

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

From: Denise Gavin <[gavsters@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gavsters@xtra.co.nz)>

Date: Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 2:18 AM

Subject: Re: Happy New Year!

To: Julia Warne <[rjw.warne@gmail.com](mailto:rjw.warne@gmail.com)>



Australian bush fires: Image - metro.co.uk

Happy New Year dear Julia and all the Baslow Darlings from 'slow-coach' Denise!

I am sure that you have the Australian bushfires on your news at nights. Just terrible, terrible times for everyone. Kangaroo Island at the south of my state, South Australia has had 1/2 of the land burnt. Koalas on KI are the only chlamydia free animals in Australia and they have had considerable deaths. Farmland has been burnt and homes. Terrible to be on an island and to be cut off like that. Then Victoria and New South Wales are just being devastated by their huge fires. The costs to life is unthinkable and the cleanup and recovery will take many many years. These fires have been burning for months now and it seems the government just turned a blind eye until it was catastrophic.

Summer here got away to a great start in late November and early December, but it has cooled down of late. Had some welcome and gentle rain, so that was good. Our tanks are nearly full and there is water in the river and creeks/dams.

We have been shearing between Christmas and New year and another day last week. Another next week I think, then it is all done!

Our Op Shop in Eketahuna has been on the move this week as our building (derelict almost) was sold. It was beyond us to buy it and then renovate it. We put it in the Lord's hands to find somewhere else and we are in the process of moving into another shop on the main street that was a 'bit of everything' shop before, but spasmodically opened. Too much to find the rent etc and the owner has found work elsewhere, so we have got it and are delighted. Twice the rent, but we will still make enough proceeds to be able to give to our two churches who in turn support the community. I think all the volunteers really enjoy working there too which is half the battle in finding help.

OK. Just finishing off a coffee. Have Ayla asleep and due to wake up, so will start pulling the curtains open and making a bit more noise!

Love to you all dear girls

From Denise and the H-H Darlings x x x

**From:** Julia Warne

**Sent:** Thursday, January 2, 2020 4:56 AM

**To:** Denise Gavin

**Subject:** Happy New Year!

Dear Denise and all you Hukanui-Hamua WI Darlings

Best wishes for a very happy and healthy 2020 to you all and your families. Let's hope also for a peaceful year without the effects of severe climate change we have witnessed and, in some cases, experienced this year.

The weather here is chilly and seems to be set for a dry period, some days sunny, others gloomy.

Deborah is looking forward to meeting up with you again next month. We will look forward to her reporting back. We so much treasure our special relationship with you.

Lots of love from Julia and all the Baslow WI Darlings xx