



Fisher-Price at Sydney Zoo
Fisher-Price Toys has taken over the sponsorship of Sydney's Taronga Zoo nursery and animal farm, formerly the Friendship Farm. The Fisher-Price Farm and Nursery aims to give children an opportunity to learn about a variety of



young animals, through observation and storyboards. Improvements planned for the nursery include a picnic area, new animal enclosures and an area where parents can safely let their children loose among the animals. Taronga Zoo is open 9:00am to 5:00pm each day.

Launceston Now Has Birth Centre

Expectant couples in the north of the Apple Isle now have more chance than many others who live in large cities in Australia of having their babies in the homely environment of a birth centre.

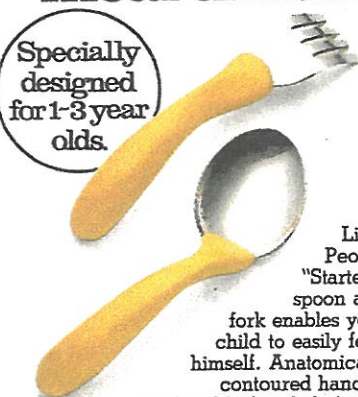
The Queen Victoria Hospital now leases a suite of rooms to the Launceston Birth Centre Inc. an offshoot of the Childbirth Education Association. During your pregnancy you are looked after by a midwife and a doctor as in other birth centres. It is necessary to be well-prepared and to know what is happening to your body during labour in order to have a

baby at a birth centre. You must also be classed as low-risk with a trouble free pregnancy and indication of a trouble-free labour. However if you fit these requirements you can look forward to a cosy environment where your family can be together and where medical help is close at hand if needed but not gleaming in the background.

To find out more about Launceston's birth centre you can call (003) 31 5505 or write to P.O. Box 1076, Launceston 7250. P.S. See our report on page 14 for information on other birth centres in Australia.

Work at Play
Thinking about starting a playgroup? *Running a Mother and Toddler Club is an English book designed to help you organise and start a club, organise play activities, deal with problems and make the most of your new club. Basics, such as booking a hall, deciding a time to meet, electing leaders, determining costs and insurance are areas you may not have considered but which are extremely important. A large section covers play and there are hundreds of ideas for all ages and budgets. Joyce Donoghue has been involved with playgroups for nearly 20 years and her special interest is children under three. George Allen & Unwin, \$18.95 (\$9.95 paperback).*

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Midwife, baby 20 minutes old and mother in Launceston's Birth Centre.

