

Unbelievably cruel

HUMANS are the worst enemy of animals and people in general ("Vile possum find", *Leader*, May 15).

I really don't understand how anyone could be this cruel to a possum, and I wonder if it was their pet that had been attacked would they feel the same way?

Possums are beautiful little animals and deserve their places to live and be safe.

Stand up people, care about our environment and demand more justice for these babies. They are part of our wildlife and they need care so that our future children will have them around and hopefully appreciate them more.

Judy Sorensen, posted at waverleyleader.com.au

Child will be next

CRUELTY against animals does not stop there — it's a possum today and a small child tomorrow — as crimes such as this demonstrate a lack of empathy and a desire to inflict suffering on vulnerable victims.

Unless we socially condemn hate talk against possums and other animals, and the hate crimes that spring from it, we will pay a price with escalating social violence.

Let's start with the media taking a moral stand against printing comments that describe native wildlife as "pests" or "vermin", and move towards legislation with equal penalties for equivalent crimes, whether the victim is human or non-human.

Rheya Linden, posted at waverleyleader.com.au

Jail's the answer

THE community needs to be more aware of the escalation of animal cruelty.

I agree totally with Rheya Linden; today an animal, tomorrow who knows what next.



Readers have been left aghast by reports of two possums being tortured and killed in Chadstone.

The torture that these possums must have endured would have been horrendous.

"Up to \$60,000 fine"? Phhhp! Jail is the only deterrent for these vicious and cowardly thugs.

Support your police in bringing these mongrels to justice. I know I will be.

Barrie Tapp, posted at waverleyleader.com.au

Raise the fines

PEOPLE are capable of more violence than most animals. Feral dogs will kill for entertainment and so do these cruel people

who sadistically attack possums. Fines and penalties must be increased.

VivKay, posted at waverleyleader.com.au

Tunnel vision

I THINK the Rowville rail line is of major importance for Melbourne.

However, until a Melbourne metro rail tunnel is built through the CBD we can't put in any new lines as there is too much of a bottleneck through the City Loop.

Let's get the rail tunnel built.

Paul, posted at waverleyleader.com.au