

# Briars Squash 2017

## Chairman's Report

Anthony Rex Thomas



### **Cuskelly & Pilley Exhibition & One80TC Golf day powered by USANA.**

*The event raised \$1200 towards One80TC's Women's drug & alcohol rehab clinic based in Sydney.*

*We had 70 people attend the coaching clinic & exhibition & 6 teams of 5 for Ambrose Golf.*

*This day was significant as it secured our sponsor USANA and aligned us with charity one80tc who do great things for the local community.*



*Photo from the Coaching clinic, golf day / Exhibition match.*

## Overview

Briars Squash has seen a growth in all areas from juniors to Senior Pennants, and the launch of the new talent development squad that was proposed last year. We have run 8 successful advanced camps with all our junior participants seeing great value in the program. We have an amazing buffet of coaches to use including former world Champion Michelle Martin, former top 15 Adam Schreiber, & more recently former top 50 and MAJART Cup winner Matt Kawalski to name a few.

We have applied for funding from the Coronation Club Funds to the amount of \$6,600. This is to go towards our 2018 junior initiatives;

- Cover part of the cost of coaches of the camps
- To lower the cost of travel to tournaments throughout NSW with the hire of a mini bus and take our first Briars junior travel squads. Two events in particular. The Country Age Championships in Cardiff and the NSW Junior Titles in Coffs Harbour.

## What has happened in 2016 - 17

- NSW Briars Talent Development Squad training on Sundays for 3 hours once a month.
- The group on deal that had created 220 new customers to the club 2 years ago is back along with the shop-a-docket promotion.
- 75 Participants in the Club Championships
- Working with local schools at fund raising events to gain exposure
- Working with Matina to get a transparent system for Briars Squash accounts
- Aligned with a drug and alcohol Charity One80TC allowing further positive exposure in the community and displaying corporate social responsibility which can leverage a stronger position with government grants and sponsors.
- Working with two other clubs to establish an international level tournament in Sydney Harbour foreshore
- Briars Open in Feb 17 with 104 entries biggest Sydney non PSA event in 2017.
- Took the inflatable court to the Cub Scouts Group in 2016 at East Ryde, with exposure to 1000 kids and approximately 90 participating through the day.
- Built relations with sports car world as a sponsor of the club

***Briars Squash tour to Melbourne  
in August 16 to collect Club of  
the year award 2015***



*The second Briars tour squad of 10 members travelled to Melbourne to represent Thornleigh Squash at the SA awards dinner in which we were the recipients of the 2015 club of the year and our club won 4 of the raffle and silent auction prizes making us the biggest winners of the night. Many clubs and associations envied us, and we were the talk of the town.*

- In negotiations with Jaxx Tyres for sponsoring the club for \$2500
- Had 5 of our Briars juniors represent in the state team Pat Hart, Mitchel Black, Maja Maziuk, Tara Black, Haani Qureshi
- 3 applicants of the RB Clarke sponsorship - Pat Hart, Mitchel Black, Maja Maziuk

**Award recipients 2017**

**Doug Vanderfield – James Herbert**

Fantastic supporter of the club. He has attended every Briars event and has been a tremendous team captain. He is one of Thornleigh Squash's longest running members and shows nothing but love and respect for everyone that he plays and meets on and off the court.

**Anne Gleason Award – Mitchell Black**

Mitchell has made the NSW State team for the second year running. He has always been the underdog that has come out on top through sheer tenacity. He has been competing in junior and senior pennant, with an excellent record and his rating on the increase every month. He now has his eyes set on being in the Australian team in 2020.