

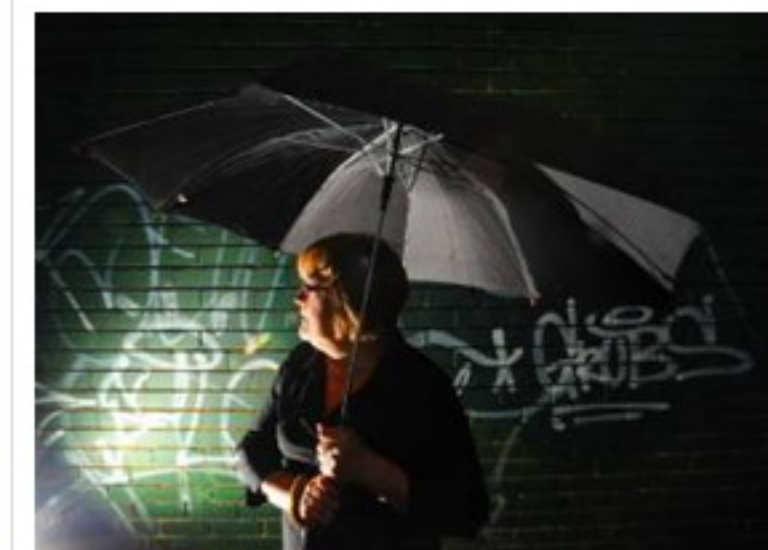
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### Vandals add to damage bill at Ringwood

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Jenny Newman says graffiti artists are a huge problem in the area. N50MM914

GRAFFITI artists and vandals are targeting a Ringwood business centre nearly every week, prompting owners to call for more police patrols and better lighting in the area.

Bedford Rd Business Association president Jenny Newman said vandals "tagging" walls and scratching windows were causing thousands of dollars a year damage. Ms Newman said vandalism mainly occurred on Thursday to Sunday nights and during school holidays.

She said Maroondah Council provided businesses with paint vouchers to cover graffiti, but better street lighting and increased police patrols would help.

"We try not to leave it (graffiti) as it encourages them, but it costs about \$200 to do each time," Ms Newman said. "When you add in the windows it costs thousands of dollars a year."

Eastwood Electronics & Computers owner Allan Tessier said graffiti vandals had become "unbearable" over the past three years.

Melbourne Firearms Centre owner Jon Martyn said there was a "fresh bout" of graffiti on his shutters nearly every week.

"They are even climbing up on the roof to tag signs," Mr Martyn said. Maroondah director of operations and infrastructure Trevor Welsh said council officers regularly inspected the area to identify and remove graffiti soon after it appeared.

Maroondah police Insp Bruce Dickie said the Bedford Rd area was well patrolled, but would be added to the target patrol list.

Sgt Bill Kennett said police investigating graffiti and vandalism had video footage of a male in his early teens or late 20s wearing a baseball cap and light clothing.

Anyone noticing suspicious behaviour in the area should phone Ringwood police on 9871 3000.


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