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7 Pringle Street  
Timaru  
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Dear Brenda,

This letter is a bit late but your letter dated December 17, which came with the newsletters, suggested this branch still owed \$12 for the Nov/Dec issue.

I sent a \$12 money order at the end of September and am now wondering if you received it. If I don't hear from you I'll assume we don't owe the amount.

Enclosed is the latest from Timaru for the next newsletter. I hope we've made the deadline.

Regards,

  
Jessica Gunn

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In Timaru we've had a good start to the New Year with three babies in almost as many weeks and the news that a second GP is prepared to deliver babies at home.

Considering there ~~are~~ were three babies born at home during the whole of last year ~~we~~ we may almost double our numbers this year.

The association in Timaru will be a year old in May. Last year we concentrated our efforts on supporting ~~home~~ home birth mothers, publicity, ~~and~~ talking to groups and putting out a ~~new~~ newsletter. From two fundraising stalls we raised \$150. Proceeds from the first stall paid for the printing of 500 publicity pamphlets -- we've yet to decide exactly how to spend the balance. It will either be on library books or will be used to start a birth kit.

In ~~at~~ December we were pleasantly surprised when the South Canterbury Hospital Board agreed to supply home birth mothers with sterile packs. Our request was considered "in committee" and we were amused at the letter we received from the board. In part it read:

"the Board wishes you to be aware that this gesture should not be seen as indicating Board approval for the practice of home delivery. In fact as you are aware the general feeling of the Board is that it is a somewhat dangerous practice and the packs are being supplied so that it becomes no more so."

At almost the end of our first year we have 18 financial members. Several of us are hoping to be at the conference in Nelson. A lot of preparation and thought has obviously gone into it and we're looking forward to the trip and meeting everybody again.

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