

COUNCIL POLICY

Graffiti Removal & Prevention

- Policy No:** 6.1
- Policy Subject:** Graffiti Removal & Prevention
- Policy Statement:** A policy which provides strategies and responsibility for the removal of graffiti from Local Government property, the encouragement of private property owners to remove graffiti from their premises and the prevention of graffiti within Katanning.
- Objectives:**
- 1) To adopt a strategy of rapid removal of graffiti from Council property and to encourage constituents similarly.
 - 2) To assist property owners to rectify the effects of graffiti and encourage them to deal with graffiti damage promptly.
 - 3) To encourage the general public to become involved in repairing graffiti damage, even when their own personal property is unaffected.
 - 4) To develop community programs to dissuade youth from becoming involved with graffiti and steer those already involved in graffiti into alternative activities.
 - 5) To balance enforcement strategies with education programs, informing the public of the seriousness of graffiti as an offence and instilling a sense of community pride, which will make people see graffiti as a negative influence on society.
 - 6) To support the use of legitimate outlets for the artistic and creative energies of youth giving them an alternative to resorting to illegal graffiti.
 - 7) To develop strategies that ensure land owners and developers design their buildings and surroundings to discourage graffiti and make its removal easier.

Guidelines:

- 1) All instances of reports of graffiti are to be directed to the Executive Manager Infrastructure & Assets who will:
 - a. adopt rapid removal within 24 hours for all of the Local Government assets as the desired approach;
 - b. provide a mechanism for accepting and actioning graffiti reports from the Local Government's employees and others in the community who make them to the Local Government;
 - c. adopt the use of anti-graffiti products from approved product lists; and
 - d. provide assistance to the general public to repair graffiti damage by way of advice on removal and prevention of graffiti.

- 2) Council will promote preventative strategies including:
 - a. providing a range of constructive alternatives for young people, based on consultation and feedback from the target group;
 - b. providing and funding opportunities for urban art projects;
 - c. supporting links with community policing strategies (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch) and the community;
 - d. working closely with police on local graffiti matters; and
 - e. providing opportunities for young people sentenced for graffiti offences to carry out community service with Local Government supervision.

- 3) Council will ensure that the principles of reducing opportunities for illegal graffiti are incorporated into building design and planning approval by:
 - a. instigating requirements that ensure walls, particularly those with a natural surface abutting public space, have a plan for target hardening prior to approval e.g. a graffiti coating, planting vines;
 - b. ensuring that design briefs for all new Council buildings employ the principles of reducing opportunities for wilful damage and graffiti;
 - c. considering methods to ensure that approval of building designs is dependent on a plan to minimise the availability of areas that would be vulnerable to graffiti; and
 - d. encouraging landowners to install effective lighting and other security devices to deter illegal graffiti.

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