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Tag vandals paint Paradise Point



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RESIDENTS of Oxley Drive, Paradise Point are once again up in arms after graffiti vandals tore a path of destruction through their street for the second time in a month.

Locals awoke yesterday to find hooligans armed with paint spray cans had left large, unsightly graffiti 'tags' on about a dozen fences, vehicles and bus shelters that extended 300m.

The latest attack followed a vandalism spree at Coombabah State School and surrounding residences in Oxley Drive in late June.


In that incident, vandals scrawled obscene tags, including depictions of genitalia and a reference to notorious pedophile Dennis Ferguson, on school signs and fence panels.

Police had no information yesterday to suggest the attacks were linked but have renewed their appeal for anybody with information about either of the night-time attacks to come forward.

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Resident John Cheesewright said he was infuriated when he left his house yesterday morning and found a large blue 'tag' scrawled on his front fence.



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"I'm not impressed," he said.

"The school was done and now they seem to be working their way down the street.

"It would have to be, I feel, someone from another area because you wouldn't do something like this if you lived here.

"It's just blatant vandalism and completely pointless."

Hulya Oraloglu said the graffiti attack had made her nervous about going out at night.

"It's horrible. It's something you'd never expect. They must have nothing better to do," she said.

"It makes me worried because now I wonder what would happen if I come out at night and they are here again."

Acting Senior-Sergeant Scott Bolitho of Runaway Bay police said graffiti was a cause of much frustration among residents.

"This sort of offence causes a lot of angst for victims and it's also unsightly for anyone passing through the area," he said.

"It's a good area and it (graffiti) is very unwelcome.

"People get sick of seeing this sort of thing ... and we're hoping again that we can get some closure to this latest incident."

Anybody with information about the latest graffiti attack is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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