



A rescued feather glider.

Rescuers need safety gear

HELP for Wildlife is seeking just that from the public to help equip its wildfire volunteer rescue teams with suitable protective gear for the bushfire season.

New personal protection equipment regulations were recently updated by the Department of Sustainability and Environment, making the group's current uniforms unusable.

The specially trained volunteers cannot enter fire-prone areas to rescue injured wildlife unless each wears the \$600 safety gear.

During the last fire season, hundreds of koalas and

other wildlife were rescued at the devastating bushfire in the Framlingham Forest near Warrnambool.

With the bushfire season expected to be severe, the group is calling for donations to help pay for the protective gear.

If you can help, call Help for Wildlife director Denise Garratt on 0417 380 687 or visit www.helpforwildlife@bigpond.com. Local contact Michele Phillips is also seeking help to install an aviary for injured and rescued birds. Call 0411 600 591 or email michele.phillip@ozemail.com.au.



A Help for Wildlife volunteer nurses a koala.