

REPORT

Graffiti needs to be reported to the Police so that every occurrence is noted in the crime statistics, which in turn works towards getting more attention and action by the Police as the statistics reflect the fact that it is a problem in need of attention.

Police Assistance Line
131 444
For non emergencies



or Call your local Police Station and report where the graffiti is and when it was likely to have occurred.

TOUKLEY 4390 1299
WYONG 4356 6099
THE ENTRANCE 4333 2999

Take a photo (if you can) for your record and the Police, and insurance purposes if needed. Activate the date/time setting on your camera before you take the photo and then remove the graffiti. The date and time will show on the photo later and is considered an accurate record for future use.

REPORT GRAFFITI ONLINE

www.vandaltrak.com.au

Sign up to be able to send photos and the location of graffiti to a database that aims to log, track and manage graffiti incidents in one place.



MORE INFORMATION

Web Addresses

- www.sosafe.com.au
- has a short video on how to remove graffiti.
- www.graffiti.nsw.gov.au
- lots of helpful information from the state government.
- www.kabnsw.org.au
- Graffiti Action Day information for those who wish to be involved in a group event.
- www.vandaltrak.com.au
- for reporting graffiti online, building a data base of tags and occurrences.
- www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/graffiti/
- information from Wyong Shire Council

Contact Numbers

- Wyong Shire Council 4350 5555
- RTA (Roads, Walls & Signs) 131 700 (-6)
- Australia Post 131 318
- Energy Australia 131 535
- Telstra General 132 203 (-3-4)
- NSW Graffiti Hotline 1800 707 125

San Remo Neighbourhood Centre
28 Brava Avenue North
SAN REMO 4390 7888

Northern Wyong Shire Graffiti Forum
~ working on strategies towards a better environment ~
meets at SRNC at 4pm on the last Tuesday of each month, Feb - Nov



We are on Facebook . . .
- [northernwyongshiregraffitiform](https://www.facebook.com/northernwyongshiregraffitiform)
- [helpwipeoutgraffiti](https://www.facebook.com/helpwipeoutgraffiti)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

What you can do about graffiti



BEFORE

AFTER

What you should do if your property is vandalised by graffiti



Wyong Shire Council
CENTRAL COAST

Graffiti is a problem and looks ugly and makes people feel unsafe.

RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of residents, owners and businesses to remove any graffiti that occurs on their property and this brochure contains information about ways that can help you do this.

Simply doing nothing about graffiti that has occurred on your property gives the impression of not caring and the graffiti acts like a magnet attracting more graffiti on your place.

Remove graffiti quickly

Rapid and continual removal of graffiti is the best way to protect your property and preserve the image of your neighbourhood.

Removing graffiti vandalism within 24 to 48 hours makes removal easier and more effective and acts as a deterrent for more graffiti occurring in the same place. Removing graffiti quickly also reduces the notoriety of graffiti vandals that results from having their vandalism on display.

Graffiti on public utilities such as, council buildings, telephone boxes, bus shelters, or electricity boxes, needs to be reported directly to them for removal.

See list of contact numbers.

REMOVAL

There is no one easy solution to removing graffiti, as the surfaces that the graffiti is on is as varied as the type of graffiti.

The benefits of removing graffiti as soon as possible are 2 fold.

Firstly - it is easier when fresh, rather than trying to remove it after it has been there a week or even a month or two.

Secondly - it acts to discourage more graffiti occurring as it sends the message that, "graffiti will not last long on this place."

On some surfaces it may be better to paint over the graffiti with the same colour paint that is already there. Surfaces that are old and where the effort required to remove all the graffiti would be too time consuming, are some examples.

With members of the community working together at removing graffiti from their property as soon as possible, there will be a reduction in graffiti being visible and this in turn will lead to a better living environment for everyone.

Some communities and groups within the Wyong Shire area have already organised themselves with people volunteering in the community to remove graffiti as soon as it appears. One such group is active in the Mannering Park area.

REMOVAL

Wyong Shire Council has FREE Graffiti Removal Kits available to all residents.



There are two types of kits available.

The **Green** So Safe kit is suitable for removing graffiti from Colorbond fences. The **Blue** So Safe kit is suitable for removing graffiti from brick fences.

Be sure to always do a test area first and follow the clear instructions in the kits. All the necessary safety equipment, such as gloves and goggles, are also contained in the kits.

Community Trailer

For larger areas and groups that may be interested in organising a clean up day in an area, the Northern Lakes Business Chamber has the 'Graffiti Beater' trailer that is stocked with chemicals, safety equipment and a pressure washer, available for use. For more details & to use the trailer call: 0400 510 314.

Wyong Shire Council is responsible for removing obscene graffiti within 24 Hours from private and public property.