



HOP scotch



When the streets of Sydney's inner suburbs were paved around 100 years ago, mud and dust were transformed into a horizontal blackboard, available for notices, signs and games. Old photographs, often taken for quite some other purpose, sometimes reveal these sorts of marks on the pavement. For instance, a 1930s photographic survey of resumed properties in Erskineville inadvertently captured this group of children playing hopscotch on the road.

For the last four years I have been making my own photographic record of the messages on the roads and footpaths of the inner suburbs where I live and work. A selection of images from this collection is one of the features of *The House of Exquisite Memory* exhibition.

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↑ A hopscotch game in an Erskineville street, 1937
State Records NSW: Government Printing Office;
CGS 4481, Glass negatives, 1890-1988; Resumed
property of Erskineville, [GPO1-28059]

↖ Painted hopscotch in Trafalgar Street, Enmore,
documented by Megan Hicks, 2002

