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Anti-graffiti praise for Casey

RESIDENTS Against Graffiti Everywhere (RAGE) have given Casey Council a pat on the back for planning a \$300,000 clean-up campaign.

RAGE member Julia Welham said the anti-graffiti group, now supported by about 200 Cranbourne residents, formed two years ago to lobby council to solve the growing graffiti problem.

"There was nowhere for victims to turn to when it was private property that was graffitied," Ms Welham said.

"It was quite awful because house prices started to drop and graffiti's a visual deterrent for home-buyers thinking of investing in Cranbourne."

Council decided last year to invest \$300,000 in graffiti removal and prevention. Tenders closed last week for companies interested in implementing the strategy.

"After more than 18 months of lobbying Casey Council, on behalf of RAGE, I would like to congratulate them on their resolve to break the cycle of graffiti vandalism by implementing a graffiti abatement strategy which includes cleaning private property as well as commercial and public property," Ms Welham said.

"A toll-free hotline for the reporting of graffiti vandalism, a data base to identify offenders' tags, quick removal of graffiti, and an education program are the basic elements required to eradicate this problem."

"I praise Casey Council for acting on this and RAGE for continuing on in other council areas that also wish to achieve similar results."

City of Casey health and laws manager Brendan Fitzsimmons said although he believed the program would be successful he warned residents not to expect overnight results.

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private, and
commercial
property,
FOR FREE!



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