

# Rates newsletter

## 2025-2026



## Message from **the Mayor**

**Our 2025/26 Budget delivers a balanced approach – responding to your feedback on the services and facilities that matter most, while planning ahead for the future of our City.**

This year will see significant investment across all our towns, with major projects including upgrades to the Wickham Recreation Precinct, Kevin Richards Memorial Oval, and Roebourne Recreation Precinct design, along with new youth recreation areas, shaded courts, and improved community facilities. We're also delivering housing projects in Hancock Way and Mulataga to help address affordability and workforce shortages, and progressing important planning for future development.

We continue to invest in infrastructure that enhances liveability while maintaining downward pressure on rates, fees, and charges. Free, family-friendly events will remain a hallmark of our community calendar.

Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas and feedback through our Annual Community Survey, the Council Plan process, and other engagement activities. Your input helps us prioritise investment and plan for the future, ensuring the City of Karratha continues to thrive as a place people are proud to call home.



**Daniel Scott**  
Mayor, City of Karratha

During times of financial hardship, some people may have trouble paying rates. Visit [karratha.wa.gov.au/council/rates-fees-and-charges/financial-hardship](https://karratha.wa.gov.au/council/rates-fees-and-charges/financial-hardship) to view our financial hardship policy.



Visit [karratha.wa.gov.au/pay-my-rates](https://karratha.wa.gov.au/pay-my-rates) or scan the QR code for flexible ways to pay.

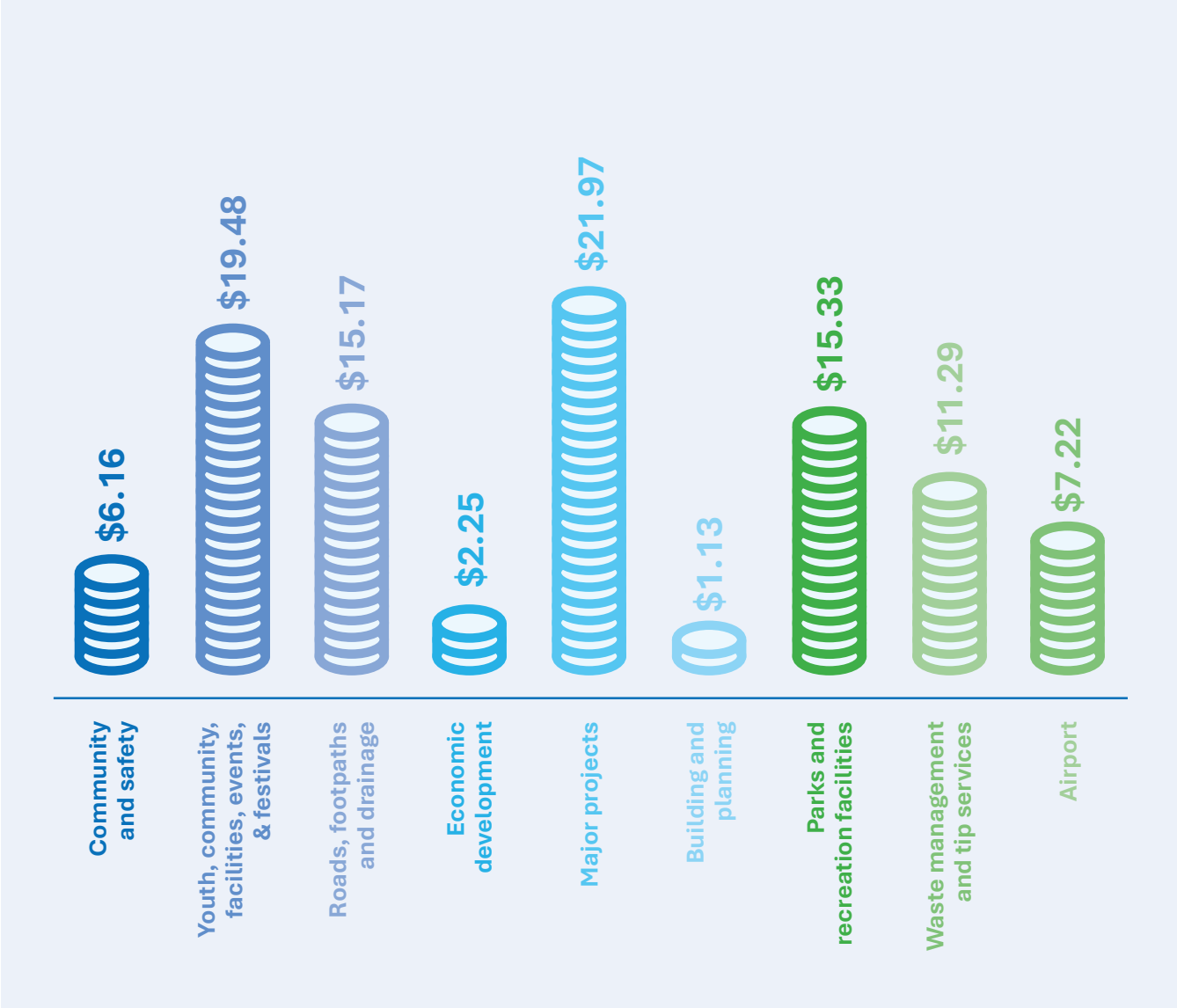



# Rates and Revenue 2025/26

The majority of the city’s operational funding is sourced from government grants, the private sector, fees and charges, and return on investments to reduce reliance on rates to provide infrastructure, facilities and services.

Despite the increasing costs to provide services, the City has been able to deliver a balanced budget while maintaining the rate yield to try and ease the burden of property re-valuations on ratepayers.

For every \$100 of expenditure, this is what the City of Karratha delivers:





### Keeping rates down

The Quarter income: **\$2.5m**, reduces reliance on rates



### Rising costs

Insurance Premiums **9%**  
Materials and contracts **4.8%**



# Highlights



## Housing & Land Supply

\$24m investment in new housing developments, including progressing the Mulataga Subdivision and Hancock Way infill housing to support growth, affordability, and workforce needs.



## Community & Sporting Facilities

Major upgrades including \$17m for the Wickham Recreation Precinct, \$1m for Roebourne Recreation Precinct design, \$800k design for Kevin Richards Memorial Oval hardcourts, pavilion, and carpark, plus new youth recreation areas and shaded courts.



## Liveability & Services

New Arts & Culture Strategy, accessibility upgrades, enhanced early years and youth programs, and place plans for Wickham, Roebourne, and Point Samson.



## Infrastructure & Public Spaces

Improvements to parks, playgrounds, foreshore areas, streetscapes, drainage, and public transport access, plus planning for Karratha City Centre revitalisation.



## Sustainability & Waste

\$5.8m new landfill cell at 7 Mile, airport wastewater upgrade, solar infrastructure upgrades, coastal hazard planning, and new Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy.



## Planning & Advocacy for the Future

Economic development and tourism initiatives, local emergency management updates, and strong advocacy to other levels of government.

## You asked – we delivered



### Public facilities and amenities

Based on feedback from the Community Survey, we are investigating locations for a fenced off-lead dog park and rolling out improvements to facilities such as the Karratha Leisureplex and Kevin Richards Memorial Oval.



### Transport and Air services

The City will be applying to the Federal Government for international flights as well as conducting a series of maintenance and upgrade works to the Karratha Airport. Your feedback will also see the City rolling out \$10.6m in transport projects.



### Housing

The City recognises housing cost pressures, and this year will be progressing its Project Dorothy and will also be progressing housing construction projects in Karratha. We will also be implementing a Housing Action plan to remain agile in responding to external funding opportunities.



### Business and economic development

As part of our works to transform Karratha into Australia's most liveable regional City, we will continue our efforts to support businesses and improve economic development by implementing Economic Development and Tourism Strategy initiatives.



### Cost of living

We are aware of the cost of living pressures facing the community and have reduced the rate in the dollar to try and limit the impact of property valuations for residential ratepayers to ease this burden.



### Town focus

Through our Council Plan Review process you highlighted a more town-centric focus, so we will be rolling out Place Plans to capture needs and wants and develop a medium-to-long-term masterplan for the town.

# What's new in your town

## Dampier



### Hampton Oval Lighting upgrade

Lighting for safe night-time use.



### Dampier Masterplan update

Long-term vision for future upgrades.



### Dampier Streetscape Landscaping

Streetscape and presentation improvements.

## Karratha



### Bike Park

Investigate opportunities to develop a bike park in Karratha.



### Kevin Richards Memorial Oval Hardcourts and Lighting

Multi-sport facility upgrade.



### Golf Course Driving Range relocation (concept design)

Step towards expanded golf and leisure facilities.

## Roebourne



### Roebourne Streetscape Masterplan construction

Progress transforming the town centre.



### Recreation Precinct Stage 1

Design phase, with community, for the Roebourne community recreation infrastructure.



### Place Plan

Coordinated approach to future projects and services.

## Point Samson



### Entry Statement and Info Bay upgrade

Improved welcome and visitor facilities.



### Foreshore management

Protect and enhance the coastline.



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## Wickham



### Wickham Oval and Carpark Upgrade

Modernised facilities for sport and events.



### Multipurpose Court Shade


All-weather recreation use.



### New Bike Facility

Expanded recreation options for residents.

# Understanding your Rate Notice



**RATE NOTICE**  
**FINANCIAL YEAR 01/07/2025 - 30/06/2026**  
WELCOME ROAD, KARRATHA WA 6714  
PO BOX 219, KARRATHA WA 6714  
Telephone: (08) 9186 8555 | Fax: (08) 9185 1626  
www.karratha.wa.gov.au  
OFFICE HOURS 8.30am - 4:30pm Mon-Fri.

**TAX INVOICE**  
ABN: 83 812 049 708  
Any queries regarding your valuation should be directed to Landgate via their website [www.landgate.wa.gov.au](http://www.landgate.wa.gov.au) or by telephoning (08) 9273 7373 and quoting your VEN as below.

SHOULD THE NAME OR ADDRESS SHOWN BE INCORRECT PLEASE ADVISE COUNCIL IN WRITING

Mr T Smith  
123 Street Name  
SUBURB WA POSTCODE

**ASSESSMENT NUMBER** A12345  
**DUE DATE** 10/10/2025  
Date of Issue 03/09/2025  
Ward KARRATHA  
Valuation \$40,000 - GRV  
Valuation Date 1 July 2025  
VEN 1574667  
Rate Category RESIDENTIAL  
Late Payment Interest 7.0000%  
Zoning Urban Development  
Minimum Payment \$1,750.00

**DESCRIPTION OF RATED LAND**  
123 Street Name SUBURB WA POSTCODE  
Lot 123 Plan 12345

DETAILS	RATE IN \$ or CHARGE/SERVICE	CURRENT	ARREARS	TOTALS
RESIDENTIAL	0.055795	\$2,231.80		\$2,231.80
Emergency Services Levy	0.005325	\$187.00		\$187.00
ESL Category 4, Property Use Residential, GRV \$40,000				
Domestic Waste Service Charge	1@367.00	\$367.00		\$367.00
GST is nil				
Swimming Pool Inspection Fee	1@28.00	\$28.00		\$28.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>				<b>\$2,813.80</b>

Please see over/attached for additional information and default consequences

## 1 How are rates calculated?

Property rates are calculated by multiplying the property value (determined by Landgate) and the City's Rate in the Dollar (RID).

  
GRV  
\$40,000

×

  
RID  
0.055795

=

**\$2,231.80**  
TOTAL RATES

## 2 Emergency Services Levy

This State Government charge assists our rescue services, bushfire brigades and the State Emergency Services. Visit <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/emergency-services-levy> for more information.

## 3 Domestic Waste Services Charge

This fee is for waste services including:

- Weekly household rubbish collections
- Fortnightly recycling collections
- Annual green waste collection
- Year-round free tip services.

## 4 Pool inspections

This covers the cost of regular safety compliance inspections, as required by legislation.

## 5 Your total rates, fees, charges for 2025/26

Ratepayers may elect to pay this amount in instalments. Please visit [karratha.wa.gov.au/pay-my-rates](http://karratha.wa.gov.au/pay-my-rates) for further information.

## 6 Your property assessment number

## 7 This is your property valuation (GRV or UV) set by Landgate

## 8 Due date

## Pay your rates on time to win!

1st Prize \$2,000 sponsored by **Westpac**

2nd Prize \$1,000 sponsored by City of Karratha

3rd Prize \$500 sponsored by City of Karratha

# Understanding your **Rate Notice**

## Which **rating category** applies to me?

Each property within the City of Karratha is placed in a **rating category according to its predominant use or zoning**. This year, Council has resolved the following rates in the dollar be applied to properties within the City of Karratha.

DIFFERENTIAL RATES CATEGORIES 2025/26		2025/26 Rate in \$	2025/26 Percent (%) of total rates	2025/26 Minimum payment
<b>Gross Rental Value (GRV)</b>				
<b>Residential</b>	Properties with a zoning or land use of residential	0.055795	32.56%	\$1,750
<b>Commercial / Industrial</b>	Properties with a zoning or land use of commercial, tourism, industrial or a combination of these, or does not have the characteristics of any other GRV rate category	0.091110	14.43%	\$1,750
<b>Airport / Strategic Industry</b>	Properties located within Karratha Airport Precinct or are predominantly used for strategic industry	0.111589	2.11%	\$1,750
<b>Transient workforce accommodation / Workforce accommodation</b>	Properties with a zoning or land use of workforce accommodation or transient workforce accommodation.	0.223179	13.54%	\$1,750
<b>Unimproved Value (UV)</b>				
<b>Pastoral</b>	Properties with a pastoral lease or primarily used for agriculture activities	0.130035	0.37%	\$367
<b>Mining / other</b>	Properties with a mining, exploration or prospecting lease or does not have the characteristics of any other UV rate category	0.145248	2.50%	\$367
<b>Strategic Industry</b>	Properties with a predominant use of strategic industry (such as resource processing)	0.219248	34.48%	\$367

## Contact City of Karratha

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