

Policy number	Policy 212
Policy title	Graffiti Removal Management
Strategic outcomes supported	<p>EC1 – A desirable place for commerce and tourism that supports equity, diverse local employment and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>EC2 - A clean, safe and accessible place to visit.</p> <p>EN5 – Appropriate and sustainable facilities for everyone that are well built, well maintained and well managed.</p> <p><u>S04 - A place where all people have an awareness and appreciate of arts, culture, education and heritage.</u></p>

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

To provide for the management of graffiti in the Town.

POLICY SCOPE:

This policy applies to graffiti in the Town.

DEFINITIONS:

Graffiti means any drawing, writing, painting, symbol or mark applied to or marked on property by —
(a) spraying, writing, drawing, marking or otherwise applying paint or another marking substance; or
(b) scratching or etching;Nil.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. The Town recognises that graffiti vandalism is a costly community problem, not only in monetary terms but also in environmental and social terms.
2. The Town will remove, clean or cover incidences of graffiti vandalism that can be seen from any public space, including – but not limited to – footpaths, walkways, reserves and roads.
3. The Town will clean, remove or cover graffiti on buildings, fences and structures that are within or constitute boundaries of all reserves under the management of the Town. This includes (but is not limited to) parks, drainage and other reserves, public access ways and road reserves.
- ~~4.~~ Where the structure is a fence, wall or building on a shared boundary with private property or a reserve under the management of another authority, the owner of the private property or that authority must provide prior approval for the graffiti to be removed and indemnify the Town against all actions, claims and damages – other than workers compensation claims - resulting from the graffiti removal.
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- 4.5. The Town will seek to apply any recourse available to its graffiti removal operations under the *Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016*.

~~5. The Town will not remove graffiti from:~~

- ~~a. Any place where the graffiti is located higher than what can be safely reached from a 2-metre ladder. The Town will appoint a Contractor to undertake the removal in these instances;~~
- ~~b. Places where it is necessary for the removalist to traverse a roof;~~
- ~~c. Places where it is possible or likely that the removalist may become exposed to hazardous materials such as asbestos or chemicals.~~

6. Subject to unforeseen circumstances/events, inclement weather or staff availability, the Town will endeavour to remove offensive graffiti within 24 hours and all other graffiti within 10 days of it being reported or authorised.

6.7. Murals/Street Arts are large-scale artworks, often outdoor paintings or installations that may cover an outdoor wall or other public infrastructure. These works are done with the permission of the building owner/occupier and not defined as graffiti.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

[Graffiti Vandalism Management Act 2016](#)

Policy manager	Manager – Infrastructure Operations
Responsible officers	-
Approval authority	Council
Next Evaluation Date	

REVISION HISTORY

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