

WELCOME BOOKLET

# KARRATHA



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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

# Wayiba! Wanthiwa! Tharnardu!

We acknowledge the Ngarluma people as the traditional custodians of this land (ngurra) and their deep historical and spiritual connection to country, waterways, rivers and seas within our region. We pay respect to the Ngarluma people and Elders; past, present and emerging.





# Welcome to Karratha

Karratha means 'Good Country', and it's easy to see why. A diamond in the ancient Pilbara's rough landscape, Karratha's regional location belies the unique cosmopolitan lifestyle the city offers amongst stunning mountain ranges and deep gorges cutting across the landscape.

This is **your guide** to settling in and becoming a Karratha local. In this booklet you'll find essential information for your daily life here in Karratha, and local secrets to help you experience this amazing part of the world.

We know moving to a new home can be a challenge, but Karratha is full of friendly people ready to welcome you to the community and help you along this exciting journey.

Like all communities in 2020, Karratha is responding to COVID-19. Events, sport, recreation and clubs featured in this welcome booklet are likely to impacted on a temporary basis. However, this provides a useful guide for participation in a normal environment

*We can't wait  
to meet you!*





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## SECRETS OF KARRATHA .....

Karratha is one of Australia's best kept secrets. With such an extensive history reaching back tens of thousands of years, there are hundreds of stories to discover. Keep an eye out for our 'did you know?' icon throughout this booklet for just a few of these stories.



## DISCOVER KARRATHA .....

This booklet will provide an overview of what Karratha has to offer, but when you see this folder icon, head to the back pocket of the booklet for even more detail.





# Forewords

## WOODSIDE

The Pilbara is where our story lives. It is the beating heart of our operations as the largest Australian natural gas producer. We have been in the region for more than 30 years and have seen and contributed to the growth of Karratha.

Woodside is proud to sponsor this welcome booklet. Karratha truly is a place where you can lead the good life. Over the years it has been home to countless Woodside staff and families and we have seen lives flourish, careers develop, and connections form.

Through our partnerships with the City of Karratha, the WA State Government and Rio Tinto, we have invested in many of the key community facilities that make Karratha such a great place to live. As we continue to grow as a community across the Pilbara, we want to create places that people fall in love with.

We want people to embrace all that Karratha offers. We want people to discover their own potential in their work and personal lives. We want people to lead the good life.



**FIONA HICK**

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS, WOODSIDE

## CITY OF KARRATHA

Welcome to Karratha.

We are proud to showcase this incredible part of Western Australia and the wonderful community who make it such a unique place.

What Karratha has to offer can be a surprise to some people. The imagined lifestyle of a remote regional town can at times be in stark contrast to the reality of what this modern city offers. Many people who come to Karratha discover a side of regional living they never knew existed, and then never leave.

There is a uniqueness to Karratha that cannot be understood until you experience it. The mix of regional town and cosmopolitan city may be unlike anything you have seen before, and the state-of-the-art facilities surpass what you might see in many urban locations.

Karratha is here for you to discover.

So, welcome once again to the good country. We hope you enjoy creating wonderful memories.



**PETER LONG**

MAYOR, CITY OF KARRATHA





# The Key to a Successful Move

Let's be honest, with so much to think about, moving is always going to be stressful. You've likely got the big things covered, like where you're going to live, but sometimes in the rush and excitement of moving somewhere new, taking a step back and remembering why you moved can help make the process a success.

The key to living well in Karratha is to understand that this place is unique. The outdoor lifestyle and close proximity to everything you need offers an opportunity for you and your family to have a great life here. So, embrace the community in Karratha, get out there and become a local, and take your time to settle in, Karratha is not going anywhere.

Here's a few tips to make your move to Karratha successful.

## BEFORE YOU MOVE

- ☒ If you can, take a trip to Karratha before you come up to stay for good. If nothing else, it will confirm you've made the right decision.
- ☐ Double check your mobile phone coverage. Your current provider may not be the best option available in Karratha.
- ☐ Pack your toiletries, special toys or any essential items separately so you can access them quickly.
- ☐ Cancel or readdress any of your regular deliveries or subscriptions – food, magazines etc.
- ☐ Ensure you (and your kids) have friends contact details. This is especially important for little ones who aren't using phones and social media yet!
- ☐ Take the time to write down your current simple pleasures. Whether it's taking a walk in the morning, grabbing a coffee on the way to work or playing a social sport, research the best places to keep your favourite routines alive.
- ☐ Print any of your favourite photos for your new place!

## WHEN YOU FIRST GET HERE

- ☐ Update your address. Ensure you update your bank, the Department of Transport and other key services and providers of your move.
- ☐ Find a GP. Organise a check-up for you and your family and establish a new relationship with one of the great doctors in Karratha.
- ☐ Look up your local bin day.
- ☐ 'Beautify' your new place. Some pillows, artwork or pictures go a long way in making a house feel like a home.
- ☐ Look up the moon calendar and enjoy your first Staircase to the Moon, a perfect way to kick off your new life in Karratha.







The Montebello Islands, located roughly 130 km west of Dampier, lay claim to WA's first shipwreck. The 300 tonne Tryal ran aground and slowly sank in 1622. The islands were also the site of atomic bomb detonations by the British in 1952.



#### AFTER SETTLING IN

- ☐ Spend a day in the City Centre, find the shopping options, have a coffee and a meal at some of the great restaurants and cafés.
- ☐ Research and join social and sports clubs you might be interested in, there are hundreds in Karratha, so you'll definitely be able to find a bunch of like-minded people to share a passion with.
- ☐ Take a trip to the Burrup Peninsula to see the highest concentration of rock art in the world and rediscover the famous Indigenous petroglyphs.
- ☐ Take a short drive to Dampier, enjoy the board walk along the waterfront and have a scrumptious meal looking over the water at the fabulous HH Boat & Sailing Club or the Dampier Hotel.
- ☐ Grab a comfy chair, a picnic dinner, and some good company and head to Cossack Lookout or Hearson Cove.
- ☐ Get a proper view of Karratha, Nickol Bay and all the way across to the Burrup Peninsula from the Water Tanks Lookout.
- ☐ Enjoy the north west's best fish and chips in front of an amazing view at Point Samson.
- ☐ Keep an eye on Dreamers Hill for some of the best food offerings around. Join the Dreamers Hill Food Vans Facebook page to find out what vans will head to the Hill each week.
- ☐ With a huge variety of fish species living in the waters off the coast of Karratha and the Dampier Archipelago, the area is a fisherman's paradise. Grab your rod and head to one of the many spots along the coastline.
- ☐ Take a dip at one of the pools in Millstream-Chichester National Park.
- ☐ Visit historical Cossack to step back in time and follow the footsteps of the early settlers who came to the Pilbara in search of their fortune.
- ☐ Learn more about the deep history and rich culture of the area by taking a Ngurrangga Tour around the Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi traditional country.
- ☐ Meet your neighbours by hosting a Meet the Street party. Check out the City of Karratha's website for more information.



Find more details and events in your Welcome Pack folder.







# An Enduring History and Exciting Future

Karratha stands on ancient land. The Ngarluma, Yinjibarndi, Martuthunia and Yaburara people have occupied this region for over 40,000 years.

Dreamtime stories tell of the great Warlu rainbow serpent emerging from the sea and travelling across the heart of the outback, forming the majestic Pilbara waterways as he moved. Other ancestral beings such as Ngkurr, Bardi and Gardi helped bring shape to the land and continue to live in the area surrounding Karratha.

Hundreds of thousands of Indigenous rock engravings across the Burrup Peninsula tell a rich history of the people and animals who share the land, and the area is often considered the most significant heritage site in Australia.

European settlement in the region didn't begin until the mid-19th century. Starting with expeditions and the establishment of stations, it took another century of expansion and settlement before Karratha took shape as a city.

The birth of the iron ore industry in the early 1960s marked the beginning of a drastic change for the area. Dampier was chosen as the Port for Hamersley Iron's operations, a new airport was constructed to cope with the increase in flights, and construction began on Karratha when Dampier ran out of land.

By the early 1970s, Woodside had discovered the Goodwyn gas and condensate field and Lambert oil fields on the North West Shelf, leading to the North West Shelf Project, Australia's largest resource venture. It was also at this time that the first residents of Karratha were moving in.

Since then, the City has grown from a population of a few hundred to 17,000. Recent development, including the revitalisation of the city centre, has been completed to transform Karratha from its early status as a resource town, to a regional city with aspirations of more than 50,000 people.

Resource projects such as Pluto Train 2, a further development to the extensive Woodside-operated Pluto LNG network of assets, is just another addition to the evolving vision of the City of Karratha as a global presence, recognised for world-class capabilities.

Karratha has an enduring history and an exciting future. This is a place where you're never more than five minutes from where you need to be. This is a place where you can be home spending time with your family while the sun is still up. We're excited to have you here.







#### KARRATHA IS COMPOSED OF 9 MAIN SUBURBS

- Karratha City Centre
- Bulgarra
- Pegs Creek
- Millars Well
- Nickol
- Nickol West
- Baynton
- Baynton West
- Tambrey

Karratha has two main industrial area:

- Gap Ridge Industrial Estate
- KIE (Karratha Industrial Estate)  
Includes, LIA (Light Industrial Area)

Karratha is lucky to have a large number of parks, sporting fields and open green spaces.

#### GETTING AROUND

**The great thing about Karratha is that everything you need is only 5 minutes away!**

Save the environment while getting fit by jumping on your bike and riding around the city.

Hop on the TransKarratha bus 880 or 881 line (call 13 62 13 for more information).

Call up one of the two taxi services in Karratha

- Karratha Dampier Taxi Service 13 1330
- Premier Taxis 0439 747 800











Karratha is growing fast, but for now you can wave goodbye to the daunting commute and standstill traffic and say hello to more free time to spend with friends and family.



# Get to know Karratha



## AREAS OF INTEREST

-  Airport
-  School
-  Shopping
-  Karratha Leisureplex
-  Tourist destination
-  Karratha Health Campus
-  Red Earth Arts Precinct
-  Visitors centre
-  Karratha Town Centre
-  Park

## KARRATHA AIRPORT

Flights to and from Karratha are usually operated by Alliance Airlines, Virgin Australia and Qantas. The airport is located just 14 km from Karratha and includes short term parking, long term parking, car rental services, cafés and restaurants, and a selection of shops.

Eligible residents can save up to 30% on Qantas-controlled all-inclusive return fares. Check the Qantas website for more information.

For more information head to the Karratha Airport website at [karrathaairport.com.au](http://karrathaairport.com.au)





# Arts and Culture

## RED EARTH ARTS PRECINCT

9186 8600

27 Welcome Road, Karratha

[redearthartsprecinct.com.au](http://redearthartsprecinct.com.au)

The Red Earth Arts Precinct is truly unique and would be at home in the heart of an Australian capital city. Boasting a 450+ seat theatre, rooftop cinema, contemporary library and an outdoor amphitheatre, this is the place to go for all things art and culture in Karratha. With a year-round schedule of activities, events and festivals, the Red Earth Arts Precinct is guaranteed to excite, entertain and educate any age group.

## KARRATHA LIBRARY

9186 8600

Red Earth Arts Precinct

27 Welcome Road, Karratha

Gone are the days when libraries were just a home for books. In Karratha, you'll have far more than just access to great reads, with the library also offering an array of visual resources, workshops, social groups, local history and much more. But if that's not enough, why not take a drive to check out the City's other libraries in Dampier, Roebourne and Wickham.

## YINJAA-BARNI ART

9182 1959

Lot 3 Roe Street, Roebourne

Yinjaa-Barni Art has called heritage-listed cottage Dalgety House home since 2007. Made up of a group of talented artists, the work produced by Yinjaa-Barni Art has received multiple awards, including the coveted Cossack Art Award, and some of the work has exhibited in Italy, Sydney, Perth and Fremantle at prestigious galleries. The artists at Yinjaa-Barni Art see their work as a way of expressing and relaying their love for their country, their culture, and the flora of the region.

## ROEBOURNE ART GROUP

08 9182 1396

[roebourneart.com.au](http://roebourneart.com.au)

The Roebourne Art Group features contemporary Australian Aboriginal art from over 70 artists who paint their stories from "when the world was soft" before creation, all the way to reflections of what it is like to live in one of the country's most remote areas. The Group represents Ngarluma, Yindjibarndi, Guruma, Banjyima, Marthuthunira and Torres Strait Islander artists and is an Aboriginal community controlled and governed representative body and resource centre for artists throughout the region.



The much-loved Australian film Red Dog was filmed in Karratha. The famous kelpie was born in the area and was buried somewhere between Dampier and Karratha after his death.

RED EARTH ARTS PRECINCT



# Sports and Recreation

## KARRATHA LEISUREPLEX

9186 8556

Opposite Broadhurst Road, Dampier Highway  
karrathaleisureplex.com.au

The Karratha Leisureplex is the home of health and fitness. As the premier leisure facility in north Western Australia, the Leisureplex offers everything you need from gym and fitness classes, pool and swimming lessons, crèche facilities, oval and court hire, and an extensive program schedule including social sports and holiday activities for kids.

## SPORTING CLUBS

It's an understatement to say you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to sporting clubs in Karratha. Home to more sporting groups than you'd see in many larger metro towns, Karratha hosts more than 150 active sporting clubs!

Footy, basketball, soccer, cricket, netball, tennis, BMX, taekwondo, softball, sailing – if you can think of it, Karratha has a club for it.



Check out group fitness timetables, gym membership info and more detail on kids activities in your Welcome Pack folder.





# Health and Wellbeing

The Karratha Health Campus is a new, state of the art hospital facility, costing \$207 million to construct. This is the largest investment into a public hospital undertaken in regional WA.

With an expanded emergency department, CT scanner, surgical centre, maternity wing with delivery suites, world-class Telehealth services, outpatient department and advanced essential services such as child health and medical imaging. The Karratha Health Campus has the range of health facilities you need, all under one roof.

This new Karratha Health Campus provides a comprehensive 'one-stop shop' for the delivery of integrated health services including physiotherapy, speech therapy, counselling,

community health nursing and community mental health. For some of your day to day health concerns, Karratha has local GP and medical centres around town to provide you with holistic and quality medical care.

The Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) provides subsidies towards the cost of travel and accommodation for rural and remote residents. Check the WA Country Health Service website for more information.



Find flyers and more information about health, shopping and dining in Karratha in your Welcome Pack folder.



Karratha is located roughly 1,535 km north of Perth and 241 km west of Port Hedland.







Karratha City Shopping Centre is the largest shopping centre in the north west.



The word Pilbara is an Indigenous word meaning “mullet”. Pilbara Creek was named because of the fish found there.

## Shopping

From the big brands you know and love, to bespoke family-run businesses, shopping in Karratha has never been easier or more varied.

Karratha City is your go-to shopping centre, with more than 50 shops offering food, fashion, furniture, beauty, homewares and much more.

You'll also find a number of boutique shops, cafés and hidden gems all around the town centre. Chat to a local to find out where their favourite shop is! Many of your go-to stores like Coles and Woolworths are open here even later than you'd find in Perth!

## Restaurants and Dining Out

You're spoilt for choice when it comes to eating out in Karratha.

Whatever you're craving, whenever you crave it, there'll be something that hits the spot. Karratha is proud to be home to a town centre with an abundance of dining options that would be the envy of some bigger cities across Australia.

### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIFIC?

Check out the Karratha Online Directory at [karrathadirectoryonline.com.au](http://karrathadirectoryonline.com.au)







# Working and Volunteering in Karratha

You may have moved to Karratha for a new work opportunity, or perhaps you just wanted a slice of the good life, either way, this page has some key information about working and volunteering in Karratha for you and your family.

## THE BUSINESS CENTRE PILBARA

9144 4668

18 Hedland Place, Karratha

Interested in business? Starting your own small business? Want to network with locals and take your business education to the next level? Head to the Business Centre Pilbara in the Enterprise Hub at 7/18 Hedland Place to find how you can get involved with the local business community.

## KARRATHA & DISTRICTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (KDCCI)

9144 1999

5/15 Sharpe Ave, Karratha

The KDCCI is a not-for-profit organisation that provides high-quality support and advocacy services to its members, who include multi-national mining and resource companies, government and community service organisations and small-to-medium sized enterprises. Focused on delivering sustainable economic growth and diversification throughout the region, the KDCCI delivers a diverse range of services including Business Excellence Awards, Business Round Table, Pilbara Business Boot Camp, Career Central, Business After Hours, KDCCI Business and Service Directory, Workshops and Coworking space.

## KARRATHA LOCAL JOBS

karrathalocaljobs.com.au

Sponsored by Woodside, this online job portal is for City of Karratha residents to access employment opportunities in Karratha. This includes the multi-billion-dollar Karratha Life Extension Program and potential future Burrup Hub developments.

## VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is a great way to meet people in your community and get involved with the things you are passionate about. Whether it's a long-term commitment or just every now and then, there are plenty of great ways to keep busy in Karratha and lots of fantastic groups and organisations who would love to have you join their teams. From tutoring to animal rescue, driving assistance to graphic design, you're bound to find the perfect role to suit you.

To explore what opportunities there are currently available in Karratha, visit...

Pilbara Volunteer Hub on Facebook:  
[facebook.com/PilbaraVolunteeringWA](https://facebook.com/PilbaraVolunteeringWA)

Seek Volunteering: [volunteer.com.au/volunteering/in-karratha-wa-6714](https://volunteer.com.au/volunteering/in-karratha-wa-6714)



Delivering a third of all oil and gas production in Australia, the North West Shelf Project has been operating in Karratha for over 30 years and remains the largest resource project ever undertaken in Australia.



42% (\$23 billion) of the value of Western Australia's iron ore is produced in the City of Karratha.

# Community Groups

The Karratha community is amazing and there are so many different groups and organisations to be involved with to help you connect with your fellow residents.

## **KARRATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE**

**9185 6605**

*Pam Buchanan Family Centre  
51 Gardugali Drive, Baynton West*

Karratha Community House Inc. (KCH) is a local not-for-profit community organisation that offers a safe, welcoming environment for families to socialise, create new connections and play. For only \$15 per year for a whole family, you'll have access to a range of great programs including Sensory Play, Ready Set School, Bookworms and more, as well as great playgroups where you can meet new families in the area.

## **KARRATHA COMMUNITY GARDEN**

*Teesdale Place, Millars Well, Karratha  
karrthagarden@gmail.com*

The Karratha Community Garden aims to promote the growing of fruit and vegetables, improve our environment by increasing composting and local production, all whilst having fun with others in your community. This is a place built by the community, for the community. Join the Saturday busy bees from 4pm, junior green thumbs for little ones at 4pm on Friday, or just pop by to have a look and learn what it's all about!

## **ROTARY CLUB OF KARRATHA**

**04937 339**

*Onyx on Sharpe, 1 Sharpe Avenue, Karratha  
Meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday  
of the month at 6.30pm*

The Rotary Club of Karratha is part of a worldwide organisation of over 29,000 Rotary clubs in 159 countries. Rotary is a non-governmental, non-religious, non-political organisation that seeks to improve lives around the world by harnessing the power of people in community.

## **KARRATHA COUNTRY CLUB**

**9185 1045**

*Searipple Road, Karratha*

With golf, indoor cricket, ladies darts, 8 ball, restaurant and bar, membership at the Karratha Country Club will ensure you have a vibrant social life all year round.

## **KARRATHA & DISTRICTS RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE (RSL) OF WA**

**9144 1434**

*7 Dwyer Place Millars Well, Karratha  
rslclub@rslkarratha.org.au*

The RLSWA has continuously provided support and assistance to those returned from service for more than a century. The local RSL Club features a fully licensed bar, kids playground, pool tables, dart boards, karaoke machine and has weekly bingo nights and Club meals. The Club is also available for hire and open to members and their guests.



Woodside's community grants program in the City of Karratha is open twice a year - in March and October. Grants of up to \$5000 are made available to support community initiatives.





It's easy to make friends in Karratha, especially when you connect with one of the special interest groups in the area. No matter what your passion is, you're bound to find a group of like-minded people to share it with. Find more info in your Welcome Pack folder.



## Religious Institutions

Karratha is an inclusive and welcoming community. There are a number of religious institutions within the town.

### **KARRATHA ANGLICAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

2 Samson Way, Bulgarra

**9144 2594**

### **KARRATHA BAPTIST CHURCH**

77 Gawthorne Drive, Millars Well

**9185 4008**

### **ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Welcome Road, Karratha

**9185 1443**

### **KARRATHA MOSQUE**

Teesdale Place, Millars Well

**0433 515 784**

### **THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**

17 Galbraith Road, Pegs Creek

**9144 2364**

### **KARRATHA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

15 Galbraith Road, Pegs Creek

**0457 423 060**

### **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

6 Gray Court, Millars Well

**9140 1297**



## Education

There are a range of government and non-government schooling options in Karratha in both primary and secondary schooling, including the state-of-the-art Karratha Senior High School, which was newly built in 2013.

As Karratha grows, so does the quality and range of education opportunities available to students, including an extensive range of ATAR subjects for high school students and trainee programs for students wishing to pursue apprenticeships.

Being in the heart of where some of the most progressive and important industry organisations operate provides incredible pathways to employment for students.

Check the Department of Education Schools Online directory for more information on these schools: [det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline](http://det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline)





## PRIMARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

### KARRATHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

9185 1026

40 Turner Way, Karratha  
karrathaps.wa.edu.au

Karratha Primary School was the first primary school in Karratha and now, over forty years later, is proud to be an Independent Public School that continues to meet the needs of Karratha students, focusing strongly on academic, social and sporting excellence. As well as literacy and numeracy, the school places a strong emphasis on behaviour and pastoral care with their Positive Behaviour Support program. They are continuing to implement KidsMatter, whole school approaches to mental health and wellbeing and ensuring a best practice approach to ensure the inclusivity of all students.

School Vision: "At Karratha Primary School we value diversity and academic excellence. We are positive and inclusive. We embrace the values of care, personal best, responsibility and respect to nurture independent lifelong learners and active citizens."



The original Karratha Primary School was the first school in Karratha and was established in 1971.

### BAYNTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

9187 6200

2 Marniyarra Loop, Baynton  
bwps.wa.edu.au

Opening in 2013, Baynton West Primary School is making strides as an Independent Public School, with a strong vision that children are at the heart of the school, and family are integral to the school community. The strength of Baynton West Primary School is their strong belief that the education of their students is built on a genuine partnership between home and school. From Kindergarten to Year 6, the school's motto of 'growth and inspiration' is clear in all they do, from early learning and play, through to specialist programs in arts, music and beyond.

### MILLARS WELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

9185 2400

Gawthorne Drive, Karratha  
millarswellps.wa.edu.au

With the motto "Friendship and Achievement", Millars Well Primary School is focused on creating a collaborative, safe, vibrant place to empower students in realising their full potential as happy, independent and responsible members of our rapidly changing society. Millars Well was the second school to be built in Karratha and has grown to include a brand new performing arts area, two large undercover areas, and recently resurfaced netball and basketball courts.







#### **PEGS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**9144 4141**

*Galbraith Road, Karratha*  
[pegscreekps.wa.edu.au](http://pegscreekps.wa.edu.au)

Centrally located by the Karratha town centre, Pegs Creek Primary School is an Independent Public School with a small and tight-knit cohort of around 260 students. The school is uniquely positioned to meet the specific educational needs of each of their students and committed to using this increased flexibility to enhance their strategic direction. The school's learning programs reflect the diversity of cultures, needs, and abilities of the children of Pegs Creek. Specialist teacher support is provided for students in Art, Digital Technology, Yinjibarndi (LOTE Language) and Health & Physical Education. Whole school planning in Literacy, Numeracy and Social Emotional Learning focuses on explicit teaching using the Australian Curriculum.

School Vision: "Through collaboration we will provide high quality teaching and learning in a safe and supportive environment that will motivate all students to be their best."

#### **ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**9185 7500**

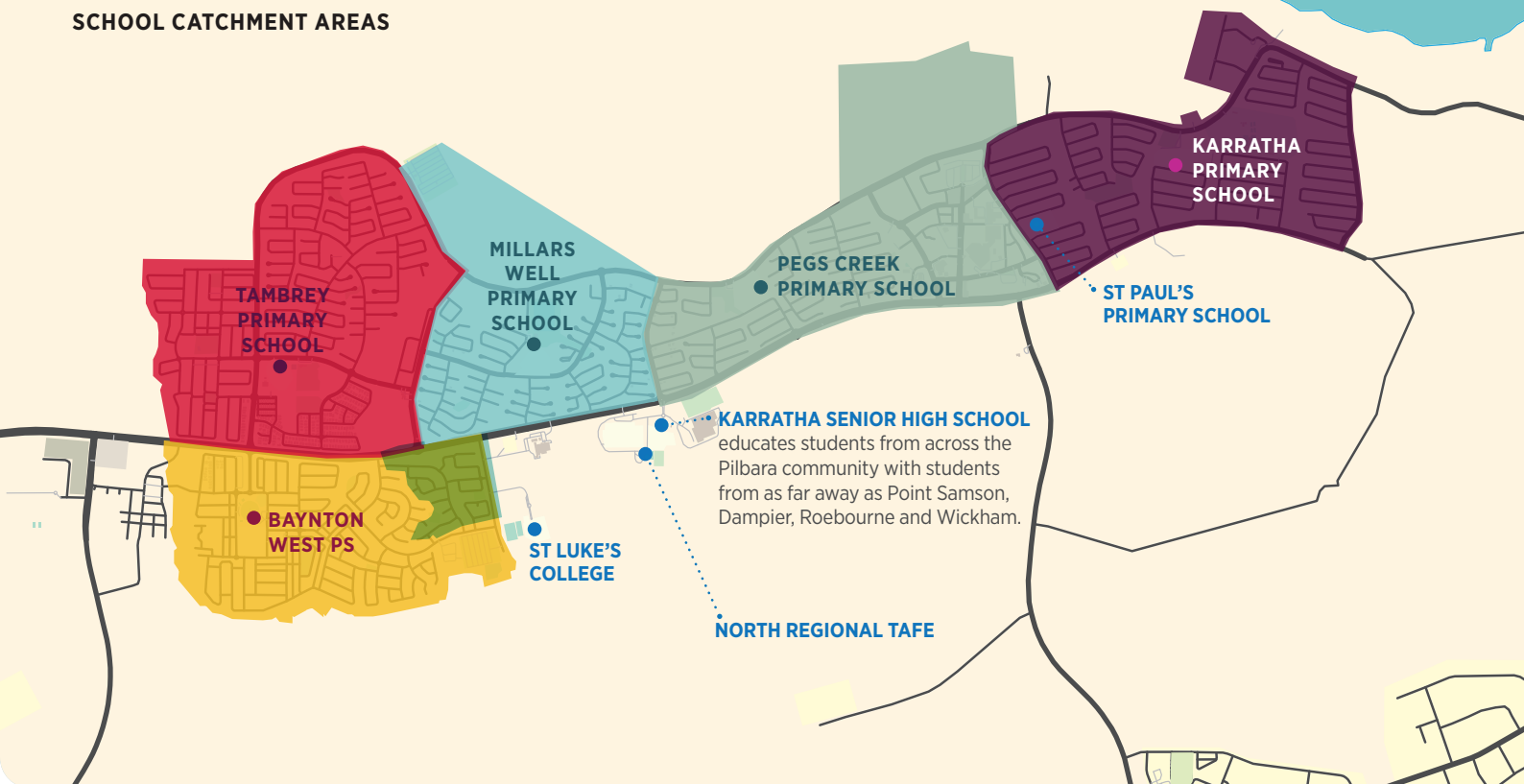
*Wellard Way, Bulgarra*  
[stpaulsk.wa.edu.au](http://stpaulsk.wa.edu.au)

Established by the Presentation Sisters in 1978, St Paul's Primary School in Karratha provides Catholic education to students from Kindy to Year 6. The School's vision, "To Educate Children for Life" exemplifies the values of their founder Nano Nagle, who pioneered this ministry for the poor and downtrodden of her time.

As well as providing quality education, St Paul's have a strong emphasis on encouraging students to reach their full potential and to be responsible and respectful students who use their knowledge and freedom to make good choices and valuable contributions to society. St Paul's understands the diverse needs of families and the importance of innovative learning approaches. They are proud to offer their own outside-of-school-hours care, several specialist programs, and utilise technology to connect students with language teachers across the country.



## SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREAS



### TAMBREY PRIMARY SCHOOL

9186 7400

Lot 4225 Tambrey Drive, Karratha  
[tambreyps.wa.edu.au](http://tambreyps.wa.edu.au)

Established in 1989, Tambrey Primary School takes a holistic approach to education with a curriculum that includes the arts, physical education, languages, engagements and intervention, as well as offering specialist programs for students from Kindergarten to Year Six. The uniqueness of Tambrey Primary School lies in their emphasis on community and their involvement with the wider Karratha area. As well as standard classroom activities, students learning at Tambrey Primary School are supported through partnerships with parent groups, industry, local business, government agencies, not-for-profit organisations and Indigenous corporations.

School Vision: "To be a vibrant and dynamic professional learning community built on positive relationships, sustainable connections with our local community, and strong partnerships with the broader education, industry and business sectors."







## SECONDARY SCHOOL

### KARRATHA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

9187 8000

*Dampier Road, Karratha*  
karrathashs.wa.edu.au

Karratha Senior High School (SHS) is a public school for students from Years 7 to 12. Boasting facilities that are the envy of schools across WA, the school prides itself on quality academic, cultural and sporting performances, Karratha SHS students are confident learners and leaders who understand that commitment leads to success.

Karratha SHS celebrates diversity and focuses on inclusivity – offering classes to cover a broad range of interests and abilities. With a spectrum of opportunity-enabling aid, including learning support and gifted and talented programs, all students are supported along their chosen academic pathway, with at least 95% of students completing a Certificate II or higher since 2017.



### ST LUKE'S COLLEGE

9144 1081

*1 Rosemary Road, Baynton*  
stlukescollege.wa.edu.au

St Luke's College, the Pilbara's only Catholic secondary College, opened in 1987 and currently caters for 360 Year 7 - 12 students from the Karratha, Dampier, Wickham, Roebourne and Point Samson. With a new performing arts centre, astronomy observatory, trade training centre and extensive curriculum and co-curricular activities, all students are encouraged to instill their own personal goals and supported to reach success in their chosen area of studies. St Luke's College students have studied in a wide range of areas, including medicine, engineering, business and education as a result of the school's dual focus on pastoral care and academic outcomes.



## TERTIARY EDUCATION

### NORTH REGIONAL TAFE

1300 996 573

*Dampier Road, Karratha*

[northregionaltafe.wa.edu.au/campuses/karratha](http://northregionaltafe.wa.edu.au/campuses/karratha)

The North Regional TAFE campus in Karratha is the major Pilbara campus. Karratha TAFE specialises in business, fabrication, beauty, safety, high risk and computing training, and offers an extensive list of courses. From certificates to diplomas, and with a variety of study modes (on campus, self-paced, online or more), TAFE Karratha is sure to provide you with the support and flexibility to achieve your higher education goals.

### PILBARA UNIVERSITIES CENTRE

Whilst Karratha doesn't have a university just yet, a plan to establish a regional universities centre in the Pilbara received \$3 million in government funding in November 2018. The planned Pilbara Universities Centre would have its base in Karratha and provide local tutorials and pastoral support for students who would otherwise have to study long distance or online. Watch this Space!





## CHILDCARE

In Karratha we believe it takes a village to raise a child. That's why we have so many great childcare and early learning centres to ensure your family has the support it needs to get the most out of life here!

### ONE TREE COMMUNITY SERVICES

9185 4292

1455 Searipple Road, Bulgarra  
[onetree.org.au](http://onetree.org.au)

### PILBARA PREPARATORY

0499 974 906

Karratha Family Centre, Searipple Road, Karratha  
[pilbaraprep.com](http://pilbaraprep.com)

### KARRATHA EARLY LEARNING

9131 5005

51 Gardugarli Drive, Baynton  
[karrathaearlylearning.com.au](http://karrathaearlylearning.com.au)

### MILLARS WELL CHILDREN SERVICES

9185 1614

Lot 3002 Teesdale Place, Millars Well

### CHILD CAMPUS KARRATHA

0474 540 886

Galbraith Road, Karratha

### YMCA TRAMBREY EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

9144 2022

502 Bayview Road, Karratha  
[ymcawa.org.au/tambrey-elc](http://ymcawa.org.au/tambrey-elc)

### MONTESSORI EARLY YEARS LEARNING AND CARE CENTRE DAMPIER

9183 0574

3 High Street, Dampier

### MONTESSORI EARLY YEARS LEARNING AND CARE CENTRE KARRATHA

9144 2559

18 Crane Circle, Pegs Creek





# Karratha Kids

Kids love Karratha. What kid wouldn't love unlimited open space to play in? Even if being in the great outdoors isn't on the cards for the day, there's plenty to do for kids of all ages.

## THE YOUTH SHED

9186 8576

*Hillview Road, Karratha*

[karratha.wa.gov.au/youth-shed](http://karratha.wa.gov.au/youth-shed)

The Youth Shed is a Karratha-based dedicated youth space for 11-18-year olds. Whether during the term or school holidays, there's always great people to hang out with and plenty to do. From late nights and dance parties, wellbeing to music classes, you won't want to miss being a part of the Youth Shed!

- Year-round programs and activities
- Skate park
- Half Basketball Court
- Table tennis
- Computers and gaming
- Pool tables
- And much more!

Visit the online events calendar for all the upcoming events in the City of Karratha or follow @kcityteens on Instagram for the latest events, happenings, and giveaways for young people in the City of Karratha!

## INDOOR PLAY CENTRE

9186 8647

*Hillview Road, Karratha*

*Corner of Hillview Road and Balmoral Road*

Located inside the Youth Shed, this innovative, family-friendly facility has everything kids could want, including a fully air-conditioned indoor children's playground and cafe. Let the kids have a ball while you sit, relax and get to know other parents in Karratha!

The centre also has a range of programs for tiny tots and little ones that are not only fun, but great for sensory play and developing gross motor skills and coordination.

## 3RD KARRATHA SCOUT GROUP

*Scout Hall, Nairn Street, Bulgarra*

[3rd.karratha.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:3rd.karratha.scouts@gmail.com)

Scouting is a worldwide youth movement that helps young people to be their best, supporting them as they develop in all facets of life so they can grow into constructive citizens in their communities.

Learning life skills, growing in self-confidence and gaining valuable leadership and team skills are all part of the Scout program, delivered by nationally accredited, highly trained leaders in safe but adventurous environments.

## KARRATHA FAMILY CENTRE

9144 1740

*Bayview Road, Bulgarra, Karratha*

[karrathafamilycentre.com.au](http://karrathafamilycentre.com.au)

Open Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 1.30pm

Karratha Family Centre is a proactive community focused organisation which encourages the development and socialisation of children. Karratha Family Centre is managed by a volunteer committee with several paid employees including qualified Early Years professionals and education assistants. With a toy library, great areas for play, and a range of activities and programs for children 0 – 5 years, the Karratha Family Centre is a must for new families to the area.



# Karratha Events Calendar

Behind the serenity of Karratha's beautiful landscape lies a City brimming with vibrancy and life. Year-round activities offer the chance for you and your family to experience some of the best entertainment and produce from the Pilbara and all across Australia.

## KARRATHA CITY NIGHT MARKETS

The Karratha City Night Markets offer a wide range of activities, including face painting, kids rides, street performers, bands, DJs and light shows.

To find out upcoming dates and more info, follow the Karratha City Markets Facebook page at: [facebook.com/karrathacitymarkets/](https://facebook.com/karrathacitymarkets/)

## KARRATHA MARKETS

Another monthly market, the Karratha Markets are held on Baynton West Oval and boast a huge range of family friendly activities including pony rides, bouncy castles, gourmet food stalls, local arts and crafts and heaps of entertainment.

More information can be found on the Karratha Markets Facebook page at: [facebook.com/karrathacitymarkets/](https://facebook.com/karrathacitymarkets/)

## DAMPIER BEACHSIDE MARKETS

The Dampier Beachside Markets are a perfect way to spend a Sunday. Showcasing some of the region's most talented and unique arts and crafts people, the Dampier Beachside Markets offer all sorts of delights for visitors. See quality handmade products, taste delicious food and produce, and spend money on unique treasures you can only find in Dampier.

To find out more follow the Dampier Beachside Markets Facebook page at [facebook.com/DampierBeachsideMarkets](https://facebook.com/DampierBeachsideMarkets)

## ROEBOURNE RACES

For more than 150 years, punters have been watching, betting, and enjoying the four-race round of the best racing the north west has to offer. The Races include a full bar, TAB, bookmakers, Fashion on the Field competitions and awards after the final race on Cup Day.

For more information check out the Nor West Jockey Club website at: [nwjc.com.au](https://nwjc.com.au)

## COSSACK ART AWARDS

Each July the historic town of Cossack comes alive with the creativity of artists from all across Australia, all competing for the country's most unique regional art prize, the Cossack Art Award. This popular event features some fantastic activities and attractions for the whole family, so make sure you don't miss out.

For more information see the Cossack Art Awards website at [cossackartawards.com.au](https://cossackartawards.com.au)

## REAF

The Red Arts Earth Festival is one of the largest arts festivals of its kind. The eclectic program features events in all five of the towns within the City of Karratha, including Karratha, Dampier, Roebourne, Wickham and Point Samson.

For more information check out the REAF website at [reaf.com.au](https://reaf.com.au)











# Explore Nearby

## DAMPIER

Named after famous English sailor and buccaneer William Dampier, this town and Archipelago lie to the north west of Karratha. The archipelago is a collection of 42 uninhabited islands, rocks and keys featuring stretches of sandy beach, breathtaking diving, snorkelling and fishing, offshore coral reefs and a rich, diverse ecosystem. Best of all, Dampier is only 20 km away from Karratha!

## BURRUP PENINSULA

North of Karratha, the Burrup Peninsula is living proof of the ancient history of the Indigenous people in the Pilbara. Hundreds of thousands of petroglyphs across the area are widely considered to be among the earliest examples of art in the world. Get a guided tour through Ngajarli (Deep) Gorge to see a wide range. The Burrup Peninsula is 32 km away from Karratha, around a 40-minute drive.

## POINT SAMSON

Point Samson is situated north east of Karratha. Though the town was established as a pastoral port, today it is a picturesque coastal village, famous for its fresh seafood and idyllic beaches at John's Creek and Honeymoon Cove. Just 56 km away from Karratha, off the North West Coastal Highway in Roebourne, Point Samson is the perfect destination for a weekend day trip.

## MILLSTREAM CHICHESTER NATIONAL PARK

Explorer Francis Gregory named Millstream after 'a fine tributary running strong enough to supply a large mill'. 105 km from Karratha, Millstream Chichester National Park features a landscape of gorges and waterways, a lush oasis in the red dirt desert. Over 120 species of bird, 30 species of mammal, 150 species of reptile and 500 species of plants can be found in the park.

## ROEBOURNE

Roebourne is the oldest settlement between Geraldton and Darwin, located 38 km east of Karratha. A former gold rush town with a fascinating history, the town today is a prominent Indigenous community. Roebourne is experiencing a revitalisation as many Indigenous residents flourish in the arts and resources industry fields and many people from a range of traditional Indigenous language groups, including the Ngarluma, Yindjibarndi, Yaburara, Mardudhunera, and Won-Goo-Tt-Oo call Roebourne home. Visit the restored heritage stone buildings and distinctive octagonal shaped gaol to get a sense of what life would have been like for the early European settlers in the area, and don't miss the cultural centre in the town to get an idea of just how rich the history, culture, and future is in Roebourne.



The City of Karratha local government covers an area of 15,278 km<sup>2</sup> (thats nearly three times the size of the Island of Bali!) and includes the towns of Dampier, Karratha, Roebourne, Wickham, Point Samson and Cossack.



# Weather

Karratha, much like the rest of the Pilbara, has a climate which includes year-round warmth and awe-inspiring monsoonal downpours.

The hottest time of year is November to March, when the average high temperature is above 35°C and the average low at 25°C. The middle of the year around June and July has an average high of around 26°C and can get down to 14°C on particularly cool nights.

The Yinjibardni people followed their own seasons, based on thousands of years of life on the land.

There are two Yinjibardni seasons:



**SUMMER = GARRWARN**



**WINTER = MULHU (MULHUNGGA)**

Both seasons are divided into 3 'mini-seasons':

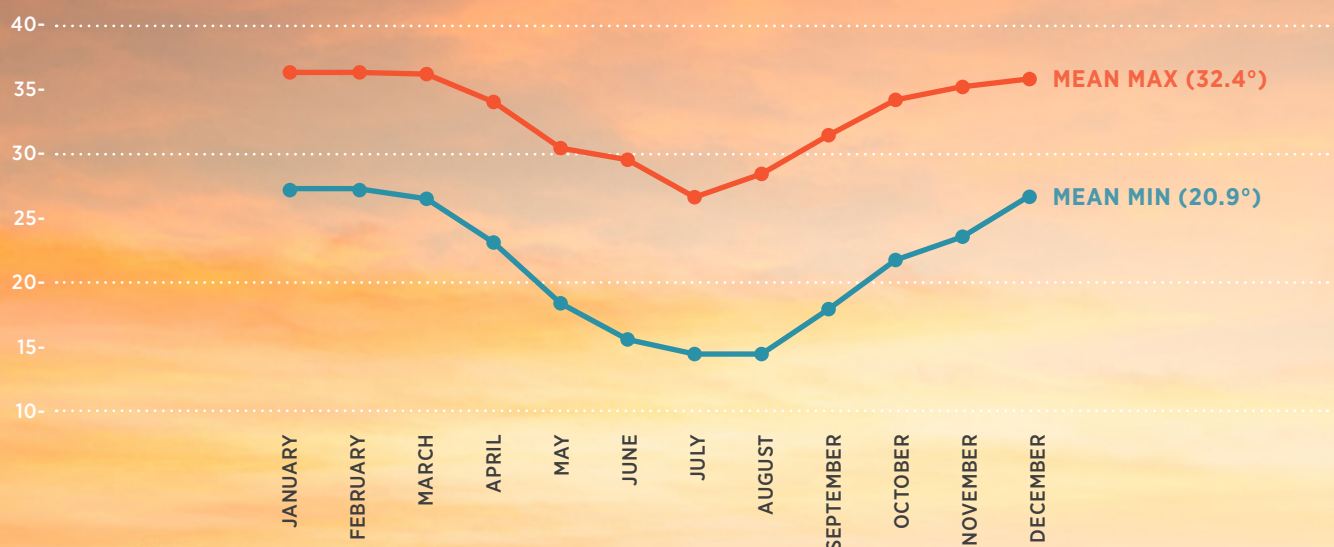
- Beginning = Muthangga
- Middle = Mardulila
- Ending = Yurluwarningu

Garrwarn (Summer) features hot weather (jurlu), cyclones (wirliwirli) and dry land (biyu).

Mulhu (Winter) features rain (yundu) and cold weather (mulhumulu).

There's one thing that's for certain though. Whatever time of year it is it's shorts and t-shirt weather in Karratha!

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IN KARRATHA





# Emergency Information

This page has all the important emergency information you need to know for your move to Karratha.



## CYCLONES

Karratha's location and climate make it more prone to certain extreme weather, but don't worry, there are plenty of resources to help you stay safe during these events.

Cyclone season is from the beginning of November to the end of April. If a cyclone is approaching Karratha, tune into your local radio station or keep an eye on the television for the latest news and updates.

There are four potential alerts to know of during a cyclone warning.

<b>BLUE ALERT</b>	<b>PREPARE FOR CYCLONE WEATHER</b>
<b>YELLOW ALERT</b>	<b>TAKE ACTION AND GET READY TO TAKE SHELTER</b>
<b>RED ALERT</b>	<b>TAKE SHELTER FROM THE CYCLONE IMMEDIATELY</b>
<b>ALL CLEAR</b>	<b>THE DANGER HAS PASSED BUT TAKE CARE</b>

Detailed information on what steps to take after each of these alerts has been issued can be found on the City of Karratha Facebook page, the Bureau of Meteorology Facebook page, and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) website: [dfes.wa.gov.au](https://dfes.wa.gov.au)

Cyclone advice and DFES alerts are also available by calling 13 DFES (13 3337)



## FIRE

If you see a bushfire anywhere, call Emergency Services straight away on 000. Restricted fire season exists all year round in the City of Karratha and any open-air fires at any time require a permit.

Check the DFES website for more information on what to do in the event of a bushfire and check the back pocket of this booklet for some fact sheets about fire danger ratings and warning levels.



## FLOOD

If you live in a flood prone area you should prepare for the possibility of flooding endangering you and your family.

Check the DFES website for more information on what to do in the event of a flood, including advice on preparing an emergency kit and flood plan, relocation advice, preparing pets and livestock, and other tips for ensuring the smallest possible negative impact to your life.



More useful links and important contact details can be found in your Welcome Pack folder.





## Social Media Sites

The online community in Karratha is highly active and friendly. In many cases, Facebook is the best way to get the latest news and get involved in discussions about your new community. Check out the following Facebook pages to stay in the loop with the goings on in Karratha.

### **CITY OF KARRATHA**

@cityofkarratha

The official City of Karratha Facebook page

### **EVERYTHING KARRATHA**

@EverythingKarratha

Karratha news, events, discussions and more

### **EPIC KARRATHA**

@epickarratha

Empowering People In Communities official Karratha page

### **KARRATHA JOBS**

@KarrathaJobs

Volunteer-run page for advertising jobs in Karratha

### **TRIPLE M KARRATHA**

@TripleMKarratha

Official Facebook page for 102.5 Triple M Karratha Radio Station

### **KARRATHA WORK WANTED GROUP**

Group for advertising of skills and positions vacant services available and general job/work posting

### **KARRATHA BUY, SELL & SWAP**

Active buy and sell group

### **KARRATHA & SURROUNDS NOTICEBOARD**

An information service for Karratha locals



# Important Numbers

<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>000</b>		
<b>POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE</b>	<b>13 11 26</b>	<b>MEDICAL CENTRES</b>	
<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b>000</b>	KARRATHA MEDICAL CENTRE	9185 3555
ST JOHNS KARRATHA BRANCH	9185 1222	KARRATHA CENTRAL HEALTH CARE	9185 6662
ST JOHNS ROEBOURNE BRANCH	9182 1359	SONIC HEALTH PLUS	9159 1800
		WICKHAM HEALTH CENTRE	9187 1015
<b>POLICE</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>CITY OF KARRATHA</b>	<b>9186 8555</b>
KARRATHA	9143 7200	Rangers, local history/museums,	
DAMPIER	9183 1144	parks and gardens, rates, after hours.	
ROEBOURNE	9182 1133		
WICKHAM	9187 1444	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
CRIME STOPPERS	1800 333 000	HORIZON POWER	13 23 51
		WATER CORPORATION	13 13 75
<b>FIRE (DFES)</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>VISITORS CENTRE</b>	
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES)	13 25 00	KARRATHA VISITOR CENTRE	9144 4600
EMERGENCY INFORMATION HOTLINE	13 33 37	NORTH WEST SHELF VENTURE	
KARRATHA OFFICE	9159 1400	VISITOR CENTRE	9158 8292
<b>HOSPITALS</b>		<b>WOODSIDE</b>	
KARRATHA HEALTH CAMPUS	9144 7777	KARRATHA OFFICE	9158 8100
ROEBOURNE HOSPITAL	9182 0200		

## YOUR IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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