

# Understanding your rates

## 2020/21 Budget Highlights:

Council provides a wide range of services to the community, including **maintaining roads and footpaths, recreational facilities, parks, libraries, waste management** and **major infrastructure projects** such as the Kevin Richards Memorial Oval redevelopment, Andover Park projects, Wickham Aquatic Centre revitalisation and John's Creek Jetty rebuild.

With a strong focus on striking a **balanced approach to spending** and a **commitment to meet community expectations**, our budget priorities are determined each year through Council's Strategic Community Plan and Annual Community Survey.



**\$595,000** to implement year three of Karratha is Calling place branding campaign



**\$1.6 million** for stage one of the Kevin Richards Memorial Oval redevelopment



**\$7.6 million** to reconstruct Bayly Avenue



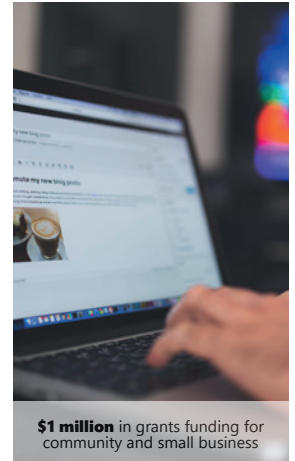
**\$1.6 million** for stage one of the Andover Park redevelopment



**\$2 million** to continue our road resealing and resheeting programs



**\$1.3 million** in COVID-19 support packages



**\$1 million** in grants funding for community and small business



**\$2.6 million** to redevelop the Wickham Aquatic Centre



**\$810,000** to expand our footpath network



**\$956,000** to replace John's Creek Jetty



**\$1.5 million** to upgrade the Karratha Airport baggage handling system



**\$1.3 million** for conservation works to Roeboume Heritage Precinct



**\$452,000** to design the Point Samson fishing jetty

## Pay your rates on time **to win!**

**Pay your rates** in full by the due date to go in the draw to **win cash prizes!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** \$2000 cheque sponsored by **Westpac**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** \$1000 cheque sponsored by City of Karratha

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** \$500 cheque sponsored by the City of Karratha

For terms and conditions visit: [www.karratha.wa.gov.au](http://www.karratha.wa.gov.au)

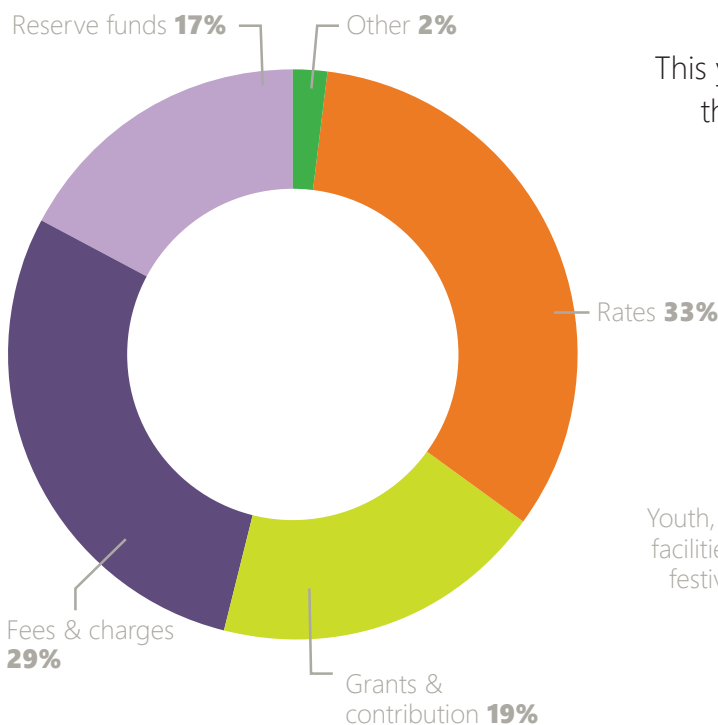


# Important information **for ratepayers**

- Council committed to freezing rates for the 2020-21 financial year as part of its \$3m COVID-19 support packages for ratepayers, small business and community groups.
- Council modified the City's Financial Hardship (Rates Relief) Policy to provide increased access to debt write off for individuals and businesses.
- Council also adopted a new COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy that provides for no interest or instalment administration charges for residential and small business ratepayers in financial hardship.
- The collection of rates has been deferred for all ratepayers excluding schedule (bulk) ratepayers until November.
- For further information visit [karratha.wa.gov.au/pay-my-rates](http://karratha.wa.gov.au/pay-my-rates).

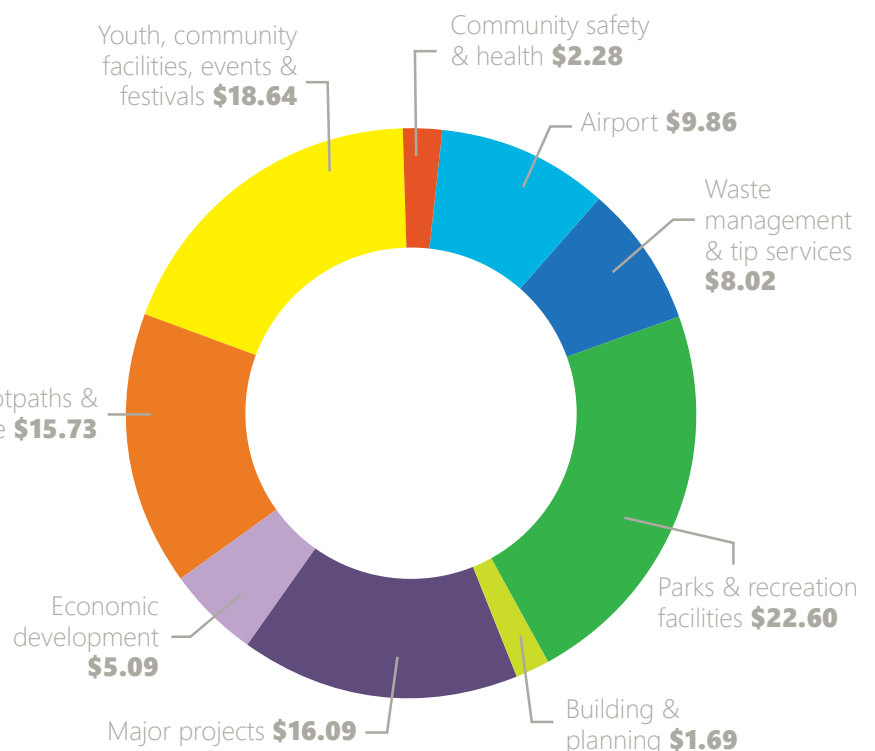
## Rates and revenue **2020/21**

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



This year, residential rates comprise approximately one third of the Council's total funding. Our **budgeted revenue** for **2020/21** is **\$130.5 million**, which comes from several sources.


See Figure 1 (left)



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

See Figure 2 (right)

# Understanding your **rate notice**



**CITY OF KARRATHA**

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**OFFICE HOURS 8.30am – 4.30pm Mon-Fri.**

## RATE NOTICE

**FINANCIAL YEAR**

J A Smith & A B Smith  
123 Street Name  
SUBURB WA 6714

## 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 quote your VEN as below.

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

<b>ASSESSMENT NUMBER</b>	A1234
<b>DUE DATE</b>	31 August 2020

Date of Issue	27 July 2020
Ward	Karratha
Valuation	\$18,200 GRV
Valuation Date	1 August 2017
VEN	123456
Rating Category	Residential
Payment Interest	11%
Zoning	Residential
Minimum Payment	\$1549.00

DESCRIPTION OF RATED LAND				
123 Street Name, SUBURB WA 6714				

DETAILS	RATE IN \$ or CHARGE/SERVICE	CURRENT	ARREARS	TOTAL
Rates	0.117479	\$2138.12	\$0	\$2138.12
Refuse service	\$311.00	\$311.00	\$0	\$311.00
Pool inspection levy	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$0	\$28.00
Emergency Services Levy	0.005194	\$94.53	\$0	\$94.53
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>				<b>\$2571.65</b>

**SEE OVER FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
Please see over/attached for additional information and default consequences

## 1. How are rates calculated?

The required rate income is divided by the total value of all the properties to determine the Rate in the Dollar (RID). Rates are calculated for each property by multiplying its Gross Rental Value (GRV) or Unimproved Value (UV), as determined by Landgate, by the RID. For example:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \text{House Icon} & \times & \text{Dollar Icon} & = & \text{\$2138.12} \\
 \text{GRV \$18,200} & & \text{RID 0.117479} & & \text{Total Rates Bill}
 \end{array}$$

## 2. Refuse service

The 2020/21 Domestic Waste Service Charge for each residential property is \$311 with additional services available for \$155.50 per service plus GST for commercial and industrial services. This pays for your:

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

## 3. Pool inspections

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

## 4. Emergency Services Levy

This is a State Government charge, shown on all Council rate notices. It is paid to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. It assists our rescue services, bush fire brigades and the State Emergency Services. The ESL is calculated at 0.5194 cents per dollar of your property valuation, minimum \$84.

## 5. Your total rates, fees, charges for 2020/21

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 GRV or UV set by Landgate

## 8. Due date

Listed at the top of the notice is a due date of 31 August 2020 in line with Council's adopted timeline for collecting rates, however, please be aware this has been deferred to 10 November 2020 for most ratepayers



# 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 to freeze rates for the 2020-21 financial year** as part of its \$3m COVID-19 support packages for ratepayers, small businesses and community groups.

Differential rates categories 2020/21			Min payment	Rate in the dollar	% of rates
Gross Rental Value (GRV)					
Residential	Properties with a zoning or land use of residential	Resealing of roads, replacement and development of footpath networks, refurbishing of public ablutions and other building maintenance	\$1,549	0.117479	45%
Commercial / Industrial	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	Economic development, tourism and marketing, parking, CBD infrastructure and amenity, LIA infrastructure, environmental health and regulatory services	\$1,549	0.100770	18%
Airport / Strategic Industry	Properties located within Karratha Airport Precinct or are predominantly used for strategic industry	Economic development, tourism and marketing, parking, and transport infrastructure associated with heavy plant and equipment	\$1,549	0.156459	5%
Transient workforce accommodation / Workforce accommodation	Properties with a zoning or land use of workforce accommodation	Greater impact on the diverse range of services and programs and associated infrastructure/facilities than other properties due to their number of occupants in a relatively small land parcel	\$1,549	0.387044	12%
Unimproved Value (UV)					
Pastoral	Properties with a pastoral lease.	Provide for rural infrastructure and services in addition to the urban services, programs and infrastructure	\$325	0.103638	1%
Mining / other	Properties with a mining, exploration or prospecting lease or does not have the characteristics of any other UV rate category	Higher utilisation of rural infrastructure (comparative to Pastoral) by heavy transport and associated higher traffic volumes	\$325	0.132900	2%
Strategic Industry	Properties with a predominant use of strategic industry (such as resource processing)	Properties of State or Regional significance with State Agreement Acts that limit the valuation, to levy a somewhat commensurate rate comparative with their impact on the local community	\$325	0.184880	17%

## Firebreak notice

Owner or occupiers of land within the City of Karratha must comply with the Bush Fires Act 1954, (the Act) Section 33 and carry out annual fire prevention work as set out in this notice.

It is the owner or occupier's responsibility to maintain the property free of fire hazards and have all fire breaks installed as per the requirements of this notice and maintain the land in condition year round.

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this order may be issued with an infringement notice which carries a modified penalty of \$250 and a maximum penalty of \$25,000.

In accordance with the act, Council may carry out the required works at the expense of the land owner or occupier, regardless if issued with an infringement notice or prosecuted.

For further information about firebreak requirements visit [karratha.wa.gov.au/local-fire-information](http://karratha.wa.gov.au/local-fire-information) or contact the City of Karratha on (08) 9186 8555.