

OAKLEIGH SOUTH



A baby possum at the Oakleigh South wildlife shelter.

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Wildlife feels the heat

WILDLIFE warrior Michele Phillips has been inundated with a flock of animals

The are 47 possums, 12 magpies, 23 lorikeets, five wattle birds, three joeys, one kookaburra, a rosella and many others temporarily calling the Oakleigh South wildlife shelter home.

Ms Phillips said the scorching temperatures had hit wildlife hard, leading many to suffer dehydration and other heat-related illnesses.

"People are also cutting down trees and those animals are losing their habitat," she said.

Ms Phillips asked people to leave baby birds on the ground if they were not in physical harm or suffering injury. She said their parents were likely to be watching above, and once touched they would not be welcomed back into the nest.

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