

THE GORGE WILDLIFE PARK

I paid a quick visit to the Park yesterday and had a brief discussion with Steve McKechnie who brought me up to date with alterations to the Park. The land below the luncheon facilities has now been terraced and on going alterations have been completed. These include the Tasmanian Devil enclosure, new housing for the Alligators providing excellent viewing. Being a fine sunny day one Alligator was basking in the sun, mouth wide open and reminded me of a toothpaste advertisement..."Are your McLean's showing?". He also proved he was not a statue by having a short walk over the grassed area. A couple of ponds occupied by various species of ducks and their ducklings have also been completed.

The star attraction is the new Koala handling area. This is a most impressive structure and Steve informed me that it was designed and build by Vic Lindsay. It is a real credit to Vic and certainly adds to the tone of the Park.

On view was a huge Snapping Turtle housed in a new pond in front of the Reptile Room. Steve informed me he was picking up a female specimen of the Jabiru which will now have the Park exhibiting a pair of these interesting water birds. I don't think many zoos could lay claim to having a pair of these interesting birds.

Use your Membership Card for free entry, and go along and see the new exhibits and Park alterations, its well worth the visit.

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