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Wildlife carer Michele Phillips and her broken down Combo.

Animal carer seeks car help

A WILDLIFE carer needs help after her car stopped working, leaving her with a \$1300 bill she can't afford.

South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter carer Michele Phillips noticed a warning light flashing in her 2002 Holden Combo six weeks ago.

The mechanic diagnosed a problem with the car's oxygen sensor and ignition coil, before naming a price Ms Phillips couldn't pay.

Ms Phillips hasn't been able to drive her car since.

"All I need is to get the car back on the road," she said. With the unpredictable weather bringing in record numbers of possums and baby lorikeets, Ms Phillips's lack of transport is an increasingly urgent problem.

As of last week, Ms Phillips had 40 possums, 16 rainbow lorikeets and a dozen other birds in her care.

Ms Phillips said she needed a car to rescue wildlife about five times a day and to collect branches.

If you're a mechanic or you can help pay for the repairs, phone Michele on <u>0411</u> 600 591.