

GRAFFITI

Objective

To provide a guideline for the prompt and effective control of graffiti.

Scope

This policy applies to all Council facilities and all public places within Gilgandra Shire.

Policy

Council recognises graffiti as an offensive and explicit form of vandalism that detracts from the town's ambiance and appearance as well as attacking the sensibilities of the public. While some graffiti is substantially harmless, it is often obscene and almost always written on someone else's property. Graffiti often contains defamatory and hurtful personal attacks on individuals. Consequently graffiti is a public form of disrespect to which Council is strongly opposed.

Council believes that the longer graffiti remains in place the longer the author derives satisfaction and the longer it is doing harm. Consequently graffiti should be removed as soon as possible but the MINIMUM response time to remove graffiti is:

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| Graffiti containing obscene language or otherwise offensive content | 24 hours |
| Graffiti containing a personal attack on an individual | 24 hours |
| Any other graffiti | one week. |

All graffiti identified shall be recorded in Council's Graffiti Register.

Relevant Legislation

Nil

Associated Documents

Graffiti removal procedure

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