

Budget at a Glance

2026/27

Operating Revenue

\$208M

Operating Expenditure

\$200M

Capital Revenue

\$156M

Capital Expenditure

\$148M

Surplus

\$16k



Budget Focus

2026/27

A key focus of the City of Karratha's budget is ensuring long-term financial sustainability while maintaining and renewing more than \$1 billion in community assets.

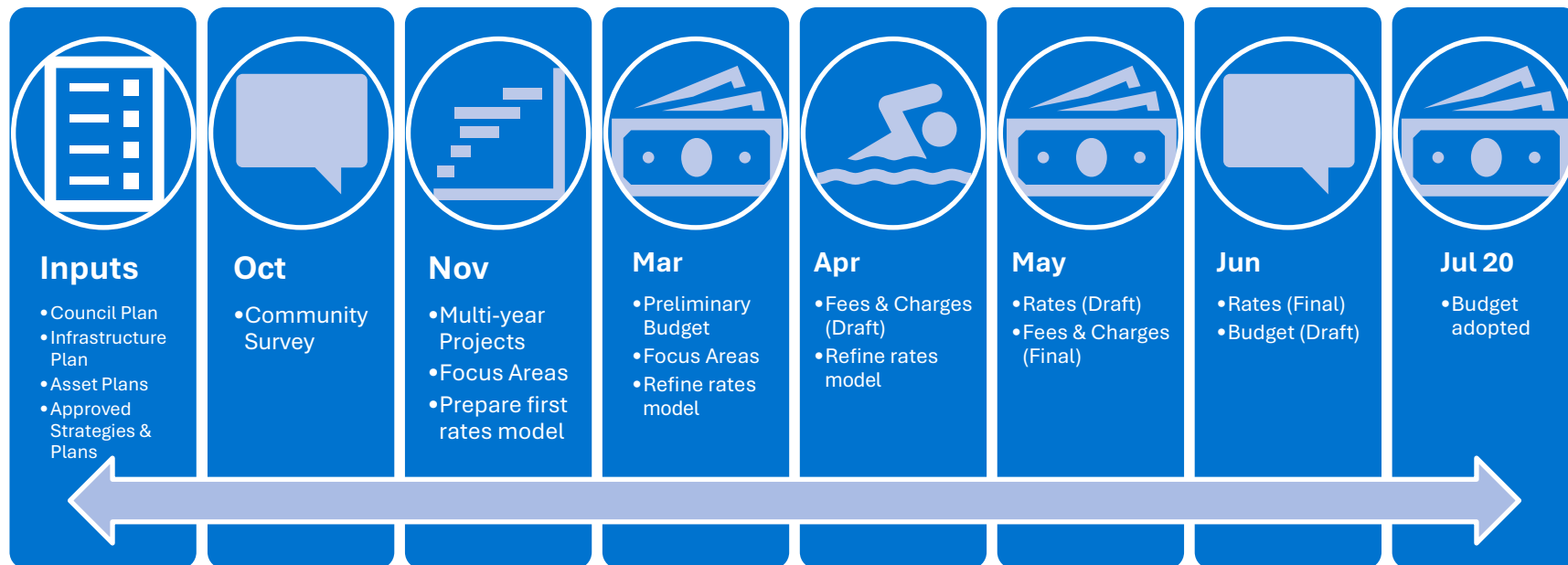
This comes at a time of rising costs and high inflation, including increased state government charges, such as Auditor General fees, which have risen by 31%, as well as reductions in federal grant funding.

The City continues to leverage grants and sponsorships to help deliver major projects, including the \$22.1 million Mulataga subdivision, while maintaining service levels and investing in organisational health and agility, including people, processes and technology, to support a growing region.

Increasing non-rates revenue also remains a priority, helping to reduce reliance on ratepayer funding and strengthen the City's long-term financial position.

Budget Development

Building a Balanced Budget



Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy, and safe

The City continues to invest in programs, planning and initiatives that support community wellbeing, enhance public safety and create opportunities for residents to connect, participate and thrive.

\$2.0M

Roebourne Recreation Master Plan works

\$54k

Mosquito management activities

\$55k

The City's Animal Sterilisation program

\$40k

Community Safety Plan implementation

\$85k

Eastern Corridor Place Plans



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\$240k

Richardson Way Masterplan (planning)

\$30k

Richardson Way off-lead dog exercise area (design)

\$40k

Waterpark Feasibility Study

\$50k

Point Samson youth space (planning)

\$60k

Three sporting precincts (planning)

\$3.06M

Community programs, events and cultural celebrations



Everyone is included

The City is committed to creating a community where everyone feels connected, supported and able to participate in community life, regardless of age, ability or circumstance.

\$600k

Community Grants program

\$3.14m

Youth services and programs



Our places and spaces are functional, attractive and reflect our unique identity

The City is continuing to invest in the roads, parks, public spaces and community facilities that support everyday life, improve safety and create places residents are proud to call home.

Community and Recreation Facilities:

\$4.03M

Kevin Richards Memorial Oval multi-use hardcourts and lighting

\$2.5M

Windy Ridge Cricket Nets replacement and culvert repairs

\$1.85M

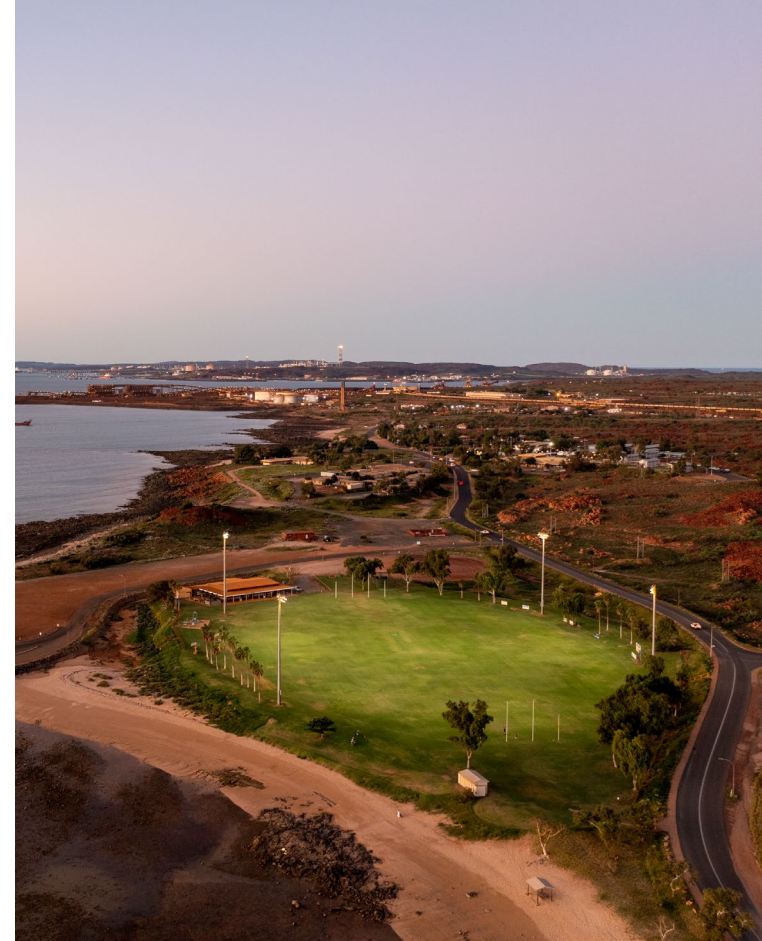
Wickham Boat Beach facility upgrades

\$300k

Karratha Leisureplex indoor courts resurfacing

\$300k

Public toilets improvements



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Roads, Footpaths and Transport Infrastructure:

\$4.5M

Bathgate road upgrades

\$3.15M

Annual road reseal program and kerb renewals

\$2.69M

New and upgraded footpaths

\$400k

Reconstruction and footpaths for Nielsen road and Dampier road

\$751k

Installation of 39 new solar-powered lights

\$450k

Roebourne and Wickham bus shelters improvements



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Parks, Playgrounds and Public Spaces:

\$760k

Playground renewals at Hillview, Malster and Wickham North

\$659k

Replace and renew park furniture, oval equipment and fencing

\$450k

Karratha Golf Course Irrigation and Communications system upgrades

\$210k

Warrier Street Housing Common Gardens landscaping improvements

\$212k

Targeted streetscape enhancements across the City

Maintaining Clean and Attractive Communities:

\$2.59M

Ongoing cleaning and maintenance service across City facilities



We respect and care for the natural environment

The City is investing in environmental sustainability, waste management and essential services that help protect and enhance the natural environment for current and future generations.

\$140k

Environmental Sustainability Strategy implementation

\$573k

Litter collection services across the City

\$3.4M

Continued construction of the waste cell at the 7-Mile Waste Facility.

\$40k

Methane Capture Feasibility study



The local economy is diverse and thriving, with opportunities for all

The City is continuing to invest in economic development, housing, tourism and aviation infrastructure to support local jobs, attract investment and create opportunities for current and future generations.

\$280k

Economic Development and Tourism Strategy (delivery)

\$600k

Grants to support local industry and small businesses

\$10.4M

Karratha Airport renewal works
(including runway safety area extension and cable and lighting upgrades)

\$2.4M

Murujuga National Park Access



Our civic leaders are innovative, listening and balanced in meeting community needs

The City continues to invest in the people, systems and assets required to deliver efficient services, respond to community priorities and support the region's future growth.

\$300k

Upgrades to Karratha, Two Mile and Roebourne Town Cemeteries.

\$4.3M

Fleet and Plant replacements

