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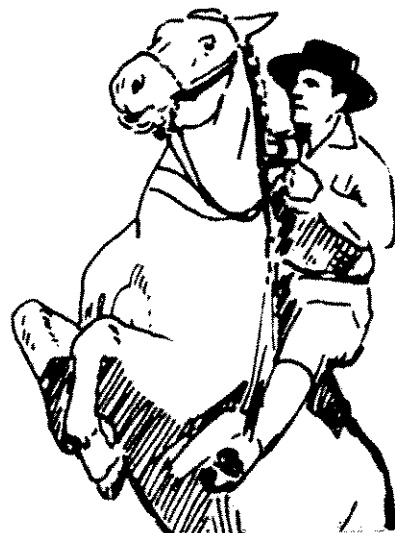
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R. Gribble	1975
G. Carruthers (M.B.E.)	1983
A. Thomas	1983

## MERIT AWARDS

F. Eggleton	1975
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A. Thomas	1975
F. Thornton	1975
L. Williams*	1975

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## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
Senior	70	68	65	60	60
Under 20	11	8	14	9	10
Under 18	47	21	20	15	10
Under 16+	35	64	45	29	20
Under 12	14	21	11	12	16
Associate	2	2	1	24	20
Officials	26	18	23	13	13
	205	202	179	162	149

+ Under 15 prior to 1983-84

## 66th ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET

Presented to Members at the Annual General Meeting held at Scarborough Park National Fitness Hall, Ramsgate on Friday, 29th May, 1987 at 7.15 p.m.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 66th Annual Report and Balance Sheet is presented to you tonight and the report will show that our performances during the Track Season were at a very low ebb. Interclub results were the worst that I can remember since 1924, when Interclub commenced. Results will be found in Arthur Peek's report.

Fortunately our distance runners had a very good season. Finances of the Club are very good, and the Ladies' Social Committee had an excellent year.

Once again Scarborough Park was a hive of activity during the Winter. As usual Scarborough is a real centre for athletes with the best facilities in the State.

## Winter Season

St George during 1986 did better than 1985 to gain 2nd place in the Premiership.

We certainly had the best distance runners but again we failed to fill teams in all State Championships. Our record in Winter Interclub which commenced in 1977 is as follows:-

1977	1st
1978	1st
1979	3rd
1980	1st
1981	2nd
1982	5th
1983-1984	not placed
1985	3rd
1986	2nd

Results of State and Club Championships will be found in Allan Staples report.

Lawrie Whitty, by his magnificent running during the year, was our best senior athlete and herewith are some of his most important wins and placings:

- 1st NSW 15K Road Championships
- 3rd Australian 15K Road Championships
- 3rd New Zealand 12K Championships
- 3rd NSW 5K Track Championships

Lawrie, by the above performances, was adjudged the best senior athlete and this entitled him to the Alleyne Gainsford for the second time.

With distance runners of the calibre of:-

Whitty, Nobbs, Todd, Shaw, Jones, Gibbons, Young, Graham, McLeans, Whiteman, Stacey, Hansard, Baral-Steinberg, Fraser, Squires and McRae we should be able to hold our own in Senior State Championships.

Younger athletes with very good prospects would include: Clarsen, Deutsch brothers, Baral-Steinberg brothers, Halmarick, Cook, Locke, Zammarelli, Le, Argall, Tonge and Favaro.

Congratulations to Brennen Shaw for gaining 1st U/20 NSW C.C. Championship.

Although the Track Season results were not good, nevertheless there were some successes especially in the Metropolitan Track & Field Championships. Mark Jones won the 5000 Metres in 15m22.37s and he also won the 3000 Metre Steeplechase in 9m05.16 in Club record time. This record broke David Chisholm's long standing time 1962 of 9m8s.

Alan Stacey won the 800 Metres in 1m54.66s. Alan had a good season, and he got his 800m down to 1m50.95s.

The women from Senior to U12 are gathering strength and performance all the time, and will soon be a force at Championship level Winter and Summer.

Alan Staples and Arthur Peek, Distance and Track Secretaries for Winter and Summer, have prepared excellent reports where all results are shown.

Club membership at 149 is far from satisfactory when we realise we had 202 members in 1984. Last year we had 162 members and it is noted that the drop in members has occurred in the Under 18-16 and 12 years. I still feel we should have a Membership Committee, and here is an opportunity for someone to come forward.

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From the excellent financial statement and balance sheet prepared by our Treasurer it can be seen that the Club is in a very sound financial position. The level of club funds stands at \$8567.15 which again is most satisfactory.

Athletes have benefited to the extent of \$1000, but expenses were low during the past 12 months as Australian Championships were held at Canberra and Sydney.

Donors to Club funds are thanked for their contributions, but we must remember those officials and members who promote and financially support Club functions throughout the year.

Thanks once again to the Ladies' Social Committee who during the past 12 months raised \$3000.

The Club is functioning very well at Executive and Committee level.

I am hoping to see some additions to this report of interest.

I close my report a proud President about to commence my 52nd year unopposed.

I wish you all well for the 1987-88 12 months.

**A.A. GAINSFORD**  
President

## **HISTORY OF CLUB 1921-1962** **INTRODUCTION**

In writing the story of the St. George District Amateur Athletic Club since its formation, 7th March, 1921, I wish to emphasise from the outset that although I have a vast amount of material concerning the Club which I hope shall make interesting reading, there may be some important features of the Club and its members that I have overlooked and if so I hope I shall be forgiven.

The opportunity has been given me to write this story and while my time has been limited, the chance to put into words the history of the Club was something I could not forego. To the early years 1921-1928, I am giving special emphasis and quite a lot of detail is given as I feel from 1929 onwards complete records are more readily available.

Four decades have gone by since the Club commenced and when I reflect I realise, sometimes with regret and often with pleasure, the changes that have taken place in the past 41 years.

The youth of the early 1920's was generally easily satisfied, whereas today's youth is more discerning but comparing one with the other there is just as much goodness in the lad of today as before.

Many difficulties presented themselves in the early years but these were gradually overcome by the stalwarts of the day and even in 1922 St. George was already a Club of consequence and has remained so ever since.

Hurstville has been the Club's Headquarters since its formation and only in recent years has the Club changed its distance centre to Ramsgate. For years the Club ran races along Forest Road and had other road courses at Kogarah, Rockdale, Bexley, Carlton and Arncliffe.

Cross Country courses started from Hurstville Oval, Hurstville Public School, Carrs Park, McRaes Estate Penshurst, and Rockdale towards Mascot Aerodrome and Ramsgate Baths.

Here are a few interesting Hurstville figures, facts, etc. during the early history of the Club.

- 1921 Hurstville population: 13,975.
- 1921 Mayor of Hurstville: W.T. Macken.
- 1921 Hurstville Council gave permission to Commercial Banking Co. of Australia to erect two hitching posts outside their premises.
- 1921 Hurstville General Rate 4d. in 1 on improved Capital Value.
- 1921 Hurstville Chamber of Commerce founded.
- 1922 Hurstville Memorial Hall declared opened by Governor of N.S.W., Sir Walter Davidson.
- 1924 Strand Theatre opened.
- 1925 Allawah Station opened.
- 1925 Pavilion opened at Hurstville Oval.
- 1926 Oatley Park 112 acres opened.
- 1926 Proposal for new Town Hall-Civic Centre opened, 1962.

This is the first written history of the St. George District Amateur Athletic Club of any consequence and I hope its reading gives some pleasure to the many athletes who have been associated with our wonderful Club.

**A. GAINSFORD, OAM, President**  
November, 1962

### **The History of the St. George District Amateur Athletic Club — 1921-1962** *By A.A. Gainsford, President*

The Club was formed at a meeting held at Colvin's Hall, Hurstville, on Monday, 7th March, 1921, at the instigation of Mr C. Bray of 13 Hillcrest Avenue, Hurstville.

Those who attended this meeting were as follows:-

W.B. Alexander, N.S.W.A.A.A.; G.P.S. Parke, South Sydney Club; W.H. Sweeting, South Sydney; E.E. Austen, Redfern Club; T.H. Ferguson, South Sydney; C. Bray, A. Gainsford, H. Vaughan, E.F. Groves, W. Dalton, J. Martin, J. Batger Snr. and Jnr.

At the end of the first year we had 67 members.

The first race was held on a very wet day at Hurstville, Saturday, 2nd April, 1921, over a 2½ mile scratch road course:-

1. A. Gainsford, St. George, time 15 minutes; 2. P. Quinn, Botany Harriers; 3. C. Bray, St. George Harriers; 4. W. Tilt, St. George Harriers; 5. W. Dalton, St. George Harriers; 6. W. O'Reilly, Botany Harriers.

The course was from the premises of our first President, T.H. Gilson, Chemist, opposite Hurstville Post Office along Forest Road to Willison Road, Carlton, and return, and the prize was a V.P. Kodak Camera, which is still in my possession.

In these days Hurstville Post Office was the only building on that side of Forest Road in the business section and a slip railing fence ran for approximately 75 yards near the Hurstville Propeller.

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Our first President was Mr T.H. Gilson and Secretary was Claude Bray, while the handicappers were Harry Vaughan and J. Batger Snr.

The first race held at Hurstville Oval, 13th May, 1921 was a Mile Handicap and resulted:-

1. E.E. Austen, 40 yds.
2. C. Bray, 65 yds.
3. A. Gainsford, 50 yds.; time 5 min. 10 secs.

Our first entry into a State Championship was the 5 Mile Novice Cross Country Championship of N.S.W. and our Club created quite a surprise by just being beaten in the Teams Race by East Sydney Club 27 points to 32 points.

It was a grand performance as we beat the redoubtable Botany Harriers. Our team was:-

A. Gainsford, 5th; J. Martin, 7th; S. Morton, 9th; H. Vaughan, 15th; 32 points.

On 9th July, 1921, we conducted our first open event at Hurstville over a 3 mile road course from Hurstville Hotel to the Blue Post Hotel, thence return to Penshurst Street and finish in Hurstville.

Result 1: F.J. Phelps, East Sydney, alld. 2 min. Actual time 18 min. 2 secs.

W. Porter, East Sydney. Fastest time 16 min. 35 secs.  
St. George athletes Jim Martin, Stan Morton and Alleyn Gainsford finished 3rd, 4th and 8th respectively.

During the second year of the Club a remarkable performance was achieved in our 3 Mile open handicap held at Hurstville 15/7/1922 when St. George athletes gained the first 5 places and fastest time. Result:-

1. A. Gainsford, alld. 60 secs. Actual time 16 min. 10 secs. Also fastest time.
2. C.B. Weeks, alld. 1 min. 5 secs.; time 16m 16s.
3. A. Horrocks, alld. 1 min. 45 secs.; time 16m 58s.
4. S. Morton, alld. 1 min. 20 secs.; time 16m 35s.
5. W. Tilt, alld. 2 min. 0 secs.; time 17m 18s.

St. George athletes did particularly well during the winter season in open competition with the following successes:-

Dulwich Hill A.A.C. Open 5 Mile 9/9/22; 1st Wal Liddle.  
Dulwich Hill A.A.C. Open 5 Mile 22/7/22; 1st Stan Morton.

East Sydney A.A.C. Open 2¼ Mile 5/8/22; 1st Bill Tilt.

Alleyn Gainsford gained fastest time on 3 occasions.

I ran quite well during the 1922 Distance Season and my performances were as follows:-

5th N.S.W. State 5 Mile C.C. Championship, 26/8/1922.  
2nd N.S.W. State 10 Mile Championship, 2/9/22; time 54m. 15s Broke previous 10 Mile record.

2nd Manly Modified Marathon, 16/9/22.

The first Club Championships were held at Sydney Sports Ground 10/2/23 and 17/2/23. Results:-

100 yards, Jack Cullen; 220 yards, Jack Cullen; 440 yards, Jack Cullen; 880 yards, Charlie Weeks; Mile, Stan Morton; 3 Mile, Stan Morton; High Jump, Don McKay; Broad Jump, Don McKay; Hop Step and Jump, Ad Horrocks; 1 Mile Walk, Ernie Austen.

I won the first track point score competition and Bill Tilt won the 1922 Distance Point Score (probably the 2nd point score). Ernie Austen, who transferred from Redfern Club to St. George, was the recognised Champion Walker of the time and his performances during the 1922/23 track season were as follows:-

1st Dunn Shield Mile, 2/12/22.

1st Dunn Shield 3 Mile, 9/12/22.

1st One Hour Walk, 7 miles 1174 yds. 1ft. 4 in., 4/11/22. In this event he established State records for 4, 5, 6 and 7 Miles.

1st 7 Mile State Championship, 2/9/22.

Also during the Track Season Charlie Weeks gained 3rd place in the Dunn Shield Mile and Stan Morton was 2nd in the 3 Mile Dunn Shield. It is to be noted that the Dunn Shield Competition was the near equivalent of the State Championship meeting.

At the end of our 2nd year we had 45 members compared with 67 for the 1st year.

The Annual Report refers to an excellent social function at Bretts Hall, Kogarah, which hall still stands today although used for other purposes.

In 1922 we promoted a Track Carnival at Moorefield Racecourse for which proceeds were donated to the then St. George Cottage Hospital. Nick Winter, South Sydney, was to have attempted the world's record for the Hop Step and Jump but found the conditions unsatisfactory — St. George met Botany in a challenge match but were beaten by 9 points.

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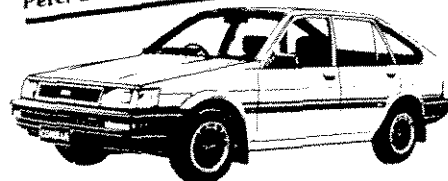
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It was during 1922 that we decided the Club singlet should be 8 x 2" vertical red stripes and over the 40 years there has been no change.

The 3rd year of the Club saw Henry Harwin as our Hon. Secretary and I would like to quote herewith a paragraph of his 3rd Annual Report, which is still important today:

"Our objects are the production and promotion of good, clean sport; of fostering the athletic talent of the young manhood of our Country. We ask all concerned — Members of our Legislature, Municipal bodies, local Traders and the general public to help us to carry out our ideals to the fullest extent. In so doing we do a duty to the individual youth; to his home, his district and his country. The health of the people is the mainstay of the nation; what better work then can we do than foster clean, open-air exercise for the young manhood of our country — the men of tomorrow?"

It was during 1923 that Harold Taylor and myself were successful in getting electric light on at Hurstville Oval where in the early years the St. George Cycling Club competed on the same grass track as ourselves.

Club track championships were won by:-

George Campling, 100 and 220 yds.; Ted Groves, 440 yds.; Charlie Brown, 880 yds.; Wal Liddle, 1 and 3 Miles; Fred Matson, Shot Put; Jack Batger, 3 Mile Walk; Oc Matson, High Jump; Fred Matson, Broad and Hop Step and Jumps.

I quote again the Annual Report regarding Ernie Austen, our first Olympic Representative:

"Of all amateur athletes at the present time in Australasia, E.E. Austen of our Club is perhaps one of the most outstanding, having won, this last year, every Championship walking event in which he has competed, from our own Club's to Dunn Shield; State, and most notable of all Australasian. On top of all this his efforts have been crowned by his selection to represent Australia in the Olympic Games at Paris this year. We wish him every success and trust that his efforts will be crowned with victory. His winning performances:-

1st, 1 and 3 Mile Australasian Championship; 1st, 1 and 3 Mile State Championship; 1st, 1 and 3 Mile Dunn Shield; 1st, 7 Mile Australian Championship."

During the Distance Season I represented N.S.W. in the Australasian C.C.C. gaining 6th place, but my performances were not as good as in 1922 when I was showing such promise.

Our Club conducted the Annual Bert Jolley "Black Cat" Open 3 Mile at Hurstville, attracting 72 starters. The race was won by Jack Linane of East Sydney. Stan Morton, St. George, was 3rd. A Sydney press statement of the day said that Forest Road, Hurstville, near the station was like Martin Place during lunch time, with crowds of spectators watching the race.

Dick Medlin won the winter point score and during the season an average of 15 athletes competed in each race.

Wal Liddle, for the second year in succession, won the Harper Cup while Harry Harwin won the 2¾ Mile East Open and Roy Holdsworth won the Bob Tuck Memorial Cup at Botany.

At our Annual Dance, 14/8/23, Masonic Hall, Kogarah, we had as our guests the N.Z. Athletes who competed in the Australasian C.C. Championship. The function was a grand success.

The fourth year of the Club (1924) indicated quite clearly that St. George was progressing rapidly with the many fine performances during the season.

It was in 1924 that I gained my first State Championship, when I won the State 10 Mile at Ascot Racecourse (Mascot Airport today) in probably the most exciting and sensational Distance Event yet held. With 200 yards to the finish Frank Bailey, the Australasian Champion, was leading but in the final stages Tom Watters and I dashed past him with myself winning by inches in a disputed finish amongst the spectators. This year I also ran well to gain 2nd place in the Manly Modified Marathon and 3rd in the State 5 Mile.

Open events won by St. George athletes during the distance were as follows:-

Jim Garrard, Y.M.C.A. Open, 23/8/24; Bill Tilt, Giles Cup, 31/5/24; Jack Harris, West Suburbs Open, 28/6/24; Len Robinson, Bob Tuck Memorial, 16/8/24.

It was on 21/6/24 at Rose Bay that Les Brodie won our first State Novice Cross Country Championship. Club teams gained 2nd place in every teams Championship event, namely:-

5 Mile State C.C.C.; 10 Mile State Championship; 5 Mile Novice C.C.C.; Manly Modified Marathon.

Some of the members of these teams included Dick Medlin, Morrie Moroney, Bill Watters, Len Robinson, Frank Brierly, Bob Chadwick, Les Brodie and myself. Morrie Moroney in his first year won the Winter point score from Ces Laughton.

It was during 1924 that the Interclub Competition was commenced when a cup was donated by Percy Thompson the then Race Secretary of the N.S.W.A.A.A. In the early years of Interclub the matches were held at different grounds, which included Pratten Park, Manly Oval, Hurstville, University Oval No. 2 and the Sydney Sports Ground.

Club Championships were held at Hurstville Oval and the Sydney Sports Ground during January, 1925. Results:-

Ted Groves, 100 yds., 10.6s.; 220 yds., 23.9s; 440 yds., 54.4s.

Harry Walker, 880 yds., 2m.10s.; 1 Mile, 4m.43.7s.

Len Robinson, 3 Mile, 16m.15s.

Jack Harris, Mile Walk, 7m.49s., 3 Mile Walk, 25m.0s.

Don McKay, Broad Jump, 21ft. 2½in.

Oc. Matson, Javelin, 138ft. 9in.; Shot Put, 30ft. 6in.; Pole Vault, 8ft. 10in.; Hammer, 69ft. 3in.; Hop Step and Jump, 41ft. 6in.

Fred Matson, Discus, 84ft. 4in.

Bill Potter, High Jump, 5ft. 6¼in.

Junior Championships were held for the first time at Hurstville Oval on 18th and 25th February, 1925. Results:-

Bill Long, 100 yds., 10.9s.; 220 yds., 25.2s.; 440 yds., 59.0s.

Bill Long, Broad Jump, 17ft. 7½in.

Cliff Bartlett, Hop Step and Jump, 36ft. 4¼in.

Len Robinson, Mile, 4m.58 1/5s.

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As expected, the 5th year of the Club saw great progress in distance running when we won the teams races for the State Novice, the Manly Modified Marathon and we certainly would also have won the 10 Mile title but for abandonment of the teams events on the day because of torrential rain. We also finished 2nd in the only remaining teams event, the State 5 Mile. For the first time a St. George athlete won the State 5 Mile when Charlie Weeks dashed to victory. For the second year in succession I won the State 10 Mile in 56m.9s. on a track flooded with rain.

On our excellent performances during the season Charlie Weeks and myself were selected to represent N.S.W. in the Australasian C.C. Championship at Wellington, N.Z., 29/8/25, but under quagmire conditions brought about by one of the worst N.Z. winters ever, Charlie Weeks and I were not able to repeat our Australian performances.

Harold Taylor, our President, was the Hon. Manager of the team to N.Z. Members of our winning teams during this grand season included Eddie Mavin, Alec Williams, Stan Gainsford, Bob Chadwick, Charlie Weeks, Len Robinson and myself. Open Handicaps won by our athletes during the season were:

Stan Gainsford, East Sydney, 2¾ Mile, 20/6/25;  
Charlie Weeks, Western Suburbs, 3¾ Mile, 21/6/25;  
Morrie Moroney, St. George, 3 Mile, 4/7/25.

The winter Point Score was won by Claude Lemon from Wal Hasler and Stan Gainsford.

The Track Season athletes failed to live up to the high standard of the long distance runners although some reasonably good performances were recorded. Results Club Championships held during January and February, 1926, at Hurstville Oval and Sydney Sports Ground:-

Jack Lockeridge, 100 yds., 10.7s.; 220 yds., 25s.; 440 yds., 55.0s.

Harry Walker, 880 yds., 2m.15.8s.; Mile, 4m.55.2s.

Jack Harris, Mile Walk, 7m.34.8s.

Aub Harper, 3 Mile Walk, 24m.24.5s.

Morrie Moroney, 3 Mile, 16m.34.2s.

Oc Matson, 120 Hurdles, 19s.; Javelin, 146ft. 2in.; Discus, 106ft. 5in.; 16lb Hammer, 65ft. 3in.

Fred Matson, Broad Jump, 19ft. 0½in.; Hop Step and Jump, 42ft. 5½in.; Pole Vault, 8ft. 6in.

Harold Bennett, 440 yds. Hurdles, 64.8s.

Bill Potter, High Jump, 5ft. 5in.

During the Dunn Shield, Oc Matson did very well to win the Javelin with 159ft. 2in. and another good performance was his 5163 points in gaining second place in the State Decathlon. Doug Cox as a Junior won the State Discus with 83ft. 3½in., while Aub Harper finished 3rd in the State 1 Mile Walk Junior and Harold Llewellyn gained 2nd place in the Junior Hop Step and Jump.

At Earl Park, Arncliffe, 28/3/25, Oc Matson threw the Javelin 182ft. 7in., a State record, but unfortunately the Javelin was 2 oz. light. The Track point score was won by Ray Wright 30 points, Bill Cope 28 points and Frank Jordan 25 points.

The distance season of 1926 was an excellent one for the Club, Roy Wright winning the State Novice, while I won the State 10 Mile for the 3rd year in succession and

for the first time I won the Manly Modified Marathon. St. George won the teams event in the Novice and 10 Mile and were runners-up in the State 5 Mile and Manly Modified Marathon. In the State Cross Country, Charlie Weeks, myself and Roy Wright finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Aub Harper won the State 20 Mile Walking Championship in 3 hours 24 mins. 37 secs. St. George had a very lean track season, the best athletes being Ted Groves, Ted Brooke, Oc and Fred Matson and Harold Bennett. Wal Hasler was elected Hon. Secretary during this season and the next 10 years he proved to be one of our most efficient Secretaries.

The seasons 1927/1928 were great years with splendid improvement during the track season. Ted Brooke won the State Novice, I won the 10 Mile State for the 4th year in succession and I also won the State 15 Mile, which was held for the first time.

St. George won the teams races in the State Novice, and the 15 Mile.

Charlie Weeks, Roy Wright and myself represented N.S.W. in a team of six (6) in Australian 10,000 Metres C.C.C. at Adelaide, 6/8/27.

It was on 27/8/27 that our Club promoted the 1st Australian and N.S.W. Marathon commencing in Barrack Street, Sydney and finishing at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The race was started by the Lord Mayor, Alderman J. Mostyn. Roy McMurdo, Queensland, won in 3 hrs. 6 mins. 23 secs. and there were 25 runners who came from all States in Australia and from New Zealand. Jack Harris was Organising Secretary and the control of the Marathon was an outstanding success. It was during this track season that such excellent athletes as Bert Sheiles and Albert Blyth made their first appearance. Ted Brooke, Oscar Matson and Albert Blyth did very well to gain 2nd and 3rd places in their favourite events during the Dunn Shield and State Championships.

The Distance season of 1928 surpassed all previous years when the Club practically won every Championship and Team events.

I won the State 10 Mile for the 5th year in succession, a performance unequalled today, and I also won the State 15 Mile for the third time in record time. At University Oval, 4/9/28, I established State records for 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (53m.31.6s.) Miles and also put up Australian records for 10,000 and 15,000 metres. These records stood for many years and even today I still hold the official Club records for 7, 8, 9 and 10 Miles.

Albert Blyth won the State Novice and St. George won every teams event viz., Novice — 10,000 metres, 10 Mile and 15 Mile. Athletes who were in these teams included Bert Button, Norm Gillard, Ray Kelleher, Stan Gainsford, Ned Baker, Roy Wright, Bob Chadwick, Ted Brooke, Wal Lawrence and myself. Not since this year have St. George done so well during a long distance season.

The track season saw our Juniors Bert Sheiles establish a State record in the Javelin, 144ft. 6½ins. and Len Brennan, also a State record in the Hop Step and Jump with 44ft. 11½ins.

Other athletes to gain places in State Senior Championship were Oscar Matson, 3rd, Javelin; Albert Blyth 3rd, 1 Mile; and Harold Bennett 3rd, 440 (first time a St. George athlete had gained place in 100-220 or 440).

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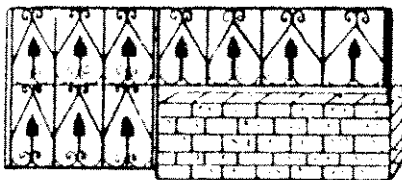
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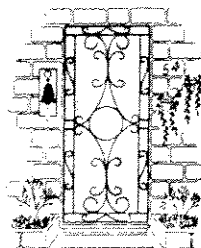
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This was the year the St. George Ladies' Club was formed under the leadership of Nell Gould, Gladys Phillips and Edie Robinson (Olympic representative, Amsterdam, 1928). The girls met with immediate success when they won the 4 x 220 yds. State Relay in record time.

During the 1929 Distance season the Club established a record of 5 successive wins in the Teams race of the State Novice C.C. Championship. I was unable to defend my title in the 10 Mile, which I had won 5 times in succession, as I was ill; however, 3 weeks later I won the 15 Mile State title for the fourth successive occasion in the record time of 1 hour 23 min. 4 secs. St. George also won the teams race.

I was involved in a sensational incident during the season when I was not selected in the N.S.W. team of 6 for Tasmania (Aust. C.C.C.) after I had gained 2nd place in the State 10,000 metres C.C. Championship after which event the team was selected.

During the Club Junior Track Championships Len Blyth, brother of noted Albert Blyth, won 10 events out of 11, a performance that may never be equalled.

The State Track Championships and Dunn Shield saw Albert Blyth, Bert Sheiles, Oc Matson and myself put up good performances.

In the First National Championships held in Melbourne, January, 1930, Albert Blyth and Ted Brooke represented N.S.W. while our Vice-President, Jim Walsh, was Manager. The ladies of the Club, particularly Edie Robinson, Gladys Phillips and Nell Gould, met with many successes during the season.

The 1930 distance season attracted record Club fields as many as 36 seniors competing each Saturday. It was in the 10 Mile State event that Albert Blyth surprised everyone by finishing brilliantly in 2nd place just behind Jeff Mackenzie. I won the Club 5 Mile for the 7th year in succession.

St. George in 1931 won the "B" Grade Interclub by defeating South Sydney by 11 points in the final match. This was the year that St. George for the first time sent a team to the Country when they went to the Duntroon Military College.

For the first time St. George athletes won State Track titles when Albert Blyth won the Mile in 4 min. 30 secs. and the 880 yards in 1 min. 58.5 secs. Oc Matson won the Discus with 115 ft. 5½ ins. and he also won the Naukler Cup as the best all-rounder in Field events. Albert Blyth also won the Dunn Shield 880 and Mile; Bert Shieles the Javelin, and Oscar Matson the Discus.

The 1930/31 year was the first time that track athletes had performed better than the distance runners.

At this time the combination of Wal Hasler, Secretary, and Ernie Giles, Treasurer, was proving its worth, which was also during the depression period.

The seasons 1931/32 saw St. George athletes not performing to advantage and it was evident that the zenith of the Club was reached from 1928 to 1930. The only bright spot during the distance season was the appearance of Gordon Keep when he established club records in winning both the 5 Mile, Road and Novice Championships. The St. George team gained 2nd place in all distance Championships.

Frank Gould ran well to establish club records for the 100 in 10.3s and 220 in 22.6s. Frank also gained 2nd place in the State 220 and was the first St. George athlete to gain a place in the short sprints.

Albert Blyth, Oscar Matson and Bert Sheiles represented N.S.W. in the Australian Track Championships at Sydney. This was also the year that I was transferred to Melbourne by my company for a period of 15 months.

The 12th year of the Club saw a grand improvement on the previous year as both distance and track men performed very well, which resulted in St. George being runners-up to Western Suburbs in the Glick Shield, symbolic of all round supremacy for the State.

During the distance season Gordon Keep won the State Novice while our Club won the teams title for the 15 Mile and was 2nd in the teams for the State Novice, 10,000 metres and 10 Mile.

Ernie Giles, Bob Chadwick and Alf Flood all won open events and I made my reappearance in the Bob Tuck event after my return from Melbourne. Harry Gibbons made his first appearance and won the point score.

St. George surpassed all previous efforts during the track season when they gained 4th place in the Dunn Shield. Bill Mackenzie, Oc Matson, Bert Sheiles, Harold Llewellyn, Basil Dickinson and I all won events in the different divisions of this competition. Basil Dickinson established an Australian Junior record of 48ft. 6in. in the Hop Step and Jump when he competed in the first Victoria v. N.S.W. Match, 26/12/32.

In the State events St. George won the 4 x 1 Mile relay in record time, the team being Albert Blyth, Claude Stark, Gordon Keep and myself. After an association with the ladies for nearly 5 years they severed their section from our club as the result of a meeting September, 1932, when they formed their own State Association.

In 1933, distance athletes again performed very well, wresting the teams title from Western Suburbs in the 10,000 Metres and also winning the teams event for the 10 Mile. Harry Gibbons was just beaten in the State Novice in which event we gained 2nd place in the teams event.

Gordon Keep represented N.S.W. in the Australian C.C.C. Melbourne, 5/8/33, gaining 7th place and I showed I was not yet finished when I came 3rd in the 10 Mile and 2nd in the 15 Mile. Other athletes to run well during the distance season were Stan Gainsford, Wal Lawrence, Harry Gibbons and Ron Sleigh.

The year 1934 was the most notable to date for the track men, when, for the first time, St. George athletes Bill Mackenzie, Basil Dickinson and Bert Sheiles won 4 Australian Championships at Adelaide, 27th-29th January, 1934.

The performances were:

Bill Mackenzie 1st, Discus 126ft. 7½ in.

Bill Mackenzie 1st, Shot Put, 42ft. 4¼ in.

Bert Sheiles 1st, Javelin 182ft. 8 in.

Basil Dickinson 1st, Hop Step and Jump 47ft. 4½ in.

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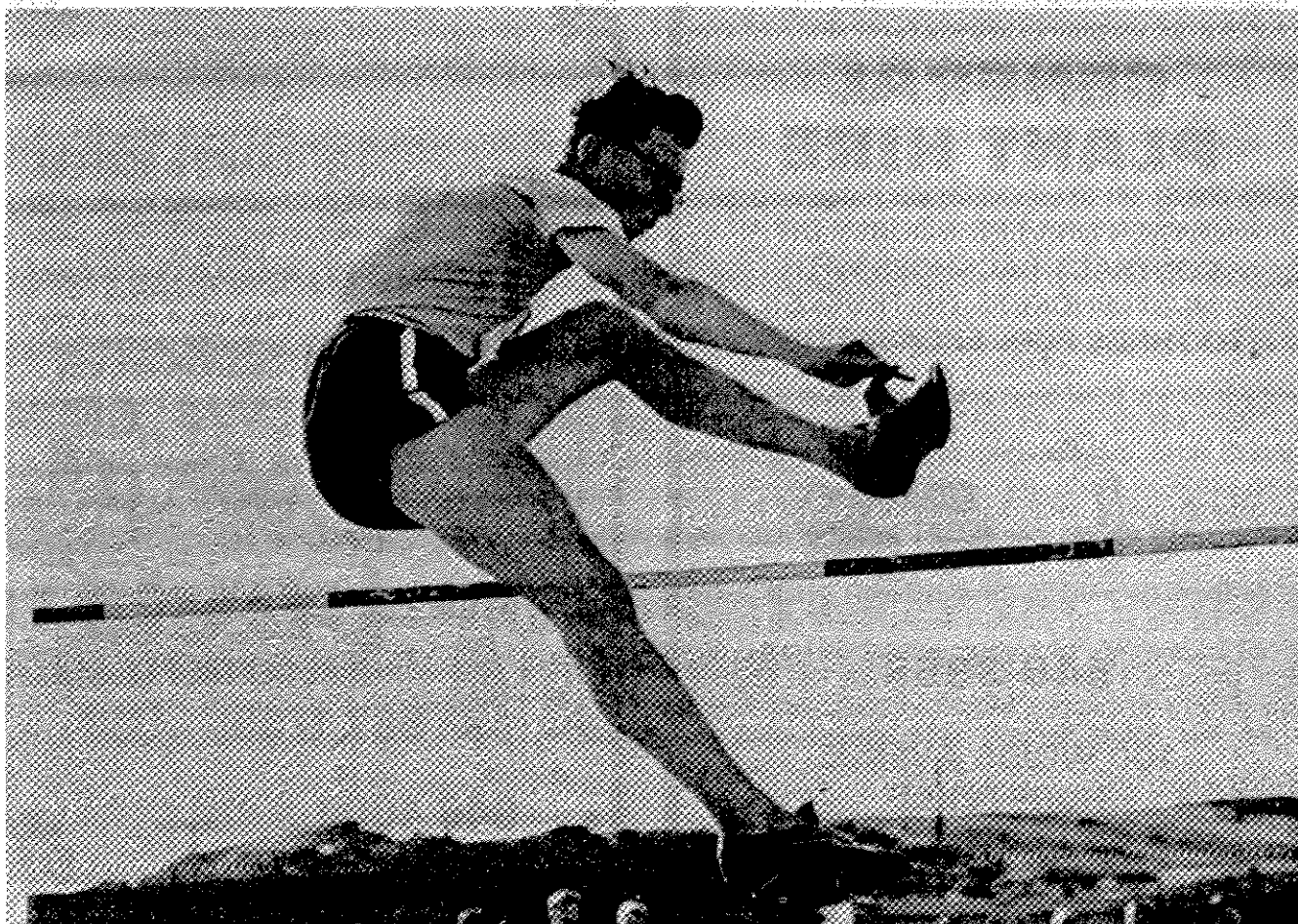
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Dennis Jolliffe clearing the high jump at 1.65 metres, competing for his school at the All Schools Carnival, 1954.

The year 1934 was a great season for the distance men, winning the teams events in the Novice, 10,000 metres and 10 Mile, while I ran extremely well to win the State 15 Mile and All Club Championships from 5 Mile to 15 Mile. Clubmates included in the winning teams were Harry Gibbons, Jim Townsend, George Gosling, Gainsford brothers, Bert Button, Wal Lawrence, Ron Sleigh, Alf Flood and Claude Stark. Bill Mackenzie had another grand season winning the Dunn Shield Shot Put and State Discus and Shot.

Basil Dickinson, holder of Dunn Shield, State and Australian titles for the Hop Step and Jump, was beaten in the Centenary Games, Melbourne, by Jack Metcalfe, although he jumped 49ft. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins., a grand performance for a 19-year-old lad. Also during the season he jumped 24ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. in the Broad Jump. During this season Basil partnered with Harold Llewellyn and they won both the State Broad and Hop Step and Jump titles.

Junior Jack Mumford won the Discus with a record throw of 108ft. 11ins. while Harry Gould, also a Junior, won the State title Hop Step and Jump at 44ft. 6ins.

This was the year that we held our 1st Athletic and Cycling Carnival at Hurstville Oval when 2,000 people attended in dismal weather. Proceeds were given to N.S.W. Institution Deaf Dumb and Blind. Many Club records were established during the track season and we finished the 2nd strongest Club for the year.

During the track season 15 athletes had the unique opportunity of flying with Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith to Maitland and return. This was the first time in N.S.W. that a team of athletes had ever travelled by plane. The famous Southern Cross flew over Sydney Harbour and dropped a wreath in memory of the late Charles Ulm.

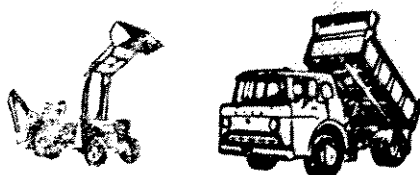
This was also the year that Wal Hasler, our grand Secretary for 10 years, resigned, being transferred to Newcastle by his Company. George Gosling was also transferred to Hobart during the year.

The 15th year of the Club was considered probably the most successful since its inception in 1921, and during the distance season we again won the 10,000 Metres State teams event while I was considered our most consistent athlete. Harry Gibbons had a good season and was Captain of the N.S.W. team in the Australian C.C. Championship at Parramatta Park.

During the 1935/36 track season, Hurstville Oval was unavailable and we used Earl Park. Basil Dickinson was easily our outstanding athlete, jumping 51ft. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. in the Hop Step and Jump and 24ft. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. but in both cases he was second to Jack Metcalfe and Jack Lobban. In the Australian Championships, Hobart, January, 1936, St. George had 4 representatives, Basil winning the Hop Step and Jump with 49ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. and clubmate Harry Gould 2nd with 47ft. 0ins. Bert Sheiles again proved the best Javelin thrower in Australia. The

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"Dragon Killer" commenced this year with Arthur Shepherd the first Editor. The 2nd Annual Carnival was held at Hurstville Oval and attracted 5,000 people.

In the year 1936/1937 we were adjudged the strongest Club in N.S.W. when we were presented with the Glick Shield, symbolic of the best all-round Club, which was a veritable triumph for the Club. For years previously our distance athletes had performed extremely well, but on this occasion members were outstanding throughout the year which brought about our best season ever.

We again won the State teams event for the 10,000 metres and 10 Mile and Ray Mettam from Western Australia joined us, running prominently.

During the Track Season all our recognised athletes did well in the Dunn Shield and State championships.

#### *Dunn Shield Winners:*

Bert Sheiles, Javelin, 167ft. 1in.

Jack Mumford, 440 yds., 52.2secs.

Basil Dickinson, Hop Step and Jump, 49ft. 1½ins.

#### *State Championship Winners:*

Jack Mumford, 220 yds., 23.2secs.

Jack Mumford, 440 yds., 51.0secs.

Bert Sheiles, Javelin, 170ft. 5½ins.

Bill Mackenzie, Discus, 130ft. 7½ins.

Basil Dickinson, Broad Jump, 22ft. 7ins.

Bill Mackenzie once again won the Naukler Cup. Basil Dickinson was finally added to Olympic Team Berlin, 1936, after a public outcry and the fund for him was rapidly completed, headed by the Club.

During this year Bert Button, our dynamic Secretary, resigned through business reasons.

The 3rd Annual Carnival at Hurstville Oval was a magnificent success and the crowd was one of the largest ever seen at Hurstville Oval. Proceeds were for the St. George Hospital.

The 17th year of the Club will be recalled by the magnificent efforts of our Track athletes culminating in the selection of Jack Mumford, Basil Dickinson, Harry Gould, Bert Sheiles, Bill Mackenzie and Vernon Wallace to represent Australia in the British Empire Games at Sydney. Club officials also selected were Bill Ahern, Bert Button, Ted Pope and myself.

Jack Mumford ran magnificently to gain second place to Cyril Holmes the great English sprinter in both the 100 yds 9.7sec., and 200 yds., 21.2 secs. Basil Dickinson was 3rd in both Hop Step and Jump and Broad Jump with 50ft. 1¾ins. and 23ft. 5½ins. Prior to the British Empire Games, the Australian Championships were held at Brisbane and Club winners were Jack Mumford, 440 yds. in 48.4secs., Basil Dickinson, Broad Jump, 24ft. 0ins. and Bill Mackenzie, Shot 45ft. 5½ins., all Queensland records.

Jack Mumford was awarded the Richard Coombes Memorial Medallion for the best athlete in N.S.W. for the second year in succession and Basil Dickinson established an Australian record in the Broad Jump with a leap of 24ft. 6½ins.

St. George won the final of "A" Grade in interclub and also the Referee Shield for the most individual winners in the State Championships. The 4th Annual Carnival was held at Hurstville before 10,000 people. History was made by the appearance for the first time in the St. George Carnival of famous international athletic stars

who had come to Australia to compete in the British Empire Games. Distance athletes were overshadowed by the performances of the track men, but Ray Mettam, after many open fastest times, brilliantly won the State 10,000 metres; the last winner for St. George was Charlie Weeks in 1925.

St. George lost the teams race in the 10,000 Metres for the first time in 5 years. I was still able to lead the St. George boys home in the 10 and 15 Miles.

Ray Mettam represented N.S.W. in the 10,000 Metres Australian C.C.C. at Adelaide, while Harry Gibbons competed as an individual and actually beat Ray in the event under very heavy conditions.

The 1938/39 season was considered one of the most constructive periods in the history of the Club with splendid Club spirit and sportsmanship. Ernie Evans in his first season won the State Novice in course record time of 26mins. 23secs. for 5 miles. Harry Gibbons won the Club 5 Miles and 10,000 Metres Championship while I was still able to win the Club's 10 and 15 Miles titles. Harry Gould showed amazing all-round ability during the Track Season running 10 seconds for the 100 yds., also 49.6 for the quarter; he also ran 2.2 for the 880 yds. and exceeded 23 feet on many occasions in the Broad Jump, and he capped a grand year by winning the State Quarter Mile. Brother Arthur also ran 10 seconds for the 100 yds.

Jack Mumford who did little running, was able to retain his State 220 title.

Our young "D" Grade team were undefeated in Interclub, and Basil Dickinson won the State Decathlon with 5267 points.

The 5th Annual Carnival was held at Hurstville Oval and the most notable competitors included Decima Norman, triple Empire Games 1938 Champion, Pat Boot of New Zealand, 880 Empire Games Champion. Boot won the half mile in 1m.55.6s., the best time ever at Hurstville Oval. Nearly 10,000 witnessed a grand meeting.

The St. George Schoolboy Championships were held at Hurstville Oval for the first time and a notable winner was Ray Lindwall who scored in Broad Jump and 880 yds. Lindwall, of course, later became one of Australia's finest cricketers.

For the period 1939-1946 I propose to cover rather briefly for during this time Athletics like all other forms of sport was interrupted by the intervention of the War, yet on different occasions some outstanding performances took place.

On the 29th June, 1939, Alderman Sid Binder passed away. He had been our Auditor since 1922 and had looked after our interests, particularly during his long association with Hurstville Council.

Ernie Evans was our best distance runner in 1939 and Harry Gould was our star during the Track Season.

The 6th Annual Carnival was held at Hurstville Oval with an attendance of 4,000.

The Australian Track Championships set down for Perth were cancelled on account of the War.

The 20th Annual Report contained the following slogan — "Help the War effort before your Club" — which I thought was admirable. Later the Club membership was reduced considerably as nearly all our Senior athletes were either in the Forces or assisting the War effort.

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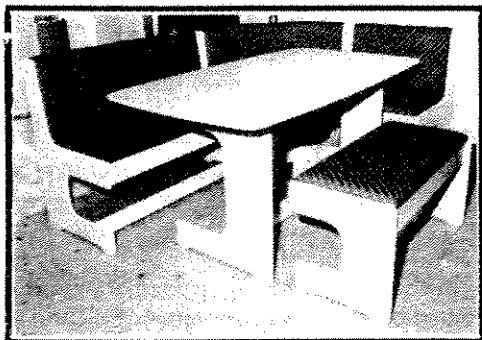
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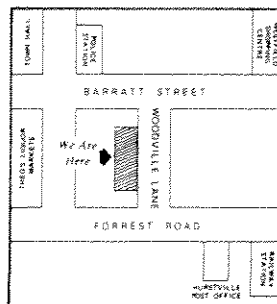
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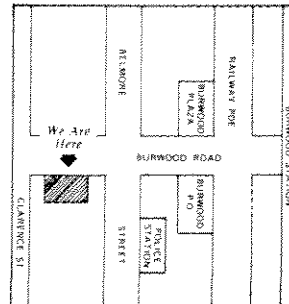
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For one approaching 38 years I had a grand season, winning every Club Championship and the Club Point Score for the 3rd year in succession. I also had a thrilling win, the 15 Mile Scratch Race at Manly which, in effect, was the 15 Mile State Championship. Arthur Gould was one of our keenest track men at this stage and brought off a great surprise when he won the Dunn Shield in 51secs. Captain Peter Tancred created a Club record of 6ft. 2ins. in the High Jump which is still the record.

The St. George Ladies won the 'A' Grade Interclub during this year.

The 21st year of the Club found us all in the midst of War and this milestone in our history went by without celebration. Our outstanding achievements and most prominent athletes are amply covered in this report. Two ladies who friendship and help with the Club to this stage were Mrs Colvin and Miss Nell Gould (who is still an Official).

The Track Season was curtailed frequently as the lights on Hurstville Oval were often turned off owing to the War position. The 15 Mile Modified Marathon was held from Hurstville Oval this year in conjunction with the St. George Schoolboy Championships.

Our 1942/43 Report announced our first War casualties of our fellow athletes who paid the supreme sacrifice and they were:-

Sergeant Air Gunner Len Wallis; Sergeant Observer Dick Barrow; Flight Sergeant Len Brennan.

The Track Season was practically carried on by Junior athletes and the only few Senior athletes available included Stan Sherringham, Fred Slater, Ern Watson and Bert Sheiles.

During the Distance Season St. George did reasonably well to gain 2nd place in all teams events. It was during the War years particularly that Arthur Henderson did a magnificent job for distance athletics generally. Lighting at Hurstville Oval was banned again and the St. George Schoolboy Championships were cancelled.

The 23rd year was yet another year held under adverse conditions through the War position. Track competition was again mainly carried on by the Junior athletes of the Club. Our best Junior was Ern Watson who also won the Blackshaw Award. Jack Hayes was our best distance runner and Les Williams again won the Point Score.

The 24th year of the Club saw great improvement in the Club, with a record membership of 117. We won the State Novice teams race with Bob Skinner, Fred Slater, Tony Corkill and Sid Randells. Jim Weeks was our outstanding Junior and at this stage there were 4 members of the Weeks family competing, namely: Charlie the father, and sons Jim, Jack and Ken.

During the track season we won "C" Grade undefeated while Arthur Jenkins won the State 3 Mile in 15min. 3secs. and Bert Sheiles won the Javelin with 169ft. 8ins.

Lights were again banned at Hurstville Oval and athletes competed Wednesday afternoons. An interesting feature of the Club Track Championships was that Charlie Weeks who won the 880, and I won the Mile Walk, was that we had competed together as far back as 1922. I still remained unbeaten in the Club 15 Mile.

The 25th year saw the end of the War and the return of many of our athletes. Our "A" Grade team finished 3rd in the Interclub. The 5th Annual Schoolboy Championships, organised by Fred Larcombe of Kogarah Intermediate High School, attracted record entries of 524 in 37 events. George Gedge made his first appearance as a Juvenile and won 6 Club Championships in this division. The distance season was very quiet for St. George, the best athletes being Bob Skinner, Senior, and again Jim Weeks as a Junior.

Probably the outstanding achievement during the 26th year was Bert Sheiles' Australian Championship win at Perth in the Javelin with a throw of 177ft. 8½ins.

Jim Weeks had a great distance season winning the State Novice, also the 5,000 Metres State Junior event and finally he represented N.S.W. in the Australian C.C.C. at Brisbane.

This was the year that St. George sent a track team to Tasmania with Bill Ahern, Manager. Veteran Charlie Weeks ran well to gain 9th place in the State 10,000 Metres and he finished the season by taking out the Point Score. Jim Bailey already showing promise, won the Club Junior Titles for 880 yds. and the Mile.

The 27th year saw Cliff Oates win the State Pole Vault at 11ft. 6ins., the only St. George Athlete ever to win this event, then Cliff vaulted 12ft. 0ins. to gain 2nd place in the Australian Title. The Interstate Athletic Carnival was again held at Hurstville Oval before a big crowd. The best performance was that of John Treloar who won the hundred in 9.8.

Jim Bailey was already asserting himself when he won the State Junior 440 in 51secs. and the Half Mile in 2min. 6secs. Jim also won the Blackshaw Trophy.

The 7th Annual Schoolboy Championships attracted 1,096 entries which created a record. Fourteen records were broken and it was at this Meeting that footballer to be, Reg Gasnier, won the under 9 years 50 yards Championship. Distance athletes had rather a lean Season but we did finish a team in the State Marathon headed by Ernie Palmer. The Semple brothers and Harold Duncan were our best Seniors while Frank Thornton at this stage was our outstanding Sub-Junior.

St. George Club won the Norman Shield for the neatest attired athletes.

The 28th year of the Club was one of great activity and success. The two International Meetings at Hurstville Oval featuring the famous Fanny Blankers-Koen of Holland, Herb McKenley, Jamaica, and Lloyd La Beach, attracted tremendous interest and both Meetings were attended by capacity crowds spilling over on to the athletic track. Herb McKenley ran 330 yds. in 30.4 seconds, an Australian record, while Fanny Blankers-Koen won the 80 metres Hurdles in 11.3secs., only 1/10th of a second outside her winning Olympic run at London. Marjorie Jackson won the 100 yds. in 11.2.

Another record of 1,482 entries was received for the St. George Schoolboys Championships so capably organised by Fred Larcombe and Les Grant.

Jim Bailey, improving all the time, ran a dead heat in the Australian Half Mile in 1min. 54.7secs.

George Gedge as a Junior won the 220 yds. Hurdles in the record time of 24.9secs. Ern Watson won the State



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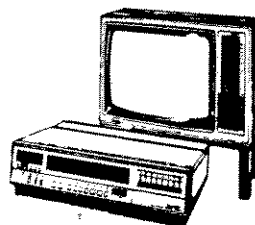
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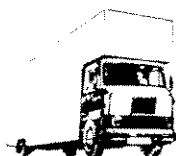
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120 Hurdles in 15.6. St. George Juniors 4x110 relay teams and 4x220 both won the State Championships in Australian record times of 43.4 and 1min. 31.7secs.

During the distance, Ern Palmer ran in the Victorian Marathon and his time of 2 hours 49mins. was his best ever. Clive Marstaeller was our best runner during the Season and he represented N.S.W. in the 10,000 Metres Australian at Melbourne, finishing 15th. For the first time in my career I was beaten in the Club 15 Mile Championship by Harold Duncan. I had been running in this event from 1922, although I could have missed running on some two or three occasions. We finished the year with a record membership of 252.

The 29th year was another grand year for the Club and probably the outstanding performance was that of George Gedge in winning the Australian 220 Hurdles in 23.9secs. George was then picked to represent Australia in the British Empire Games, Auckland, and he ran brilliantly to make the 440 Hurdles final. His best time was in the semi-final with a run of 53.9secs. Jacqueline Baumann of the St. George Ladies' Club also represented Australia at these Games in the High Jump.

Aleksis Hakelis joined the Club and straight away he excelled in the Javelin creating State and Australian records with a throw of 200ft. 1½ins.

This was the year that we had another International Athletic Carnival at Hurstville Oval, 17/2/50, when the British Members of the British Empire Games team made their only appearance in Australia when returning from Auckland. A large crowd attended and prior to the Meeting the Mayor of Hurstville, Alderman N. Macpherson, extended them a Civic Welcome.

The St. George Schoolboys' Championships again attracted a record entry of 1,914 which, at the time, was considered the largest entry for any School Meeting in Australia.

St. George Club this year sent their second team to Tasmania where they met with indifferent success through illness.

The Distance Season was the Club's most successful for some years. At Campbelltown where the State 10,000 Metres was held, we brilliantly won all teams races viz., Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior with Laurie Barton winning the Mile Sub-Junior. Frank O'Hanlon won the Novice C.C.C. at Ramsgate in 27 mins. equalling the best time for the race. We again conducted the State Marathon from the Rockdale Town Hall with Claude Smeal a newcomer, being the first Club man in 6th place. Old-timer, Albert Blyth, won the Eastern Suburbs Open and I won the Point Score.

The 30th year was yet another year of great activity with brilliant performances from Aleksis Hakelis who won the Australian Javelin with a fine throw of 204ft. 2½ins., and Jim Bailey who also won the Australian Half Mile at Hobart in the near record of 1min. 54.9secs. George Gedge had another great Season winning the 200 metres and 400 metres Hurdles in 23.8secs. and 53.8secs. at the Jubilee Championships, Sydney, and then he went to the Canterbury (N.Z.) Centennial Games being runner-up in both the low hurdles. Ern Watson created a surprise when he won the 110 Metres Hurdles at the Jubilee Meeting beating the French champion, Andre Marie, in 15.2secs.

Aleksis Hakelis later in the Season outclassed all opponents to win the State Javelin with a record throw of 208ft. 8½ins., while Jim Bailey won the Half easily in 1min. 55.1secs. and Jim Vickers the 120 Hurdles from Clubmate Ern Watson.

One of the outstanding features of the distance season was the winning of all championships by Claude Smeal who also finished 2nd in the State 15 Mile.

Our Juvenile and Sub-Junior distance runners were invincible and apart from Bill McAllister and Ralph Wragg winning the titles the teams events were won very easily. The State Marathon was again held at Rockdale and on this occasion some 5 or 6 Victorians competed and they were billeted at our Club Headquarters, Ramsgate, where Mrs Saillard helped untiringly.

The 31st year was another busy year for the Club and one of the outstanding features of the year was the N.S.W. v. Victoria match at Hurstville Oval where Don McMillan, Victoria, established the Australian record for 880 yds. in 1min. 52.4secs. and John Landy, practically unknown, won the Mile in 4min. 15secs.

Jim Bailey went to France to fit himself for the Helsinki 1952 Games but the venture was not successful as he did not return to Australia in time to condition himself for the Australian Championships. Aleksis Hakelis again proved himself the finest Javelin exponent when he won the Australian Title at Brisbane.

Interclub saw Albert Thomas (to become World record holder for 2 and 3 miles) appearing in "E" Grade and gaining 2nd places in the Club 880, 1 mile and 2 Mile Junior Championships.



Len Chinnery, former State Shot Put and Discus Throw champion at the Interclub in December, 1963.

George Gedge again ran very well to be narrowly beaten by Doubleday in the Australian 220 and 440 yds. Hurdles.

Ern Watson won the State 120 Hurdles in 15.2 while George Gedge won both the 220 and 440 Hurdles in 25.3 and 53.8. Aleksis Hakelis won the Javelin at 203ft. 6ins.

The St. George Medley Relay Team of Jim Bailey, George Gedge, Frank Thornton and Ern Watson won the State Title in 3min. 32secs. State record.

During the Distance Season, Junior, Sub-Junior and Juvenile Athletes were invincible. George Freeman won the Junior 5,000 Metres, Dennis Wilson the Sub-Junior Mile and Warren West the Juvenile Mile. We easily won all teams events.

Claude Smeal won the State Marathon at Richmond in 2 hours 48min. 6secs. This was the year that we sent a distance team to Brisbane headed by Fred Slater gaining 2nd place in the teams event and easily winning the Junior event with George Freeman also the teams event.

Dennis Wilson as a Sub-Junior, was considered the most outstanding athlete in the distance section after he had beaten everyone in brilliant style and his 4min. 44secs. at Scarborough Park was a remarkable effort.

The 32nd year was yet another good year for the Club. Claude Smeal in dramatic circumstances, was selected to represent Australia in the Marathon at the Helsinki Olympic Games, 1952, after flying direct from the War front in Korea to join the Australian team in London. Jim Bailey was our outstanding athlete of the year when he won the State 880 yds. and 1 Mile and during the season he was sensationally disqualified at Peth in the Half and Mile Australian titles by an over-zealous W.A. official for minor incidents. Jim established a State record for the Mile at 4min. 13.2 secs. and 1500 Metres, 3min. 56.2secs. Dennis Wilson confirming earlier promise, won the Sub-Junior State Miles track and distance, 4min. 34.8secs. Our Club Senior team again won the Mile Medley State Title and the Juniors consisting of Keith Short, Col Clarke, Ron Shoveller, Barry Spencer and Mert Miles won both the State relays over 440 yds. and 880 yds. State titles were won by George Gedge, 440 yds. in 49.4; Aleksis Hakelis, Javelin 186ft. 4ins.; Keith Short Junior 220 Hurdles, 25.8 and the Junior relays 4x110 and 4x220. Our young distance runners again proved themselves supreme when they won all State teams events for Juvenile, Sub-Juniors and Juniors.

In the 5 Mile State Novice, St. George did very well to win the teams event while George Freeman and David Sheaves (son of Jack Sheaves) gained 2nd and 3rd places.

Albert Thomas, already showing improvement, won the Club Junior titles at 2 Mile, 5000 Metres and the Point Score with 124½ points. Club membership stood at 216, the third largest in the history of the Club.

The 33rd year saw another good year with Jim Bailey again our best athlete, when he won the Australian 880 yds. in the record time of 1min. 53.2secs.

Probably the outstanding feature during the year was the brilliance of our track Juniors, Keith Short, Dennis Wilson, Harold Sherlock, Colin Clark, Barry Toovey,

Tony Puren, Mert Miles, Barry Pery and Albert Thomas, Athletic authority, Arthur Hodsdon, Secretary-Treasurer A.A.U. of Australia, stated at the time that he could not recall a more brilliant team of Junior athletes which was indeed high praise. This team won the Wallace Shield for Junior Championships, scoring 83 points to 53 points. In the State Relays the Juniors won every relay and in the medley, Dennis Wilson, Mert Miles, Keith Short and Colin Clarke ran an Australian record of 3min. 40.4secs. Junior Championships were won by:-

Keith Short, 100 yds., 10.2secs.; Keith Short, 120 yds. Hurdles, 15.3secs.; Colin Clarke, 220 yds., 22.2secs.; Dennis Wilson, 880 yds., 2min. 1.3secs.; Tony Puren, Broad Jump, 21ft. 9ins.; Tony Puren, Hop Step and Jump, 44ft. 1in.

State Senior titles were won by Jim Bailey, Mile 4min. 13secs., and George Gedge, 220 Hurdles, 24.2secs.

Brilliant Sub-Junior John Lester, established a 90yds. Hurdles in record time of 11.2secs.

At the Hector Hogan Carnival, Jim Bailey established a resident State record of 1min. 52.8secs. for the 880 yards. The distance season was not a good one, the brightest features being the winning of the 5 Mile State Novice by Jim Bailey and the retaining of State Junior 5000 Metres teams title.

Probably our outstanding athlete during the 34th year was Albert Thomas who was confirming his earlier promise when he won the 5 Mile Novice in the record time of 26min. 50secs., and his 4min. 14.6secs. for the Mile, only bettered by Jim Bailey. Our Junior Athletes again performed very well and in winning the State 4x880 Relay they established an Australian record of 8min. 14.6secs., the winning team being Barry Toovey, Harold Sherlock, Dennis Wilson and Karl Robertson.

Our young distance athletes were again invincible, winning all teams events as follows:- 1 Mile Juvenile, Rodney Jolliffe, winner; 1 Mile Sub-Junior, 500 Metres Junior, Harold Sherlock, winner.

Other notable happenings and performances during 1954/55 were:-

- (1) St. George Schoolboys Championships record entry 2118.
- (2) Aleksis Hakelis won State Javelin 193ft. 6ins.; Keith Short won State 120 Hurdles, 15.1secs.; John Lester won State Junior Hurdles in 15.8secs. and the 220 Hurdles in 25.6secs. while Barry Toovey won the Mile Junior easily in 4min. 28.5secs.
- (3) Bill Ahern managed the N.S.W. team to the Australian Championships, Adelaide, February, 1955 and of the 4 St. George Athletes who represented Keith Short did best by gaining 3rd place in the 120 yds. Hurdles.
- (4) Dennis Jolliffe in the under 17 years at the N.S.W. Schoolboy Championships won 3 events; High Jump, 5ft. 6ins., Broad Jump, 20ft. 8½ins. and the Hop Step and Jump, 43ft. 11½ins. record.
- (5) Before Jim Bailey left for the British Empire Games in Vancouver a most successful appeal for funds was made, headed by Alderman Mallard, Mayor of Hurstville and I was the Organising Secretary. Jim, when competing in the 880 and



while holding a prominent position, broke his foot. Some months later Jim won the 880 yds. Pacific Coast Championship, Seattle in 1min. 51.5secs. the best ever by an Australian.

The 35th year generally was not a good year but one of the redeeming features was the brilliant running of Albert Thomas who established State records for 2 Miles, 8mins. 54secs. and 3 Miles 13mins. 36secs. also his 6 Mile run of 28mins. 38.8secs. Albert was also our best Senior athlete during a poor distance season. Our Sub-Junior and Juvenile distance athletes were still outstanding however, winning the Sub Junior teams events 4 x 1 Mile Relay for the 4th year in succession also the Sub Junior 1 Mile and Juvenile 1 Mile with Graham Towers winning the Juvenile event.

During this year the death of Wal Hasler on the 5th January, 1956, occurred. Wal, a Life Member, was Secretary from 1924 to 1934 and it was during this period that St. George became one of the strongest clubs in N.S.W. and practically unbeatable in the distance season. Wal was a kindly soul and one of my closest personal friends and his sad loss to the Club was especially felt amongst the old members.

As the 35th year was closing, Club Members were thrilled to hear that Jim Bailey had recorded a brilliant victory over his countryman John Landy in the Mile at Los Angeles on the 5th May, in 3mins. 58.6secs. Club enthusiasts thought Jim would get close to 4 minutes but no one expected him to get so close to the World's Record of 3mins. 58secs. and also defeat John Landy, the World's record holder.

The 36th year of the Club saw the most momentous year in Australian Athletic History as during this year the 16th Olympiad was held at Melbourne from 22nd November to 8th December, 1956. St. George had the honour of two of its members being selected, Jim Bailey, 1500 Metres, 800 Metres and Albert Thomas 5000 Metres. Your Club gained further prestige when 10 of our officials were selected to positions at the Games. The officials elected were:-

Bill Ahern, Fred Eggleton, Reg Jolliffe, Ray Short, Field Games; W.R. Mackenzie, A. Henderson, E. Williams, F. Slater, Sector Officials Marathon Walks; Morrie Moroney, Timekeeper Marathon and Member International Walking Panel; I was a member of the Olympic Games Organising Committee, Chief Sector Official, Marathon and Walks and Organising Secretary, British Empire v. U.S.A. match, Sydney.

At the Games, Jim gave the early impression after his run in the heat of the 800 Metres that he could be a strong contender for the 1500 Metres and a possibility of a place in the 800 Metres. However, good fortune was not to be his, as a day before the 800 Metres he was not well and he developed Hay Fever in a severe form which stopped him from starting in his favourite event, the 1500 Metres, in which many shrewd athletic men thought he could win. In my long association with Athletics I cannot recall more cruel luck to befall an athlete.

Those who saw Albert Thomas win his heat of the 5000 Metres in 14mins. 14.2secs. at the Games were very thrilled and then in the Final we saw him as a lone Australian finish 5th in the time of 14mins. 04.8secs.

Albert's time was better than any previous Olympic victory, including the great Zatopek who won at Helsinki. It was a great year for Albert as later he further proved his world class by defeating Ibbotson of England in the 3 Mile event, 13mins. 39secs. at the British Commonwealth v. U.S.A. match at Sydney, 5th December, 1956. Albert certainly went from victory to victory and during the season he won the State Mile in 4mins. 8.8secs. the 6 Mile in 28mins. 30.4secs. record, the Australian 3 Mile in 13mins. 37.6secs.

Other track athletes who did very well during this season included:-

Frank Thornton, 880 yds. 1min. 51.8secs. also 1st State 880 yds.

John Lester, 120 yds Hurdles, 14.5secs.

Rodney Jolliffe, 1st Sub-Junior 880 yds. 2mins. 01secs. record State.

The Australian Championships were held in Melbourne and St. George provided the following 6 Athletes for the State team:-

Albert Thomas, Frank Thornton, Dennis Jolliffe, Keith Short, John Lester and Mert Miles. As mentioned previously Albert won the 3 Mile while John Lester and Keith Short finished 2nd and 3rd in the 120 yds Hurdles.

Senior distance athletes again performed poorly in teams events but once again our Sub-Juniors and Juveniles were victorious, and in these sections we have been invincible for years. David Chisholm already showing promise won the State 1 Mile Juvenile Cross Country. This was the distance season as a part of the "Olympic Year" that messages of goodwill from the Mayor of each Municipality were carried to Centennial Park where our distance men gathered after running from Hurstville. St. George filled major places in all divisions including March Past and Dressage: I read the messages to the assembled spectators and athletes and declared the 1956 Cross Country Season open. The St. George Schoolboy Championships meant another great achievement for Fred Larcombe when record entries of 2280 were received. Apart from Athletic achievements it was a most eventful year as we saw the retirement of Bill Ahern, Ernie Williams and myself as an athlete, also the sad passing of Harold Taylor. Bill Ahern retired as General Secretary after 20 years and as I was President during this time I can say without hesitation that Bill did quite a magnificent job and no one could be more sincere. Bill gained a lot from athletics but he put back as much as he took out which so often is not done.

Ernie Williams as distance handicapper for 17 years also did a magnificent job and he will always be recalled for the frequent close finishes in races of all grades. It was during the distance season that I had my last run which covered the period from 1921 to 1956. I had 56 seasons, viz 33 Winter and 23 Summer which is a record that may stand for many years in the Club. My last performance went by practically unnoticed. Throughout my running years I had given a lot to athletics but the friends that I have made through running have been more than ample reward to me. It was also during this year that Harold Taylor died and the Club lost a good friend. Harold is well remembered by old members, and in the early days he was a real stalwart of the Club.

Harold was President of our Club from 1925 to 1936.

The 37th year was another grand year for Albert Thomas as during the Track season he established an Australian open record for 3 Miles in 13mins. 26secs. and a N.S.W. resident record of 4mins. 1.5secs. for the Mile. He won the State and Australian 3 Mile titles and he was awarded the Richard Coombes Memorial Medallion for the most outstanding athlete of the year. Albert finished an excellent year when he gained the honour of being selected to represent Australia at the British Empire Games, Cardiff, 1958. Dennis Wilson had a good year running 1min. 52.7secs. for the 880 yds. and he almost caused an upset in the Australian Mile at Brisbane when he gained a big lead which nearly carried him to victory. Fred Larcombe received 2976 entries for the St. George Schoolboy Championships which is easily the largest meeting of its kind. St. George is indeed fortunate to have a man of the calibre of Fred Larcombe who has done such a wonderful job year after year with these Championships. Distance Athletes particularly the Seniors were still below standard. Our best young distance runners included Brian English, Kev Taylor and Dave Chisholm.

The 38th year of the Club will always be remembered as the year of Albert G. Thomas, the most brilliant athlete ever produced by our Club. Clubs strive for a decade and more to produce an athlete to represent Australia in Olympic and British Empire Games, yet we were able to produce an athlete to make two world records apart from representing his Country in the Olympic and British Empire Games.

This exceptional athlete of course is Albert Thomas who established his world record for 2 Miles in 8mins. 32secs. and 3 Miles in 13mins. 10.8secs. on the Santry Track, Dublin prior to the British Empire Games at Cardiff, Wales, 1958. The performances made by Albert meant that he was one of the first distance runners the world has yet seen, and when he ran these phenomenal times he displaced records held by the famous Hungarian Sandor Iharos. Also on the Sandry Track he ran 3mins. 58.6secs. for the Mile, exactly the same as our Jim Bailey recorded in beating John Landy at Los Angeles, May, 1956.

In the British Empire Games, Albert unfortunately did not produce his Santry performance over 3 Miles when he was beaten into 2nd place by Halberg N.Z. in 13mins. 26secs.

Albert did better in the Mile, securing 3rd place in 4mins. 1.5secs. When Albert returned from Wales he won the 3 Mile Australian Title at Hobart and the State 1 and 3 Mile Titles. During the track season an attempt was made by an Australian team on the World's record for 4 x 1 Mile Relay and they established a record of 16mins. 25.6secs. The outstanding feature of this relay team was that two of the athletes were St. George runners, Dennis Wilson and Albert Thomas, a performance that our Club is extremely proud. Dennis and Albert both recorded the same time in their leg of the relay viz.: 4mins. 6.5secs. Other outstanding performances during this year were as follows:-

Dennis Jolliffe won State Hop Step and Jump, 46ft.

Peter Phillips won Sub-Junior Shot 61ft. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins., record.

Ken Creed won 90 yds. Hurdles 11.6secs.

St. George won 4 x 880 Relay team; Albert Thomas, Dennis Wilson, Frank Thornton and John Burne 7min. 46.2secs.

St. George Team won Junior Interclub Competition.

St. George athletes recorded best A Grade Interclub as follows:-

Frank Thornton 880 1min. 54secs.

Dennis Jolliffe, Hop Step and Jump, 47ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Dennis Wilson Mile 4mins. 11.2secs.

St. George under 16 years 4 x 220 in 1min. 35.1secs. record.

St. George distance athletes won the team events in State titles, Junior 5000 Metres — Sub-Junior Mile — Juvenile Mile and Junior 4 x 2 Mile.

Fred Eggleton established Club record of 150ft. 4ins. in the Hammer.

Albert Thomas was easily our outstanding athlete in the 39th year of the Club when he ran magnificently to record 3mins. 58.8secs. for the Mile on the Sydney Sports Ground this being the second time he had broken 4 minutes for the Mile. He later ran a grand 2 Mile in 8mins. 35.4secs., only 3.4 seconds outside his own World's record. After these exceptionally fine performances Albert's form deteriorated and he was beaten in the Australian 3 Mile for the first time in 4 years.

For the 2nd year in succession Albert won the State Mile and he also won the 3 Mile for the 3rd successive year in 13mins. 32.4secs. During the Winter Season, Albert ran brilliantly to win the State 1,000 Metres C.C.C. in the excellent time of 32mins. 47secs. Further honour came to Albert when he was selected to represent Australia in the 1500 and 5000 Metres for the 19th Olympiad, Rome, August, September, 1960.

Dennis Wilson won the State 880 in 1min. 55.8secs. but in the Australian 880 at Perth he ran 1min. 51.9secs.

During this year we decided to commence our track programme on Hurstville Oval at 6.30 p.m. and the venture met with reasonable success.

Our only team to perform well during Interclub was "G" Grade which won this grade convincingly. George Gedge endeavoured to make a comeback on the track but after a promising start he broke down which was most unfortunate. The Schoolboy Championships attracted 3000 entries approximately and they were conducted very well by Fred Larcombe and his band of fellow teachers.

The distance athletes performed very creditably during the Winter and apart from Albert Thomas winning the State 10,000 Metres a new Star came forward in David Chisholm when he easily won the 5000 Metres State Title in 16mins. 46secs.

The Junior and Sub-Junior athletes again won the State Teams Events while the Juveniles were narrowly beaten. Some of the lads in these teams included David Chisholm, Kevin Taylor, Bob Elphinston, Bob Soper, Ian Scott and Vince Bruce. Veteran Fred Wrightson won the Club Marathon in 3 hours 12 minutes.

Club membership at 179 was most satisfactory as compared with 136 the previous year.

The 40th year was yet another year in which Albert Thomas was our best athlete when he won the State

Mile in 4mins. 10.8secs. 3rd year in succession the 3 Mile 13mins. 49secs. for the 4th year in succession. Albert also won the same events against Victoria in 4mins. 10.6secs. and 13mins. 46secs. but he was surprisingly defeated in the Australian 1 and 3 Mile events at Brisbane. During the year he went to New Zealand and ran a thrilling 2 Mile to dead heat with Bill Baillie in 8mins. 54.4secs., 22.4secs. outside his World's record. Albert had the honour again of representing Australia at the Olympic Games, Rome but unfortunately he did not produce his Cardiff form but he did equal Merv Lincoln's time of 3mins. 46.8secs. in the 1500 Metres and 14mins. 6.2secs. for the 5000 Metres. It was during this year that Jeff Duxbury ran magnificently as a Sub-Junior and later as a Junior and providing he keeps up his training he could easily be our outstanding athlete in the next few years. Jeff brilliantly won the Sub-Junior 3000 Metres State C.C. title in 9mins. 42secs. and later during the Track season he ran 1min. 56.2secs., 1min. 55.8secs. and 1min. 55.4secs. for the Half Mile.

Interclub saw our "D" Grade Boys win their Grade while we gained 2nd Grade 3rd in E and G Grades which was our best Interclub season for some years. Our Junior athletes ran extremely well to win the State Relays 4 x 880 and Mile Medley. Our Winter Season was quite good and it was most pleasing to again win the State Novice Teams Race, an event the Club excelled in in past years. We also won the Teams Race of the State 1500 Metres Juvenile headed by John Lee in 2nd place. Seniors gained 3rd place in both the 10,000 Metres and 10 Mile Teams Events the best recorded for some years.

As usual the Schoolboy Championships were again most successful under the capable leadership of Fred Larcombe and his fellow School Teachers. Club membership at 190 was considered most satisfactory. I now come to the 41st year which is the present year of the Club and when I look back on what I have written I realise that much more could have been said about members, including the many funny incidents that go with a Club; the social atmosphere which incidentally has been remarkable and only recently two of its oldest members to wit, Albert Blyth and myself celebrated our 27th and 34th Wedding Anniversary's before 80 old members from 1921 vintage onwards. Space does not permit me to write more but I may be given the opportunity later to more fully record the history of the Club. This present year again records Albert Thomas our best athlete but on the horizon we have David Chisholm who will probably take over the mantle of Albert when he retires or loses form. Albert achieved a grand ambition and recorded quite a unique performance when he won the Australian Mile in 4mins. 6.9secs. and in doing so was only the second New South Wales man to win this event since the Championships commenced in 1893. During the year Albert made two trips to New Zealand and at Auckland, 16th December, 1961, he defeated Barry Magee over 3 Miles in 13mins. 37secs. Albert also won the State Mile for the 4th year in succession and was 2nd in the 10,000 Metres Australian C.C. Championship at Centennial Park in the most appalling weather that could be recalled in this event. It was in this event that David Chisholm showed such improvement when he finished only 10 seconds behind Albert in

3rd place and in front of David Power. This was David's finest performance which he followed up by gaining 3rd place in the 3000 Metres Steeplechase Australian Championship in 9mins. 8secs. which time would have won the event for the past two years. David also ran 4mins. 12secs. for the Mile which capped a great first year for him in Senior competition.

Our St. George 4 x 880 Relay Team consisting of Frank Thornton, David Chisholm, Dennis Wilson and Albert Thomas ran extremely well to win in 7mins. 49secs. We welcomed to our ranks this year Dennis Tipping (Rome Olympic Rep. 1960) and he showed a welcome return to form to gain 3rd places in the State 100 and 220 yds. The 1960-61 Interclub Season was our best for years when we performed creditably in all Grades. During the Track Season 3 young athletes emerged as Senior Champions in the near future and they were Fleming Barchmann who cleared 12ft. 0ins. in the Pole Vault to equal Cliff Oates Club record 1948, Neil Meredith cleared 6ft. 3¼ins. and 6ft. 3ins. but not always under record conditions and Ian Sharpe who gives promise of following our best Long Jumper ever, Basil Dickinson. These 3 athletes represented N.S.W. in both the Australian Championships and Victoria v. N.S.W. Match. Congratulations once again to Fred Larcombe when the entries for the St. George Schoolboy Championships topped 3,000 easily the largest meeting of its kind in Australia.

Our Senior Distance Runners ran better than the previous year gaining 3rd places in the teams races for the 10,000 Metres, 10 Mile and 2nd in the Marathon. Our Young Distance Runners again ran very well. Malcolm Rooke winning the State Junior 5,000 Metres and with Klaus Stelter, Geoff Elphinston and Ross Proud they also won the teams title. The Junior team easily won the 4 x 2 Mile Relay by 2 minutes. Jeff Duxbury replaced Geoff Elphinston otherwise the team was the same as the 5000 Metres. Malcolm also ran very well during the year to win the State metres Steeplechase in 4mins. 37secs. and the State 2 Mile in 9mins. 22secs. The Sub-Juniors won the State 4 x 1 Mile Relay convincingly.

In September of this year 14 members combined in a relay from Sydney to Newcastle 107 Miles carrying a baton containing messages, from the Lord Mayor of Sydney, the Mayors of Hurstville and Rockdale to the Lord Mayor of Newcastle on the occasion of the Waratah Festival. The relay commenced at 4 a.m. and finished at 3 p.m.

On the occasion of the Australian Track and Field Championships 1962 at the Sydney Athletic Field I had the honour as Senior Vice President of the A.A.A. of N.S.W. and in the absence of the President Sir Charles Moses C.B.E. to introduce His Excellency the Governor of N.S.W. Lieutenant General Sir Eric Woodward, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., who officially declared the Championship Meeting open. To this history I have prepared Club records for 1925-26, 1945-46, 1961-62 for comparison which I feel may be interesting. The 1925-26 records were the first ever prepared and it is to be noted they are Club records only whereas the 1945-46 and 1961-62 records the best performances of members anywhere in Australia. Invariably I am asked

whom I consider the best athletes to pass through the Club and I propose to give the names of the best athletes as shown in the 21st Annual Report for Track and Distance Supplemented by additional athletes Track and Distance 1942 to 1962.

1921-1942

*Track:-* Basil Dickinson, Jack Mumford, Ernie Austen, Bill Mackenzie, Bert Sheiles, Harby Gould, Oscar Matson, Vernon Wallace, Albert Blyth, Gordon Keep, Arthur Gould, Ted Groves.

*Distance:-* Alleyn Gainsford, Charlie Weeks, Ray Mettam, Roy Wright, Albert Blyth, Ern Evans, Gordon Keep, Ted Brooke, Harry Gibbons, Les Brodie, Stan Gainsford, Bob Chadwick and Bert Button.

1942-1962

*Track-* Albert Thomas, Jim Bailey, George Gedge, David Chisholm, Alexis Hakelis, Dennis Wilson, Frank Thornton, John Lester, Cliff Oates, Keith Short, Ern Watson, Duncan Page, Dennis Jolliffe and Fred Eggleton.

*Distance:-* Albert Thomas, David Chisholm, Jim Bailey, Dennis Wilson, Claude Smeal, Jim Weeks, Jack Hayes, Kev Taylor, Barry Toovey.

The best four athletes ever to pass through the Club would be:-

Albert Thomas, Jim Bailey, Basil Dickinson and Jack Mumford.

During the history of the Club we have produced many brilliant athletes, but we have also had many grand officials and naming just a few would include Wal Hasler, Bill Ahern, Arthur Henderson, Ernie Giles, Bert Button, Henry Harwin, Arthur Gould, Ernie Williams, Reg Jolliffe, George Gosling, Jack Coppock, Fred Slater, John Burne, Tony Chisholm, Harold Bennett, Ted Brooke, George Rootham, Bert Sheiles, Morrie Maroney, Wal Townsend, Bill Mackenzie, Bill Pearce and Jack Harris.

I now close this history of the Club and as I said in my Introduction I hope its reading gives some pleasure to present and old members.

**A. GAINSFORD**  
President



(FOUNDED 1921)

## OFFICIAL RECORDS

### CLUB RECORDS

### CLUB BEST ON RECORD IN AUSTRALIA

		1925/26		1945/46		1961/62
100 yds.	10.6	G. Campling	9.8	J. Mumford	9.8	J. Mumford
220 yds.	23.9	E. Groves	21.5	J. Mumford	21.5	J. Mumford
440 yds.	54.4	E. Groves	48.4	J. Mumford	48.4	J. Mumford
880 yds.	2-7.2	J. Brown	1-58.5	A. Blyth	1-51.8	J. Bailey
1 Mile	4-43.7	H. Walker	4-25.0	A. Blyth	3-58.8	F. Thornton
2 Mile	—	—	9-38.0	E. Evans	8-35.0	A. Thomas
3 Mile	16-2.8	W. Liddle	15-3.0	A. Jenkins	13-26.0	A. Thomas
4 Mile	—	—	20-56.4	A. Gainsford	—	—
5 Mile	—	—	26-21.0	A. Gainsford	24-42.0	A. Thomas
6 Mile	—	—	31-49.0	A. Gainsford	28-30.4	A. Thomas
7 Mile	—	—	37-14.8	A. Gainsford	37-14.8	A. Gainsford
8 Mile	—	—	42-41.4	A. Gainsford	42-41.4	A. Gainsford
9 Mile	—	—	48-9.2	A. Gainsford	48-9.2	A. Gainsford
10 Mile	—	—	53-31.4	A. Gainsford	53-31.4	A. Gainsford
Broad Jump	21'2½"	D. McKay	24'6½"	B.C. Dickinson	24'6½"	B.C. Dickinson
High Jump	5'6¼"	W. Potter	6'2"	P. Tancred	6'2"	P. Tancred
Pole Vault	8'10"	O. Matson	10'0"	C. Oates	12'0"	C. Oates —
1 Mile Walk	7-34.8	J. Harris	6-45.0	E.E. Austen	6-45.0	F. Barchmann
3 Mile Walk	24-24.5	A. Harper	22-13.0	E.E. Austen	22-13.0	E.E. Austen
7 Mile Walk	—	—	55-49.0	E.E. Austen	55-49.0	E.E. Austen
120 yds. Hurdles	17-6.0	O. Matson	15-8.0	B.C. Dickinson	14-5.0	J. Lester
220 yds. Hurdles	—	—	26-4.0	H. Gould	23-9.0	G. Gedge
440 yds. Hurdles	64-8.0	H. Bennett	57-8.0	H. Gould	53-6.0	G. Gedge
Hop Step & Jump	42'5½"	F. Matson	51'3¾"	B.C. Dickinson	51'3¾"	B.C. Dickinson
16 lb. Hammer	69'3"	O. Matson	103'2"	W.R. Mackenzie	150'4"	F. Eggleton
16 lb. Shot Put	30'6"	O. Matson	45'5½"	W.R. Mackenzie	45'5½"	W.R. Mackenzie
Discus	106'5"	O. Matson	135'11"	W.R. Mackenzie	147'5"	F. Eggleton
Javelin	146'2"	O. Matson	192'4½"	B.W. Sheiles	208'8½"	A. Hakelis
3000 Metres	—	—	—	—	8-1.5	A. Thomas
5000 Metres	—	—	16-33.6	F. Brooke	14-4.8	A. Thomas
10,000 Metres	—	—	32-58.0	A. Gainsford	29-23.0	A. Thomas
15,000 Metres	—	—	49-55.4	A. Gainsford	49-55.4	A. Gainsford
3000 Metres Steeplechase	—	—	—	—	9-8.0	D. Chisholm
1500 Metres	—	—	—	—	3-43.3	J. Bailey

## 50 YEARS — ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB 1921-71

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### 1921-1930

1921 — President: I.H. Gilson; Secretary: C. Bray  
**THE FIRST RACE**

2½ Mile Scratch Road Race Hurstville/Bexley and return 2/4/21.

1st	A. Gainsford	St. George	
2nd	P. Quinn	Botany Harriers	
3rd	C. Bray	St. George	Time: 15 min.

**First Track Race Hurstville Oval 13/5/21**

**Mile Handicap**

1st	E.E. Austen	40 yds	
2nd	C. Bray	65 yds	
3rd	A.A. Gainsford	50 yds	Time: 5 min 10 sec

Ernie Austen won our 1st State Track Championship when he won the 7 Mile Walk and later he won many Walking Championships, and he then represented Australia at the Paris Olympic Games.

1924: Les Brodie won the 5 Mile Novice Cross Country Championship in 1924. I won the first State Senior title, the 10 Mile in 1924, an event I was to win for the next 4 years.

The greatest success by the distance runners was in 1928 when they won all teams races, four in number, and secured also three individual titles and second in the other individual title.

This all-conquering team included Ned Baker, Albert Blyth, Ted Brooke, Bert Button, Bob Chadwick, Alleyn Gainsford, Stan Gainsford and Roy Wright. Charlie Weeks was our first winner in the State 5 Mile C.C.C. in 1925.

The organising of the 1st Australian Marathon 27/8/27 by the Club was a grand achievement when entries were received from New Zealand and every State. Jack Harris was the Organising Secretary.

Our best track athletes during these early years included Ernie Austen, Jack Cullen, Stan Morton, Don McKay, Charlie Weeks, George Campling, Ted Groves, Fred and Oscar Matson, Jack Batger, Jack Harris, Jack Lockeridge, Harold Bennett and Harold Llewellyn.

### 1930-1940

It was during this period that our track athletes showed great advancement and gained outstanding successes.

At Adelaide 27-29/1/34 in the Australian Championships, St. George athletes Bill Mackenzie, Basil Dickinson, Bert Sheiles won 4 Australian Championships as follows:

Bill Mackenzie	Discus	126'7½"
Bill Mackenzie	Shot Put	42'4½"
Bert Sheiles	Javelin	182'8"
Basil Dickinson	Hop, Step & Jump	47'4½"

Basil Dickinson in 1936 by his magnificent performances in the Hop, Step & Jump and Broad Jump was chosen to represent Australia in Berlin Olympic Games 1936.

Another great achievement was the selection of the following athletes in the British Empire Games, Sydney, 1938: Bill Mackenzie, Bert Sheiles, Vernon Wallace, Jack Mumford, Harry Gould, Basil Dickinson.

Mumford ran brilliantly to gain second place 100 yds, 220 yds to the great Cyril Holmes of England.

St. George won the A Grade Interclub final in 1938 and during 1936/37 St. George won the Glick Shield as the strongest all round Club in N.S.W.

Schoolboy Track Championships were commenced at Hurstville Oval in 1938.

Prior to the commencement of the British Empire Games, we had many international athletes appear at Hurstville Oval, which performances were witnessed by 10,000 people.

In the early 30s Albert Blyth and Oc Matson performed extremely well, winning State and Dunn Shield events.

During this decade we enjoyed continued success with our distance runners, particularly in teams events from 1934 to 1937. Gordon Keep won the Novice and Ernie Evans repeated this performance in 1938. I won the State 15 Mile in 1934 for the fifth time. Athletes who did well in these teams included:

Ray Mettam (State Cross Country Champion 1938), Harry Gibbons, Jim Townsend, Gainsford Brothers, Bert Button, Wal Lawrence, George Gosling and Ron Sleigh.

### 1940-1950

The early 40s found Australia at war and during this period competition was limited. I won the 15 Mile again at Manly for the sixth time and this performance closed my championship career.

In the mid 1940s we saw that fine athlete Charlie Weeks running with his three sons — Jim (winner 1945 5 Mile State Novice C.C.C.), Jack and Ken.

With the war over our athletes returned and in 1949 at Hurstville Oval witnessed the magnificent International Carnivals featuring Olympic and world record holders Fanny Blankers-Koen, Herb McKenley and Lloyd La Beach. We had attendances of 14,000 and 10,000 at these meetings, the crowds covering the cycling track and with 14,000 spectators encroached the grass track.

1949 saw our great junior athletes establish two Australian records:

4 x 110 yds relay	43.4
4 x 220 yds relay	1.31.7

### 1950-1960

Jim Bailey emerged at this time with a Dead Heat in the Australian ½ mile 1.54.7 and in 1950 brilliant George Gedge won the Australian 220 hurdles in 23.9s and then represented Australia in the British Empire Games, Auckland, where he recorded 53.9s in the 440 hurdles final.



Another Javelin thrower appeared when Alexkxis Hakelis joined us and won the Australian title with a throw of 204'2¼" and he repeated this performance by winning the Australian at Brisbane 1952. During this period our Juvenile, Sub-Juniors and Junior Cross Country athletes were invincible, including Denis Wilson, who was to become one of our most outstanding athletes.

Claude Smeal, under dramatic circumstances, flew from the war front in Korea to represent Australia in the Olympic Games Marathon Helsinki 1952. Claude had won State Marathon in 1951 time 2 hrs 48m 6s.

1952 saw Albert Thomas appearing in the Interclub E. Grade and little did anyone guess that he would become our greatest athlete.

In this decade Senior Distance athletes did not perform well, the only bright spots being that of Albert Thomas winning the State Novice and the State Cross Country Championship.

Jim Bailey wins the Australian ½ mile 1951, Hobart 1:54.9 and again at Sydney 1954, 1:53.2, establishing an Australian record!

During 1954 we had outstanding track Juniors, including Albert Thomas, Keith Short and Denis Wilson, who won every State relay, while the Medley team Denis Wilson, Mert Miles, Keith Short and Colin Clark established an Australian record for the mile in 3m 40.4s.

During this decade Albert Thomas ran at his best and to outline his remarkable performances would need many pages. Briefly he represented Australia at the 1956 Melbourne, 1960 Rome, 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games — 1958 Cardiff, 1962 Perth British Empire Games.

**World records 1958** 2 Mile 8m 32s, 3 Mile 13m 10.8s. 4 x 1 Mile relay 16m 25.6s (which team included Denis Wilson)

**World record 1964** Indoor 3 Mile 13m 26.3s. Broke the 4 Minute Mile on 4 occasions.

Won Australian 1 Mile 4 years in succession, won N.S.W. Marathon 2h 29m 4s. He also won the Richard Coombes Medallion 4 times. Established Australian records for 1 mile, 3 mile and 3000 metres.

It was on 5th May, 1956 Jim Bailey beat John Landy at Los Angeles in 3m 58.6s to become the first athlete to break 4 minutes in U.S.A.

He represented Australia at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games and also the Vancouver British Empire Games 1954. At Melbourne he could not start in the 1500 metres, account of severe hayfever, and at Vancouver when holding a prominent position in the 880 yards he snapped a bone in his foot. In my long association with Athletics I cannot recall more cruel luck to befall an athlete.

The 5th January, 1956 saw the sad passing of my dear friend Wal Hasler, who had been 10 years our Secretary and during his term of Secretary, St. George were practically unbeatable at distance running and we were also one of the strongest Clubs in the State.

At the Melbourne Olympics 1956, Albert Thomas and Jim Bailey represented, and we also had chosen the following officials: Bill Ahern, Fred Eggleton, Ray Short, Reg Jolliffe, Bill Mackenzie, Arthur Henderson, Ernie Williams, Fred Slater and Morrie Moroney. I had

the honour to be a member of the Games Organising Committee.

1956 saw the retirement of Bill Ahern after 20 years as a faithful and hardworking Secretary. Ernie Williams, also, retired after 17 years as handicapper.

I finished my running career during 1956 after 56 seasons of competition. Throughout my running years I have given a lot to athletics but the friends I have made through the sport have been ample reward to me. It was during 1956 that Harold Taylor died; Harold was President from 1925 to 1936.

During 1959 the Club was thrilled to have Albert Thomas and Denis Wilson in the World's record relay team 4 x 1 Mile when they recorded 16m 25.6s. Denis, for the next two years, won the State half mile and at Perth 1959 he ran 1m 51.9s in the 880 Australian title.

#### 1960-1970

The past 10 years have been magnificent years and the Club is going from strength to strength and it is a tribute to members that the 50th year has been one of the strongest in the history of the Club. For 6 of the past 10 years we can claim distance supremacy and with our present long distance runners, including Julian Scott, Vic Byrne, Ron Gribble, John Bowers, Graeme Rootham, John Hancock, Mal Rooke, David Chisholm, Mick Dunn, Dave Edwards and Bob Squirrell, we should maintain this supremacy.

In 1961 Fred Larcombe, still organising the St. George Schoolboy Track Championships, received just over 3000 entries — which surely must be a record.

The 1962 British Empire Games at Perth saw our Club represented by Albert Thomas, Dennis Tipping and Len Chinnery. Len Chinnery for some 7 years became our most consistent Field Games athlete since Bill Mackenzie, winning quite a number of State titles with the discus and shot.

George Carruthers joined us during the past 10 years, and with his vast athletic experience he has been invaluable, especially in organising Schoolboy and State Championships which we promote.

One of our best performances in our 50th year was the winning of the Sydney to Bathurst relay of 135 miles in 11h 48m 22s with an average of 5m 17s for each mile and in doing so our 24 runners reduced the State record by 11m 25s.

Our distance headquarters at Scarborough Park National Fitness Hall is proving most successful and it is a great boost to the Club, mainly under the leadership of Nev McGuckin, who is doing a grand job.

To celebrate 50 years of our Club we conducted a 50 mile scratch track run on Hurstville Oval on 21st March, 1971 when some 30 Club athletes started. Dave Edwards won in 6h 29m 41s, with John Bowers the only other athlete to finish in 7h 0m 23s. This is the first time such an event has been contested in Australia, so Dave Edwards can unofficially claim the best on record performance.

John Hancock appeared in 1963 and he went on to win the Australian Junior Mile in 4m 13.8s, State 800 metres in 1m 52.2s and 1500 metres in 3m 53s. Later he established the State record for 800 metres in 1m 49.6s.

Strong relay teams were in evidence during the 1965 and 1967 seasons. State record 4 x 1 Mile was established by John Hancock, Mal Rooke, Ross Proud, and Albert

Thomas in 16m 56.8s and 1967 Australian records were put up by John Hancock, Kev Taylor, Mal Rooke, Ron Gribble and Mick Dunn for 4 x 1500 metres in 16m 0.5s and 4 x 800 metres 7m 50.6s.

At a Bi-Centenary meeting on 5th July, 1970, Greg Glynn created a new Javelin record of 243'11". Greg follows a long line of fine javelin throwers as under:

Oscar Matson, Bert Sheiles, Alexis Hakelis, Bob Seibokas and Peter Lawler.

Graeme Rootham (son of George Rootham — old time distance runner and past Treasurer) joined us 1968/69 and immediately he proved his class over 800 metres by establishing Interclub record of 1m 51.1s and 1st in the State Title 1m 50.4s.

During last Track Season he performed wonderfully to win the Australian 800 metres in 1m 48.8s after already winning the State title in 1m 52.6s.

Overnight our pole vaulting has improved considerably when Dragon Arapovic from Yugoslavia and Bob Watson from Canada joined the Club. Dragon has already won the State title and has established the State record at 14'. Bob has consistently done 12'6", well below his best when he represented Canada at the Perth British Empire Games in 1962.

1969/70 Track Season saw the magnificent running of David Stephenson when he won the Australian Junior 400 Metres title in 47.8s which bettered Jack Mumford's old record of 48.4s when he won the Australian 440 yards title at Brisbane in 1937.

David has also run the 100 metres in 10.7s and the 200 metres in 21.2s. The last Track Season saw us gain 3rd place Interclub A Grade — the best for many years — and we won C Grade, the under 14 years, under 13 years and the invincible under 10 years.

During our 49th year we established a record membership of 257 members as against 250 in 1949 when officials were not registered.

The past 10 years saw the sad passing of Jim Walsh, Patron for many years, on 22/6/64, Ted Ellis 25/5/64, Gladys Gosling 17/8/65, Ray Kelleher 23/12/66 and Oc Matson 25/12/67.

To Nell Gould, President of the St. George District Women's Amateur Athletic Club, I now pay tribute by quoting her "Foreword" in her magnificent booklet on the history of her Club 1928-1970.

"I have been associated with the St. George District Women's Amateur Athletic Club since its inception, and have followed the careers and enjoyed the friendship of its members for more than four decades. Members have come and gone, but all have upheld the ideals of true sportsmanship and good citizenship which have been zealously guarded by the Club.

"One may ask — 'Who was the Club's greatest athlete?' That question cannot be truthfully answered, for as one cannot assemble all the champions of the past and present for competition against each other under the same conditions, it is not possible to make comparisons. Records were broken and will continue to be broken, but times are irrelevant and misleading, for all have competed under different conditions from poor grass tracks to present day surfaces which give tremendous assistance; advances in training methods and equipment; and the added assistance of ideal weather conditions. One can

only reply that each champion was the most outstanding athlete of her time.

"May this record of Club achievement bring happy memories to members, both past and present, and be an incentive to future members to continue to uphold the ideals of the Club."

I agree substantially with what she has said but I shall list herewith those senior athletes who won State Championships or gained a place in Australian Championships during their period of competition from the early years onwards.

#### DISTANCE:

Alleyn Gainsford, Stan Morton, Charlie Weeks, Les Brodie, Roy Wright, Ted Brooke, Albert Blyth, Ern Evans, Frank O'Hanlon, Gordon Keep, Ray Mettam, Claude Smeal, Jim Bailey, Albert Thomas, John Hancock, Vic Byrne, David Chisholm, John Nodwell.

#### TRACK:

Ernie Austen, Oscar Matson, Bill Mackenzie, Bert Sheiles, Albert Blyth, Harry Gould, Jack Mumford, Arthur Gould, Vernon Wallace, Jim Bailey, Arthur Jenkin, George Gedge, Cliff Oates, Keith Short, John Lester, Frank Thornton, Dennis Jolliffe, Ern Watson, Alexis Hakelis, Albert Thomas, Denis Wilson, Ian Sharpe, Michael Smith, Len Chinnery, Bob Seibokas, John Hancock, Peter Lawler, Ron Lund, Dragon Arapovic, Graeme Rootham, David Stephenson (Junior).

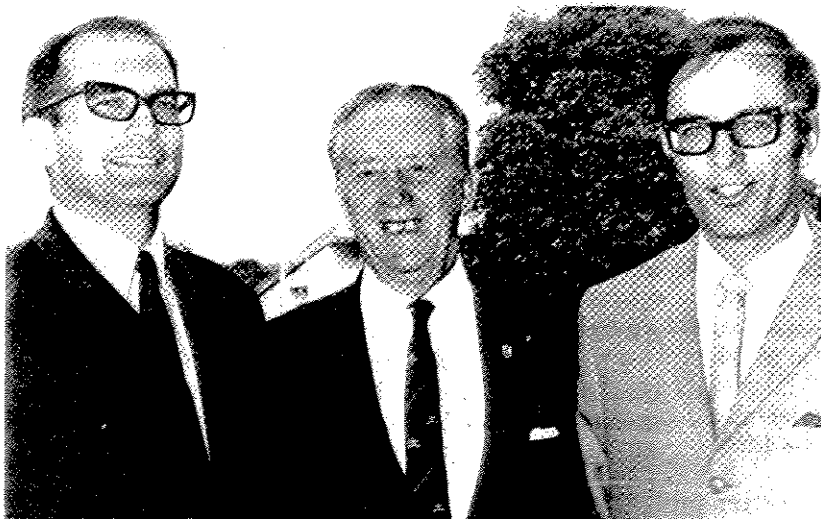
During the History of the Club we have produced many brilliant athletes, but we have had many grand officials and to name them would be too many, but may I say that our present General Secretary, Denis Wilson and Dennis Jolliffe (Treasurer) have not been surpassed, and also we presently have a wonderful band of officials of which I am most proud!

I close this brief report on our wonderful 50 years.

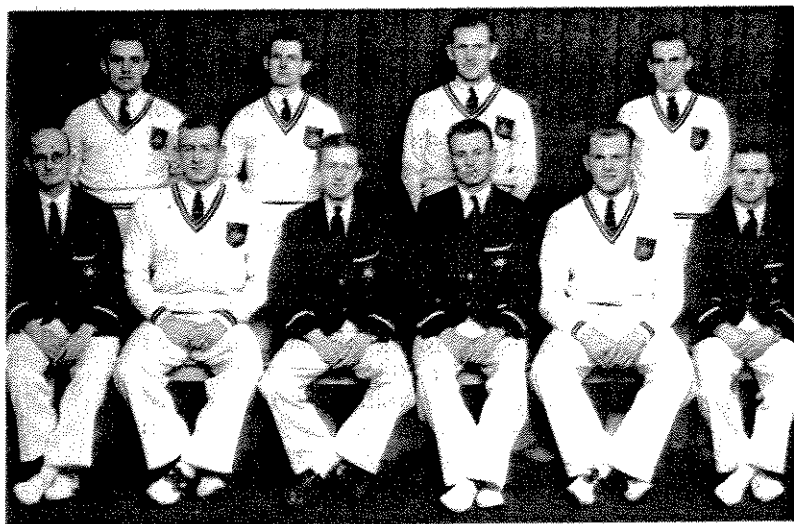
A. GAINSFORD  
President



Left to right: Bert Sheiles (Australian Javelin Champion), Basil Dickinson (Australian Hop, Step and Jump Champion), Bill Mackenzie (Australian Discus Champion, Australian Shot Put Champion) in Adelaide in 1934.



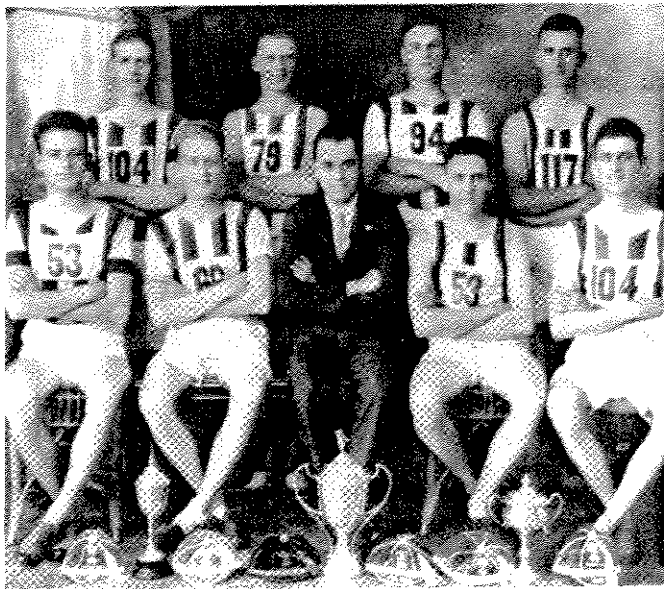
Left to right: Dennis Wilson, Secretary; Alleyn Gainsford, President; Denis Jolliffe, Treasurer.



Left: St. George District Amateur Athletic Club officials and competitors who took part in the British Empire Games in Sydney, February, 1938.

Back row: B.W. Sheiles (Javelin), B.C. Dickinson (Hop, Step and Jump, Broad Jump), V. Wallace (4x440 yds. Relay), H. Gould (Broad Jump).

Front row: E. Pope (Umpire), W.R. Mackenzie (Shot Put, Discus), A.A. Gainsford (Marathon Referee), B.C. Button (Announcer), J. Mumford (100 yds., 220 yds., 440 yds.), W. Ahern (Field Games Judge).



The great 1928 undefeated cross country team which won three State individual titles out of four.





Graeme Rootham, Munich Olympian, Australian 800 Metres Champion, winning Interclub 800 Metres on 16.1.71. Ex Australian Record Holder 800 Metres 1m 46.6s.



Albert Thomas, Triple Olympian, on his way to win N.S.W. 10,000 Metres Cross Country Championship on 27.7.63.



Winner of the first 50-mile race in Australia, Dave Edwards, time 6hr29min41sec, Australian record. Held at Hurstville Oval on 21/3/71, commemorating 50th Year, St. George Club.

## 60th ANNUAL REPORT OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES 1970-1980

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In recent times I have been able to get the very early history of the Club as follows:

- (1) The calling of a meeting to form an athletic club.
- (2) New athletic club.
- (3) Result first race.
- (4) Report of 1st Annual Meeting.



Alleyn Gainsford, President, 1981  
Alleyn Gainsford photo, 1928. Photo shows Alleyn Gainsford, holder State records 6-7-8-9-10 Miles, 10,000 Metres. Also Australian records 10,000 and 15,000 Metres

### HURSTVILLE PROPELLOR FRIDAY, 4th MARCH, 1921

A meeting will be held at Colvins Hall, Hurstville on Monday, 7th March, 1921 with the object of forming an athletic club to be known as the St. George Harriers A.A.C. and to affiliate with the N.S.W.A.A.A.

Objects of the Club will be to promote and foster athletic sports and in view of the possibility of the district system being introduced to athletics as in football the Club should meet with good local support. Mr C.T. Bray of Hillcrest Avenue, Hurstville is acting secretary to the movement and has the support of several prominent athletes who are resident in the district.

### HURSTVILLE PROPELLER FRIDAY, 11th MARCH, 1921 New Athletic Club

At a meeting held at Colvins Hall, Hurstville on Monday night it was decided to form an athletic club in the district. It was resolved that the club be called the St. George District Harriers Amateur Athletic Club.

The meeting was presided over by Mr G.P.S. Parke, Secretary, South Sydney A.A.C. who was supported by Mr T.H. Ferguson, Secretary of the N.S.W.A.A.A. and several prominent persons in the athletic field.

The following officers were appointed:

President: T.H. Gilson

Hon. Secretary: C.T. Bray

Hon. Treasurer: S. Taylor

Captain: W. Dalton

Vice-Captain: J. Martin

Handicappers: J. Batger Snr., H. Vaughan

The subscription was fixed at 3/- per annum.

The next meeting will be held Colvins Hall on Wednesday, 16th, at 8pm.



### ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB 1925-1926

BACK ROW — L. Robinson, F. Matson, Jr., W. Graham, A. Harper, E. Mavin, J. Henningham, N. Moroney, H. Taylor (Handicapper), T. Green, H. Walker, C. Wilcoxon, L. Dunbar, A. Amphlett, R. Chadwick, Snr., W. Hasler, E. Lemon.  
SECOND ROW: E. Atherton, S. Gainsford, N. Ellis, H. Bennett, W. Potter, W. Tilt (Vice-Captain), J. Harris (Hon. Treasurer), S. Norton, E. Giles, E. Fisher, R. Medlin, J. Walsh.  
SITTING: H. Nelson (Hon. Secretary), F. Matson, Snr., O. Matson, Ald Collier (Mayor of Hurstville), E. Austen (Olympic Representative), T. Gilson (President), A. Gainsford (Captain), M. Gosling, M.L.A., L. Brodie, E. Groves.  
FRONT ROW: J. Jones, C. Bartlett, C. Jones, R. Chadwick, Jr., S. Heathwood.

(Photo by Parker Studios)

### THE FIRST RACE

The first race was held on a very wet day at Hurstville, Saturday, 2nd April, 1921 over a 2½-mile scratch road course.

Result:

1st A. Gainsford	St. George	Time: 15 mins.
2nd P. Quinn	Botany Harriers	
3rd C. Bray	St. George	

The course was from the premises of our first President, T.H. Gilson, Chemist, opposite Hurstville Post Office along Forest Road to Willison Road and return, and the prize was a V.P. Kodak Camera, which is still in my possession.

## HURSTVILLE PROPELLOR

FRIDAY, 10th MARCH, 1922

### St. George District Amateur Athletic Club

The 1st Annual Meeting of the Club was held at the Masonic Hall, Hurstville and the Annual Report presented showed a successful year's work.

The new Club members were successful in open competition.



The year closed with 67 members and 9 new members were elected at the Annual Meeting.

Credit balance of 12 pounds 3 shillings was carried forward.

Officers elected for ensuing year: President — T.H. Gilson, Secretary — A. Gainsford, Treasurer — A. Horrocks, Delegates to A.A.A. — J. Batger, E.E. Austen and A. Gainsford.

#### 1970-1980

During the above 10 years many fine athletes have run for St. George, the State and Australian including Graeme Rootham, Stephen Gee, Vin Plant, Bill Bird, Jnr., Lawrie Whitty, Gary Cox and John Andrews.

**Graeme Rootham** won the 800 Metres Australian Championships 3 years in succession as follows:

1972 — time 1 min. 46.5 sec. — Australian record

1973 — time 1 min. 48.5 sec.

Graeme had already won the Australian Half Mile in 1971.

After his great season in 1971/72 he represented Australia at the Munich Olympic Games and then in 1973 and 1974 he represented Australia at the Pacific Games, Toronto and the British Commonwealth Games at Christchurch, New Zealand. A magnificent athlete he was chosen as our finest athlete for 5 years in succession for the Alleyne Gainsford trophy.

**Stephen Gee** burst into Australian athletics with a most surprising win in the 400 Metres and his record in Australian events are as follows:

1974 — time 47.1 sec.

1975 — time 46.4 sec.

It was during 1975 that Stephen created an Australian record over 400 Metres at Melbourne when he ran a great 45.7 seconds. He was expected to represent Australia at the 1976 Montreal Olympics but a severe injury precluded him from competition. Stephen was elected our Best Athlete for 1974 and 1975.

Graeme Rootham and Stephen Gee won many State Championships and their Interclub records still stand.

**Vin Plant**, a great hurdler over 110 Metres joined our Club 1976 and straight away he made his presence felt at the Australian level as follows:

1977 — 1st — Australian 110m Hurdles — time 14.0s.

1978 — 1st — Australian 110m Hurdles — time 14.1s.

Vin was most successful also in winning State titles and special events over 110m Hurdles and his Club record for the Hurdles stands at 13.7 sec and 10.4 sec for the 100 Metres. He was adjudged our Best Senior Athlete for 3 years in succession.

**Lawrie Whitty** joined our Club in the 1975/76 season and this magnificent young athlete made an immediate impact in the State when he won the Sub-Junior 5000 Metres (State) in 14 min 36 sec. He has improved his performances from year to year and without doubt he is the best marathon athlete in N.S.W.

Lawrie has won quite a number of State Championships, track and winter but I list below his Australian wins:

1977 — 1st — Junior 8k CCC — time 24m.30s.

1980 — 1st Australian Marathon — time 2h.19m.

1981 — 1st Australian Track 10,000 Metres — time 29m.49.7s.

Mention must be made of Lawrie's magnificent performance at Fukuoka, Japan when he recorded 2 hr 15 min 23 sec in an International Marathon which easily breaks his previous Club record of 2 hr 19 min.

**Bill Bird**. One of our best Junior track athletes in the mid seventies especially over 400m Hurdles, won many State Hurdles, also interstate and his best performances in Junior Australian titles were as follows:

1976 — 1st — Australian 400m Hurdles — 53.9

1977 — 1st — Australian 400m Hurdles — 53.3

Bill, a very fine young man, holds nearly all Club records for hurdle events up to Junior level.

**Gary Cox** joined our Club in 1977 and he soon became our best 400m Hurdler and he established the Club record of 51.2 sec. Gary won the State titles in 1977 and 1978 and his best performance was as follows:

1977 — 1st — Australian 400m Hurdles — 51.2 sec.

Unfortunately for our Club Gary is now living in Perth.

**John Andrews**. This brilliant athlete joined our Club in 1979 and it is safe to say that at present with Lawrie Whitty we have the two finest distance runners in N.S.W. and amongst the very best in Australia.

John's most outstanding performances were as follows:

1980 — 1st — State 10,000 Metres — 29m30.6s

1980 — 1st — 10,000 Metres Chatswood — 29.09.2 NSW (resident) record

1980 — — 10,000m Melbourne — 28m40s.

1981 — — 3000m Hamilton (New Zealand) — 8m00.81s.

1981 — — 5000m Auckland (New Zealand) — 13m52.5s.

1981 — 3rd — 10,000m Pacific Conference Games (Christchurch) — 28m41s.

1981 — 3rd — 5000m Pacific Conference Games (Christchurch) — 14m08s.

1981 — 4th — 12,000m Trial for Australian World Cross Country Team — 37m49s.

John represented Australia at the Pacific Conference Games, Christchurch, New Zealand, also at the World C.C.C. at Madrid, Spain.

During the past 10 years we have had some magnificent Relay Senior Teams as follows:

1978 — 4x100m — time 41.5s: R. Gurr, V. Plant, J. Van Stappen, S. Longden-Gee.

1979 — 4x200m — time 1m27.3s (record): J. Sullivan, G. Cox, M. Van der Velde, S. Longden-Gee.

1979 — 4x400m — time 3m15.5s (record): S. Longden-Gee, G. Fortescue, M. Van der Velde, J. Van Stappen.

1972 — 4x1500m — time 15m40.4s: G. Rootham, J. Hancock, P. Glucina, J. Scott. Still State record and probably still Australian Club record.

1976 — 4x800m — time 7m34.7s: G. Rootham, G. Cook, M. Dunn, R. Meagher. State record.

Club records for the lower age divisions are as follows:

Junior 4 x 400m — 1979 — 3.28.8

4 x 1500m — 1979 — 16.34.3

Sub-Junior 4 x 100m — 1979 — 44.7

4 x 200m — 1979 — 1.32.7

4 x 400m — 1979 — 3.37.4

1980 Juvenile 4 x 100m, 4 x 200m, 4 x 400m, 4 x 800m, 4 x 1500m — do.

These teams were made from the following very promising young athletes: R. Fong, D. Barkas, L. Bray, J. Neale, I. Argall, B. Newton, M. Lubrano, M. Candy.

It was during the 1977/78 Track Season that St. George did so remarkably well when they won the A.J. Hodsdon Shield and R.C. Corish Shield for their performances in the State & Relay Championships as follows:

#### A.J. Hodsdon Shield Senior

St. George 29 points

Sydney University 18 points

Ryde-Hornsby 14 points

Randwick-Botany 13 points

#### R.C. Corish Shield Junior

St. George 25 points

Ryde-Hornsby 23 points

Parramatta 17 points

The distance athletes have maintained our supremacy during the past 10 years and since 1977 when a Winter Interclub commenced St. George have won the Premiership 3 times.

With our present long distance runners including John Andrews, Lawrie Whitty, Col Whiteman, Ray Stephenson, Bob Talay, Bob Squirrell, John Bowers, Ron Gribble, Dave Edwards, John Burchett, we should be able to win the Premiership again.

During the Winter Season of 1979 St. George had the distinction of controlling the inaugural meeting 29/7/1979 of the Australian Schools Cross Country Championships at Scarborough Park and they proved to be a great success.

The Secretary-Director of the A.A.A. of N.S.W. advised that Mr Graeme Briggs, the representative of Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, indicated that the Championships could not have been better promoted.



Albert Thomas and Mick Dunn on the track you were not sure who was who.

Club teams travel interstate and within NSW and I recall that during the 1971/72 season young lads under 15 years, 14 years and 11 years travelled to Brisbane and Melbourne and were undefeated. Stan Amos, Bill Bird, Snr. and Fred Scott were the managers of these teams.

Albert Thomas, our best athlete since the Club was formed in 1921, was still our best athlete during 1974 over 5000 and 10,000 Metres and he still competes regularly with the Club today.

Probably one of our best Interclub performances was in the 1975/76 season when we were Premiers in D-E-F Under 16 and Under 13 years grades.

It was during 1971 that great Clubmen Denis Wilson, Dennis Jolliffe and John Bowers were made Life Members and later Ron Gribble in 1975.

Merit awards were made to Fred Eggleton, Morrice Moroney, Greg Page, Albert Thomas, Frank Thornton and Les Williams.

St. George have become quite invincible in the marathon and they have won the teams title 8 times in the past 9 years and for good measure individual winners during this time included Dave Edwards, Bob Talay and Dave McLunes and with our abundance of good marathon men we should again win the teams event and most likely the individual title for 1981.

The past 10 years saw the passing of Les Cossart 18/6/71, Ned Baker 30/6/71, Stan Gainsford 24/2/72, Les Blackshaw 13/4/72, Bob Chadwick 30/8/72, George Gedge Snr. 3/3/73, Ted Grove 13/8/75, Bert Sheiles 13/4/76, Charlie Weeks 1975, Harold Llewellyn 21/4/78, Bill Mackenzie 30/9/75, Fred Larcombe M.Ec. QM 10/3/80.

Club membership for the past decade has averaged 231 yearly and the record number of members was 279 in the 1976/77 year.



Finances of the Club have always been most satisfactory and over the 10 years Club funds have averaged \$4,519 yearly with the highest funds at \$6,404 in 1976.

The first organised event for our 60th year celebrations was held at Harold Fraser Oval, Carrs Park when Col Whiteman, our General Secretary, established a new Club record for 1 hour when he covered 18,480.7 metres (11 miles 850 yards 2'2"), beating John Bowers' 1967 record of 11 miles 557 yards 1'10" (18,212.1m).

Herewith I list those Senior athletes who have won State Championships or gained a place in Australian Championships from 1921 onwards.

#### **DISTANCE**

Alleyn Gainsford, Stan Morton, Charlie Weeks, Les Brodie, Roy Wright, Ted Brooke, Albert Blyth, Ern Evans, Frank O'Hanlon, Gordon Keep, Ray Mettam, Claude Smeal, Jim Bailey, Albert Thomas, John Hancock, David Chisholm, John Nodwell, David Edwards, Bob Taley, Lawrie Whitty, Pat Mahoney, Dave McInnes.

#### **TRACK**

Ernie Austen, Oscar Matson, Bill Mackenzie, Bert Sheiles, Albert Blyth, Harry Gould, Jack Mumford, Arthur Gould, Vernon Wallace, Jim Bailey, Arthur Jenkin, George Gedge, Cliff Oates, Keith Short, John Lester, Frank Thornton, Dennis Jolliffe, Ern Watson, Alexis Hakelis, Albert Thomas, Denis Wilson, Ian Sharpe, Michael Smith, Len Chinnery, Bob Seibokas, John Hancock, Peter Lawler, Ron Lund, Dragon Arapovic, Graeme Rootham, Stephen Gee, Andrew Ratcliffe, Vin Plant, Lawrie Whitty, Milo Bodirosa, Gary Cox, John Andrews.

During the history of the Club we have produced many brilliant athletes, but we have had many grand officials and to name them would be too many, and presently we have a wonderful band of officials of which I am most proud!

I close this brief report on our wonderful 60 years and I say again how proud I am to be a Life Member of it!

**A.A. GAINSFORD, President**



Arthur Peek, Track Secretary, with wife Janet and son Matthew.

## **ANNUAL AWARDS FOR THE 1986-87 SEASON**

#### **A.A. Gainsford Trophy:**

(Outstanding Senior Athlete)

Lawrie Whitty

#### **Robert Nash Trophy:**

(Most Improved Senior Athlete (1986-87))

Alan Stacey

#### **The L.L. Bosman Award:**

(Performance, Sportsmanship, Deportment):

(Outstanding Under 20 Years)

Brennen Shaw

#### **A. Henderson Trophy:**

(Outstanding Under 18 Years)

Tim Clarsen

#### **R.A. Jolliffe Trophy:**

(Most Improved Under 18 Years)

Matthew Tonge

#### **National Fitness Trophy:**

(Best Under 18 Years Cross Country 1986)

Jonathan Cook

#### **A. Gould Memorial Trophy:**

(Outstanding Under 16 Years)

Edward Baral-Steinberg

#### **G. Page Trophy:**

(Outstanding Under 16 Years Cross Country 1986)

Tim Clarsen

#### **H. Gibbons Trophy:**

(Most Improved Under 16 Years Cross Country 1986)

Mark Locke

#### **F. Wilson Trophy:**

(Outstanding Under 14 Years)

Christine Stratford

#### **L.L. Bosman Trophy:**

(Best Hurdler)

Not Awarded

#### **J.J. Walsh Trophy:**

(Outstanding Marathon Runner 1986)

Norm Berger

#### **St. George Trophy:**

(Outstanding Field Athlete)

Not Awarded

#### **Ron Gribble Trophy:**

(Open Grades Track & Field Aggregate Point Score Winner)

Arthur Peek

#### **Albert Thomas Award:**

(Track & Field Encouragement Award for Athletes from 12 Years to 16 Years)

Edward Parker

#### **A.W. Winter Perpetual Trophy:**

(Best Triple Jump Performance)

Greg Scott



(FOUNDED 1921)

# 1986 WINTER SEASON REPORT

by Alan Staples

St. George had a most successful season with some impressive team results.

Team highlights were:

<b>Men:</b>	Open Novice 10K	—	first
	Open 15K Road	—	first
	U/20 10K Road	—	first
<b>Women:</b>	Open Road Relay	—	second
	Open Road Relay	—	second
	U/20 5K Road	—	Second

In the Winter Teams Premiership, St. George men gained 2nd place (37 pts), a welcome improvement on recent years. Our men's B Grade teams gained 3rd place. Our women's teams came 4th (9 pts), their best ever result. Our Club has depth within its ranks but all athletes must support all the Championship events if we are to maintain or even improve on these results.

Outstanding individual performances included:

Lawrie Whitty — 3rd Aust. 15K Road C'ship  
1st NSW 15K Road C'ship

Breenen Shaw — 1st NSW U/20 8K C.C. C'ship

In the NSW Distance Runner of the Year (1986) point-score for men, Matthew Todd (21 pts) came 8th; Lawrie Whitty (20 pts) came 9th. For women, Barbara Bennett (41 pts) came 4th; and Louise Bennett (29 pts) came equal 5th.

Scarborough Park on Saturday afternoons was extremely successful and well-attended. Numbers of athletes, particularly the women, showed an increase on previous years. Club coach, Con Hadjidakis, did a tremendous job in encouraging athletes and his enthusiasm was a valuable asset to the whole Club.

Congratulations to all athletes who gained success during the season and thank you to club athletes who supported St. George during the season. It is your club, and your help and participation are needed if we are to maintain our results in the future.

A most sincere thank you to our hard working officials (including the Social Committee). Many of these people have served St. George so well for many years now. Nevertheless, more help, particularly on our major carnival days, is urgently needed.

## 1986 WINTER POINTSCORES

<b>Senior</b>	1) Bruno Molino	432 points
	2) Chris Stratford	403.5 points
	3) Dennis Jolliffe	400 points

Fastest Times Champion: Gary McClean — 56 points

<b>Intermediate</b>	1) Christine Stratford	322 points
	2) David Page	294 points
	3) Heinz Kunkel	288 points

Fastest Times Champion: Alan Stacey — 36 points

<b>Under 16</b>	1) Narelle Hocking	153 points
	2) Hung Le	148 points
	3) Matthew Donnelly	145 points

Fastest Times Champion: Mark Locke — 70 points

<b>Under 14</b>	1) Suzanne Stratford	159 points
	2) Paul Haggerty	157 points
	3) Graeme Jolliffe	142 points

Fastest Times Champion: Paul Haggerty — 104 points

<b>Under 12</b>	1) Joanne Spriggins	181.5 points
	2) Michael Locke	175.5 points
	3) Daniel Bolton	128 points

Fastest Times Champion: Michael Locke — 116 points

## ST. GEORGE CLUB CHAMPIONS 1986

These results are based on the various N.S.W. Winter Season Championships as well as our own Club Championship day.

<b>MEN Senior</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Novice 10K CC	M. Vassallo	B. Shaw	L. Young
8K Road	L. Young	M. Jones	G. McClean
12K CC	M. Todd	L. Young	T. Gibbons
16K CC	M. Todd	L. Young	A. Mrakovcic
15K Road	L. Whitty	S. Nobbs	B. Shaw
Marathon	N. Berger	F. Scorzelli	S. McClean

<b>Under 20</b>	10K Road	M. Vassallo	R. Baral-Steinberg	R. Deutsch
	8K CC	B. Shaw	R. Baral-Steinberg	—
	5K CC	A. Isaac	D. Page	—

<b>Under 18</b>	6K CC	S. Haggerty	P. Deutsch	—
	5K CC	J. Cook	S. Haggerty	M. Tonge

<b>Under 16</b>	4K CC	T. Clarsen	W. Halmarick	—
	3K CC	M. Locke	G. Argall	H. Le

<b>Under 14</b>	3K CC (Club)	P. Haggerty	C. Berger	G. Jolliffe
	3K CC (NSW)	C. Berger	—	—

<b>Under 12</b>	2K CC (Club)	M. Locke	A. Atkins	D. Bolton
	2K CC (NSW)	A. Atkins	D. Martin	—

<b>WOMEN Snr.</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
Novice 4K CC	L. Bennett	N. McKean	C. Stratford
15K Road	B. Bennett	P. Marshall	C. Batman
Marathon	E. Argall	—	—
8K CC	B. Bennett	L. Bennett	—
5K CC	K. Edwards	N. Thomas	P. Donnelly

<b>Under 20</b>	5K Road	M. Dovey	N. McKean	K. Hayes
	5K CC	K. Hayes	—	—
	6K CC	M. Dovey	N. McKean	—

<b>Under 18</b>	5K CC	C. Stratford	A. Gaborov	S. Smith
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<b>Under 16</b>	3K CC (Club)	N. Singles	N. Hocking	—
	3K CC (NSW)	C. Stratford	A. Gaborov	N. Singles

<b>Under 14</b>	3K CC	S. Stratford	R. Gaborov	T. Cook
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<b>Under 12</b>	12K CC (Club)	L. Horrocks	K. Bindon	M. Bolton
	2KCC (NSW)	L. Horrocks	K. Bindon	S. Stratford

## ST. GEORGE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

2nd August at Ramsgate

<b>MEN Senior 8K Road</b> (Ron Gribble Trophy)	1) Louis Young	24min 49sec
	2) Mark Jones	
	3) Gary McClean	

<b>Under 20 5K CC</b>	1) Adrian Isaac	19min 56sec
	2) David Page	

Under 18 5K CC	1) Jonathan Cook 2) Sean Haggerty 3) Matthew Tonge	17min 24sec
Under 16 3K CC	1) Mark Locke 2) Geoff Argall 3) Hung Le	11min 47sec
Under 14 3K CC	1) Paul Haggerty 2) Craig Berger 3) Graeme Jolliffe	12min 28sec
Under 12 2K CC	1) Michael Locke 2) Andrew Atkins 3) Daniel Bolton	7min 29sec
WOMEN Senior 5K CC	1) Kerry Edwards 2) Nola Thomas 3) Pat Donnelly	25min 21sec
Under 20 5K CC	1) Kimberley Hayes	21min 13sec
Under 18 5K CC	1) Christine Stratford 2) Annette Gaborov 3) Sabina Smith	21min 24sec
Under 16 3K CC	1) Natalie Singles 2) Narelle Hocking	14min 48sec
Under 14 3K CC	1) Suzanne Stratford 2) Rena Gaborov 3) Tanya Cook	13min 51sec
Under 12 2K CC	1) Linda Horrocks 2) Kim Bindon 3) Melinda Bolton	7min 50sec

### ST. GEORGE TROPHY DAYS

Jim Allen Trophy — Senior 10K Road Handicap  
10th May at Ramsgate

1) A. Argall 2) N. Markham 3) C. Stratford  
Fastest Time: C. Whiteman — 33min 02sec

Bill Dalton Trophy — Senior 10 Mile Road Handicap  
31st May at Ramsgate

1) M. Jones 2) J. McKenzie-Hicks 3) D. Gray  
Fastest Time: M. Jones — 54min 10sec

Jack Coppock Trophy — Under 16 3K C.C. Handicap  
12th July at Ramsgate

1) M. Donnelly 2) N. Hocking 3) G. Argall  
Fastest Time: S. O'Connor — 10min 55sec

Greg Page Trophy — Senior 12 Mile Road Handicap  
26th July at Ramsgate

1) C. Stratford 2) R. Gribble 3) R. Stone  
Fastest Time: G. McClean — 65min 24sec

Dick Vaughan Trophy — Senior 12K C.C. Handicap  
6th September at Ramsgate

1) R. McRae 2) J. Irvine 3) N. Markham  
Fastest Time: R. McRae — 40min 54sec

George Carruthers Cup — Open 2K Road Handicap  
27th September at Ramsgate

1) D. Martin 2) M. Tonge 3) C. Stratford  
Fastest Time: A. Stacey — 5min 31sec

### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS — 1986

'Sun' ANZAC DAY NSW MARATHON  
25th April at Sydney

Results	4th	Norm Berger	2hr 30min 37sec
	10th	Frank Scorzelli	2hr 39min 12sec
	15th	Paul Gallaher	2hr 46min 21sec
	26th	David Edwards	3hr 11min 32sec
Teams	4th	St. George	29 points

### N.S.W. NOVICE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 3rd May at Ramsgate

#### MEN SENIOR NOVICE 10K

	2nd	Mark Vassallo	31min 28sec
	3rd	Brennen Shaw	31min 33sec
	6th	Louis Young	32min 22sec
	15th	Tom Gibbons	33min 28sec
	16th	Randolph Baral-Steinberg	33min 34sec
	19th	Warren McCourt	33min 58sec
	23rd	Andrew Mrakovcic	34min 08sec
	31st	Gary McClean	34min 51sec
	32nd	Chris Spriggins	34min 59sec
	33rd	Pat Webb	35min 03sec
	34th	Paul Gallaher	35min 06sec
	41st	Brian McCourt	36min 20sec
	43rd	Stephen McClean	36min 25sec
Teams	1st	St. George	26 points

#### WOMEN SENIOR NOVICE 4K

	1st	Louise Bennett	13min 28sec
	10th	Narelle McKean	14min 56sec
	17th	Christine Stratford	15min 29sec
	19th	Kimberley Hayes	15min 36sec
Teams	3rd	St. George	47 points

#### Supporting Events

#### SENIOR 10K

	4th	Stephen Nobbs	31min 51sec
	8th	Bruce Hansard	32min 32sec
	25th	Alan Stacey	36min 16sec
	32nd	Stephen Bible	37min 09sec
	54th	Gordon Gilshenen	39min 16sec
	61st	Brian Samuel	39min 43sec
	69th	Dennis Jolliffe	40min 48sec
	75th	Chris Stratford	41min 10sec
	76th	Bill Seary	41min 32sec
	80th	Bruno Molino	41min 51sec
	91st	Danny Gray	43min 06sec
	106th	Tom Richards	45min 22sec

#### UNDER 20 4K

	12th	Richard Deutsch	13min 05sec
	13th	Mark Locke	15min 32sec

#### UNDER 18 4K

	8th	Jonathan Cook	12min 48sec
	12th	Sean Haggerty	13min 22sec

#### UNDER 16 4K

	8th	Peter Deutsch	13min 03sec
	10th	Barbara Bennett	13min 08sec
	26th	Pat Marshall	15min 01sec
	50th	Narelle Hocking	17min 10sec
	51st	Julie Page	17min 44sec
	52nd	Gail Stratford	18min 12sec

#### UNDER 12 2K

	14th	Michael Locke	7min 42sec
	17th	A. Tams	7min 49sec
	26th	Beth Walsh	8min 15sec
	29th	Suzanne Stratford	8min 25sec
	44th	Peter Emmanouilidis	9min 41sec
	50th	Joanne Spriggins	10min 10sec

### N.S.W. ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS 29th June at Sydney

#### MEN OPEN 15K

Results	1st	Lawrie Whitty	44min 33sec
	5th	Stephen Nobbs	45min 42sec
	13th	Brennen Shaw	46min 50sec
	14th	Matthew Todd	46min 57sec
	19th	Louis Young	47min 27sec

24th	Mark Jones	48min 05sec
35th	Warren McCourt	48min 57sec
47th	Gary McClean	49min 43sec
53rd	Norm Berger	50min 23sec
60th	Frank Scorzelli	51min 09sec
61st	Andrew Mrakovcic	51min 11sec
62nd	Bruce Marshall	51min 13sec
77th	Paul Gallaher	53min 01sec
80th	Chris Spriggins	53min 17sec
83rd	John McNulty	53min 58sec
92nd	Allen Argall	56min 11sec
110th	David Edwards	59min 32sec
116th	Chris Stratford	61min 44sec
Teams	1st St. George	30 points

#### MEN UNDER 20 10K

Results	3rd Mark Vassallo	31min 00
	6th Randolph Baral-Steinberg	32min 26sec
	9th Richard Deutsch	32min 52sec
	14th Edward Baral-Steinberg	32min 00
	26th Grant Pickup	43min 00
Teams	1st St. George	35 points

#### WOMEN OPEN 15K

Result	6th Barbara Bennett	56min 09sec
	8th Pat Marshall	57min 26sec
	9th Christine Batman	57min 40sec

#### WOMEN UNDER 20 5K

Results	4th Mandy Dovey	17min 56sec
	8th Narelle McKean	18min 33sec
	15th Kimberley Hayes	21min 01sec
	17th Christine Stratford	21min 23sec
	18th Sabina Smith	21min 32sec
	19th Narelle Hocking	21min 49sec
	20th Suzanne Stratford	21min 56sec
	22nd Annette Gaborov	22min 33sec
Teams	2nd St. George	40 points
	3rd St. George	70 points

#### N.S.W. 16K CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 19th July at Macquarie University

##### MEN OPEN 16K

Teams	3rd St. George	(Matthew Todd, Louis Young, Andrew Mrakovcic, Gary McClean, Stephen McClean, Brian McCourt)
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#### AUSTRALIAN 15K ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS 27th July at Canberra

3rd	Lawrie Whitty	44min 31sec
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#### N.S.W. CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 16th August at Lansdowne

##### MEN OPEN 12K

Results	9th Matthew Todd	39min 30sec
	11th Louis Young	40min 00sec
	29th Tom Gibbons	41min 58sec
	35th Norm Berger	42min 43sec
	40th Rory McRae	43min 09sec
	43rd Gary McClean	43min 21sec
	50th Paul Gallaher	44min 02sec
	56th Chris Spriggins	44min 34sec
	63rd John McNulty	45min 41sec
	66th Brian McCourt	45min 59sec
	86th Allen Argall	49min 26sec
	91st Neville Markham	49min 55sec
	111th Bill Seary	53min 13sec
	125th Chris Stratford	56min 29sec
Teams	3rd St. George	165 points

#### MEN UNDER 20 8K

1st	Brennen Shaw	26min 27sec
11th	Randolph Baral-Steinberg	28min 33sec

#### MEN UNDER 18 6K

17th	Sean Haggerty	23min 45sec
19th	Peter Deutsch	24min 18sec

#### MEN UNDER 16 4K

3rd	Tim Clarsen	13min 53sec
6th	William Halmarick	14min 26sec

#### MEN UNDER 14 3K

13th	Craig Berger	12min 34sec
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#### MEN UNDER 12 2K

6th	Andrew Atkins	8min 14sec
9th	Damien Martin	8min 39sec

#### WOMEN OPEN 8K

6th	Barbara Bennett	31min 23sec
8th	Louise Bennett	33min 17sec

#### WOMEN UNDER 20 6K

2nd	Mandy Dovey	24min 40sec
3rd	Narelle McKean	25min 39sec

#### WOMEN UNDER 16 3K

11th	Christine Stratford	13min 52sec
14th	Annette Gaborov	14min 25sec
15th	Natalie Singles	15min 15sec
16th	Narelle Hocking	15min 31sec
Teams	3rd St. George	56 points

#### WOMEN UNDER 12 2K

9th	Linda Horrocks	8min 08sec
13th	Kim Bindon	8min 35sec
14th	Suzanne Stratford	8min 40sec
22nd	Joanne Spriggins	10min 59sec
Teams	2nd St. George	53 points

#### N.S.W. ROAD RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 13th September at Nowra

##### MEN OPEN 4 x 10K

2nd	St. George A	2hr 3min 45sec
(M. Vassallo 31:12, B. Shaw 31:20, A. Stacey 32:00, L. Whitty 29:13)		

##### MEN UNDER 18 4 x 3K

3rd	St. George	37min 08sec
(E. Baral-Steinberg 9:10, W. Halmarick 9:29, P. Deutsch 9:25, T. Clarsen 9:04)		

##### WOMEN OPEN 4 x 5K

2nd	St. George	73min 13sec
(M. Dovey 17:24, L. Bennett 18:56, C. Batman 18:24, N. McKean 18:29)		

#### AUSTRALIAN MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP 8th June at Sydney

40th	Norm Berger	2hr 34min 06sec
61st	Stephen McClean	2hr 39min 24sec
90th	Paul Gallaher	2hr 46min 45sec
134th	Allen Argall	2hr 53min 31sec
174th	Chris Spriggins	2hr 56min 15sec
498th	Evelyn Argall	3hr 17min 58sec

#### ENDEAVOUR CUP — 1986

3-way matches between St. George, Sutherland, Bankstown.  
Lowest grand total wins.

##### MATCH 1

19th April at Lansdowne

1) Sutherland 219	2) St. George 518	3) Bankstown 733
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##### MATCH 2

14th June at Ramsgate

1) Sutherland 263	2) St. George 354	3) Bankstown 764
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### MATCH 3

30th August at Taren Point

1) Sutherland 272 2) St. George 457 3) Bankstown 549

Grand Totals: 1) Sutherland 754; 2) St. George 1329;  
3) Bankstown 2046

### SUTHERLAND HALF-MARATHON

17th May at Audley

39th	Paul Gallaher	77min 31sec
72nd	John McNulty	80min 37sec
117th	Neville Markham	84min 05sec
147th	Pat Marshall	86min 46sec
161st	David Edwards	87min 54sec
182nd	Chris Stratford	89min 25sec
189th	Louise Bennett	90min 02sec
240th	Bill Seary	94min 37sec
355th	Kimberley Hayes	113min 49sec

### ST. GEORGE D.A.A.C. OPEN SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st June at Scarborough Park

Entries numbered 255 girls and boys.

In the Intermediate events (9 Years to 12 Years) Gymea Bay Primary won the L.L. Bosman Trophy for the seventh successive year with 43 points. Second was Laguna Street, 27 points, from Clemton Park with 17 points.

In the Advanced events (13 Years to Open) the D. Wilson Shield was again won by Kogarah Marist High, 51 points, from Kirrawee High, 23 points and Hurstville Boys High with 20 points.

St. George Club members to perform well included:

14 years Girls	1st	Narelle Hocking
15 years Boys	1st	William Halmarick
16 years Boys	1st	Tim Clarsen
	3rd	Peter Deutsch
Open Boys	3rd	Jonathan Cook

### N.S.W. SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

22nd June at Scarborough Park

Outstanding performances from club athletes

#### BOYS OPEN 8K

2nd	Mark Vassallo	25min 08sec
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#### UNDER 17 4K

3rd	Tim Clarsen	12min 07sec
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#### UNDER 16 4K

2nd	Edward Baral-Steinberg	12min 17sec
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#### GIRLS OPEN 6K

Teams	1st	St. George Girls High
		(Christine Stratford, Sabina Smith, Annette Gaborov, Heide Smith)

### ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB 46th ANNUAL SCHOOLS' TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Harold Fraser Oval, Sunday, 14th September, 1986

RESULTS (FIRST PLACE ONLY)

#### BOYS

##### 8 YEARS

100m	H. Vu	Gymea Bay	15.7
800m	A. Briggs	Gymea Bay	2.53
Relay	Gymea Bay (A)		72.0
Long Jump	S. Puntin	St Jos. Oyster Bay	3.29m

##### 9 YEARS

100m	D. Pocock	St Jos. Oyster Bay	14.7
800m	S. Turner	Randwick	2.43
Relay	Gymea Bay		67.7
Long Jump	D. Smith	Engadine	3.77m

High Jump	(D. Pocock (S. Merrill)	St Jos. Oyster Bay Engadine	1.08m	= 1st
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##### 10 YEARS

100m	D. Grant	Miranda North	14.3	
800m	J. Holbrook	Panania North	2.33	(R)
Relay	St. Josephs, Oyster Bay			
Long Jump	D. Grant	Miranda North	4.11m	
High Jump	T. Watson	Hurstville	1.25m	

##### 11 YEARS

100m	C. Ansell	Gymea Bay	15.2	
200m	C. Ansell	Gymea Bay	30.6	
800m	D. Romyne	Cronulla South	2.32.3	
Relay	Gymea Bay		60.0	
Long Jump	C. Ansell	Gymea Bay	4.41m	
High Jump	B. Williams	Bonnet Bay	1.50m	(R)

##### 12 YEARS Primary

100m	D. Mayne	Matrville	15.0	
200m	D. Mayne	Matrville	28.9	
800m	M. Guy	Dural	2.37.9	
Relay	Gymea Bay		59.1	
Long Jump	D. Mayne	Matrville	4.72m	
High Jump	T. Baldwin	Gymea Bay	1.45m	
6lb Shot	D. Mayne	Matrville	7.50m	

##### 12 YEARS SECONDARY

100m	P. Fitzpatrick	KMH	14.2	
200m	P. Fitzpatrick	KMH	28.9	
400m	J. Romyne	Newington	62.6	
800m	J. Romyne	Newington	2.23.7	
80m Hurd.	B. Marland	Jannali	14.4	(R)
Long Jump	B. Marland	Jannali	4.29m	
High Jump	J. Romyne	Newington	1.35m	
6lb Shot	B. Marland	Jannali	9.67m	

##### 13 YEARS

100m	C. Giovannis	James Cook	13.5	
200m	C. Giovannis	James Cook	27.5	
400m	A. Harris	Kirrawee	62.1	
800m	A. Harris	Kirrawee	2.17.3	
1500m	C. McCormack	Kirrawee	4.43	
90m Hurd.	C. Giovannis	James Cook	16.2	
Long Jump	C. Giovannis	James Cook	5.17m	
High Jump	C. Giovannis	James Cook	1.55m	
8lb Shot	J. Stevens	KMH	10.69m	(R)

##### 14 YEARS

100m	D. Walker	KMH	12.7	
200m	D. Walker	KMH	26.2	
400m	A. Hunt	Sydney High	57.4	
800m	A. Hunt	Sydney High	2.09.1	(R)
1500m	A. Hunt	Sydney High	4.37	
100m Hurd.	J. Mitchell	Kinross	17.4	
1500m W.	J. Arnold	Sydney Tech	7min 33	
Long Jump	D. James	Peakhurst	5.87m	
Triple Jump	D. James	Peakhurst	11.18m	
High Jump	D. James	Peakhurst	1.70m	(R)
8lb Shot	M. Fong	KMH	11.27m	
1kg Discus	M. Fong	KMH	39.58m	
600g Jav.	J. Araullo	KMH	31.78m	

##### 15 YEARS

100m	M. Casey	Jannali	12.0	
200m	M. Casey	Jannali	24.4	
400m	T. Rushton	Birrong	55.7	
800m	A. Hawkins	MB Pagewood	2.09.0	
1500m	A. Kelly	Sydney Tech	4.22	
100m Hurd.	M. Towns	Waverley	15.2	
Relay	South Sydney High		58.3	
Long Jump	M. Casey	Jannali	5.41m	
Triple Jump	H. Okul	South Sydney	10.81m	
High Jump	M. Towns	Waverley	1.81m	(R)
10lb Shot	C. Sidney	Port Hacking	12.33m	

1kg Discus	D. Fong	KMH	40.02m		80m Hurd.	K. Allen	St. Josephs	16.9	(R)
700g Jav.	C. Ward	South Sydney	32.76m		Long Jump	D. Alessio	South Sydney	4.32m	
<b>16 YEARS</b>					High Jump	J. Williams	Jannali	1.42m	
100m	I. Carpenter	Kinross	11.8		6lb Shot	K. Allen	St. Josephs	9.06m	(R)
200m	R. Kos	Tempe	24.4		<b>13 YEARS</b>				
400m	J. Hodges	Chr Bros Burwood	53.6		100m	B. Cosgrove	Bass	13.1	(R)
800m	J. Hodges	Chr Bros Bruwood	2.03.4		200m	B. Cosgrove	Bass	26.4	(R)
1500m	M. Zammarelli	Hurstville	4.25		400m	B. Cosgrove	Bass	66.9	
110m Hurd.	N. Leary	KMH	18.7		800m	N. Orchard	Kirrawee	2.28	
Long Jump	R. Henderson	Kinross	6.06m		1500m	N. Orchard	Kirrawee	4.49	(R)
Triple Jump	R. Henderson	Kinross	11.92m		80m Hurd.	K. Sut	Chester Hill	14.6	(R)
High Jump	M. Stearn	Kinross	1.88m	(R)	Relay	Birrong		62.1	(R)
10lb Shot	E. Skoric	KMH	11.99m		Long Jump	B. Cosgrove	Bass	4.36m	
1.5kg Discus	T. Eaton	KMH	34.20m		High Jump	M. Primmer	St. George	1.40m	
700g Jav.	T. O'Sullivan	St. Patricks	51.82m	(R)	6lb Shot	T. Robinson	Cronulla	9.26m	
<b>OPEN</b>					<b>14 YEARS</b>				
100m	H. Wentworth	Kinross	11.8		100m	R. Hodgetts	Condell Park	13.7	
200m	D. Davison	Sydney Tech	23.2		200m	M. Williams	St. Josephs	27.3	(R)
400m	A. Doggett	MB Parramatta	57.0		400m	M. Williams	St. Josephs	60.1	(R)
800m	N. Nixon	Hurstville	2.05.1		800m	C. Robards	St. George	2.27.3	
1500m	A. Eliades	Trinity	4.18.0		1500m	M. Doyle	South Sydney	5.29	
110m Hurd.	I. Griffin	KMH	19.5		90m Hurd.	R. Hodgetts	Condell Park	16.3	
1500m W.	B. Hallworth	South Sydney	6min 29	(R)	1500m W.	M. Doyle	South Sydney	7min 34	(R)
Long Jump	M. Trinco	KMH	6.14m		Long Jump	R. Byrne	Condell Park	4.61m	(R)
Triple Jump	D. Davison	Sydney Tech	12.98m		Triple Jump	C. Robards	St. George	8.95m	
High Jump	M. York	KMH	1.90m		High Jump	C. Robards	St. George	1.55m	(R)
12lb Shot	B. Webeck	Engadine	12.25m		6lb Shot	C. Chapman	Sydney Girls	13.29m	(R)
1.5kg Discus	B. Webeck	Engadine	47.10m	(R)	1kg Discus	C. Chapman	Sydney Girls	36.30m	(R)
800g Jav.	M. Nagi	KMH	46.86m		600g Jav.	P. Webeck	Engadine	23.44m	(R)
<b>GIRLS</b>					<b>15 YEARS</b>				
<b>8 YEARS</b>					100m	N. Stenberg	Gilroy	13.1	(R)
100m	P. Thomson	Brighton	15.5	(R)	200m	N. Stenberg	Gilroy	26.2	(R)
800m	P. Thomson	Brighton	2.58	(R)	400m	N. Stenberg	Gilroy	60.2	(R)
Relay	Gymea Bay (A)		69.0	(R)	800m	D. Smith	Inaburra	2.23.9	(R)
Long Jump	P. Thomson	Brighton	3.28m	(R)	1500m	D. Smith	Inaburra	4.50	(R)
<b>9 YEARS</b>					Long Jump	L. Proietti	Cambridge Park	4.44m	
100m	N. Wong	OLMC	16.0		Triple Jump	C. Ospitale	South Sydney	8.74m	
800m	L. Moffat	Panania North	3.01		High Jump	R. Ferguson	Birrong	1.44m	
Relay	Gymea Bay (A)		69.2		4kg Shot	N. Stenberg	Gilroy	8.16m	(R)
Long Jump	N. Wong	OLMC	3.58m		1kg Discus	N. Stenberg	Gilroy	23.04m	
High Jump	D. Masters	Sylvania Heights	1.08m		600g Jav.	C. Ospitale	South Sydney	19.34m	
<b>10 YEARS</b>					100m	B. Mitchell	Kinross	13.5	
100m	L. Matthews	Gymea Bay	15.1		200m	S. Keats	Kinross	27.9	
800m	L. Matthews	Gymea Bay	2.52		400m	S. Keats	Kinross	63.2	
Relay	Gymea Bay		63.0	(R)	800m	S. Keats	Kiross	2.31.5	(R)
Long Jump	L. Proietti	Werrington	3.89m	(R)	1500m	T. Newsome	Castle Hill	5.32	(R)
High Jump	L. Proietti	Werrington	1.30m	(R)	100m Hurd.	C. Ospitale	South Sydney	20.0	
<b>11 YEARS</b>					Long Jump	S. Keats	Kinross	4.46m	
100m	A. Clout	Panania North	14.5		Triple Jump	N. Watchorn	St. George	9.82m	(R)
200m	M. Perry	OLMC	32.4		High Jump	N. Watchorn	St. George	1.40m	
800m	S. Robinson	Sackville St.	2.36.1		4kg Shot	N. Davis	St. George	8.52m	(R)
Relay	Gymea Bay (A)		62.5		1kg Discus	N. Davis	St. George	29.54m	(R)
Long Jump	S. Robinson	Sackville St.	3.95m		600g Jav.	L. Tregaele	Port Hacking	34.36m	(R)
High Jump	S. Murray	OLMC	1.20m		<b>OPEN</b>				
<b>12 YEARS PRIMARY</b>					100m	C. Turnbull	Wiley Park	12.9	
100m	N. Blake	Blakehurst	15.4		200m	C. Turnbull	Wiley Park	26.8	(R)
200m	N. Blake	Blakehurst	30.1		800m	M. McIntyre	St. Clare's	2.42	
800m	M. Arnold	Danebank	2.37.8		1500m	M. McIntyre	St. Clare's	5.43	
Relay	Panania North		60.4		100m Hurd.	A. Burgess	KMH	17.5	(R)
Long Jump	M. Arnold	Danebank	3.82m		1500m W.	N. Mitchell	Danebank	8min 02	(R)
High Jump	N. Blake	Blakehurst	1.30m		Long Jump	C. Turnbull	Wiley Park	5.36m	(R)
6lb Shot	K. Doublet	Wiley Park	7.91m		High Jump	A. Burgess	KMH	1.50m	(R)
<b>12 YEARS SECONDARY</b>					4kg Shot	S. Vincent	Kinross	9.78m	(R)
100m	D. Alessio	South Sydney	14.1		1kg Discus	C. Carpenter	Kinross	23.78m	
200m	D. Alessio	South Sydney	29.1		600g Jav.	S. Vincent	Kinross	23.68m	
400m	B. Fitzgerald	South Sydney	73.3						
800m	J. Stone	Jannali	2.29.6	(R)					

## PENNANTS AND AWARDS

### BOYS

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

		Points
Junior Pennant (8, 9, 10 years)	Gynea Bay	113
Senior Pennant (11, 12 years)	Gynea Bay	121
L.B. Williams Memorial Shield (aggregate)	Gynea Bay	234

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Juvenile Pennant (12, 13, 14 years)	Kog. Marist High	249
Junior Pennant (15, 16 years)	Kog. Marist High	166
Senior Pennant (Open)	Kog. Marist High	109
A.A. Gainsford Shield (aggregate)	Kog. Marist High	524
St. George D.A.A.C. Cup (8 years 100m Champion)	H. Vu (Gynea Bay)	
Buttercup Shield (Outstanding male athletes)	D. James (Peakhurst)	

### GIRLS

#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Junior Pennant (8, 9, 10 years)	Gynea Bay	153
Senior Pennant (11, 12 years)	Gynea Bay	124.5
St. George Little Athletics Shield (aggregate)	Gynea Bay	277.5

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Juvenile Pennant (12, 13, 14 years)	South Sydney	123
Junior Pennant (15, 16 years)	Gilroy College	78
Senior Pennant (Open)	Kinross Wolaroi	48
St. George Women's A.A.C. Shield (aggregate)	South Sydney	168
St. George D.A.A.C. Cup (8 years 100m Champion)	P. Thomson (Brighton)	
Buttercup Shield (Outstanding Female Athlete)	N. Stenberg (Gilroy Col.)	

# OBITUARY

Since our last Annual Meeting two of our most prominent members, Albert (Voc) Blyth (athlete) and Arthur Gould (Life Member), have passed away and we pay tribute to them.

## A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ALBERT (VOC) BLYTH

The passing of Albert (Voc) Blyth on the 1st May 1986 brought to a close a career in athletics which commenced in 1927 and finished in 1949.

He was overseas on war service from 1940-1943.

Albert was one of the most colourful members ever to join our Club, and with his passing, we lost one of our dearest and most loyal friends. I had no better friend than Albert.

He had a very fine athletic record as follows:-

### State Championships

1931	1 Mile — 1st, won easily
1928	5 Mile Novice CCC — 1st, won by 200 yards
1930	10 Mile — 2nd, just failed to catch Jeff Mackenzie.

### Dunn Shield (equivalent State Championship)

1931	880 yards — 1st
1931	1 Mile — 1st

### Australian Track & Field Championships

NSW — 1st, Medley Relay. He ran 880 yards leg, established a big lead time, approximately 1min 56secs.

Albert gained many minor places in Australian, State and Dunn Shield events and was Club champion from 440 yards to 3 Mile on many occasions.

He was a Vice President from 1960 to 1975.

I quote the remarks of Wal Hasler, Secretary for 10 years, from our 1931 Annual Report:

*"Albert has yet to be defeated this 1931 season over the middle distances, and by his deeds of this year is without doubt a potential Australian champion and Olympic representative. Despite the fact he is becoming the Club's idol, he still remains the modest and unassuming young fellow he was at the beginning of his career."*

Vale my friend.

This tribute closes with deepest sympathy to his wife Edith.

## A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ARTHUR GOULD

When Arthur Gould passed away on 19th January 1987 he had just completed 51 years of loyal service to the Club.

Arthur was a quiet and conservative athlete.

He joined our Club in 1936 and he competed until 1950. His finest performance was in winning unexpectedly the 1941 Dunn Shield 440 yards Championship in 51 seconds. No State Championships were held during the war years, but we keep in mind that Dunn Shield performances were the equivalent of State Championships. Arthur was a fine all-round athlete and his best times over 100 yards — 10 secs; 220 yards — 22.4 sec and 440 yards — 51 secs.

He was well above the average athlete in the hop step and jump and long jump events.

Arthur was Club champion for the above events on many occasions. Apart from his athletic ability, he was a great official.

He was Snr. Vice President 1969-1986 (17 years); Vice President 8 years and Treasurer 1954 to 1959.

He also acted as Track Secretary, club captain, handicapper.

His greatest achievement was in 1963 when he was made a Life Member for his outstanding contribution to our Club as an athlete and official.

Arthur, a gentleman, was very proud of the honour bestowed upon him and this tribute closes with our deepest sympathy to Frank Charles, Nell, Harry, Flo, Roy, Reg and Lloyd.

A. GAINSFORD

# 1986-87 TRACK SEASON REPORT

by Arthur Peek

Another summer season has drawn to a close and the results this season are no improvement on the results of last season. Interclub competition was held on ten Saturdays and Seeded Interclub was held on ten Saturdays as well, giving a total of twenty Saturdays of track and field competition.

The Club competed in 'A', 'B' and 'C' grades in Club vs Club Competition and 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'E' grades in Seeded Competition in the Men's Competition. The Club also entered a Women's team in 'B' Grade Club vs Club. 'A' Grade finished in 12th place, not recording a win for the season; 'B' Grade finished in 7th place and 'C' Grade also finished in 7th place in the competition. The Women's 'B' Grade finished in 10th place and also failed to win a match for the season.

Better results were recorded in the seeded competition, with all five teams finishing in the top five places.

Mark Jones was successful in winning the Metropolitan Championship Open 5,000 metres and the 3,000 metres Steeplechase. Alan Stacey won the Open 800 metres. Jim Clarsen won the N.S.W. All-Schools Under 17 years 1500 metres and the 2,000 metres Steeplechase. The Club's Men's Open 4 x 1500 metres and Women's Open 4 x 1500 metres both finished with bronze medals in the N.S.W. Relay Championships. Lawrie Whitty ran a brilliant 29min 23.50sec in the Zatopek 10K in Melbourne last November finishing a close 7th behind Andrew Lloyd (28min 7.51sec).

Southern Zone competition was held on Friday evenings at Sylvania Waters Athletic Field, commencing in September and finished in February with the annual Angus & Coote Shield. The Southern Zone Men's Open team won their competition and Southern Zone finished second on aggregate points for the Shield. Very few athletes from the Club competed at Sylvania Waters during the season.

Harold Fraser Oval was used by only a few athletes throughout the summer season. However, conditions at the ground were not good this season. The athletes using the ground had to contend with a wet ground as the groundsman left the sprinklers on, the markings on the ground were virtually non-existent and the invasion of the football players for several weeks. These problems at the ground must be rectified for next season and many more Club members must be encouraged to use the ground for training.

There has been a steady deterioration in the Club's efforts at Interclub level over the past two seasons. Many of our current track and field athletes tend to do "their own thing". Gone are the days of strong team spirit where interclub teams could be picked weeks in advance and there was always an abundance of reserves as well. Several seasons ago the Club was riding high, with all grade teams near the top of the competition, and all events were filled. This season the St. George Club found it difficult to fill the teams in most events throughout the season. We even got down to the embar-

assing situation of only two competitors competing for the Club in Men's 'A' Grade Club vs Club on Saturday, 3rd January 1987. On the same day there were four competitions only in both 'B' and 'C' grades, giving the Club a total of 10 competition for the day.

The Club must start to rebuild the track and field area immediately. It is no good waiting for the start of next season. All athletes must start now and encourage others to join our Club now and start to prepare for the next summer season or the slide down will continue.

## OPEN GRADES INTERCLUB

### POINTSCORE FOR 1986-87 TRACK SEASON

'A' GRADE Club vs Club	'B' GRADE Club vs Club	'C' GRADE Club vs Club
83 C. Stratford	48 A. Patterson	48 A. Peek
54 A. Stacey	43 M. Tonge	42 G. Scott
41 M. Jones	34 B. McCourt	32 V. Favaro
29 M. Todd	31 G. McClean	31 A. Patterson
26 G. McClean	25 J. Pierce	28 R. Gribble
25 L. Whitty	20 G. Scott	26 E. Baral-Steinberg
'D' GRADE Seeded	'E' GRADE Seeded	WOMEN'S 'B' GRADE
40 G. Scott	198 A. Peek	18 B. Mrakovcic
31 C. Stratford	85 C. Stratford	18 L. Bennett
30 A. Peek	53 P. Tonge	10 C. Batman
18 A. Patterson	33 T. Nunn	10 M. Dovey

### AGGREGATE POINTSCORE FOR INTERCLUB 1986-87

299	A. Peek
227	C. Stratford
160	G. Scott
118	A. Patterson
109	M. Tonge
91	G. McClean
84	B. McCourt
62	C. Spriggins

### FINAL PREMIERSHIP POINTS FOR OPEN GRADES INTERCLUB

A Grade:	TW 33, RBH 27, NZ 26, NS 22, BZ 21, CRH 21, SD 19, CZ 18, UNSW 18, ES 16, SU 12, ST.G 10.
B Grade:	SD 33, P 27, CRH 24, BZ 22, NZ 22, TW 22, ST.G 20, ES 18, RBH 18, WZ 14, RW 10, SS 10.
C Grade:	SD 30, NS 25, CZ 23, TW 22, NZ 22, CRH 20, ST.G 20, BZ 18, ES 16, SU 14, RBH 14, UNSW 0.

#### Women's

B Grade:	RBH 33, CZ 25, SD 22, TW 22, BZ 22, CRH 19, SW 18, ES 18, WZ 17, ST.G 10, KUR 6, ST.G W 4.
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### SEEDED INTERCLUB POINTSCORE

A Grade:	SD 76, RBH 66, CRH 48, SS 47, ST.G 44, LP 44, BP 24, PEN 19, BTN 19, HD 18, EPH 14, UNSW 12, NEP 6, RK 5.
B Grade:	RBH 68, SD 62, TW 52, SS 44, ST.G 41, LP 40, CRH 38, BP 34, ES 28, UNSW 26, SU 11, BS 111, HD 8, P 6.
C Grade:	SD 72, RBH 70, SS 56, ST.G 56, LP 50, TW 30, ES 28, SU 18, PEN 15, CRH 14, UNSW 12, BS 10, HD 6, P 5.
D Grade:	LP 76, SS 72, RBH 68, ST.G 62, SD 36, TW 22, PEN 20, BS 14, R 6.
E Grade:	RBH 70, ST.G 64, SS 58, TW 36, SD 34, BS 26, ES 24, BP 22, VETS 14, NEP 14, LP 14, CRH 14, BH 14, UNSW 12.

# NSW ALL SCHOOLS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sydney Athletic Field

Saturday, 18 and Sunday, 19th October 1986

## Under 19

800m	M. Tonge	H 2m 05.19sec	Placed
1500m	M. Tonge	4m 27.93sec	10

## Under 17

100m	V. Favaro	H 12.09sec	
200m	V. Favaro	H 24.98sec	
400m	P. Deutsch	H 53.72sec	
1500m	T. Clarsen	4m 04.63sec	1
	P. Deutsch	4m 27.64sec	14
2000m Steeple	T. Clarsen	6m 08.73sec	1

## Under 16

1500m	W. Halmarick	4m 18.74sec	4
	E. Baral-Steinberg	4m 29.34sec	8
3000m	W. Halmarick	9m 28.74sec	3
	E. Baral-Steinberg	9m 34.74sec	4

# N.S.W. RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sydney Athletic Field

Saturday, 29th & Sunday, 30th November, 1986

## Senior Women

4x1500m: R.B. 19m17.55sec 1, B.S. 19m22.86sec 2, St.G. 19m37.42sec 3. C. Batman, C. Stratford, B. Mrakovcic, M. Dovey.

## Senior Men

4x800m: MW 7m44.76sec 1, Newc H 7m46.94sec 2, Bays 7m48.84sec 3. Heat: M. Jones, T. Clarsen, R. Deutsch, A. Stacey. Final: M. Jones, T. Clarsen, R. Deutsch, A. Patterson. This team was the fastest qualifier for the final by running 7m52.71sec in heat 1, but unfortunately could not match the pace in the final and finished in 7th place with a time of 8m18.04sec.

4x1500m: MW 15m42.83sec 1, SD 15m59.94sec 2, St.G. 16m01.15m 3. A. Stacey, M. Jones, L. Whitty, M. Todd.

## Under 20 Men

4x800m: TW 7m50.50sec 1, Newc H 7m56.50sec 2, RK 8m17.10sec 3. R. Baral-Steinberg, E. Parker, A. Patterson, R. Deutsch. Finished in 7th place in 8m30.78sec.

4x1500m: Newc H 16m43.87sec 1, Newc H 16m56.12sec 2, RK 17m10sec 3. R. Baral-Steinberg, M. Tonge, A. Patterson, T. Clarsen. Finished in 4th place in 17m35.28sec.

## Under 18 Men

4x1500m: RK 16m45.89sec 1, SD 16m46.07sec 2, SC 17m03.36sec 3. M. Tonge, S. Haggerty, E. Baral-Steinberg, T. Clarsen. Finished in 5th place in 17m52.57sec.

# METROPOLITAN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sydney Athletic Field

Saturday, 18 and Sunday, 19 January 1987

## Under 18

1500m	E. Baral-Steinberg	4m 23.34sec	Placed 13
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## Under 20

1500m	R. Baral-Steinberg	4m 17.60sec	6
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## Open Men:

800m	A. Stacey	1m 54.66sec	1
1500m	A. Stacey	3m 57.21sec	3
	M. Jones	3m 59.22sec	4
5000m	M. Jones	15m 22.37sec	1
	B. Shaw	15m 53.79sec	3
3000m Steeple	M. Jones	9m 05.16sec	1

## Open Women

1500m	B. Mrakovcic	4m 28.34sec	2
	M. Dovey	4m 43.50sec	3
3000m	M. Dovey	9m 55.72sec	2

# N.S.W. 10,000 METRES TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

Sydney Athletic Field, 5th November 1986

B. Shaw	31m 35.6sec	9
B. Hansard	33m 27.6sec	18

# ZATOPEK 10,000 METRES TRACK RACE

L. Whitty	28m 23.50sec	7
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Andrew Lloyd won the race in 28m 07.51sec.

# N.S.W. TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sydney Athletic Field — 21-22-28 Feb, 1 Mar 1987

## Under 16 Men

1500m	E. Baral-Steinberg	4m 15.62sec	5
3000m	E. Baral-Steinberg	9m 09.19sec	3

## Under 18 Men

100m	V. Favaro	H 12.33sec	
200m	V. Favaro	H 24.96sec	
800m	M. Tonge	H 2m 0.35sec	
1500m	M. Tonge	4m 13.54sec	9

## Under 20 Men

5000m	A. Patterson	16m 34.02sec	12
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## Open Men

100m	C. Kotis	H 11.71sec	
800m	A. Stacey	1m 51.07sec	7
1500m	M. Todd	H 3.51.13sec	
		3m 52.24sec	7
	A. Stacey	H 3.56.14sec	
	A. Mrakovcic	H 4.04.62sec	
5000m	L. Whitty	14m 09.09sec	3
	B. Shaw	15m 10.06sec	10
	L. Young	15m 19.01sec	13
	B. Hansard	15m 28.06sec	16
5000m Walk	C. Stratford	26m 47.06sec	13

## Under 20 Women

3000m	N. McKean	10m 46.06sec	4
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## Open Women

800m	B. Mrakovcic	H 2.12.35sec	
		2m 17.07sec	5
	M. Dovey	H 2.22.75sec	
		2m 26.02sec	8
1500m	B. Mrakovcic	4m 23.94sec	2
	M. Dovey	4m 44.29sec	6
3000m	B. Mrakovcic	9m 33.26sec	2
	M. Dovey	10m 03.25sec	4
	L. Bennett	10m 29.22sec	5

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 1987-187 TRACK SEASON

The results of the N.S.W. T. & F. Championships, Metropolitan Championships, Open Grades Interclub and Southern Zone Competition have been used to determine the placings.

OPEN	1	2	3
100m	C. Kotis 11.48	J. McLoughlin	T. Gibbons
200m	A. Moorecraft 23.7	R. Molloy	M. Favalloro
400m	B. McCourt 55.48	J. McLoughlin	M. Favalloro
800m	A. Stacey 1:50.95	M. Todd	B. Graham
1500m	M. Todd 3:51.13	A. Stacey	M. Jones
3000m	M. Todd 8:31.2	T. Gibbons	B. Hansard
5000m	L. Whitty 14:09.9	M. Jones	L. Young
10000m	L. Whitty 28:23.50	B. Shaw	B. Hansard
110m H.	A. Peek 20.5	—	—
400m H.	A. Peek 76.4	—	—
2000m Steeple	M. Jones 6:12.1	N. Fraser	J. Pierce
3000m Steeple	M. Jones 9:05.16	A. Stacey	A. Peek

3000m W.	C. Stratford	14.37.6	T. Nunn	—
5000m W.	C. Stratford	25.38.0	T. Nunn	—
Shot Put	A. Peek	8.21	C. Stratford	—
Discus	A. Peek	21.54	C. Stratford	—
Javelin	A. Peek	36.12	—	—
Long J.	A. Peek	4.21	—	—
High J.	C. Stratford	1.30	—	—
Triple J.	A. Peek	8.65	—	—
Hammer	A. Peek	20.70	—	—

#### UNDER 20

100m	G. Scott	12.4	—	—
200m	M. Short	25.3	G. Scott	—
400m	A. Patterson	55.8	G. Scott	—
800m	R. Deutsch	2.1.28	A. Patterson	—
1500m	B. Shaw	4.08.38	R. Deutsch	A. Patterson
3000m	A. Patterson	9.25.7	J. Cook	—
5000m	B. Shaw	15.10.6	A. Patterson	—
110m H.	G. Scott	19.5	—	—
Shot Put	G. Scott	10.39	—	—
Discus	G. Scott	30.80	—	—
Javelin	G. Scott	26.50	—	—
Long J.	G. Scott	5.12	—	—
High J.	G. Scott	1.45	—	—
Triple J.	G. Scott	11.40	—	—

#### UNDER 18

100m	V. Favaro	12.09	M. Tonge	—
200m	V. Favaro	23.7	M. Tonge	—
400m	P. Deutsch	53.72	V. Favaro	M. Tonge
800m	T. Clarsen	1.57.19	M. Tonge	C. James
1500m	T. Clarsen	4.04.63	M. Tonge	P. Deutsch
3000m	S. Haggerty	9.33.4	M. Tonge	—
2000m S/c	T. Clarsen	6.08.73	—	—

#### UNDER 16

100m	S. Kourounis	12.5	—	—
400m	S. Kourounis	60.5	E. Parker	—
800m	E. Baral-Steinberg	2.8.41	E. Parker	H. Le
1500m	E. Baral-Steinberg	4.15.62	W. Halmarick	E. Parker
3000m	E. Baral-Steinberg	9.09.19	W. Halmarick	H. Le
Discus	S. Kourounis	14.30	—	—
Long J.	S. Kourounis	5.20	—	—
High J.	S. Kourounis	1.35	—	—
Triple J.	S. Kourounis	10.60	—	—

#### WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

100m	N. Hocking	15.2	—	—
200m	N. Hocking	33.1	—	—
400m	B. Mrakovec	1.02.31	C. Stratford	N. Hocking
800m	B. Mrakovec	2.12.35	M. Dovey	N. Hocking
1500m	B. Mrakovec	4.23.94	M. Dovey	L. Bennett
3000m	B. Mrakovec	9.33.26	M. Dovey	C. Batman
1500m W.	C. Stratford	7.14.62	S. Stratford	—
3000m W.	C. Stratford	16.59.4	S. Stratford	—
Triple J.	S. Stratford	6.30	—	—

## CLUB RECORDS

by Arthur Peek

#### SENIOR BEST ON RECORD

100 metres	R. Henderson	10.3s	16.3.85
200 metres	S. Longden-Gee	20.9s	1974/79
400 metres	S. Longden-Gee	45.7s	1974
800 metres	G. Rootham	1m46.6s	1972
1500 metres	A. Thomas	3m42.6s	1964
3000 metres	J. Andrews	7m58.7s	1982
5000 metres	J. Andrews	13m42.62s	7.10.82
10,000 metres	J. Andrews	28m09.7s	16.12.82
Marathon	L. Whitty	2hr15m23s	7.12.80
110m Hurd.			
1.067m	V. Plant	13.7s	17.12.77
400m Hurd. .914	G. Cox	51.2s	17.3.77
3000m Steeple	M. Jones	9m05.16s	19.1.87
High Jump	M. Meredith	2.01m	1963
Long Jump	B.C. Dickinson	7.48m	1938
Triple Jump	B.C. Dickinson	15.64m	1935

Pole Vault	D. Arapovic	4.32m	1970
Shot Put 7.260kg	L. Chinnery	16.18m	1964
Discus 2kg	R. Lunt	51.16m	1973
Javelin 800g	G. Glynn	74.34m	1970
Hammer 7.260kg	M. Bodiroza	59.30m	9.10.77
Decathlon	B.C. Dickinson	5350 pts	1938
1 Mile	A. Thomas	3m58.3s	1954

4 x 100m Relay	R. Gurr, V. Plant, J. Van Stappen, S. Longden-Gee	41.5s	11.3.78
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4 x 200m Relay	J. Sullivan, G. Cox, M. Van Der Velde, S. Longden-Gee	1m27.3s	1.12.79
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4 x 400m Relay	S. Longden-Gee, J. Fortesque, M. Van Der Velde, J. Van Stappen	3m15.5s	3.3.79
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4 x 800m Relay	G. Rootham, G. Cook, M. Dunn, R. Meagher	7m34.7s	1976
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4 x 1500m Relay	J. Hancock, G. Rootham, P. Glucina, J. Scott	15m40.4s	31.1.72
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50k Walk	R. Hingston	5hr45m21.8s	1926
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50 Mile Track	D. Edwards	6hr29m41s	1971
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50 Mile Road	H. Dearnley	5hr38m37s	1.10.78
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1 Hour Run	C. Whiteman	18770m	15.9.82
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1 Mile Walk	E.E. Austen	6m45s	1924
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3 Mile Walk	E.E. Austen	22m13s	1924
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7 Mile Walk	E.E. Austen	55m49.2s	1924
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100 Miles	A. Staples	22hrs54m56.5s	30.3.86
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#### UNDER 20 BEST ON RECORD

Commenced 1st August, 1982

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100 metres	R. Henderson	10.63s	18.3.83
200 metres	R. Henderson	21.18s	14.2.82
400 metres	D. Stephenson	47.8s	1970
800 metres	J. Hancock	1m53.9s	1965

1500 metres			
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3000 metres	L. Whitty	8m12.7s	1977
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5000 metres	L. Whitty	14m20.5s	18.2.78
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10,000 metres	L. Whitty	29m30.4s	1.3.77
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3000m Walk	G. Breese	15m26.7s	1981
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110m Hurd.			
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1.067m	W. Bird	14.2s	21.12.76
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400m Hurd.			
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.914m	W. Bird	53.3s	12.3.77
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2000m Steeple	M. Jones	5m53.31s	22.3.81
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High Jump	M. Meredith	1.94m	1963
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Long Jump	G. Friend	7.39m	1964
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Triple Jump	B.C. Dickinson	14.78m	1932
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Pole Vault	I. Berry	3.50m	1979
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Shot Put 5.449kg	I. Denivon	14.16m	1963
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Discus 1.5kg	A. Scott	47.22m	10.2.79
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Javelin 800g	G. Glynn	65.10m	1963
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Hammer 5.449kg	A. Scott	39.92m	3.3.79
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Decathlon	M. Dorrity	5024 pts	1977
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1 Mile	J. Hancock	4m13.8s	1965
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4 x 100m Relay	A. Dunshea, C. Sams, D. Snowden, R. Henderson	43.18s	12.12.82
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4 x 200m Relay:	C. Sams, P. McCaffrey, D. Snowden, R. Henderson	1m29.70s	29.11.81
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4 x 400m Relay	R. Abberton, J. Sullivan, R. Pollett, M. Dorrity	3m23.6s	12.3.78
4 x 800m Relay	P. Dwyer, B. Byrne, D. Clarke, J. Hancock	7m59.4s	1965
4 x 1500m Relay	L. Whitty, G. Elliott, W. McCourt, M. Jones	16m34.3s	2.12.79
1500m Steeple	G. Cook	4m21.8s	1975
Pentathlon	M. Dorrity	2888pts	31.12.77
300m Hurdles	W. Bird	37.9s	17.1.77
1 Mile Walk	W. McAlister	7m18.0s	1953
1 Hour Run	W. McCourt	16,814m	15.9.82

#### UNDER 18 BEST ON RECORD Commenced 1st August, 1982

100 metres	J. Abdullah	10.97s	11.12.82
200 metres	A. Dunshea	23.32s	24.10.82
400 metres	M. Lubrano	50.00s	12.2.84
800 metres	T. Clarsen	1m57.49s	8.11.86
1500 metres	M. Vassallo	3m53.0s	15.2.86
3000 metres	M. Vassallo	8m30.7s	1.3.86
5000 metres	R. Summerill	16m19.73s	24.11.84
110m Hurd.			
.914m	P. Jones	16.0s	16.10.82
400m Hurd.			
.914m	P. Jones	62.05s	24.10.82
2000m Steeple	R. Deutsch	6m01.47s	8.12.84
High Jump	P. Jones	1.90m	16.10.82
Long Jump	L. Bray	6.33m	11.12.82
Triple Jump	D. Davison	13.05m	2.2.86
Pole Vault	P. Jones	2.75m	11.12.82
Shot Put 4.535kg	J. Neale	14.40m	12.9.82
Discus 1.5kg	J. Neale	44.30m	12.9.82
Javelin 700g	H. Pavlidis	48.48m	19.11.83
Hammer 5.449kg	R. Fong	20.62m	22.10.83
4 x 400m Relay	R. Deutsch, P. Noisier, R. Summerill, P. Warren	3m33.0s	2.12.84
4 x 800m Relay	R. Baral-Steinberg, P. Deutsch, M. Tonge, N. Nixon	8m06.92s	8.12.85
4 x 1500m Relay	R. Baral-Steinberg, M. Vassallo, N. Nixon, M. Zammarrelli	16m36.39s	7.12.85
Decathlon	D. Davison	5954pts	12.1.86

#### UNDER 17 BEST ON RECORD

100 metres	C. Slatyer	10.8s	17.12.77
	M. Jansen	10.8s	12.12.84
200 metres	R. Henderson	21.6s	11.10.80
400 metres	M. Lubrano	49.23s	11.12.83
800 metres	P. Warren	1m54.78s	11.12.83
1500 metres	L. Whitty	3m56.0s	7.1.77
3000 metres	L. Whitty	8m25.2s	16.12.77
5000 metres	L. Whitty	14m36.0s	1976
10,000 metres	L. Whitty	30m01.0s	1977
110m Hurd.			
.914m	W. Bird	14.3s	1975
200m Hurd.			
.762m	M. Dorrity	25.7s	21.12.76
400m Hurd.			

.914m	P. Jones	59.52s	20.2.82
1500m Walk	J. Tunks	6m40.0s	26.11.77
3000m Walk	J. Tunks	14m58.0s	2.11.78
High Jump	P. Jones	1.95m	15.11.81
Long Jump	W. Bird	6.64m	1975
Triple Jump	I. Berry	13.95m	13.11.75
Pole Vault	I. Berry	3.35m	21.1.78
Shot Put 4.535kg	J. Neale	16.31m	20.12.80
Discus 1.5kg	J. Neale	52.22m	17.10.81
Javelin 700g	J. Neale	56.78m	7.11.81
Hammer 4.535kg	R. Stubbs	38.98m	1972
4 x 100m Relay	M. Jansen, C. Witheriff, S. Hignett, C. Davis	44.52s	2.12.84
4 x 200m Relay	C. Davis, S. Hignett, C. Witheriff, M. Jansen	1m32.29s	16.12.84
4 x 400m Relay	S. Mohr, P. McCaffrey, D. Snowden, R. Henderson	3m37.4s	1.12.79
4 x 800m Relay	R. Fong, H. Pavlidis, D. Kimpton, J. Neale	9m32.7s	25.1.81
2000m Steeple	P. Warren	6m31s	5.11.83
90m Hurdles	W. Bird	12.4s	1974
300m Hurdles	W. Bird	39.7s	1975
Shot 4kg	J. Neale	15.10m	1.3.81
Shot 8lb	P. Phillips	18.85m	1959
Javelin 800g	J. Bowen	57.50m	1975

#### UNDER 16 BEST ON RECORD Commenced 1st August, 1982

100 metres	M. Jansen	11.1s	15.10.83
200 metres	M. Jansen	22.69s	12.2.84
400 metres	M. Lubrano	49.7s	15.10.83
800 metres	R. Summerill	1m58.25s	28.8.82
1500 metres	P. Warren	4m04.53s	26.2.83
3000 metres	N. Nixon	9m03.58s	17.2.85
100m Hurd.			
.914m	G. Scott	18.96s	27.2.83
200m Hurd.			
.762m	D. Davison	28.18s	25.2.84
400m Hurd.			
.914m	D. Davison	61.91s	10.11.84
2000m Steeple	T. Clarsen	6m29.1s	23.11.85
1500m Walk	G. Scott	9m44.0s	30.10.82
High Jump	H. Pavlidis	1.80m	3.10.82
	D. Davison	1.80m	21.10.84
Long Jump	M. Lubrano	5.87m	26.2.83
Triple Jump	D. Davison	12.12m	21.10.84
Pole Vault	S. Jansen	2.45m	3.12.83
Shot Put 4.535kg	H. Pavlidis	13.25m	3.10.82
Discus 1kg	H. Pavlidis	42.22m	3.10.82
Javelin 700g	D. Davison	47.74m	1.1.84
Hammer 4.535kg	A. Noisier	19.40m	8.12.84
4 x 100m Relay	C. Davis, C. Witheriff, M. Lubrano, M. Jansen	44.89s	4.12.83
4 x 200m Relay	C. Davis, C. Witheriff, M. Lubrano, M. Jansen	1m33.15s	20.11.83
4 x 400m Relay	V. Parker, D. Davison,		

4 x 800m Relay	A. Noisier, N. Nixon	3m33.65s	16.12.84
	P. Warren, M. Lubrano, R. Woods, R. Summerill	8m23.49m	28.11.83
4 x 1500m Relay	P. Warren, R. Woods, G. Sheumack, R. Summerill	17m39.48s	12.12.82

#### UNDER 15 BEST ON RECORD

100 metres	W. Bird	11.3s	1972
	C. Slatyer	11.3s	15.1.77
	M. Jansen	11.3s	16.10.82
200 metres	C. Slatyer	22.9s	16.1.77
400 metres	M. Lubrano	52.10s	24.10.82
800 metres	N. Nixon	1m58.0s	10.12.83
1500 metres	N. Nixon	4m07.86s	17.12.83
3000 metres	M. Zammarrelli	9m14.63s	9.12.84
1500m Walk	D. Latham	7m45.0s	30.11.76
100m Hurd.			
.840m	R. Fong	15.1s	15.2.81
200m Hurd.			
.726m	W. Bird	27.0s	1973
High Jump	H. Pavlidis	1.90m	16.9.81
Long Jump	R. Fong	6.12m	21.9.80
Triple Jump	G. Nixon	13.56m	1975
Shot Put 3.632kg	J. Neale	15.96m	12.10.80
Discus 1kg	J. Neale	51.72m	5.10.80
Javelin 600g	D. Davison	50.54m	5.10.83
4 x 100m Relay	C. Davis, C. Witheriff, D. Davison, M. Jansen	47.9s	29.1.83
4 x 200m Relay	R. Fong, D. Barkas, L. Bray, J. Neale	1m38.7s	23.11.80
4 x 400m Relay	R. Fong, D. Barkas, L. Bray, J. Neale	3m45.9s	30.11.80
4 x 800m Relay:	R. Fong, I. Argall, B. Newton, J. Neale	9m10.1s	23.11.80
4 x 1500m Relay	M. Lubrano, B. Newton, I. Argall, M. Candy	19m26.7s	30.11.80
90m Hurdles	W. Bird	12.8s	1973
Shot Put 4kg	J. Neale	13.70m	6.10.80
90 Yards Hurdles	D. Stephenson	11.7s	1966
1 Mile Walk	K. Warrington	8m18.4s	1967

#### UNDER 14 BEST ON RECORD Commenced 1st August, 1982

100 metres	A. Noisier	11.8s	8.12.83
200 metres	A. Noisier	23.9s	12.11.83
400 metres	A. Noisier	53.57s	25.2.84
800 metres	N. Nixon	2m07.84s	27.2.83
1500 metres	N. Nixon	4m19.88s	26.2.83
High Jump	S. Mungovan	1.65m	6.11.82
Long Jump	A. Noisier	5.52m	1.1.84
Triple Jump	A. Noisier	11.54m	8.11.83
Shot Put 3.632kg	A. Noisier	14.16m	6.1.84
Discus 1kg	A. Noisier	39.44m	17.1.84
Javelin 600g	A. Noisier	43.00m	27.1.84

4 x 400m Relay	N. Nixon, M. Tonge, S. Jansen, A. Irwin	4m01.23s	28.11.82
4 x 800m Relay	D. Davison, D. Whealy, A. Irwin, N. Nixon	9m17.55s	12.12.82
4 x 1500m Relay	D. Whealy, A. Irwin, T. Dietz, N. Nixon	19m40.94s	28.11.82

#### UNDER 13 BEST ON RECORD

100 metres	T. Sparkes	12.4s	3.3.79
	A. Noisier	12.4s	13.3.83
200 metres	A. Noisier	25.19s	27.2.83
400 metres	M. Dorrity	62.7s	1973
800 metres	N. Nixon	2m17.90s	28.2.82
1500 metres	W. Wetherall	4m42.3s	1976
1500m Walk	M. Errington	8m10.0s	17.12.78
70m Hurd.			
.762m	W. Bird	12.3s	1970
	A. Scott	12.3s	1974
High Jump	S. Green	1.55m	1.12.78
Long Jump	T. Sparkes	5.17m	1978
Triple Jump	A. Scott	10.42m	1974
Shot Put 3kg	J. Taylor	11.46m	16.10.81
Discus 1kg	D. Scott	30.96m	5.3.77
1 Mile	G. McIlhoney	5m21.4s	1969
Shot Put 2.724kg	J. Taylor	11.54m	4.10.81

#### WOMEN'S SENIOR BEST ON RECORD Commenced 1st October, 1986

400m	B. Mrakovcic	62.31s	6.12.86
800m	B. Mrakovcic	2m12.35s	22.2.87
1500m	B. Mrakovcic	4m23.94s	28.2.87
3000m	B. Mrakovcic	9m33.26s	28.2.87

#### WOMEN'S UNDER 20 BEST ON RECORD Commenced 1st October, 1986

3000m	N. McKean	10m46.60s	28.2.87
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#### WOMEN'S UNDER 18 BEST ON RECORD Commenced 1st October, 1986

3000m Walk	C. Stratford	16m53.72s	7.3.86
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#### WOMEN'S UNDER 16 BEST ON RECORD Commenced 1st October, 1986

100m	N. Hocking	15.2s	18.10.86
200m	N. Hocking	33.1s	31.1.87
400m	N. Hocking	74.95s	13.12.86
800m	N. Hocking	2m54.40s	8.11.86
1500m	N. Hocking	5m56.2s	4.10.86
3000m	N. Hocking	12m25.6s	8.11.86

#### WOMEN'S UNDER 14 BEST ON RECORD Commenced 1st October, 1986

400m	C. Stratford	74.29s	13.12.86
1500m	C. Stratford	5m 35.0s	13.12.86
1500m Walk	C. Stratford	7m14.62s	14.3.87

#### WOMEN'S UNDER 13 BEST ON RECORD Commenced 1st October, 1986

1500m	S. Stratford	5m52.0s	18.10.86
1500m Walk	S. Stratford	7m37.39s	14.3.87
Triple Jump	S. Stratford	6.30m	18.10.86

**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1987**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>\$</b>
Annual Subscriptions, etc.	2,904.00	General Administrative Expenses	105.36
Donations	916.00	Registrations, etc. to AAA	2,059.00
Promotions —		Promotions —	
Cross Country	1,328.50	Cross Country	1,585.30
Track & Field	<u>1,024.00</u>	Track & Field	<u>598.64</u>
	2,352.50		2,183.94
Sale of	634.00	Purchase of Uniforms	1,195.50
General —		General —	
Interest	467.62	Trophies, Annual Meeting	290.00
Contributions, Social Committee	1,000.00	Donations, Presentations, Wreaths	741.20
Other	<u>102.50</u>	Purchase of Equipment	286.70
	1,570.12	Hire of Equipment	100.00
		Contribution — Working Funds	
		Fun Run	250.00
		Other	<u>358.86</u>
			2,026.76
		Total Payments	7,570.56
		Surplus to Consolidated Statement	<u>806.06</u>
	<u>\$8,376.62</u>		<u>\$8,376.62</u>

**TEAMS FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1987**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>\$</b>
Sportstar Awards	200.00	Assistance to Individuals	1,000.00
Contribution — Social Committee	2,000.00	Relay Entries	<u>132.00</u>
		Total Payments	1,132.00
		Surplus to Consolidated Statement	<u>1,068.00</u>
	<u>\$2,200.00</u>		<u>\$2,200.00</u>

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1987**

Cash at Bank, 1.4.86	271.54	Increase in Capital — Building Society	15.33
Surplus — General Fund	806.06	Cash at Bank 31.3.87	2,130.27
Surplus — Teams Fund	<u>1,068.00</u>		
	<u>\$2,145.60</u>		<u>\$2,145.60</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1987**

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>
Club Funds		Fixed Assets	
General Fund	7,139.08	Equipment	1,966.00
Team Expenses Reserve	<u>1,428.07</u>	Less: Depreciation	<u>197.00</u>
			1,769.00
		Current Assets	
		Stock on Hand	1,646.00
		Cash at Bank	<u>2,130.27</u>
			3,776.27
		Investments	
		Building Society	221.88
		Aussie Bonds (14.75%)	<u>2,800.00</u>
			3,021.88
	<u>\$8,567.15</u>		<u>\$8,567.15</u>

D. Jolliffe  
Honorary Treasurer

## AUSTRALIAN & STATE OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES

10,000m Walk E.E. Austen	Paris Olympic Games	1924
10,000m C.C. C. Weeks	Wellington-Aust. C.C.C.	1925
10,000m C.C. A.A. Gainsford	Wellington-Aust. C.C.C.	1925
Hop, Step & Jump	B.C. Dickinson	Berlin Olympic Games 1936
440 yds Hurd. G. Gedge (53.9s)	Auckland Empire Games	1950
Marathon C. Smeal (2hr52m23s)	Helsinki Olympic Games	1952
1 Mile & 3 Mile	A. Thomas	Cardiff Empire Games 1958
1500 metres	A. Thomas (3m46.8s)	Rome Olympic Games 1960
5000 metres	A. Thomas (14m6.2s)	Rome Olympic Games 1960
1500 & 5000m	A. Thomas	Tokyo Olympic Games 1964
800 metres	G. Rootham (1m48.2s)	Munich Olympic Games 1972
800 metres	G. Rootham (1m47.2s)	C'church C'wealth Games 1974
400 metres	S. Gee (47.0s)	N.Z. Games Christchurch 1975
110m Hurdles	V. Plant	NZ Games Christchurch 1975
Cross Country	L. Whitty	NZ-Aust. Match 1978
5000 metres	J. Andrew (14m08s)	Pacific Conference Games Christchurch, NZ 1981
10,000 metres	J. Andrew (28m41s)	Pacific Conference Games Christchurch, NZ 1981
12,000m C.C.	J. Andrews	World C.C.C., Madrid 1981
12,000m C.C.	J. Andrews	World C.C.C., Gateshead 1983

## CLUB AND SCHOOL OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES

Long Jump	W. Gilliver (6.88m)	NZ Games C'church Schools team	1925
800 metres	G. Cook (1m56.0s)	NZ Games C'church Schools team	1975
110m Hurdles	W. Bird (15.0s)	NZ Games C'church Schools team	1975
110m Hurd. & 100 metres	W. Bird	Christchurch, NZ	1977
Marathon	R. Squirrell (2h23.39)	NZ Hamilton Marathon	1975
Marathon	D. Edwards (2h34.51)	NZ Hamilton Marathon	1975
Marathon	J. Scott (2hr25.04)	Boston Marathon	1977
3000m & 1500m	L. Whitty	Christchurch Team (NZ)	1977
Shot Put & Discus	D. Snell	Christchurch Team (NZ)	1977
100m & 200m	R. Henderson	U.S.A. (N.S.W. Schools)	1981
3000m & 5000m	J. Andrews	U.K. and Europe	1982
100m, 200m, 400m	R. Henderson	U.K. and Europe	1982

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES MADE OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA

+ Former World Record			
800 yards	J. Bailey (Los Angeles)	1m48.8s	1956
1 Mile	J. Bailey (Los Angeles)	3m58.1s	1956
1 Mile	A. Thomas (Dublin)	3m58.6s	1958
2 Miles +	A. Thomas (Dublin)	8m32.0s	1958
3 Miles +	A. Thomas (Dublin)	13m10.8s	1958
1500 metres	A. Thomas (Sweden)	3m42s	1958
3000 metres	A. Thomas (Helsinki)	9m05.2s	1958
880 yards	J. Duxbury (USA 10.6.66)	1m50.2s	1966
5000 metres	L. Whitty (N.Z. Jnr.)	14m19.5s	1977
Marathon	L. Whitty (Fukuoka, Japan)	2hr15m23s	1980
3000 metres	J. Andrews (Hamilton, N.Z.)	8m00.81s	1981
5000 metres	J. Andrews (Auckland, N.Z.)	13m52s	1981
3000 metres	J. Andrews (Poland)	7m58.7s	1982

## NSW AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The St. George Club hosted 2 Winter championship meetings in 1986 at Scarborough Park.

- NSW Novice Cross Country.
- NSW Schools Cross Country.,

\* \* \* \* \*

St. George members were active in Association matters, holding offices as follows:

### Alleyn Gainsford (O.A.M.)

1. Life Member of the Association
2. Acted as referee and Jury of Appeal at various State Championships
3. Announcer, Association
4. Official of "City to Surf" Fun Run

### George Carruthers (M.B.E.)

1. Hon. Auditor for N.S.W.A.A.A.
2. Race Director of "City to Surf" Fun Run
3. Member of Historical Committee
4. Life Member of the Association

**Fred Eggleton** — Field Games Judge, Interclub, NSW Championships

**Alan Staples** — Harrier Committee (Winter)

**Ron Gribble** — Member of Road Course Committee (Winter)

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- 1 Portable Loud Hailer
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- 6 High Jump Bags
- 2 High Jump Bars — Fibreglass
- 6 High Jump Bars — Metal
- 4 Sets High Jump Stands
- 2 Measuring Sticks — Metal
- 2 Wooden Pole Vault Uprights
- 1 Pole Vault Bar
- 2 Shot Put Stop Boards — Wooden
- 1 Portable Shot Put Metal Circle
- 2 6lb Shot Puts
- 3 3kg Shot Puts
- 3 8lb Shot Puts
- 1 Heavy Metal Box
- 2 1kg Discus
- 2 1.5kg Discus
- 2 600g Javelins
- 3 700g Javelins
- 1 Javelin Stand
- 1 50m Tape Measure
- 2 30m Tape Measures
- 1 Set Field Markers 1-20
- 1 Rake
- 8 Metal Measuring Spikes
- 2 Sets Wooden Jumps Take Off Markers
- 40 Hurdles
- 8 Junior Relay Batons
- 18 Relay Batons
- 1 Wooden Mallet
- 1 Metal Mallet
- 1 Lap Bell (Hand)
- 2 Cap Starting Guns
- 1 Clock
- Stop Watches
- 2 Metal Finishing Posts
- 20 Metal Course Posts
- Wooden Course Flags — Red/White
- Plastic Course Flags
- 2 St. George Club Banners/Flags
- 22 Clipboards

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no social functions during the 1986 season, yet, the Saturday afternoons at Scarborough Park were in themselves like social gatherings.

A friendly atmosphere is very evident in our Club and new members are most welcome.

The ladies of our Committee are most helpful and this helps to make things go smoothly.

The weekly raffle is very popular and together with sales of sweets and drinks helps to increase our Club financially. Most of our income is raised from Scarborough Park and our championship days.

Organising is always necessary and particularly when we have Championship Carnivals. On these occasions we are always happy to have people come forward and offer help.

It is noticed that most of the income comes during the Winter season and we look forward to members organising social functions during the Summer season.

Special thanks to Pat Donnelly and her helpers for organising the refreshment stall each Saturday at Scarborough and also a special thank you to Greg Page for his great help of equipment on the "big days".

Very sincere congratulations to the ladies for raising approximately \$3000 towards Club funds.

A.G.

## COMMENTS ON ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*by Dennis Jolliffe*

Over the past five years, the Club's funds have fluctuated as follows:

As at 31st March	Club Funds	Movement
1983	6,207.30	— 116.89
1984	6,090.41	— 509.37
1985	5,581.04	826.05
1986	6,407.09	1,160.06
1987	8,567.15	

Although the Club has experienced another drop of membership (mainly track and field athletes), Club funds were significantly augmented by \$3,000 contribution by the Social Committee. The Club also received generous sponsorship support by Buttercup Bakeries and Club members who provided many trophies.

Because Australian Championships were held in Sydney and Canberra, contributions to individual athletes from the Teams Fund were much lighter than in previous years.

I would like to thank all members of the Executive for assistance they have provided in handling financial transactions over the past year. I would also like to thank David Carlisle who has diligently and conscientiously audited the Club's books now for several years.

Teams fund payments to and amounts received in respect of individual athletes are

	Payment \$	Receipts(a) \$
E. Baral-Steinberg	50.00	
R. Baral-Steinberg	50.00	
B. Bennett	50.00	
L. Bennett	50.00	
T. Clarsen	100.00	
M. Dovey	50.00	
W. Halmarick	100.00	
N. McKean	50.00	
B. Shaw	100.00	50.00
A. Stacey	100.00	
M. Todd	50.00	
M. Vassallo	150.00	50.00
L. Whitty	100.00	100.00
	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>

(a) Sportstar Donation



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### AUDITOR'S STATEMENT:

I have examined the Books and Records of the St. George District Amateur Athletic Club for the year ended 31st March, 1987 and report that the above Balance Sheet sets out a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs at that date.

D. Carlisle  
Honorary Auditor

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE FUNDS STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1987

Receipts	\$	Payments	\$
Cash on hand and at Bank, 1.4.86	281.82	Contributions to Club —	
Building Society Account 1.4.86	1,880.45	Teams Fund	2,000.00
Building Society Fixed Term		General Fund	1,000.00
Investment 1.4.86	10,000.00		3,000.00
	3,162.27	Other Expenses	65.00
Fund Raising Proceeds (net)	2,904.68		
Interest — Bank and		Cash on hand and at Bank 31.3.87	135.14
— Building Society	148.61	Building Society Account 31.3.87	1,950.95
		Building Society Fixed Term	
		Investment 31.3.87	1,064.47
			3,150.56
	\$6,215.56		\$6,215.56

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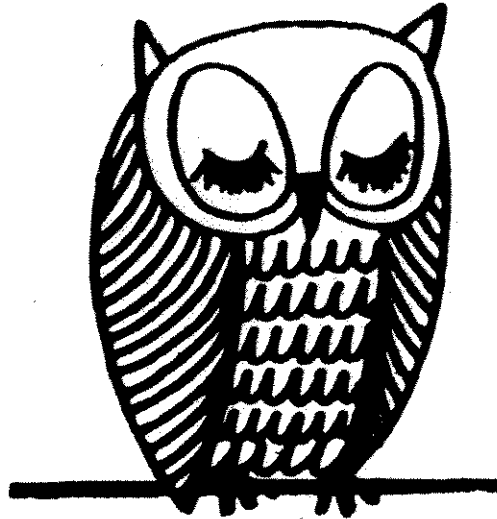
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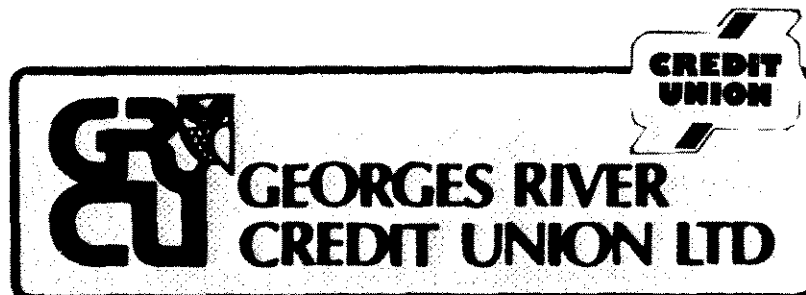
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