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A night of damage in Rowville

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Senior Constable Chris Jolly from Rowville police with marks caused by hoons in Karoo Rd, Rowville. N04KN30

VANDALS scrawled obscene pictures and bizarre words in bright pink paint during a late-night rampage in Rowville during the school holidays.

Residents on Kilcunda Drive, Clare Court and Hermitage Place woke on July 9 to find a path of destruction through their neighbourhood when vandals spray-painted cars, letterboxes, footpaths, fences and street signs early in morning.

Constable Henriett Ercsei from the Rowville police station said at least 15 properties and cars were damaged.

"They used bright pink spray paint to scrawl indecent images and scribble the words 'MMR' and 'Fluffy'," Constable Ercsei said.

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"We had quite a few reports of damage, there were about seven reports just on Kilcunda Drive."

Constable Ercsei believed that teenagers were responsible, saying these types of incidents were always more likely to occur during school holidays.

Karen Robinson, a Kilcunda Drive resident, said her letterbox and the back of her car were damaged.

"My husband woke up at 5.30am (on July 9) and found the graffiti," Ms Robinson said. "It's annoying and a big inconvenience to have to clean it up."

Ms Robinson said the indecent pictures drawn on the footpaths where her children played were "disgusting" and "insulting."

But she said the graffiti attack wasn't the only disturbance on the night, because the street was also hit by hoons.

"Hoons were racing their cars in the street and our neighbour's bin was smashed into a thousand pieces," she said.

Another Kilcunda Drive resident, Wayne Thompson, said he heard burnouts in the street sometime between 11.30pm and 1am. But police have ruled out any connection between the two incidents. "We believe the graffiti was spray-painted by people who were on foot," Constable Ercsei said.

Anyone with information about either incident should contact Rowville police on 9764 0996.

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