showed on the field. We had some imported European playing talent in Simao but unfortunately, he had to depart before the final. In the end we lacked the ability to score goals consistently and that is something to focus on for season 2023. Defence was the key with this team as evidenced by the goals against stat (second lowest allowed goals in the table) and this carried into the finals as the team kept their opponents scoreless in all matches except the Grand Final.

From an individual player perspective, the three award winners were well deserved. Alana (who was new to the club) led the team's attacking plays through the midfield and was recognised by her peers as being the best player week in week out. Rex upped his game from last year and despite not passing as often as his coaches would like, he had a great year and is a deserved best and fairest. Finally, Fin, whether in goals, or at the end of the season when Tabitha joined us as a second GK option, as a goal-scoring forward



Fin had a memorable season. His selfless attitude demonstrated the meaning of being part of a team and there was no other choice for this year's coaches award.

Well done to all the kids this year, you were a pleasure to coach, and I hope you all continue and have long and successful playing careers for Briars – let's bring home the chocolates in 2024!

**Competition Position:** The Briars Under 15 Maroon came 3<sup>rd</sup> and played in a losing grand final.

#### Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Alana Ngyuen
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Rex Newman
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Fineas Shaw

## Briars Jnr. Hockey U17 Gold Metro

Wade Johnson & Sharlene Zeederberg | Coach & Manager

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This was my first season at Briars, and I felt lucky to be given the opportunity to coach the premier junior team in Sydney's best competition. The respect the team showed me during training and at games made me proud to be their coach. They all made me feel welcomed and made the long drive out well worth it. Considering the pressure from HSC preparation throughout the year everyone gave their maximum effort at games. They even showed commitment to the team by coming to the extra fitness session throughout the year, they truly wanted to win. I have been coaching for a while now and the team was still able to teach me to stay motivated on good team building- it was a very positive experience. Thank you.

My thoughts on the season: There was no team I thought we could not beat (even Ryde, 1st). It was just rough we had to play Ryde first, but it showed me the passion each player had for the game and their never-give-up attitude. The team showed every game we were there to be competitive, and I believe we were easily in the top three of teams. We showed that when we defeated Mosman (6th) after losing the first game 7-2. We narrowly lost to Moorebank (3rd) and Northern Districts (2nd) and we loved having a draw with Sutherland (5th). It was a tight race to the top and beating any of these teams would have secured our spot in the finals.

I want to make special mention to Zack, Trinity, Shannae, Callan, Jarred, Tully and Brayden who are all moving on to senior hockey next year. Playing hockey while I was at uni helped me get through some tough times and I hope they can all enjoy the next stage in their hockey career and use team sport to stay motivated. It was great to have so many experienced players in the team, it helped me focus on more specific aspects of the game. Special shout out to Tully for being our dedicated bench warmer due to being Briars best U15s umpire. Also, to Zack for cheering the team on even when he was injured. Only he could win match points for extreme enthusiasm (TWICE!) without even being on the field, I truly appreciated his fighting spirit.



**The Team:** Zack Arambewela, Luke Broadbent, Trinity Brook, Lucas Hargans, Coby Holden, Jessica Lavender, Shannae Lawrence, Hugo Moore, Callan Phan, Jarred Potts, James Reynolds, Tully Shipton, Brayden Wilson, Scott Wrigley & Matthew Zeederberg.

**Competition Position:** The Briars Under 15 Maroon came 3<sup>rd</sup> and played in a losing grand final.

## Team Awards

<i>Players Player</i>	Luke Broadbent
<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Brayden Wilson
<i>Coach's Award</i>	Lucas Hargans

To give some explanation for the team awards.

- **Players Player:** Luke got this award for winning the greatest number of points over the entire season (139). So, a big thank you to the parents for sticking around while we did that. It was a tight race with James (123) and Braydon (122) trailing close behind. The results show, Luke was the most consistent, high performing player with best overall attitude every game. He made up our core attack and swapping him from striker to midfielder allowed him to show off his versatility. I am looking forward to seeing him push into Premier League next year, hopefully not stealing my spot. Congratulations.
- **Best & Fairest:** Braydon, won this award by being voted the 'Player of the Match', the greatest number of times this season (6). Braydon skills in goals kept us in the game at so many critical points. He was without a doubt our most important player and the team recognised his contribution to the team. Braydon has a big career at Briars ahead of him and I am looking forward to him finding his way into Premier League and then taking over Scott Garner's PL1 spot very soon!
- **Coaches Award:** I like to treat this award as the most improved over the season. I put Lusas in a few positions throughout the year to find how we could use him best and we settled on defender. His confidence grew every game and in our finals games he was aggressive, getting in people's faces and making tackles on players like Max (PL1). Lucas listened to the things I had to say at training, he asked questions about positioning and how to improve his skills. He was a general pleasure to coach. He became someone I was confident to have in our back line who would frustrate the opposition, helping our experienced defenders (Jarrod, Hugo and Shannae) clean up and he kept working hard until the ball was safely in our attacking half. I hope he continues to play next year and thinks about joining a senior team, he will only keep improving.

# Briars Squash

## Chairman's Report

Anthony Rex Thomas



### Overview

*2023 has been phenomenal for Briars Squash, especially with the completion of the upgrades to Thornleigh Squash & Fitness. The upgrades have resulted in a significant surge in female participation & greater engagement in junior squash activities. We have achieved our commitment to fostering a fresh, safe & inclusive environment which has not only attracted more players but also sustained the growth of the sport.*

*In a monumental achievement for squash, the sport has been selected to be included in the 2028 LA Olympics. This exciting news has propelled Squash Australia to select two of our talented junior squash players for the high-performance pathway. The opportunity to potentially represent their country in the Olympics has amplified their dedication and approach to training.*

### Australian Masters Championships



Sydney hosted the 2023 Australian Masters championships. Briars took out three age divisions titles in the Australian Masters Championship, which was hosted in Sydney this year.

Two Briars squash players, Jane Kennedy, and Craig Brann were selected to represent Australia in the Trans-Tasman Squash test series against New Zealand. A huge congratulations to these exceptional players!



**Men's Open 35:** Won by Anthony Rex Thomas  
**Men's Open 50:** Won by Craig Brann  
**Women's Open 40:** Won by Karen Blom

The new club shirts have been a hit.

A huge thankyou to the state government for a grant and to Briars sports for a contribution for the Squash club's new uniform. The first uniform update since before covid.

The shirts are Tecnifibre who is owned by Lacoste, meaning our players are in the highest quality, The modern iconic Briars burgundy pops making Briars Squash the envy of all club's and even more of a reason to become a Briars Squash Pennant player.



## Senior Pennants

### Autumn Season

This year marked the trial of the new three seasons of Squash. A decision is still looming regarding the format for the following year—whether to revert to two competitions or continue with the three-season structure.

In an impressive display, 10 out of the 15 Briars teams progressed to the Semi Finals. Here's the Final Standings for the Autumn comp:

Division-01	Briars@Thornleigh 02	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
<b>Division-02</b>	<b>Briars@Thornleigh 05</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
	Briars@Thornleigh 04	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
<b>Division-03</b>	<b>Briars@Thornleigh 06</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
<b>Division-04</b>	<b>Briars@Thornleigh 07</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
	Briars@Thornleigh 08	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Division-05	Briars@Thornleigh 09	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Division-06	Briars@Thornleigh 10	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Division-07	Briars@Thornleigh 11	6 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Division-08</b>	<b>Briars@Thornleigh 12</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
	Briars@Thornleigh 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Division-09	Briars@Thornleigh 14	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Briars@Thornleigh 15	5 <sup>th</sup> Place

### Mid-Year Competition

The teams performed well once again. 9 out of 14 teams made the Semi-Finals

<b>Division-01</b>	<b>Briars@Thornleigh 01</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
	Briars@Thornleigh 02	6 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Briars@Thornleigh 03	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Briars@Thornleigh 04	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
<b>Division-02</b>	<b>Briars@Thornleigh 05</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
	Briars@Thornleigh 06	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Briars@Thornleigh 07	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Division-03	Briars@Thornleigh 08	4 <sup>th</sup> Place



Division-05	Briars@Thornleigh 09	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Division-06	Briars@Thornleigh 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Division-07	Briars@Thornleigh 11	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Briars@Thornleigh 12	6 <sup>th</sup> Place
Division-08	Briars@Thornleigh 13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Division-09	Briars@Thornleigh 14	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

## Spring Competition

There are 3 rounds left before Semi Finals and the current standings of the Spring Comp 2023 is:

Division-01	Briars@Thornleigh 01 <b>Briars@Thornleigh 02</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
Division-02	Briars@Thornleigh 03	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Division-03	Briars@Thornleigh 04 <b>Briars@Thornleigh 05</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
Division-04	Briars@Thornleigh 06	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Division-05</b>	<b>Briars@Thornleigh 07</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
Division-07	Briars@Thornleigh 08	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Division-08	Briars@Thornleigh 09	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Division-09	Briars@Thornleigh 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Briars@Thornleigh 11	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Division-10	Briars@Thornleigh 12	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Briars@Thornleigh 13	4 <sup>th</sup> Place

## 2023 Briars Open & Junior Bronze

### Autumn Season

The annual Briars Open at Thornleigh Squash and Fitness was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of February with a massive 95 entrants, including 40 juniors that played in the Australia Junior Squash Tour Bronze event on Saturday morning. There was a total of 9 senior divisions and 5 junior divisions that were comprised of an array of different levels, from players that had never played a tournament before to the best athletes in the state. We even had a couple of players visiting from the ACT! It was a superb weekend with a lot of fantastic matches played. A big thank you to our sponsors Briars, Technifibre, Salming and Karakal for your continued support and contributions to prizes for the event.



**Junior Div 1:** Thomas Scott (Winner), Kasper Cheung (Second), Jackson Wylie (Third)



**Junior Div 2:** Ryan Chen (Winner), Pratham Malik (Second), Emilia Scott (Third)



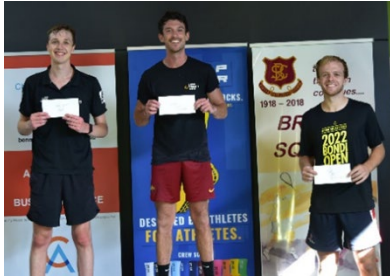
**Junior Div 3:**  
Fatimah Khan (Winner), Naveen Sanghera (Second), Elizabeth Wang (Third)



**Junior Div 4:**  
Ruian Chu (Winner), Logan Effendi (Second), Kingston Lai (Third)



**Junior Div 5:** Justi Cheung (Winner), Niah Low-Nang (Second), Annette Chow (Third)



**Men's Open:**  
Jacob Robinson (Winner), Rohan Toole (Second), Bradley Fullick (Third)



**Woman's Open:**  
Emmy Lamb (Winner), Jess Rogerson (Second), Brooke Pryor (Third)



**Div 1:**  
Stanley Mok (Winner), Damien Collins (Second), Marcus Wang (Third)



**Div 2:**  
Leo Rice (Winner), Kieran Ryan (Second), Peter Sinodinos (Third)



**Div 3:**  
Zac Giuffre (Winner), Matt Dale (Second), Stanley Chung (Third)



**Div 4**  
Harrison Dale (Winner), Thomas Wang (Second), Rodney Hay (Third)



**Div 5:**  
Pratham Malik (Winner), Emilia Scott (Second), Phillip Chow (Boris Lekumovich Plate - Third)



**Div 6:**  
Shalindra Selvadurai (Winner), Nick Walker (Second), Tomer Itah (Third)



**Div 7:**  
Rhombus Ning (Winner), Ash Odewahn-Oxley (Second), Jennifer Best (Third)

## Australian Junior Open

22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Thomas Scott is 16 years of age and played in the under 19's and finished 6<sup>th</sup> place.



Kasper Cheung was the no.1 seed in the under 15's. Taking out a Frenchman in the first rd. and progressing through 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rd. in straight sets came up against the eventual winner from Malaysia in the Semi-finals Erwin Christopher. Kasper won his 3 / 4 playoff match. Making him 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Kieran Willathgamuwa won the Under 13 boy's event. Kieran has been playing senior pennant and this has really helped him mature his game.

Naveen Sanghera had his first National tournament and finished 11<sup>th</sup>. Naveen has been progressing well in Squash and plays baseball at a high level.

Darvin & Darvan Thavendran also played their first National's tournament getting some amazing experience finishing 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. They are new to the tournament scene, and we are looking forward

to seeing what they can do over the next 2 years with the training they are doing.

Emilia Scott is 13 and played her first under 15's event. She finished 13<sup>th</sup>.

Maeghan Wang performed exceptionally finishing 7<sup>th</sup> in the Under 15's. Her best nationals result to date.

Special mention to Emmy Lamb on finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the under 17's girls. Emmy fills in for senior pennant teams at Briars, also regularly participates in Briars junior training programs and tours since she was 10 years old.

## Junior Pennants

### Winter Season

Results for the 2023 Winter Pennant season finished with Briars in the Top 3 in most divisions. Very happy with the progress of our juniors

Division-01	Briars@Thornleigh 01	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Division-02</b>	<b>Briars@Thornleigh 04</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
	Briars@Thornleigh 03	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Division-03	Briars@Thornleigh 05	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Division-04	Briars@Thornleigh 0	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
	<b>Briars@Thornleigh 0</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Place
Division-06	Briars@Thornleigh 09	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Briars@Thornleigh 08	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

## Junior Squash Programs

Record turn outs to our holiday camps with an average of 16 students for each of the 4 sessions run every school holiday period.

Our weekly school term program on Tuesdays and Thursdays has seen our average kids attending these sessions at 28 / session up from an average of 20 last year.





New OOSH primary school holiday care program targeting K – 6 students is set for the Christmas holidays. Bringing in a new batch at the right age.

New Squash Stars program being launched next year targeting years 3 – 6 can be carried out at the schools. Been trialled in South Australia with excellent feedback from teachers delivering the program.

## Briars Squash Celebrate Briars 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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Briars Squash party bus arrived with the music rocking, warm up dance moves beginning and drinks flowing.

A great time was had by all at this memorable and a chance for the new Briars to meet the “OG” of Briars Squash.

A special shout out to all the squash players who came along & celebrated this amazing milestone. Thanks to Jason & his team for organising such a memorable night.



## Squash Award Winners

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### Annie Gleason Award:

It is with great pleasure we announce Emilia Scott as the winner of this award for her commitment to the club.

Not only has Emilia been improving her game mentally and physically, but she has also represented NSW in the Junior state team as well as Australia in Trans-Tasman Combined High Schools competition. She also assists our future players to come through the ranks too by leading a hand at junior training whenever she can.

Her confidence has transformed in the last 12 months enabling her build terrific bonds with her peers. Emilia also try's her hand in the kitchen and regularly brings staff and friends batches of muffins or cakes, just because.

Emilia is a delight to have around, and we will definitely see her on the world stage taking on giants of the game one day if she continues the path she is on.

### Doug Vanderfield Award:

This award goes to someone who not only performs well but gives a significant amount of their time to the growing the sport. Ben Williams joined the cub through juniors and is now working at Thornleigh Squash & Fitness helping deliver new programs and competitions, coaching juniors and building our club communications.



Ben is always reliable and will put his hand up to help any time. He has also seen a significant improvement in his own game, increasing 100 points in the year, taking him to the top of Div 2 draws from Div 3 in the previous year. He led his pennant team to victory last season and his team are coming first this season!

The club is much brighter and happier when he is around. Very deserving of this award and we know he will be a part of the Briars Squash family for a long time.

# Briars Netball

## Presidents Report

Kate Campbell



### Highlights

*I am pleased to announce that the following teams were premiership winners.*

*U10/1 Roses (minor and major) premiers*

*U10/3 Bluebells (major) premiers*

*U13/1 Marigolds (minor and major) premiers*

*U15/1 Gemstones (minor and major) premiers*

*Cadet 6 Larimars (minor and major) premiers*

2023 has been another year of growth and success for Briars Netball Club. Many who attended Briars on Friday nights in Term 2 would have seen the busy Backyard Restaurant and netball court areas as our youngest NetSetGo players developed their skills over 10 weeks. We had Swifts, Giants and Australian Diamonds players working alongside our own young volunteer coaches as they took the children through their skills and drills.

This year we introduced a mindset coach to our coaches, to help them develop their own tools to continue to create positive, fun and inclusive netball for the players and supporters. We thank ex-Olympic and World Champion Rower Bronwen Downie for the informative session she held with us. We introduced a coaching development team who helped work with our newer coaches, assisting with drills, advice, and game play. This proved a worthwhile team that we will continue to develop. Our umpires excelled again in 2023 with our umpiring committee grading a number of new umpires, ensuring skill development and appropriate challenges. We had a beautiful letter of recognition of the professionalism of our umpires. Our 2023 winter season was our first uninterrupted season in 3 years! The sun shone down on our 5 modified (u8 and u9) teams who joined our 36 competition teams at Cintra on Saturdays between April and September. We were expecting the usual slump of success in 2023 as teams moved up divisions after many grand finalists in our 10<sup>th</sup> year in 2022. But in true Briars spirit, with integrity and respect, teamwork, fun and enjoyment, inclusion and excellent our teams performed above expectations. On the way to the Grand Finals, we had 4 teams go straight through, with 11 more compete in the preliminary final and of those 6 played in the semi-finals.

7 teams in total made the Grand Finals - u10/1 Roses, u12/1 Daffodils, u 10/3 Bluebells, u 11/1 Snapdragons, u13/1 Marigolds, u15/1 Gemstones and Cadet 6 Larimars. All 5 of our graded division 1 teams made the grand finals, which demonstrates that the grading system implemented in 2022 is working very well.

## Junior Modified Netball

### U8 Bindis

Nerida Shipley & Monique Roach | Coach & Manager

2023 was the start of 9 girls' journey into netball and new friendships. What a season they had! From the first training session where no one really knew what to do, to the final round where they defeated the 'undefeated' team in the competition! They came a long way.

Learning new skills, new positions, changing each quarter and trying to score a goal was a daunting task for many. The newly named Bindi's were definitely up to the challenge. The girls skill level went from



strength to strength and each week they put in 120% effort. From their Bindi chant before each quarter, to their sportsmanship, whether they won or lost, was commendable.

Each of them really grew into their positions and supported each other on and off the court. Scoring 88 goals in the season was truly amazing and I'm so proud of their effort and looking forward to seeing them develop in 2024!

Congratulations to Aqeela, Celia, Eloise, Emily, Mila M, Mila T, Neve, Sophie and Tahlia. Go Bindi's!

**The team:** *Aqeela Mubarak, Celia Bitmanis, Eloise Crisafulli, Emily Shipley, Mila Monaco, Mila Tsai, Neve Wright, Sophie Roach & Tahlia McLeod.*

## U8 Brambles

Cristina Saija & Alison Ferris | Coach & Manager



**The Team:** *Alissa Amiouni, Annabelle Ferris, Chloe Vicano, Eve Bowman, Hailey Chan, Ilaria Saija, Sanna Arora, Soraya Ronsisvalle-Obaid & Eda Rose Ozcicek.*

## U9 Buttercups

Katrin Hodder, Alana Sparrow & Olivia Kotselas | Coaches & Manager



**The team:** *Maya Minh Anh Nguyen, Emma Walsh, Jessica Rogerson, Kiira Hodder, Ruby James, Ilana Kotsela, Liv Abraham & Anna Sweeny.*

## U9 Irises

Sonya Amede & Rebecca Haddo | Coaches & Manager



**The team:** *Zara Rizk, Elise Schojer, Kiera Ainsworth, Sophia Raad, Evelyn Cantley, Belle Trewick, Eve Kelly, Lorelei Haddo & Jessica Ronan.*

The U9 Irises had a wonderful season and were very happy to play the full season without rain or COVID interruptions. Throughout the season their skill level and knowledge of the game greatly improved, and they became a very strong team winning many of their games with only a few close losses.

I am so proud of the sportsmanship & teamwork they displayed every week, well done Irises on a fabulous 2023 season!

## U9 Daisies

Renee Bitmanis | Coach & Manager



**The Team:** Charlotte Banh, Chiara Canturi, Eloise Bitmanis, Eva Aldini, Isabel Humphreys, Isabella Gentile, Violet Marshall, Eve Ghaly & Ava Charlwood.

## Junior Netball

### U10 Wattle

Suzie Beshara & Melanie Taylor | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
TNC Kitty Kats	13	23	11	1	1
ANC Wattles	13	22	11	2	0
SHLNC Wallabies	13	21	10	2	1
LWNC White Quokkas	13	10	5	8	0
FDAS Sandpipers	13	8	4	9	0
<b>BNC Wattle</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Team:** Audrey Beshara, Abigail Taylor, Cara Montuori, Bianca McLeod, Everly Dang, Emilia Saija, Amelia Francis, Ava Karam, Addison Nasr & Zara Bakhos.

### U10 Orchids

Grace Campbell & Anne Del Duca | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Jaffas	14	26	13	1	0
LWNC Black Wallabies	14	17	7	4	3
TNC Kittens	14	17	8	5	1
<b>BNC Orchids</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
GNC Calais	14	14	7	7	0
HNC Violets	14	5	1	10	3
LWNC Red Emus	13	3	1	11	1
ANC Wallabies	14	1	0	13	1



**The Team:** *Charlotte McCarthy, Makenna Turnbull, Mila Wilkins, Charlotte Heathcote, Eve Maoudis, Havana Khalil, Anabel Stanzione, Mia Colussi & Ava Kordy.*

The Orchids played a wonderful season, playing together as a team. They learned to focus on key positions and were able to focus on improving their skills each week. We are so proud of the girls making the semi-finals!

## U10 Bluebells | Grand Final Premiers

Rebecca Devine & Tanya Nicoll | Coach & Manager

I had the privilege of coaching the Bluebells again this year and what a great year we had...finishing at the top of the ladder and taking home the premiership! Mid season we were 5th on the ladder with a very tight competition. We managed to get some big wins in the lead up to the finals scoring over 15 goals each game from Week 12 - including the Grand Final. The girls went into every game with a positive mindset and a great team cheer to spur themselves on. They're a great bunch of girls who gel well on and off the court.

Congratulations to Amelia, Clarissa, Erin, Evie, Gabby, Isla, Izzy, Libby and Zara.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BUNC Silver Stars	13	21	10	2	1
FDAS Pelicans	13	20	10	3	0
<b>BNC Bluebells</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
TNC Catkins	14	19	9	4	1
LWNC White Koalas	13	19	9	3	1
SHLNC Wallaroos	13	8	4	9	0
ANC Waratahs	13	5	2	10	1
BNC Tulips	14	1	0	13	1

**The Team:** *Elizabeth Noyes, Gabriella Elazzi, Isabella Carroll, Amelia Seminara, Zara Gomez, Isla Devine, Erin Stafford, Clarissa Nicoll & Evie Monaco.*

## U10 Tulips

Megan Varlow, Abbey O'Neil & Toulia Kavich | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BUNC Silver Stars	13	21	10	2	1
FDAS Pelicans	13	20	10	3	0
BNC Bluebells	13	19	9	3	1
TNC Catkins	14	19	9	4	1
LWNC White Koalas	13	19	9	3	1
SHLNC Wallaroos	13	8	4	9	0
ANC Waratahs	13	5	2	10	1
<b>BNC Tulips</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>

**The Team:** *Annabelle Mansfield, Caitlin Cox, Stella Masiello, Sophie McInnes, Lucia Brown, Ella Vicano, Isabelle Kavich, Claudia Harrison & Alyssa D'Agostino.*

## U10 Roses | Minor Premiers & Grand Final Premiers

Bindi March-Ali & Karen Brown | Coaches & Manager

The first season together for our graded u10 Roses. The team came together very well with the girls listening at coaching and improving their skills each week under the wise tuition of Bindi. The team worked

wonderfully together and were supported by a wonderful group of parents! The girls topped their season by being Grand Final Winners. Well done Roses.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
<b>BNC Roses</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
LWNC Red Kangaroos	12	18	9	3	0
HNC Lions	12	14	7	5	0
LWNC Black Quolls	12	6	3	8	0
HNC Lillies	12	0	0	12	0

**The Team:** Amalia Wickham, Charlotte McCarthy, Eleanor Lodewijks, Evelyn Ianni, Georgia Ferris, Ivy Dimassy, Juliette Dick & Mikayla Brown.

## U11 Violets

Celeste Jackson-Snow & Narelle Horton | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
TNC Snow Leopards	12	22	11	1	0
BNC Snapdragons	12	20	10	2	0
HNC Sparkles	12	18	9	3	0
ANC Daisies	12	11	5	6	1
LWNC Red Piranhas	12	9	4	7	1
FDAS Parrots	12	4	2	9	0
<b>BNC Violets</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Team:** Lexie Gigante, Olivia Nichols, Camille Borozan, April Horton, Zoe Crane, Winter Wawn, Eliza O'Neill, Ava Ngo

## U11 Azaleas

Siobhan Heathcote, Anna Wilkins | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
LWNC Red Starfish	12	24	12	0	0
ANC Daffodils	12	18	9	3	0
BNC Azaleas	12	16	8	4	0
TNC Pouncers	12	9	4	7	1
LWNC Black Dolphins	12	9	4	7	1
SHLNC Sugar Gliders	12	8	4	8	0
HNC Sonics	12	0	0	12	0

**The Team:** Mila Wilkins, Charlotte Heathcote, Eve Maoudis, Havana Khalil, Anabel Stanzione, Mia Colussi, Sofia Zarimis & Georgia Hansen.

This season we welcomed two new girls into our team. The girls were embraced and fitted straight in. The season started slowly but the girls gained momentum and dramatically improved as a team this year. They always played with spirit and determination. Our training sessions were always fun and each player turned up with passion and enthusiasm for each game of netball. I am extremely proud of all the girls for making the finals for the first time and finishing 3rd on the ladder.

Congratulations on a great season Charlotte, Georgia, Sofia, Mia, Havana, Mila, Anabel and Eve.

## U11 Snapdragons | Grand Finalist Runners Up

Nicole Smith, Kellie McLeod & Megan Belanger | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
TNC Snow Leopards	12	22	11	1	0
<b>BNC Snapdragons</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
HNC Sparkles	12	18	9	3	0
ANC Daisies	12	11	5	6	1
LWNC Red Piranhas	12	9	4	7	1
FDAS Parrots	12	4	2	9	0
BNC Violets	12	0	0	12	0

**The Team:** Madeleine Jovcevski, Sarcha McLeod, Hannah Ryan, Ellen Newton, Andie Belanger, Asher Sivanesarajah, Emily Tydd, Isabelle Tydd & Ravie Dieleman.

## U11 Mayflowers

Belinda Nicholson & Saira Bansal | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
TNC Silkies	14	28	14	0	0
FDAS Seagulls	14	19	9	4	1
HNC Opals	14	17	8	5	1
BUNC Sunflowers	14	16	7	5	2
<b>BNC Mayflowers</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
LWNC Red Corals	14	10	4	8	2
SHLNC Koalas	14	8	4	10	0
BNC Dahlias	14	2	1	13	0

**The Team:** Maeve Doyle, Sabine Bansal, Leila Abraham, Adrienne Novellini, Charlotte Casamento, Alice Morgan, Gemma Walliker & Billie Qalilawa.

## U11 Dahlias

Lily Butcher & Vanessa Lalani | Coach & Manager

**The Team:** Gianna Kaloudis, Sahana Ramesh, Reese Tiglao, Grace Rizk, Sophie Gong, Anh Luong, Lorelai Chung, Sarah Briggs, Katia di Pietro & Emma Curley.





TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
TNC Silkies	14	28	14	0	0
FDAS Seagulls	14	19	9	4	1
HNC Opals	14	17	8	5	1
BUNC Sunflowers	14	16	7	5	2
BNC Mayflowers	14	12	6	8	0
LWNC Red Corals	14	10	4	8	2
SHLNC Koalas	14	8	4	10	0
<b>BNC Dahlias</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>

## U12 Daffodils | Minor Premiers & Grand Final Runners Up

Kelly Pisani & Ngoc Crisafulli | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
<b>BNC Daffodils</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
LWNC Red Toucans	15	25	12	2	1
HNC Jellybeans	15	20	10	5	0
HNC Panthers	15	10	5	10	0
SHLNC Loriekeets	15	6	3	12	0
BNC Starlets	15	2	1	13	0

**The Team:** Brooklyn Turnbull, Zara Kolokouris, Olivia Pisani, Juliette Nichols, Madison Crisafulli, Emilia Ghaly, Lilian Amede, Eloise De Silva, Ella Tancred

## U12 Ivy | Minor Premiers

Wayne Calleja & Emma Pier | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
LWNC Black Finches	12	24	12	0	0
LWNC Red Raptors	12	18	9	3	0
<b>BNC Ivy</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
TNC Hunters	12	14	7	5	0
GNC Cruze	12	6	3	9	0
FDAS Eagles	12	4	3	9	0
BUNC Smoothies	12	2	1	11	0

**The Team:** Sarah Arnold, Alani Singh, Isla Casamento, Jasmine Taylor, Ava Lademann, Imogen Calleja, Krista McConnell, Zara Georges & Elissa Soltani.

What a season!!! A new team put together with girls from four separate sides last year, the aim was to try and build skills and have a bit of fun. What followed was an amazing ride as the girls finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, for some, winning more games this year than they have in their entire time playing netball.



With finals a first for almost all, we were happy to be there. However, we ended up one game away from the grand final, going down in extra time in an exciting game. The season highlight was the week before however as the girls won their first finals game in DOUBLE EXTRA TIME by one goal. A memory that will live with them forever.

Congratulations to the 2023 Ivy's for a truly remarkable season together!!!

## U12 Starlets

Suzie Beshara & Rebecca Haddo | Coach & Manager

**The Team:** Emilie Kucharski, Isabella Beshara, Hannah Devine, Amelia Sara Marques, Lilyana Canturi, Bella Geoghegan-Leech, Ella Glading, Georgia Merry, Olivia Iacono & Aleeya Sharma.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Daffodils	15	27	13	1	1
LWNC Red Toucans	15	25	12	2	1
HNC Jellybeans	15	20	10	5	0
HNC Panthers	15	10	5	10	0
SHLNC Lorikeets	15	6	3	12	0
<b>BNC Starlets</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>

## U12 Camellias

Elia Malgioglio, Shayla Naidoo & Alesha Glennon | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
LWNC Black Swans	15	27	13	1	1
LWNC Black Petrels	15	16	8	7	0
ANC Rubies	15	14	7	8	0
HNC Freckles	15	13	6	8	1
FDAS Herons	15	10	5	10	0
<b>BNC Camellias</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Team:** Alexandra Yeates, Annabelle Cameron, Luella Liebenberg, Eva Masiello, Eden Merhi, Ethan Dang, Nylea Barjola, Evie Wilson & Louella Schaafsma.

## U13 Marigolds | Minor Premiers & Grand Final Premiers

Daniel Ivanac & Praveena Sivanesarajah | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
<b>BNC Marigold</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
ANC Meteors	12	20	10	2	0
SHLNC Joeys	12	12	6	6	0
LWNC Black Banksias	12	6	3	9	0
BNC Junipers	12	0	0	12	0

**The Team:** Lily Germain, Sienna Orlich, Zali Mitchell, Olivia Rogerson, Simaema Wickham, Tehya Sivanesarajah, Sierra Sparrow & Chiara Biviano.

Another great year for the Marigolds, the girls trained hard and played some fantastic netball throughout the year particularly through the back end of the season.

They have now won four division 1 grand finals which could be a club record.

## U13 Junipers

Raphael Revello, Savannah Revello & Maria Matrone | Coach & Managers

After a strong 2022, the Junipers were acknowledged for their continued growth and were moved up to div1. This team of primary school friends battled hard against the other 4 graded teams in the division, never giving up regardless of the score. No wins on the court this season but hopefully this tough year cemented some lifelong friendships. The way you played should be celebrated - you certainly made your parents, coach and supporters proud. Well done girls!



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Marigold	12	22	11	1	0
ANC Meteors	12	20	10	2	0
SHLNC Joeys	12	12	6	6	0
LWNC Black Banksias	12	6	3	9	0
<b>BNC Junipers</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Team:** Audrey Allan, Moana Nikua, Leni Wilson, Betsi Lee, Ruby Nichols, Grace Fowler, Charlotte Allan & Elizabeth Allan.

## U13 Poppies

Luci Rima & Mary Turner | Coach & Manager

The season was a tough one for the Poppies who started well but struggled at the back end of the season. It was a great year of development, particularly their fitness. The girls will come back fitter and stronger in 2024, we are sure. We are proud of all their efforts and their never give up attitudes.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BUNC Sapphires	12	19	9	1	1
FDAS Doves	12	19	9	2	1
GNC Commodores	12	18	9	3	0
LWNC White Asters	12	8	4	8	0
LWNC Red Lillies	12	8	4	8	0
HNC Starburst	12	8	4	8	0
<b>BNC Poppies</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Team:** Alexis Edwards, Emily Horton, Amala Thillainadesan, Jessica Garigliano, Leiana-Paige Taria-Rima, Jane Campbell, Claire Turner, Charlotte Mansfield & Olivia He.

## U13 Willows

Luke Quinlan & Marianne Begetis | Coach & Manager

With a much-changed team from last year as some girls moved to new schools our under 13 Willows had some great new inclusions, some from other Briars sides and others completely new to netball.

With a new team comes some new challenges. Finding each player's optimal position and refining skills to suit fellow team mates.

The season opener was a close loss but the team looked promising. It took a few weeks to really get our game sorted. We have been fortunate to have had a few wins, but also have had a couple of injuries and hope those girls are recovered. We've had some learning experiences and hopefully a few laughs along the way.

Overall, our girls have improved their game with new skills and techniques.

Well done to all the Willows girls and look forward to summer or next winter comps. Thank you also to our manager Marianne and the continued support from the families who came every week.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
SCHOLS Kings	14	28	14	0	0
TNC Lions	14	23	11	2	1
ANC Rockets	14	17	8	4	1
LWNC White Ash	14	16	8	6	0
RNC Kookaburras	14	15	7	6	1
HNC Stars	14	6	3	11	0
<b>BNC Willows</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Team:** Olivia Tartak, Lana Begetis, Mia Dimassy, Veronica Ha, Jazmin Gallina, Maggie Quinlan, Violet Quinlan, Alannah Raich & Jessica Shrestha.

## U14 Azurites

Linda Smith, Brooke Smith & Kate Alam | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
FDAS Falcons	12	24	12	0	0
FDAS Cockatoos	12	14	7	5	0
<b>BNC Azurites</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
LWNC Black Bilbies	12	11	5	6	1
LWNC White Lions	12	11	5	6	1
ANC Shamrocks	12	8	4	8	0
SHLNC Echidnas	12	4	2	10	0

**The Team:** Ava Alam, Nina Chashchina, Beth Eccleston, Isabella Nunez, Jenelle Melhem, Harini Umopathy, Kelly Lin, Sophie Flood & Isabel Revello.



## U14 Turquoise

Elizabeth Broadbent & Anna Chan, Catherine Ballesty | Coach & Managers

**The Team:** Isabel Ballesty, Emma Hunt, Bianca Harris, Mia Rizk, Grace Restifo, Alia Coubrough, Ella Haugen Peninton, Lara Moussa & Grace el-Khoury.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
LWNC White Foxes	15	27	13	1	1
SCHOLS Bulls	15	23	11	3	1
BUNC Sparkles	15	21	10	4	1
BNC Turquoise	15	10	5	10	0
LWNC Red Frogs	15	7	3	10	1
SCHOLS Thunder	15	0	1	14	0

## U14 Ambers

Laura Eastlake, Amelia Walkley & Louise Quinlan | Coaches & Manager

A team of nine is sometimes a struggle, but no matter what position these girls were asked to play, or when they were taken off, they never complained about a thing. Despite a rough start to the season, the girls played amazingly working their way up the ladder to end in 3rd! We could not be more proud of how supportive the girls are of each other and the hard work they put in. Congratulations to Sarah, Milla, Lara, Miya, Chloe, Olivia, Ava, Mira, and Nina for another amazing season.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Giants	15	30	15	0	0
SCHOLS Heat	15	20	9	4	2
<b>BNC Ambers</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
LWNC Red Rosellas	15	12	6	9	0
ANC Saints	15	12	5	8	2
RNC Hawks	15	1	0	14	1

**The Team:** Ava Jackson, Mira Tra Thanh Nguyen, Olivia Reid, Milla Dickson, Chloe Gardiner, Lara Quinlan, Nina Edmiston, Miya Phibbs & Sarah McCamley.

## U15 Gemstones | Minor Premiers & Grand Final Premiers

Bindi March-Ali & Amanda Ivanac | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
<b>BNC Gemstones</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
FDAS Sea Eagles	12	15	7	4	1
LWNC Red Comets	12	14	7	5	0
LWNC White Fireballs	12	7	3	7	1
BNC Tanzanites	12	0	0	12	0

**The Team:** Kiana Mitchell, Indiana Middleton, Tara McCall, Emily Broadbent, Evelyn O'Neill, Tully Smith, Lily Ivanac & Anna Chan.

Another year another premiership! Our amazing 15 years, division 1, were undefeated premiers once again! This year they played up an age group to challenge their skills and the team performed beautifully.



In their time together since U10s they have only lost 1 game! They play for each other and their love of netball. Well done team!

## U15 Tanzanites

Sienna Tierney & Pauline Tierney | Coach & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Gemstones	12	24	12	0	0
FDAS Sea Eagles	12	15	7	4	1
LWNC Red Comets	12	14	7	5	0
LWNC White Fireballs	12	7	3	7	1
<b>BNC Tanzanites</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

**The Team:** Lily Cameron, Elissa Barzan, Elyssa Ghaly, Zara Portolesi, Anique Michel, Eve Quinlan, Leyla Tierney, Hunter-Rose Kazi & Arabel Best.

## U15 Pyrites

Michelle McConnell & Babetha Posener | Coach & Manager

**The Team:** Lara Lo Giudice, Larissa McConnell, Yameena Mubarak, Harriet O'Connor, Aarani Posener, Laura Sendall, Matilda Ryan & Georgina Walkley.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
RNC Roosters	12	22	11	1	0
<b>BNC Pyrites</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
LWNC Black Vipers	12	14	7	5	0
HNC Twisties	12	14	7	5	0
LWNC Black Flares	12	12	6	5	0
RNC Sandpipers	12	4	2	10	0
BUNC Dynamites	12	2	1	10	0

## Cadet Pearls

Ayla Ali & Kate Campbell | Coache & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BNC Larimars	14	26	13	1	0
GNC Geminis	14	24	12	2	0
RNC Eagles	14	20	10	4	0
<b>BNC Pearls</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
LWNC White Strike	14	9	4	8	1
SCHOLS Bucks	14	7	3	9	1
RNC Raptors	14	6	3	11	0
SCHOLS Raptors	14	4	2	10	0

**The Team:** Esther Holding, Shayla Naidoo, Alana Sparrow, Ava Brailey, Riyaa Panchal, Sophia Garakas, Grace Campbell & Chloe Burrows.

After a few years together of only winning one game here and there, the Pearls came together beautifully this season making it to the finals! The team work and commitment of the team came about due to a fresh new approach to coaching and some new players. The girls had a great season and we look forward to what 2024 will bring for them.

## Cadet Onyx

Donna Wollen, Kath Walkley & Jaye Stevenson | Coaches & Manager



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
LWNC Black Pythons	14	24	12	1	0
LWNC White Lightning	14	22	11	3	0
HNC Wombats	14	20	10	4	0
<b>BNC Onyx</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
FDAS Gold	14	15	7	5	1
FDAS Emeralds	14	10	5	8	0
LWNC Red Cheetahs	14	4	2	12	0
IWNA Reps	14	0	0	11	0

**The Team:** Lily Butcher, Charlotte Dick, Nellie Ebenezer, Viva McConnell, Josie Walker, Amelia Walkley, Abigail Wollen, Romilly Gjessing, Elizabeth Broadbent & Abbey O'Neill.

## Cadet Jades

Brendon Eastlake & Christine Eastlake | Coach & Manager

This season saw 3 new players join the team. The girls had fun and played their best each week in a tough division. Despite not many wins and injuries galore, they put their best game feet on the court the whole season. Thanks to all the players from other teams who helped us out.

**The Team:** Laura Eastlake, Aoife Foley, Gemma Greer, Layla Sattout, Alana Winstanley, Riley Goyal, Jinte Dieleman & Gaia Belotti.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
FDAS Jets	14	24	12	2	0
LWNC Black Jaguars	14	22	11	3	0
SHLNC Bilbies	14	20	10	4	0
TNC Kool Kats	14	18	9	5	0
LWNC Black Blitz	14	13	6	7	1
FDAS Firebirds	14	10	5	9	0
<b>BNC Jades</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>
ANC Wrens	14	2	1	13	0

## Cadet Rubies

Rosie Ryan & Kate Bruce | Coach & Manager

**The Team:** Haylee Bruce, Amy Davis, Sienna Quinlan, Elyana Qutami, Lily Sauran, Lucy Dent-Radcliffe, Alice Whitmore & Niamh McInerney.



## Cadet White Opals

Finola Ogle | Coach & Manager

**The Team:** Amelie Fehir, Niamh Ogle, Gabbi Slater, Sabrina White, Lauren Dovico, Orahnia Sophia Karas, Tara Fagan, Zara Barakat & Gabrielle Scanlon.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
FDAS Rubies	14	24	12	2	0
RNC Firetails	14	21	10	3	1
HNC Hedgehogs	14	18	9	5	0
LWNC Red Rubies	14	16	8	6	0
HNC Unicorns	14	15	7	6	1
<b>BNC Rubies</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
ANC Swans	14	2	1	13	0
SHLNC Quolls	14	2	1	13	0

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
SCHOLS Nets	12	18	9	2	0
RNC Lorikeets	12	18	9	2	0
SCHOLS Knicks	12	18	9	3	0
SHLNC Taipans	12	14	7	5	0
LWNC Strikey Tigers	12	9	4	7	1
<b>BNC White Opals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>
HNC Emeralds	12	2	1	11	0

## Cadet Larimars | Minor Premiers & Grand Final Premiers

Nicole Smith & Louise Quinlan | Coach & Manager

**The Team:** Leila Hahnel, Natasha Iacono, Tyla Janes, Alexandria Liu, Peri Tevfik, Orla Turner, Abby Quinlan, Caitlin Merrick & Ruby Slade.



TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
<b>BNC Larimars</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
GNC Geminis	14	24	12	2	0
RNC Eagles	14	20	10	4	0
BNC Pearls	14	16	8	6	0
LWNC White Strike	14	9	4	8	1
SCHOLS Bucks	14	7	3	9	1
RNC Raptors	14	6	3	11	0
SCHOLS Raptors	14	4	2	10	0

## Senior Netball

### Blue Sapphires

Daniel Ivanac & Linda Smith | Manager

**The Team:** Aurelia Flammia, Ayla Ali, Brooke Smith, Elia Malgioglio, Emily Steele, Isabel Reid, Maya Hammond, Olivia Ivanac & Sienna Cham.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Sapphires	15	26	13	0	0
SUNC Cheetahs	15	24	12	3	0
BUNC Tigerlily's	15	16	8	5	0



FDAS Angels	15	9	4	10	1
BWNC Rogue	15	8	4	9	0
<b>BNC Sapphires</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

## Opals

Vanessa Stanmore | Manager

**The Team:** Aadhya Dhanpal, Despina Stamoulos, Jessica Buckley, Kelly Fung, Leila Rahme, Samantha Hamilton, Vanessa Stanmore, Virasha Singh & Zahra Hamilton.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
BUNC Roses	14	26	13	1	0
HNC Whiskers	14	25	12	1	1
SUNC Bobcats	14	14	7	6	0
GNC Barinas	14	14	7	7	0
<b>BNC Opals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
WMNC Orcas	14	10	5	7	0
ANC Flugels	14	6	3	11	0
PNC Mocktails	14	5	2	8	1

## Moonstones

Kate Crawford | Manager

**The Team:** Beth Munsie, Candice Wright, Christine Kanofski, Fiona Richards, Karen Tancred, Kate Crawford, Phoebe Stewart & Susan Anderson.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Pythons	14	25	12	1	1
TNC Prowlers	14	22	11	3	0
BUNC Bullets	14	16	8	6	0
<b>BNC Moonstones</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
FDAS Raptors	14	12	6	8	0
BNC Quartz	14	12	6	8	0
GNC Toranas	14	7	3	8	1
HNC Ravens	14	4	2	11	0

## Quartz

Rebecca McLachlan | Manager

**The Team:** Alexandra Anderson, Amelia McAllan, Anne-Maree Zietsch, Courtney Miller, Elly De Araujo, Kate Burnicle, Naomi Roberts, Rebecca McLachlan & Samantha McLachlan.

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Pythons	14	25	12	1	1
TNC Prowlers	14	22	11	3	0
BUNC Bullets	14	16	8	6	0
BNC Moonstones	14	14	7	7	0
FDAS Raptors	14	12	6	8	0
<b>BNC Quartz</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
GNC Toranas	14	7	3	8	1
HNC Ravens	14	4	2	11	0

## Emeralds

Michelle Turchini | Manager

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**The Team:** *Cara Edwards, Celeste Jackson-Snow, Elizabeth Maniscalco, Jody Fowler, Kanishka Sawhney, Kate Mihaljek, Kelly Parmenter, Melanie Lazar, Michelle Turchini & Monica Senger.*

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
FDAS Phoenix	14	26	13	1	0
LWNC White Fire	14	22	11	3	0
ANC Gems	14	12	6	8	0
BUNC Crystals	14	12	6	8	0
GNC Astras	14	11	5	8	1
HNC Phoenix	14	10	5	7	0
<b>BNC Emeralds</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

## Garnets

Sarah Burt | Manager

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**The Team:** *Catherine Hayes, Gabrielle Harrington, Georgia Majarres, Jade Reeves, Kara Brown, Kate Coyne, Maddie Bettridge, Sarah Burt & Sophie Carolan.*

TEAM	P	Pts	W	L	D
HNC Flames	12	20	10	2	0
SUNC Panthers	12	18	9	3	0
SHLNC Lyrebirds	12	17	8	3	1
BUNC Vibe	12	13	6	5	1
BUNC Barracudas	12	8	4	8	0
FDAS Firetails	12	6	3	9	0
<b>BNC Garnets</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>

# Greenlees Park Bowling Club



## Women's Bowls

### Presidents Report

Margaret Truesdale



As the year draws to a close, Greenlees Park Women's Bowls takes stock of the noteworthy happenings and achievements over the past months.

Throughout this year, we were pleased to welcome two new members, Kathy Mitchell and Ronda Solomon. We also continued our tradition of hosting North Strathfield Primary School in terms 2 & 3, where our dedicated men's and ladies' bowlers generously offered their time to impart the art of bowls to the students. Our appreciation extends to Ric Cilona, our coordinator, for overseeing this valuable initiative.

It brings us great pride to congratulate Gwen Bonett & Val Day for achieving their Umpire Accreditation from Bowls Australia, and to Anne Hare and Mary Kang for earning their measurers & markers card.

Our pennant players encountered challenges competing in Grade-1 this year, leading to a transition to Grade-2. Our Grade-3 may come back to Grade-4 for the upcoming year.

A highlight from this year was the participation of the Greenlees Park ladies, Marleen Dunn, Val Day, Margaret Cunningham, sub (*Margaret Truesdale*) & Gladys Barnes in the regional open fours at Northmead Bowling Club on August 26th. Despite displaying admirable skill and effort, we attained the position of runners-up to the Northmead ladies.

Our Friends Day was a delightful occasion, marked by pleasant bowling, delectable treats contributed by our members, and an enjoyable baked lunch & dessert. We extend our sincere gratitude to Gai Shirvington for efficiently organising the pens and table seating, and to Carole Pomroy for coordinating the raffles.

The Greenlees Park Women's Bowls contingent actively participated in the Macquarie Celebration triple event held at North Ryde RSL Bowling Club. Four teams from Greenlees competed at the tournament which was an enjoyable bowls day. Photos from all the Macquarie Clubs were shown. The dress code has certainly changed for the benefit of the younger aged women joining the clubs.

As the year concludes, we extend our best wishes for the health of Carole Pomroy & Maureen Picone. Additionally, we welcome Gwen Bonett back playing bowls.

Our profound appreciation goes out to the bowls committee for their consistent support throughout the year, and to Peter Neary, our greenkeeper, for diligently maintaining the greens in pristine condition. Special thanks are due to Ben, Alison, and the staff for their prompt





service and refreshing beverages on warm days, and to Jason, Monique, & Jacinta for their unwavering support.

We extend warm and sincere Christmas greetings to all the members of Briars Sports!

### **2023 Club Championships Results**

	Winner	Runner-up
<i>Major Singles</i>	Margaret Truesdale	Rosaline Lightfoot
<i>Major Pairs</i>	Janet Cooper Jean Hartley	Imma Fonti Judith Coulson
<i>Triples</i>	Marlene Dunn Margaret Truesdale Gladys Barnes	Anne Hare Joy Thurstan Judith Coulson
<i>Fours</i>	Marlene Dunn Valda Day Margaret Truesdale Gladys Barnes	Jaye Stevenson Pam McDermott Therese Cutrupi Giovanna Caccaviello
<i>Minor Singles</i>	Anne Hare	Jennifer Leek



# Greenlees Park Bowling Club



## Men's Bowls

### Presidents Report

Ric Cilona



It is with great pleasure that I submit the Annual report for 2023. The year has seen consolidation and growth of the club across all areas. Our achievements in the areas of Finance, Club Championships, Pennants Competitions and Welfare have been significant and noteworthy.

#### Finances

The Club's strong financial position at the end of the previous year was consolidated across 2023. Income for the year from both club and sponsorship was strong and allowed for purchase of uniforms, end of year appreciation trip, the support to several fundraising causes and support to our Rookies bowlers in their campaigns. Alongside this the Club was able to run several tournaments throughout the year with prize

money to both enhance our profile and support the broader Briars Club structure. Our thanks to the major sponsors of the club – IGA, Burwood RSL, Trevor Lee and Mannings Funerals for continuing to support the club financially.

#### Club Championships

The Governing body for Bowls in NSW, Bowls NSW, moved to a financial year structure in 2023 as opposed to the traditional Calendar year format previously. This meant that rather than running competitions from January through December, the structure became July through June of the following year. Given this significant restructuring, the Club has needed to run both the 2023 club competitions and also the 2023-2024 competitions in the same year with a completion date of June 2024.

Our congratulations to all club champions and runners up and indeed to all participants in 2023 and 2024.

#### **2023 Club Championship Results:**

<i>Competition</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
<i>Major Singles</i>	Kevin Hapgood	Paul Koziollek
<i>Minor Singles</i>	David O'Connell	David Matterazza
<i>Major Pairs</i>	Col Darlington Ron Kubyk	Bryan Coulthart Jeff Wheatley
<i>Minor Pairs</i>	Marc De Villecourt David O'Connell	Paul Koziollek Marcus Woods

<i>Club Triples</i>	M. De Villecourt John Goulding Paul Koziollek	Col Darlington Ron Kubyk Gary Savvidis
<i>Club Fours</i>	John Houteas Eddy Truesdale Steven White Ronan Coombes	Mario Zanella Marcus Woods George Templenizza Adrian Crump
<i>Club Champion</i>	Marc De Villecourt	Kevin Hapgood

At the time of writing the 2023/2024 Major Singles final had been completed with other competitions nearing completion or commencement.

Again, my congratulations to all finalists and participants in the Club Championships.



Club Minor Pairs:  
Marc De Villecourt & David O'Connell



Club Major Pairs:  
Col Darlington & Ron Kubyk



Club Triples:  
M. De Villecourt, John Goulding & Paul Koziollek



Club Singles:  
Kevin Hapgood (Winner), Marc De villecourt (runner-up)



2023 Pennant Cup Final Winners:  
Ryan Marangon, David Little, Paul Koziollek & Kevin Habgood.



Rookie State Play-offs:  
David O'Connell & David Materazza

## **Pennants 2023.**

The Zone 10 Pennants Competition for 2023 saw Greenlees Park enter teams in the Grade 4 and Grade 6 competitions. Against commendable opposition teams both grades showed resilience and a strong ethic to perform admirably. Although without ultimate success, the club was in the hunt for much of the season and won some outstanding matches in competitions. Well done to all!

### ***Pennant – Grade 4 Round 1***

#### ***Player Names***

<i>John Houteas</i>	David Puckeridge	John Goulding
<i>Anthony Fullager</i>	Ron Kubyk	Gino Borg
<i>Tom La Greca</i>	Steven White	Mark Gorlecki
<i>Eddy Truesdale</i>	Bryan Coulthart	Marc De Villecourt



As needed, several other bowlers stepped in to complete teams in the coming rounds, most notably Ros Lightfoot, Mark Leslie, David Materazza, Jeff Wheatley and Col Darlington amongst others. My thanks to them for contributing.

### **Pennant - Grade 6 Round 1**

#### ***Player Names***

<i>David O'Connell</i>	Gary Savvidis	David Materazza
<i>Marcus Woods</i>	Chris Landis	Paul Koziollek
<i>Jesse Loveridge</i>	Greg Russell	Ronny James
<i>Adrian Crump</i>	George Tamplenizza	Wayne Comber

Again, my thanks to Ronny Kubyk and Mark Leslie amongst others who participated as required.

An innovation this year was the introduction of the Pennants Cup Competition which Zone 10 clubs were invited to participate in. Greenlees Park entered two teams in this inaugural competition, and both performed with significant success. Our congratulations to Greenlees Park Green team who went through and were crowned Zone Champions in a thrilling final against Northmead Bowling Club. Greenlees Park Yellow team also performed admirably and very close to being finalists but stumbled in the final round.

### **Pennant – Greenlees Yellow & Green Team**

#### ***Player Names***

<i>Yellow Team</i>	<i>Green Team</i>
<i>Ric Cilona</i>	David Little
<i>Marlene Dunn</i>	Alvin Dixon
<i>Gladys Barnes</i>	Des Hogan
<i>Kevin Hapgood</i>	Terry O'Kane

Again, a number of other bowlers stepped in as required over the course of the competition and need acknowledgement. Thanks to Jesse Loveridge, Steven White, Jaye Stevenson, Paul Koziollek, Ryan Marangon and Larry Greene amongst others for supporting as required. And congratulations to Greenlees Yellow as Zone Champions in the final with the team of Ryan Marangon, David Little, Paul Koziollek and Kevin Hapgood. Nice Medallion guys!

### **Primary School Link**

2023 saw the continuation and growth of the Primary School link with Strathfield North Public School. Over 15 weeks the children were coached and supervised by our volunteers at Greenlees Park who gave generously of their time and expertise. My thanks to them. We were able to apply successfully for a sports grant which funded further sets of bowls for the children in the coming year. The link culminated with a wonderful presentation from the children to our volunteers which included handmade cards and gifts. Briars is the Spirit of Community Sport and it was very evident here.

### **Final Thoughts**

The year ended with the traditional end of season trip to Mollymook which was much anticipated. Playing for the MollyGreen Cup, Greenlees Park were successful in squaring the ledger after a loss last year winning a thrilling match 117 – 109. More importantly, a great time was had by all over the course of the 3 days. And speaking of a great time, The Cock of the Walk Friday evening drinks and bowls went from strength to strength with great numbers each Friday evening listening to terrific music, bowling and celebrating the end of the working week.



## 2023 Men's Bowls Committee

A very large, and in many ways insufficient, thank you to the Bowls Committee for 2023

*President*

Ric Cilona

*Vice President*

Brian Coulthart

*Treasurer*

Ben Williams

*Bowls Coordinator*

Wayne Comber

*Chairman Selection Committee*

Steven White

*Selectors*

Mark Gorlicki & Mark De Villecourt

*Chairman Match Committee*

Steven White

*Match Committee*

Ronnie James & David Puckeridge

*Returning Officer*

Gino Borg

*Welfare Officer*

Ric Cilona

*Scrutineer*

Mark Cooper

*Chairman Junior Bowls*

Ric Cilona

*Zone 10 Delegate*

Wayne Comber

*Publicity Marketing & Development*

Marcus Woods



# Briars Sports Trophies

## J H Stone Trophy

### Awarded to **Scarlett Thuell**

*Scarlet is 20 years old (21 next month) and has played hockey for Briars for 12 years through Juniors and now in Seniors.*

*Scarlet has umpired for 6 years for Sydney Women's Hockey League (SWHL), Briars Summer Comp and Sydney East Hockey Association (SEHA) representative umpiring.*

*Scarlet entered the team coaching realm in 2022 coaching Junior rep teams in SEHA, dealing with young players and parents.*

*Scarlet provides umpiring coaching for junior umpires within Briars.*

*Scarlet also performs one of the Summer Comp night manager roles over the annual 10-week competition co-ordinating matches, umpires and running the canteen.*

*Scarlet undertook her RSA when she turned 18 to actively do rostered duties at the Cintra canteen.*

*She also assists our Junior VP with co-ordination of junior matches.*

*She is a committed Briar who role models the Briars spirit.*

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 **Brett Howle**

*Brett Howle joined The Briars Sporting Club in 1984 and by 1988 was serving on the management committee as Assistant Honorary Executive Officer.*

*Cricket was Brett's number one Sport of choice; however, he has also represented Briars playing Squash and Hockey. Brett has played across all grades for Burwood Briars Cricket winning several premierships and captained 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades to premierships.*

*Over the years to season ending 2023 Brett Howle had scored 7,378 runs in Shires competitions and*

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.

taken 183 catches. This included 4,984 runs and 125 catches in 2nd Grade. With the inclusion of C & S and Chappelow Cup, these figures increase to 8,738 runs and 198 catches plus 5 catches as keeper in Chappelow.

Brett appeared in Shires competitions from 1984-85 until 2010-11 (27 years) and then resumed in Chappelow from 2014-15 until 2018-19 (5 years) and Shires from 2019-20 until 2022-23 (4 years) making a total of 31 years in Shires and 36 years for The Briars. During this time, he has also been a part of 21 Club Championships!

Brett has served on the Burwood Briars Cricket Committee for many years.

Brett joined the Board of the registered Club not long after amalgamation in 2008 culminating in him taking the position of Club Chairman, a position he holds to this day!

## A J Robinson Shield

### Awarded to **Chris Thuell**

Chris has performed a fantastic job in being the Umpire Co-ordinator for Briars Hockey for many years. In this role he has identified and developed Junior Club members and transformed them in to confident and highly capable umpires. He has also co-ordinated the nomination of Club umpires to all of the various competitions that Briars competes within, as well as our own Summer Competition at Cintra. Chris also completes a significant load of umpiring duties in his own right across both Men's, Women's, and Junior's competitions.

Chris has been a long-standing member and contributor to the Hockey Committee, volunteers as an Executive member of the SEHA Board, and contributes an enormous amount of time volunteering down at the Cintra clubhouse during the year.

Along with his family, Chris has been one of the greatest contributors to the Club's success and culture in recent memory.

## R D Vanderfield Trophy

### Awarded to **Felix Fung**

Felix Fung is the deserving winner of the 2023 RD Vanderfield Trophy

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

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.



*He is a talented Goalkeeper in our U15 Briars Metro Team and in session 2023 achieved the following playing honours:*

- *U15 State (Blues) and SEHA Teams*
- *U15 State (Blues) and SEHA Indoor Teams*
- *U18 SEHA Field*
- *U18 SEHA Indoor*
- *U16 2024 State Squad*

*Felix has also been umpiring for the last 5 years and in 2023, his umpiring achievements included:*

- *umpired u17 metro (the premier junior comp)*
- *umpired womens' ML4-ML6 grades and all womens' SEHA grades*
- *umpired mens' SL2-SL4 grades*

*Felix is also volunteers as required Helping out with canteen duty and assisting with junior Goal Keeper coaching.*

*Congratulations Felix on a fantastic 2023 on and off the pitch*

## R B Clark Scholarship

*Awarded to:*

- **Ned Arnold** – Cricket
- **Thomas Scott** – Squash
- **Oscar Smith** – Hockey
- **Jacinta Tui** – Women's Rugby
- **Alana Winstanley** – Netball

R B (Bob) Clark, the founder of The Briars Sporting Club, bequeathed money on his death to the Club. This bequest is to help young Briars with their education for those members 21 years and under.

## Cricket Memorial Trophy

*Awarded to **Michael Taberner***

*Michael is a true Briar in every sense, leading both on and off the field. He has been a captain of a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade & Chappelow side for over 10 years, with a keen interest in developing the next generation whilst maintaining a competitive squad, combined with multiple years served on the committee. He is always willing to volunteer his time to drive sponsorship, events, BBQs, training and just about anything else asked of him. A role model Briar and very deserving recipient. Well done, Tabsy!*

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 **Joseph Kalachian***

*Joseph has played all his junior cricket with the club and played his final season with the U15 Maroon boys team where he scored 233 runs and 12 wickets*

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

*for the season. He is awarded junior cricketer of the year and is a deserving winner of the Gerard Price Junior Cricket Trophy.*

## Matina Moffitt Jnr. Cricket Trophy

### Awarded to **Kitri Irving**

*Kitri took 17 wickets and scored 239 runs for the season. She has played all his junior cricket with the club and played her final season with the U17 Concord Briars Girls team. She is awarded junior cricketer of the year and is a deserving winner of the Matina Moffitt Junior Cricket Trophy.*

## Geoff Archibald Trophy

### Awarded to **Tadhg Aldridge**

*Tadhg joined Briars this year from Singapore where he had mostly played 7s, but it become obvious very early on that Tadhg had all the makings of a special player. Tadhg, despite being a colt, put his hand up to represent the club at all levels and sometimes multiple times a day. His completeness of his game makes him a worthy recipient of this award – from absolute bone crunching tackles to a surprisingly good kicking game and most importantly his line breaking ability. Perhaps more than that, however, was Tadhg's desire to continue to improve and work on his game and receive feedback from coaches to enhance his skills and play. We have every belief that Tadhg will be a stalwart of our first-grade side for many years to come.*

## Gordon Bevan Shield

### Awarded to **David Lannan**

*David Lannan is a worthy recipient of the shield as a briars rugby member for over 20 years. David has been involved at all levels of our men's committee including Chairman for 3 years in the late 2010s. During that period, he ensured that, despite dropping to Division 4 we were able to stay afloat, something so many of our fellow clubs were not able to do.*

*Recently though has been David's greatest success at Briars -founding and presiding over our women's program for the past 6 years. It has been a turbulent period for our program, almost collapsing a few times but it has stabilised and grown exponentially in the past two years- culminating in a premiership this year and plenty of wins over premiership clubs*

Briars Concord Junior Cricket who has contributed to junior teams.

The Matina Moffitt Junior Cricket Trophy is in recognition of the outstanding contribution by Matina Moffitt over many years to the female participation program in the local region. This Trophy is awarded to the female player of Briars Concord Junior Cricket who has had an outstanding season.

The Geoff Archibald Trophy is awarded to the Rugby player who has made the greatest contribution to the Club in his first year playing Rugby for the Club. This Trophy was first awarded in 1984.

The Gordon Bevan Shield was first awarded in 1938. It is awarded to the player who, in the opinion of the Club, has contributed the most during the year towards Rugby and the Club in general. It is presented in memory of a young "Briar" who was tragically killed in a road accident.

The criteria for selection is as follows:

Attendance at training	20 points
Value to the team	20 points
Most improved player	20 points
General keenness	15 points
Value as a Club member	15 points
Neatness of uniform	10 points
Total	100 points

like Sydney University, Southern Districts, Norths, Randwick, Manly and Eastwood. For his longevity as a player and administrator at Briars Rugby, we congratulate David on winning the Gordon Bevan Shield.

## Briars Women's Rugby Trophy

### Awarded to **Gabby Buchhorn**

*The Briars Women's Rugby Trophy is awarded to Gabrielle Buchhorn. Gabby was an outstanding athlete on the field, having only started playing rugby in 2022, she captained the Maroon team to a Premiership, Briars Women's Rugby's first ever premiership. Off the field she was also a superstar, helping with fundraising, social events, and anything else you asked of her. Gabby exerts all the values of a Briar and is well deserved of this award.*

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 **Kye Games**

*Description- Kye is a 7 year 'veteran' of our junior club and is less than a season away from reaching 100 junior games. As one of our Junior Coaching Mentors, Kye not only captained our under 11s team to be back-to-back premiers this season, but he was also a match day assistant coach for our under 8s. A strong and versatile scrum half, Kye was chosen to represent Briars in the West Harbour State Championship squad in 2023 and is regularly the first to arrive and last to leave training. A worthy recipient of this award for his years of commitment to our club and he epitomises what it means to be a true Briar.*

The Mal Blair & Bill McLaughlin Junior Rugby Trophy is awarded annually by Junior Rugby to a junior rugby player who has contributed most, both on and off the field.

## Doug Vanderfield Trophy

### Awarded to **Ben Williams**

*This award goes to someone who not only performs well but gives a significant amount of their time to the growing the sport. Ben Williams joined the club through juniors and is now working at Thornleigh Squash & Fitness helping deliver new programs and*

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:



competitions, coaching juniors and building our club communications.

*Ben is always reliable and will put his hand up to help any time. He has also seen a significant improvement in his own game, increasing 100 points in the year, taking him to the top of Div 2 draws from Div 3 in the previous year. He led his pennant team to victory last season and his team are coming first this season!*

*The club is much brighter and happier when he is around. Very deserving of this award and we know he will be a part of the Briars Squash family for a long time.*

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 **Emilia Scott**

*It is with great pleasure we announce Emilia Scott as the winner of this award for her commitment to the club. Not only has Emilia been improving her game mentally and physically, but she has also represented NSW in the Junior state team as well as Australia in Trans-Tasman Combined High Schools competition. She also assists our future players to come through the ranks too by leading a hand at junior training whenever she can.*

*Her confidence has transformed in the last 12 months enabling her build terrific bonds with her peers. Emilia also try's her hand in the kitchen and regularly brings staff and friends batches of muffins or cakes, just because.*

*Emilia is a delight to have around, and we will definitely see her on the world stage taking on giants of the game one day if she continues the path she is on.*

This trophy is awarded to a Briars Junior Squash player who has contributed the most to Squash and the Club in general and exemplifies the dedication by Anne Gleason to voluntary work with Squash. Involved with Briars Squash for over 25 years, Anne represented Briars at NSW State level both individually and as a ladies team member. For many years Anne has organised junior squash and Saturday Pennant and as head coach of the juniors.

Value as a team member	20 points
Value as a member of the Club	20 points
Keenness as a player	20 points
Improvement as a player	15 points
Conduct on the Squash Court	15 points
Neatness of dress	10 points
Total	100 points

## Anne Burt Trophy

### Awarded to **Rosie Ryan**

*Rosie was not only the VP in 2023 but also coached a cadet team, picked up the role of coaching convenor and came to many a team's rescue when extra coaching tips were needed. She worked with the grading committee pre-season and was at Briars most Fridays assisting with NetSetGo. Rosie's infectious laughter can be heard across the courts, as can her cheers of support. She is an invaluable member of the executive keeping the team on track during meetings and managing its expectations. This was after already volunteering over summer*

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

*with Briars Cricket! Rosie lives the values of Briars with compassion, fairness and kindness.*

Total

100 points

## Bindi March Ali Trophy

**Awarded to Anna Chan**

*Youth Volunteer of 2023. She umpired, played, and coached as well as assisted with NetSetGo each week of Term 2. She was also a representative player and captain of her team, showing wonderful leadership qualities. Anna is a dedicated volunteer who is a wonderful role model to all!*

Award criteria for the Bindi March Ali Award. The player must have played for Briars for at least 2 years, played in the current season & represents Briars Netball in a positive way through their demeanour and attitude, show leadership through their actions, have positive peer to peer communication and have performed volunteering duties above and beyond the usual.

## Brian Huttly Trophy

**Awarded to Lorraine McAuliffe**

*Lorraine joined Greenlees Park Women's Bowls in July 2019 and has been Vice-President for the last two years.*

*Lorraine is very capable and assists with finances when our treasurer Gai is absent. Lorraine has also been actively helping other committee members from time to time. This award is well deserved.*

The Brian Huttly Trophy was donated in 2006 by Brian Huttly who for many years has been involved in Bowls at Greenlees Park as an administrator and player. The Trophy is awarded to a lady bowler who has given meritorious service in a voluntary position to Womens Bowls over the year. The award can only be won once in a lifetime.

## Phil McAulay Trophy

**Awarded to Ron Kubyk**

*Ron is a deserving recipient of this award given his outstanding contribution and support of Greenlees Park Bowling Club. His contribution at a committee level is valued and insightful and he often clarifies issues and points a way forward.*

*As Club coach, Ronnie has nurtured a number of new and developing bowlers instilling confidence and belief in the next generation of club bowlers.*

The Phil McAulay Trophy is awarded to a male bowler who over the year has given meritorious services to Men's Bowls in a voluntary role. Donated by Phil McAulay, who has been involved in Bowls at Greenlees for many years as an administrator and player, this award can only be won once in a lifetime.

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# Summary Financial Report

**For the year ended 30 September 2023**

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# **SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**for the year ended 30 September 2023**



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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 2023.

#### Directors

The names of the directors who held office at any time during the year ended 30 September 2023 and up to the date of this report are:

Howle, Brett	Moffitt, Matina	Boyter, Aaron
Jaroszewicz, Michael	Norris, Kylie	Price, John
Beckhouse, Kylie	Cilona, Ric	O'Brien, Sarah

#### Information on Directors

Name	Position	Eligible Meetings	Meetings Attended	Qualifications
Brett Howle	Director/Chairperson	12	12	Company Director
Matina Moffitt	Director/Treasurer	12	09	Executive Director
Aaron Boyter	Director	12	12	Engineer
Michael Jaroszewicz	Director	12	10	Structural Engineer
Kylie Norris	Director	12	11	Sourcing Manager
John Price	Director	12	12	Company Director
Kylie Beckhouse *	Director	02	01	Director Family Law
Ric Cilona	Director	12	10	Retired Scholl Principal
Sarah O'Brien **	Director	10	09	General Manager

\* Resigned from the Board of Directors December 2022

\*\* Appointed to the Board of Directors December 2022

#### 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	2023	2022
Full members	1,210	1,021
Social members	3,316	2,615
	<b>4,526</b>	<b>3,636</b>

#### Limitation on members' liability

Briars at Greenlees Limited is a public company limited by guarantee, and in accordance with its constitution, the liability of financial members in the event of the company being wound-up would not exceed \$2.00 per member. The total contribution by financial members in the event of the company being wound-up would be \$9,052 [2022: \$7,272].

#### Operating result

The net profit from trading for the year ended 30 September 2023 [after no provision for income tax] amounted to a profit of \$297,714 [2022: Profit \$490,884] after charging depreciation and amortisation of \$815,440 [2022: \$639,971] and finance costs of \$53,666 [2022: \$35,976]. There was no other comprehensive income for the year.

#### Review of operation

	2023	2022	Increase (Decrease)	%
Poker machine clearances [net]	\$3,009,705	\$2,564,280	+ \$445,425	+ 17.37
Bar sales	\$1,561,373	\$1,366,414	+ \$194,959	+ 14.27
Operating and overhead costs	(\$5,357,678)	(\$4,393,162)	+ \$964,516	+ 21.95

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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	2023	2022	+/- %
[a] Employees numbers			
• Permanent	6	5	+20%
• Casual	13	10	+30%
[b] Employee remuneration			
• Wages	\$818,279	\$710,622	+15%
• Superannuation	\$91,318	\$75,704	+20%
• Direct on-costs	\$94,064	\$88,835	+6%
[c] Poker machine operations			
• Net poker machine clearances	\$3,009,705	\$2,564,280	+17%
• Return to player [turnover %]	91.00%	91.00%	+0%
[d] Bar operations			
• Bar sales	\$1,561,373	\$1,366,414	+14%
• Cost of sales	\$572,650	\$532,771	+7%
• Gross margin	\$988,723	\$833,643	+18%
• Gross margin to sales	63.32%	61.01%	+4%
• Direct expenses	\$528,951	\$439,876	+20%
[e] Marketing and promotional expenses			
• Member promotions	\$173,766	\$199,843	-13%
• Other marketing and promotional expenses	\$219,572	\$207,333	+6%
[f] Key metrics			
• EBITDA	\$1,166,820	\$1,167,831	+0%



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### DIRECTORS' REPORT [CONTINUED]

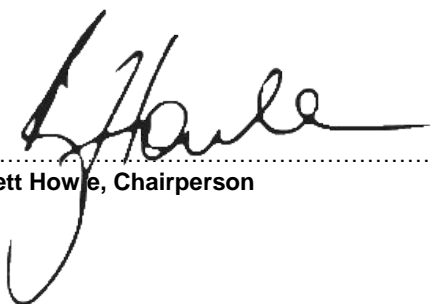
#### Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of Briars at Greenlees Limited or intervene in any proceedings to which the company for all or part of those proceedings.

#### Auditor's independence declaration

The Auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 September 2023 has been received and is located below.

Dated at Concord this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023  
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors



.....  
Brett Howle, Chairperson




.....  
Matina Morfitt, 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 2023:

- (i) no contravention of the auditors independence requirement as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;  
and
- (ii) no contravention of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Dated at Sydney this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023



.....  
**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 2023. 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 \$6,524,499 has increased by \$964,506 (17.35%) compared to last year [\$5,559,993], and operating expenses excluding depreciation, amortisation, and finance costs of \$5,357,678 has also increased by \$964,516 (21.95%) from last year [\$4,393,162], resulting in net profit before tax of \$297,714 [income tax: \$ Nil] compared to a 2022 profit of \$490,883 [income tax: \$ Nil].

Individual items and trading conditions that have impacted the 2023 result include:

- Club renovation work was completed this year together with the major upgrade of the gaming room. Both these projects impacted members of the Club and made trading conditions difficult but resulting in a positive revenue contribution to the Club, with bar sales increasing by \$194,959 [(14.27%) and net poker machine revenue increasing by \$445,425 (17.37%).
- Entertainment, marketing, and promotion expenses decreased by \$13,838 (3.40%).
- Depreciation and amortisation expense increased by \$175,469 [27.42%]. The major categories impacting this increase were:
  - Building improvements +\$53,845
  - Furniture & Fittings +\$41,925
  - Plant & Equipment +\$31,520
- Employee benefit expenses increased by \$144,030 (15.90%):
  - Employee costs increased following strong increases in bar and poker machine activity.
- Other expenses from ordinary activities increased by \$638,956 (30.54%) and spread across all expense items, but the major items were:
  - Repairs & Maintenance [Burwood Property] +\$189,446
  - Sports Provisioning +\$120,525
  - Clothing/Uniforms +\$99,840
  - Function Expenses +\$40,703
  - Gas/Electricity +\$31,898
  - Travel Expenses +\$37,258
  - Repairs & Maintenance +\$30,791
- Poker machine direct expenses [taxes and other expenses] increased by \$154,037 (33.98%) were offset by an increase in net poker machine clearances of \$445,425 (17.37%).
- Bar sales were strong at \$1,561,373 compared to last year of \$1,366,414. An increase of \$194,959 (14.27%):
  - The gross profit percentage increased from 61.01% to 63.32% (+2.31%).

#### Statement of financial position

Briars net assets have increased by \$297,714 or 4.38% since last year. This change consisted of:

- An increase in total assets of \$401,489; and
- An increase in total liabilities of \$103,775

The increase in net assets for the year is mainly attributable to:

- Net decrease in property, plant, and equipment of \$471,994 on the Right-of-use assets [ROU] following a review of the Clubhouse and grounds lease which is valued as a perpetuity.
- Net Increase in property, plant, and equipment of \$1,076,357 comprising renovations to the clubhouse, furniture and equipment, and new poker machines.

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### **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE REPORTS [CONTINUED]**

#### **Statement of financial position [continued]**

- Decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$234,465. Call deposit utilized in payment of Club renovations.
- Increase in intangible assets \$63,006 on purchase of 2 new gaming entitlements.
- Trade and other payables decreased substantially by \$436,286 by a decrease of trade creditors and accruals.
- Increased in current provisions of \$291,558. Cricket development fund +\$120,000 and repairs and maintenance for the Burwood property +\$129,221 with employee provisions increasing by \$29,704.
- Other liabilities increased by \$248,194 mainly on an increase in deferred payments liabilities on purchase of poker machines, together with an increase in accruals.
- Decrease in non-current financial liabilities of \$625,368 attributable to the repayment of poker machines and gaming system, and review of the Clubhouse and grounds lease which is valued as a perpetuity.

#### **Statement of cash flows**

Operating activities provided net cash inflows of \$1,288,850 compared to \$1,455,053 last year. A decrease of \$166,203 (11.42%) due to cash being utilized in the Club's renovation projects.

Net cash used by investing activities of \$1,872,949 mainly related to the payment of clubhouse renovations, and property, plant, and equipment, together with the gaming room project.

Net cash inflow from financing activities of \$349,634 results from the partly drawdown CBA business loan to assist in the financing of the renovations and gaming room projects.

Cash at year end of the year was \$355,231 compared to \$589,696 last year. A decrease of \$234,465 (39.76%).

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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT/(LOSS) AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

for the year ended 30 September 2023

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue from the sale of goods	1,686,654	1,449,429
Revenue from rendering of services	4,556,959	3,906,591
Other revenue from ordinary activities	280,886	203,973
<b>Total revenue from ordinary activities</b>	<b>6,524,499</b>	<b>5,559,993</b>
Cost of sales	(572,650)	(532,771)
Directors' expenses	(3,318)	(1,866)
Employee benefit expenses	(1,049,944)	(905,913)
Entertainment, marketing and promotion expenses	(393,338)	(407,176)
Poker machine taxes and other expenses	(607,332)	(453,295)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	(2,731,097)	(2,092,141)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(5,357,679)</b>	<b>(4,393,162)</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>1,166,820</b>	<b>1,166,831</b>
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(815,440)	(639,971)
Finance costs	(53,666)	(35,976)
<b>Profit before income tax expense</b>	<b>297,714</b>	<b>490,884</b>
Income tax expense	0	0
<b>Net profit for the year</b>	<b>297,714</b>	<b>490,884</b>
Other comprehensive income	0	0
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>297,714</b>	<b>490,884</b>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

for the year ended 30 September 2023

	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Assets Revaluation Reserve</b>	<b>Briars Equity Transfer</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 October 2021</b>	<b>3,805,691</b>	<b>2,160,358</b>	<b>343,837</b>	<b>6,309,886</b>
Net profit for the year	490,884	0	0	490,884
Other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2022</b>	<b>4,296,575</b>	<b>2,160,358</b>	<b>343,837</b>	<b>6,800,770</b>
Net profit for the year	297,714	0	0	297,714
Other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0
<b>Balance as at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>4,594,289</b>	<b>2,160,358</b>	<b>343,837</b>	<b>7,098,484</b>

The Statement of Profit/(Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income and Statement of Changes in Equity are to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

as at 30 September 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	355,231	589,696
Financial assets	5,000	5,000
Inventories	34,047	37,004
Trade and other receivables	60,889	56,562
Other assets	153,221	186,005
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>608,388</b>	<b>874,267</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	9,509,049	8,904,687
Intangible assets	646,939	583,933
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>10,155,988</b>	<b>9,488,620</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>10,764,376</b>	<b>10,362,887</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	431,250	867,536
Financial liabilities	879,076	253,400
Provisions	728,997	425,745
Other liabilities	348,927	100,733
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2,388,250</b>	<b>1,647,414</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Financial liabilities	1,265,989	1,891,357
Provisions	11,653	23,346
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>1,277,642</b>	<b>1,914,703</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,665,892</b>	<b>3,562,117</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>7,098,484</b>	<b>6,800,770</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Reserves	2,504,195	2,504,195
Retained earnings	4,594,289	4,296,575
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>7,098,484</b>	<b>6,800,770</b>

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

for the year ended 30 September 2023

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Receipts from members and guests	6,112,761	5,200,911
Payments to suppliers and employees	(5,182,154)	(4,076,266)
Interest received	708	748
Rental income received	392,135	342,860
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>1,323,450</b>	<b>1,468,253</b>
Finance costs - CBA facility and other	(34,600)	(13,200)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>1,288,850</b>	<b>1,455,053</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payment for clubhouse improvements	(1,030,127)	(858,044)
Payment for furniture, plant, equipment, and poker machines	(785,449)	(594,400)
Payment for intangible assets - gaming entitlements	(65,493)	0
Proceeds on disposal of plant and equipment	8,120	0
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(1,872,949)</b>	<b>(1,452,444)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from CBA business loan	631,699	0
Other finance - repayments	(144,167)	(51,970)
Lease liabilities - repayments	(137,898)	(124,352)
<b>Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities</b>	<b>349,634</b>	<b>(176,322)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents held</b>	<b>(234,465)</b>	<b>(173,713)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	589,696	763,409
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>355,231</b>	<b>589,696</b>

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2023**

**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 2023. The audited report for the year ended 30 September 2023 is available on request from Briars at Greenlees Limited.

The financial statements are presented in Australian Dollars which is the entity's functional and presentation currency.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the summary financial statements have been derived from and are consistent with the full financial statements of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the financial year.

The summary financial statements do not, and cannot be expected to, provide a detailed understanding of the financial performance, financial position and operating, financing and investment activities of Briars at Greenlees Limited as the full financial report.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by Briars at Greenlees Limited are consistent with those of the financial year unless otherwise stated.

Briars at Greenlees Limited has adopted all new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current year. Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

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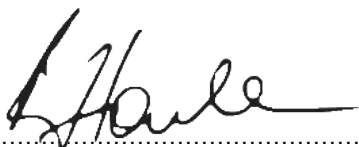
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### DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of Briars at Greenlees Limited declare that:

- [a] in the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Briars at Greenlees Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- [b] in the Directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including compliance with Australian Accounting Standards, other mandatory reporting requirements, and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Briars at Greenlees Limited for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to section 295(5) of the *Corporation Act 2001*, on behalf of the Directors by:



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**Brett Howle, Chairperson**



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**Matina Morfitt, Treasurer**

Dated at Concord the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023



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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 2023, 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 2023. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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 2023 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023

  
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**Harley, Russell & Day**  
Chartered Accountants

**Garry William Day**  
Registered Company Auditor

# The Briars Foundation Limited

## Membership - September 2023



### PATRON (\$100,000 - \$249,000)

Singleton John  
Walker Family (Don, John, Chris, Peter, David)

### FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBER (\$50,000 - \$100,000)

Keir Steve †  
Threlfo John \*

### FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

Crookes Richard  
Goldsmith Mal  
Randle John \*  
Richard Ian †  
Way Don †

### FOUNDATION MEMBER (\$2,500 - \$24,999)

Alford Jim †	England Philip	Richards John
Anstey Ross	Green Garnet †	Routley Laurie †
Balmforth Jack †	Hooker Bill	Stevens Cec †
Blair Ian	McPhee Greg	Trollope Kerry
Brown David	Mansford Peter	Waddington Matt
Clifford Andy	Mathews Mike †	Walker Don †
Dennis Colin †	Price John	Williams Warwick ***
Edmonds John †	Prowse Doug †	Wozniak Tony

### FOUNDATION NON VOTING MEMBER (\$101 - \$2,499)

Ackerman Ray	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