

# REPORTING GRAFFITI VANDALISM



**VandalTrak**

Internet based reporting  
Online - 24hrs 7days  
Can include photos,  
in NSW, Vic & QLD

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Graffiti is a significant issue within many local government areas reducing the value and image of our communities & neighbourhoods.

VandalTrak Ltd is a not-for-profit public company. Since 2008 we have helped the public join forces with local councils, businesses, the police and volunteer clean-up groups in the fight against graffiti vandalism.

## **It's your community.**

Report graffiti vandalism with VandalTrak, so together we can assist authorities to bring those responsible to justice.

**How it works** - Reporting graffiti - go to the website **[www.vandaltrak.com.au](http://www.vandaltrak.com.au)** and SIGN UP with a name and a password. Then every time you return to the website to report graffiti SIGN IN. (It may take a while from when you first SIGN UP till your account is activated). No costs involved.

**SIGN UP (once) - SIGN IN (each time you report graffiti)**

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## **Simple idea aids war on graffiti**

BY CALLAN LAWRENCE 15 May, 2012 12:00 AM

PICTURE this: A boy, 16, pulls out a marker pen and scribbles a tag all over the toilets at his school. He walks home through Quakers Hill and puts the same graffiti on fences, in drains, the sides of shops and house walls. Police record the 26 incidents as malicious damage, and assess the cost of repairs at more than \$25,000. They follow the trail of scribbles from the school, down Stanhope Parkway and Burdekin Road right to the boy's home. He is taken into custody and sent to Parramatta Children's Court. Dozens of pages of evidence are shown to the magistrate and the boy is dealt with under the Young Offenders Act.

This is an example of how Kellyville resident Anthony Krkac's database VandalTrak works. And police love it. "It has been going very, very well," Detective Inspector Brett Guyatt of Quakers Hill police said last week. "It's a great database and there's no limit to it." Detective Inspector Guyatt said 10 people responsible for tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage had been caught by police using the database since December. VandalTrak seems so logical, police wonder that they didn't have a similar system in place before Mr Krkac approached them with his idea. The Kellyville businessman said he first thought of VandalTrak about four years ago at a community meeting where graffiti was a hot topic. "Everyone was to-ing and fro-ing; people would say nothing is being done about the graffiti and the cops would say 'well nobody is telling us anything'," Mr Krkac said. "Really, there was just no result. I just wanted to see justice, nobody wants to live in a street that looks like a hole; nobody wants to visit, nobody feels safe."

Other police commands in NSW have taken notice and have adopted trials of the system.