



Tips to keep you airborne!



Dear Christmas Tree
December 2018

Did you know that 70,000 trees in Melbourne have been given email addresses so that people can keep tabs on them and report in on their condition?

The funny thing is that people from all round the world are emailing love letters, posing existential questions, writing puns and goodness knows what else to these entitled trees.



Here are a few...

Hi Tree,

You are just outside my work and you make me happy

Keep growing and keep on treeeing!

Hi Tree,

How do you feel about those trees who are hugged by koalas all day?

Dear Moreton Bay Fig,

You are beautiful. Sometimes I sit or walk under you and feel happier.

I love the way the light looks through your leaves and how your branches come down so low and wide it is almost as if you are trying to hug me. It is nice to have you so close, I should try to visit more often



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So, I had a thought to write an email to the makeshift Christmas tree that I assembled yesterday with branches from a bottlebrush tree that a removals truck, loaded with our furniture, unwittingly lopped off from its source.

I rescued the poor branches, arranged them in a plastic rubbish bin, filled it with water, wrapped it in decorative paper, dangled a few baubles from its branches and adorned it with lights.

I suddenly had a thought to write a letter to the newly-morphed tree to the effect of "Dear tree, thank you for giving me the opportunity to improvise, to be inspired and to fill our new apartment with joy and light..." but then I stopped and had another thought.

Why not write an email to a person instead of a tree?

Why not write to someone in my life who makes me happy, is inspiring, huggable and fills me with joy?

Why not express my love and gratitude and send it as a gift, a present, a token of my appreciation?

So, it's now on the cards to send my message on the wings of a tree.

This thing's for sure...it won't be no pulp fiction.

Is this an idea worth spreading?

I certainly hope so.

Here's to continuing our relationship into the New Year.

I thank you all for your readership and wish you joy!

The very best for 2019

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