

Council Policy – Graffiti Management

Responsible Directorate	Infrastructure Services
Responsible Business Unit/s	Town Maintenance
Responsible Officer	Manager Town Maintenance
Affected Business Unit/s	Town Maintenance Facilities Regulatory Services

Objective

To provide guidelines in responding to graffiti on Shire of Ashburton (Shire) property.

Scope

This policy applies to all land and facilities under the care, control or management of the Shire.

Policy Statement

The Shire aims to enhance the built environment by reducing the incidence of graffiti vandalism on its property.

The Shire will not remove, and cannot compel, private landowners to remove graffiti. It does, however, encourage private landowners to remove graffiti from their property to improve the overall amenity of the district.

The Shire will:

- remove graffiti as quickly as is possible from Shire property,
- work with the Police, business, community, residents and government agencies to minimise graffiti vandalism and encourage the rapid removal of graffiti,
- encourage reporting of graffiti vandalism and graffiti offenders,
- monitor and address graffiti vandalism at specific sites and places within the Shire using targeted and coordinated strategies,
- develop, implement, and support a broad range of graffiti reduction and prevention programs,
- partner with and engage the community, residents, and businesses to develop strategies for graffiti removal and prevention, and

- educate the community and create greater awareness of the impact of graffiti vandalism, the Shire's graffiti management strategies and appropriate ways of minimising the potential for graffiti.

Definitions

Graffiti means any drawing, writing, painting, symbol, or mark applied to or marked on property by:

- spraying, writing, drawing, marking or otherwise applying paint or another marking substance, or
- scratching or etching.

Relevant policies/documents

Nil

Relevant legislation/local laws

Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016

Office use only				
Relevant delegations	Nil			
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