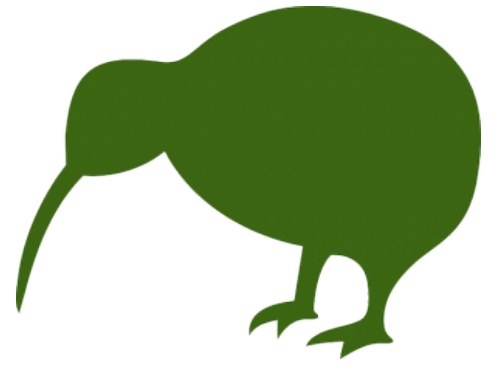


**LATEST EMAILS FROM DENISE
IN HUKUNUI/HAMUA WI -
Our New Zealand Link WI**

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2017 10:03 PM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: link



Good morning Julia and girls,

Well, we have made “Home & Country” again! Will scan the page and attach it for you to see.

All good over here, a few more nice, fine days to dry up the mud and make us all smile!

We have finished the docking now and not the crutching and drenching starts in preparation for the main shearing in December. It is busy for dairy farmers at present with Elaine and Doc doing an AB (Artificial Breeding) run for a few dairy farmers around the district. There are other companies that do this as well. We have beef bulls here and every year we ‘lend’ about a dozen or so to farms and they ‘finish’ off the breeding cycle with the bulls. We then get the bulls back and ready for the works as they have been on dairy grass for a couple of months! A win-win situation for all.

I am still feeding 10 lambs (gained another one last week!) ranging from very big to tiny! Tiny (Little) needs 5-6 feeds a day and the others are on 3 feeds, however, the big ones are only getting hot water in their bottles! Feeding 4 calves too, but John carts the milk for this. They get 18 litres of milk morning and night to share, then they are out in the grassy paddock for the day.

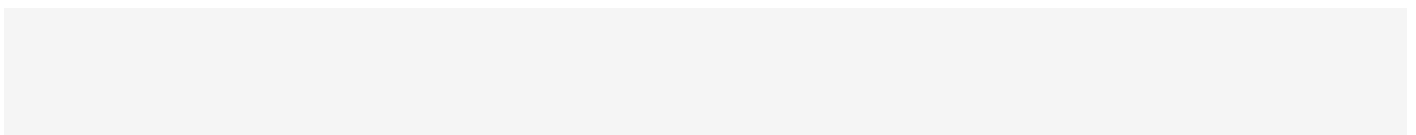
I managed to get the lawns mown yesterday arvo. Gee, they are growing quickly, lots of white daisies in them though – think they are called English Bellis daisies – have to blame it on someone!

OK. Just a quick one today. Am on Op Shop duty at 12.30, so will do a few jobs (feed lamb again!) and it will be time to go.

Hope your weather is not too bad, being the last of your autumn and heading into winter.

Love to you all

Denise x x



From: Denise Gavin

Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 10:55 PM

To: Julia Warne

Subject: November

Hello Julia and girls,

November already! You had an anniversary lunch yesterday and 7 of us went to Palmerston North where we visited the Arohanui Hospice and donated 71 items of kitchen items. Very good we thought for a small band!

Then we headed over to the Esplanade Gardens and cafe for lunch and meeting. Elaine had a couple of jobs to do, so Pat, Lesley and I went ahead and had a coffee and cake for starters! Then Elaine, Margaret S, Christine and Val arrived and we had another coffee and cake for lunch! Out in the courtyard under a tree with birds and ducks everywhere, hoping to score a crumb or two.

We had our meeting, then went for a walk through the hot-house. Some beautiful orchids and other plants there, just gorgeous. A very nice day spent together.

We hosted the SHB 1/2 yearly council meeting last Friday which went very well. A very good attendance which made for good raffle takings! Mangamutu WI and H-H had prizes and shared one raffle and proceeds – \$125 each which was great and the federation had another raffle which did just as well. They had a laden sales table which sold well too. We had 6 girls there to help with the day as did Mangamutu. Many hands make light work. I managed to win first prize for floral - 1 single (Arum Lily), 1 stem of multiple (snapdragon) and 1 stem of shrub (Viburnum Rosacea). Couldn't work out why several others didn't do as well and it turned out that roses are shrubs/bushes. Those entries had rhododendrons too, so that disqualified them. You learn something every day! We had entries in floral, knitting (babies blanket) and cooking (pikelets) and as such managed to win most points for the day, so that was good.

Our weather has continued to shine this week. Has been marvellous. We can cope with the predicted weekend rain now I think!

OK. Tis all for now, I have a chocolate cake in the oven (Was told that the tins were empty!), then have my pre-school music session at Eketahuna.

So, take care and love to you all,

Denise x x