

Wickham

Wickham has an estimated population of 2600 people and is located approximately 1500 kilometres north of Perth and 11.5 kilometres from Roebourne.



The town of Wickham is located close to Point Samson, Cossack and Roebourne. The City of Karratha is less than an hour's drive away. Wickham was established in 1970 by Cliffs Robe River Iron Associates (Robe) and named after J.C. Wickham, the captain of HMS Beagle, who surveyed the north-west coast in 1840. Wickham was built to house Robe's Cape employees and their families.

Just out of Wickham, the Cape Lambert iron ore ship loading facility boasts one of the longest and tallest jetties in Australia. At sunset visit Wickham's Tank Hill lookout for sweeping views, or walk the secluded pristine sandy beaches around Cossack and Port Walcott, home of the local yacht club.

In 2012, Rio Tinto announced a major town expansion of Wickham to support the expansion of Cape Lambert port and rail facilities. This includes Wickham South, a new subdivision with over 200 new company houses, high quality fly-in fly-out (FIFO) facilities, parks, gardens and other town infrastructure.

Traditional Owners are Ngarluma people and the Ngarluma heritage of the region is reflected in Wickham street and facility names, public art and Welcome to Country ceremonies.

Town overview

Contacts

WA Police	131 444
Roebourne Police Station.....	9182 1133
Crime Stoppers.....	1800 333 000
Police Emergency	000
Fire	000
St John's Ambulance	000
State Emergency Service.....	132 500
Wickham Medical Centre	9187 1015
Wickham Pharmacy.....	9187 0708
Roebourne Hospital	9182 0200
Nickol Bay Hospital (Karratha).....	9143 2333
Wickham Post Office (Australia Post).....	131318
Rio Tinto Pilbara Service Desk	1800 992 777 (Housing, utilities, environment and community queries/comments)
Rio Tinto Cyclone Hotline	1800 992 777
City of Karratha.....	9186 8555
Main Roads.....	138 138
Water Corporation.....	131 375
Wickham Primary School.....	9187 1089
Wickham Early Learning Centre.....	9187 1992
Wickham Afterschool Care.....	9187 1992
Wickham Library.....	9187 1661
Wickham Recreation Centre Gym.....	9187 0559
Wickham Pool.....	9187 1737
Wickham Bistro/Café.....	0419 876 363
Wickham Service Station.....	9187 1340
Roebourne Visitors Centre.....	9187 1060
Gnarluma Aboriginal Corporation.....	9182 1351

Local Facilities

- Wickham Recreation Centre
- Wickham Primary School
- Wickham Early Learning Centre
- Wickham Afterschool Care
- Wickham Medical Centre
- Wickham Post Office
- Wickham Service Station
- Wickham Community Hall
- Wickham Library
- Wickham Anglican Church
- Church of our Lady of the Pilbara Catholic
- Port Walcott Yacht Club
- Wickham OB's
- Roebourne Golf Club
- Wickham Motocross
- Wickham Picture Gardens

Rio Tinto Facilities

Cajuput Villas – FIFO Accommodation

Wickham Lodge – FIFO Accommodation

Wickham Town Office

- RTIO Communities
- RTIO Utilities
- Spotless

Julutharndu Maya

- RTIO Accommodation and Towns Management
- ISS
- Dining room facilities

Leisure activities

Local Shopping

- Wickham Snack bar
- Pilbara Perk Coffee shop
- Woolworths supermarket and bottle shop
- Wickham newsagent, post office and gift shop
- Westpac Bank
- Tattooist
- Worksense workwear
- Wickham Petrol Station
- Wickham Pharmacy

Sporting/recreation

- Wickham Recreation Centre
 - Café-bistro and bar
 - Function room
 - Indoor (outdoor) cricket nets
 - Gymnasium
 - Pool, barbeques and playground
 - Football and rugby oval
 - Tennis courts
 - Basketball and netball courts
 - Change room facilities
 - Amenities building
 - Squash courts
 - Dual use pathway
 - Skate park

Parks

- Stove Park (barbeques)
- Lions Park (barbeques)
- Saylor Park (barbeques)
- Delambre Park – Wickham South (barbeques)

Community/Sporting groups

- Wickham Community Association
- Wickham Playgroup
- Wickham Kindergym
- Wickham Arts and Craft group
- Wickham Youth Group
- Wickham Tidy Towns
- Wickham FYI
- Wickham OB's
- Roebourne Golf Club

- Port Walcott Yacht Club
- Port Walcott Volunteer Marine Rescue
- Wickham Volunteer Fire and Rescue
- Wickham Volunteer St John Ambulance
- Wickham/Roebourne SES
- Wickham Gym Club
- Wickham Netball (women's, mixed, juniors)
- Wickham Wolves Football Club (seniors/juniors)
- Wickham Wasps Rugby Club (seniors/juniors)
- Wickham Squash Club
- Wickham Boot Camp
- Wickham Teeball/Baseball (juniors)
- Wickham Boxing
- Wickham Martial Arts
- Wickham WRAPS Motocross Club
- Wickham Soccer
- Wickham Swim Club
- Wickham Touch Rugby
- Wickham Cricket Club (seniors/juniors)
- Wickham Outdoor/Indoor Cricket
- Wickham Tennis

If you would like an up to date contact list for the above not for profit local community and sporting groups please contact the Rio Tinto Wickham Communities Officer on 9159 2301.

Social Media Pages/Newspaper

Facebook Pages

- Wickham & surrounds FYI (info@wickhamfyi.com)
- Rio Tinto Wickham & Cape Lambert
- For Sale items around Wickham, Roebourne and Point Samson
- Wickham Community Association
- Wickham Picture Gardens
- Wickham OB's Social Club
- Wickham Playgroup
- Point Samson Community Association

The local newspaper is:

- Pilbara News - home delivered on Wednesdays.

Wickham recreation precinct

After opening in mid-2012, the new and refurbished Wickham Recreation Precinct has become a social hub for the local Wickham community offering new basketball/tennis/netball courts, indoor cricket nets, swimming pool, dual use paths, new change rooms, a gymnasium and a new café-bistro and sportsman bar.

Julutharndu Maya

Named by the Ngarluma elders, Julutharndu Maya means 'everyone's place' and is pronounced Yulutharndoo-Mia. All community members are welcome with their family and friends at the large dining room and alfresco area.

The dining room is open daily to all community members for breakfast 6am – 8am and dinner 4pm – 8.30pm; payment can be made upon entry at the following cost per person:

BREAKFAST

ADULT (13yrs +)	\$20.00
CHILD	\$1 per year age

DINNER

ADULT (13yrs +)	\$25.00
ADULT (13yrs +) theme night	\$25.00
ADULT (13yrs +) seafood night	(as advertised)
CHILD	\$1 per year age

Roebourne Aquatic Centre

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

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, a fitness centre and a café. 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.

Karratha Golf Course

The Karratha golf course is available Sunday to Friday for public use. Saturdays are reserved for club competition. Scroungers are every Tuesday morning and afternoon, and Friday afternoon from 3.30pm. Payment through the Karratha Entertainment Centre or at the payment box located at the course club house. Group bookings are also available.

Karratha bowling green

For bookings, please contact the Karratha Bowling Green directly on 0417 955 998.

Beaches

Some of the most popular and easily accessible beaches in and around the Central Pilbara Coast are Boat Beach Wickham, Hearson's Cove, Dampier Foreshore, Point Samson Foreshore, 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 Centers.

Boat ramps

Public boat ramps are located at Dampier, Karratha Back Beach, Boat Beach Wickham, John's Creek Point Samson and Cossack. 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 please contact the club on 9183 1116 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) or visit their website www.hamptonharbour.net.au

Local lookouts and town information

You can experience beautiful views of the ocean and surrounding countryside from **Tank Hill** in Wickham.

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 out to the Roebourne Race Track and towards the Harding Dam.

Locations for great views of Karratha and environs are readily 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 **Burrup Lookout**, a vantage point near the corner of the roads to Dampier and the North West Shelf Gas project, is a little out of the way, but offers fantastic views for 360 degrees around the Burrup Peninsula. Spots like the **Rotary Lookouts** along the **Jaburara Heritage Trail** offer a different perspective of Karratha and **Reader's Head** in Cossack gives a stunning outlook on the Pilbara landscape.

Cossack

Cossack is a historic town originally named Tien Tsin Harbour in May 1863 by Walter Padbury who landed his stock at the mouth of the river. In December 1871, it was renamed when the States Governor Frederick Weld arrived on HMS Cossack.

Cossack was the birthplace and home of the State's pearling industry and the colony's pearling fleet when in 1866 the town of Roebourne was gazetted.

By 1895 there were 989 Malays and 493 Aboriginals employed on 57 vessels operating out of Cossack.

In 1885 a Parliamentary Committee recommended the closing of Cossack due to the depletion of stock and the Industry moved to Broome. The town was eventually abandoned in the 1950s.

The town is being revitalised by the historical buildings being restored and are open during tourist season.

Also of interest in Cossack is the Annual Cossack Art Awards held every year since 1993 and is internationally recognised as the most isolated art exhibition in the world. It is also the richest art award in regional Australia with the opportunity to buy the exhibits.

The art is displayed and hung in the Bond Store and Post and Telegraph Office which have been restored.

Roebourne

The region was first explored by Francis Gregory in 1861 and his party landed near what was to become Roebourne. The first settlers arrived in 1863, the most notable being Emma Withnell along with her young family. They established their homestead on the banks of the Harding River and at the foot of Mt Welcome.

Gold, copper and tin mines around the area contributed to the prosperity of the town in the 1880s and 1890s and with the decline of these minerals the European population declined.

Until the 1960s Roebourne was a non-indigenous town with strict controls and curfews placed on the Aboriginal people to, from and around the town. Most were confined to reserves and camps within a few kilometres of town. In the late 1960s Roebourne became a mainly Aboriginal town after the Government took a different attitude to Indigenous welfare and the residents of the camps and reserves moved into town.

Many of the buildings built after a cyclone destroyed the town in 1872 are now heritage listed.

Point Samson

This is a quiet little coastal town north of Cape Lambert, tourism is its main industry. When the port of Cossack was abandoned, a new jetty was constructed here between 1902 and 1904. The port was used for the export of wool and minerals including blue asbestos. After the port operations ceased the jetty was used to fish from until it was finally destroyed by numerous cyclones.

This coastal town is known for its beaches fishing and is reputed to sell the best fish and chips in the Pilbara.

Karijini

Covering an area of some 627,445 hectares, the Karijini National Park is the second largest park in Western Australia and recognised as one of the most spectacular sights within the Pilbara region. Phone the Roebourne Visitors Centre on 9182 1060 or the Karratha Visitors 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 Montebello's 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 Visitors Centre on 9182 1060 or the Karratha Visitors 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.

Note: there is no water, no toilets and minimal shade. You must have a chemical toilet to camp.

Please visit www.roebourne.wa.gov.au or call 9186 8555 for the list of fees or any further information.

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
Karratha	91868555
Dampier.....	9183 1562



Rubbish collection and waste facilities

Tuesdays

Wickham

South of Wickham Drive:

Wickham South
Rosewood Place
Lotus Court
Poinciana Place
Cassia Close
Acacia Place
Wattle Place
Oleander Place
Jasmine Grove
Jacaranda Place

Wednesdays

Wickham

North of Wickham Drive:

Nelley Way
Cajuput Way
Banksia Court
Spencer Street
Saltbush Court
Baynton Way
Rivergum Road
Herbert Way
Stove Court
Pringle Way
Ramirez Court
McRae Street
Coolibah Way
McCourt Way

Sulo bin collections are weekly including during the Christmas period.

However, the Wickham Transfer Station is closed on Christmas Day (25 December) and New Year's Day (1 January). This is located off the Roebourne to Wickham highway approximately six kilometers South of Wickham.

Opening hours are from 7am to 4.30 pm daily excluding Christmas Day, New Years Day and Good Friday.

Hazardous waste is accepted at the facility. Details on what is accepted and the appropriate forms are available by calling Waste Services 9186 8555.

Further Information

For further information on the town of Wickham and contact details for our local sporting and community groups please contact the Rio Tinto Wickham Communities Officer on 9159 2301.

The Rio Tinto Communities team is located in the Wickham Town Office building on Wickham Drive next to the Julutharndu Maya building.