Touring & driftiting
in a postmodern age

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postcoding, pedagondage, & beyond
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For most of my life I have lived as a vagabond rather than a tourist. I have lived in many houses with many people and many dogs. Vagabonds tend to move out of compulsion and under duress. They drift rather than tour. Tourists, by contrast, move through choice and excitement. Fortunately, I have always lived with a roof over my head, even when squatting, couchsurfing, or collapsing in ditches. In this sense I am a ‘middle-class’ vagabond rather than a ‘skid-row’ vagabond, although I have lived in something like destitution and dereliction all my life. That in mind, I have catalogued in a ‘photostory’ the various houses and facilities I have lived in along the way. Late in the story a transition occurs: I change from the ‘vagabond’ (in the Zygmunt Bauman sense) to the ‘tourist.’ I change from a tenant, resident, patient, and squatter to a landowner and choice-maker. And still, I find, I am neither here nor there. But adrift ...
1970-1972: East Parkway, Colonel Light Gardens, 5041

House number: 1

Family home

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1972-1980: Centre Way, Belair, 5052

Family home
1974-1980: Rosella Avenue, Glenalta, 5052

Grandparents' house
1977-1978: Coromandel Parade, Blackwood, 5052

Dad's girlfriend's house

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1980–1984: Kingston Avenue, Daw Park, 5041

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One bedroom family home

Clapham | Sheoak R | Turners | Horsell

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1984-1986: Hill Road, Eden Hills, 5050

Family rental house
1986-1989: Clyde Road, Hawthorndene, 5051

Family rental house
Family rental house

Clyde Road, Hawthorndene, 5051
1986: Pine Grove, Belair, 5052

Shed rental
1989-1991: Price Avenue, Clapham, 5062

Rental flat with girlfriend
1992: Rawnsley Street, Hawker, 5434

Teacher housing with girlfriend

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Teacher housing with girlfriend
1993: Grove Street, Eden Hills, 5050

Girlfriend's mum's house
Share-house

1994: Horsell Road, Belair, 5052
1994–1995: Railway Terrace, Blackwood, 5051
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Share-house

1995: Sheok Road, Belair, 5052

evicted
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1995: Tiparra Street, Eden Hills, 5050

Share-flat

evicted
1995–1996: Sturt Road, Bedford Park, 5042

University share-house
1966-1998: Donald Street, St Marys, 5042
1998-1999: Grove Street, Eden Hills, 5050

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Share-house

20 evicted
1999-2000: Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills, 5050
2000: Colley Terrace, Glenelg, 5045

Rundown squat

23 evicted
Drug & alcohol rehabilitation facility

2001-2002: Blackfellows Creek Road, Kuitpo Community, Kuitpo, 5172
**2002: Salvation Army, Dawkins Place, Adelaide, 5000**

Salvation Army halfway-house
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2002: Grandview Grove, Sturt, 5047
Room rental

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2002-2004: Stanley Street, North Adelaide, 5006

Share-house
2004–2005: Simpson Parade, Goodwood, 5034

Room rental
2005-2007: Horn Drive, Happy Valley, 5159
2007-2009: Pineridge Road, O'Halloran Hill, 5158

Rental house
2009-2010: Gulf Parade, Maslin Beach, 5170

Rental house
It is around places that human experience tends to be formed and gleaned, that life-sharing is attempted to be managed, that life meanings are conceived, absorbed and negotiated. And it is in places that human urges and desires are gestated and incubated, that they live in the hope of fulfilment, run the risk of frustration – and are indeed, more often than not, frustrated and strangled.

(Zygmunt Bauman, Liquid Times, 2007, p. 81)

The migrant's sense of being rootless, of living between worlds, between a lost past and a non-integrated present, is perhaps the most fitting metaphor of this (post)modern condition.

(Iain Chambers, Migrancy, Culture, Identity, 1995, p. 27)