

Dampier

Dampier takes its name from the Dampier Archipelago, named after English explorer William Dampier who visited the area in late 1600s.

Dampier was established in 1967 as the port and processing centre for Hamersley Iron mines at Tom Price and Paraburdoo and is home to many employees based at our port and rail facilities.

Located 16 kilometres from Karratha and 1557 kilometres north of Perth, Dampier is an attractive town overlooking the ocean and the 42 near islands of the Dampier Archipelago.

Reflecting the town's history as a purpose built mining town, Rio Tinto still has a significant presence in the town, and is responsible for many assets. We operate the utilities network, power, water and sewerage in Dampier as well as several parks and reserves and other community facilities.

The town has a population of approximately 1300 people including a fly-in, fly-out (FIFO) workforce.

Dampier Palms



Contacts

Dampier Police station	9183 1144
Fire	000
St John's Ambulance	9185 1222
Nickol Bay Hospital	91 43 2333
Dampier Primary School.....	9183 1174
Pilbara Service Desk	1800 992 777
(Housing, utilities, environment and community queries/comments)	
Rio Tinto Employee Cyclone Hotline	1800 992 777
Dampier Community Association	9183 1243
Karratha Visitor Centre	9144 4600

Facilities

- Primary school
- Dampier camp school
- Child-care centre
- Service station
- Caravan park
- Community hall
- Library
- St Peter's Catholic church
- Boat ramps

Significant events

- FeNaClng Festival www.roebourne.wa.gov.au
- Red Dog Festival www.reddogfestival.com.au
- Stairway to the Moon – Hearsons Cove
- Twilight Tunes
- Clean Up Australia
- Cossack Art Award
- Roebourne Races

Sporting/recreation

- Karratha Leisureplex
- Dampier Sports Club – under lights oval (Windy Ridge Oval)/club rooms/ bar facilities
- Cricket nets/pitch - Windy Ridge oval
- Hampton oval – small pavilion/unlit oval
- Tennis club – two coin operated courts
- Squash club – three courts
- Bowling club - bar
- Hampton Boat and Sailing Club – bar/ restaurant/ boat ramp (membership required)
- Skate park

Parks

- Lions Park – BBQ/shade and tables/ablutions/playground
- Hampton Beach – BBQ/playground/shade and tables/ablutions
- Shark Cage Beach - BBQ/shade and tables/ablutions
- The Palms (palm shaded grassed area near beach)
- Jurat Park – playground
- Library - playground

Community groups in Dampier

- Dampier Community Association
- Arts and craft group
- Family playgroup

General information

Local fire information

If you observe a fire/bushfire anywhere please call emergency services by dialing 000.

Bush fire control

Restricted fire season exists all year within the Shire of Roebourne. Fire permits are required at all times for any open air fires.

Lighting of fires in the open air within the Shire of Roebourne for the purpose of camping or cooking are prohibited on days of very high, severe, extreme or catastrophic fire danger forecast (this includes gas cooking appliances).

Permit to burn

Applying for a permit to burn does not mean it will be automatically issued.

Please contact the Shire emergency management officer on 9186 8572 for fire permits.

Information required for a permit to burn:

- Name of the person conducting the burn
- The location, lot number and/or street address of the property to which the permit will apply to
- The firefighting equipment/operating standard and resources you have
- A safety plan
- The size of the burn area
- Fire breaks and access for emergency fire units to the property
- Materials proposed to be burnt

Transport

A community bus, funded by Rio Tinto and the Department of Transport, operates on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday between Dampier, Karratha, Roebourne, Wickham and Point Samson. Details regarding the timetable and fares are available on the shire website www.roebourne.wa.gov.au

Health clinics / hospitals

Nickol Bay Hospital	9143 2333
Karratha Medical Centre	9185 3555
Kinetic Health Clinic EAST	9159 1800
Kinetic Health Clinic WEST	9185 2305

For a full list of health and medical services, please refer to the KDCCI Business & Community Directory.

News

The local newspapers are the Pilbara Echo delivered on Saturdays and Pilbara News delivered on Wednesdays. Both papers are free-of-charge.

Karratha Airport

Karratha Airport provides a vital air link to the thriving Pilbara region of Western Australia, with multiple daily services to Perth, weekly services to Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney, and direct services to Broome, Darwin, Exmouth and Geraldton.

For all airline related queries please contact the relevant airline.

Airport contacts

Airport administration	9186 8507
Karratha Flying Services	9144 2444
Hertz	9144 1666
Avis	9144 4122
Budget	9144 2136
Thrifty	9143 1711
Australian Air Express	9185 4009
Toll Priority	9144 1522

Leisure

Beaches

Some of the most popular and easily accessible beaches in and around the central Pilbara coast are Hearson's Cove, the Dampier Foreshore, Point Samson, Honeymoon Cove and Cossack. There are also numerous beaches on the Dampier Archipelago and the Montebello Islands. Tours are available through the Karratha and Roebourne Visitor Centres.

Boat ramps

Public boat ramps are located at Dampier, Karratha Back Beach, John's Creek at Point Samson, Cossack and Wickham.

For information contact 9186 8555.

A floating jetty is located in Dampier at the Hampton Harbour Boat and Sailing Club, The Esplanade.

For details regarding membership contact the club on 9183 1116 (Monday, Wednesday or Friday) or visit www.hamptonharbour.net.au

Karratha Leisureplex

The Karratha Leisureplex opened in mid 2013 and has become a hub for the local community, particularly families who enjoy the aquatic centre, playing fields, outdoor and indoor courts, minigolf, fitness centre and a café. A barbeque, changerooms, showers and a kiosk are also available. For more information and current opening hours, please call 9186 8556 or visit www.karrathaleisureplex.com.au. We are proud contributors to this community facility.

For a full list of sporting and recreation groups in Dampier and Karratha, please refer to the community listings pages in the KDCCI Business & Community Directory.

Local lookouts

The William Dampier Lookout on Hampton Drive in Dampier offers excellent views of Hampton Harbour and, thanks to a recently installed telescope, allows close up inspection of all that is happening from the Dampier Archipelago Islands through to the Burrup Peninsula.

Locations for great views of Karratha are accessible by car from the Water Corporation (Two Tanks) Lookout behind the Karratha Visitor Centre, and from TV Lookout, on Millstream Road in Karratha.

The North West Shelf Venture Visitor Centre, located at the entrance to the North West Shelf Venture on Burrup Road offers fantastic views for 360 degrees around the Burrup Peninsula. Several more out of the way spots such as the Rotary Lookouts along the Jaburara Heritage Trail offer a different perspective of Karratha.

The walk or drive to the top of Mount Welcome in Roebourne, is rewarded with excellent panoramic views of the Roebourne township and Harding River.

Experience beautiful views of the ocean and surrounding countryside from Tank Hill in Wickham.

Reader's Head in Cossack offers spectacular panoramic views of the Pilbara landscape, surrounding the township of Cossack and the ocean to Jarman Island.

Karijini

Covering an area of some 627,445 hectares, the Karijini National Park is the second largest park in WA and recognised as one of the most spectacular sights within the Pilbara region. Phone the Roebourne Visitor Centre on 9182 1060 or the Karratha Visitor Centre 9144 4600 for further information.

Millstream

Located around two hours drive from Karratha or Roebourne and covering an area of approximately 200,000 hectares, Millstream is a lush oasis of palms and cool permanent water, in stark contrasts to the surrounding landscape of rocky escarpments and rolling spinifex-covered hills.

Montebello Islands

Located about 130 kilometres west of Dampier, the Montebellos is a group of nearly 100 limestone islands surrounded by white sandy beaches and turquoise green waters. With a six metre tidal range, the islands are perfect for snorkeling, beachcombing and exploring, as well as providing fertile fishing grounds.

Mt Herbert, Wittenoom Road, Chichester Ranges

The top of Mount Herbert gives a splendid view of the Savannah lands of Pyramid, Sherlock and Warambie Stations. Chichester Range camel trail is an eight kilometre downhill walk to Mt Herbert and should take about three hours (one way). Stout shoes are required, and it is recommended that a vehicle meet you at the end of the trail at Python Pool. Phone the Roebourne Visitor Centre on 9182 1060 or the Karratha Visitor Centre 9144 4600 for further information.

Camping

Camping is only permitted at Cleaverville and Forty Mile (Gnoorea) Point. Fees are payable to the caretaker on site during tourist season, which runs from 1 May to 30 September. Outside of the tourist season, campers may stay for free for up to three nights in any 28-day period. For the list of fees, please visit www.roebourne.wa.gov.au or call 9186 8555. Please note that there is no water, no toilets and minimal shade. You must have a chemical toilet to camp.

Swimming Pools

The Karratha Leisureplex offers an eight lane, 50 metre, fully shaded pool; a heated 25 metre pool and a shaded learn-to-swim pool and splashpad areas.

The Roebourne Aquatic Centre is located on Sholl Street in Roebourne and is open from September to May each year. From June to September it is closed for maintenance. For more information contact 9182 1101.

The Wickham swimming pool is located on Wickham Drive, and is part of the new Wickham Recreation Precinct. For more information on opening hours and entry fees, please contact reception on 9187 1737.

Libraries

All libraries are serviced by the State Library of Western Australia which provides regular exchanges of new books. All Shire residents may use the libraries free-of-charge and can use their library card to borrow from any of the libraries. All libraries offer word processors, internet access, and photocopiers.

The Shire of Roebourne has numerous libraries:

Wickham	9187 1661
Roebourne	9182 1223
Dampier.....	9183 1562



Other local attractions in Dampier include:

- Seaside foreshore
- Red Dog monument
- The Palms
- William Dampier Lookout
- Shark Cage Beach
- Back Beach – Hampton
- Sam's Island

Rubbish collection and waste facilities

Karratha 7-Mile Waste Facility

The Karratha 7-Mile Waste Facility is located off Dampier Highway approximately ten kilometres from Karratha. The turn-off is on the right as you travel toward Karratha and is sign-posted.

Opening hours: 7am to 4.30pm daily

The facility is closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday.

Hazardous waste is accepted at the facility. Details on what is accepted and the appropriate forms of waste are available online at www.roebourne.wa.gov.au or by calling 9186 8555.

Further information

Some information featured in this section has been kindly provided by the Shire of Roebourne. For further information please visit the Shire website: www.roebourne.wa.gov.au.

Dampier bin collection day is Tuesday. Bin collections proceed as normal during the Christmas holiday period.

Dampier Community Recycling Station

Rio Tinto and ToxFree recognise the importance of recycling in the community and have come together to provide a recycling station in Dampier – the following items are accepted.

Glass

Glass items that are accepted include beer bottles, soft drink bottles that have been lightly rinsed. No ceramics are accepted.

Tin cans

Includes spaghetti and baked beans tins, dog food tins, lightly rinsed.

Cardboard and paper

Please flatten all boxes

Mixed plastic - lightly rinsed, all tops removed.

Aluminium cans

Soft drink cans, beer cans, lightly rinsed.

The Dampier Recycling Station is located on High Street, between Dampier Library and the Dampier Skate Park however will be relocating in mid-2014.

Please remember: general household rubbish cannot be accepted.