

# Graffiti Vandalism Policy

<b>Responsible Division</b>	Infrastructure and Assets
<b>Responsible Business Unit/s</b>	Transport and Buildings
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## Purpose

To provide a service to clean, remove or cover incidents of graffiti vandalism in Bayswater. To provide guidelines for a multi-pronged campaign against this very visible form of vandalism.

## Policy Statement

The City will provide a graffiti response service to the ratepayers of Bayswater subject to the following:

1. The City will clean, remove or cover all graffiti on buildings, fences and structures that:
  - are within or constitute boundaries of all reserves under the care and control of the City of Bayswater including but not exclusively parks, reserves, public access ways and road reserves.
  - form an external perimeter to a property which does not necessarily align with the property boundary common to a reserve.
  - are on private property where the owners demonstrate difficulty achieving removal of graffiti.
  - are incidents of graffiti vandalism which the Chief Executive Officer requires removing.
  - can be readily removed by City staff working at ground level.
2. Where the graffitied property does not comply with the above, the owner will be requested to remove the graffiti as soon as practically possible.
3. Where the structure is a fence, wall or building on a shared boundary with a private property or reserve or is within the private property or reserve under the care and control of another authority, the adjacent landowner must provide permission for the graffiti response to be carried out prior to the cleaning, removing or covering activity.
4. Where the structure is a fence, wall or building on a shared boundary with private property or reserve or is within the private property or reserve under the care and control of another authority the adjacent landowner will indemnify the City against all actions, claims, damages, costs and expenses whatsoever resulting from the graffiti response activity. Note: this does not include workers compensation cover of City officers or Councillors.
5. The administration will keep photographic records of all graffiti incidents. These will be forwarded to the Police Service where necessary.

6. The graffiti response team will endeavour to respond to all reported incidents of graffiti vandalism within 24 hours of notification and written permission to respond.
7. Where information leads to a successful prosecution of a graffiti vandal the informant is eligible for a \$500 reward.
8. The Council will work with and support relevant State Government, and community based agencies and groups, to address the issue of graffiti vandalism. Examples may include educational programs aimed at schools and the general community or media campaigns to:
  - Reduce the incidents of graffiti;
  - Report incidents to the City and/or Police; and
  - Encourage quick removal to ensure the surrounds remain aesthetically pleasing and the community is viewed as safe.

## Definitions

*Nil*

## Related Legislation

*Nil*

## Related Documentation

*Nil*

<b>Relevant Delegations</b>	Nil
<b>Risk Evaluation</b>	Low
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