

Age Friendly Strategy – Progress Report FY25-26

Our Community – Inclusive and Engaged				
	Strategy	Responsible Team	Updates – FY 25-26	Status
1.1	Schedule fitness programming for senior residents through internal and external programming Measures of success: - An annual program of fitness activities designed to promote an active lifestyle for seniors. - An increase in seniors participation in fitness programming.	Community Experience	- Karratha Leisureplex has developed 2026 programming to include sessions specifically targeted toward senior participants, including low-impact and social activity-based sessions. Programs are open to all community members and will be promoted through general and targeted seniors channels. - Karratha Leisureplex currently offers free recreational swimming for eligible seniors (65+) across its sites.	In progress
1.2	Establish and promote a calendar of senior friendly events A seniors specific calendar of events is available in multiple formats.	Community Experience	- Library - Quiet Hour, Booked for Games and Make and Mingle for Seniors. - REAP – 2 x Seniors Special Movie Events with a pre-lunch (March & June 2026), with patron attendance growing at each event. This positive response highlights increasing interest from local seniors and we will continue to build our program of seniors-friendly offerings at REAP. - City collaborated with Yaandina, the Karratha Autumn Club, Dampier Community Association, and Town of Port Hedland, to host the inaugural <i>Connected Communities Across the Pilbara</i> seniors event. The event, hosted at Yaandina Community Care, brought Seniors together for a morning of introductions, games, and a BBQ lunch. - New <i>What's On</i> Events Website being launched in July, which will allow local organisations to	Ongoing

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			promote their own events and programs alongside the City's.	
1.3	Support local clubs and community groups to engage older residents by fostering social inclusion strategies - The City partners with peak body organisations to provide workshops on social inclusion to local clubs and community groups. - A list of clubs, community groups, and community activities for Seniors is available through the City in multiple formats.	Community Experience		Not yet progressed
1.4	Facilitate an information session between local businesses and seniors card providers to encourage local businesses to be age friendly The City partners with KDCCI and local business networks to communicate the benefits of accepting Seniors Cards and considering accessibility improvements.	Development Services	- Accessible, Inclusive and Age-Friendly Business Workshop held in October 2025. Topics covered: - Considerations to attract older customers. - How to foster inclusivity beyond physical accessibility features. - Easy-to-implement initiatives for customers with various support needs.	Completed
1.5	Implement 'Seniors Parking' scheme to improve access to allocated parking bays at City facilities An adequate number of seniors parking bays are available at all city facilities.	Infrastructure Services & Community Experience	- Karratha Airport installed Seniors parking bays in short, medium and long-term carparks in May 2026. - Seniors bays are present at major City facilities, such as REAP and Karratha Leisureplex. - Disability Access Audit Request for Quote is being finalised for identified facilities with anticipated release to market in Q4 to engage a	In progress

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			suitably qualified consultant to undertake audits in 1H of 26/27FY. Accessible parking will be reviewed in this audit.	
1.6	Establish a seniors community reference group to advocate for opportunities to improve the liveability of Karratha	Community Experience	Planning for the Seniors Reference Group has commenced with the first meeting scheduled for early in the new FY.	Completed - BAU
1.7	Undertake an audit of seniors' accessibility to all City of Karratha infrastructure An implementation plan is developed from the audit to improve accessibility of City of Karratha infrastructure.	Community Experience	Disability Access Audit Request for Quote is being finalised for identified facilities with anticipated release to market in Q4 to engage a suitably qualified consultant to undertake audits in 1H of 26/27FY. This audit will also encompass universal access requirements.	In progress
1.8	Support the State Government to investigate options for retirement living in the City of Karratha Contribution to Pilbara Development Commission study on Pilbara retirement options.	Community Experience		No further updates
2.9	Consider accessibility needs for seniors when planning City wide community events Seniors accessibility is included in all City event plans.	All Departments	Access and inclusion considerations incorporated in Master Event plans, considering venue accessibility, accessible carparking and toilets, age suitability.	Completed - BAU

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Our Environment – Thriving and Sustainable				
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2.1	Develop a works plan to provide a cyclone season preparation service for senior residents	Community Experience	Seniors Pre-Cyclone Cleanup now BAU and runs in line with the pre-cyclone season verge collection. Process is currently managed by the Community Development Team.	Complete - BAU

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3.1	Investigate opportunities to attract, retain and develop the health and aged care workforce as part of the preparation of the Economic Development Strategy	Development Services	The EDTS was adopted by Council at the February 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting. Pillar 1 of the strategy identifies the healthcare and aged care sectors as priority industries requiring value chain analysis. Pillar 4 focusses on attracting developing and retaining talent. In addition, Pillar 4 includes the development of a City Critical Skills List to identify the occupations that will be prioritised for support through City funded programs.	The EDTS has been completed. Actions arising from the strategy are outlined in the EDTS Implementation Plan and will be delivered progressively between 2025 and 2035.

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4.1	Advocate to State and Federal Government on key issues affecting the ageing community and local service providers	Executive Leadership Team		No further updates
4.2	Advocate for improved and appropriate transport options for older people in the City of Karratha	Executive Leadership Team	- Community Planning's Public Transport Strategy is underway, with community engagement taking place in April 2026. Service providers advised that Seniors don't want to use public transport as it's perceived as unsafe, and they prefer alternative methods, i.e. transport options that the providers offer, on-demand services and private vehicles. - Seniors were consulted as part of the Karratha City Centre Precinct Structure Plan, and provided feedback during this session on the accessibility of the City Centre. Would like to see better transport into the City for Seniors and people with disabilities, with one example being a community bus. - The Public Transport Review will also look at how the City can better advocate for alternative transport methods.	In progress

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4.3	Advocate to improve the desirability of existing retirement living options in the City of Karratha	Executive Leadership Team		No further updates
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