

**LATEST EMAILS BETWEEN DENISE  
IN HUKANUI/HAMUA WI –  
Our New Zealand Link WI  
AND JULIA IN BASLOW WI**

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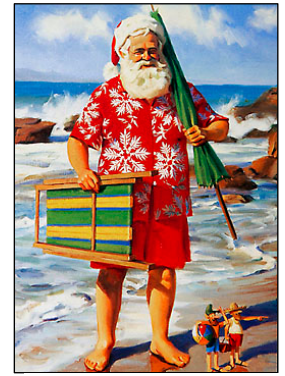


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Hello there Julia and the Baslow Darlings.

We had our Christmas meeting today, with 8 of us there out of 14. Horrendous weather which has been sweeping the rest of the country and we smugly thought we had missed it!

Pat drove up from Masterton and the hail was so thick she could barely see at times. Barbara drove from Marima and she said it was awful and couldn't pull over as she had a milk tanker on her tail! Very strong winds with the hail/rain.

I put your parcels in the bag and we had a lucky dip! The decorations and serviette holders are just beautiful. Elaine already has ideas for a craft day next year with her little Christmas tree. Margaret Simpson is in a room at our local old folks' home and she will pin her decoration (highly beaded) to the curtain as she hasn't got a Christmas tree.

We are all just so delighted, thank you very much.

Julia, would you be able to take a photo of the Christmas gift that Elaine has sent to Baslow please? We didn't get to see it!!

This morning amid the weather extremes we had a power pole changed in our front paddock. It has been 'skew-whiff' for a year or two now. They were to change it last week, but we had 80 beehives right beside it and we didn't think the power men or the bees would be very happy, so waited until the hives had been taken to their summer home and went for it.

We are half way between the honey company's base in Masterton and the block they lease for its Manuka flowers, the honey of which attracts a premium price for its medicinal qualities. They bring the hives here and leave them until the weather is suitable for trucking and then using a helicopter to move them to their next base.

The H-H darlings wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019 and we look forward to hearing about your 100-year celebrations as they go through the year.

Love to you all,

Denise x x