

## Committed to removing graffiti

**Shoalhaven City Council is serious about presenting our city in a positive manner to both visitors and residents, in particular by removing graffiti in a timely manner.**

Evidence has shown that the quick removal of graffiti helps to deter future vandalism events. Graffiti vandals like to admire their tags and this quick action removes the satisfaction of seeing their mark.

Council is committed to responding swiftly in the removal of graffiti on public property. Our Graffiti Removal Coordinator works to remove graffiti from Council assets on a daily basis. If you require assistance with graffiti abatement or removal, contact us on 02 4429 3111 (Monday to Friday).

Search graffiti management on our website for advice and tips for graffiti removal and vandalism  
[www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au)



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# Graffiti

Removing graffiti from our  
towns and villages





## Working together

**Graffiti vandalism can be a costly, antisocial, and often unsightly nuisance for the community.**

Together, we can take positive steps to deter and reduce graffiti vandalism in the Shoalhaven.

### Fight It

**Taking action to remove graffiti from your property within 24 to 48 hours is most effective in the ongoing management of graffiti vandalism.**

Much of the graffiti in our community is tagged on private property and owners are responsible for its removal. Council can offer professional removal by Council staff (at a cost) or alternatively removal via a Contractor (own arrangement).

If you choose to paint over graffiti, keep any unused paint and a brush handy in case you need to cover further tags.

### Prevent It

**Simple planning and design strategies can help reduce the likelihood and incidence of graffiti.**

Most graffiti occurs on exposed walls and fences. Restrict the available surface and create a barrier by:

- Planting vegetation against solid surfaces
- Using landscaping instead of fencing
- Using mesh or lattice
- Using highly textured or uneven materials for solid surfaces

### Install lighting

Installation of vandal-resistant sensor lights may help to reduce graffiti. Make sure they are up and out of reach.

### Report It

Graffiti vandalism is a crime. If you see something suspicious, report it to police. If you have information about graffiti vandalism, phone Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**. The NSW Graffiti Hotline is also available for assistance on **1800 707 125** (Monday to Friday).

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.com.au  
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### Plan for easy graffiti repair

Choose surfaces that can be repainted or are easy to clean, such as tiles or polished masonry. Dark colours are less attractive to graffiti vandals. Keep any surplus paint when decorating in case you want to paint over graffiti in the future. Anti-graffiti coatings can also help to prevent absorption, making graffiti easier to remove. Apply coatings to a minimum height of three metres.

### Consider a mural

Consider asking a community group or professional artist to apply a mural to your premises. Public art can beautify an area, draw attention to your business and help prevent graffiti.

### Join Project Eyewatch

Project Eyewatch is a community group who manage a public Facebook page, enabling locals to exchange information with police about crime and report issues of concern, in real time.