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### **NATIONAL BILBY DAY LAUNCHED**

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan is today in Canberra for the launch of National Bilby Day.

The day, to be held on the second Sunday of September each year is the brain child of the Bilby Brothers, Ipswich resident Frank Manthey and his Charleville based friend Peter McRae who have been campaigning to protect Australia's endangered Bilbies for at least 10 years.

After much lobbying they had a big win today, finally convincing the Federal Government to proclaim this important national day.

“Frank and Peter are responsible for virtually single handedly saving Australia's beautiful Bilbies from extinction.

“They came up with the idea of Easter Bilbies, they've taught kids in schools about Bilbies and they have raised money from thousands of Mums and Dads across Australia to build the Bilby fence in South West Queensland.”

Member for Oxley Bernie Ripoll also attended the event.