

Conversations.

Lack of tolerance

THIS is disgusting. When I moved to Melbourne, I was appalled at people's attitudes towards possums ("Brutal animal attack", *Leader*, June 19).

There is such an ignorant lack of respect for these animals, whose habitat is being lost to sprawling suburbs.

With such a vital role to play, I'm still amazed by the lack of tolerance towards this protected native animal.

Louise, posted at waverleyleader.com.au

Barbaric acts

NO! Absolutely not! There is not enough being done to stop people attacking animals!

This is a continuous problem that we are faced with.

It goes without saying that there needs to be much harsher penalties. These barbaric acts are unacceptable.

This is Australia and our precious native wildlife is constantly being treated like this.

Tails chopped off, throats slit, speared, bludgeoned, left for dead — the list goes on and on. Michele you are an amazing lady and you are doing a wonderful job.

Elle, posted at waverleyleader.com.au

Increase the penalties

HE IS just the most gentle possum.

He is on the mend and will be in care for several months. Until the penalties get harsher, these animals will continue to suffer.

These are protected wildlife and do not deserve the cruelty that is inflicted upon them.

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Readers have flooded waverleyleader.com.au with outrage following another attack on a possum. N52WG600

People have to be made an example. The law is not harsh enough on them.

Michele Phillips, posted at waverleyleader.com.au

Hideous act

THAT'S hideous. It upsets me. It really does that someone or something would do that.

Bob, posted at waverleyleader.com.au

Just gutless

TO THE heartless person that is intentionally torturing innocent animals in the Chadstone area, pray I never see you. You are gutless and

benign. Your actions can never be excused.

I can only hope you are caught quickly and the justice you receive is swift.

You are less than a coward.

Pete, Oakleigh

Harsher punishment

I AM horrified by this — what is wrong with people?

I love having possums around. There needs to be harsher punishment as I am thinking this person will get away with it.

I am so glad the possum survived and is now in good hands.

Gen1977, posted at waverleyleader.com.au