



1. Intention

This intention of this policy is to minimise the incidence and impact of Graffiti with the Shire of Waroona (Shire) by:

- Outlining appropriate response mechanisms for graffiti removal from Shire property and private property;
- Establishing rapid removal timeframes for visible, racist and/or obscene graffiti; and
- Encouraging community support and participation in graffiti reporting, removal and prevention.

2. Scope

This policy applies throughout the district.

3. Statement

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

Graffiti management is a complex challenge requiring a multifaceted range of solutions.

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

- Rapid removal;
- Multi-faceted reporting;
- Community education;
- Mural projects;
- 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.

Shire 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 the Shire being notified.
2. Priority 2 – For all other graffiti sites; removal within five (5) working days of the Shire being notified.

The Shire 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 Shire’s graffiti trailer (operated by Shire employees only) to remove graffiti from private property subject to the owners agreeing to indemnify the Shire against any loss or damage caused by such removal.

The Shire of Waroona cannot compel private landowners to remove graffiti themselves; however section 3.25 (Schedule 3.1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* allows the Shire to remove graffiti from private property that it considers 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 triennially.

6. Associated Documents

Nil

7. Document Control

Division	Infrastructure		
Policy Number	IP016		
Contact Officer	Director Infrastructure Services		
Related Legislation	Local Government Act 1995		
Related Shire Documents	Nil		
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8. Amendments

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