

Rates newsletter

2026-2027



Message from the Mayor

The City of Karratha's 2026/27 Annual Budget balances investing in the future of our community while responding to the cost-of-living pressures residents face.

Our Budget responds directly to your feedback on the services and facilities that matter most, while ensuring we meet the needs for the future of Karratha.

This year will see significant investment to enhance community facilities and services across all our towns, such as the Kevin Richards Memorial Oval hardcourt works, Roebourne Recreation Precinct master plan, along with upgrades to parks, footpaths and community facilities.

On top of our investments in infrastructure and facilities we are continuing to offer a vast range of family-friendly events including the Red Earth Arts Festival, School Holiday Programs, and Youth Week programming.

We are also focused on delivering and enhancing community services like our footpath renewal and replacement program, street sweeping and playground replacement.

We're also delivering housing projects in Bulgarra, Baynton and have partnered with DevelopmentWA to deliver the long awaited Mulataga Development to help address critical housing supply issues in our region.

Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas and feedback through our Annual Community Survey and our other engagement activities. Your input has helped us prioritise investment and plan for the future.



Daniel Scott
Mayor, City of Karratha



We're here to help

If you are experiencing financial hardship, having trouble paying your rates or seeking information on flexible ways to pay, visit karratha.wa.gov.au/rates

You asked, we're delivering



Housing

Identified as the number 1 priority in the Annual Community Survey.

We're investing the balance of \$4.3m towards completion of the Baynton Apartments, continuing work on the Bulgarra Apartments and partnering with DevelopmentWA to deliver the first stages of the Mulataga subdivision.



Shade and Public Amenity

Ranked second in key priorities in the Annual Community Survey.

The City is continuing investment in parks, three playground renewals and shade infrastructure to improve comfort, usability and liveability across community spaces.



Wickham Recreation Precinct Masterplan

Recreation facilities in Wickham identified as a key priority in the Annual Community Survey.

In answer to this, we are partnering with Rio Tinto to conduct detailed needs analysis and planning to inform future upgrades to the precinct.



Liveability and services

Liveability remains a key focus area identified by residents.

We are investing in the current and future liveability and services needs of the community including the Karratha City Centre Precinct Structure plan, installing a Karratha CBD public toilet, planning for a Point Samson youth precinct, and continued investment in community spaces.



City Waterpark Feasibility and Concept Plan

A Waterpark facility was a key priority in the Annual Community Survey.

The City is continuing to conduct feasibility studies for a waterpark within the City of Karratha, with the study to determine viable locations and high level concept designs.



Eastern Corridor place and enhancement plans

Increased investment and planning for Wickham and Roebourne was a key priority in the Annual Community Survey.

Along with capital works, the City is investing in the future of the Eastern Corridor with the Eastern Corridor place planning and enhancement plans to help shape more connected, vibrant and liveable communities.



Improved Sporting Facilities

Recreation, and sporting facilities continue to be a key focus area identified in the Annual Community Survey.

The City has allocated \$1m next year for the development of three Master Plans at the Karratha Leisureplex, Bulgarra Oval and a future dedicated Rectangular field precinct, other works include \$4.03M for the KRMO multi-use hardcourts and lighting, \$2.5M for Windy Ridge Culverts and Cricket Nets and upgrades to sport precinct lighting.

2026/27 Budget Highlights

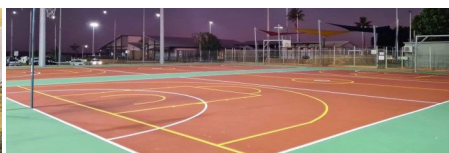
We're investing in the projects, services and facilities our community told us matter most



Housing & Growth

\$4.3M invested in housing projects

Delivering Baynton Apartments, Bulgarra Apartments and the first stages of the Mulataga subdivision.



Community & Sporting Facilities

\$12.5M

Delivering the Kevin Richards Memorial Oval multi-use hardcourts, Roebourne Recreation Master Plan works, Windy Ridge cricket net upgrades, sporting facility lighting improvements, Karratha Leisureplex and Wickham Boat Beach facility upgrades.



Transport and Air Services

\$17.5M

Delivering major road, footpath and safety upgrades across the City alongside significant improvements to airport infrastructure, including runway, terminal, security, lighting, electrical and airside works.



Public spaces

\$3M

Enhancing public spaces through upgrades to playgrounds, Warrier Street gardens, park furniture renewals and public toilets upgrades.



Sustainability and Waste

\$11.8M

Supporting long-term environmental outcomes through new waste cells at the 7 Mile Waste Facility, regular facility cleaning, litter picking and fleet replacement.



Youth and recreation

\$3.1M

Investing in opportunities for young people and recreation remains a priority through planning projects like the Point Samson Youth Precinct, and Wickham bike facility, to the annual events programming.

Your rates at work

Your rates help fund the roads, parks, sporting facilities, waste services, community programs and major projects that keep our towns connected, safe and liveable.

This year, the City has delivered a balanced budget that continues to invest in community priorities while carefully managing the impact on ratepayers.

Funding from grants, fees and charges, industry partnerships and investment returns helps reduce reliance on rates and maximise value for our community.

Here's where every \$100 of expenditure goes:



Funding sources 67% grants, fees and investments 33% rate revenue	Cost pressures +8% insurance +3.5% materials	Keeping rates lower Investments like The Quarter reduce reliance on rates.
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What's happening in your town

Dampier



Windy Ridge
Playground Upgrades

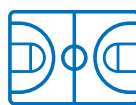


Windy Ridge Culvert
and Cricket Nets
Upgrades



Nielsen Place
road renewal

Karratha



Kevin Richards Memorial
Oval Hardcourts and
Shade Construction



3 x Master Plan at KLP,
Bulgarra and Rectangle
sporting precincts design



Bayview Culvert
Replacement

Roebourne



Andover Park
lighting upgrades



Roebourne Recreation
Precinct Master Plan



Bus Shelter
improvements

Point Samson



Eastern Corridor Plan
and Enhancement planing



Design of Point
Samson Entry Bay



Planning of
Youth Precinct

Wickham



Wickham Boat
Beach Ramp
and Jetty upgrades



South Park
upgrade



Bike Park
facility
construction

Understanding your Rate Notice



RATE NOTICE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1/7/2026 - 30/6/2027

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.

Mr A Example
123 Street Name
KARRATHA WA 6714

ASSESSMENT NUMBER A

DUE DATE 11/09/2026

Date of Issue	4/08/2026
Ward	
Valuation	\$50,000
Valuation date	1 July 2025
VEN	
Rate Category	Residential
Late Payment Interest	7.0000%
Zoning	Residential R20
Minimum Payment	\$1,750.00

DESCRIPTION OF RATED LAND

123 Street Name KARRATHA
Lot 123 Plan 12345

DETAILS	RATE IN \$ or CHARGE/SERVICE	CURRENT	ARREARS	TOTALS
RESIDENTIAL	5.7469	\$2,873.45		\$2,873.45
Emergency Services Levy	0.3862	\$193.10		\$193.10
ESL Category 4, Property Use Residential, GRV				
\$50,000 Domestic Waste Service Charge	1@379.85	\$379.85		\$379.85
Swimming Pool Inspection Fee	1@29.00	\$29.00		\$29.00
GST is nil				
TOTAL AMOUNT				\$3,475.40

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).

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{House Icon} \\ \text{GRV} \\ \$40,000 \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Dollar Sign Icon} \\ \text{RID} \\ 0.057469 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{TOTAL RATES} \\ \$2,298.76 \end{array}$$

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 2026/27

Ratepayers may elect to pay this amount in instalments. 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 \$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 2026/27		2026/27 Rate in \$	2026/27 Percent (%) of total rates	2026/27 Minimum payment
Gross Rental Value (GRV)				
Residential	Properties with a zoning or land use of residential	0.057469	3%	\$1,750
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	0.093800	3%	\$1,750
Airport / Strategic Industry	Properties located within Karratha Airport Precinct or are predominantly used for strategic industry	0.114937	3%	\$1,750
Transient workforce accommodation / Workforce accommodation	Properties with a zoning or land use of workforce accommodation or transient workforce accommodation.	0.229874	3%	\$1,750
Unimproved Value (UV)				
Pastoral	Properties with a pastoral lease or primarily used for agriculture activities	0.137837	6%	\$367
Mining / other	Properties with a mining, exploration or prospecting lease or does not have the characteristics of any other UV rate category	0.154000	6%	\$367
Strategic Industry	Properties with a predominant use of strategic industry (such as resource processing)	0.235692	7.5%	\$367

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