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## New plan to beat graffiti

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COMMUNITY clean-up days, household removal guides and legal mural spaces are being touted as the answer to graffiti problems in the Redlands.

Redland Shire Council has approved an \$85,500 graffiti action plan which outlines a raft of new and continuing measures aimed at tackling illegal aerosol art.

Under the plan, councillors will organise graffiti clean-up days in their divisions involving community groups, schools and residents at a total yearly cost of \$5000.

The council also expects to spend \$5000 developing and printing a household graffiti removal guide which will be available as a fact sheet and online.

Another \$5000 could be spent providing more opportunities for youth activities including legal art walls and murals and the sponsoring of street art events and exhibitions.

A \$2500 advertising campaign will educate residents about the importance of reporting graffiti and \$2000 will be spent developing and promoting an internet form allowing people to report graffiti online.

In addition, \$5000 is earmarked for a public education strategy to promote graffiti prevention and educate the community about smart design principles, graffiti offenders, graffiti culture and street art.

The council also wants to develop an arrangement with Youth Justice Conferencing to "engage with young offenders" in the shire and become involved with adult graffiti offenders through the court process.

The "tags" (identifying, repeated words or initials) that offenders spray onto buildings and walls will be entered into a database by council staff and contractors.

Continuing initiatives include removing graffiti from council buildings and providing cleaning advice to businesses.

The graffiti management plan, which is expected to be reviewed in three years, has a budget of \$85,000 including \$44,500 in new spending.

Subject to State Government approval, the council also wants the power to remove graffiti from private fences adjoining public land without the owner's permission.



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