

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

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Hello Julia and the Baslow Darlings.

Well we hope that the B12 jabs are doing the trick and that all will be go for 16th August. Good that you will have Jaya and Anya staying before the op and then Karsten can be around to help when needed.

We all laughed when I read out that there is a log stuck on top of the weir and the authorities don't do anything these days. We too, have that problem. Farmers used to be able to take shingle/metal out of rivers to use on farm tracks etc, then the 'greenies' decided that it was harming the rivers, so that stopped. Now the shingle builds up so much that it changes the course of the rivers and the councils have to dump huge rocks on the banks to stop erosion.

A few years ago, we had some logs that were impeding the river flow, so rang Horizons (our river council) and as it happened, they had a digger in the area. They got him to remove the logs and a couple were very old and beautiful Rimu logs that had been sitting in the river for many years. We were able to make good use of them!

For you to have the two extremes of weather so closely must have been almost dumbfounding. Haven't heard any more news of the nearby dam, so presume that the rains have stopped and it can get back to normal flows and hopefully repairs can be made.

I googled Flower Pounding – a few thought 'flour pounding' when I read it out! Some beautiful examples – who would have thought!

We had a good meeting at Christine's new home and were joined by her neighbour who had stopped by for a cuppa! We shared highlights since our last meeting: Christine's new home/Pat & Keith are about to be great-grandparents again (Jess in labour now!); Barbara's youngest Grandchild about to turn 1; Elaine had a friend who helped paint and wallpaper 3 rooms (she is a keeper!); Val is to become a grandmother in February; Lesley's daughter is taking her to Rarotonga at the end of August; Denise's grand-daughter Zoe is about to turn 1; Margaret S has many grandchildren/great grandchildren to bring her joy.

The girls are starting to work on the card table "Kiwiana". Elaine and Pat are making the wall hanging for the sewing section. We will make ANZAC biscuits for the cooking section. Possibly a wooden chopping board (Elaine) for the craft section). Will see about some knitting (maybe baby rugby boots) for that section or native floral for the floral section. This is for the middle of October.

No meeting for you this month, so we will catch up with your news after your September meeting. Enjoy the rest of summer and then the autumn that follows.

Love to you all,

Denise & the H-H Darlings x x