



Reward Scheme for Malicious Damage to Property

1. Intent of Policy

Oberon Council is committed to providing services to its community. In order to minimise the unsightliness and costs associated with malicious damage to property the community's help is sought to report instances of malicious damage as soon as possible. In particular this policy is to provide a reward to members of the community where information regarding an offence results in legal action being taken against the offender. This policy has the intention of:

- Reducing acts of malicious damage to property in the Oberon Council area
- Encouraging the public to report acts of malicious damage and information on offenders to the police.

2. Scope of Policy

The policy applies to the following malicious acts.

1. Acts of vandalism to Council property
2. Acts of graffiti to property within the Oberon Council area
3. Lighting bushfires or other acts of arson

*Relevant Statutory Requirements specific to this policy:
Local Government Act, 1993*

3. Guidelines

A reward of \$1,500 (One thousand five hundred dollars) is to be offered under this scheme and will be payable for information leading to a criminal proceeding resulting in a conviction, formal caution/warning or juvenile justice conference where guilt has been found or admitted.

Any person who witnesses, or has information regarding an act under this policy should in the first instance report the matter to the nearest police station.

The police will examine the information and may investigate the offence. Should an offender be identified and admit guilt or be found guilty, the informant should then make a written application for a reward under this scheme. The application will be assessed by the General Manager and the Mayor and will determine the outcome of the reward application. A report will be provided to Council on the operation of the scheme and the details of rewards applied for and approved. This will not include identifying details of reward applicants.

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