

Bats are 'disease-carrying vermin'

A GREAT deal of false information is being spread around about the bats by people who should know better such as Bat Care Brisbane and some carers.

Here are the facts, they cannot be disputed without tampering with the truth.

The truth is there for all to see. They are disease-carrying vermin.

They cost the orchardist and the apiarist thousands of dollars a year.

As we do not need them to pollinate our orchard, we do not need them to pollinate our native forest.

The birds, the bees take care of that along with the wind.

When the native forests are in bloom, the air is full of pollen that causes a number of people to suffer with hay fever.

The truth is the bats do a lot of damage in the native forest.

Just walk through the native forest after the bats have been there and you will notice the ground is covered with blossom.

Most of the blossom grows on the frail limbs at the end of the branches and will not bear the weight of the bats so it breaks off and falls to the ground where it is lost to everything, the birds, the bees and the bats themselves.

I don't think the bat carers are likely to suffer from the Hendra virus unless they are forced to eat the bat excreta as the horses are when it is mixed with their hay.

I can quite understand how some people fall in love with the bats just as I fall

in love with kittens and puppies and other baby animals, however you have to draw the line somewhere, you have to control their numbers.

If you have had to have kittens or puppies put down, you would understand it's not an easy thing to do.

I cannot fall in love with the bats because I really understand the damage they do.

I do not understand why our creator put the bats on the earth

But it was not to pollinate our native forests.

Nor do I know why he put the crows on the earth, however I am quite sure it was not to pick the eyes out of baby lambs. However, that is what they do.

- T Smalley, Yeppoon