



Vandalism – Damage to Council Owned Property - Reward Policy

1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to commit to the proactive design, construction and use of Council properties to mitigate damage by vandals and to encourage community involvement in identifying and prosecuting vandals through community awareness programs. It also details reward incentives to any person who provides information which leads to the conviction of any person who committed an act of vandalism in respect of Council’s controlled property.

2 Policy

Council is committed to addressing damage by vandals to, and graffiti vandalism attacks on, community property by implementing the following:

- Paying a reward of up to a maximum of \$5,000 to any person who supplies information which leads to the conviction of any person who committed an act of vandalism in respect of Council controlled property.
- Planning and designing of Council owned and controlled buildings, structures and facilities to take into consideration design features, materials and equipment and fittings to reduce and minimise potential damage from vandal and graffiti attacks.
- Continuing to pursue installation of vandal resistant fittings and equipment, and paint with anti-graffiti surface coatings, where considered economically viable and necessary to combat incidents of attack and reduce long-term maintenance and repair costs for existing Council owned and controlled property.
- Reporting incidents of vandal and graffiti attacks on Council and community property to the local police.
- Taking action within 24 hours of being reported to repair vandal damage or remove graffiti on Council owned or controlled property.
- Equate the damage to the lost community facilities and identify hot spot areas so Council can work with the local community to address the problems particular to those areas.
- Raise community awareness of this policy and highlighting a designated contact number for the community to report vandal and graffiti incidents.

3 Definitions

NA

4 Key Responsibilities

<i>Position</i>	<i>Directorate</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
Mayor	Council	To lead Councillors in their understanding of, and compliance with, this Policy and Guidelines.
General Manager	Executive	To lead staff (either directly or through delegated authority) in their understanding of, and compliance with, this Policy and guidelines. To approve resources to develop, implement and review this Policy and related Guidelines.

Position	Directorate	Responsibility
Directors	All Directorates	Make determinations in accordance with this Policy. Outline responsibilities of person(s) whose role it will be to carry out most of the functions under the policy.
Business Leaders	All Directorates	To communicate, implement and comply with this Policy and related Guidelines.
All Council officials	Council	To comply with this Policy, Guidelines and related procedures.

5 References

- Crown Lands Trust Hand Book;
- Local Government Act and Regulations;
- Crown Lands Act and Regulations;
- Rural Property Act and Regulations.

6 Details of Approval and revision

- **Approval date: 22/06/2017**
- **Responsible Section: Logistics**
- **Superseded policies/procedures:**
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Table of amendments

Amendment	Authoriser	Approval ref	Date