

Shelter a godsend

RECENTLY, my family was involved in saving a life – that of a tiny orphaned ringtail possum, found by my husband next to the footpath as he walked home from Sandringham railway station.

As he bent to see what it was, the possum jumped desperately on to him, having lost the protection of its mother's warm pouch.

Not knowing what to do or how to look after it, we did a quick internet search and found the South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter.

One phone call to the shelter put us in touch with Michele, who did not hesitate saying "bring it in". Without this, what might have become of that fragile creature?

I felt compelled to share this story to highlight the work the shelter does, with very limited funds and support.

Unlike a woman I read about who tried to drown a possum in a wheelie bin because she viewed it as a pest, these wildlife carers recognise possums are a protected species, and have a love of animals that definitely includes our native wildlife.

You can donate your time, money or provisions to the shelter at sows.org.au.

Meredith Mandile, Sandringham.



A reader praises the work of the South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter.

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