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The endangered bilby comes to the Gardens this Easter

Come to the Australian National Botanic Gardens and enjoy Easter and the April school holidays with an exhibition and children's workshops dedicated to the endangered native bilby.

Beginning with a special bilby themed exhibition, *Easter Bilby in the Gardens* features a colourful display of clay models with diorama backgrounds, collages using recycled materials and illustrated short stories from Canberra students.

"We are delighted to host such a wonderful exhibition this Easter. Students from local schools have done an amazing job reflecting the fascinating life of our native bilby," Gardens' Visitor Services Manager, Stephen Speer said.

"We invite the Canberra community to support these young artists by visiting the Gardens' Visitor Information Centre and seeing these terrific artworks on display. The exhibition is open daily until Monday, 9 April."

As well as the *Easter Bilby in the Gardens* exhibition, the Australian National Botanic Gardens will be hosting a range of children's workshops designed to bring out a child's inner artist.

Create a bilby collage canvas | $12 per person
Fri 6 April | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm | 5 – 8 yrs
Fri 6 April | 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm | 9 – 12yrs

Make a bilby notebook with personalised cover | $12 per person
Sat 7 April | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm | 5 – 8 yrs
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Paint your own bilby library bag or pillowcase | $12 per person
Mon 16 & 23 April | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm | 5 – 8 yrs
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Sew a felt bilby | $12 per person
Wed 18 & 25 April | 11.00 am - 12.30 pm | 5 – 8 yrs
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Bookings are essential for all workshops. Contact the Australian National Botanic Gardens Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6250 9540.

For further information visit www.anbg.gov.au/gardens.

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