

# POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST

IF YOU COULD SEND A MESSAGE TO THE FUTURE, WHAT WOULD IT SAY? TAKE SOME INSPIRATION FROM THIS COLLECTION OF ALWAYS TOUCHING, MOSTLY HOPEFUL AND SOMETIMES HILARIOUS POSTCARDS

Some are oaths of undying love, others the wish to end global warming, war, drought and poverty. Many are written to children too young to read; others are dedicated to longed-for babies yet to come. Grandparents have written to the generations they will never see become adults, while youngsters have scrawled their fears and wishes for their lives ahead on our fragile planet.

Whatever the message, they all have one thing in common: a desire to send it to the future, in the form of a personalised postcard.

As part of the National Trust of Australia initiative, many ordinary – and some famous – Australians have individualised postcards that will be buried later this year in an iconic Aussie esky time capsule to be re-opened in 2033. Each postcard has a tracking receipt that can be passed on to family members 25 years into the future, to discover the thoughts, hopes and dreams of those who love and cherish them in the present day.

"Messages from everyday Australians, kids, leaders and celebrities such as Russell Crowe, Steve Waugh and the Governor of NSW, Marie Bashir, will be buried in the time capsule for a period of 25 years, which will be one make-or-break generation," explains Trust executive director, Tina Jackson.

"The project is timely," she continues. "Life is at tipping point. Climate change, geopolitical changes and the growth of technologies make us reflect on the world we live in and its future."

"The idea of the National Trust Messages to the Future project was to tap into this zeitgeist at an individual level. It's an opportunity for us all to write down for posterity our personal wishes, hopes and dreams, and then link them to the bigger picture."

The National Trust has allowed madison a peek at these inspirational messages and discovered that, as always, peace, love and hope reign supreme.

Please may like

Dear

life

A man

with a

stick figure

Full name

Address

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Dear **LAUREN**

I WANT MY LIFE TO BE SPECTACULAR I ALSO WANT TO BE THE NEXT HENDRIX

LOL Full name: Lauren Alicia Miller

Address:

Email: my next of kin:

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Dear **Aisling Rudge**

My hopes are:

- There will be no more war
- No more problems with ozone layer
- Houses not to be so expensive
- I will be a writer
- To have name friends, Jessie, Pip, Valerie, Sasha, Rain, Sally, Holly

Full name: **Aisling Amarina Rudge**

Address:

Email: my next of kin:

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MY DARLING SON  
 WAITED FOR YOU A LONG TIME.  
 NOW YOU LIGHT UP EVERY DAY.  
 WHAT WILL BE YOUR FUTURE...  
 IF EARTH'S...?  
 WILL WE ACT IN TIME?  
 LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.  
 MUM



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Dear DAVE  
 The love of my life, heart is beating at a million miles an hour. Just thinking that you will be reading this in 2032, one beautiful child and another on the way growing inside me. I bet it is another mini you. Our children will be all grown up by the time you get this. I hope that we will be so proud of them the way we are now. I will be all wrinkly and you will have some gray hair but I am sure we will still be smiling together. You are my soul and my life... your wife Fe.



Full name: FIONA MARGARET LEE FOR DAVID MUM LEE  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

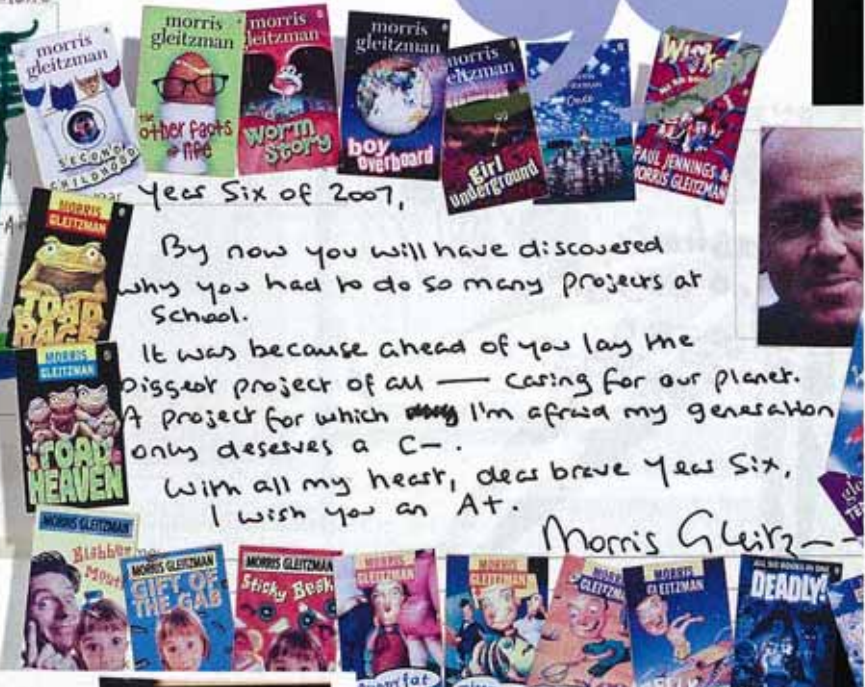
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Year Six, by now you will have discovered why you had to do so many projects at school. It was because ahead of you lay the biggest project of all – caring for our planet. Morris Gleitzman

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WORLD  
 No violence.  
 Make the world a happier place.  
 Have a relaxing time.



Full name: Keziah Glenane KEZIAH GLENANE  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ My next of kin: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your own card**  
 If you would like to send a message to the year 2032 for your family, friends, the future generation or even yourself, log on to [nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](http://nsw.nationaltrust.org.au) for more information. Postcards will be accepted until 20 April, 2008, so get your messages in now to ensure they are included in the time capsule. →

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Dear Edie

At the time of writing this you are 10 months old and you would not believe the joy that you have brought into your mum and my life since your arrival. You are a very happy and funny baby with lots of character. We hope that when you get this you are still happy and doing something that you love, and we hope that there is peace in the world.

We also hope that you have a brother or a sister. We are taking you to south Africa next week for your uncle Tom + Auntie Jean's wedding, it should be an adventure. One of our favorite things to do is have family time down at the beaches down the back road. We will be pretty old by the time you get this but I'd hope that we still get to have family time down the beach once in a while. We love you so much, Mum + Dad

Full name: EDIE CLARE LARKIN

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My next of kin: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear To our Future Children

Although you have not been conce that we are both still alive and well e unearthing of this time capsule in During our lifetime technology I boards. We have microwave ovens mobile phones. It takes approxima we pay \$2.60 for 2 litres of milk, we face are global warming, dra rising petrol prices a Terrorism (sta trying to find alternative ways to pt and electricity, as oil will run out We hope in 2032 that you live in appreciated by those who inhabit it

Full name: KIRSTY LEDGER d G

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Mrs  
I wish for no more war  
on the trees and animals.  
I will creat amaziG  
monsters from my  
imaginashero.  
In pe zoo owgist  
Ethan age 6  
zoo owgist artist

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Dear Grandchildren: Clare, James and Daniel  
I have lived in a period of depression and wars, but also boom times for this country. I have seen a lot of this great land and am sad that previous generations to yours have damaged so much. By the time you read this you will be in your middle years, and I hope your environment has been able to recover and the world is on the way back to health. Our family has been fortunate, and I expect the three of you will have put something back to help these not so well off, or our heritage or our society. I am honoured to have been your grandmother and had your love. Hope you are all happy. Nana.



Full name: DIANA NELSON

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My next of kin: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_  
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tense climate change you younger kids may draw a picture.



Your father & I hope, share with you the

need in leaps and computers, internet and... Major world issues... Scientists are... hydrogen fuel cells... truly respected and all we hope that you are happy and healthy.

Next of kin: ...

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children that you have hope - with shining, believing... I hope that you still believe... I hope you live in a Australia that remains... I hope that you will travel and see many places and... to protect you from the brightness that is your future.

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Dear My family In 25 year's time I would like to have a beautiful wife and beautiful children and I would like to be working in a zoo.



Full name: Cooper Gregoru Pearce

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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"Dear Charlie and Tennyson, When this capsule opens you will both be fully grown men and God willing your Mother and I will still be around. My hope for your future is that you find the things and the people and the love that bring you joy in life, and above anything that your hearts are happy. You have no idea how much our lives have been blessed by you... I will always love you with my whole being and my soul. I thank God for you both every day and show my gratitude to the universe in every way I can. My fervent hope for this country is that we mature enough to have our own Bill of Human Rights and a constitution that protects the rights of the individual. I hope that Australia manages to keep its unique humour and its reputation for fair play and I hope the world resolves its political conflicts so that we all can focus on loving and protecting our planet. Boys, I know I will have brought you up to love your Mother above all and I just want to remind you to look to her care.



Love, Dad."

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ My next of kin: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Ethan Light of my life Lover of words, pictures & ideas Anarchist comedian!! Hope we can do something now so there is a healthy world where your dreams can be realised.



Full name: Peter Lowe

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ of kin: \_\_\_\_\_

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DID YOU SUCCEED?

Chris Vlahos

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Dear CHRIS

Full name: Chris Vlahos

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My next of kin: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Future

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may all of our wishes come true



By the time this capsule is opened, I hope you have learned that the satisfied heart is free of fear and anger and full of the wisdom of compassion.

I love you with all my heart, Dad



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Dear Barry

As I write this, you are playing around with sticks, playing at being Jedi knights. You're terrifically happy. By the time this capsule is opened, I hope that you have learned the real Jedi lesson... that the satisfied heart is free of fear and anger, not full of the wisdom of compassion. I love you with all my heart, Dad.

Full name: Andrew O'Keefe

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My next of kin: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Me

Me to my to-do list before 1pm 45

1. Fall in love - deeply and unconditionally
2. send a message in a bottle
3. Plant a tree (and keep it alive!)
4. Rescue an animal
5. Adopt an accent for the entire day.
6. Visit all the continents
7. Ask a stranger on a date.
8. March in a protest rally
9. Go on a hot air balloon ride
10. Shower naked in a waterfall
11. Don't forget to have a baby

Full name: Christine Nygren - age 20

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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