

400 the costs of printing have outstripped our subscription income — ordinary membership has only risen from £2.5 to £6.00 per year since 1978. Extra revenue is raised partly from advertising, but mostly by selling booklets at the Chelsea Flower Show.

So for our 10th birthday report, I would say that we are fit, have the right number of members, and are improving the quality of activities each year. Luckily each time one of the committee has left, another dependable worker has always filled their place. And to all those past committee members, we thank you for getting us so well established. Let's hope that the editor in ten year's time can sit back as self-satisfied!

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## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA**

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The Society came into being following a meeting called by Rob Charnock and held at Ian English's nursery at Kenthurst. A large group of interested people attended and at the end it was confirmed that enough people were interested in starting a club for CP growers to get it off the ground. Another meeting was held at Ryde Horticultural College and the Society came into being. The year was 1985 and the Society officially existed from June of that year.

In September 1985 we entered our first "show" at the Sydney Botanic Gardens "Spring in the Gardens." Considering no one knew what they were doing we put on an interesting (to the public) show. By September 1986 we had learnt a lot about putting on shows. This time we did an aesthetically pleasing display and we won the first prize. This helped us to become financially secure—something we had not been up to this point. We also branched out to put on a display at Wyong Exotic Plant Expo.

In 1987 we entered 3 shows: Spring in Gardens, Sydney; Exotic Plant Show, Wyong; Penrith Garden Club, Penrith Mall. We won 2 outright firsts and 1 first in section. All had prize money which helped give the Society its 'free' Christmas Party and keeps us financially in the black!

Lively and interesting meetings with business being as brief as possible. Speakers or a "hands on" practical demonstration. The meetings are held on the 2nd Friday of the month except for February and April (school holidays) when they are held on the 3rd Friday. For 1988/89 the dates are as follows:

February - 19th	March - 11th	April - 15th	June - 10th
August - 12th	September - 9th	October - 14th	November - 11th

Meeting place is Ryde Horticultural College, Parks Rd, Ryde (parking available) phone Secretary (Cecily) or Vice President (Daryl) on 669.6141 for details. Meetings commence at 7.30 pm ending at 10 pm. Transport can be arranged if you phone Cecily or Daryl. If you wish to attend a meeting and you are from out-of-town accommodation can be arranged ... again phone Cecily or Daryl.

Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is held at the June meeting. Our CHRISTMAS PARTY is held in December (usually 2nd Sunday). We exhibit at shows during the year and hope to hold our own show during 1988/89 if enough members are interested. We are also trying to find the time to help set out rules/regulations for a show to be run in conjunction with the Royal Easter Show. We have built up a good rapport with the Botanic Gardens staff interested in CPs.

During 1988/89 the Secretary/Vice President are trying to visit members who live out of town, but within NSW ... they have been north to Port Macquarie/Woolgoolga and hope to visit others

at Newcastle and Goulburn/ACT. If you would like a visit please drop a note in the mail and arrangements can be made and then you can ask any questions you have. Hopefully at a later time this service can be extended to other States.

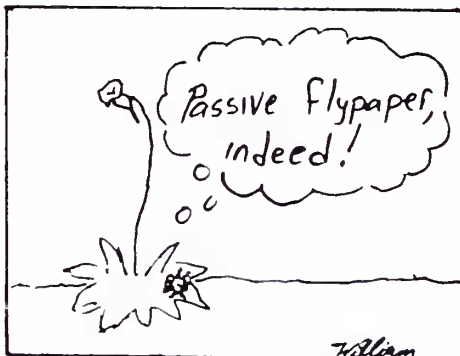
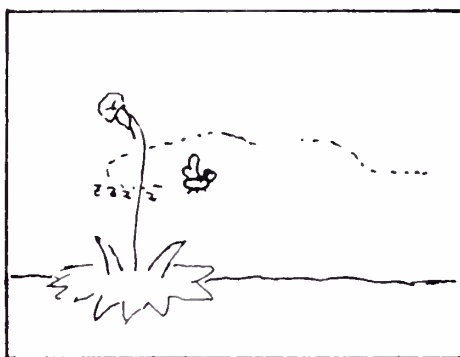
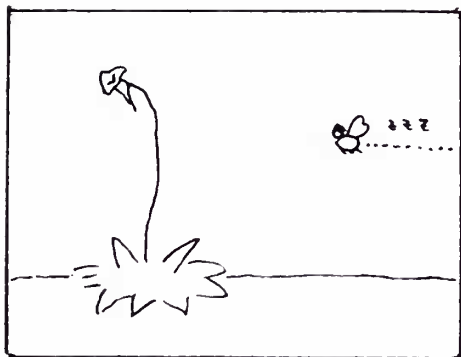
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## Tidbits

from Bill Strand



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