

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

From Denise in NZ

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Subject: Institute

To: Julia in Baslow



Hello dear Julia and the Baslow Darlings,

We had our October meeting last Wednesday at the Esplanade Café in Palmerston North after going to the Arohanui Hospice to take items from their wish list. We took 48 items in all, which was gratefully received.

There were just five of us there and also the Tararua President of WI, Kaye Brabender as she and Elaine were going to another institute to show some of Elaine's work and explain the judging process.



Images from Cafe Esplanade on Facebook

We read Jane's newsletter and there were a few heads nodding at the mention of composting husbands!!!

Nothing much to discuss at the meeting this time. November's meeting will be at a garden in Eketahuna. Crossed fingers for a fine day. We all envy your choice of local places to visit on a regular basis.

At the national AGM this year it was moved that members of WI in NZ are just that and can attend any institute they like, paying just one membership fee.

Three months ago, we had been joined by mother and daughter, Joyce and Wendy Greig who had retained their membership of their institute in Masterton, but also joined in with us. Sadly, Joyce passed away very suddenly two weeks ago. She was in her 80s, but was generally keeping in very good health, so it was a huge shock to Wendy and the rest of their family and institute members too.

The spring bulbs are on their way out and now the dahlias and roses are starting to shoot. Peonies are in bud too and verges are starting to get a move on! Hopefully the worst of the heavy rain we had over winter is over as the temperatures start to warm up. The country had a covering of snow last week which was very unexpected!

So, keep warm and safe!

With love from the Hukanui-Hamua Darlings x