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TasWater reservoir colour comes to Mount Stuart

At TasWater we are extending our program of street art on local reservoirs.

Following the painting of three water storage facilities on the eastern shore, it is now the turn of the Hobart suburb of Mount Stuart to get its reservoir decorated.

This weekend a group of street artist is taking to the 4.5 megalitre concrete reservoir and painting colourful scenes depicting reels of movie film on the walls of the giant tank.

TasWater Facilities Officer Rachaelle Downey says it's great to be able to add some colour to what can otherwise be a pretty dull structure.

"The purpose however is more than just to make them stand out."

"Across the state, TasWater's reservoirs attract a significant amount of unwanted graffiti and by inviting street artists to work with us; it's less likely they will be randomly tagged."

This is already the case following the painting of the facilities in Rokeby, Mornington and Bellerive.

And the benefits are more than just improving the landscape.

"Unwanted graffiti can cost up to \$70,000 to remove from a reservoir and even more when other vandalism occurs or damage is done gaining entry."

Rachaelle Downey says TasWater is also concerned for the safety of people making unauthorised entry to our 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."

The graffiti artists started painting the Benjafield Reservoir on Friday and will continue all weekend.

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