

Hi Rob, Trish, Pen, Suz, Geo, Cam.

Suprised to get your postcards from Canberra and was disappointed you didn't flash up here quickly to see us. I am enclosing the bit I have written on the Opera House for your reference, and hope it is what you want. I can't remember dates and a few other small details such as what the banners said, but I have a feeling that I wrote that to you before.

I have stopped for my morning coffee break at home, and am just about to head upstairs to clean all the windows, so will resume this on coming down.

She's indefatigable!

Well, news about the job at Farmers is non-existent. They wrote me a letter saying I was still on their "short list", that they would take another few weeks to decide and would I let them know if I get another job in the meantime.

I told you Esta has been ~~at~~ pretty het up, so K. Si and I had a long talk about the situation and have come to the scheme that I will work four days a week for Image providing they are able to guarantee me forty dollars for those four days instead of 20 which is what my average weekly earning at the moment is.

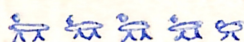
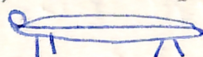
The idea of working four days ~~at~~ a week enables me to get the tenants washing and ours over in one day and then have the weekend free. Also this is a sort of pressure on Image to guarantee me four full days a week instead of ten hours scattered over 5 days.

I am still hanging onto the Farmer's job in case Image won't come to, but I'm hoping they will.

Nicholson and Evans and Associate Eckersley are giving me specifications to type and I earn 1.30 d. per page which is pretty good money, better than Image pay.

When are you coming up here? Bill and Joan are staying next weekend on the way to Perth or Melbourne, one or the other. They are very good fun, Joan and I have toddled around all the herb farms in Sydney, and I have got her planting away in Brisbane.

After our mouse plague we have suddenly got a slug plague in the shower recess, most peculiar, but I am assured it is part of Sydney, hum! I race in with the salt cellar and deal with them. One was about the same size as George, looked quite similiar and had brought along five bubs with her.



Last night while watching the Avengers on the tele in front of a roaring log fire, the windows open onto the street with the curtains pulled, a ball of grey fur and a bell shot through the window, onto the floor and out the window again before you could say "My word, a cat"! I let out a gasp and didn't recover for fully halfan hour. Simon pretended that he wasn't frightened at all, or at least hadn't got a fright, but.....

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Si sends his love, wish we see you soon.

Mandie.

Surprised to get your postcard from Canberra and was disappointed you didn't flash up here quickly to see us. I am enclosing the bit I have written on the Opera House for your reference, and hope it is what you want. I have just remembered overhearing a comment by a young woman at the march.

"I didn't know what in the hell to wear, couldn't work out whether it was a social occasion or a fun march".

Details keep popping into my mind, so if you want to set out some questions I will answer them, e.g.

Students dress etc.

Love Mandie.

Also I'm pretty sure we can give you more details on meetings etc. Simon went to, but may be best when we see you and can have a long chat about it, and general feelings around Sydney.

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