
IP016 – Graffiti Management

1. Intention

To:

- Provide guidance on the response of graffiti by Council on Council property and private property;
- Remove graffiti as quickly as practicable;
- Reduce the incidence of visible, racist and obscene graffiti as a priority;
- Promote graffiti management reporting;
- Engage community support and participation in graffiti removal and prevention;
- Work with Police, community and government agencies to identify graffiti offenders;
- Utilise CCTV Camera equipment to monitor specific areas; and
- Use other preventative measures such as public art where practicable.

2. Scope

This policy applies throughout the district.

3. Statement

The presence of graffiti in the Shire of Waroona is of ongoing concern to the general public as well as to Council due to its adverse effect on the environment and streetscape and the considerable cost for removal.

Graffiti management is a complex, multifaceted problem requiring a diverse range of solutions.

The Shire of Waroona has adopted the following approaches to graffiti management which involve both the community and the Council.

- Rapid removal;
- Multi-faceted reporting;
- Community education;
- Reward payment for reporting leading to successful prosecution; and
- Mural projects.

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

1. Priority 1 – Sites that are highly visible or with large amounts, racist, obscene or otherwise offensive graffiti; removal within 24 hours of Council being notified.
2. Priority 2 – For all other graffiti sites; removal within three (3) working days of Council being notified.

Council is not responsible for removal of graffiti on private property but may, at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, waive fees and charges to utilise the Council's graffiti trailer to remove graffiti from private property subject to the owners indemnifying the Council against any loss or damage caused by such removal.

Council cannot compel private landowners, themselves, to remove graffiti, however Section 3.25 (Schedule 3.1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* allows the Council to remove graffiti from private property that is considered to be unsightly or offensive.

4. Legislative and Strategic Context

The *Local Government Act 1995* and the associated subsidiary legislation provide the broad framework within which this policy operates.

5. Review

This policy is to be reviewed as required.

6. Associated Documents

Nil.

Division		Infrastructure			
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Related Legislation		Nil			
Related Shire Documents		Nil			
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Previous Policies		
WKS007 – Graffiti Management Policy 5.22 – Graffiti Management Policy		