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Help stamp out graffiti – Report it NOW!

Ryde Council is calling on the community to help stamp out graffiti vandalism by reporting it whenever it is seen.

Over the past year the City of Ryde has removed over 3,900 graffiti hits from private and Council-owned properties at a cost of close to $170,000. The cost to the image of our community and neighbourhoods is harder to estimate.

City of Ryde A/g Group Manager Community Life, Baharak Sahebekhtiari, said: "Rapid removal is a vital element in our strategy to combat graffiti in the City of Ryde. Our commitment is to remove offensive and highly visible graffiti within 24 – 72 hours of it being reported. All other reported graffiti is removed within five days.

"Our message to the community is simple, if you see it, report it."

Council is in the process of revamping its Graffiti Action Plan. It will focus on building stronger partnerships between key organisations including with the local Police, community organisations and the Ryde Youth Council, plus more education programs, better use of technology and a refined tracking and reporting system.

How to Report Graffiti Vandalism
If you see someone writing graffiti report it immediately to:
Police Assistance Line: 13 14 44
Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 (anonymous)

To report graffiti in the Ryde LGA (on Council-owned buildings or equipment or on private or commercial properties) email details, including photos, to:
cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

To report graffiti or vandalism on bus shelters call:
Adshel Bus shelters: 1800 501 402

To report graffiti elsewhere call:
NSW Graffiti Hotline: 1800 707 125 (operates 9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays).

For more information on how to prevent and manage graffiti on your property go to **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/graffiti**, or to request graffiti removal call 9952 8222.