

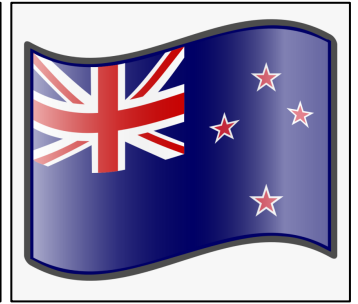
**LATEST EMAILS BETWEEN DENISE  
IN HUKANUI/HAMUA WI –  
Our New Zealand Link WI  
AND JULIA IN BASLOW WI**

From: [Denise in NZ](#)

Date: Wed, Nov 2, 2022 at 8:45 PM

Subject: FW: Institute

To: [Julia in Baslow](#)



*Barbara, Lesley, Christine, Elaine, Gladys, Val, Denise & Wendy  
at a beautiful garden not far from Eketahuna.*

Hello Dear Julia and the Baslow Darlings,

We had our November meeting at Janice and John Duffy's garden near Eketahuna yesterday. Had our meeting and a cuppa around Janice's dining table then ventured out into the garden. They have sweeping lawns with the house on the brow of a hill, giving sweeping views from the large windows. Absolutely magnificent. Rhododendrons are in flower now and hostas are appearing everywhere. A large pond with a bridge and canoe tied up! They have a spring on the slope and have been able to create a spring fed waterfall from it. Ah I could go on forever!

Our Pat and Keith are in Australia at present, having spent 10 days in Cairns with friends and now in Melbourne with their daughter. We needed Pat or Sue with us to tell us how far Sheffield is from Baslow. (Think not too far though?) Your scissor speaker sounded fascinating and your programme for the next few weeks will be lots of fun.

Happy Birthday for your luncheon today.

For our December meeting, we will be at Elaine's home doing a small craft item and also taking flowers to be made into posies to be left around the towns - supermarket trolleys/medical centres etc., all with a little tag saying "I am a lonely bouquet, please take me home", with thoughts from Hukanui-Hamua Women's Institute. We will also take toys to be donated to our local Help N Hand Centre who in turn distribute to children in the community.

The Tararua Federation held its annual Craft Show two weekends ago. Elaine did very well, taking home 5 trophies for her exceptional craft items. They have a prize for most entries and for the previous two years she has won that one - however, there was more competition this year, so her 48 entries got her second!!! Entries are supposed to be made in the last 12 months, but some ladies extend this a bit..... well, the years are flying by at present and covid has wiped out a couple of them!!! The show is held in Dannevirke and over the same weekend is a garden show and quilt show, so it makes a full day/weekend for many.

We are at the end of spring now, the November equinoctial gales are starting (we forget about the November winds!), time to stake plants before they snap. First roses are blooming, irises are out, along with rhodos and late camellias. It is a happy time in the garden I think. Tomato plants are in the garden or hothouse - I had two in their pots outside waiting to be planted and we got a good frost.....they survived, but the zucchini (courgette) that was in the ground didn't! Will keep an eye on the new plant this time.

Time for you all to get the winter woollies out of storage and see what Mother Nature brings this time.

Keep safe and well,  
Love to you all,  
From Denise and the Hukanui-Hamua Darlings x x x

**From:** Denise in NZ

**Date:** Mon, Nov 7, 2022 at 10:55 PM

**Subject:** website

**To:** Julia in Baslow

Hello dear Julia.

No doubt you are tucked away asleep at present, but have just looked at the Baslow website. Wonderful photos of your 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday and so good to see you there, looking well.

Hope it isn't our Newsletter Jane who is moving from the district???

Also someone was very clever at putting photos of the Esplanade Café with my email after our meeting there! Well done.

Another beautiful day here today. Having to water the garden at present – not much rain during October and I think November will be worse. We have our Eketahuna Club plant sale this weekend and we usually have 100s of plants for sale.

One of our Eketahuna residents has moved and theirs was the rhodo and hydrangea garden that we have visited over the years. They had 100s of potted plants, so kindly gave them to us in July, so a few of us have these plants that we have been nurturing along ( and sometimes not.....) for the sale.

Will be so pleased to have them gone from the garden. I have also potted up quite a few plants as well, so my nursery will be bare! However, we often have plants that didn't appeal and we get them back!!!

It is a wonderful fundraiser for the Club and we girls mostly enjoy it!!

That's about all. Heading down to Eketahuna to do my Op Shop duty soon. Always a happy place for me, seeing what people have brought in over the past week and how our takings have been going. We get lots of compliments from the shoppers on how nice the shop is and we take great care to keep it up! It is a wonderful asset for our community and the funds get ploughed back into it too.

So, keep well and warm!!!

Denise x x