Review of the Mt Aspiring National Park Management Plan

Department of Conservation, Wakatipu, has sent BSO an invitation to attend a workshop with other statutory bodies and interest groups, to discuss: the main issues relating to the management of the park within the next 10 years, and options for managing areas of high conflict or high use, including outcome statements for high use. Denise Young, 03 442 9823, dyoung@doc.govt.nz, welcomes your input.

Graduate Program in Plant Biology

The Department of Biology at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has sent us details of its graduate program in plant biology. More details on the Department of Botany noticeboard, or email bso@botany.otago.ac.nz and we'll forward the attachment.

Lichen corrections

David Galloway has pointed out that the *Hypogymnia* mentioned in 'Lichens on twigs in the Dunedin area' in *BSO Newsletter* 39 should be *H. subphysodes*. Likewise the *Flavoparmelia* in the 'Key to 15 genera of common foliose lichens in the Dunedin Urban area' should be *F. haysomii*.

Botanical Diary - see front pages for finalised BSO events

Audrey Eagle Prize for Botanical Drawing - call for entries!

Audrey Eagle will present the first Audrey Eagle prize for Botanical Drawing, at the Annual General Meeting of the Botanical Society of Otago, on 21 April next year. The **prize of \$100** will be awarded for the best botanical drawing submitted by Monday 8 March, 2004.

Entries may be given to Audrey to take home for judging at our evening meeting on 8 March. Any medium is permitted, colour or black and white. The main criterion is that it has a botanical theme. Audrey suggests that something that has not been fully illustrated yet, like a small herbaceous plant, a lichen or a liverwort would be of added botanical interest. The president would love to have colour pictures to feature on our website, the committee is keen to have something we can use as a logo or letterhead, while the editor will be delighted to have original art to feature in the BSO newsletter, especially if there is an interesting note to go with it. (Bear in mind that the newsletter is set out in 14 pt font on A4 pages, which are photocopy-reduced to A5 for publishing in black and white.)

Each drawing should be accompanied by a caption and any comments of interest. Don't forget to include your name and contact details. If you can't make the March meeting, entries may be sent to: BSO Drawing Prize, Box 6214, Dunedin North, or put in the BSO pigeonhole in the Botany Dept. mail room, by midday on Monday, 8 March. Email queries to: bso@botany.otago.ac.nz
Happy drawing!