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NOLAN LENDS SUPPORT TO BILBY Vs EASTER BUNNY CAMPAIGN

Easter is not too far away and Ipswich people have an opportunity to show their support for endangered species by getting behind the chocolate Easter Bilby campaign, the Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said today.

“As little as 10 years ago, there were hardly any Bilbies left. Now, thanks to the tremendous efforts of Peter Rae and Frank Manthey, numbers have increased substantially.”

Peter Rae was a Zoologist with National Parks and Wildlife Service when he was asked to do some survey work to see if there were any Bilbies left and for the first five years it seemed unlikely that there was. He came to know Frank Manthey and together they have become known as the “Bilby Brothers” and have proven themselves a force to be reckoned with. They have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, fenced a 25 square kilometre Bilby sanctuary and literally saved the Bilbies.

“They couldn’t have done it without the support of the Australian people and without the single-minded dedication of Frank Manthey. He never misses an opportunity to put the plight of the Bilby and all our native animals forward to Australians and he is a shining example of what one person can achieve.

“Frank is an Ipswich man and this Easter I urge Ipswich people who haven’t already made the ‘hop’ from Bunnies to Bilbies, to show Frank their support and consider the future of Australian native animals by buying a chocolate Darrell Lea Bilby – proceeds of which are donated to the Bilby fund.”

For more information on purchasing a chocolate Bilby or about the Bilby fund, go to www.easterbilby.com.au or phone Rachel Nolan’s Electorate Office on 3202 3452.