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Teens take ownership to deter vandalism

This school holidays TasWater is engaging with Hobart teenagers to add some artistic flair to its assets.

Those participating in the Kingborough Council's Youth Services program will be painting two sewerage pump stations at Blackmans Bay and Kingston on 8 and 9 of October.

TasWater Facilities Officer Rachaelle Downey says the program enables TasWater to give back to the community.

"This project gives local young people the opportunity to engage with legal street art," she said.

"It allows them to engage with their surroundings and be involved in their community in a meaningful way."

Once the project is complete, it is hoped to deter vandalism from the sites.

"Across the state, TasWater reservoirs and pump stations attract unwanted graffiti and by inviting young artists to work with us; it's less likely they will be randomly tagged."

Rachaelle Downey says TasWater is also concerned for the safety of people breaking into facilities to carry out graffiti.

"If street art can discourage this activity it can not only reduce the risks to those gaining entry to our sites without permission but provide financial benefits to TasWater which can be passed on to our customers."

Young people in other parts of the state will soon be getting on board with other painting projects in the coming months.

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