

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### COMMUNITY PAYING THE PRICE FOR VANDALISM



*Photos: Careless acts of vandalism at various locations around Kingston including district and walking trail signage pictured above.*

Mayor of the Kingston District Council has slammed a small group of individuals that have caused mindless damage to public infrastructure recently.

Mayor Rasheed was angered after vandalism at various locations was caused, leaving Council facing repair and replacement bills.

"One of my biggest frustrations is when Council has to spend money on repairs due to vandalism. Most of this damage is done at our parks, open spaces and signage, which are there for the community to enjoy and make use of", Mayor Rasheed said.

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“I was extremely disappointed to see the latest damage which includes graffiti on our district signage, walking trail and roundabout signage being mowed down and mindless ‘burn-outs’ on our beautiful grassed foreshore reserves.”

Chief Executive Officer Nat Traeger seconded the Mayor’s concerns, saying “there is a lot of other things Council staff could be doing, but unfortunately we are replacing signage, remedying torn up lawns and removing graffiti.”

“This senseless destruction impacts ratepayers” Ms Traeger said. She encouraged the community to report any vandalism or anti-social behaviors to the Council or Police.

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