

Rates newsletter

2024-2025



Message from the Mayor

Our 2024/25 Budget reflects a balanced approach to meeting community expectations and feedback while recognising the rising costs to operate faced by Council and also providing more than \$1.4m of new initiatives and fee relief for residential ratepayers to ease cost of living pressures.

We have worked hard to develop a budget that responds directly to the feedback you provided through our various engagement activities including our Annual Community Survey and our Strategic Community Planning review.

This year's budget includes a \$52m capital works program, focusing on facility enhancements such as the completion of the multi-million Roebourne Streetscapes masterplan phase 1 and 2 works, Karratha Leisureplex upgrades, and completing two year's worth of footpath works.

This year we are ensuring owner-occupiers are supported with a 20% discount for aquatic memberships at our recreation facilities and all Red Earth Arts Precinct events.

We are also continuing the popular kids swim free and Casual Shoot Around program, increasing free community events and activations, and implementing a lights on program for ovals in Wickham and Roebourne.

We are committed to maintaining a balanced approach to spending and meeting the community's needs.



**City of Karratha Mayor
Daniel Scott**

Fee Relief

We are aware of the cost of living pressures on the community and are providing a 20% discount to owner occupiers for aquatic memberships at recreation facilities and all Red Earth Arts Precinct events.

For example



\$106 saving on a \$530 12-month adult aquatic membership



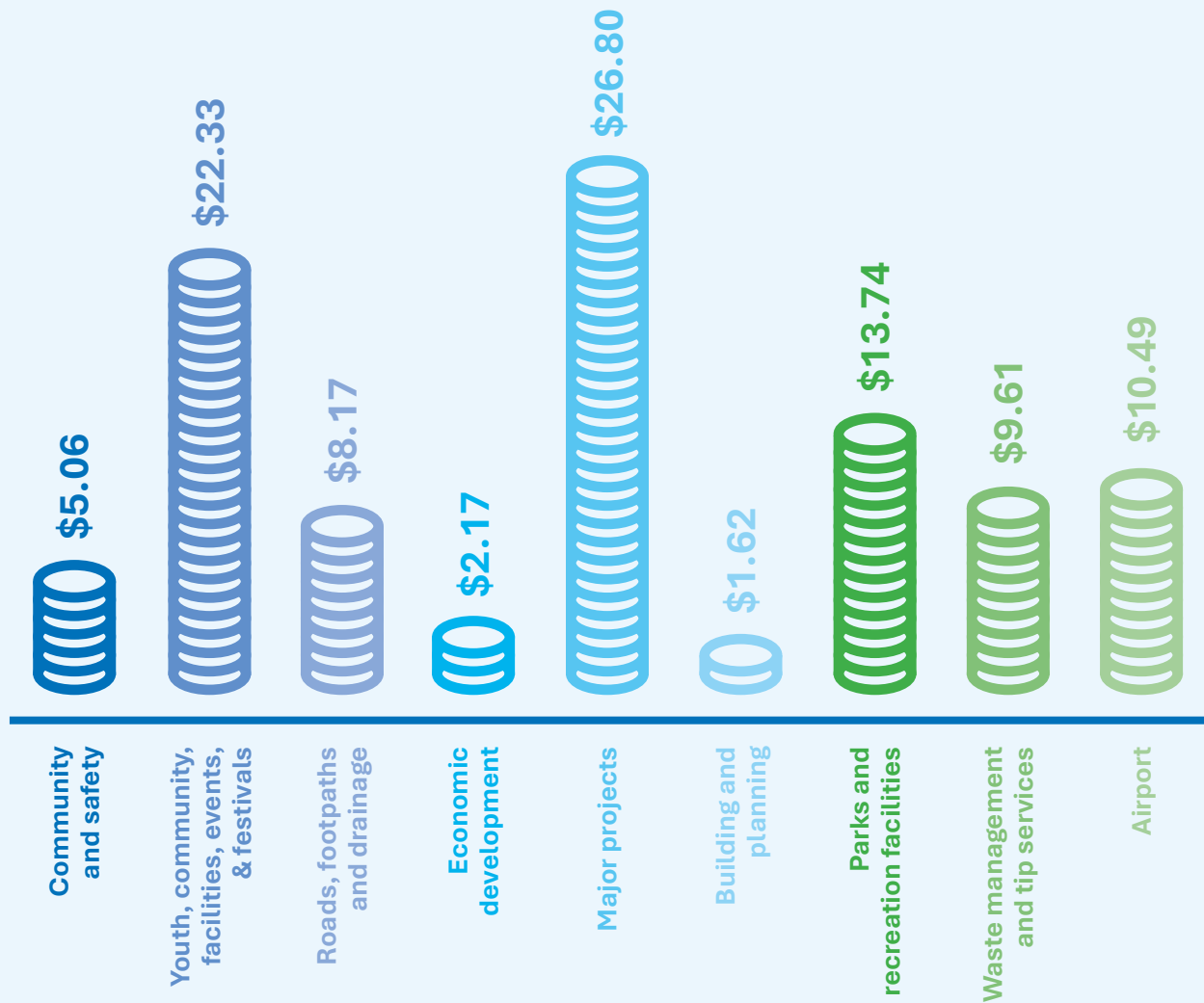
\$10 saving on a \$50 family pass to the Cinema

Rates and revenue 2024/25

The majority of the City'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.

Despite the increasing costs to provide projects and services, the City has been able to deliver a balanced budget with a residential rate increase of just **3.5%**.

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



Keeping rates down

The Quarter income: \$2.7m,
saves **4.9%** rate increase.



Rising costs

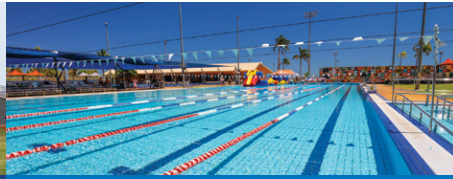
Insurance Premiums **10.9%**
Materials and contracts **13.7%**

Highlights



Kevin Richards Oval: \$3.7m

Works include multi-use hardcourts and lighting completion, updating the Oval playing surface lighting and completion of stadium terraced seating.



Karratha Leisureplex: \$4.2m

Replacement of pool shade structure, general building upgrades, outdoor court shading and oval lighting works.



Roebourne Streetscape: \$6.1m

Design and construction of phases 1 and 2 of the Roebourne Streetscape Masterplan.



Housing: \$6.9m

As part of the City's efforts to boost housing, the City will be constructing six houses at Hancock Way and conducting the design of six properties in Wickham.



Karratha Airport: \$5.5m

Maintenance and upgrade works including lighting replacement, airside roads reseal, runway rejuvenation, terminal works and baggage handling system upgrade.



Transport: \$13.2m

Progressing of major road works including the construction of Coolawanyah & Dewitt Road, and fast tracking footpath development to complete two years worth of works within 12 months.

You asked, we delivered...



More community events – free and family friendly

You asked for more community events and this year the City is increasing its family friendly events and investigating activations at Ganalili Centre and The Quarter as well as continuing our annual events such as the Red Earth Arts Festival and FeNaCING Festival.



Safety & crime

To improve community safety we will continue our works to maintain a safe environment, identify and mitigate safety hazards and foster community collaboration. We will also be improving safety at Searipple Road and continuing our security subsidy scheme and neighbourhood activation programs



Business and economic development

As part of our works to transform Karratha into Australia's most liveable regional City, we will continue our advocacy efforts to support businesses and improve economic development.



Activities for youth

We heard your feedback and will be increasing the amount of family friendly activities and events in our City, continuing the popular summer holidays kids swim free and Casual Shoot Around program, and keeping lights on at facilities in Wickham and Roebourne. We will also continue to delivery our School term and holiday programming at the Base and The Youth Shed.



Public facilities and amenities

Based on feedback from the Community Survey, we are investigating the construction of basketball half courts in Point Samson and Wickham as well as locations for a fenced off-lead dog park. Improvements to facilities such as the Karratha Leisureplex, and new seating at the Red Earth Arts Precinct.



Transport and air services

The City will be developing a business case for implementing international flights and attaining international airport status. Your feedback was positive about our footpath strategy so we are bringing forward planned works to complete two years worth of works in 12 months as part of our \$13.2m transport projects.



Housing















The City recognises housing cost pressures, and this year will be progressing its Project Dorothy initiative to work with developers on constructing properties on development ready land and will also be progressing housing construction projects in Karratha and Wickham.




Cost of living

We are aware of the cost of living pressures facing the community and have \$1.4m new initiatives and fee relief for residential ratepayers to ease this burden.

What's new in your town

Dampier		Karratha	
	Dampier foreshore exercise equipment		Community Storage Sheds
	Windy Ridge Recreation Precinct masterplan design		Kevin Richards Memorial Oval works
	Dampier Road reseal		Karratha Leisureplex Pool Shade
Roebourne		Point Samson	
	Increasing Ganalili Centre Activations		Create a Point Samson entrance sign
	Roebourne Streetscape Phase 1 and 2 construction		Improve BMX track
	Continuing Lights on program		Basketball half court design
Wickham			
	Design Wickham Boat Beach Road Boat Ramp and Jetty		Design and construct multi-purpose covered courts
			Design for six houses

Understanding your Rate Notice



**City of
Karratha**

RATE NOTICE

FINANCIAL YEAR 01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025
 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 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

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

ASSESSMENT NUMBER	A12345
DUE DATE	18/09/2024
Date of Issue	07/08/2024
Ward	KARRATHA
Valuation	\$36,400 - GRV
Valuation Date	1 July 2022
VEN	1574667
Rate Category	RESIDENTIAL
Late Payment Interest	7.0000%
Zoning	Urban Development
Minimum Payment	\$1,724.00

DETAILS	RATE IN \$ or CHARGE/SERVICE	CURRENT	ARREARS	TOTALS
RESIDENTIAL	0.076119	\$2,770.73		\$2,770.73
Emergency Services Levy	0.005094	\$178.00		\$178.00
ESL Category 4, Property Use Residential, GRV \$36,400				
Domestic Waste Service Charge	1@353.70	\$353.70		\$353.70
GST is nil				
Swimming Pool Inspection Fee	1@28.00	\$28.00		\$28.00
TOTAL AMOUNT				\$3,330.43

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 \$36,400 × RID 0.076119 = TOTAL RATES \$2770.73

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 2024/25

Ratepayers may elect to pay this amount in installments. Please visit 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 \$2000 account sponsored by **Westpac**

2nd Prize \$1000 cheque sponsored by City of Karratha

3rd Prize \$500 cheque 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 2024/25			2024/25 Rate in \$	2024/25 Proposed Rates (%)	2024/25 Minimum payment
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	0.076119	39.1%	\$1,724
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	0.105689	16.7%	\$1,750
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	0.152238	3.93%	\$1,750
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	0.305799	18.66%	\$1,750
Unimproved Value (UV)					
Pastoral	Properties with a pastoral lease	Provide for rural infrastructure and services in addition to the urban services, programs and infrastructure	0.117051	0.49%	\$367
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	0.150100	2.46%	\$367
Strategic Industry	Properties with a predominant use of strategic industry (such as resource processing)	Properties of State or Regional significance many of which are subject to State Agreement Acts that limit the valuation, to levy a somewhat commensurate rate comparative with their impact on the local community	0.208808	18.66%	\$367

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