



Children at Brentwood Kindergarten, including Bradley, Clarissa Mae and Zane, have been sewing pouches for sick and injured animals at the South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter.

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## Helping out of pocket possums recover

CHILDREN at Brentwood Kindergarten have been busy making cosy pouches for possums.

South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter carer Michele Phillips visited the Glen Waverley kindergarten to tell them about her job rescuing pos-

sums and birds.

Co-educator Sue Edwards said the kindergarten chose to help Ms Phillips by sewing soft, fleecy pouches to keep the animals safe.

"We put the message out for donations of fleecy fabrics and received a pile of old

baby blankets and outgrown tracky-dacks," Ms Edwards said. "A group of parents cut the fabric into pocket shapes and the children helped sew them up."

Ms Edwards said the 26 children had made several dozen pouches under the

guidance of parent Lisa Spreadborough.

Ms Phillips said all possums that came to her needed a pouch, and they had to be changed two to three times a day. Anyone wanting to help learn to care for the animals can phone [0411 600 591](tel:0411600591).