Policy A16 – Graffiti Management

1. Policy Intent

The purpose of this policy is to provide the Council with a Graffiti Management Policy.

2. Policy Statement

That the Shire of Murray (Shire) will clean, remove, or cover all graffiti on buildings, fences and structures that are within the Shire boundaries of all reserves under the care and control of the Shire, including, but not exclusively, parks, reserves, public access ways and road reserves.

All graffiti reported to the Shire will be photographed and reported to the WA Police via their Goodbye Graffiti website (goodbyegraffiti.wa.gov.au). The photograph and graffiti incident report will be added to the Customer Request Event.

Wherever possible, any offensive graffiti will be removed from Shire owned assets within twenty four (24) business hours.

Graffiti on infrastructure not owned by the Shire will be reported to the goodbye graffiti website and also the asset owner for removal.

3. General Terms

Where the graffiti is on a structure that is a shared boundary, Council will require the adjacent land owner of the private property to provide permission prior to the removal of the graffiti or tag/s. In this situation, Council will require the adjacent landowner to indemnify the Shire against all actions, claims, damages, costs and expenses whatsoever resulting from the removal.

If the Graffiti Indemnity Form is not completed and returned to the Shire within 14 working days, the Shire may remove the graffiti under delegated authority under the Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016. Graffiti removal under delegated authority will depend on the location, size and severity of the graffiti.

Council will promote and broadcast information throughout the community including schools on the various issues relating to graffiti defacement and its criminality.

Council will work with existing agencies to promote and develop a range of affordable, accessible, and relevant activities for the Community Volunteers, Community Groups, and Resident Associations that will contribute to the lessening of graffiti vandalism.

Related Documents

Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016

Delegated Authority Register – 7.1 *Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016* - Powers, Duties and Functions of the Local Government

Policy Detail		
Responsible Directorate	Infrastructure Services	
Responsible Department	Operations	
Responsible Officer	Manager Operations	
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