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Vandals can vamoose

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RENICA Adam is drawing a line in the sand when it comes to vandals who draw on walls.

The Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise member is heading up a team as part of Graffiti Removal Day on Sunday, October 29.

The group will set up camp at the Oxley Street underpass in Campbelltown with the aim of removing the text and paint that has defaced the walls.

Ms Adam said the group had returned to the spot each year for the past few years, however, she was determined not to let the vandals win.

"That is my concern, that they (vandals) will go there again. Every year we go back and it's definitely frustrating," she said.

While Ms Adam was less than impressed with the people who defaced the wall, she said she hoped the message would sink in eventually.

"It's about the bigger picture," she said.

"It's not just about remov-



GRAFFITI TO GO: Renica Adam at the Oxley Street underpass in Campbelltown which has become a hot spot for vandals. **Picture:** Chris Lane

ing the graffiti."

"We want to instill a sense of awareness and pride in the community. We want to have an environment that was proud of."

Ms Adam was at a loss when it came to justifying graffiti.

She believed those responsible for the vandalism should put their talents into

a project that would be beneficial to the community.

"What makes a person want to do that and destroy our community? They should contact Campbelltown Council and work in a productive way and put their art into something effective," she said.

"Do something productive that beautifies the communi-

ty instead of destroying it."

Campbelltown Council will spend \$325,000 in the 2017/2018 budget to combat graffiti.

The council also supports graffiti action groups and several volunteer groups that target vandalism throughout the LGA.

Mrs Adam said without the council and its various

initiatives that targeted graffiti, Campbelltown would be a less attractive place to live.

"We are fortunate that we have a council who do a lot of graffiti removal," she said.

"If they didn't I wonder what would become of our beautiful city."

To register or suggest a clean up site, visit graffitiremovalday.org.au.

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