

# VANDALISM GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT COUNCIL POLICY

## POLICY STATEMENT

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The City of Bunbury recognises vandalism, (including graffiti, tagging and public asset destruction) is a costly community problem, not only in monetary terms but also in environmental and social terms. In recognition of this the City of Bunbury adopts a Vandalism and Graffiti Management Policy comprising of four elements: damage repair and graffiti removal, reward for information, community education, and providing activities for young people.

## POLICY SCOPE

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1. To provide a service to repair, clean, remove or cover incidences of vandalism that is subject to public notice within the City of Bunbury
2. To provide community members with information what will empower them to deal with vandalism in a proactive manner.
3. To provide youth with a range of activities that contribute to the alleviation of boredom and feeling of alienation that may lead to petty crimes such as graffiti vandalism.
4.
  - a) To reduce vandalism in the City of Bunbury
  - b) To demonstrate to the Community that Council is playing an active part in reducing vandalism
  - c) To encourage people to provide information which leads to the conviction of vandals who commit vandalism within the City of Bunbury.

## POLICY DETAILS

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1. *Damage Repair and Graffiti Removal*

### ***Damage Repair***

- Need to consult with relevant people

### ***Graffiti Removal***

Council will remove graffiti from the following:

- Council Property
- Private property abutting council property where the graffiti is in view of the public...

Private property: Council where possible, will encourage property owners to remove graffiti from private property.

### ***Timeframes***

Council staff will endeavour to remove graffiti in accordance with the following rapid removal timeframes:

- Priority 1: Removal within 12 hours of Council being notified, any racist, obscene or otherwise offensive graffiti.
- Priority 2: Removal within 48 hours of Council being notified, applies to all other graffiti sites.

## 2. *Vandalism Rewards*

### ***Procedure***

- a) A reward to a maximum of \$1000 may be paid for information, which leads to the conviction of persons committing acts of vandalism against Council property.
- b) Where two or more persons are eligible for a reward under paragraph 1 above, the reward will be split equally between them. Any advertisement regarding the offer of rewards shall state that the sum named is a maximum figure, which would be divided between persons forwarding information relating to any one act of vandalism.
- c) Council will not divulge the name/s of any person giving information.  
  
However, any person eligible for or wishing to receive a reward must be prepared to act as a witness if legal proceedings are commenced and if independent evidence is not readily available.  
  
Payment of the reward, providing the above conditions are met, is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

## 3. *Community Education*

### ***Procedure***

- a) Promote vandalism repair and Graffiti removal services to encourage ratepayers to make use of this service.
- b) Promote the State Graffiti Task Force education packages to schools, to educate on issues surrounding graffiti and other types of vandalism.
- c) Inform businesses of initiatives to allow them to decrease the potential for graffiti vandalism and urge businesses to take up such initiatives.
- d) Supply information to retail outlets on request of vandalism management.
- e) Promote Neighbourhood watch displays and information initiatives through the State Graffiti Task Force

## 4. *Providing Activities for Young People*

### ***Procedure***

- a) The City of Bunbury Youth Strategy currently being developed is to include opportunities for low cost recreational and leisure activities and opportunities for youth art/culture expression.
- b) Collaborate with existing agencies, programs etc.

- Adopt a bus shelter school project
- Mural arts projects

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