

ST GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

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AFFILIATED TO THE NSWAAA

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET

FOR YEAR ENDING 29th FEBRUARY, 1924

Presented to the members at the annual meeting held in the
Masonic Hall, Hurstville on 10th March, 1924.

OFFICE BEARERS 1923-24

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Ald. Macken, Ald. Lowe, Ald. Binder, Ald. Johnston.
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Distance Season. H. Vaughan Sprint Season. H. Taylor
Delegates to the Council of the NSWAAA
T.H.Gilson, E.E.Austen, W.Tilt, H.G.Harwin, A.Gainsford (res. 3/12/23)
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Hon Secretary H.G.Harwin A.Gainsford resigned 3/12/1923

To the Members of the St George District Amateur Athletic Club.
Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to submit to you this evening
the Third Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Club for the year
ending 29th February, 1924, in which year we have eclipsed the
progress made during all previous years since the formation of the
Club.

As a Club we have made advancements in all directions, having
at all times worked to gain honour and distinction for our Club, and
in so doing advertise our great District, of which we are all proud.
This we have carried out, to a marked degree, but we are not
contented to rest - we desire still further progress and distinction;
in fact, broadly speaking, we are only a babe to what we would
desire to be. However, we are making progress and eventually we
must reach a high standard in the athletic world which we all hope
and trust will not be far distant.

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?

MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership has again increased beyond all expectations and we hope before the end of next year to have over two hundred active and financial Members. All are requested to use their best endeavours to give intending Members every advice and assistance.

SOCIALLY

The activities of the Club in this direction were confined to our Annual Dance held in the Masonic Hall, Kogarah, on Tuesday 14th August, at which the N.Z.C.C. Team were our guests. This function was a most outstanding success both socially and financially, and did much to bring the Club before the public.

PUBLICITY

We have endeavoured to make the name of the Club a house word in the District and elsewhere. This we will attain by the efforts now adopted in the shape of leaflets, signs and general publicity, coupled with the wonderful achievements gained in active athletics: any help in this direction will be greatly appreciated.

THANKS

Thanks are due to Messrs B. Jolley, T.H. Gilson, R. Francis, J.J. Walsh, W. Tilt, "The Spot", Mrs Colvin, A.M. Hart, A. Vaughan, the daily and local Press, and countless others who have assisted us financially and materially.

ACTIVE ATHLETICS

DISTANCE SEASON

CLUB EVENTS

Our road season was a marked success. On average about 15 runners competed in each event, most of which - due to the efficient handicapping - revealed exciting and close finishes. R. Medlin was the most successful competitor.

OPEN HANDICAP RACES

In open competition our first noted achievement was the enthusiasm shown by the Members to succeed, and for the greatest number of races, your Club entered more competitors than any other individual Club. Our efforts were rewarded in the shape of W. Liddle's magnificent win in the Dulwich Hill five mile event, for which he won the "Harper" Cup outright - a most outstanding achievement; and H.R. Harwin's determined and surprise victory in the East Sydney 2.75 mile event. Other competitors gained minor places and on the whole we more than held our own with other Clubs. R.W. Holdsworth, now a Member of our Club, also won the "Bob Tuck" Memorial Race, promoted by the Botany Club.

DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the Novice and State 5 mile Cross Country Championships your Club gained third place in each event to Botany and South Sydney Clubs, whom we congratulate on their victory.

The most prominent Member in the distance championships was A. Gainsford, who ran with Distinction in the NSW 5 mile CCC, Australasian CCC 5 mile, State 10 mile Championship and Manly Modified Marathon.

ST GEORGE'S "JOLLEY" OPEN ROAD RACE

This, our own open Handicap Road Race for the trophy presented by Mr. B. Jolley, was a most conspicuous success, as instanced by the number of citizens who witnessed the event, and, in fact, as reported in one of the Sydney newspapers, Hurstville was like "Martin Place at lunch hour"; and also by the 72 competitors who entered for the race which was won by J.B. Linane of the East Sydney Club from his clubmate V. O'Leary with S. Morton of our Club a close third. The fastest time was gained by H. Hayden of Botany.

TRACK SEASON

CLUB EVENTS

Of all progress made, nothing is within reach of the advancements we have made this year with our Track events, due much to the efforts of the Committee aided by the lighting of Hurstville Oval and the help of Caretaker Dunbar. Every Wednesday evening, weather permitting, we have carried out a successful programme. At first we had to work hard to meet the high fee charged for the use of the lighted Oval, but with good management and new Members, we were soon able to report good stability, and on top of the firm foundation laid by our Club, we consented to hold our events in conjunction with the St George Amateur Cycle Club, and as instanced by the last two Meetings we have set the seed of a bright future in this respect, which would be even more secure if our local Council would avail themselves of putting in a proper cycle track. With our kindred brethren, the Cyclists, we guarantee a good program of events for all interested in amateur athletics, both Members and spectators. Events of all distances are held from 100 yards to 3 miles, besides walking, jumping, field games and novelty events, the results and achievements of which are too numerous to mention; it being sufficient to state that all who have competed have enjoyed good sport and gained invaluable experience. On the whole the races have been closely contested and fought to a finish, which speaks highly for the ability and judgment of the Handicapper.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our championships were held over a period of 4 weeks and resulted as follows:-
100 yds G.W. Campling ; 220 yds G.W. Campling ; 440 yds E.T. Groves ;
880 yds J. Brown ; 1 mile W. Liddle ; 3 miles W. Liddle ;
1 mile walk E.E. Austen ; 3 miles walk J. Batger (E.Austen non-comp.)
Shot Putt F. Matson ; High Jump O. Matson ; Broad Jump F. Matson ;
Hop, Step & Jump F. Matson.

A beautiful Cup, presented by K. Francis, Esq., for the best all-round competitor, resulted in a dead heat between F. Matson & E.F. Groves.

OPEN HANDICAPS

In open competition we have won our fair share of events, the outstanding of which is G.W. Campling's victory in the 100 yds at the Highland Gathering Sports, and the solid victory of E.T. Groves in the 100 yds event at the Lidcombe Sports, for which he won the most valuable trophy presented for a Track Handicap event. Many

other Members figured prominently, notably W. Tilt's victory in the 1,000 yards at the State Championship Sports and A. Gainsford's third at the Lidcombe Sports.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fresh laurels were added to the Club by the victory of S. Morton in the 3 miles State Championship, and also E.E. Austen's victories, which are of so outstanding a nature that they are dealt with separately.

DUNN SHIELD EVENTS

Your Club competed in these events with fair results, aided much by the brilliant efforts of E.E. Austen.

E. E. AUSTEN

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. Some of his notable achievements are as follow:-

	1st place	
Australasian 1 mile walk C'ship	Australasian 3 mile walk C'ship	
State 1 mile walk "	State 3 mile walk "	
Dunn Shield 1 mile walk "	Dunn Shield 3 mile walk "	
Australian 7 mile walk C'ship		

BALANCE SHEET

Perusal of the Hon. Treasurer's balance sheet will reveal a satisfactory state of affairs, which is part of our firm policy. However, we have many necessities to purchase as, for example, a stop watch, starter's gun, etc., which are vital for the efficiency of the Club.

GENERAL MEETINGS

These have been regularly attended. However, many more could attend and take a more active part in the official affairs of the Club. These Meetings are held the first Monday in every month in our worthy President's chemist shop, Forest Road, Hurstville.

WHAT WE WANT TO HELP US

Much good would be gained by the Club if we could find an efficient Coach to advise and instruct Members. This is becoming a greater necessity on account of our increasing numbers.

GENERAL

All Office Bearers retire tonight but are eligible for re-election. In conclusion Gentlemen, I thank everyone for the efforts made and for the support during my term of office. I trust that this evening you will do your duty to yourself and your Club in electing the right men for the vacant positions and throughout the year make vigorous efforts so that the year ahead of us will eclipse the last.

H.G. Harwin Hon. Sec.

BALANCE SHEET OF ST GEORGE DISTRICT AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

For Year ending 22nd February, 1924.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Credit Balance Year 1922-3	£8 13 4	£8 13 4
Annual Membership Subscriptions	13 12 -	13 12 -
<u>DONATIONS</u>		
B. Jolley	5 5 -	
W. Tilt	1 1 -	
J.J. Walsh	1 1 -	
A. Vaughan	1 1 -	
Sundry Donations	<u>5 - 4</u>	13 8 4
Members' Fees H'ville Oval	9 7 -	9 7 -
Proceeds of Annual Social	14 7 2	14 7 2
Advertising Returns	3 1 6	3 1 6
Arrears Collected	1 6 9	1 6 9
Race Fees Collected	<u>12 6 6</u>	<u>12 6 6</u>
	<u>£76 2 7</u>	<u>£76 2 7</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Unpaid Trophies	£9 4 -	
Credit Balance	<u>14 9 5</u>	<u>23 13 5</u>
	<u>£23 13 5</u>	<u>£23 13 5</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
NSWAAA Affiliation Fee	£3 3 -	
Race Fees Paid to NSWAAA	<u>6 10 -</u>	£9 13 -
Printing	5 7 6	
Postage, etc.	1 13 6	
Certificates for Championships	<u>2 2 6</u>	9 3 6
Trophies Paid	<u>7 8 6</u>	7 8 6
Hurstville Oval - Ground charge	8 10 6	
" " - Improvement, etc.	2 17 6	
" " - Labour Expenses	<u>1 1 -</u>	12 9 -
Bank Charge	10 -	
Starting Gun Licence	<u>5 -</u>	- 15 -
Social Expenditure	13 - 2	13 - 2
Cash Balance	<u>23 13 5</u>	<u>23 13 5</u>
	<u>£76 2 7</u>	<u>£76 2 7</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash in Hand	<u>£23 13 5</u>	<u>23 13 5</u>
	<u>£23 13 5</u>	<u>£23 13 5</u>

Audited and found correct -

H.S. BINDER }
H.J. TAYLOR } Hon. Auditors