

## Reward

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<b>Objective</b>	5.1 We will have a strong, accountable and representative Government
<b>Strategy</b>	5.1.3 Engage with the community to inform decision making

## **1. Purpose**

To provide an incentive for residents to provide information leading to the conviction of an offender for malicious damage to, or stealing of, Council property.

## **2. Definitions**

**“Council property”** includes but is not limited to; equipment, motor vehicles, plant, buildings, bus seats and/or shelters, signs, barricades, flashing lights, street furniture, landscaping or sport facilities and equipment.

**“Malicious damage”** includes but is not limited to; graffiti, defacing or otherwise damaging property or landscaping including poisoning or damage to trees, or environmental damage.

## **3. Policy statement**

**3.1** Council offers a reward of up to \$2,000 for information that leads to the conviction of an offender for malicious damage to or stealing Council property.

**3.2** Residents who believe they are entitled to a reward for providing such information should make written application to Council, providing the following information:

- i. Resident’s name and address.
- ii. Details of the information provided that contributed to the conviction, together with details of the incident.

**3.3** Residents providing information must be aware that they may be required to appear in court to give evidence.

**3.4** Fraudulent and/or misleading claims will be ineligible for payment of the reward. Council may seek to recover the reward and associated costs should a claim be found to be fraudulent or misleading.

**3.5** All documentation created and held in relation to applications for reward claims shall be regarded confidential. For the purposes of protecting the safety of individuals and reward claim applicants, information will not be released to the public unless Council is obliged to by law.

**3.6** Council cannot always guarantee the applicant’s anonymity.

**3.7** Where more than one informant makes a claim, Council reserves the right to determine the appropriate division of the reward.

**3.8** The amount of any reward that shall be paid out by Council shall be determined by the General Manager at his/her absolute discretion.