

## Picking up chicks can be dangerous

A WILDLIFE expert in Oakleigh South warns that residents who pick up baby magpies they believe are injured could be doing more harm than good.

Michele Phillips, from the South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter, is overrun with baby magpies brought in by good Samaritans who have found the birds on the ground and want to help.

“The parents are usually nearby teaching the bird how to forage for food or they are away collecting food, only to return to find babies gone,” Ms Phillips said.

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Wildlife carer Michele Phillips with a baby magpie at her Oakleigh South shelter.

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