

## Media Release

VANDALISM IN KINGBOROUGH

## For immediate release

## 15 November 2019

There has been a consistent campaign of vandalism and graffiti at the Dru Point playground during weekends over the past month.

The traffic lights have been repaired a few times; however, the most recent vandalism has been extensive. Council has removed them due to the state they have been left in, and it may be some time before new ones can be installed as we investigate the cost and availability for replacements.

The Mayor of Kingborough, Cr Dean Winter has expressed his disappointment and frustration with the vandalism. "We have had to engage a surveillance contractor over the weekends, along with Tasmania Police increasing their presence in the area.

"This vandalism is taking away the enjoyment of the area for young children and has a significant impact on our budget.

"I have also just been informed that one of the toilets at Blackmans Bay has been vandalised through a fire inside the sharps disposal container.

"This is very dangerous and we have had to lock the toilet until we can assess the damage.

"The vandalism is impacting our budget and diverting our resources from scheduled maintenance.

"I encourage anyone who may have any information on the vandalism, to please contact Tasmania Police on 131 444 or you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000."

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