

GRAFFITI ACTION DAY TAGGED A SUCCESS!



Today the results of Australia's first ever Graffiti Action Day, Sunday 2nd May 2010 were released. 237 individual sites consisting of 4178 m² of illegal graffiti vandalism were removed.

A range of participants were involved on the day, including a cross-section of councils from throughout the state: from Armidale Regional Council, Gosford City Council through to Tamworth City Council, Parramatta City Council, Albury and Wyong Shire Council.

"For the first time ever, Local Government and community bodies throughout NSW worked with Keep Australia Beautiful NSW, facilitating the removal of illegal graffiti vandalism and the empowering residents and business owners to reclaim their streets." Peter McLean, Chief Executive Officer of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW said.

The Keep Australia Beautiful NSW office has been flooded with positive comments and testimonials from Graffiti Action Day Sunday May 2nd.

"It's a great feeling to receive positive qualitative feedback which supports the quantitative results being released today. Not only did we have a large number of participants and square metres of illegal graffiti removed on the day, but participants really enjoyed working together as a community to improve their local area. That's what Graffiti Action Day is all about, engaging communities into action against graffiti vandalism." Phil Kelly, Program Manager at Keep Australia Beautiful NSW said.

NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos thanked the volunteers for pitching in on Graffiti Action Day 2010 and said following the success of the inaugural event supported calls to expand it to other states and territories next year.

"Everybody who rolled up their sleeves to help clean up the scourge of graffiti from communities on Graffiti Action Day should be congratulated. Their efforts send a clear message to graffiti vandals that they've had enough." Mr Hatzistergos said.

Graffiti Action Day is a joint initiative between Keep Australia Beautiful NSW and the NSW Government. Details about Graffiti Action Day 2010 are available at www.kabnsw.org.au Stay tuned for updates about next year's Graffiti Action Day 2011. To anonymously report graffiti vandalism crime, call the Crime Stoppers hotline 1800 333 000 or visit www.crimestoppers.com.au

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Major locations below. Please note, in some cases, there were a number of different sites across the one location:

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| Airds | Gosford | Newcastle | Spring wood |
| Albury | Harris Park & Pagewood | Nirimba | Surry Hills |
| Armidale Durmaresq | Holroyd | Parramatta | Sutherland |
| Bathurst Regional | Illawarra | Penrith | Tamworth |
| Blacktown | Kings Langley | Pittwater | The Hills |
| Blue Mountains | Kyogle | Port Stephens | Turramurra |
| Camden | Lake Macquarie | Quakers Hil | Tweed Shire |
| Campbelltown | Lindfield | Redfern & Waterloo | Villawood |
| Canterbury | Manly | Roseberry | Warragamba |
| City of Sydney | Minchinbury | Roseville | Warringah |
| Fairfield | Mosman | San Remo | Wollongong |
| Fairvale | Mt Annan | Shoalhaven | Wyoming |