

PURPOSE

This policy provides direction in relation to how the Glenorchy City Council manages graffiti.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all assets owned and maintained by Council within the City boundaries.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Value Our Environment

Objective 3.1 Create a liveable and desirable City

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Acts	Not Applicable
Regulations	Not Applicable
Australian/International Standards	Not Applicable

DEFINITIONS

Art Mural means a mural or street art applied to a designated surface and location that has been deliberately commissioned or approved by Council.

Council Property means property owned, occupied or under the control of Council and includes 'public land' within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993.

Graffiti means one or more letters, symbols, figures, designs, drawings, messages, slogans, etchings, scratches, inscriptions, stains or other markings that are written, marked, etched, scratched, sprayed, drawn, painted, engraved on or otherwise affixed to Property without owners consent or not in accordance with Council's Planning Scheme

Offensive Graffiti means graffiti that contains or depicts a racist, discriminatory, offensive or obscene content

Property means Property within the City including land, buildings, structures or part of a building or structure, and includes outbuildings, fences, signs, poles, awnings, floors, pavements, sidewalks, roads, highways and erections thereon including all mobile homes, mobile buildings and mobile structures

Public Space means a place to which the public has access, as of right or by invitation, expressed or implied

POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to providing a clean, safe and welcoming environment for all. As part of this commitment, the Council maintains infrastructure across the city. This infrastructure can be subjected to vandalism in the form of graffiti. Council has determined that graffiti will be removed both proactively and reactive to customer request to maintain the visual amenity of the City. Council will provide advice to Constituent enquiries in regard to graffiti.

Graffiti will be removed from Council assets as part of Council's Service Level provision.

It is the policy of Council that:

- Council will resource to address graffiti on Council assets on a citywide basis.
- Graffiti on Council's assets will be removed within a reasonably practicable time frame.
- Graffiti on Council's assets that contains racist, obscene or offensive material will be removed as a priority upon notification. Council may assess, advise and assist property owners remove such graffiti from private property that shares a boundary with Council property.
- Council will continue to work with owners and occupiers and managers of private property to encourage prompt removal of graffiti.
- Council will work with neighbouring Councils to share knowledge and ideas on graffiti management and will continue to research best practice strategies and innovative responses to maintain its graffiti management.
- Council will continue to use the principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) in the design of all public assets and infrastructure, to minimise the potential for graffiti vandalism.
- Council will maintain records by taking photographs and keeping details of graffiti incidents and make them available to Tasmania Police upon request. Record keeping shall occur at the time of graffiti removal.

BACKGROUND

Council has developed a Graffiti Management Plan which states that graffiti is unwanted, unwelcome and will not be tolerated. A policy that sets out Council's strategic approach to graffiti management is necessary to ensure the proper implementation of that plan.

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