



SHIRE COUNCIL
Blayney

Vandalism Policy

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Officer Responsible	Director Infrastructure Services
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Strategic Policy

Purpose

To minimise the unsightliness and cost of graffiti and intentional damage to Council and the community.

To engage community support in the prompt reporting of graffiti and intentional damage as soon as practicably possible, after identification of an offence.

The policy provides for a reward where information regarding an offence results in the conviction of an offender.

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:-

- Reduce acts of vandalism and intentional damage to public and commercial/retail property in the Blayney Shire local government area.
- Encourage the public to report acts of vandalism and intentional damage.
- Provide for a reward where information regarding an offence results in the conviction of an offender.

Policy

Principles

Any person who witnesses, or has information regarding an act of graffiti or intentional damage should in the first instance report the matter through the NSW Police Force Community Portal or other NSW Police Force Channel or contact the Police Assistance Line (13 14 44).

Any person who witnesses graffiti or intentional damage to Blayney Shire Council property should also report the matter to Council Customer Service staff, either by attending Council offices, via email, or phone.

Information provided shall be in accordance with NSW Police Force requirements, and as a minimum include:-

- Time of incident
- Place of incident
- Description of damage
- Possible offender's details
- Photographs

The NSW Police Force will examine the information and may investigate the offence. Should an offender be identified, and either admit guilt or be found guilty, the informant should then write to Council seeking payment of the reward.

Council will, where appropriate, seek compensation for graffiti and intentional damage offences where an offender has been identified and admitted, or been found guilty.

Rewards

Council will offer a reward on a graduated scale, for information provided by the public leading to the conviction of a person or persons involved in graffiti or intentional damage to Council property. The scale is as follows:-

Category	Damage Amount	Reward
1	Up to \$2,500	\$500
2	\$2,500 - \$10,000	\$1,000
3	\$10,000 and above	\$2,000

Responsibilities

Determination of the reward will be at the absolute discretion of the General Manager.

Persons providing information may be required to appear in a Court to provide evidence where required.

Related Legislation

Graffiti Control Act 2008

The Graffiti Control Act 2008 deals directly with graffiti specific offences, which encompasses intentional damage to property and the possession and sale of spray cans. Powers granted to LGAs to manage graffiti vandalism is detailed at Part 4 of the Act.

Blayney Shire Council Community Strategic Plan 2018/2028

The Blayney Shire Community Strategic Plan 2018/2028 is the community's 10-year vision for the Shire. It aims to protect the features and qualities that make the Blayney Shire a great place to live, as well to enable communities which are strong and well connected. Graffiti and intentional damage has the potential to impact its strategic priorities of: Maintain and Improve Public Infrastructure and Services, Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance, Promote Blayney Shire to grow the Local and Visitor Economy, Enhance facilities and networks that supports Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture and Protect our Natural Environment.

End of Policy

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