

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 municipal boundaries.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Not applicable.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Acts	<i>Environmental Amenity By-law 2017</i> <i>Police Offences Act 1935</i>
Regulations	<i>Not applicable</i>
Australian/International Standards	<i>Not applicable</i>

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 means Glenorchy City 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, discriminative, offensive or obscene content.

Property means land, buildings, structures or part of a building or structure, and includes outbuildings, fences, signs, poles, awnings, floors, pavements, footpaths, roads, highways and installations thereon including all mobile homes, mobile buildings and mobile structures.

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 enquiries regarding graffiti.

Glenorchy City Council supports authorised murals and will work with graffiti creators and local communities to investigate providing legitimate avenues for murals and street art.

Graffiti will be removed from Council assets as part of Council's service level provision.

It is the policy of Council that:

- Council will provide resources to address graffiti on Council assets on a citywide basis.
- Graffiti on Council's assets will be removed within a reasonably practicable time frame, as prescribed within Council's service levels.
- 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 to remove graffiti from private property that is offensive, shares a boundary with Council property, or is highly visible from public land.
- 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 design principles in the planning 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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