

'Child's slogan' on smokes ad

A slogan painted on a billboard advertising cigarettes had been suggested by an 11-year-old child, a court was told yesterday.

Two members of BUGAUP - Billboard Utilising Graffitiists Against Unhealthy Pro-

motions - appeared for trial in Parramatta District Court yesterday, charged with defacing the billboard.

The men are alleged to have written "horses

smell better - BUGAUP"

Geoffrey John Coleman, 23, a research officer, of Foucart St, Rozelle, and Neville Bruce Biffin, 31, a technician, of Marne St, Vacluse, pleaded not guilty to a charge of maliciously injuring a Marlboro poster,

In an unsworn statement from the dock, Coleman admitted he had painted the slogan on the advertisement.

But he said he was not guilty of malicious injury because he had painted the words in an attempt to stop the malicious injury to public health caused by smoking.

The hearing continues today.