

A photograph of children playing with bubbles in a park. A girl in a white shirt and orange overalls is blowing a bubble. A boy in a black shirt is also blowing a bubble. Other children are visible in the background, some sitting in strollers. The scene is outdoors on a grassy area with trees in the background.

Building towards Australia's Most Liveable Regional City

City of Karratha 2026/27 Annual Budget

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2 Building towards Australia's Most Liveable Regional City

The City of Karratha is delivering on the projects, and outcomes you identified in the Council Plan 2025-2035, while continuing to provide the infrastructure and services you rely on.

The 2026/27 Budget delivers a balanced approach, responding directly to community feedback on the services and facilities that matter most, while ensuring the needs for the future of Karratha are met.

This year will see significant investment across all towns, such as the \$4M Bathgate Road upgrade, \$4.03M Kevin Richards Memorial Oval hardcourt works, and the \$2M Roebourne Recreation Precinct master plan, along with upgrades to parks, footpaths and community facilities.

The Budget will provide rejuvenations to facilities including \$6.2M in works for Karratha Airport, \$1.3M in renewals for Karratha Leisureplex and \$760,000 in Playground replacements to ensure we can continue to provide our community with top-of-the-line facilities.

On top of our investments in infrastructure and facilities we continue to offer a vast range of free, family-friendly events as part of our annual programming and supporting our residents by providing the community services they deserve.

Guided by the Council Plan and shaped by community feedback, these projects will deliver the infrastructure, services and facilities our community needs today, while preparing Karratha, Dampier, Wickham, Roebourne and Point Samson for future growth.

Together, they represent another important step towards achieving our vision of Australia's most liveable regional city.



3 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 million to commence the Roebourne Recreation Master Plan works.
- \$54,142 for ongoing mosquito management activities will help protect public health and improve community comfort across the region.
- \$55,000 to support the City's animal sterilisation program.
- \$40,000 for the Implementation of the Community Safety Plan to help identify and address local safety priorities.
- \$85,078 for the Eastern Corridor Place Plans and Enhancement Plan to plan for the future of the Eastern Corridor, identifying opportunities to enhance public spaces, connectivity and community infrastructure.
- \$240,000 towards the Richardson Way Masterplan, including a dedicated off-lead dog exercise area and bike park.
- \$40,000 for the Waterpark Feasibility Study to investigate opportunities for a future water-based recreation facility to meet the needs of a growing community.
- \$50,000 for the planning for a dedicated youth space in Point Samson will help ensure future facilities reflect the needs and aspirations of local young people.
- \$60,000 to commence the planning for three sporting precincts, helping guide future investment in recreation infrastructure and community facilities.
- The budget continues to support a diverse range of community programs, events and cultural celebrations that bring people together and foster community pride. This includes \$3.06m in funding for the Red Earth Arts Festival, Youth Week, NAIDOC Week, Australia Day celebrations, and our Annual Events programming, creating opportunities for residents of all ages to connect, celebrate and participate in community life.

4 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.

- The Community Grants Program will continue to provide \$600,000 to support local organisations, community groups and events that strengthen social connection, build community capacity and enhance quality of life across the region.
- Continued investment in youth services and programs will provide safe, welcoming spaces where young people can connect, develop new skills and access support, recreation and development opportunities.
- The City will continue delivering actions identified through the Early Years Strategy, supporting children and families through initiatives that promote wellbeing, learning, development and community connection during the critical early years.
- Ongoing implementation of the Age Friendly Strategy and the recommendations of the Aged Care Needs Analysis will help ensure older residents remain connected, active and supported within the community.
- A comprehensive audit of City facilities, services and public spaces will identify opportunities to improve accessibility and remove barriers to participation, helping create a more inclusive community for everyone.



5 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 towards new multi-use hardcourts and lighting at Kevin Richards Memorial Oval.
- \$2.5M to replace the Windy Ridge Cricket Nets and repair culverts.
- \$1.85M towards commencing upgrades to the Wickham Boat Beach facility will improve access, safety and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.
- \$300,000 to resurface the Karratha Leisureplex Indoor Courts.
- \$330,000 to improve Public Toilets at Frank Butler Community Centre, Roebourne Youth Precinct, Johns Creek, Windy Ridge, Dampier Lions Park and Andover will improve accessibility and visitor amenity.

Roads, Footpaths and Transport Infrastructure

- \$4.5M towards major upgrades to Bathgate Road to improve safety, connectivity and support future growth in the area.
- \$1.58M for the continued rollout of the annual road reseal program and \$1.57 million towards Kerb Renewals.
- A \$2.69 million Investment in new and upgraded footpaths will improve accessibility, connectivity and active transport opportunities across the City.
- \$400,000 for the Nielsen Road, Dampier Road Reconstruction & Footpath.
- \$751,016 to install 39 new solar-powered lights to improve visibility, safety and accessibility along key pedestrian routes.
- \$450,000 in improvements to bus shelters in Roebourne and Wickham to enhance accessibility and amenity for public transport users.

Parks, Playgrounds and Public Spaces

- \$760,000 to renew playgrounds at Hillview, Malster and Wickham North will be renewed, providing safe and engaging spaces for local families.
- \$659,000 to replace and renew Park Furniture, Oval Equipment and Fencing.
- \$450,000 to upgrade the Karratha Golf Course Irrigation and Communications systems.
- \$210,000 in landscaping improvements for the Warriar Street Housing Common Gardens.
- \$212,000 for targeted streetscape enhancements to improve the appearance and amenity of public spaces across the City.

Maintaining Clean and Attractive Communities

- \$2.59 million for ongoing cleaning and maintenance services at the Karratha Leisureplex, Red Earth Arts Precinct, Administration Building, The Quarter, Karratha Airport and East

Corridor facilities will ensure these community assets remain welcoming, safe and well presented.

- Continued investment in graffiti removal will help maintain attractive public spaces and preserve community pride across the City.

6 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.

- \$140,000 for the implementation of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy will progress initiatives that reduce environmental impacts and support a more sustainable future for the region.
- \$573,220 to fund litter collection services across all towns to maintain clean public spaces and protect the City's natural and urban environments.
- \$3.4M to continue construction of a new waste cell at the 7-Mile Waste Facility.
- \$40,000 Methane Capture Feasibility to investigate opportunities to capture landfill methane emissions, support future waste management improvements and reduce the City's carbon footprint.
- The budget also includes investment in resource recovery planning, weed management initiatives and environmental programs that help preserve the region's unique natural assets and improve long-term sustainability.

7 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.

- \$280,000 towards the delivery of the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.
- \$600,000 in grants to support local industry and small business through our Business Development Support Grants, Economic Development Grant, Major Events Sponsorship and Attraction Program and Take Your Business Online Grants.
- Delivering housing solutions such as the development of Stage 1a of Mulataga Subdivision, completion of Bulgarra Apartments and Baynton Development.
- \$6.2M in renewal works for the Karratha Airport including a \$2.2M extension of the Runway End Safety Area, and \$2M for Cable and Lighting Upgrades.
- \$2.4M towards the Murujuga National Park Access in partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation.

8 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.

- More than \$300,000 in upgrades to Karratha, Two Mile and Roebourne Town Cemeteries.
- \$4.3M in Fleet and Plant replacements to ensure the City has reliable, fit-for-purpose equipment to deliver essential services and maintain infrastructure.
- Continuing to modernise its business systems and technology platforms through ongoing information technology, software and enterprise system renewals.
- Implementation of the Community Engagement Strategy will enhance opportunities for residents to have their say and help shape the future of the City.
- Ongoing investment in governance, compliance, auditing and continuous improvement programs will support transparent decision-making, accountability and responsible management of community resources.

