

# Media Release: Community Assistance for Vandalism

Shire of Donnybrook Balingup 26 March 2025



As shared by the Donnybrook Police earlier in March, the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup is calling on the community to help identify and prosecute those responsible for recent graffiti on public assets.

"The recent graffiti incidents are incredibly disappointing. They cause disruption to our public spaces and create an unpleasant environment – it's very disheartening to see, especially when art and creativity are core parts of our community," said Shire President Vivienne MacCarthy.

When making reports to the Shire, many residents have expressed their disappointment and agreed that the vandalism is unacceptable. "We all appreciate the various and unique styles our local artists use when creating their work, and an incredible range of street art is featured in many of our towns," said President MacCarthy. "However, vandalism is not the way to showcase creativity. Additionally, the removal of graffiti and repairs to any damages caused by it cost both time and money, which I'm certain our community would prefer to see used elsewhere."



Above: Graffiti at the VC Mitchell Park (VCMP) Community Club, Donnybrook



Above: Graffiti at Apex Park, Donnybrook



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*Above (left): Graffiti at the Vin Farley playground (locally known as the Tractor Park), Donnybrook*



*Above (right): Graffiti at the Apple Fun Park, Donnybrook*

The Shire remains committed to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment. Community cooperation is crucial in addressing this issue and preventing future incidents. If anyone has any information about these incidents, please contact Donnybrook Police on (08) 9732 3333 and quote 12032512307223.

Here are some upcoming community art events that provide positive outlets for creativity. Details for each event are available on the Shire website.

- Asphalt Art Paint Day on Saturday 5 April: Paint the roads around the Apple Fun Park with designs inspired by local youth.
- Blackwood River Arts Trail 2025 from Saturday 5 April to Sunday 20 April: Over 100 artists will display and sell their works at 32 venues across the region, with the Blackwood River Film Festival screening films in Balingup (new for 2025), Nannup, and Bridgetown.

