

1. Objectives

To provide a service to clean, remove or cover incidents of graffiti vandalism to private or commercial property in Cottesloe within limited financial constraints.

2. Principles

Rapid removal of graffiti will:

- Restore private or commercial property to a condition that directly protects the property's financial, amenity and aesthetic values and indirectly protects the town's overall image.
- Discourage further acts of graffiti vandalism by detracting from the perpetrators' sense of fame or achievement.

3. Issues

- Maintaining a safe, clean and attractive town.
- Expense to the community in addressing, or not addressing, graffiti vandalism.
- Working with neighbouring local governments to reduce the incidence of graffiti vandalism in the Western Suburbs.

4. Policy

The Town of Cottesloe will provide a free graffiti response service to the residents of Cottesloe subject to the following:

- a. The Town of Cottesloe will clean, remove or cover all graffiti on buildings, fences and structures that are within or constitute boundaries of all reserves under the care and control of the Town of Cottesloe including but not limited to all parks, reserves, public access ways and road reserves.
- b. Where the structure is a fence, wall or building on a shared boundary with a private property or reserve under the care and control of another authority, the adjacent landowner must provide permission for the graffiti response to be carried out prior to the cleaning, removing, or covering activity.
- c. Where the structure is a fence, wall or building on a shared boundary with a private property or reserve under the care and control of another authority, the adjacent landowner will indemnify the Town of Cottesloe against all actions, claims, damages, costs and expenses whatsoever resulting from the graffiti response activity.

Note: This does not include workers compensation cover of Council Staff or Councillors.

- d. Photographic records will be kept of all graffiti incidents. These will be forwarded to the Police Service where necessary.
- e. The Town of Cottesloe will endeavour to respond to all reported incidents of graffiti vandalism within 24 hours of notification and the receipt of written permission to respond.
- f. Where information leads to a successful prosecution of a graffiti vandal, the informant is eligible for a \$500 reward.

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