



Wayne Clifford (left) and Terry Lack are helping carer Michele Phillips extend her wildlife shelter.

Wild over animal care

ANIMAL lovers of a different kind have answered a call for volunteers from wildlife carer Michele Phillips.

Dog trainer Terry Lack and Wayne Clifford stepped in to help a busy Ms Phillips extend her shelter, particularly help with new aviaries.

Last month, in an effort to address the shortfall in wildlife carers, Ms Phillips ran a training workshop for

people who were interested in becoming carers.

"It was a great success," she said. "About 40 people came to the workshop and I have decided to do another one. Also, out of that I got a few volunteers. I am delighted."

Ms Phillips, who runs the Oakleigh South Wildlife Shelter, said registered carers were inundated because of the lack of volunteers.

In her workshop, she covered issues such as learning to do rescues and how to look after animals.

Ms Phillips said she had been overwhelmed in recent months.

She currently has about 60 animals, mainly possums and birds, in her shelter.

"There's just been a large amount of animals coming in," she said.

Her next workshop is on April 27.