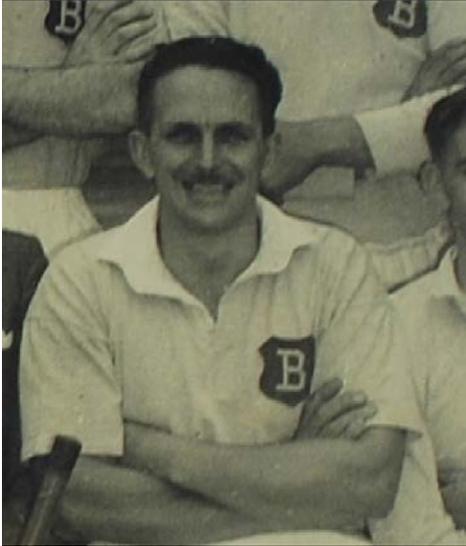


## **Bruce Trevenar**

### **“A man for all seasons, both on and off the field”**



Bruce Trevenar joined the Briars to play B Shires Cricket halfway during the 1946/7 season.

He immediately found success by snaring a hattrick against Ryde..”all cleaned bowled.”

Thus, began a service to the Briars that lasted until his death in 1991. Bruce had success both on and off the field and his record speaks for itself.

Playing Cricket, Hockey and Squash for Briars is only part of his story. He was involved in numerous hockey premierships, also winning Cricket premierships,

however his greatest contribution to Briars was off the field.

The year Bruce joined he was immediately drafted onto the Hockey Sub-Committee...he was a member of this form 1946 until 1968.....22 years. He was chairman for 17 years. Bruce was nicknamed “The Mr Hockey of the Club” in the 1957/58 Annual Report. On winning the inaugural A. J. Robinson shield for Hockey, it was written “It is fitting that Bruce should win this trophy. It was Bruce who in 1946 introduced Hockey to the club.” Bruce again won the trophy in 1959/60 & 1962/63.

As a hockey player he was “the leader and inspirational”. Bruce was involved in no less than 9 Hockey premierships sides, captaining & coaching in many.

Cricket was another one of Bruce’s sporting loves, and he not only served on the cricket sub- committee on three occasions, he also played a lot of Shire and C+S cricket. Winning the B Shire premierships in 1951/52 and 1954/54, captaining the latter, Bruce was awarded The Cricket Memorial Trophy twice, in 1960/61 and again 1963/64. As a bowler, Bruce took 968 wickets with an average of 14.1

Bruce also played Squash for the club and as you might expect was involved in the Squash sub-committee from 1962-64, and again was prominent in this sport becoming a major sport in the club. Ted Stockdale remarked that “Bruce was a very humble person in real life except on the hockey field and squash court where it did not pay to get in his way.”

Bruce served on the club’s management committee for a great number of years. He became the club's Honorary Licensee upon the club obtaining its liquor licence and continued in the

position until his death. He was Hon Secretary to the Board for ten years from 1961-1971. Bruce was made a club Vice –President in 1968/69.

During the years when Briars worked at the NSW and Australian Golf Opens, Bruce was the designated leader and organiser of “the older brigade”. He was there every day and of course his contributions were always nominated to his beloved hockey.

In my years at Briars it was meeting people like Bruce Trevenar that taught me what service to the club meant and that “once you were a Briar you were always a Briar”. In his case he was truly a great Briar.

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