

OAKLEIGH SOUTH

Carer faces tough time

NOW that spring is well and truly here, wildlife carer Michele Phillips is feeling the effects.

Over the past few months, demand at the Oakleigh South Wildlife Shelter has increased to the point that, in one day, Ms Phillips received 22 call-outs to rescue injured possums.

And, for the first time, she has had to euthanase several animals in her care.

She said making the call to end an animal's life was the

hardest thing she'd had to do over many years as a carer.

"It's really hard but you have to think what's viable," she said.

Ms Phillips said the cost of operating a shelter had forced many to close, increasing demand on those still running. She said she needs to build an aviary for flight birds that come into her care, which could cost thousands of dollars.

To donate, phone Michele on [0411 600 591](tel:0411600591).



Wildlife carer Michele Phillips needs to raise money to build an aviary for birds she cares for.