



Individual Graffiti Removal Kits

Aim

To provide local residents with the means to remove graffiti from their property in a timely manner in order to reduce the amount of time graffiti vandalism remains visible.

Rationale/Background

Resident consultations, such as Council's Neighbourhood Interaction and Participations Survey (NIPS) 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, Sutherland Shire Council has developed a pilot program that will allow local residents to remove graffiti from their own property. Five hundred graffiti removal kits will be made available to interested local residents who wish to remove graffiti from their property. Only private residents of the Sutherland Shire Local Government Area will be eligible to apply and proof of residency will be required. Commercial and industrial owner/occupiers will not be able to participate in this program.

If you are a local resident wishing to remove graffiti from your own property you can contact Council and request a removal kit. You will then be sent an application form, the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the product and an instruction sheet. The application form must then be completed, signed, and returned to Council along with your proof of residency. Once your form has been processed you will be contacted and asked to collect your kit from Council's Stores department at Kirrawee. Only the person who completed the application form and provided proof of residency will be able to collect the kit. A valid form of photo ID will be required.

Six months into the project all applicants will receive an evaluation form that they will be required to complete and return to Council. The comments on this form will be utilised to determine how successful the pilot was, how it might be improved and whether or not it is worthwhile running this program in the future.

Expected Outcomes

1. Reduce the length of time that graffiti vandalism remains visible
2. Enhance the visual amenity of the Sutherland Shire and improve perceptions of safety
3. Empower members of the local community to remove graffiti vandalism from their property and facilitate their ownership and participation in addressing the graffiti problem
4. Reduce the costs of graffiti removal incurred by the community.

