

City of Karratha

Variance Commentary

As at 30 April 2026

Revenue - Operating Activities		Explanation of Variances		
Amount		Nature	Timing	Permanent
950,169	▲	Fees & Charges		Karratha Airport - Growth in passenger numbers and increased flights has led to an increase in revenue.
454,079	▲	Interest		Interest Income higher than previous estimates due to timing of transfers and current interest rates.
1,404,248	▲		Positive Variances	
(3,239,062)	▼	Operating Grants	City Projects - Grant for Wickham Multipurpose Covered Courts not yet received.	
(2,493,513)	▼	Fees & Charges		Waste - Significant reduction in Contaminated Waste disposal at facility since November 2025. Waste carriers advised of expired contracts with resource industry waste generators.
(249,393)	▼	Interest		Bulgarra Housing Development - Interest lower than expected due to timing of loan drawdowns.
(5,981,968)	▼		Negative Variances	
(4,577,720)	▼		Net Negative Variance Attributable to Material Items	

Expenditure - Operating Activities		Explanation of Variances		
Amount		Nature	Timing	Permanent
2,666,921	▲	Employee Costs		Employment Costs - Variances across the City attributable to vacancies City-wide
847,664	▲	Materials & Contractors	City Projects - Wickham Oval Renovations - Turf Supply Delayed.	
323,426	▲	Materials & Contractors	Planning services - Karratha City Centre Precinct Structure Plan project underway. Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation Plan project progressing with Draft Hazard Assessment (late May).	
311,197	▲	Materials & Contractors	Community Planning - underspend due to delays in engaging contractors.	
279,193	▲	Materials & Contractors	City Growth - expenditure yet to be incurred for upcoming projects - (Tourist park feasibility, Census, signage, KTVc improvements, Karratha is Calling, KLP Energy Optimisation, EV Study, Solar Works Plan)	
254,507	▲	Materials & Contractors	Arts, Culture & Events - Delayed expenditure for REAF 2026 - commitments raised not yet paid	
223,764	▲	Materials & Contractors	The Quarter - Delays to receiving invoices for contracted works.	
216,624	▲	Materials & Contractors	Arts, Culture & Events - Arts Development Activity & Events - Underspend due to timing	
197,642	▲	Materials & Contractors	Information Technology - Access Control Upgrades; Planned Cabinet upgrades; Backup repository supply chain problems; WCH CCTV appliance planned	
177,783	▲	Materials & Contractors	Parks & Natural Areas - Karratha Golf Course seasonal works in progress.	
129,948	▲	Materials & Contractors	Facility Maintenance - Housing - Delays to receiving invoices for contracted works.	
102,488	▲	Interest	Bulgarra Housing Development - Interest lower than expected due to timing of loan drawdowns.	
101,886	▲	Materials & Contractors	Waste Services - Cell capping - Delay in vendor invoicing - Expected May 2026	
5,833,043	▲		Positive Variances	
(496,779)	▼	Insurance		Insurance - Performance Based Adjustments for workers compensation, allocation journal to be completed.
(192,032)	▼	Materials & Contractors		Karratha Airport - Increase in reactive works due to issues occurring with power, automatic doors and sewer.
(181,843)	▼	Utilities		Operations - Street Lights - Actuals higher than budgeted.
(145,824)	▼	Utilities		Parks & Natural Areas - Potable costs due to limited Water Corp ERS supply.
(1,016,478)	▼		Negative Variances	
4,816,565	▲		Net Positive Variance Attributable to Material Items	

Outflows - Investing Activities		Explanation of Variances		
Amount		Nature	Timing	Permanent

4,495,625	▲	Buildings	City Projects - Housing Development Baynton Apartments Bajamalu - Delay to fabrication of apartment, monitoring for carry forward unless Contractor can make back time.	
1,285,912	▲	Footpaths	Operations - Ten Year Footpath Program - Works progressing and invoices received	
612,320	▲	Aerodrome		Karratha Airport - Airside Upgrade - Apron lighting final design received January 2026 and works to be completed by June. Airside road and drainage works have been rescheduled to Aug/Sep 2026
602,000	▲	Parks & Open Spaces	Parks & Natural Areas - Playground Replacement/Upgrades Works to be completed in June.	
566,554	▲	Plant	Fleet & Plant - Sanitation - Street sweeper ordered, expected delivery May 2026.	
362,041	▲	Parks & Open Spaces	Parks & Natural Areas - Replace Park Furniture/Fencing - procurement in progress.	
387,396	▲	Equipment	Karratha Airport - Checked Bag Screening Replacement Project installation delayed.	
508,660	▲	Parks & Open Spaces	City Projects - Andover Park Stage 2 - Delayed procurement, full year budget remains on track for spend this financial year.	
327,000	▲	Plant	Fleet & Plant - Parks & Gardens - CAT920 Wheel Loader ordered waiting for delivery.	
310,660	▲	Infrastructure Misc Structures	Waste Services - Delay in Procurement of Solar Generator - RFQ April 2026. Rollover requested to 26/27 FY.	
232,613	▲	Parks & Open Spaces	Parks & Natural Areas - ERS Upgrade - Works in progress 2 of 3 projects completed.	
188,151	▲	Infrastructure Misc Structures	City Projects - Roebourne Recreation Precinct Master Plan - Delayed, rollover requested to 26/27 FY.	
182,499	▲	Furniture & Equipment	Information Technology - Hardware Refresh - Delays in equipment purchases.	
162,405	▲	Buildings	Facility Maintenance - Karratha Leisureplex - Delays to receiving invoices for contracted works.	
149,861	▲	Furniture & Equipment	Arts, Culture & Events - Final payment for trailer stage made in 24/25, adjusted at budget review. PA sytem RFQ in process for balance of variance	
114,339	▲	Infrastructure Misc Structures	City Projects - KRMO Multi Use Hardcourts & Lighting - Delayed due to Geotechnical Results.	
107,850	▲	Buildings		City Projects - Karratha Airport Airfield Cable & Lighting Upgrade - Delayed start to project, currently monitoring for potential carry over.
100,000	▲	Parks & Open Spaces	Operations - Kerb Renewals - Delayed, rollover requested to 26/27 FY.	
10,695,886	▲		Positive Variances	
(479,218)	▼	Buildings	Facility Maintenance - Housing - Shakespeare apartments works being completed ahead of budgeted schedule.	
(101,594)	▼	Parks & Open Spaces	City Projects - Golf Course Maintenance Compound Design & Construction - Spend is within the overall project budget, variance due to early completion of civil works.	
(580,812)	▼		Negative Variances	
10,115,074	▲		Net Positive Variance Attributable to Material Items	

Outflows - Financing Activities		Explanation of Variances		
Amount		Nature	Timing	Permanent
0	▲		Positive Variances	
(25,529,354)	▼	Reserves		Transfers to Reserve - current year transfers recognised in budget but not yet reconciled for transfer
(25,529,354)	▼		Negative Variances	
(25,529,354)	▼		Net Negative Variance Attributable to Material Items	