



Maribyrnong City Council lives up to its promise

AASBA Editorial

The Maribyrnong City Council has delivered on its promise to help get rid of the **GRAFFITI** around the Footscray shopping precinct.

AASBA has clearly noticed these uplifting improvements to the ambiance of the business precinct and the suburb in general. Indeed, it is very welcome that AASBA'S own office at 21a Byron Street was included in the clean up.

Many local traders are very happy. We would like to request MCC that this be grasped as an opportunity to create employment at the council for members of the African Community, as many of them are interested to work with the graffiti rangers. This participation by the community members themselves will help boost local pride in the area, not to mention its image among patrons from wider Melbourne, and tourists. Indeed with this straightforward policy, there is a huge potential of positive impact for both businesses and customers, a win-win situation for everyone.

To complete the picture, a related request from AASBA to the MCC is to have the streets swept more frequently. This will put AASBA in a better position to encourage African traders to do their part in keeping the precinct attractive and customer-friendly.



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