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“Matching Progress with Preservation”

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To: Mr. Steve Beardon - Founder/Spokesperson - Residents Against Graffiti Everywhere (RAGE)

Steve, this letter is to thank you and your supporters for all the hard work, lobbying, and success that has been achieved in combating the graffiti menace in our suburbs.

The unwavering commitment of RAGE throughout not only our community, but with residents in other communities, has been vindicated by an outcome, as highlighted in the Victorian Parliament, worthy of state consideration.

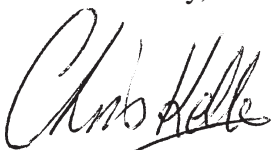
CaDRA is proud to have helped launch RAGE over 2 years ago, when we hosted the first ever graffiti forum in Casey. As was successfully highlighted at that public forum, Graffiti had become a social scourge, was attributed to attracting crime and impacting negatively upon our suburbs and communities.

Since then I am well aware that RAGE has established beautification programs, involved schools, businesses and residents in support of a unified approach to graffiti vandalism and invited a highly regarded consultant to address the decision makers. After lobbying in all nine Council wards throughout our city, RAGE has finally been rewarded by Casey's implementation of what could best be described as a graffiti fighting model that other councils will inevitably imitate.

The recent implementation of the RAGE Program, has seen a toll-free hotline (appropriately selected as 1800 VANDAL) which guarantees ongoing immediate free removal of graffiti off all private as well as public property, education programs throughout our schools and enforcement of penalties through the identification and subsequent apprehension of repeat offenders.

On behalf of the Cranbourne and District Residents Association, I take this opportunity to recognise the essential role that RAGE has played in raising the graffiti spectre in the public consciousness (and thereby in the minds of our Councillors) and to publicly thank you for your contribution to our cleaner environment.

Yours faithfully,



Chris Kelly
President, 22nd July 2002