

ST GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

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AFFILIATED TO THE NSWAAA

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING 28th FEBRUARY, 1923

Presented to members at the annual meeting held at the  
Masonic Hall, Hurstville on Monday 5th March, 1923.

OFFICE BEARERS 1922-23

Patron T.J. Ley President T.H. Gilson  
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Delegates to NSWAAA E.E.Austen, J.Batger (Jnr), A.Gainsford  
Captain W.Sweeting Vice Captain S..Poulter  
Timetakers J.Batger (Snr), J.Stewart, H.Vaughan  
Judges T.H.Gilson, T.Houghton, C.H.Barter, E.A.Field  
Race Secretary J.Batger (Jnr)  
Auditors J.Batger (Snr), S.Taylor  
Hon Treasurer A.Horrocks  
Hon Secretary A.Gainsford

Annual Report

Gentlemen,

In submitting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet tonight  
I am pleased to state that the past year has been most satisfactory.  
Club Events

During the distance season our club events were well contested  
with a satisfactory attendance of members. Events held during the  
track season have been well supported although the Sydney Sports  
Ground is still too inconvenient to all members of our club. Next  
track season, however, there is a possibility of Hurstville Oval  
being lit up at night and then the club will, in my opinion, go  
still further ahead.

The point score for last track season was won by A. Gainsford  
while W. Tilt won the distance season point score.

In open competition last distance season the club had a  
remarkable run of success. The following places were gained by  
members in open handicap events:

Distance Season

2nd	St Oswalds	2.75 miles	22/4/22	A. Gainsford
2nd	Yours & Mine Cup	3 miles	24/6/22	S. Morton
3rd	" " "	" " "	"	C. Weeks
1st	St George AAC	3 miles	15/7/22	A. Gainsford
2nd	"	" "	"	C. Weeks
3rd	"	" "	"	A. Horrocks
1st	Dulwich Hill	5 miles	22/7/22	S. Morton
3rd	"	" "	"	C. Weeks
1st	East Sydney	2.75 miles	5/8/22	W. Tilt
2nd	"	" "	"	A. Horrocks
1st	Dulwich Hill	5 miles	9/9/22	W. Liddle

A. Gainsford also secured fastest time in three open events.

Track Season

3rd	1 mile Junior Championship	11/3/22	G. Mason
3rd	880 yds handicap	University Sports	15/3/22 E. Austen
1st	880 yds handicap	St Patricks Day	17/3/22 E. Austen
2nd	100 yds handicap	" " "	E. Lapham
1st	1,000 yds State Championship	18/3/22	C. Weeks
1st	1 mile walk	Kunama Karnival	19/8/22 E. Austen
2nd	1 mile walk	Manly Sports	16/9/22 E. Austen
3rd	1 mile Eight Hour Day	2/10/22	W. Tilt
2nd	880 yds Farmer & Co	14/10/22	W. Tilt
1st	1 mile Friendly Society Sports	16/12/22	C. Weeks

In championship events the club's most outstanding members were E.E. Austen & A. Gainsford.

Austen's performances were:-

1st	7 mile walk	2/9/22	
1st	1 hour walk	7 miles 1,174 yds 1' 4"	4/11/22
1st	3 mile walk	Dunn Shield	2/12/22
1st	1 mile walk	Dunn Shield	9/12/22

In the 1 hour walk Austen broke the existing NSW state record and during this walk he also broke the state 4,5,6 & 7 mile records; an outstanding performance!

Gainsford's performances were:-

5th	5 mile Cross Country Championship	26/8/22
2nd	10 mile Championship	2/9/22
2nd	Manly Modified Marathon	16/9/22

Although second to Sheaves in the 10 mile championship, Gainsford's time beat the previous Australasian record by 19 seconds. This was a very fine performance in a race which included most of Australia's best distance runners with the exception of Kohlman (Vic).

In the Manly event Gainsford again finished second to Sheaves after a most exciting finish, only being beaten by 0.5 seconds. His time was 12.5 secs faster than the previous record.

Other members gaining places in Championship events were:-

E. Batger	2nd	3 mile walk	Dunn Shield	2/12/22
E. Batger	2nd	1 mile walk	Dunn Shield	9/12/22
C. Weeks	3rd	1 mile	Dunn Shield	2/12/22
S. Morton	2nd	3 mile	Dunn Shield	9/12/22

In the Dunn Shield the club scored 14 points, a vast improvement on the previous year's effort of 5 points. This improvement in championship events speaks well for the future of the club.

Teams races

2nd	Novice CCC at Lyne Park, Rose Bay	10/6/22
3rd	Parramatta to Sydney Relay race	

Open event

On 15/7/22 our club conducted its second open road race with very good support from other clubs and association officials. Result: 1st A. Gainsford St G. 2nd C. Weeks St G.

3rd A. Horrocks St G.

In this race our club put up a phenomenal performance filling the first 5 places & securing 9 places in the first 13. Gainsford also broke the course record by 26 seconds. To achieve so much success in only the second year of the club is most gratifying and should stir every member to make even greater efforts for the future.

Club Championships

The club held its first championships since its formation, at the Sydney Sports Ground on 10/2/23 and 17/2/23

Membership During the year we had 45 members, compared with 67 for our first year.

Social The third social held at Bretts Hall, Kogarah was socially and financially a splendid success and this year we hope to organise more socials of this type.

Finances The Treasurer's balance sheet shows the club to be in a strong financial position.

Donations

Donations were received from:-

E.A.Field £2/2/-      G. Hart £1/1/-      H. Wright £1/1/-  
J. Ferguson 10/6

Office Bearers

All office bearers retire tonight but are eligible for re-election.

In conclusion I compliment all members who have been successful in competition during the past year and hope they will enjoy the same or better success during the coming year.

For and on behalf of the club

A. Gainsford

Hon. Secretary