

Graffiti Management Guideline

At Kingborough Council, we are committed to maintaining clean and safe public spaces. We work with Tasmania Police, property owners, the local community and relevant agencies to prevent, reduce and remove graffiti. Below are our guidelines to achieve this objective:

1. Graffiti Removal Criteria:

- We will prioritise the removal graffiti on Council owned property that is offensive, hateful, or inappropriate in nature, as determined by our team.
- Offensive graffiti includes messages or imagery that are discriminatory, vulgar, or incite violence.
- Artistic or non-offensive graffiti on Council owned property will generally be assessed and programmed for removal if deemed necessary.

2. Notification to Property Owners:

- Whenever a private property is tagged with graffiti, we will notify the property owner promptly.
- Property owners include Tas Network, Tas Water, Department of State Growth and business owners.

3. Collaboration with Tasmanian Police:

- We maintain close collaboration with the Tasmanian Police to address graffiti-related issues effectively.
- By working together, we aim to deter vandalism, identify offenders, and uphold community safety.

4. Prevention and reduction

- Council and the Tasmania Police have initiated a Graffiti Management action plan which includes various strategies to identify, prevent and remove graffiti. The action plan will be actively tracked with progress updates to be provided to Councils Executive Management Team. Once completed the action plan will be updated to reflect ongoing graffiti management actions.
- Where possible, Council will implement graffiti deterrent (e.g. green walls) strategies for Council infrastructure with a high graffiti risk and will encourage property owners to implement similar strategies.

- Council considers graffiti prevention as one of the objectives in our Community Services programming.

5. **Monitoring and Reporting:**

- Council actively monitors graffiti in the municipality and maintains a graffiti register. The register is shared with Tasmanian Police.
- Graffiti incidents can be reported to Kingborough Council.
- We will respond promptly to reports, assess the situation, and take appropriate action based on our guidelines.
- If necessary, we will involve law enforcement to investigate and address criminal activities related to graffiti.

6. **Community Engagement:**

- We encourage community involvement in graffiti prevention and removal efforts.
- Outreach programs and educational initiatives will be undertaken to raise awareness about the impact of graffiti on public spaces.

7. **Legal Compliance:**

- Our graffiti management practices adhere to local regulations and ordinances.
- We operate within the framework of Tasmanian laws concerning property rights and vandalism.

Contact Information:

- For graffiti removal requests or reporting, please contact:
 - Phone: (03) 62 118 200
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Together, we can maintain a clean and vibrant community by addressing graffiti responsibly and working in partnership with property owners and law enforcement. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our public spaces free from offensive graffiti and vandalism.