

Preventing Graffiti

Developed by Garner Clancey

Graffiti is a problem for many communities. The seemingly senseless acts of graffiti cost significant sums to remove, erode the public amenity and cause frustration amongst many community members.

What not to do...



Build with little or no natural surveillance.

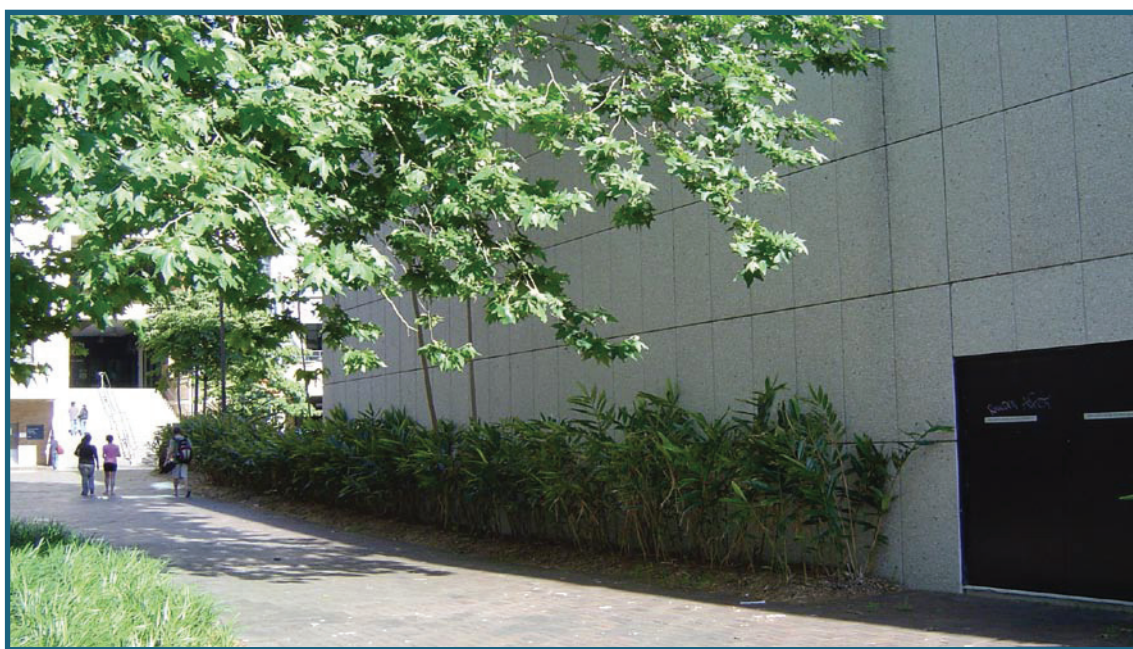


Provide long exposed blank walls.

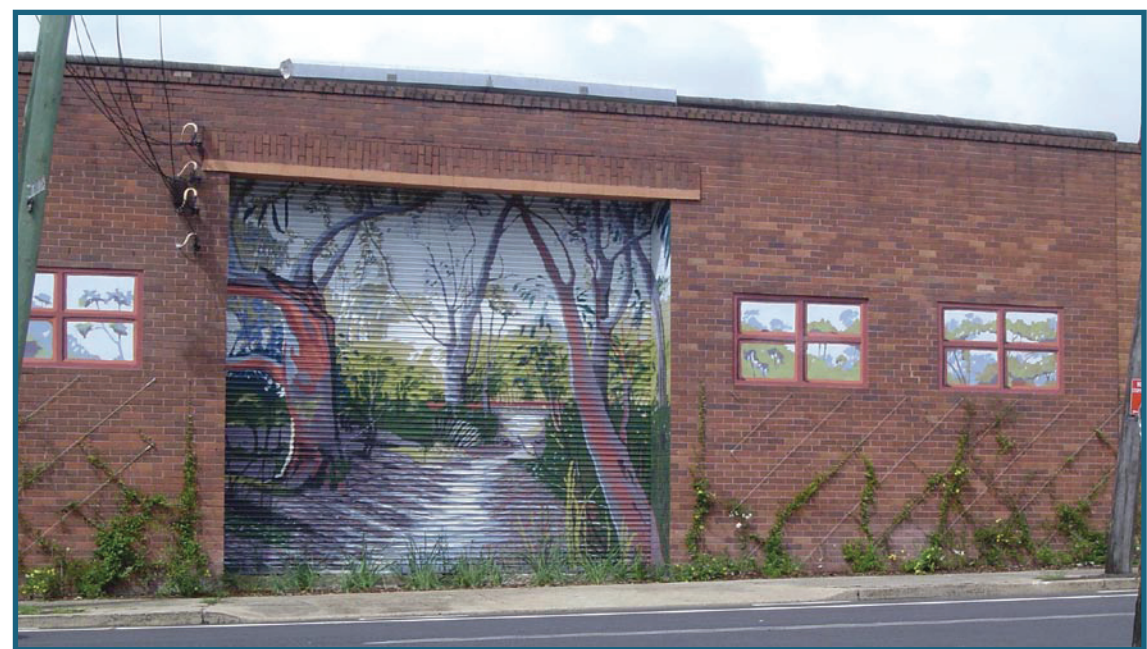
What to do...



Use murals to cover long blank walls. Cultural and company identities can be incorporated into murals.



Place foliage in front of blank walls.



Combine murals and creepers to reduce blank walls and to enhance the visual quality of an area.



Use permeable fences to promote surveillance and to reduce blank graffiti canvasses.



Remove quickly to reduce the kudos associated with graffiti.

Other prevention strategies include:

- Reporting incidence of graffiti to relevant authorities
- Using graffiti resistant materials
- Promoting natural and formal surveillance in high risk areas
- Promoting territorial reinforcements and guardianship of an area
- Ensuring that areas are well maintained
- Restricting access to the tools used in graffiti
- Providing programs and services to reduce boredom amongst young people