

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

(Affiliated to the N. S. W. Amateur Athletic Association)

Founded 1921.

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET
For the year ending 29th February, 1932.

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OFFICE BEARERS:

Patron: J. J. Walsh.

President: H. A. Taylor.

Senior Vice-Presidents:

Ald. S. Binder, F. Matson, W. Button.

Vice-Presidents:

J. A. Harris, A. Gainsford, G. E. Hasler, O. Matson, R. D. Norman,
R. C. Coombes, B. Jolley, Mr. Ferguson, N. A. Black, Mr. Ainsworth.

Hon. Handicappers:

Distance: B. C. Button, E. J. Brooke. Track & Field Games: H. Bennett

Ladies:

Miss E. Coghlan (resigned 12/10/31); W. J. Hasler (elected 12/10/31)

Delegates to the N. S. W. A. A. A.:

W. J. Hasler, M. J. Moroney.

H. Bennett (elected 7/12/31) E. E. Giles (elected 13/7/31)
(resgnd. 13/7/31) (resgnd. 7/12/31)

Captain:

A. Gainsford (resgnd. 1/6/31)

Vice-Captain:

A. Blyth

Hon. Auditors:

Ald. S. Binder

J. A. Harris.

Distance Captain:

B. C. Button (elected 1/6/31)

Timetakers:

W. Button, Senr., H. Taylor,
R. Corbin, F. Williams,
M. J. Moroney, G. Crispo.

Judges:

F. Jordan, E. E. Giles,
W. Graham, B. Button,
W. J. Hasler, W. Pearce.

Point Scorers:

Tracks: R. Williams.

Starter: A. Gainsford (Resgnd. 1/6/31)

E. J. Brooke (elected 1/6/31)

Distance: B. C. Button.

Local Sec: E. J. Brooke.

Life Member: A. Gainsford.

Hon. Treasurer: E. E. Giles

Hon. Secretary: W. J. Hasler.

L A D I E S :

Captain: G. Phillips
(resgnd. 4/1/32)

Chaperon: Miss Coghlan,
(resgnd. 12/10/31)

Hon. Secretary:

Miss E. Kelleher (resigned 18/1/32)

ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB AT
THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN MRS. COLVIN'S HALL, HURSTVILLE, ON THE
14TH MARCH, 1932.

GENTLEMEN:

The workings of the club, contained in this, the Eleventh Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 29th February, 1932, do not reflect too favourably on the actual athletic performances during the past year. Throughout the Distance Season, St. George men had to be content with only minor honours; whilst the Track Team finished last at its initial attempt in the "A" Grade Inter-Club Competition. Individually, St. George athletes failed to retain any of their 1930-31 titles.

It would appear that the club has reached its zenith during the years 1928 to 1930, and a process of rebuilding must immediately follow. All branches of the club will need special attention, and I feel sure that your club will swiftly show the benefit of such treatment. Despite the loss of honours the club still maintained the good fellowship that has prevailed in the past.

Membership: Financial members - Men's Section = 79 (1931 = 58)
Women's " = 11 (1931 = 14)

Distance Season - Club Events: Ten handicap events were conducted during the season with an average field of 27. Although performances were generally of a high standard, it would appear, by the results of open handicaps, that there are too many of the above events, which develop your members into a set groove. Scratch races increase the runners' judgment and experience, and a slightly different policy this year would considerably benefit your club. First year runner Gordon Keep easily won the point score with a total of 49 points, E. Johnstone was second with 43 points, followed by B. C. Button with 39 points. Novice runners have had a monopoly of this competition for years past now.

5-Miles Novice Club Championship: Held at Kensington Racecourse 6th June, 1931. Competing for the third occasion with your club, G. Keep (29m. 15s.) registered a fine performance when he won the above race by 18 secs. from W. Lawrence (29m. 33s.). His time created new course record figures by 1m. 33s. C. Stark caused surprise by filling third place in 29m. 44s., and incidentally took out the sealed handicap with an allowance of 2m. 45s.

5-Miles Senior Road Championship: Held at Hurstville 1st August, 1931. Winner for the past seven years, A. Gainsford did not defend his title, giving G. Keep his opportunity to excel himself. This great athletic find rose to the occasion, winning easily in record time. The previous best stood to the credit of A. Gainsford at 28m. 17s., Keep chopping 7s. off it. B. C. Button (28m. 21s.) ran splendidly to fill second place, his time being only 35s. outside the old record. S. Gainsford (28m. 25s.) third, and winner of the sealed handicap also ran well.

Open Handicaps: Your club conducted its own annual Open Race of 3 miles at Brighton-le-sands on the 20th June, 1931. 78 entries, of which 55 started gave ex-St. George runner W. Liddle, now of Western Suburbs, his chance to shine. He won narrowly from F. Packwood (E. S.) and J. Townsend (St. G.). Fastest time honours went to J. Patterson (Bot.) who clocked 19m. 26s.

Throughout the remaining open races your club members failed badly. Favourably handicapped and capable of good efforts, yet they repeatedly missed in the big races. Bert Button registered the best performance when he finished second in the South Sydney 3 miles at Annandale. Starting from the 50secs. mark he raced through the field to gain fastest time honours.

New South Wales Championships: Novice C. C. C. held at Kensington Racecourse June 12th, 1931. Your club fielded a confident team in this race, but were overwhelmed by the splendid combination of the Randwick-Kensington Club. T. E. Ballard of that Club won the individual honours from Club mate N. Merchant, and A. Fullerton (E. S.) Randwick-Kensington totalled 18 points as against St. George 45 points. Your Club team finished as follows:- G. Keep, 8; W. Lawrence, 10; G. Gosling, 13; E. Johnstone, 14.

New South Wales Senior 10,000 Metres C.C.C.: Held at Randwick Racecourse, 15th August, 1931. After five successive victories M. J. Mackenzie (W.S.) lowered his colours to club mate J. H. Sheaves. Jim Patterson (Bot.) defeated brother Chris. for second place. Your Club mates did not run up to expectations, with one exception. Alf. Longhurst filled eleventh position and won the field handicap on the race. He ran splendidly - a complete surprise. Club champion G. Keep failed altogether, due to inexperience, and the team was well beaten by Western Suburbs. Your team finished as follows:- A. Blyth, 8; A. Longhurst, 11; S. Gainsford, 13; B. Button, 14; R. Chadwick, 15; A. Straney, 18.

New South Wales 10 Miles' Track Championship: Held at Randwick Racecourse August 22nd, 1931. J. H. Sheaves (W. S.) repeated his previous week's effort and won easily from Jim Patterson (Bot.) and F. H. Bailey (W. S.). Displaying improved tactics G. Keep gave a much more impressive display holding the leaders throughout, eventually running seventh behind Stan. Gainsford who, worthily upheld brother Allen's reputation. This was Gainsford's first club championship win, being runner-up many times previously. Although the team gave Western Suburbs a hard fight in the teams' race, the holders emerged triumphant. The absence of A. Blyth and the surprising failure of R. Chadwick materially affected the result, of which Longhurst, Straney and Lawrence all excelled themselves in vain. Your Club mates finished as follows:- S. Gainsford, 6; G. Keep, 7; B. Button, 9; A. Longhurst, 11; A. Straney, 14; W. Lawrence, 19.

New South Wales 15 Miles' Championship: Held at Manly, 12th September, 1931 won by R. Bateman (S. S.) from S. McAlister (S. S.) and A. G. Williams (Bot.). The Proud Cup for the winning team went to the all conquering Western Suburbs, but St. George had very bad luck to lose this event. When in a good position, and the team well up, Stan. Gainsford retired from the race with strained leg. This proved disastrous, and despite great efforts by B. C. Button and A. Straney the team went down. The latter athlete ran a surprising race, filling sixth place, a remarkable effort at his second attempt. He also gained second place in the sealed handicap. Bert. Button retained his 1930 Club honours and the team finished:- B. Button, 5; A. Straney, 6; R. Chadwick, 11; G. Keep, 15.

Track Season: Club meetings held at Hurstville Oval attracted good fields, but the unpunctuality of members caused needless delays through the commencement of each meeting. Point scores to date:- Track: H. Straney, 25; E. Ellis, 21; F. Gould, 18. Field Games: B. T. Sadler, 24; B. Shieles, 18; C. Wilcoxon, 17.

Inter-Club Competition: Your Club contested "A" and "C" Grades for the first time and did not record an actual win in either competition. The "A" graders, although possibly out of their class, did reasonably, losing several matches by narrow margin. With experience gained, the team will do much better next season. "C" Grade did not fail in quality, but in quantity. Insufficient members turned out, which was responsible for the lowly position at the finish.

Club Championships - Senior Results:-

100 yards	F. Gould	10-3/10s.	Broad Jump	H. Llewellyn	21' 4"
220 "	F. Gould	22-3/5s.	H.S. & Jump	H. Llewellyn	42' 11"
440 "	A. Blyth	52 secs.	Javelin	C. Matson	147'
880 "	A. Blyth	2m.2-1/10s.	Discus	W. Mackenzie	114' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
1 Mile	G. Keep	4m.45-1/10s.	16-lb. Shot	F. Matson	30' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
3 Miles	A. Blyth	15m.54-4/5s.	12-lb. "	B. Saddler	34' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
1 Mile Wk.	M. Moroney	7m. 58s.	High Jump	O. Matson	5' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
3 Miles Wk.	M. Moroney	27m.56-1/5s.			

Sprint champion Frank Gould was the outstanding personality during this year's championships, creating records in both short sprints. He broke E. F. Groves' 1929 record by 1/10s., and he easily shattered H. Bennet's 220 yards by 3/5s. A. Blyth recorded the only hat trick this year and although he did not create fresh figures, he set a new record when he retained his 3 miles title. Blyth is the first athlete to win this race twice in succession. Bill Mackenzie broke his own discus record by nearly 2 feet, a good effort into a heavy wind.

Club Championships - Junior Results:

100 yards	A. Robinson	11 secs.	Broad Jump	C. Gould	19' $\frac{3}{4}$ "
220 "	A. Robinson	24m.3/10s.	H.S. & Jump	C. Gould	40' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
440 "	A. Robinson	56m. 4/5s.	High Jump	C. Gould	5' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
880 "	O. Jackson	2m.18-1/5s.	12-lb. Shot	C. Kemp	34' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
1 Mile run	O. Jackson	5m. 34s.			

A. Robinson won the triple sprint title creating fresh figures in the 220 yards. His time easily broke E. Ellis's 1929 record of 24-4/5s. C. Gould retained his jumping title, creating a new high jump record at 5' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Dunn Shield: This competition was held at University Oval, 5th and 12th December, 1931. Retained by the holders Randwick-Kensington. Your Club did not repeat its 1930 performance, scoring only 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ points; also losing the four titles gained in that year. A. Blyth filled third place in the one mile run and second in the 880 yards. B. W. Shieles, runner-up in the Javelin Throw secured the only other place.

Australian Championships: Held at Sydney Cricket Ground 16th January and the 18th January, 1932. Your Club gained representations in the New South Wales' team, for the first time in its track history. A. Blyth, C. Matson. and B. W. Shieles were the fortunate men. Blyth ran exceedingly well to fill fourth and third places in the one mile and 880 yards run respectively. In the latter event he made a striking effort to win failing by 2 yards. His time was 1m. 56-4/5s., the fastest of his career. O. Matson fourth, B. Shieles fifth, competed in the Javelin Throw. Our congratulations are extended to these Club mates who gained their first State Blue. The meeting, which attracted the cream of Australia's athletes, should have been of great value to all keen and interested members of the Club.

National Games: Held in Melbourne, January 31st, 1932. St. George was represented by A. Blyth, who ran right up to form in the one mile and 880 yards races. Fifth and fourth were his respective places, and his times were 4m. 28s. and 1m. 57s. He met better men, yet gave of his best, upholding both his State and Club's honour with distinction. Thanks are due to our Club mate Alleyn Gainsford, who made himself responsible for Blyth's residential and training quarters, enabling him to concentrate solely on the games.

State Championships: These were held at the University Oval, 6th, 13th and 20th February, 1932. No fewer than five individual and one relay

minor placings were recorded by your Club. A. Blyth filled second place in both one mile and 880 yards run, thus losing his 1931 honours. O. Matson and W. Mackenzie were runners-up in the Javelin and Discus throws respectively. Matson reaching 160 feet, which is his best for many years. Frank Gould was the star for your Club, filling second place in the 220 yards race. This is the first occasion that a St. George athlete has gained a place in the short sprints of the State. For the first time in the Club's history relay teams competed at full strength. The one mile Medley Relay team put up an excellent performance, by running Western Suburbs to one yard. St. George were leading until the last change, when State champion T. E. Hampson, proved too strong for F. Gould. Your team also finished second in the 4 miles relay to East Sydney.

GENERAL REVIEW OF SEASON'S WORK

Athletically the Club was runner -up on far too many occasions. Throughout the Distance Season, St. George just failed to finish off its displays. A much needed change in the system of racing and training will have to be adopted this coming season. The bright spot of the winter, was the performance of Gordon Keep. For a new man he displayed marked ability, and with the experience gained, should develop into a first class athlete. He certainly seems a "Rod in a pickle" for the 1932 State Novice Title. W. Lawrence and E. Johnstone also ran well for first year men and with C. Stark and G. Gosling complete a fine Novice Team. Also of great promise is J. Townsend, who lost his Novice status in our own Open Race. Added to these, the old brigade B. C. Button, S. Gainsford, A. Longhurst, A. Straney and R. Chadwick the Club should be capable of turning the tables this year. Bert Button, who had the best record in the season's championships, proved a worthy successor to A. Gainsford. In a matter of points gained and lost the track team failed dismally, but to my mind the experience gained was of great value. There is a big gap between "A" and "B" Grades, and you cannot expect to bridge it in one season. Members should reflect on the number of close matches they were defeated in, and from that gather fresh impetus for next season. The defeats of Albert Blyth were disappointing, and it is amazing to record that he did not win one first class race throughout the season. Yet strangely enough he was the best New South Wales athlete at the Australian Championships over middle distances. The performances of Frank Gould have stamped him as the best sprinter St. George has yet produced, and his future career will be one of interest. Ex Junior E. Ellis made a fine start in senior ranks and will be a great acquisition next season. Although H. Llewellyn lost his sprint form, he created fresh broad jump figures at 21feet 9inches, breaking a five year's old record. Apart from this athlete, the jumpers were rather weak. An all round weakness was shown in the field games, although individually your Club held its own. W. Mackenzie performed consistently with the discus throughout, whilst O. Matson showed improvement with the Javelin. This great old timer wears very well and is as keen as ever. B. W. Shieles disappointed failing to show the improvement expected, still he is yet a young man with plenty of ability. Of the juniors, A. Robinson, C. Gould and A. Howarth showed the most promise. The sprint champion is capable of excellent performances, which will come with experience and attention to technique. Howarth should develop into a first class high jumper, having repeatedly broken the junior figures unofficially this year. As stated before although the Club has met with little success this year with the athletes available and attention to proper training, your Club has quite a good future.

L A D I E S ' C L U B

This section had undergone the process of re-building during the last three months with the result that its athletic deeds are not great at the moment. It is too early to forecast the result of the movement, but thanks to the organising of Miss Gould and the enthusiasm of the new ladies it would appear that the Club will be quite successful next season.

Miss A. Dee scored a triple win in the Championships by winning the 50 yards, 100 yards and broad jump. For a new member, Miss Harvey showed promise when she won the high jump, whilst the same may be said of Miss Colliss who gained the shot putt title.

<u>Result:</u>	50 yards	A. Dee	7-1/5s.	Broad Jump	A. Dee	11' 3 1/2"
	100 "	A. Dee	13-4/5s.	High Jump	M. Harvey	4' 4 "
	Shot Putt	V. Colliss	21' 1 1/2"			

Social Activities: The outstanding events of the past year were the first annual Cabaret Ball and the first Annual Club Smoko. Both were a great success socially, and although they were not financially so, the experience gained will be very valuable in the forthcoming year. The 1932 fixtures are:- Cabaret Ball, 13th or 20th July, and Club Smoko, 6th April. For the latter function Mr. B. C. Button last year's successful organiser, will supply all information.

Balance Sheet: Once again the Hon. Treasurer's report shows clearly the fine way in which the Club's books and finance are controlled. Although the actual Cash Balance is a low one, members must realise that with the numerous assets the Club possesses, added to the fact that all outstanding liabilities are accounted for, the position is a very satisfactory one. The Club cannot thank Mr. Giles too much for his efficient work.

Thanks are due to those who rendered us support during the year as follows:- Messrs. A. Whelan, £1/10/-; J. J. Walsh, £1/1/-; E. Baker, 10/-; G. E. Hasler, 10/6; S. Wilding, 10/6; R. Kelleher, £1/1/-; G. Wilcoxon, A. Bell, E. Brooke and H. Bennett, Total 26/-.

Resignation: The loss of a prominent member comes to all Clubs in time, but St. George could ill afford the defection of its founder and mentor Alleyn Gainsford. Transferred to the Melbourne office, by the Matson Steamship Company, our club mate was reluctantly compelled to tender his resignation on the 2nd June, 1931. Members are well acquainted with his proud record athletically and officially and he carried with him the best wishes of countless athletic friends. As a life member of our Club Alleyn Gainsford will always remain a member at heart, and his counsel and advice will always be available and appreciated.

In conclusion I take this opportunity to thank members and officials for their assistance throughout the year. My term of office has been one of amicable and pleasant relations, and I feel sure that the forthcoming year will see our Club once again at the top of the tree.

All office bearers retire tonight and are eligible for re-election and I advise members to exercise their power of election with great care. By electing the right man to each position you are ensuring the best possible service to the St. George D. A. A. C.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE ST. GEORGE
DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB,

WALTER J. HASLER.

Hon. Secretary.

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

Balance Sheet for the Financial Year Ending 29th February, 1932.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Cash in hand, 28th Feb. 1931.	68	14	1	Expenses, Hurstville Oval	15	10	0
Annual Subscriptions	16	15	0	Hire Hall for Meetings	3	7	6
Race Subscriptions	45	8	11	Fees to N. S. W. A. A. A.	8	13	6
Donations	6	9	8	Loss on Dances	4	6	2
Proceeds of Sale of Badges	1	5	0	Trophy Accounts Paid	31	9	2
Interest on Bank A/c	2	0	5	Printing and Stationery	6	19	0
Miscellaneous Receipts	4	13	0	Maintenance and Additions to Gear	1	7	0
				Miscellaneous Expenditure	25	7	11
				Total Expenditure	97	0	3
				Cash Balance	48	5	10
	<u>£145</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£145</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Credit Cash Balance	48	5	10	Outstanding Orders, 1930-1931.	7	19	0
Badges in Hand	3	17	6	Road Season Orders, 1930-1931.	20	0	0
Starting Gun	3	5	0	Track Season Orders, 1931-1932.	18	6	6
Cartridges		4	0	Credit Balance	32	8	2
Massage Tables	1	16	0				
Track Ropes	2	8	2				
High Jump Stands	2	0	0				
Hurdles	2	9	5				
Discus	1	10	0				
Shots		18	0				
Flags		7	0				
Handicap Numbers		5	0				
Signs for Road Races	1	10	0				
Numbers for Road Races	1	0	3				
Typewriter	8	7	6				
Mourning Bands		10	0				
	<u>£78</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£78</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>

4th March, 1932. ERNEST E. GILES,
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
4th March, 1932.
S. H. BINDER, J. H. HARRIS