

Playing inside

Grandparent Trevor



When I was young, about 7 or 8 years old, I was given my first toy. It was a plastic cowboy.

Older children played board games and card games, such as **cribbage** and snap. They collected stamps and swap cards. Tin toys were also popular.

If you turn the keys on these tin toys they will move.



Playing dress ups was always fun. Some mothers made costumes for their children. Others bought them at the shop. Some children wanted to dress up as characters from films. Others wanted to be nurses, policemen or doctors.



A fairy costume

Grandparent William
Grandparent William grew up
in a country town.



*When I was young I sold ice-cream
and lollies from a tray to people at
the pictures.*

Children sometimes went to a picture theatre
to see films. They also enjoyed listening
to stories on the
radio. A popular
children's radio
program was the
Argonauts' Club.



These men are making funny
noises for a radio show.

Grandparent Rhonda
Grandparent Rhonda grew up
in the inner city.



*When I was young we had singing and
comedy nights at home. Grandfather
had a **banjo**, **ukulele**, violin and a
piano. He could play all sorts of songs.*

Many people played
the piano and
many homes had
a piano or a pianola.
The pianola was a
mechanical piano
that played music
when its pedals
were pumped.



Families enjoyed listening
to the piano being played.

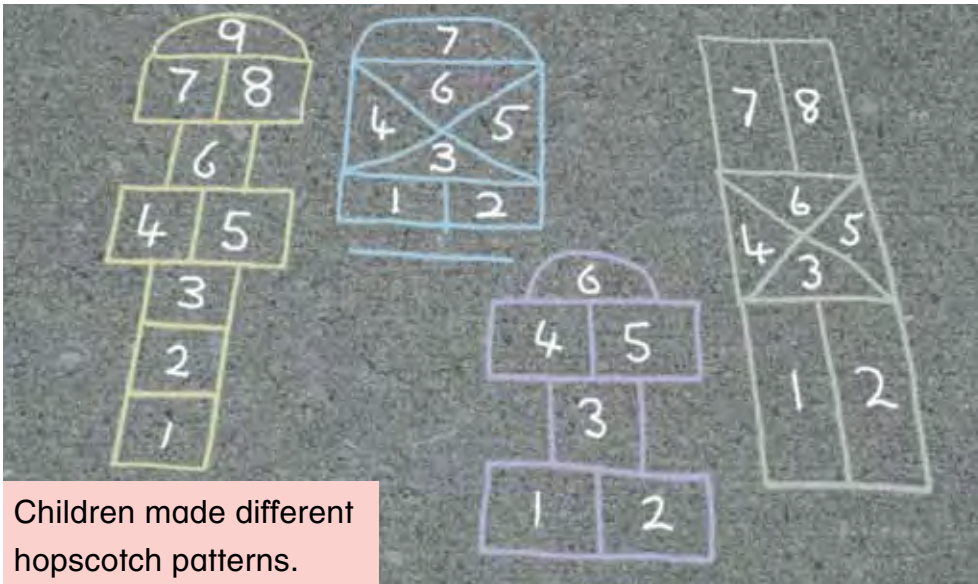
Playing outside

Grandparent Lorraine
Grandparent Lorraine grew up
in the city.



*When I was a young we drew
hopscotch patterns in chalk and
played in the back lane. A tin of
boot polish was our marker.*

Marbles, hopscotch, skipping rope games
and hide-and-seek were all popular games
that children played outside.



Children made different
hopscotch patterns.

Cricket and football were played in backyards,
playgrounds, parks and side streets all over
Australia. Some children belonged to their
local club and played against children from
other clubs.

These boys are playing cricket
in the school playground.

