

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

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Affiliated to N.S.W.A.A.A.

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Sixth Annual Report and Balance Sheet
For Year Ending February, 1927.

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OFFICE BEARERS: 1926-27.

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HON. HANDICAPPERS:

Distance Season:
A. Gainsford
S. Merton

Sprint Season:
H. Taylor

Field Games:
A. Gainsford

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CAPTAIN:
A. Gainsford

JUDGES:
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VICE CAPTAIN:
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HON RACE SECRETARIES:
Distance: E. Giles

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AUDITORS:
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Points Scorer:
Distance: A. Gainsford
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Life Member:
A. Gainsford

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W. J. Hasler.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Presented to the Members of the ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB at the Sixth Annual Meeting held in Masonic Hall, Hurstville, 4th April, 1927.

Gentlemen:-

It gives me great pleasure to place before you, this evening, the Sixth Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Club for the year ending March 31st, 1927, with the sincere hope that you will do all in your power to advance the St. George District Amateur Athletic Club in both the athletic and social spheres.

During the past year your club gained considerable success, more especially during the Distance Season. The Track Season, unfortunately, did not close

up to expectations, which is much to be regretted. The poor support tendered the Club during the Inter-club competition by the members, is in itself, a calamity. This sort of thing creates a bad atmosphere in the athletic world, and lowers the standing of the club socially. With the talent available, the club should be amongst the front ranks, and I sincerely hope that the track men will put their shoulders to the wheel next summer and make amends for the past lack of enthusiasm.

MEMBERSHIP:- Unfortunately the number of financial members has dropped to 42 during the past year. This is a bad lapse, and in the forthcoming year a general tightening up will have to take place. Your club cannot succeed if the membership roll does not increase each year.

ACTIVE ATHLETICS - DISTANCE SEASON (Club Events):

As in previous years the distance season provided members with an abundance of competition, both in club events and open handicaps. Races were held at Hurstville, Kogarah, Rockdale and Carlton, thanks to the support of local trades people, who donated the trophies.

On an average 14 men competed in each event, which was 2 below the average of the 1925 season. Covering the distance season was a Point Score competition, which was won by G. Matterson (46), second and third places being taken by S. Gainsford (42) and R. Wright (40) respectively.

5 MILES NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP:- This race took place on June 5th at Hurstville, and was won by Roy Wright in record time. His time was 29 mins. 25 secs. thus breaking R. Chadwick's record by 41 secs. E. Giles (29 mins. 45 secs.) was second and G. Matterson (30 mins. 31 secs) third. In the Sealed Handicap R. Wright was allowed 1 min. 35 secs., and won by 5 secs. This performance was an excellent one for a first season runner.

5 MILES SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Held on the Hurstville course on August 25th for two handsome medals donated by the Hurstville Jeweller, Mr. J. B. Stewart. The result came as a great surprise to all. Roy Wright (28.30) finished in brilliant style ahead of G. B. Weekes (28.33) and A. Gainsford (28.40) (title holder). In registering this fine victory, he broke A. Gainsford's record of 28mins. 56s. by 26 seconds. A. Harper (2 m. 35 s.) won the sealed handicap by the narrow margin of 2 secs.

[Open Handicaps]: Though only gaining one win in Open Handicaps last, St. George Members gained several places and fastest time prizes. Through the agency of R. Chadwick came the club's sole success. In South Sydney's McCarthy Cup race he was allowed 1 m. 40 s., and not only gained the cup, but also the fastest time prize. His time for the 3 miles was 16 m. 27 s.

ST. GEORGE JOLLEY CROSS COUNTRY OPEN HANDICAP: This our own open road race was a great success owing to the innovation of real cross country. Of the 73 entries, 57 started and the result was as follows: M. T. Emerson (E. Syd) (allid. 1m. 35s.) first, R. Wright (St. Geo.) (allid. 1.35) second, S. Vance (Kens.) (allid. 2 m.) third. A. Gainsford of your club gained fastest time, namely, 17m. 25s. off the 40 secs. mark. Every competing athlete spoke highly of the cross country laid out, which was a welcome change from the hard roads.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS: Individually St. George members performed brilliantly, but collectively we were just short of that standard necessary for a team's success.

In the NOVICE G. G. CHAMPIONSHIP OF NEW SOUTH WALES your club put up its best performance since its inception. The individual placings were R. Wright (St. Geo.) (30m. 34s.), M. T. Emerson (E. Syd.) (30m. 42s.), J. D. Hillier (E. Syd.) (30.44), whilst in winning the team's race, St. George men finished as follows: R. Wright, 1st; E. Giles, 4th, G. Matterson, 5th; and A. Harper, 6th. G. Matterson allowed 1 m. secured the sealed handicap by 7 secs from clubmate A. Harper. Thus St. George scooped the pool and the members concerned deserve every praise.

N. S. W. SENIOR G. G. CHAMPIONSHIP: Held at Randwick Racecourse on August 26 and resulted, M. J. Mackenzie (Cumb.) (28.27) 1st; G. B. Weekes (St. Geo.) (28.39) 2nd; and A. Gainsford (St. Geo.) (28.43) 3rd, with R. Wright (St. Geo.) (29.12) 4th. St. George congratulates "Jeff" Mackenzie on his fine win and also Rotary Harriers on their team's victory. Your club dead-heated with the famous St. Stephens Harriers (Vic.) for second place. A Good performance.

10 MILES TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP: Held at Kensington Racecourse on September 4th. A triumph for Alleyn Gainsford, the club's crack stayer. In winning for the third time in succession he equalled H. L. Sheaves' (W. S.) record. Congratulations Alleyn - and may you set a new record this season! In the teams' race St. George finished second to St. Stephens Harriers (Vic.) and defeated Botany Harriers the title holders. The official points were: St. Stephens, 47, St. George 57, and Botany 74.

MANLY MODIFIED MARATHON (12½ Miles): Held 18th September, 1926, Manly District. A. Gainsford (St. Geo.) 1hr. 7m. 23 3/10s., First, R. Bateman (S. S.) 2nd, M. J. Mackenzie (Cumb.) 3rd. After being placed in the last four Marathons, A. Gainsford at last gained the major honours. His time was given as a course record, but later it was found that the course was short. In the battle for the Proud Cup, the holders, St. George, had to give way to Botany Harriers.

MERIT OUTSTANDING: Of outstanding merit was the team's victory in the Revue C. C. C., and also defeat of the Botany Harriers in the 10 mile Track Championships. To finish on equal terms with the St. Stephens Harriers (Vic.) in the 5 miles C. C. C., and to supply the winners of three out of four titles, was no mean performance, and with many promising to add to the elder brigade, St. George should cap all achievements in the 1927 Winter.

TRACK SEASON (Club Events): During the Summer Season the club changed its customary mid-week meetings at Hurstville Oval from Wednesday to Tuesday nights. Owing to the lack of public support the meetings were a financial loss, whilst the track men did not turn out as consistently as in previous seasons. H. Llewellyn with a total of 39 points won the A. Horrocks Gold Medal for the point score, from W. Dope 29 points, and E. Brocke 21½ points.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Held at Sydney Sports Ground (com. Feb. 19, 1927) and Hurstville Oval (Com. Mar. 8th). The club's all-rounder, Oscar Matson, broke four records in the Field Games' section. They were as follow: Throwing Javelin, 147 ft. 11 ins., Throwing Discus, 102 ft. 8½ ins., Throwing Hammer 72 ft. 9 ins., and Pole Vault 8 ft. 9 ins. In the track events, E. Grove set new records in the 440 yards (53 3/5s.), 220 yds (23 4/5) and equally the 100 yds record of 10 2/5s. H. Bennett's 61 4/5s. created a new record in the 440 yds hurdles. Results were as follow:-

100 Yards	E. Grove	10 3/5s.	440 Hurdles	H. Bennett	61 4/5s.
220 "	E. Grove	23 4/5s.	High Jump	O. Matson	5' 4½"
440 "	E. Grove	53 3/5s.	Broad "	F. Matson	20' 2½"
880 "	J. Lockeridge	2m. 14 2/5s.	Hcp S. & J.	H. Llewellyn	42' 5"
1 Mile run	E. Brocke	4m. 49 1/5s.	Javelin	O. Matson	147' 11"
3 " "	E. Brocke	17m. 9 3/5s.	Discus	O. Matson	109' 8½"
1 " walk	O. Laughton	8m. 10s.	16 lb. Hammer	"	73' 8"
3 " "	C. Laughton	26m. 20 1/5s.	" Shot	O. Matson	30' 1"
120 Hurdles	O. Matson	18 s.	Pole Vault	O. Matson	8' 9"

DURN SHIELD CONTESTS: Held at Sydney Sports Ground on 11th and 18th December, and won by Western Suburbs, 78½ points, from Botany (36) and East Sydney (34½). The club congratulates Wests on their win. E. Brocke's second in the 3 miles run was the only event worthy of note, as far as club members were concerned. A little more enthusiasm is needed in this class of athletics.

H. S. W. CHAMPIONSHIPS: Held at Manly Oval on March 5th and 12th, 1927. The club's nearest approach to success in the Senior Division came through O. Matson, second in the Javelin throw and third in the discus. Juniors, H. Llewellyn gained first place in the Junior Hcp, Step & Jump with a State record leap of 42' 5". In the Women's Sprint Title event, Miss G. Phillips secured the Junior 75 yards title, and second to Miss Hodson in the 100 yards.

INTER-CLUB COMPETITION: Held before the new year, it was, generally speaking, a success. St. George, however, failed to live up to expectations, and finished at the bottom of the B Division table. With the talent available, this is a false position for the club to occupy, but the members failed to turn out at the meetings. It is regrettable that members will not travel any further than the local oval, and if St. George are to keep on the Summer Athletic Map, they must turn out in full force next season.

WALKING HONOURS: 20 Miles State Championship held at Victoria Park on June 26th 1926: A. V. Harper (St. Geo.) 3m. 24m. 37s., 1st, G. A. Smith (Bot.) 2nd, H. V. Barrett (Talkers) 3rd. A. V. Harper secured the sealed handicap with an allowance of 30 mins. This performance, for one who had had little experience in the

walking art, was an excellent effort; and the club extends its hearty congratulations to the man who gained yet another State title for it.

50 MILES' WALK: Held for the first time on September 18th, 1926, and was won by G. Lewis (Victoria) in 9 h. 20 m. 24 s. Your club mates A. V. Harper and R. Hingston completed the course, which in itself was an excellent performance.

BALANCE SHEET: Reference to the Treasurer's Balance Sheet shows the alarming fact, that the club is in its worst position since its inception. This is most unfortunate, and if St. George A. A. C. are to remain an active club, members and officials will have to do their utmost to recover the previous years balance.

THANKS: For assistance given us we desire to thank the following: Messrs. Murphy, Wallington, Hardiman, J. Walsh, E. Taylor, B. Jolley, J. B. Stewart, Mark Gosling, M.L.A., J. Butler, G. Ford, H. Nelson, T. Dunbar and Mrs. Colvin, the City and Local press, as well as all others who assisted materially as well as financially.

CONCLUSION:- All office-bearers retire tonight, but are eligible for re-election. Members, this is your opportunity! Do the right thing by yourself and your club, and elect men who will have the interests of the St. George Amateur Athletic Club always before them. Blessed as we are with an ever-expanding population in the Illawarra District, each and every member should be looking forward to the day when St. George A. A. C. will lead the way not only in volume of membership but in its prowess on the Athletic Field.

For and on behalf of the St. George Amateur Athletic Club.

WALTER J. HASLER,

Hon. Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY, 1927.

Receipts			Expenditure.					
	£	s	d		£	s	d	
By Members subscriptions	6	5	-	To N.S.W. A.A.A. Affiliation Fees	3	3	-	
" Donations:				" Novice C. C. Team	10	-		
Mr. J. J. Walsh	1	1	-	" 5-miles " "	18	-		
" J. Butler	16	5		" Interclub Competition Fees		5	-	
" Ford	10	5		" Printing	5	12	-	
" F. Matson, Snr.	1	1	-	" Rent, School of Arts	2	8	6	
" M. Gosling	1	-	-	" Trophy Accounts	35	10	5	
" S. Morton	10	6		" Badges	10	-	-	
" J. Eison	1	1	-	" McKensie Memorial Fund	2	2	-	
" J. Walker	10	-	-	" Hareville Oval	3	16	6	
" B. Jolley	3	3	-	" Revolver & Cartridges, etc.	3	5	5	
" S. Wallington	1	1	-					
" Murphy	1	1	-					
" Hardiman	2	2	-					
	22	5	6					
" Sale of Badges		7	15	-	" Balance in Bank	53	1	4
" Refund of Donation - McKensie Mem. Fund		2	2	-		103	9	1
" Subscriptions Road Season	6	5	-					
" " Track "	3	9	9					
" Interest 30/6/26-1927	1	15	8					
" Balance in Bank	56	16	8					
		105	9	1				
ASSETS				LIABILITIES				
Bank Balance Feb. 1927	23	1	4	Orders outstanding	36	9	6	
Badges in hand	4	10	-					
By BALANCE			18	2				
			238	9	6			
				DR. BALANCE			18	
							Ed.	

H. NELSON
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
S. H. Binder and G. Lemon,
HON. AUDITORS.