Extended Hours Library Services Pilot

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Community Experience

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Community Survey & Time-in-Motion

- Survey (Jul-Sep 2025)
 - 61 responses majority from Karratha Library users
 - Some support for extended access at Karratha Library.
- Time-in-Motion Study (8 weeks)
 - Conducted 3pm close weekdays and Saturdays at Karratha & Wickham
 Libraries
 - Findings show demand for later hours and weekend access at Karratha



Library Hours Benchmarking

- Compared City of Karratha with 21 regional & 21 metro WA libraries
- Regional: 9am-4:30pm weekdays, 9am-12:30pm Sat, closed Sun
- Metro: 9am–6:30pm weekdays, 9am–2:30pm Sat, 11:30am–4pm Sun
- No regional libraries open Sundays





Recommendations

- Trial extended hours (Feb 2026-Feb 2027) at Karratha Library:
 - Tues and Thurs: open until 7pm
 - Sundays: 9am 2pm





Continue monitoring Wickham usage and community feedback during trial



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