

UNION PICNIC 2006



All the fun of the fair at Luna Park



Double trouble: The Benavente family



Close call: Picnic Day gave this Reptile Park visitor a snaky experience

MEMBERS took full advantage of the extra choices on offer for the December Union Picnic. Novocastrians flocked to the Australian Reptile Park, near Gosford, which put on a rapturous reptilian show that had young and old gobsmacked. The Western Plains Zoo at Dubbo was another new venue that aimed to please.

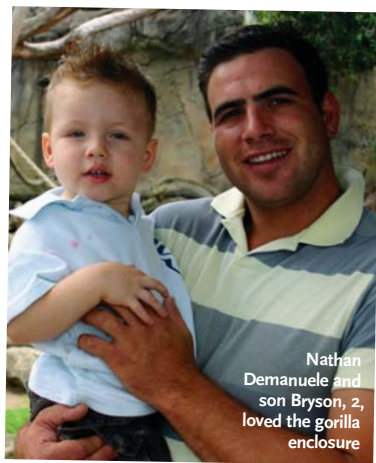
At regular venue Luna Park, the Benavente family from Shellharbour was enjoying being together. "It's a family day, that's what it's all about – next year it will be Jamberoo."

But the spectre of John Howard's attack on workers' conditions, such as the union picnic day, was felt. Winston Hills carpenter Jason Farrugia took his three boys to Taronga Zoo. He said although he worked for a good company he knew of workers who had had cuts in pay and been forced to work as contractors. "We have to stick with the union and hope we get Howard out at the next election, if we don't we're in trouble," he said.

For more photos see the CFMEU website.



Santa and a helper kept the young ones smiling at the Reptile Park



Nathan Demanuele and son Bryson, 2, loved the gorilla enclosure



Jason Farrugia with sons, Luke, 6, William, 4, and Brodie, one