



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICE'S REPORT

9th August 2005

DSS12 VANDALISM COSTS
FILE: 657 (300028) CJL

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the recorded costs of vandalism for the 2004/2005 financial year.



At Council's meeting of 12 July 2005, Councillor B Green asked "Can we have an update on the vandalism costs incurred by Council?"

Council was advised at its June 2004 meeting of the increasing incidents of vandalism in the Shire. The report was referred to the Community Safety Council and further reports were to be provided on the actual costs of vandalism to Council.

Obtaining accurate costs has been difficult due to the procedure of costing minor vandal damage (under insurance excess) to the budgets for maintenance and repair. This has been addressed with a system now implemented where most incidents and costs can be captured by Council's Civicview Work Order program.

Below is the vandalism data for recorded costs to Council for the 2004/2005 financial year as recorded on Civicview. It should be noted that not all incidents record costs.

Location	No of Incidents	\$ Cost
Public Toilets	6	\$138
Public Buildings	9	\$518
Replace vandalised Garbage Bins	15 incidents	\$ 1288
Council buildings	30 incidents	\$ 2380
Parks	8 incidents	\$570
Signs	14 incidents	No cost data
Sports fields	3 incidents	\$2000
Roads	3	\$35.83
Council vehicle fleet	17 incidents	\$ 4667
Sewer	4	\$131
		Total recorded

		costs = \$11728
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The following table represents costs allocated to miscellaneous costs incurred by Council's Civic Maintenance teams for the 2004/2005 financial year. Please note that the number of incidents is not recorded.

Location	Cost
Verge St Grandstand	\$3541
Kempsey CBD Public Toilets	\$4641
SWR CBD Public Toilets	\$670
Kempsey Public Toilets	\$8776
SWR Public Toilets	\$1083
	\$18711 total

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Vandalism has potential to affect the environment and Council is aware of its high risk sites and has security arrangements in place for these areas in an attempt to reduce the risk exposure to vandalism.

- ***Social***

Vandalism has potential to affect the community and increase fear of crime. Council has endeavoured to involve the community in reporting of any incidents through its reward advertisements.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Vandalism has a high cost to Council that reduces funds available for programmed works.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Council's policy C21:18 Rewards – Vandalism, provides for rewards of up to \$1,500 for information leading to the conviction of persons responsible for vandalism to Council property with advertisement periodically of this reward.

- ***Director's Review***

As per the report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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