



COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to present the Shire of Carnarvon 2026/27 budget.

This budget has been the culmination of months of work and continues delivering on community expectations for improved service delivery, infrastructure renewal and progress of our major projects.

The Shire has endeavoured to balance rising costs with cost-of-living pressure on our community. Unfortunately, many of the same costs placing pressure on household budgets are also affecting the Shire's operations such as fuel, freight, insurance and goods and services generally.

I am confident that this budget will deliver for all sections of our community from new investment in footpaths, improved disability access to improving critical infrastructure such as the Coral Bay Airstrip and Carnarvon Airport. CCTV upgrades to enhance community safety and new services to support recovery from the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Narelle.

Balancing the budget has not been an easy task with competing priorities for finite funding, however I am confident that with a newly elected Council, refreshed community priorities and a plan to strengthen our financial position the Shire will continue to prosper.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR RATES

Your rates help fund the services, facilities and infrastructure the community uses every day.

HOW YOUR RATES ARE CALCULATED



Property valuation

GRV or UV



Rate in the dollar

for your category



General rates

minimum may apply

Landgate's Valuer-General sets property values. Council sets the rate in the dollar for each rating category.

WORKED EXAMPLE

GRV x rate	ESL*	Residential rubbish	Example total
\$2,000	+\$113	+\$610	\$2,723

Illustrative example only: \$20,000 GRV × 0.1000000.
Actual values, rates, charges and concessions may differ.

CORAL BAY SPECIAL AREA RATE · \$460,000

Raised from applicable Coral Bay properties and restricted to the operation, maintenance and future requirements of the Coral Bay Refuse Site.

Any amount unspent at year end is transferred to the relevant specific reserve so it remains available for this purpose.

CHARGES AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Residential rubbish removal
\$610

Commercial rubbish removal
\$625

Pay in full
12 Oct 2026

Two instalments
12 Oct 2026
15 Feb 2027

Four instalments
12 Oct 2026
14 Dec 2026
15 Feb 2027
19 Apr 2027

Instalment plan: \$10 administration charge and 5.5% interest.
Overdue rates interest: 11.0%.
No plan charges apply when paid in full by the due date.

2026–27 RATING CATEGORIES

Rate Description	Basis of valuation	Rate in \$	Minimum
Residential	Gross rental valuation	0.117000	1,580.00
Commercial/Industrial	Gross rental valuation	0.126180	1,580.00
Special Use/Rural	Gross rental valuation	0.125920	1,580.00
Mining	Unimproved valuation	0.318400	1,580.00
Pastoral	Unimproved valuation	0.140150	1,580.00
Intensive Horticulture	Unimproved valuation	0.029850	1,580.00

*Emergency Services Levy (ESL)

EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP?

Contact the Shire as early as possible. We may be able to arrange manageable payments or other support under the Financial Hardship Policy. Enquiries are respectful and confidential.

(08) 9941 0000
rates@carнарvon.wa.gov.au

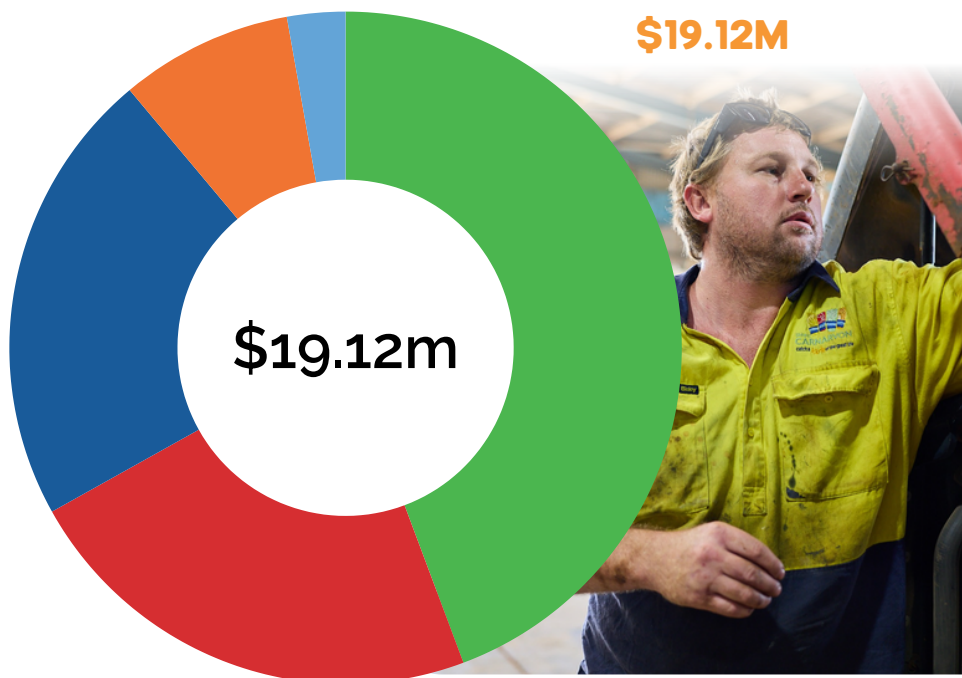
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM AND WHERE IT GOES

This operating view shows the day-to-day income and expenditure that supports Shire services. Capital projects are presented separately.

OPERATING INCOME

\$19.12M

Rates	\$8.47m · 44.3%
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	\$4.21m · 22.0%
Fees & Charges	\$4.32m · 22.6%
Interest Revenue	\$0.53m · 2.8%
Other Revenue	\$1.59m · 8.3%



OPERATING EXPENDITURE

\$32.2M

Employee Costs		\$12.91m · 40.0%
107 employees across the Shire	95 FTE full-time equivalent positions	12 positions supported through other grants
Employee costs include salaries and wages, superannuation, allowances, uniforms and workers' compensation insurance.		
Plus 18.5 FTE Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) Positions fully funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and not included in the workforce figures above.		
Depreciation		\$8.72m · 27.1%
Materials & Contracts		\$8.36m · 25.9%
Utility Charges		\$0.97m · 3.0%
Insurance		\$0.72m · 2.2%
Governance Cost		\$0.55m · 1.7%

Operating expenditure includes \$8.72m in depreciation, which reflects the use of Shire assets over time.

PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES IN 2026/27

The 2026–27 budget includes a capital works program of approximately \$21.53 million. Rates form one part of the funding mix, alongside Australian and State Government grants, previously received project funding, reserves and borrowings.



ROADS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Roads Improvement Program \$4.03 million

External funding: \$3.88 million. Shire contribution: \$150,000.

Works across Carnarvon-Mullewa Road, Edagee Road, French Street, Warroora East Road and:

Quobba–Gnaraloo Road \$1.18 million

Speedway Road \$1.06 million

Minilya–Lyndon Road \$0.85 million

Kerbing and Footpath Replacements \$200,000

William Street Pump Station \$175,000

Coral Bay Airstrip Pavement Reshape and Stabilisation \$270,000

External funding: \$179,910, including \$90,000 through RADS and \$89,910 through RAUP.
Shire contribution: \$90,090.

Carnarvon Airport Q400 Upgrade Works \$252,000

Fully funded through Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure.



COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Civic Centre Theatre Seat Upgrades \$497,000

Fully funded through Lotterywest.

Woolshed Roofing Renewal \$150,000

CCTV System Upgrades \$103,000

Playground Equipment Replacements \$75,000

Regional Art Gallery Improvements \$32,009

Fully funded through Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport.



What's happening in Carnarvon and Coral Bay?

To find out about projects in the Shire visit

www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au/council/projects



MAJOR PROJECTS AND LOCAL INVESTMENT

Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program **\$5.50 million**

Progressing the Shire-led components of the program, including Van Dongen Park, the Tramway Trail, Urban Forest, Local Connect and Create.

External and previously received project funding: \$5.50 million.

The Pier Development **\$6 million**

The Pier is a DG Corp development. The Shire is supporting the project by auspicings and administering grant funding.

Auspiced external funding: \$6 million.

Carnarvon Activation Plan **\$2.24 million**

Project funding: \$2.25 million, including \$1.23 million from Lotterywest and \$1.01 million in previously received project funding.



RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

STC Narelle Community Recovery Officer and Recovery Delivery Capacity **\$150,000**

Fully funded through the STC Narelle Recovery and Resilience Fund, administered by DFES.

STC Narelle – Future Ready Industries **\$150,000**

Fully funded through the STC Narelle Recovery and Resilience Fund, administered by DFES.

Carnarvon Floodplain Recovery, Responsibility and Resilience Project **\$50,000**

Fully funded through the STC Narelle Recovery and Resilience Fund, administered by DFES.

YOUR RATES AT WORK

Your rates contribute to the services, facilities and projects that support everyday life across the Shire of Carnarvon. From maintaining roads and managing community facilities to supporting local events, economic development, emergency recovery and good governance, rates help us build safe, connected and thriving communities.

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF CARNARVON AND CORAL BAY



COUNCIL AND GOVERNANCE

Supporting transparent decision-making, responsible financial management and local representation on behalf of the community.



SUPPORTING INVESTMENT AND GRANT FUNDING

Working with developers such as DG Corp to help secure grant funding for projects like The Pier, supporting new investment, tourism and economic opportunities in Carnarvon.

\$8 million investment

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RECOVERY

Working with emergency services and community partners to prepare for emergencies, coordinate local responses and support recovery.

\$350,00 investment



SWIMMING POOL SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

Undertaking statutory inspections. Providing information to help ensure private swimming pool and spa barriers meet required safety standards.



SENIORS AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Delivering programs, activities and opportunities that help older residents stay active, connected and involved in community life.

Ongoing investment



What's happening in Carnarvon and Coral Bay?

Stay up-to-date with what's happening in the Shire of Carnarvon. From events and workshops to environmental initiatives, term and holiday programs for kids, new infrastructure projects, sports, and nutrition programs, visit www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au/events



PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Managing development and building applications to support safe, appropriate and sustainable growth.



ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Maintaining and improving local roads, drainage and essential infrastructure to support safe and reliable travel.



AIRPORT MANAGEMENT

Managing and maintaining airport infrastructure to support safe, reliable air access for residents, visitors, businesses and essential services.



ARTS AND CULTURE

Providing exhibitions, creative programs and cultural experiences through the Library and Art Gallery.



EVENTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Supporting events and initiatives, including the Gnulli Festival, that celebrate our community and culture.



LOCAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT AND PROMOTION

Promoting Carnarvon and Coral Bay, supporting local businesses and attracting visitors, investment and opportunities to the region.



KEY ELECTION DATES

 Postal election

5pm Wednesday
7 October
Enrolment closes

Tuesday
13 October
Nominations open

4pm Tuesday
20 October
Nominations close

6pm Thursday
3 December
Completed postal votes due

STAND FOR THE COMMUNITY YOU CALL HOME

COULD YOU BE A COUNCILLOR?

Councillors help make decisions that shape local services, facilities and the future of our Shire.

You do not need previous Council experience or formal qualifications. People from all backgrounds and life experiences are encouraged to nominate.



Listen

Understand community priorities



Represent

Consider the whole Shire community.



Contribute

Help guide local decisions and direction.

HOW TO NOMINATE

1

Check your eligibility

Be 18 or older, an elector of the Shire and eligible to stand.

2

Complete the induction

Finish the mandatory online candidate induction before nominating.

3

Prepare your nomination

Complete the form and candidate profile, and include the \$100 deposit.

4

Lodge it early

Submit it to the Returning Officer between 13 and 20 October.

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

Scan for eligibility information, the candidate induction and nomination resources.



www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au/council/council-business/elections

