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Active participation by members was a pleasing aspect of activities for 1977. Members were very keen to attend the Friday after lab steins and the Annual Dinner and Dance and Wine and Cheese functions were well supported. Towards the end of the year speakers were introduced into the steins and consequently members gained some expert knowledge of the "NZ falcon", an insight into the implications of the "Clutha Scheme" and learnt more of the "Natural History of the Americas".

A number of field trips were run by the Society: A trip to the Copland Hot Springs, to the Otehahe River Hot Spring, to the Mount Hutt Afforestation project, and to Stewart Island. Activities of members of this latter trip ranged from sexing crabs and searching for penguins, to stream sampling. The freshwater ecology work appears in this issue of *Mauri Ora* along with an updated species list of plants for the Freshwater River area, Stewart Island.

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CORRIGENDA

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The authors regret the following errors appeared in their papers:

- p.28. Bennington, Fig.5. The right hand axis should read
0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.5, 2.
- p.44. Toshach, Table 2. Chemical oxygen demand figures
should be divided by 100.
- p.96. Meurk, paragraph 1, line 4: for up to 300 m
read up to c. 350 m
- p.113. Meurk, paragraph 5, line 7: for 4000 years B.P.
read 3000 years B.P.
(Fleming *et al.* 1976).
- p.116, Meurk, insert: FLEMING, C.A., MILDENHALL, D.C. and
MOAR, N.T. 1976. Quaternary
sediments and plant microfossils
from Enderby Island, Auckland Islands.
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