



Graffiti Database

Aim

The aim of the graffiti database is to provide a tool that allows Sutherland Shire Council to capture, record and analyse the number, type and locations where graffiti is occurring throughout the Sutherland Shire.

Rationale/Background

Information about graffiti incidents removed by Council Officers, are stored in Council's graffiti database. Sutherland Shire Council uses the Australian Graffiti Register (AUSGR) online database. The database allows for Council to store information about the graffiti incident including the type of graffiti, the tool used, the tag name, location, surface, a photo of the incident and how long it took and how much it cost to remove the graffiti.

The information contained within the database assists Sutherland Shire Council and the NSW Police Force to develop relevant and effective graffiti prevention strategies, to improve rapid removal procedures and provide vital evidence for the police when an offender has been apprehended.

AUSGR allows for reports to be generated which makes it a useful tool in analysing peaks and trends. This database also allows sharing of critical graffiti tag and photographic data between its subscribers, including other local government areas, which can be used by NSW Police to track down serial graffiti offenders. The database provides the information necessary to define hotspot and repeat victimisation locations.

The local Police have been given access to the database and regularly use it to inform resource allocation and patrols. The information is used by the Police in the planning for covert Police operations, tasking of officers, and can aid the development of an evidence brief where an offender has been identified.

Sutherland Shire Council uses the information contained within the database to develop relevant and effective graffiti prevention strategies and improve rapid removal procedures.

Expected outcomes

1. To keep an accurate record of all graffiti removed from Council property.
2. Provide Police with information which assists in the planning of covert graffiti operations and deployment of Police officers to hotspot locations at key times.
3. To assist Police in tracking serial offenders.
4. To assist Council in rapid removal programs.

