

# St. George District Amateur Athletic Club



(Affiliated to the A.A.A. of N.S.W.)

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## 18th Annual Report *and* Financial Statement

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ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

Eighteenth Annual Report

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For Year Ending 28th February, 1939

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Presented to members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club held at the Kogarah School of Arts on Wednesday the 22nd March, 1939.

Gentlemen:

The year just concluded has been one of constructive progress in the life of our Club. The enthusiasm and athletic quality of new men who have joined our ranks during the year and the great improvement of their performances in competition augur well for the continued success and strength of our teams.

Public interest has increased and there are unmistakable indications that activities of the Club are now followed with greater interest than ever before by the residents of the district.

One cannot speak too highly of the splendid Club spirit and sportsmanlike conduct of our members; this has been a particularly pleasing feature.

Our Annual Carnival was again marked by the appearance of visiting athletes in Pat Boot (N.Z.), Decima Norman (W.A.) and W. Burfein (Qld.), and attracted a large number of spectators.

The financial position of the Club continues to be most satisfactory.

Review of the Distance Season: Distance running showed a slight improvement last winter, although in this department the Club is still far short of what we consider a satisfactory standard. Numerically, we are still weak and only a fair measure of success came our way in open competition, the most encouraging feature of the entire season was our showing in the Novice Cross Country Championship and our teams improved showing in the 15 Miles Championship.

Of our younger men, Ern. Evans shows promise above the ordinary by his splendid win in the State Novice and his forward running in the 10,000 Metres and 10 Miles Championships.

Harry Gibbons, by winning the Club 5 Miles & 10,000 Metres Championship, proved that he is the Club's best at these distances, while Alleyn Gainsford showed that he is still the Club's outstanding runner at the longer distances by winning the Club's 10 and 15 miles titles.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Novice Cross Country Championship (held at Kensington Racecourse, 16/7/38):

1st E. Evans (St. George), 26m.23s.; 2nd J.P. Gleeson (Botany), 26m.35s.;  
3rd R. Woods (St. George), 26m.39s. Course Record.

Teams' Championship: 1st, Botany (19 points); 2nd, St. George (38 points);  
3rd, Western Suburbs (52 points).



By winning the Novice Cross Country Championship and establishing a new course record in his first season of distance running, Ern Evans showed that he is among the best of our present distance performers; he should go on to greater things by the fact that he has the grit and determination that is so essential in the make-up of a champion. Ron Wood, in his first serious season with the Club, showed that he can also be relied upon to be of great support to our teams in the future, while L. Williams and S. Hillman, who completed our team and finished 16th and 18th respectively may not be champions in the making they can always be relied upon to do their best for the Club in open competition.

10 Miles Championship (held Canterbury Racecourse, 30/7/38):

1st J. Patterson (Botany), 53m.45s.; 2nd F. Warren (Sth. Sydney), 53m.49s.;  
3rd B. Doyle (Sth. Sydney), 54m.18s.

Teams' Championship: 1st, Botany (49 points); 2nd, Sth. Sydney (67 points);  
3rd, St. George (85 points).

A popular win by J. Patterson; our first man to finish was the Club's veteran A. Gainsford in 9th place, in 55m.19s., followed by E. Evans in 10th place, 56m.1s.

10,000 Metres C.C.C. (held Randwick Racecourse, 13/8/38):

1st J. Stephens (Rand.-Kens.), 34m.39s.; 2nd B. Doyle (Sth. Sydney), 34m.48s.;  
3rd J. Patterson (Botany), 34m.51s.

Teams' Championship: 1st, Botany (43 points); 2nd, West. Subs. (75 points);  
3rd, St. George (83 points).

This was a rather keenly contested event, and J. Stephens scored a nice win; it also showed a return to form of H. Gibbons, who was our first man to finish, filling 6th place in 35m.20s., followed by E. Evans in 11th place, 36m.5s.

15 Miles Modified Marathon Championship (held from Stanmore to Parramatta on 10/9/38):

1st B. Doyle (Sth. Sydney), 1h.22m.51s.; 2nd J. Hayes (Botany) 1h.24m.48s.;  
3rd J. Patterson (Botany), 1h.24m.51s.

Teams' Championship: 1st, Botany (21 points); 2nd Sth. Sydney (25 points);  
3rd, St. George (37 points).

B. Doyle had an easy win in this event, and I consider him equal to any in Australia over this distance. Our veteran, A. Gainsford, continues to run well over this distance and finished in 5th place followed by J. Hayes in 8th place and R. Young 10th - a good effort on the part of these two younger runners.

Marathon Championship (held from Sydney Sports Ground, 24/9/38):

1st B. Doyle (Sth. Sydney), 2h.42m.27s.; 2nd J. Patterson (Botany), 2h.45m.39s.;  
3rd S. McAlister (Sth. Sydney), 2h.46m.10s.

Teams' Championship: 1st, South Sydney (10 points); 2nd Botany (11 points).



The time recorded by B. Doyle in this race is the best ever by an Australian over a marathon course, and we offer our congratulations to a very fine runner. Our only entrant was E. Johnstone, who was in 5th position after covering 15 miles and was forced to retire; he should do better next time.

10,000 Metres Queensland C.C.C. (held at Rocklea, 27/8/1938):

1st J. Patterson (Botany), 34m.49s.; 2nd H. Gibbons (St.George), 35m.23s.;  
3rd H. Brazil (Rocklea), 35m.40s.

H. Gibbons made the trip to Brisbane with the members of the Botany Club, who are to be commended on their enterprise in giving their members the experience of interstate competition; and, on the report of their manager, H. Parker, he considered H. Gibbons' effort the best of his career.

#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

5 Miles Novice C.C.C. (held at Kensington Racecourse, 9/7/38):

1st E. Evans, 27m.27s.; 2nd R. Woods, 27m.57s.; 3rd S. Hillman, 29m.50s.  
A popular win by E. Evans, who created a new record for the Club.

10 Miles Championship (held in conjunction with State C'ship, 30/7/38):

1st A. Gainsford, 55m.19s.; 2nd E. Evans, 56m.1s.; 3rd H. Gibbons, 57m.9s.  
A splendid effort on the part of our Club veteran, when it was expected that our younger runners would be to the fore.

10,000 Metres C.C.C. (held in conjunction with State 10,000 Metres, 13/8/38):

1st H. Gibbons, 35m.20s.; 2nd E. Evans, 36m.5s.; 3rd A. Gainsford, 36m.12s.  
This showed a return to form by H. Gibbons, and was a popular win.

5 Miles Senior Championship (held at Hurstville, 5/9/38):

1st H. Gibbons, 27m.57s.; 2nd E. Evans, 28m.17s.; 3rd J. Hayes, 28m.48s.

Fresh from his splendid performance in the Queensland C.C.C., H. Gibbons ran a nicely judged race, only 5 seconds outside G. Keep's record for the course.

15 Miles Championship (held in conjunction with State C'ship, 10/9/38)

1st A. Gainsford, 1h.26m.1s.; 2nd J. Hayes, 1h.29m.2s.; 3rd R. Young, 1h.29m.52s.  
A. Gainsford continued his unbeaten record in this particular event.

Winter Point Score: This resulted in a triumph for Alleyn Gainsford, who, after his long association with the Club, won his first winter point score. He showed splendid form right through the season; and we must congratulate our handicapper, W. Townsend, for his work - in every race we witnessed a keen finish. The final results were:-

A. Gainsford (48 points); J. Hayes (41); L. Williams (40); E. Evans (37);  
H. Gibbons (36); R. Young (35).



OPEN HANDICAPS: The Club's annual open 4 miles handicap, held in conjunction with the St. George Rugby Union Club from the Jubilee Oval, Kogarah, proved one of the most successful yet held; a record entry of 114 was received and for the first time we had a teams' contest included, for the "Lowes Ltd." Cup, kindly presented by the firm of that name. The race resulted in a popular win for our Novice Ern. Evans, while R. Woods finished in fourth place.

Results: E. J. Brooke Trophy - E. Evans (St. G.) 20m.52s., 1st.  
 E. J. Brooke " - R. Smith (W. S.), 21m.04s., 2nd.  
 W. Young Snr. " - L. Blyth (W. S.), 20m.23s., 3rd.

Fastest Time: W. Young, Snr. Trophy = R. Mettam (W.S.) 19m.59s.

"Lowes Ltd." Teams' Trophy for the fastest six men from any Club:-

	Place =	2	4	5	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	51
Botany:	Time =	20m.00s.	20m.37s.	20m.39s.	20m.43s.	21m.15s.	21m.17s.	
	Place =	1	3	13	15	19	21	72
Western Suburbs:	Time =	19m.59s.	20m.23s.	21m.04s.	21m.31s.	21m.19s.	21m.34s.	
	Place =	8	9	12	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	20	22	88 $\frac{1}{2}$
St. George:	Time =	20m.52s.	20m.54s.	21m.03s.	21m.17s.	21m.33s.	21m.51s.	

Our congratulations to the Botany Club.

Your Club did not have much success in other open events - most of our men were on short handicaps. R. Woods was our only winner when he finished third in the South Sydney Open race.

ANNUAL CHALLENGE MATCH -v- WESTERN SUBURBS (25/6/38): Held at Ramsgate on your Club's cross country course over the championship distance of 10,000 metres. It proved a good test for the coming State Championship. The St. George men performed very well, particularly R. Young, who recorded his fastest time over that distance, but we were narrowly defeated by Western Suburbs by 2 points, and we congratulate them on their splendid team work. It is sincerely hoped that these challenge matches may always be a feature of our season, the good sportsmanship that is always displayed makes these matches ever enjoyable. The result was - Western Suburbs, 104 points, 1st; St. George, 106 points, 2nd.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Financial members totalled 82 - not quite up to last year's numbers, but quite satisfactory considering our efforts during the past year. The number is made up as follows: Seniors = 58; Juniors = 18; Schoolboys = 6.

#### TRACK SEASON

The track season was notable for the number of young athletes who showed an improvement in standard. The loss of Mumford, Shieles and Mackenzie, through illness and injury, was a serious one, and it seemed that our competitive strength would be seriously impaired, but thanks to the consistently good performances of several younger men, new to first grade competition, we finished the season with a creditable record.

One feels that the development of a team of all-round strength with a sound knowledge of athletic fundamentals is an object of greater importance



than the production of an individual champion. The winning of championships will follow as a natural result of the kind of development we have seen during this season.

Throughout the interclub competition the mainstay of our team was H. T. Gould, who showed amazing all-round proficiency. He is one of the finest all-round performers ever seen in Sydney. His best performances were:-

100 yds. = 10 secs.; 440 yds. = 49.6 secs.; 880 yds. = 2 mins. 2secs.;  
220 yds. hurdles = 26.4 secs.; 440 yds. hurdles = 57.8 secs.

In addition to which he several times exceeded 23 feet in the broad jump and capped a season of outstanding achievement by annexing the N.S.W. 440 yards Championship, his first win in a title event.

Two men new to A grade competition who ran consistently well throughout the year were A. G. Gould and K. Benson. Arthur Gould ran an even time "hundred" to force his way into the final of the State Championship. Both men improved to an amazing degree during the season and will take their places in the front rank next year.

B. C. Dickinson proved an invaluable asset as a high jumper and hurdler. His best marks in these events, both best on record for the Club, being 5'8" and 15.8 seconds respectively. His appearances in the broad jump were few, but he jumped 23' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the Ogilvie Cup Competition and, with H. T. Gould, set a new State record for the broad jump (team of two men).

D. R. V. Wallace was prevented by his studies from training sufficiently but nevertheless performed consistently well when circumstances permitted.

Ern Evans, last year's novice champion, ran very well in the middle distance and distance events, although he suffered throughout the season from infected toes. He showed a fine improvement in times as the season advanced and set up a new Club record for two miles of 9 mins. 37.2 secs.

Jack Mumford was able to return to competition during the State Championships, and was successful in retaining his 220 yards title. He was runner-up in the 100 yards championship and, in winning his heat, recorded the fine time of 9.8 seconds. These are phenomenal performances when it is considered that they were made so soon after he had undergone an operation and with no serious competition for several months beforehand.

The general spirit of keenness and good sportsmanship displayed by all our members in open competition was very praiseworthy and one feels that this factor will do much to assist the Club's further development.

Our D grade team was successful in winning their competition with an unbeaten record and in doing so turned in some excellent performances. Alan Gifford, Mervyn Clissold, Jack Rentell, Ken Crawford, Jack Dowling, Russ. Melville and Bob Ockenden and W. Ahern made up the team and all scored points.

Bob Ockenden, who is 15 years of age, shows promise of becoming a fine all-round jumper and his future progress will be watched with the greatest interest.



Weekly meetings were held as usual at Hurstville Oval and were productive of some very enjoyable competition. In the only challenge match held at our headquarters during the season we had little difficulty in defeating the interclub premiers Western Suburbs. Neither team was at full strength.

Two special prizes have been awarded this year to the Senior and Junior Athlete who registered the best single performance in each division during the year. The merit of each performance has been assessed according to points scored on the decathlon scoring table. Both prizes have been won by sprinters for performances over 100 yards. Jack Mumford's 9.8s. (902 points) gained the Senior prize and Noel Day, a recent arrival from Lithgow, won the Junior trophy with a run of 10.5s. (710 points) which won for him the Junior country championship.

Mr. L. Blackshaw, a Vice-President of our club and President of the St. George Cricket Club has donated a trophy to be awarded - to the Junior who in the opinion of the club captain has to the greatest extent of deportment, track appearance and performance generally enhanced the prestige of the club during the season. Our captain W. R. Mackenzie has awarded this trophy to a very find type of junior, Mervyn Clissold.

<u>N.S.W PENTATHLON:</u>	<u>WALLACE</u>	Points
200 metres	23.2s.	734
1500 "	4m.37.4s.	563
Broad Jump	20'6"	613
Discus Throw	90'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	378
Javelin Throw	116'3"	<u>342</u>
	TOTAL	<u>2630</u>

D. R. V. Wallace, making his first attempt at this event performed creditably to finish in second place after a very close contest. His powerful physique suggests that he will improve considerably in the throwing events and become an outstanding success in future championships.

There were three entries from the club and B. C. Dickinson was successful in winning the championship with the good score of 5267 points. K. Benson finished 4th with 4565 points and would have taken a higher place had he not failed to gain any points for pole vaulting. The competition was held at Arlington Oval where the conditions were not conducive to good performances, particularly on the second day when it rained heavily. This is the first occasion on which this event has been won by a club member and it is hoped that more interest will be shown in this interesting form of competition in future.



N.S.W. DECATHLON:

Event	<u>DICKENSON</u>		<u>BENSON</u>		<u>ROOTHAM</u>	
		Pts.		Pts.		Pts.
100 metres	11.2	787	11.2	787	12.1	576
400 "	54.7	639	52.4	745	57.8	518
1500 "	5.11	355	5.08	370	5.00	415
110 " Hds.	17s.	651	20s.	386	20.2s.	372
High Jump	5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	648	5'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	512	4'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	467
Broad Jump	21'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	671	19'1"	511	16'10"	367
Pole Vault	8'	310	-	-	8'	310
Shot Put	31'9"	420	33'6"	463	28'9"	348
Discus Throw	92'5"	394	91'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	384	77'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	285
Javelin Throw	126'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	392	129'9"	407	111'6"	319
		<u>5267</u>		<u>4565</u>		<u>3977</u>

5TH ANNUAL ATHLETIC AND CYCLING CARNIVAL: This Carnival still continues to be the most ambitious and outstanding connected with Amateur Athletics in this State. The chief attraction was the appearance of Miss Decima Norman the triple Empire Games Champion, Pat Boot the 880 yards Empire Games Champion and also Bill Burfein the Queensland Champion sprinter. Boot gave a brilliant performance in recording 1m.55.6s. which is the fastest time yet recorded on Hurstville Oval. Burfein lived up to his Queensland reputation by winning the 100 yards scratch event in 10s. An attendance of approximately 10,000 witnessed this year's spectacle and we feel that the club presented a carnival of outstanding merit to the people of the district.

Results: 100 yds. Women's Invitation Handicap:

J. Coleman (Sydney) (1 yd.) 1st;  
 E. Soult (S. S.) (7 yds) 2nd;  
 D. Norman (W. A.) (Scr.) 3rd. Time - 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.

220 yds. Women's Handicap: J. Coleman (Syd.) (1 yd.) 1st; M. Vidler (St.G.) (6 yds) 2nd; J. Walker (Syd.) 3rd. Time - 25.1 secs.

100 yds. Invitation Handicap: W. Burfein (Qld.) (Scr.) 1st; J. Mumford (St.G.) (Scr.) 2nd; J. Feening (N.S.) (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds) 3rd. Time - 10secs.

220 yds. Open Handicap: R. Clarke (Bot.) (21yds) 1st; J. Mumford (St.G.) (Scr.) 2nd; D. Grimshaw (C.B.) (22yds) 3rd. Time - 21.8secs.

880 yds. Open Handicap: J. Gleeson (Bot.) (35yds) 1st; K. Crawford (St.G.) (60yds) 2nd; E. Evans (St.G.) (60yds) 3rd. Time - 1m. 50.8s.

Invitation Broad Jump: B.C. Dickinson (St.G.) 23' 4", 1st; H. Gould (St.G.) 23' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2nd; A. Gould (St.G.) 20' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 3rd.

Invitation Javelin Throw: D.P. Goode (Pol.) 184' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 1st; B.W. Sheiles (St.G.) 164' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 2nd; J. Mason (St.G.) 163' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 3rd.

Aldermen's Relay Championship: Hurstville Council, 1st; Kogarah Council, 2nd.

Scooter Championship: J. Day, 1st; J. Hannon, 2nd; K. Schubert, 3rd.  
 Time - 1m. 2.8s.



ST. GEORGE DISTRICT SCHOOLBOYS CHAMPIONSHIPS: This year your Club decided to hold a Championship for Schoolboys resident in the St. George district. We feel that this is a step in the right direction as it is evident that your Senior Athletes step up from the Junior ranks.

Although the project was decided upon late in the season, satisfactory entries were received. Colin Campbell kindly presented a cup each to the winner of the under 15 years 100 yards and under 17 years 100 yards.

Results:-

Under 15 years 100 Yards = C. Abbott, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.  
 " 17 " 100 " = R. Leckie, 11.8 secs.  
 Open 220 yards ... = J. McGinty, 26.1 secs.  
 Open 880 " ... = R. Lindwall, 2m. 24s.  
 Under 17 years 880 Yards = J. Stephenson, 2m. 21.4s.  
 " 17 " Broad Jump = R. Clark, 16' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".  
 Open Broad Jump ... = R. Lindwall, 17' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Performances have not been quite up to the record standard, conditions have not been the best, excepting those of Ern. Evans in the longer distances, he has made all his best times this season on Hurstville Oval, breaking both the 2 and 3 Miles records of the Club.

	<u>SENIOR</u>		<u>JUNIOR</u>	
100 Yards:	J. Mumford	10.7s.	J. Chesher	11s
220 "	J. Mumford	23s.	J. Chesher	24.2s.
440 "	K. Benson		J. Chesher	57.2s.
880 "	K. Crawford	2m. 3.3s.	J. Chesher	2m. 30s.
1 Mile:	E. Evans	4m. 41.5s.		
1 Mile Walk:	F. Gentle	8m. 25s.		
High Jump:	B.C. Dickinson	5' 3"	T. Girdler	5' 3"
H.S. & Jump:	A. Gould	41' 7"	R. Ockenden	41' 1"
Shot Put:	K. Benson	34' 0"	T. Girdler	32' 6"
Javelin:	K. Benson	140' 1"	T. Girdler	95' 3"
Three Miles:	E. Evans	15m. 15.7s. (Club record)		
Broad Jump:	H. Gould	22' 1"	H. McLennam	19' 5"

GLICK AND REFEREE SHIELDS: Despite the loss of our many champions throughout the season the club's performances in both competitions for these trophies were very favourable.

Results: Referee Shield, awarded for the most Senior Championship wins, Sydney University - 6 firsts, 4 seconds, 3 thirds; St. George - 4 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds; Western Suburbs - 3 firsts, 4 seconds, 5 thirds.

Glick Shield: Awarded for all-round supremacy. Botany - 22 points, 1. Western Suburbs - 22 points, 1. St. George - 16 points, 3.

An analysis of our performances in this competition shows where we failed and what improvement must be made this coming season.

DISTANCE SEASON: 5 mile Novice Champ. - 3 points, 10 mile Champ. - 2 points, 10,000 metres Champ. - 2 points, 15 mile Champ. - 2 points, Total - 9 points.  
TRACK SEASON: Interclub - 1 point, Dunn Shield - nil, Relay Champ. - 3 points, State Championships - 3 points, Total 7 points.



ANNUAL BALL: Held at the "Stratford" Ballroom, Sydney on Saturday, 28th May proved a social and financial success; much of this is due to the splendid support given by members and the work of the organising committee.

THE DRAGON KILLER: This publication has not been quite regular over the past year, but only due to the illness of our editor, W. R. Mackenzie. We are pleased that he is well again and can look forward to his good work in connection with this magazine in the future.

ST. GEORGE LADIES' CLUB: Congratulations to this kindred club of ours for their efforts over the past season, although not quite so successful as the previous one, finishing second in all their Association competitions and winning the B grade Interclub competition was an outstanding achievement considering the loss of two of their best seniors early in the season. Much of the praise is due to their enthusiastic Secretary, Miss N. Gould.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH KINDRED CLUBS: I am pleased to record that the St. George Club is always on the best of terms with all other affiliated clubs and our support to the A.A.A. of N.S.W. is one of the main objects of this club. Our officials continue to do good work in their various capacities in the work of the Association and I am sure it is appreciated by the Hon. Secretary, G. Carruthers.

OBITUARY: It is with great regret we have to record the passing of the Hon. J. M. Dunningham in May of last year. Besides being the President of the A. A. A. of N. S. W. he was held in the greatest respect by all amateur sportsmen in the state.

We have also to record the sad passing of Mr. L. L. Earl, a Vice-President and a good supporter of the club.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The financial position of your club is very good, due mainly to the success of the Xmas raffle and the Annual Track Carnival. We must thank B. C. Button and A. A. Gainsford for their work in the organisation of these functions. To G. Rootham our Treasurer, we also owe our thanks for his splendid work over the past year. It is a pleasure to work with an office-bearer who takes so much interest in his work on behalf of our club.

CONCLUDING REMARKS: Although we had many setbacks throughout both the Distance and Track seasons just past, we can look forward to the coming seasons with renewed interest.

The Australian Cross Country which is to be held in Tasmania this winter and the Australian Track Championships which will be held in Perth later in the year, together with the Olympic Games in Finland in 1940 should help to create outstanding interest in athletics this coming year. The improvements shown among our younger men and the return of our champions who have had a rest this year, together with men like J. Mason and M. Blaikie who usually only compete on Tuesday nights should make the St. George teams the strongest in the State this coming season.



Your officials are still carrying on their good work helping the district Scout and Church bodies to control their sports at different times throughout the year. This work is part of your club's object to foster the sport in our district and we know it is appreciated by these organisations.

Our band of officials are equal to any in the State and we are proud of the work and time they spend in making our club meetings so successful. To our handicappers W. Townsend, H. Macpherson, J. Critchley, our judges E. Pope, W. R. Mackenzie, B. C. Dickinson, F. Gould, A. Shepherd, our starter, A. Gainsford and C. Campbell our Hon. Recorder we owe our sincere thanks.

To the many people who have extended financial assistance to us throughout the year - Messrs. J. J. Walsh, E. J. Brooke, M. Shanney, W. Hasler, W. Button, J. T. Hinkley, W. Pearce, H. Bennett, G. Hasler, R. Sleigh, W. Young, Snr., J. Gibbons, L. Blackshaw, R. C. Rose, A. Shepherd, J. McGrath, Ald. J. C. Ross, B. C. Button, W. Eisen, A. A. Gainsford, E. Guinness and to those whom I may have forgotten to mention I offer my sincere thanks.

In conclusion I would like to personally thank W. R. Mackenzie and A. Gainsford for their help in compiling this report. To my club officials and all members my thanks also for their generous help and co-operation throughout the season.

So at the end of my second term as Secretary, I feel that I have carried on the work of this great club of ours to the best of my ability. It may not be exactly the work of a genius, but I know it is appreciated by all my club-mates. In these days when we hear so much of physical fitness and its benefits to the community, we can then feel that we are doing a national work in making ourselves fit, and I know that the members of the St. George Club will always compare with any other body in Australia in fitness, sportsmanship and general conduct and I will always be proud to say that I am a member of this grand club of ours.

W. AHERN,

Hon. Secretary.



CLUB RECORDS - SENIOR:

Registered only where the St. George D.A.A.C.  
has complete control of events

Event	Holder	Year	Time or Distance
100 yards	F. Gould	1932	10.3 seconds
220 "	F. Gould	1932	22.6 "
440 "	A. Blythe	1931	51.8 "
880 "	A. Blythe	1929	2m.1.5secs.
1 mile run	A. Blythe	1931	4m.26.2secs.
2 " "	E. Evans	1939	9m.37.2secs.
3 " "	E. Evans	1939	15m.7secs.
4 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	20m. 56.4secs.
5 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	26m.21secs.
6 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	31m.49secs.
7 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	37m.14.8secs.
8 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	42m.41.4secs.
9 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	48m.9.2secs.
10 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	53m.31.4secs.
1 mile walk	E. Austin	1924	7m.15secs.
3 miles walk	C. Laughton	1928	23m.44.6secs.
120 yds. hurdles	B. W. Sheiles	1934	16.4secs.
220 " "	B. W. Sheiles	1934	27.6 "
440 " "	H. Gould	1938	58.3 "
Broad Jump	B. C. Dickinson	1939	23'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Hop, Step & Jump	B. C. Dickinson	1937	48ft.
High Jump	B. C. Dickinson	1935	5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Pole Vault	O. Matsen	1925	8'10"
Hammer (16-lb.)	W. R. Mackenzie	1933	88'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Discus Throw	W. R. Mackenzie	1936	128'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
16-lb. Shot Put	W. R. Mackenzie	1933	41'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Javelin Throw	B. W. Sheiles	1936	182'3"
5,000 Metres	E. J. Brooke	1928	16m.33.6secs.
10,000 Metres	A. Gainsford	1928	32m.58secs.
15,000 "	A. Gainsford	1928	49m.55.4secs.

CLUB RECORDS - JUNIOR:

100 yards	D. Pegram	1934	10.7 seconds
220 "	J. Mumford	1935	23.8 "
440 "	J. Mumford	1935	54.5 "
880 "	G. Nann	1934	2m.5.9secs.
1 mile run	G. Nann	1934	4m41secs.
120 yds. hurdles	L. Brenman	1929	20.2secs.
Broad Jump	B. Dickinson	1933	21 feet
Hop, step & jump	B. Dickinson	1933	46'8"
High Jump	B. Wallis	1934	5'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Discus Throw	J. Mumford	1935	108'5"
Javelin Throw	B. W. Sheiles	1929	148'
12-lb. Shot Put	J. Mumford	1935	37'



"BEST ON RECORD"

Registered in any class of competition in New South Wales

Event	Holder	Year	Time or Distance
100 yards	J. Mumford	1937	9.8secs.
220 "	J. Mumford	1937	21.5 "
440 "	J. Mumford	1937	48.8 "
880 "	A. Blythe	1930	1m.58.5secs.
1 mile run	A. Blythe	1938	4m.25secs.
2 " "	E. Evans	1939	9m.38secs.
3 " "	E. Evans	1939	15m.7secs.
4 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	20m.56.4secs.
5 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	26m.21secs.
6 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	31m.49secs.
7 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	37m.14.8secs.
8 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	42m.41.4secs.
9 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	48m.9.2secs.
10 " "	A. Gainsford	1928	53m.31.4secs.
1 mile walk	E. E. Austin	1924	7m.15secs.
3 miles walk	C. Laughton	1928	23m.44.6secs.
120 yds. hurdles	B. C. Dickinson	1939	15.8secs.
220 " "	H. Gould	1939	26.4secs.
440 " "	H. Gould	1939	57.8secs.
Broad Jump	B. C. Dickinson	1938	24'6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
Hop, step & jump	B. C. Dickinson	1935	51'3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "
High Jump	B. C. Dickinson	1939	5'8"
Pole Vault	A. Croll	1935	9'3"
16-lb. Hammer Throw	W. R. Mackenzie	1937	103'2"
Discus Throw	W. R. Mackenzie	1938	135'11"
Shot Put	W. R. Mackenzie	1937	45'5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
Javelin Throw	B. W. Sheiles	1938	192'4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
5,000 metres	E. J. Brooke	1928	16m.33.6secs.
10,000 "	A. Gainsford	1928	32m.58secs.
15,000 "	A. Gainsford	1928	49m.55.4secs.

"BEST ON RECORD" (Junior):

100 yards	N. Day	1939	10.5secs.
220 "	J. Mumford	1935	23.8 "
440 "	K. Simpson	1932	54.4 "
880 "	G. Nann	1935	2m.5.9secs.
1 mile run	G. Nann	1934	4m.38.6secs.
120 yds hurdles	L. Brennan	1929	20.2secs.
Broad Jump	B. C. Dickinson	1933	21'3"
Hop, step & jump	B. C. Dickinson	1932	48'6"
High Jump	B. C. Dickinson	1932	5'6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
Discus Throw	J. Mumford	1935	108'5"
Javelin Throw	B. W. Sheiles	1929	148'
12-lb. Shot Put	J. Mumford	1935	37'



# ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

Statement of receipts and payments for year ended 28th February, 1939

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
TO Balance on hand at bank 1/3/38:		£71 5 0	BY Administration:		
<u>Subscriptions:</u>			Honorariums	6 6 -	
Seniors	18 17 -		Kogarah School of Arts	1 17 -	
Juniors	2 8 -	21 5 -	Printing & Stationery	23 5 4	
<u>Donations:</u>		10 9 6	Petty Cash	4 6 1	
<u>Competitions:</u>			Telephone	8 15 3	44 10 1
Entry fees-Dist.	6 1 -		<u>A.A.A. of N.S.W.:</u>		
" " Track	12 14 11		Affiliation	3 3 -	
Training fees	6 7 6	25 3 5	Registrations	5 2 -	
<u>Promotions:</u>			Appearance of visit- ing athletes	11 10 -	
Annual Carnival	101 - 3		Entries	5 1 6	
Annual Ball	48 6 -		Dunningham Fund	1 1 -	25 17 6
Xmas Raffle	33 3 6	182 9 9	<u>Competitions:</u>		
<u>General:</u>			Ground Rental	6 6 -	
Sale of photo's	2 2 -		Equipment	9 2 11	
Badges	1 3 -		Wages	4 5 -	
Telephone & Board	3 - 4		Lighting	9 15 -	
Tax refund	2 7		Trophies	23 11 1	53 - -
Annual Summer Car- nival-entry fees	4 10 -		<u>Promotions:</u>		
Annual Distance			Annual Carnival	99 7 6	
Open race fees	5 11 -		Railway Pipe Band - 1938	5 5 -	
Hurstville gate			Annual Ball	40 18 2	
Receipts	10 2 -		Xmas Raffle	3 - -	148 10 8
Programmes	7 15 -		<u>General:</u>		
Scouts Sports	5 -		Photographs of Games representatives	4 7 6	
Sundries	12 7	35 3 6	Soft Drink-		
			Xmas night	1 4 3	
			Badges	5 13 4	
			Sundries	9 -	11 14 1
			Balance as at 28/2/39 on hand	18 6	
			Bank	61 5 4	62 3 10
		<u>£345 16 2</u>			<u>£345 16 2</u>



## BALANCE SHEET

As at 28th February, 1939

<u>LIABILITIES</u>				<u>ASSETS</u>			
Distance and Track				<u>Club Badges;</u>	5	13	4
Open Orders:	10	2	6	<u>Equipment:</u>	10	15	6
<u>Club funds:</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Gate receipts</u>			
			92 1 2	Hurstville Oval	8	19	6
				<u>A.A.A. of N.S.W.</u>	3	8	-
				<u>Propayments:</u>			
				Cafe Savoy			
				Deposit on hall	1	1	-
				<u>Cash:</u>			
				On hand		18	6
				At bank	<u>61</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
							<u>92 1 2</u>
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