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**Keeping Southport Graffiti Free !!**

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Somerville Funerals has tempting white spaces on the walls surrounding our premises in Nind Street, that have regularly attracted Graffiti Vandals over the years.

We recently received a letter from Gold Coast City Council advising of the council's free service for graffiti removal, and an invitation to register with the Gold Coast City Council Graffiti Building Maintenance team, so that any future incidents can be identified and the graffiti removed in a timely fashion.

I completed the required consent form, and the very next incident of graffiti (only 10 days later) was identified and removed within 48 hours.

This is a free service offered by council, and we want to share this information with other members of the Southport Chamber of Commerce who could benefit from this service.

For more details log on to [goldcoast.qld.gov.au](http://goldcoast.qld.gov.au) and search under graffiti.

From there you will easily locate the area devoted to graffiti removal, and access the consent form and other important information.

If you prefer just to report graffiti you have observed on a property - call the hotline on (07) 5581 7998.

Please note: Council can only remove graffiti from private property boundaries that are accessible from public land (such as a footpath or park) and only if a consent form is received from the property owner.