

## Next Dinner Meeting

**Monday**  
**13 February**

Meeting 6.30pm  
 Dinner 7.30pm –  
 At

**Goodearth Hotel**  
 Wickham Tce  
**Cost \$32.00**

(This includes one raffle ticket)

**Apologies to**  
**Jill Hedley**

**Phone 3279 2096**

**After hours**

**By Friday 10 February**

*Remember, If you are absent without an apology, an invoice for \$27.50 (cost of dinner) will be sent to all non-attending members*

## PRESIDENT'S PATTTER



### Breast Cushions

We had a great start for 2006 with about 20 cushions waiting for distribution and more in various stages. The next working bee is scheduled for **Sunday 29 January** at 9.30am. Hopefully Lyn Papa and her family will be back from their Christmas in Japan holiday and there will be plenty of photos to look at as well. Please mark it in your diary.

### Fellowship Dinner

This excellent dinner occasion is one we usually look forward to. The 2006 event will be on Monday 9 January at Yum Yum Peking Duck at Darra. We have had fellowship dinners a few years back at this restaurant and it comes highly recommended. Time is 6.30pm please RSVP to Heather if you want to be included.

### Farewell for Kate

The fellowship dinner will also be the last Zonta dinner for Kate Hutchings who has accepted a position with Monash University in Melbourne as Associate Professor. She will be moving to the southern capital in February so will be leaving the Club. This is a prestige position for Kate and we wish her all the best in the future and hope that whenever she is back in Brisbane that she join us for dinner. For those members attending Convention in June there could be an opportunity to get together.

We have a busy year ahead with Convention and our Antique Fair in July so I hope everyone has a good break over the holidays and comes back refreshed and eager to step up to the challenges that 2006 will bring.

*Lynn C*

## BALMORAL SHS SCHOLARSHIP



*Some Christmas Cheer from the mouths of children* →

*Balmoral State High School Scholarship winner Skye Olley and President Lynn. We hope to have Skye at either our February or March meeting.*



*The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic Primary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."*

*One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"*

## Moving to Australia: A child's view

By Doria Pavic aged 12

I was born in Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia. I have a big brother called Tomo who was four years old at the time when we decided to migrate to Australia. My little sister called Tajana was one at that time and I (Doria) was two.

My mum and Dad decided to move because it was very hard to earn money in Croatia. For a start they had three children, my mum was recently fired and my dad's job wasn't enough to support our family. My parents were also scared of a war breaking out. So Australia seemed like the perfect place to go.

First my parents wrote out an application to Australian immigration and sent it. Soon some forms arrived in the mail and they were filled in and returned. Three months later we got permission to enter and live in Australia. Four months later we were off to Australia.

It wasn't easy for my parents on the plane because we didn't sit still and sleep. When we got to Sydney our great Uncle and Aunt were there to greet us. They said we could stay with them as long as we wanted.

So every day my dad went looking for work and my mum (who was very sick) had to look after us. A month later my dad found a job in Brisbane. He left us in Sydney and went to Brisbane.

We came fourteen days later by plane. We rented a three bedroom house and we bought from the secondhand shop: beds for all of us, one table with chairs, washing machine, refrigerator, vacuum cleaner and TV. We spent all our money.

Every day in Brisbane my dad rode to work (with a bike his boss gave him) while my mum walked with us to the shopping centre to buy essential groceries (the walk took forty minutes with us).

My mum carried all the bags and pushed the pram with my sister, while we holding her skirt or the pram on the side. My dad got home at five pm.

There were lots of problems for us, like magpies. We had magpies in Croatia but they didn't live in the city and they weren't so aggressive. The first encounter we had was when we were walking to the shops. We were all holding onto my mum. So to make it easier for herself she told Tomo to run across the field. Tomo played on the field for a while but then a magpie started swooping on him. He ran to my mum crying and my mum was running to him (with Tajana and me still holding on to her). Tomo didn't get hit then but it was a frightening experience for him.

The next problem was the language. Tomo had no friends at preschool because he couldn't speak English. So my mum sat by the television each day and taught herself the songs from playschool. Then she taught them to us. My sister couldn't speak till she was three because she was confused about the language.

The last problem was money. We had barely any money when we arrived.

The worst problem for my mum was that no one wanted to give her a job because of her qualifications. My mum is a Veterinary Scientist but the papers are not recognised in Australia.

She had to go to university again, but she strictly refused to study again what she had studied five and a half years already. So she changed direction and became a scientist. She completed that study in one year.

Now we live better. Both my parents work. My mum found a job in research. We speak English better than we speak Croatian. Tomo has many friends. And we are not afraid of magpies.

### Functions from other Zonta Clubs

- Amelia Earhart Cocktail Party  
Friday 24 February 2006  
Science Centre at Qld  
Museum  
Cost \$35.00pp
- International Women's day is  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006  
and Zonta Sth Gold Coast &  
Tweed will once again be  
hosting the breakfast at the  
Raddison Resort, Palm  
Meadows on the Gold Coast.



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### DATE CLAIMERS

Monday 9 January—Fellowship Dinner Yum Yum Peking Duck at Darra  
Monday 13 February—Next Dinner meeting  
June 24—International Convention in Melbourne  
Sunday 9th July—Brisbane East Antique Fair at Jindalee