


SECTION 3 Asset Management  
 PART 1 Asset Management

	<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	Graffiti Management
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**Introduction**

Graffiti is a significant issue for the community that has a large financial impact on Council, private persons and businesses. It detracts the town’s visual amenity, and if allowed to remain creates an unfavourable impression to the community.

This policy has been developed in response to the increase of graffiti within the town of Bourke.

**Definitions**


Graffiti includes any unauthorised drawings, names, words or marks, such as tags, stencils, political, racist or obscene statements on public buildings or infrastructure and private property.

**Scope**

This document represents Council’s policy for management and abatement of graffiti within the Bourke Shire area, including property owned by Council, private property and those owned by other government departments and agencies.

**Objectives**

- To enhance Bourke Shire’s built and natural environment by reducing the incidence of graffiti within the Shire.
- To have graffiti removed as quickly as practicable as a strict deterrent.
- To provide information and support to other groups and individuals who are removing graffiti.
- To develop a “best practice” graffiti reduction model.
- To work with police, the community and government agencies in identifying graffiti offenders and in dealing with them via legal and

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other means such as community service programs.

- The development of partnerships with other community stakeholders to assist in the prevention and removal of graffiti.
- Council to work closely with owners of properties regularly targeted for graffiti in developing deterrent and removal strategies.

### **Policy Principles**

- Council believes that graffiti detracts from the visual amenity of the Shire area
- Council views any unauthorised drawing, names, words or marks on public buildings, infrastructure or private property as illegal
- Council believes that the prevention and removal of graffiti is the responsibility of all levels of government, as well as private residents, businesses and utility owners
- Council believes that graffiti vandals should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law
- Council is committed to a program of timely removal of graffiti from Council owned property
- Council recognises that it must use its position to provide leadership in the management of graffiti within the shire area. As such Council will look to form partnerships with other stakeholders to assist in the elimination of graffiti throughout the shire area.
- Council will lobby and encourage other parties to remove graffiti from their property, including public authorities and other government departments.
- For graffiti removal on private property Council will operate within the relevant sections of the NSW Graffiti Control Act. Any of this work involving Council resources will be dependent on availability of financial and manpower resources and case by case Council approval.

### **Relevant Legislation**

- NSW Graffiti Control Act 2008
- NSW Graffiti Control Regulations 2009