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Celebrate Easter at the Alice Springs Desert Park

Children and families are invited to celebrate Easter at the Alice Springs Desert Park (ASDP) commencing with a special theatre performance by KaTaPiLLa KiD Productions based on the Easter Bilby this Friday 2 and Saturday 4 April 2009 from 4.30-5pm.

ASDP Sales and Marketing Manager Claire Ashard said the theatre performance is based on the book *Easter Bilby*, a tale about the Bilby and the Easter Bunny.

“KaTaPiLLa KiD Productions is a voluntary theatrical dance and puppetry group by big and little kids for all kids,” Ms Ashard said.

“The performances will be taking place at the ASDP playground area across from the Cafe, with a special reduced entry of \$5 per family with all proceeds going to the Amphibian Ark – Year of the Frog project.”

For the following Easter long weekend the Desert Park is hosting various ‘EGGciting’ activities and giveaways with daily guide presentations and displays to enjoy from Friday 10 April to Monday 13 April.

“The star attraction will be the bilbies on display in the Nocturnal House, Australia’s alternative to the Easter bunny and a threatened species,” Ms Ashard said.

“The Bilby story is an important one, not only because it’s Easter but because of the species amazing plight of survival. The Desert Park is encouraging all kids to come and learn about the Bilby.”

Each day during Easter visitors will have the opportunity to look at the wonderful variety of egg layers housed in the Nocturnal House at the Desert Park, including reptiles such as the Thorny Devil and the Woma Python, and birds such as the Tawny Frogmouth and the Bush Stone-curlew.

Children will also receive a Desert Egg fun and learning book and have the chance to listen to the tales of Easter in the storybook corner.

For more details about Easter events at the Alice Springs Desert Park call 8951 8788 or go to www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au. For more information on Amphibian Ark go to <http://www.amphibianark.org/index.htm>

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