

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.

Founded 1921.

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

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET
FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1928.

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OFFICE BEARERS 1927-28.

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Distance Season:
A. Gainsford
J. Harris

HON. HANDICAPPERS:
Sprint Season:
A. Gainsford

Field Games:
A. Gainsford.

DELEGATES TO N. S. WALES A. A. A.:
J. J. Walsh, M. J. Maroney, A. Gainsford.

Captain:
A. Gainsford

Judges:
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J. Harris W. Hasler
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Starter:
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A. Gainsford (Distance)
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A. Gainsford

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L. J. Brodie

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A N N U A L R E P O R T .

PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB AT THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN MASONIC HALL, HURSTVILLE, ON 12TH MARCH, 1928.

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Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to place before you this evening the Seventh Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Club for the year ending February 29th, 1928,

and I sincerely hope all members will strive to emulate the deeds recorded in this report and lift our club above all others, both athletically and socially.

During the past year your club more than held its own, gaining considerable success both during the distance season and on the track. The road runners once again carried our colours to repeated victories and maintained their title of Distance champions of N. S. Wales. On the track we have seen a great improvement all round, the men putting their shoulders to the wheel splendidly, which, after the previous season's failure, was very pleasing to your officials.

At this stage I would like to stress this fact, that harmony and good-fellowship among the club members, is the foundation of a club, and I would like all members to take this as a word in season. Continue as you have done during the past, turn out in full force in future seasons, and your club must prosper.

MEMBERSHIP: The financial membership list has risen from 42 to 60, of which the track men number 41. This is a satisfactory increase, but it can be improved if members will only induce their friends to come along.

ACTIVE ATHLETICS - DISTANCE SEASON (Club events): During the 1927 season it was a case of quality rather than quantity, as the average contestants for each event dropped from 14 to 9. Thanks are due to the tradespeople of Rockdale, Kogarah, Carlton and Hurstville for their generous support to our races and it is to be hoped that the fields will be much larger in the coming season. Covering the distance season was a point score competition which was won by a first season runner in E. Baker.

5 MILES CLUB NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP took place at Hurstville on May 28th 1927 and was won by E. J. Brooke (29m. 45s.) by 53 seconds from E. Baker (30.38) and A. Longhurst (31.48). E. Baker gained the sealed handicap with an allowance of 2m. 10s.

10,000 METRES SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP. held in conjunction with 10,000 Metres State Championship at Randwick on 23rd July, 1927. Title holder, Roy Wright retained his laurels in magnificent style, his time being 34m. 59s. A. Gainsford (35m. 7s.) finished 2nd, with C. B. Weekes (35m 21s.) 3rd.

OPEN HANDICAPS: The feature of last season's open handicaps was the remarkable consistency of club member Alf. Longhurst. In his 8 starts he finished within the first six every time, gaining 1 win, 1 second, and 3 thirds, which was easily the best effort of any runner during the open races. On August 13th, 1927, he won the N. S. W. A. A. A. 2 miles handicap at the Sydney Cricket Ground, thus bringing his list of places to a triumphant end. Fastest time prizes were won by Roy Wright, A. Gainsford and C. B. Weekes, their respective successes being, the St. George 3 miles, Botany 10,000 metres, and South Sydney 3 miles.

ST. GEORGE JOLLEY "BLACK CAT" C. C. OPEN HANDICAP: Conducted by your club on June 25th, 1927, over the usual cross-country course. 68 nominations produced 51 starters, 6 fewer than last year, and the result was as follows: G. White (W. S.) all. 1m. 50s.) 1st, Roy Wright (St. G. all. 30s.) 2nd, and A. Longhurst (St. G.) (all. 1.35) 3rd. In registering 17m. 4s. R. Wright gained fastest time honours, as well as repeating his 2nd place of last year.

N. S. WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS: For our own club the most successful ever, 3 out of 4 titles being won by our own club members. As a team the club began splendidly, but mishaps caused a bad slur towards the end of the season.

IN THE NOVICE C. C. C. OF N. S. WALES your club members practically repeated the triumphs of the previous year. In winning the individual title Edward J. Brooke fulfilled his earlier promise, though it was only after a great struggle with A. Kaine (Botany) that he did so. His time was 29m. 10s. whilst Kaine finished 5 secs. behind him. With E. J. Brooke, E. Baker 4th, B. Tyson 12th, and A. Longhurst 14th, St. George gained the teams title for the 3rd year in succession. A. Longhurst (all. 2m 15s.) gained 2nd prize in the sealed handicap, the winner being popular W. Hunt, the noted track performer from the East Sydney Club.

N. S. W. SENIOR 10,000 METRES CHAMPIONSHIP, held at Randwick Racecourse on July 23rd, 1927, and won by M. J. Mackenzie (W. S.) (34m. 58s) from Roy Wright (St. G.) (34.59) and A. Gainsford (St. G.) (35.7) St. George congratulate "Jeff" Mackenzie on his second, successive victory, also the surprisingly good effort of Roy Wright, who was only just beaten in the last few strides. In this race your club fulfilled an old ambition, when, for the first time, the club members gained the teams' title by 5 points from Western Suburbs. The team finished as follows: R. Wright 2nd, A. Gainsford 3rd, C. B. Weekes 4th, R. Chadwick 9th, E. Baker 11th, and S. Gainsford 16th. Congratulations men! And we hope you will repeat the performance next time.

✓ August 13th, 1927, saw the 10 MILES TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP OF N. S. W. held at Victoria Park Racecourse. Without going into details it is sufficient to say that the finest runner the club has ever produced in the person of Alleyn Gainsford, created a wonderful record, when he crossed the line a winner for the fourth successive time. His time, 51m. 49s. was well within the record, but once again faulty course measurements robbed him of the honour, truly poor recompense for such a magnificent effort. Weakened by the absence of C. B. Weekes and E. J. Brooke, and the subsequent withdrawal of R. Wright with a damaged heel, St. George went down to Western Suburbs in the teams' race by 15 points. We congratulate the latter Club on its first success in distance racing.

✓ MANLY MODIFIED MARATHON OR 15 MILES CHAMPIONSHIP OF N. S. W., held on September 3rd, 1927, in Manly district. A. Gainsford (St. G.) (1h. 26m. 27s) 1st, R. Bateman (S. S.) (1h. 27m. 52s.) 2nd, M. J. McKenzie (W. S.) (1h. 28m. 43s.) 3rd. A. Gainsford, the holder of the title, gained an easy victory, thus becoming the first 15 miles' champion of the State. The distance in previous years was 12½ miles and did not carry a state title. Western Suburbs gained a fine victory in the teams' race by 5 point from South Sydney.

Australian 10, 000 Metres C. C. C. held on 6th August, at Adelaide. Your club furnished 3 men of the selected six, namely, R. Wright, A. Gainsford, and C. B. Weekes. As the latter was unfortunately unable to make the trip ex-Australasian Champion, F. H. Bailey (W. S.) took his place. With 1st, 3rd, 4th and 7th Victoria scooped the pool, the true cross-country proving too much for the light blues who finished second. Clubmate R. Wright did remarkably well to finish 7th, and more should be heard of this young runner in the near future. We congratulate the men who so worthily represented the Club, also G. R. Hyde on his fine individual win.

AUSTRALIAN AND N. S. W. MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP (26miles 385 yards 7ins.): This was conducted on August 27th, 1927, after a lapse of 15 years, and took place in Sydney and suburbs. The promoters were the ever progressive officials of your own club, and thanks to the enterprise of J. A. Harris and committee was a huge success. The 40 entries consisted of athletes from N. Z., Tasmania, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and N. S. W., of which 25 starters faced the starter at Martin place. The late Lord Mayor, Ald. Mostyn, very kindly agreed to start the runners on their long trek, and also to distribute the prizes at the finish. The runners journeyed to Hurstville, and then back to the Sydney Cricket Ground, where they very gladly finished. As a detailed description of the race would entail too much space, it is sufficient to say that the winner, R. F. McHardy (Queensland) emerged triumphant by sheer determined running and good judgment. That wonderful veteran Harold Hayden (Bot. H.) finished a very tired second with R. Bateman (S. S.) gamely sticking to his guns, 3rd. The placed men's respective times were, 3 h. 6m. 23s., 3 hr. 9m. 26s., 3 hr. 13m. 2s. 14 runners completed the course. Of our own clubmates, who started, "Bob" Chadwick was the only one to finish, A. Gainsford and W. Hamer retiring at different stages of the race. Chadwick is the first man in the club to complete a full distance Marathon, and we congratulate a plucky runner on a sterling performance.

With regard to the little known official side of the race, great credit is due to Marathon Secretary, J. A. Harris, whose excellent organisation made possible a successful race. We also wish to thank the Rugby League Assn. of N. S. W. for their kind courtesy in allowing the men to finish on the Sydney Cricket Ground and all who supported the race materially..

MERIT CUP STANDING: The victory of the team in Novice C. C. C. and 10,000 Metres Championships was easily the most outstanding feature in the club's history, especially the latter performance. By his deeds of the past

season A. Gainsford easily proved the greatest stayer in N. S. W., whilst from 10 miles upwards possibly in Australia.

TRACK SEASON (Club events). Favoured by extremely good weather, the club carried out its customary mid-week meetings at Hurstville Oval with great success. An average attendance of 26 runners as against 12 the previous season speaks for itself. The great improvement of the track men has been very pleasing to the club officials, and it augers well for the future. The point score for the season up-to-date shows A. Blythe (40 points) leading from C. Bartlett (28½) and W. Cope (23½ pts). A relay competition, which was a great success shows W. Cope leading (19 pts.) from C. Bartlett (15 pts). Trophies were presented by E. J. Brooke and H. A. Taylor.

INTER CLUB COMPETITION, conducted by the N. S. W. A. A. A. once again proved popular and beneficial to all athletes. We congratulate the youthful Kensington team on their fine win in the "B" division, and we cannot overlook our own club-mates' efforts in the same division. In my opinion it has been the turning of the tide, as the club after occupying the bottom position last season finished a very close fourth, so that in two vital contests the club were defeated by a very narrow margin only.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS. Held at Hurstville Oval (commencing 21st Feb. 1928) and Sydney Sports Ground (com. 25th Feb., 1928). The most outstanding features were R. Wright's record 3 miles' run, and the fact that 9 senior titles changed hands. 3 Senior and Junior records were broken, whilst the great struggle between R. Wright and E. J. Brooke in 3 miles' run was voted the best in the history of the race. The time 15.55 4/5 created a new record, whilst C. Laughton broke the existing 3 miles' walk record, registering 23m F. Matson's effort of 31 feet broke the former record by. Results were as follow:-

100 Yards	J. Lockeridge 11s.	3 miles walk	C. Laughton 23m. 44 3/5s.
220 "	H. Bennett 24s.	1 mile walk	C. Laughton 9m. 5 2/5s.
440 "	H. Bennett 54s.	16 lb. shot putt	F. Matson 31' 10"
880 "	A. Blythe 2m. 8s.	Broad Jump	H. Llewellyn 19' 9"
1 mile run	A. Blythe 4m. 44 4/5s.	Hop, Stop & Jump	H. Llewellyn 41' 7 1/4"
3 " "	R. Wright 15m. 53 2/5s.	High Jump	A. Brown 5' 5"

Junior Titles:

100 Yards	B. Shields 11 3/5s.	1 mile	B. Shields 5.40
220 "	B. Shields 25 1/2s.	High Jump	C. Price 4' 11"
440 "	B. Shields 58 3/5 (record)	H Step & Jump	E. Kells 40' 9 3/4" (record)
880 "	G. Goldie 2m 18s.	Broad Jump	" 18' 4 3/4" "

DUNN SHIELD CONTESTS. Held at Sydney Sports Ground on December 3 and 11. This was won by Western Suburbs Club. St. George congratulate Wests on still another victory. E. J. Brooke performed most creditably for our club, gaining 3rd place in the 1 mile run and 2nd in the 3 miles run, after a wonderful struggle with C. O. James (W. S.). Oscar Matson filled 3rd place in the Javelin Throw, this being our only other placing. The Club is not quite strong enough collectively to toe it with such clubs as Easts or Wests, but the time is surely coming.

N. S. W. CHAMPIONSHIPS, held at Manly Oval, March 3rd, 7th and 10th, 1928. On the 1st day club-mates Oscar Matson and Albert Blythe registered two very fine performances. With a throw of 155' 9" the former gained second place in the Javelin throw and his effort was a welcome return to his old form. By finishing second in the 1 mile run championship Blythe put up a sterling performance, and title honours will soon come his way in the near future.

OPEN HANDICAPS. N. S. W. Association visit to Bathurst on Feb. 18. Great success was met with by our club members as the following list shows:-
 100 Yards H. Bennett, W. Graham (St. G.) 440 Yards H. Bennett, A. Blythe
 880 " A. Blythe; Hop, step & jump, G. Crispo; Broad Jump, G. Crispo;
 High Jump, G. Crispo.

We congratulate our clubmates, especially as their successes were gained from over 60 athletes.

EAST SYDNEY MEMORIAL CUP, 100 yards handicap, held on February 25th, was won by C. T. Bartlett (St. G.) from W. McKinnon (W. S.). Congratulations "Cliff" your consistency of the past two or three seasons was well rewarded and your fellow members could not have been more pleased.

BALANCE SHEET. It is very pleasing to note that the Treasurer's Balance Sheet, shows a much more satisfactory financial position than last year, and members and officials have only to continue as they have done, to maintain and cinrease our present credit balance.

THANKS. For assistance rendered the club during the past year, including "Marathon" donations we desire to thank the following:- Messrs. J. J. Walsh £2/-, H. Taylor £10/-, J. Dunn £5/5/-, Tooth & Co. £5/5/-, A. Gainsford £5/-, J. McGrath £1/-, B. Jolley £3/3/-, Mark Gosling £1/1/-, S. Wallington £1/1/-, E. J. Brooke £1/1/-, E. Webb £1/1/-, -- Murphy £1/1/-, John B. Stewart (Cap, Ald. S. Binder 5/-, J. Batger £1/1/-, A. C. Willis £2/2/-, G. Ford £1/1/-, T. Houghton £1/-, E. Giles £2/2/-, R. Andrews £1/1/-, J. Laidlaw, £1/1/-, V. Cornell 10/6, S. Smale 10/6, J. Harris £1/1/-, W. J. Hasler £2/11/6, J. Ferguson 5/-, Mrs. Colvin, L. Dunbar, the City and local press and Miss D. Hollis, who rendered great assistance to our Marathon Secretary in the position of Hon. Stenographer.

In conclusion I wish to thank all members and officials of the club, who have given me their fullest support during my term of office. Their assistance has been fully appreciated by myself and I trust that in some small measure I have been worthy of their confidence.

All office bearers retire this evening, but are eligible for re-election. Members, this is your opportunity! Do the right thing by your club and also yourself and elect men who have the interests of St. George D. A. A. C. always before them. By doing this, increasing the membership and remaining steadfast to your club and Amateur principles, you will ensure a great future for the St. George District Amateur Athletic Club.

WALTER J. HASLER,
Hon. Secretary.

ST. GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.
Balance Sheet for the Year Ending 28th Feb., 1928.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Cash in hand	£38 16 4	N. S. W. A. A. A.	
Members annual subscriptions	11 16 -	Affiliation fee	£3 3 -
DONATIONS		Interclub Comp.	5 -
B. J. Jolley	£3 3 -	Dunn Shield	13 -
W. J. Hasler	1 11 6		£4 1 -
S. Wallington	1 1 -	Hurstville Oval Lighting	12 - -
J. P. Murphy	1 1 -	" " Caretakers	5 15 -
J. McGrath	1 1 -	Printing Accounts	2 18 -
H. Taylor	10 6 8 8 -	Trophy Accounts	46 17 9
Race Fees		Marathon Expenditure	60 10 10
Track	33 15 -	Hire of M. Hall & School	
Road	3 7 -	of Arts.	3 8 -
St. George		General Expenses	
Open Hdcp.	3 8 - 40 10 -	Cartridges etc.	2 1 6
Marathon Receipts	73 16 6		
Sale of Badges	2 1 6		
Interest on Bank Account	1 2 4	Cash in hand	38 18 7
	£176 10 8		£176 10 8
<u>A S S E T S</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Cash in hand	£39 18 7	Outstanding Orders	7 14 -
		Credit Balance	32 4 7
	£39 18 7		£39 18 7

5th March, 1928

ERNEST E. GILES
Hon. Treasurer

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT,
5/3/1928.

JOHN H. HARRIS, S. BINDER.