



Graffiti Sticker Project

Aim

The aim of the graffiti sticker project is to reduce the appeal of committing graffiti offences by removing the visibility of the graffiti act by placing a sticker over the tag, thereby decreasing the opportunity for the vandal to receive recognition from other graffiti vandals and their peers.

A secondary aim of this project is to act as a visual reminder to graffiti offenders that graffiti is a crime which is investigated by the NSW Police Force and is punishable by law.

Rationale/ Background

Resident consultations, such as Council's Neighbourhood Interaction and Participations Survey (NIP's) and NSW Police Sutherland Local Area Command Perceptions of Crime Survey have consistently indicated that residents believe graffiti to be the offence which most negatively impacts on their lives and amenity.

In response to the level of graffiti incidents and perception of crime, Sutherland Shire Vandalism Prevention Unit developed the graffiti sticker program. The sticker provides a visual cue to the community that the graffiti incident has been noticed by the authorities, has been listed for remediation and is being investigated by the NSW Police Force. The sticker acts as a reassurance to the community the NSW Police Force and Sutherland Shire Council take the matter seriously.

By educating the community graffiti is a crime and the NSW Police Force and Council are active in trying to reduce this activity will lead to more reports of graffiti by the community. This and reducing the appeal of committing these acts by offenders will contribute to an overall reduction in the number of graffiti offences and costs associated with its removal.

Partners

NSW Police Force represented by Miranda and Sutherland Local Area Commands.
Sutherland Shire Council.

Expected Outcomes

1. Reduction in the number of graffiti offences.
2. A greater awareness in the community that graffiti is a crime.
3. An increase in the reported incidents of graffiti to the NSW Police Force.
4. The community feels more assured that Council and NSW Police are doing something to reduce graffiti and vandalism in the Sutherland Shire.

