



History of the St George District Athletic Club

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Annual Awards

Outstanding Senior Athlete

1962-63 to 1974-75	Hurstville Council Trophy
1975-76 to Present	A.A. Gainsford Trophy
2013-14 to Present	Edith Robinson Trophy

This is the premier annual award of our Club with over 50 years of history. The athletes who have won this award include Olympians, Commonwealth Games Representatives and World Record holders.

From 2013-14 the award was restructured to recognize both the Outstanding Male and Outstanding Female athletes.

Hurstville Council Trophy

The annual award for the Outstanding Senior Athlete was introduced in 1962-63 with naming sponsorship provided by Hurstville Council.

The award was presented to the following athletes:

1962-63	Albert Thomas	1963-64	Albert Thomas
1964-65	Albert Thomas	1965-66	Albert Thomas
1966-67	John Hancock	1967-68	Peter Lawler
1968-69	Graeme Rootham	1969-70	Graeme Rootham
1970-71	Graeme Rootham	1971-72	Graeme Rootham
1972-73	Graeme Rootham	1973-74	Graeme Rootham
1974-75	Stephen Gee		

A.A. Gainsford Trophy

Named in honour of the founder of the Club, our first Life Member, and the man who was widely recognized as “the father of athletics in the St George District”. Alleyn Gainsford was a champion distance athlete who won the club’s first race before holding many NSW Championships. He set records at Club, State and National levels as a competitor, and worked tirelessly as an administrator for more than five decades.

The award has been presented to the following athletes:

1975-76	Stephen Gee	1976-77	Vincent Plant
1977-78	Vincent Plant	1978-79	Vincent Plant
1979-80	John Andrews	1980-81	John Andrews
1981-82	John Andrews	1982-83	John Andrews
1983-84	John Andrews	1984-85	Robert Henderson
1985-86	Lawrence Whitty	1986-87	Lawrence Whitty
1987-88	John Andrews	1988-89	John Andrews
1989-90	John Andrews	1990-91	Louis Young
1991-92	John Andrews	1992-93	Anne Manning
1993-94	Anne Manning	1994-95	Anne Manning

1995-96	Anne Manning	1996-97	Keiran Gallagher
1997-98	Sylvia Rose	1998-99	Sylvia Rose
1999-00	Daniel Batman	2000-01	Daniel Batman
2001-02	Blair Martin	2002-03	Daniel Batman
2003-04	Lachlan Chisholm & Blair Martin	2004-05	Lachlan Chisholm
2005-06	Zoe Pelbart	2006-07	Mark Tucker
2007-08	Ben St Lawrence	2008-09	Ben St Lawrence
2009-10	Ben St Lawrence	2010-11	Ben St Lawrence
2011-12	Ben St Lawrence	2012-13	Ben St Lawrence
2013-14	Ben St Lawrence		

Edith Robinson Trophy

Named in honour of a founder of the St George District Women's Amateur Athletic Club. Edie Robinson established herself as Australia's dominant female sprinter in 1928 and was rewarded when she was named as Australia's first female athlete to compete at the Olympic Games. After returning from Amsterdam, Edie helped to establish a Ladies' Club and later guided the transition to become an independent club.

The award has been presented to the following athletes:

2013-14 Bridey Delaney

Further Reading

The club website has many documents pertaining to the history of the club available for download in pdf format: <http://www.sgdac.org/documents.php>

The club website has detailed results of club events, open handicap events, track & field events, and State, National and International Championship events featuring club athletes from 1921 onwards: <http://www.sgdac.org/results.php>

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