

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

From: Denise Gavin
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 6:53 AM
To: Julia Warne
Subject: May!



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Hello dear Julia, Deb and the Baslow Darlings.

We had our May meeting on Wednesday – they surely come around quickly when the meeting is on the first day of the month! We met at my church hall in Eketahuna, 10 of there and it was just a meeting with a cuppa and a chat.

Your 1950s afternoon tea sounded just the ticket to celebrate your 100th. Jane's alliteration (?) had my tongue twisting all over the place!!

Elaine is entering in the 'upcycled' contest for the National AGM at the end of May. This entailed buying a garment from an Op Shop and remaking it to be able to be worn to a tea party at Government House! She found an old 70's 'bridesmaid's hat' – remember those floppy white/sheer ones? She sprayed it black, then cut off a few inches and presto a stunning black hat, stiffened with the paint. Elaine found a lovely floating Kaftan with plenty of material and used some of it to make a hat band and bow. Then she made a handbag with another bow, adorned with diamantes which she also used on the bow of the hat. Then she found some shoes, sprayed them silver and black and has a bow to adorn at the back. The dress is in layers and she is going to attach the kaftan material to a black shift. Will send you a photo of the before and after.

Our June meeting is at Elaine's and we are going to make Christmas decorations – inspired by your beautiful gifts.

We have had a lovely autumnal week with cold mornings and nights and beautiful days. The ducks are busy quacking on our river and will be quaking tomorrow as it is the start of Duck Shooting Season which runs for 8 weeks in the North Island and 12 weeks in the South. These shooters go to great trouble with their mai mais (shelters). Some even have cable TV in them! Can't miss the rugby! So, we will be woken by the sound of gun shots tomorrow morning. They are usually very keen for the first and last weekends, but not much in between.

My son left Christchurch at lunchtime to drive over to the West Coast (Hokitika) with a friend. It takes about 2 hours and they will return on Monday night.

We had some 'highlights' at our meeting. Pat is just back from Melbourne after spending a week with her daughter there Clare and Lorraine who went with her. Christine and her husband have sold their farmlet and are waiting to see what direction this takes them. Margaret has a new great grandchild, Val has a new great niece, Elaine has a new grandson, Lesley's children are taking her to the Cook Islands for a holiday and possibly Perth. Lots of good things to be thankful for.

We hope this finds you all well and enjoying your spring.

Love to you all
Denise and the Hukanui-Hamua Darlings x x

From: Julia Warne
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 1:09 PM
To: Denise Gavin
Subject: May 2019 in Baslow

Dear Denise and all you Hukanui-Hamua Darlings

So pleased to hear all your news. Ann made a point yesterday of asking members to share with us special events in their lives. After all, we are all part of a family, which is why it is so special sharing experiences with you. We shall really look forward to following Elaine's progress with her 'upcycled' challenge. She is so skilled and definitely doesn't go for a soft option! Please keep us posted. When is the big event at Government House?

At our Annual Meeting yesterday, Christine was returned as our President for a further year. She is doing a great job, particularly in this phase when membership has risen sharply, now at 86. The two Resolutions to go forward to the National Conference are: 1. Don't fear the smear 2. Save rural bus services. It is hard to disagree with either. Lorna will represent us at the Conference, listen to the arguments and then vote on our behalf.

Attached is Jane's monthly report following our AM yesterday – and guess what? More alliterations!

This weekend is the horse trials at Chatsworth. We have had somemuch-needed rain, so think the going should be good. I will be there, as will a number of other Baslow WI members.

Lots of love to you all from

Julia and all the Baslow WI Darlings