

THE 2009 SOCIETY PICNIC



A FEW OF THOSE PRESENT
Photo: Dennis Lomman

On Sunday, November 22nd, a small but dedicated group of members braved the somewhat inclement weather to visit the Cleland Wildlife Park for the Society's annual picnic. Luckily the rain held off for most of the day, with the few light showers that fell doing nothing to deter those present.

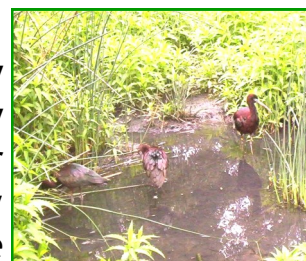
Although numbers were down on previous years, those in attendance enjoyed the park amenities and viewed the large number of bird

species housed in the spacious aviaries. Many of the species observed had young in the nest, or on the wing.



This wild Superb Blue Wren allowed approach to within 60 to 70cm.

A highlight of the day were the highly endangered Regent Honeyeaters, they made a wonderful sight in their brilliant black and yellow livery darting down for mealworms. We were informed that they had recently bred, and from the activity observed it is almost certain that they were nesting again. In one aviary Apostle birds were observed building their interesting mud nests.



GLOSSY IBIS
in the Aquatic Aviary
Photo: Richard Chilton

As usual, Jeanette Melbourne provided a mouth-watering selection of cold meats and salads, and as the numbers were down there was plenty for seconds, or even thirds for those so inclined.

If you didn't go, you missed a good day. Make sure you don't miss next year's picnic...you'll enjoy it!



R.V.C.