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This newsletter is an attempt by me to catch up with the necessary administration entailed in the position of group leader. As this is my first annual report, I hope I keep the mistakes to a minimum.

Financial Report:

Cash in hand, report 30.6.89		213.89
Cash transferred to Sydney 18.10.89		258.27
Income - subscriptions	90.00	
- interest	8.50	
		98.50
	TOTAL	<u>356.77</u>
Expenditure - secretarial expenses	68.00	
- State tax	.10	
		68.10
	TOTAL	<u>68.10</u>
Cash in hand, 30.6.90		<u>288.67</u>
Balance in account 30.6.90		288.67

Membership:

Financial individuals	5
Financial institutions	4
Retired or resigned	4
Unfinancial individuals	7
Unfinancial institutions	4
TOTAL Members 30.9.90	20

I do not have data on membership as at the 30.6.90 that I consider accurate, despite the report to the coordinator. I am reviewing my methods at present. Cards require a lot of back checking, which I have neglected to do.

Monies for expenses for this financial year are likely to be higher as I have carried some expenses from last year into August. Increased postage, paper, photocopying etc will also increase the outgoing this year. We are in a sound financial position due largely to the generosity of the NSW and Qld SGAP. I see no reason for increasing the annual subscription for the year 1991/1992. An increase for the following year may be appropriate.

I have taken a unilateral decision not to involve myself in an exchange of Newsletters with the Dodonea group. I see no benefit to me (no one else requests the information which comes in and I do not wish to be a clearing house for information transfer), and the cost is borne by the whole group. If more people become involved with the administration, then we can review the decision.

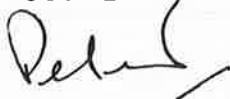
I am a little concerned with the number of unfinancial members who still receive the newsletter. This will be the last newsletter sent to people who have an RED ASTERIX on the top of this newsletter, unless I receive their membership for 1990/91. I do wish to waste my time and group money on sustaining unfinancial and uninvolved members without good reason.

I welcome the two new members who have joined this year. I do not feel it is appropriate to give names and addresses of members in a public document and unless requested to do otherwise will keep the information private. Maybe I have become accustomed to Sydney more than is desirable. Comments are welcome.

Activities of members are quite diverse. I am attempting to understand the importance of mycorrhizal associations of Thysanotus. I have not yet branched out into the Arthropodium mycorrhizas. Some members are trying to ensure the continued survival of local species of Thysanotus and other lilies in urban and natural plant communities. One person has become interested in trying to sort out an aspect of the taxonomy of the genus. The biogeography of the group is also of interest to many of us. Do members feel we need to increase focus on specific tasks and activities? For instance, should we aim to produce a small publication on the genera? Do you have any ideas that you might like the group to consider? Your comments would be most welcome.

That is all from me folks. Its back to the garden, or in my case, the glasshouse.

Happy gardening.



Peter McGee