



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Australia's Easter Bilby on Display at the ASDP**

Staff from the Alice Springs Desert Park have a great Easter long weekend planned for families this year, with the star attraction the Easter bilby on display in the nocturnal house.

ASDP guide manager Adam Macfie said that as well as giveaways and fun activities during the holiday break visitors will have the opportunity to view not one but two beautiful Easter bilbies, Australia's alternative to the Easter bunny.

"Bilbies are special and very cute – they look like an Easter bunny because of their long ears," Mr Macfie said.

"Kids can also learn how scientists track bilbies fitted with radio collars as part of ongoing research programs about these enigmatic marsupials.

"It is like the Desert Park's version of "hide and seek" where kids can be fitted with the transmitters in the Nocturnal House and then we'll have the kids learning how to locate them using the tracking device.

"Through tracking bilbies we can discover more about the lifestyles and movements – we can learn more about these little known creatures and how to better manage wild populations into the future."

Mr Macfie said it wouldn't be Easter without eggs and each day during Easter visitors will have the opportunity to look at the wonderful variety of eggs we have here at the Desert Park on our nature table.

"Central Australia is home to a great variety of animals that produce eggs including our pythons and lizards," Mr Macfie said.

"Easter is also a great time of the year to sign up for a "Territorian Pass", with an eggstra-special Easter surprise available for families signing up over the Easter long weekend.

"This is only available during Park opening hours on Friday April 6 to Monday April 9.

"The Territorian Pass enables local people to pay once and get unlimited access to the park for a whole year."

Times for the activities in the nocturnal house are at 10:40am and 1pm daily and the nature table activity will be held once daily at 9am over the four days of Easter.

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