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Message in a Bottle

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Task...

Create a message in a bottle to share about your favourite part of the coast. Bring your message in your bottle into the Devonport Regional Gallery by **Tuesday 19th of January 2021** for display as part of the tidal.20 festival (25th-30th January 2021.)

Revisit the gallery between **2nd February–23rd February 2021** and choose someone else's bottle to take home and read their message about their favourite part of the coast.



History...

It is believed that messages in bottles date back to 310 BC. Throughout history bottles have been cast adrift containing all manner of messages including poems from exiled poets, secrets from British spies, to assist scientific experiments providing information about tides and currents, to finding pen pals , preaching sermons, propaganda, tributes to departed loved ones and as a vessel to carry cremated remains on their final journey. What message would you like to cast adrift on the tide?



You Will Need:

- A suitable glass bottle, clear glass is best. Clean and remove all labels!
- Paper or other suitable material for writing/ drawing on.
- Materials for writing/ drawing/ painting your message (or a camera and printer for taking a photograph) its up to you what you use!



Step 1: Write your message...

On a piece of paper, cloth or other suitable material (remember you need to be able to fit it in the glass bottle), write a story/ paint/ draw a picture about your favourite part of the coast. Write, draw, paint, take a photograph or use any other medium that is suitable to create your message. Remember that your message will be shared with someone else in the community.

If you do not wish to share your message, please clearly write your full name on the base of your bottle in permanent marker!



Roll up with message
displayed outwards
so it can be viewed
through the glass!

Step 2: Display in your bottle...

Roll up your message so that it faces outwards and can be seen through the glass bottle as seen in the above picture.



Step 3: Bring in for display...

Bring your message in your bottle into the Devonport Regional Gallery by **Tuesday 19th of January** to be displayed in our community art installation (displayed from 20th January—23rd of February) as part of the tidal.20 festival which runs from 25th—30th January 2021.



Step 4: Pick up a message...

From the **2nd February– 23rd February**, come into the gallery and choose a bottle to take home and discover a message from someone about their favourite part of the coast.

*Some examples of
bottle displays...*

