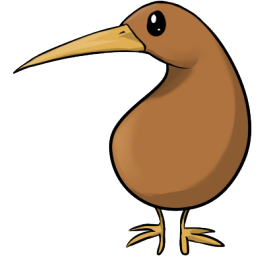


LATEST EMAIL FROM DENISE IN OUR NZ LINK WI



From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:52 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: Hello there

Hello Julia and girls, we hope this finds you all well and enjoying spring/summer.

Our Autumn continues to delight, with mild temps and not much rain (although we did receive 33mls last night from the tail end of Cyclone Donna). I think it is very unfair that they name these destructive gales after females! So far Debbie and Donna have brought lots of rain here. However, the Autumn leaves haven't really dropped and coloured as much as usual so far. Have been waiting for a Pin Oak in our front paddock to show her glorious reds, but she is very slow to show her beauty! My English Oak hasn't done much either!

We had our meeting at Leonie's home last Wednesday with 9 members and one prospective member, so that was good. Just a coffee and chat meeting this time around.

Andrew Nicholson has featured on the news after his amazing win at the horse trials. They are such great sportsmen and athletes to be able to last at the sport for so long. Must take a lot just to hang on for starters!

We all thought a trip to the UK for the garden show would be good. We now have 10 = 15 years to win Lotto!

Katie Croom who is a daughter and grand-daughter of two of our members Colleen & Gwen has just graduated as a nurse this week. We are very proud of Katie as she has battled severe allergies through her life, but am sure her life experiences will stand her in good stead in nursing. She is now nursing at Palmerston North Hospital. Katie was fortunate enough to gain two \$1000 scholarships from WI to help her with her study fees. Makes all the difference when we actually know a recipient and what she has achieved.

I am making fig jam at present. I have had a fig tree for about 10 years and this is the first year that she has really fruited. With the mild weather, the figs have been able to ripen and we are enjoying the luscious fruits. It is also feijoa time here and we pick the fallen fruit most days. They fall when they are ripe. Quite a different taste and texture but they grow so very well over here. I usually freeze a lot to use in crumbles and smoothies through the year.

We had our Southern Hawkes Bay AGM in early April and Elaine did very well in the competitions, winning the most points for competition work and also guiding Hukanui-Hamua to most points for the institutes too! Most of the competition work was to go down to Wellington to be judged for the National Competitions. It is the national AGM in Christchurch at the end of May and Elaine is going down there for that with a few others from SHB. One of the SHB ladies, Betty Goldsworthy is to be presented with a Gold Honours Badge at the AGM. Betty is a darling and does a lot of work in the community and for institute too. She must be close to 90 now, but still 'a box of birds'!

OK. Tis all for now, happy days to you all
and love to everyone
from Denise & the H-H girls x x x