

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



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To: Julia

Good morning, dear Julia and the Baslow Darlings.

Well January has zipped by, schools have returned here, Auckland has been flooded, our PM Jacinda resigned and on it goes!

We had our February meeting last Wednesday with 8 of us at the Lazy Graze café in Eketahuna and then we visited a local garden to see their hydrangeas. We have visited the garden previous years in November to see the Rhododendrons and roses, but never managed to see the hydrangeas.

Most of them are in a little gully, with a stream running along the bottom which waters them well. All sorts of colours and types. Just magnificent. None of us took our phones though, so no photos!!

We have all been doing various things over the break with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren visiting – most of us! The usual medical appointments etc that seem to happen more frequently as we get older! Val has a new car, a silver Swift which has the nickname the Silver Bullet! Val and her Dad are off to the Gold Coast in March for her son's wedding, so she is very excited about that.

She will also be reunited with her two small grand-daughters who she misses very much. Elaine and Pat have been busy doing patchwork and Elaine is preparing to tick off her list of National Competitions to do! Barbara and her husband were to go sailing up north in their trailer-sailer, but have put it off this year as the weather north has been very unpredictable. Lots of debris in the ocean too, washed down from forest tree felling and into rivers and down it goes.

We loved hearing about your escapades from Jane's Newsletter and the fact that Elaine picked the right colour choice for the Village Hall décor! We could imagine everyone in the bush shelter – must have been extended to fit everyone – and wondering if in fact some of the patrons were actually waiting for the bus. They will mark that in their diary for this Christmas!!!

Quite agree with ACWW monies going local. We have been given a list of things to knit/make for The Ukraine for a charity, but after the flooding in Auckland, there are many people without homes, belongings etc., and sometimes we wonder if we should be supporting more close to home. The cost of getting things to The Ukraine must be horrendous – but I guess they have sponsors footing the bill.

This weekend is a holiday for our national day – Always controversy over this day as there is in Australia with Australia Day or as the indigenous people are calling it – 'Invasion Day'. As someone said, almost every country has been 'invaded' over the years. The Vikings went to the British Isles, then the Normans etc., our histories are steeped in it. We can't afford to keep paying out for past injustices either. Oh, I could get on my soapbox for a while!!

So tis all for now from the H-H Darlings.

Have a good meeting next week

And love to you all, Denise x