



"The Bilby Man"...Peter McRae with one of his furry friends

ON THE HOP

Unless we move quickly, one of Australia's native critters may disappear forever. Andrew Merry goes to Queensland's dry west to check out a furry marsupial who's giving the Easter Bunny a run for his money.

Easter is the time of year when the local supermarket shelves become the habitat of the big-eared chocolate bilby. Yes, for those who want a native animal rather than an introduced pest as an Australian symbol of Easter, bilbies have become an alternative to the traditional Easter bunny. ▶