

ST. GEORGE
DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.



[Affiliated to the A.A.A. of N.S.W.]

FOUNDED 1921

14TH ANNUAL REPORT
AND BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY, 1935

Hon. Treasurer—
E. E. OILES.

Hon. Secretary—
To December, 1934: W. J. HASLER
To March, 1935: B. C. BUTTON.

OFFICE BEARERS

For Year Ending 28th February, 1935

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PATRON: J. J. Walsh

PRESIDENT: H. A. Taylor

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Ald. S. Binder, W. Button, A. Gainsford

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

J. A. Harris, G. Hasler, W. Townsend, Snr., F. Williams, M. Shanny

HON. HANDICAPPERS:

Distance: B. C. Button

Sprints: H. Bennett

Field Games: W. Townsend, Snr.

DELEGATES TO A. A. A. of N. S. W.:

M. J. Moroney and H. Bennett

CAPTAINS:

Track: W. Mackenzie

Distance: B. C. Button

VICE-CAPTAINS:

H. Bennett

A. Gainsford

HON. AUDITORS:

Ald. S. Binder

J. A. Harris

TIME TAKERS:

M. J. Moroney, F. Williams,
C. Gould

JUDGES:

W. Townsend, H. Llewellyn,
W. Ahern, F. Keep, Snr.,
W. Sims

POINT SCORERS:

Track: E. Giles

Distance: W. S. Brooke

STARTERS:

Starter: A. Gainsford

Deputy Starter: H. Bennett

LOCAL SECRETARY:

E. J. Brooke

LIFE MEMBERS:

A. Gainsford,
W. J. Hasler.

CHAIRMAN:

A. Gainsford

HON. TREASURER:

E. E. Giles

HON. SECRETARY:

To December, 1934: W. J. Hasler

To February, 1935: B. C. Button

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

A N N U A L M E E T I N G

18th March 1935

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. New members.
4. Accounts.
5. Presentation of Annual Report.
6. Election of Officers.
7. General Business.

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STATISTICS RE ATTENDANCE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Last annual meeting	52
April (commencement distance season)			18
May - lapsed, no quorum.			
June - lapsed, no quorum.			
July	..	..	7
August	..	..	8
September (commencement track season)			20
October	..	..	11
November	..	..	13
December (presentation to Mr. Hasler)			43
January	..	..	9
February	..	..	9

Average attendance excluding annual meeting .. 12.5

Average attendance also excluding December .. 9.5

Income list 48.

Track Season 100,220,500. Poles.
✓ ✓ Agility Cup.

Distance Season still poor.

although we won 3 teams &
missed 15 mile.

Did we not hold distance
teams even to 1933

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

Presented to members of the St. George District Amateur Athletic Club, at
Colvin's Hall, Hurstville, 18th March, 1935

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GENTLEMEN:

In presenting the Fourteenth Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending the 28th February, 1935, I am quite confident in saying that we can feel a sense of great satisfaction when we review our progress over the past twelve months. Briefly, we have regained our supremacy in the long distance season after a lapse of five years, whilst our individual performances on the track and field have been outstanding. In fact I have no hesitation in saying that apart from the Western Suburbs Athletic Club, we can regard our Club as the second strongest in New South Wales, taking summer and winter season into consideration.

The distance season was one great win after another, and the three main events of the year, viz., the Junior 10,000 Metres and 10 Miles cross country championships, were annexed by our teams, whilst in the 15 Miles Modified Marathon, had we only started one more man and completed the team, we should have been certain of victory.

The track season, as in previous years, showed more variation. Individual performances were excellent, but as a team we were not so good, although in more than one inter-club match in the "A" grade competition, the margin was extremely narrow, and but for one or two absentees would have been in our favour. We still lack first-class sprinters, and are also below standard in certain other events, such as walking, hurdling and pole vaulting, but I am pleased to say that we appear to have a particularly promising number of junior athletes who may eventually help to patch up our weaknesses. If we can do this, it will mean the difference between being at the top of the ladder and being almost there, as we are now.

NOTABLE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:

A. GAINSFORD - Those who thought that Alleyn Gainsford was a declining star had a rude awakening when they witnessed his splendid performances in the big races. To finish sixth in the 10,000 metres, second in the 10 miles and first in the 15 miles modified marathon championships was exceptional running for his years, and when we also consider that he annexed all the club's long distance championships from 5 to 15 miles, we begin to realise the wonderful comeback that he made. Perhaps the most satisfying race to himself and his supporters was the modified marathon in which he defeated his old rival R. Bateman of South Sydney. This made Alleyn's fifth win in this ever popular event, and who knows, perhaps 1935 may see yet another win added to this number.

W. MACKENZIE - Dunn Shield and N. S. W. titles have been annexed by this

star athlete during the year, and we may well feel proud to number him amongst our ranks. MacKenzie defeated his old rival Plummer of Botany in the Dunn Shield Shot Putt, stretching the tape to 41' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", but the tables were reversed in the State Championships, when Plummer struck a purple patch and MacKenzie had to be satisfied with second place putting 40' 2". No one could come within feet of him in the discus, however, and he won the Dunn Shield and State titles. Later with the assistance of J. Mumford, he created a new discus record in the State Relay Championships. He was selected to represent Australia in the Centenary Games in Melbourne and finished second to M. Sippala the champion Finn in the shot putt and also in the discus. MacKenzie also established four new Club records as will be seen later in the report, and so after taking all these feats into consideration, he has enjoyed an outstanding season.

B. DICKINSON - Here we have another phenomenal athlete, and one that perhaps shows more promise than any other in Australia at the present time. Only in his teens, Dickinson holds Dunn Shield, N. S. W. and Australian titles, in addition being runner-up in the Centenary Games Hop, Step & Jump event. It was here that he cleared 49' 11 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", only 5" behind J. Metcalfe, who established a new Australian record. Perhaps only a few know that five out of six of Dickinson's jumps were over 49' 6", whereas Metcalfe only made one good jump, which, needless to say, was a supreme effort. In the Dunn Shield, Dickinson defeated Metcalfe in both the broad jump and hop, step and jump, although in the State Championships Metcalfe reversed the tables in the latter event. The broad jump was a different story, and with a remarkable leap of 24' 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Dickinson became N. S. W. champion and only failed to break the Australian record by $\frac{1}{8}$ ". Assisted by H. Llewellyn he helped St. George to win both the broad and hop, step and jump events in the State Relay Championships, and thus furthered the claims of experts that he will soon be well in the running for a trip overseas.

B. W. SHEILES - Perhaps this athlete has not met with such outstanding success this year, but on examination we find that he has by no means been overshadowed, particularly when it is remembered that for some weeks he was under treatment for muscular trouble. Metcalfe proved a snag, but had Sheiles been throwing up to his old form, his second places would have turned to firsts. Nevertheless, the State selectors had a high enough opinion of him to select him to represent N. S. W. in the interstate contest in Melbourne, and incidentally Dickinson was also in the State side. On arrival there Sheiles was asked to compete in the Australian team in the Centenary games, and finished second to M. Sippala, his throw being 163' 3-3/5". So it will be seen that St. George had three men in the Australian team and thereby gained the distinction of having more representatives than any other club in New South Wales.

REVIEW OF DISTANCE SEASON

ST. GEORGE OPEN HANDICAP: Held at Hurstville on June 6th, this event attracted a fine field of 99 runners, and as the 4 miles course led competitors twice through the main streets, it created a great deal of interest. Unfortunately there was some confusion at one of the turning points which resulted in the

first three men being disqualified so that actually the race was won by L. Blyth of South Sydney, allowance 1 m. 50 secs., actual time 23m. 16s.; A. Morgan of the same club was second from scratch clocking fastest time of 21m. 19s., whilst our own club man W. Lawrence occupied third position, his time being 23m. 12s.

5 MILES CLUB NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP: Held at Brighton-le-Sands on June 30th under grueling conditions, this race developed into a sterling struggle between R. Sleigh and J. Townsend. The course was unfortunately well over the distance which accounts for the slow time, but Sleigh eventually prevailed over Townsend at the finish and won by the narrow margin of 8 seconds, his time being 34m. 24s. Townsend's time was 34m. 32s., and over a minute elapsed before the third man J. Bennett crossed the line in 35m. 43s.

N. S. W. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Held at Kensington Racecourse on July 7th. After a lapse of four years we regained the team's championship in this important fixture, although in 1932 and 1933 we were runners-up. J. Townsend (3), R. Sleigh (5), C. Stark (14) and A. Flood (21) formed the winning combination and of these J. Townsend ran the best race of his career to finish third in the actual race only 5 seconds behind the winner G. W. Pont of Waratah-Mayfield Club. It was a thrilling race at the finish, with five men practically together at the top of the straight and Townsend's time was 29m. 24s. with Sleigh's 29m. 30s. 83 competitors started.

10,000 METRES CHAMPIONSHIP OF N. S. W.: Held at Randwick Racecourse on August 4th. Repeating our 1933 success, the St. George team narrowly defeated Western Suburbs for the team's race by 5 points. Our men packed together excellently and led by Alleyn Gainsford the six St. George runners finished 3rd, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th and 15th in the team's race; their names being A. Gainsford, H. Gibbons, W. Lawrence, G. A. Keep, S. Gainsford and G. Gosling respectively. To finish 10th in the actual race, Harry Gibbons ran particularly well, whilst G. Keep in 17th position was a trifle disappointing, although nevertheless a handy man in the team. We also won the "B" Grade team's race with S. Hillman 1, B. C. Button 4, W. S. Brooke 5 and E. Johnston 6. Our own Club Championship was combined with this fixture and was well won by A. Gainsford in 36m. 12s., with H. Gibbons, 36m. 43s., 2nd and W. Lawrence, 37m. 6s., 3rd.

10 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP OF N. S. W.: Held at Randwick Racecourse on August 18th. Out of 72 nominations 52 faced the starter, and once again it was a triumph for the St. George team, who repeated their 1933 success and defeated our old rivals Western Suburbs by only 4 points. J. Patterson was the individual winner and proved just a little too good for A. Gainsford who nevertheless made a brilliant showing to finish second. His time 56m. 15s. was 16 seconds slower than the winner, but the fact that the next man, H. Gibbons of St. George, was 44 seconds further back indicates the pace of the first two. Gibbons ran remarkably well, however, and to be placed in a senior championship of this nature is no mean feat. The winning St. George team was A. Gainsford 2, H. Gibbons 3, S. Gainsford 6, W. Lawrence 11, B. C. Button 12 and E. Johnston 13. It is interesting to note that three of these men, viz., A. Gainsford, S. Gainsford and B. C. Button were in the 1928 winning team, and

club men will remember that this was the year when St. George won every distance championship.

15 MILES MODIFIED MARATHON and N.S.W. CHAMPIONSHIP: Held at Manly on Sept. 8th. This has always proved a race of surprises, and although those in close contact with A. Gainsford thought that he would be assured of a place, the general opinion was that R. Bateman of South Sydney would continue his series of wins. Strangely enough Bateman was not in the picture with five miles to go and it was J. Patterson of Botany who fought out the last few miles with A. Gainsford. The St. George runner held a bit in reserve however, and on entering the arena drew away to win his fifth Modified Marathon in fine style, his time being 1hr. 26m. 35s. E. Johnston proved the surprise of the race in finishing 3rd and also won the sealed handicap. Stan Gainsford was 10th and had we fielded another man, even though he finished last, we should have won the team's race and the Proud Cup for good.

CLUB 10 and 15 MILES CHAMPIONSHIPS: These were held in conjunction with the State Championships, and as already intimated were both won by A. Gainsford. Detailed results were as under:-

10 MILES

1st - A. Gainsford, 56m. 15s.
2nd - H. Gibbons, 56m. 59s.
3rd - S. Gainsford, 58m. 38s.

15 MILES

1st - A. Gainsford, 1hr. 26m. 35s.
2nd - E. Johnston, 1hr. 32m. 15s.
3rd - S. Gainsford, 1hr. 35m. 20s.

"Efforts are always successes. It is a greater thing to try without succeeding than to succeed without trying". - G. K. CHESTERTON.

TRACK SEASON

GENERAL COMMENTS: It is only necessary to observe the list of new club records that have been established since the 1933 report to see the rapid strides we have been making on the track and field, particularly the latter. Brilliant individuals such as W. MacKenzie, B. Dickinson and B. W. Sheiles have been to a great deal responsible for this, but we also have youngsters such as J. Mumford, J. Chesher, R. Ashdowns, R. Atkinson, H. Gould and B. Wallace who are making their presence felt. Four "A" grade Dunn Shield titles, 2 senior and 3 junior State titles were amongst our lot, whilst in the State Relay Championships we won four events. We still experience difficulty in mustering full teams at inter-club and championship fixtures, which in my opinion, is in no small way due to the distance that the grounds are away and the expense involved. It would be a great blessing if the Association could evolve some scheme to reduce admission charges to actual competitors, particularly on occasions when the Club already pays some entry fee for their teams. Club nights at Hurstville oval were very well supported, and the scheme of trophy races introduced by H. Bennett was perhaps one of the features responsible for interest being maintained right up to the last week. Let us, however, briefly survey each of the main fixtures during the Track Season.

INTER-CLUB COMPETITION: We were elated when we commenced by defeating Northern Suburbs in "A" Grade, but during the following weeks we suffered two defeats at the hands of Botany and Randwick-Kensington clubs. Without wishing to detract from their performances, we were unfortunate in having absentees on the respective days, and as the margin of defeat in both cases was extremely narrow the odds could easily have been in our favour. South Sydney and Sydney Clubs were comfortably defeated, giving us three wins out of five in the "A" Grade. "B" and "C" Grade teams were fielded mainly with the object of making sure that all our athletes would be provided with competition, and this to my mind was an excellent idea on the part of our ex-secretary, Mr. W. J. Hasler.

DUNN SHIELD CONTEST: The most pleasing features were the double wins of both B. Dickinson in the broad and hop, step and jump, and W. MacKenzie in the shot putt and discus, the latter defeating his old rival W. Plummer of Botany. Dickinson's jumps were 23' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the broad, and 48' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the hop, step and jump, whilst MacKenzie putt the shot 41' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and threw the discus 121' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Jack Mumford was 4th in the "B" division discus throw and created a new Junior State record of 101' 7", which he has since broken. G. Keep ran rather well to finish 2nd to Sheaves in the "A" division mile, whilst G. Hamilton won the "C" division hop, step and jump, clearing 43' 2".

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: On the opening day W. MacKenzie was rather below form, and in the shot putt had to be satisfied with second place with 40' 4", but in the broad jump B. Dickinson with a mighty effort cleared 24' 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", which won the event, and as already mentioned was only $\frac{1}{8}$ " below the Australian record. J. Mumford ran a creditable third in the 220 yards junior championship. On the second day W. MacKenzie found no difficulty in winning the discus with a throw of 120' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", but in the hop, step and jump, B. Dickinson appeared rather uneasy, and was well below his anticipated form, finishing second to Metcalfe with a leap of 48' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Metcalfe also defeated B. Sheiles in the javelin throw, our representative's distance being 161' 1", only 2' 3" inferior to the winner, thus gaining second place. Sheiles was obviously below form after his recent muscular trouble. The most pleasing feature was the comfortable win scored by our team in the Junior Medley Relay Championship. The individuals concerned were R. Atkinson (880 yards), J. Mumford (440 yards) G. Hamilton and J. Chesher (220 yards). In the concluding day J. Mumford won the Junior Discus Championship easily, his best throw being 97' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", and he also finished second to R. D. Angus (N.S.) in the junior 440 yards. H. Gould nearly scored a double in the junior broad and hop, step and jumps, but had to be satisfied with 2nd place in the former event clearing 21' 2", an inch inferior to the winner. In the hop, step and jump, Gould's winning effort was 44' 6". R. Atkinson finished third in the Junior Mile Championship.

RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS: But for absentees, we would have had every chance of displacing Eastern Suburbs for second place, but of course, 100% alibis always seem to be available, and we had to content ourselves with 3rd position, which considering that 8 clubs were competing, was most creditable. B. Dickinson and H. Llewellyn won both the broad jump and hop, step and jump; their combined efforts being 41' 3" and 44' 6" respectively. W. MacKenzie and M. Moore were the winning shot putt combination, their total putts being 73' 6". Whilst J. Mumford and W. MacKenzie found no difficulty in winning the discus throw,

their combined effort being 233', creating a new State record. Mumford's throw of 108' 11" also established a new Junior State record, outdistancing his previous efforts. In the 4 x 880 yards, our team ran second, 4th in the 4 x 1 mile, 4th in the 2 x 880 walk, and third in the high jump, Basil Dickinson clearing 5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The finishing points were Western Suburbs 48, 1st; Eastern Suburbs 43, 2nd and St. George 30, 3rd.

CENTENARY GAMES: Three St. George athletes had the distinction of representing Australia at these Games which were held in Melbourne just prior to the interstate fixture. Bill MacKenzie finished second to M. Sippala of Finland in the shot putt and discus, his efforts being 41' 0 $\frac{3}{8}$ " and 126' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " respectively as compared with the Finn's 42' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 144' 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (Australian record). Basil Dickinson was second to Jack Metcalfe in the hop, step and jump, clearing 49' 11 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", only 5" below Metcalfe's winning jump of 50' 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ ", which created a new Australian record. Bert Sheiles found the Finn, Sippala, a phenomenal performer in the javelin throw, and his best throw of 163' 3-3/5" gained second place, the Finn's winning effort being 217' 1-3/5".

INTERSTATE ATHLETIC CONTEST - N. S. W. v. VICTORIA: Two St. George athletes were selected, viz., B. W. Shailes and B. Dickinson. Conditions were against record performances, but Dickinson once again reversed the tables on Metcalfe in the hop, step and jump and won the event by clearing 49' 0 $\frac{5}{8}$ ". Jack Metcalfe proved too good again for Shailes in the javelin throw, and with a throw of 168' 5" the St. George man occupied second place.

CHALLENGE MATCHES: Five clubs, viz. Eastern Suburbs, Western Suburbs, Y.M.C.A. Sydney and Northern Suburbs visited Hurstville Oval, and assisted by members of the St. George Cycling Club, we provided some very interesting sport which considerably increased our local following. Western Suburbs retained the Hurstville Chamber of Commerce Cup by 56 points to 21, whilst we drew with Eastern Suburbs and defeated both Y.M.C.A. and Sydney. These fixtures seem very popular, and together with the occasions that special trophy races are held, we should be able to provide plenty of first-class nights for our athletes in the future.

FIRST ANNUAL ATHLETIC & CYCLING CARNIVAL: Held at Hurstville Oval, February 12th. Despite dismal weather conditions, right up to the time the meeting was due to start, approximately 2,000 persons paid for admission, and a splendid programme of athletics and cycling was witnessed, also a push ball match between Brighton and Ramsgate Life Saving Clubs, novelty events, etc. The N. S. W. Police band was in attendance and it was generally voted a first-class evening, which but for the inclement weather conditions would have attracted the best part of 6,000 spectators. The 100 yards open handicap for the J. J. Walsh Cup attracted a splendid field of 64 competitors and was won by E. M. Howe of South Sydney, with B. C. Dickinson 3rd. Mr. Mark Shanny donated the cups for the cycling races which both provided close exciting finishes. The proceeds were donated to the N. S. W. Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, who benefited by over £20.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: It would take too much space to review the various events, but in passing I must mention that perhaps the most exciting races

were the half-miles. In the senior race it was a great battle between Gordon Keep and Albert Blyth, the former just prevailing on the tape, whilst in the junior event R. A. Ashdowne just defeated R. Atkinson by a chest, the time being 2m. 9½s., a new club record.

RESULTS:-

<u>Event</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>
100 yards:	E. Carey, 10½secs.	J. Mumford, 11 secs.
220 yards:	A. Robinson, 23 secs.	J. Mumford, 24-1/5 secs.
440 yards:	A. Blyth, 54½ secs.	J. Mumford, 54½ secs.
880 yards:	G. Keep, 2m. 3-4/5 s.	R. Ashdowne, 2m. 9½ secs.
1 mile:	G. Keep, 4m. 36 secs.	R. Atkinson, 4m. 59 secs.
3 miles:	C. Stark, 18m. 55-3/5s.	-
120 hurdles:	B. Sheiles, 17 secs.	-
High Jump:	B. Dickinson, 5' 6½"	H. Gould, 5' 2"
Broad Jump:	B. Dickinson, 21' 8½"	H. Gould, 19' 9"
Hop, step and jump:	H. Llewellyn, 44' 5"	H. Gould, 44' 1½"
Shot Putt, 16-lbs.:	W. MacKenzie, 40' 11"	J. Mumford, 37'
Discus throw:	W. MacKenzie, 129' 10½"	J. Mumford, 108' 5"
Javelin throw:	B. Sheiles, 156' 10½"	-

NEW CLUB RECORDS and BEST ON RECORD PERFORMANCES: Since the 1933 report, in which these were printed in detail, numerous changes have been made, and to enable members to bring their records to date, the various changes are recorded below.

NEW CLUB RECORDS:-

100 yards junior - D. Pegrum, 10-7/10s.	120 hurdles senior - B. Sheiles, 16-2/5s.
220 " " J. Mumford, 23-4/5s.	220 " " B. Sheiles, 27-3/5s.
440 " " J. Mumford, 54½ s.	High Jump senior - B. Dickinson, 5' 6½"
880 " " R. Ashdowne, 2m. 9½s.	" " junior - B. Wallace, 5' 5½"
Discus, senior - W. MacKenzie, 129' 10½"	Shot putt " J. Mumford, 37'
" junior - J. Mumford, 108' 5"	Pole Vault senior - A. Croll, 9' 3"
Shot Putt senior - W. MacKenzie, 40' 11"	

NEW BEST ON RECORD PERFORMANCES:-

100 yds. junior - D. Pegrum, 10-7/10s.	Shot putt junior - J. Mumford, 37'
220 " " J. Mumford, 23-4/5s.	" " senior W. MacKenzie, 43' 4"
880 " " R. Ashdowne, 2m. 9½s.	H. S. & Jump, senr B. Dickinson, 49' 11½"
120 hdlcs, senior B. W. Sheiles, 16-2/5s.	Broad Jump, senior B. Dickinson, 24' 0½"
220 " " B. W. Sheiles, 27-3/5s.	Discus, senior W. MacKenzie, 129' 10½"
Pole Vault, " A. Croll, 9' 3"	" junior J. Mumford, 97' 1½"

MAITLAND TRIP: Twenty-seven athletes under the management of Mr. H. Bennett travelled to East Maitland on February 16th for the week-end. Fifteen travelled by train and twelve had the unique opportunity of flying there and back in the "Southern Cross" piloted by Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith. They also took part in the formation flight out over the harbour to drop a wreath in the memory of the late Charles Ulm. It is the first time in New South Wales

that a team of athletes has ever travelled by 'plane. At Maitland the local officials provided a splendid week-end for our members, and their third visit to this district was probably the most enjoyable to date.

RESIGNATION OF MR. W. J. HASLER: At the usual monthly meeting on December 13th Mr. W. J. Hasler, who had held office as the Club's Secretary for approximately 10 years, tendered his resignation owing to business reasons, necessitating his transfer to the Newcastle district. A large gathering was present and farwell speeches exemplifying his work during his period of office were made by Mr. H. Taylor and A. Gainsford, and supported by Alderman S. Binder, Messrs. Walsh, Giles, MacKenzie, Harris, Moroney, Bennett and Button. A presentation of a handsome canteen of stainless cutlery was then made to Mr. Hasler, who suitably replied emphasising the fact that as a life member, he would always be one of the Club, and extoll its performances wherever he was. In passing I would also like to record the departure of Mr. George Gosling for Hobart, where this popular athlete has been transferred to an improved business position. We wish him every success and happiness, and to our ex-secretary and his wife the same sentiments are extended.

MEMBERSHIP: Serious consideration should be given to our financial membership which has dropped from 76 in 1933 to 50 in 1934 to 48 this year. Adding non-financial members and those under 16 who pay no subscriptions the total membership reaches just over 70, but I consider that in next track season we must devise some scheme of obtaining new members, and also of retaining them afterwards.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Messrs. Ahern and Gibbons have worked quietly and efficiently on various conjunction dances, and the St. George party at the Association Ball was commented on as being easily the most representative. Nevertheless we still have plenty of scope in social activities, and a committee of three are about to meet to discuss possible functions for the future. The week-end trip to the Hydro Majestic in the winter season was a great success, and our annual cricket match with Eastern Suburbs at Prince Edward Park, Woronora River was enjoyed by all.

BALANCE SHEET: As will be seen from the balance sheet, the Club's finances are in a satisfactory position, but in past years experience has taught us that healthy credits soon shrink unless carefully watched, and due care should be taken in considering all our financial commitments. We cannot speak too highly of the efficient way in which our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. E. Giles, has carried out his duties, and our sincere thanks are due to Alderman S. Binder and Mr. J. A. Harris for the very capable way in which the audit of the Club's books was conducted.

DONATIONS: We sincerely appreciate donations that have been received during the year from Messrs. J. J. Walsh, M. Shanny, J. Eisen, G. Hasler, W. Wilding, W. Button, H. Bennett, W. Pearce, C. Wilcoxson, W. Hasler, A. Gainsford, A. Flood, F. Bell, W. S. and E. J. Brooke.

CONCLUDING REMARKS: In conclusion I must thank all members for their assistance during the year, also our officials. The latter gentlemen are

often hard pressed, but their services are greatly appreciated. We need more officials of the type of Messrs. W. Townsend, F. Williams, W. Ahern, F. Bell, M. Moroney and H. Bennett, as no matter how good the athletes are, their events must be well controlled. I do trust that members will give every consideration to the selection of officers for the forthcoming year. Be sure the persons nominated are in a position to carry out the duties of their office, and thus avoid having men elected who have no intention of taking their selections seriously. I am confident that we have plenty of talent available in the St. George District, and we are also favoured with a strong local following who, I am sure, would be just as pleased and proud as members themselves to see the Club continue to advance in the athletic world, and yet still retain that wonderful spirit that is often commented upon by so many New South Wales sportsmen.

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

B. C. BUTTON - Hon. Secretary.

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S T O P P R E S S !

J. L. GLICK SHIELD: This is symbolic of all-round cross country and track supremacy and Western Suburbs are to be congratulated on once more gaining this distinction with 25 points. St. George were runners-up with 17 points thus repeating their 1934 performance, whilst Botany scored 10 points, Eastern Suburbs 9, South Sydney 5, University 5, Randwick-Kensington 3 and Myer Park (Newcastle) 1. Our performance can be regarded as most meritorious, and with further improvement on the track our prospects of occupying the leading position should be bright.

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ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

Balance Sheet for Financial Year Ending 28th February, 1935

<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
TO	Cash in hand 1/3/34	50 8 3	BY	Expenses at H'ville Oval	19 11 6
	Annual Subscriptions	9 17 6		Rent of Halls for Meetings	4 1 6
	Race Subscriptions	27 9 8		Printing & Stationery	3 16 10
	Donations	5 14 -		Maintenance & Additions	2 14 3
	Sale of Badges	10 -		Trophy Accounts	30 1 -
	Miscellaneous Receipts	56 11 6		Miscellaneous Expenditure	51 1 11
					111 7 -
				CASH IN HAND	37 3 11
		<u>£148 10 11</u>			<u>£148 10 11</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
	Cash in hand	37 3 11		Outstanding orders issued	5 4 -
	Gate receipts H'ville Oval	12 6 -		Outstanding orders unissued	1 9 6
	TOTAL CASH ASSETS	49 9 11		Track season orders unissued	13 8 3
	Assessed Value of Apparatus	26 3 -			20 1 9
				CREDIT BALANCE	55 11 2
		<u>£75 12 11</u>			<u>£75 12 11</u>
N. B.: Actual Credit Balance, i.e., Total Cash Assets					£49 9 11
				LESS outstanding Orders	20 1 9
					<u>£29 8 2</u>

4th March, 1935, ERNEST E. GILES

Hon. Treasurer

Audited and found correct 3rd March 1935

S. H. BINDER

J. A. HARRIS