Shire of Peppermint Grove

# Infrastructure Policy - 4.6 Graffiti and Vandalism Policy

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| **Policy** | Infrastructure Policies – 4.6 Graffiti and Vandalism Policy |
| **Purpose** | This policy establishes the principles for the Shire of Peppermint Grove in relation to the removal of graffiti from commercial and residential properties viewable from the public domain. |

## Policy

The Shire of Peppermint Grove views graffiti as distasteful, damaging and unwelcome vandalism. The Shire wishes to retain and demonstrate its commitment to maintaining an attractive environment and a strong sense of neighbourhood pride by preserving a graffiti-free environment within the municipality, and endorses the following principles:

In order to maintain the ambience of Peppermint Grove, the Shire will endeavour to:

1. Clean, remove or cover all graffiti on buildings, fences and structures that are under the care, control and management of the Shire within five working days of notification.
2. If the damage is particularly offensive (e.g. racially motivated, of a sexual nature etc), every effort will be made by the Shire and the nominated contractor to have the graffiti removed within 24 hours.
3. Where the structure is a wall, building or fence on a shared boundary between private property and the Shire controlled land, permission will be sought from the landowner for the Shire to clean, remove or cover the graffiti provided a written approval and damage indemnity is given for action to be taken.
4. Where graffiti has been placed on private property or a structure belonging to another Government Authority the vandalism will be reported to the owner/authority and a request made for its removal.
5. Report incidents of graffiti vandalism to the Police and liaise with neighbouring Local Governments to reduce graffiti vandalism in the Western Suburbs.

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