

Karkarook Ward



Kingston is often referred to as the “sandbelt” and Karkarook, an Aboriginal word meaning “sandy place” honours this name and the natural sandy soils of the area. This ward is home to Karkarook Park which is the northwesternmost end of the Sandbelt Parklands (Chain of Parks) project, and of the South East Green Wedge.

People

There were **14,648** people estimated to be living in Karkarook in 2019, this makes up 9% of the Kingston population.

Age group with the largest population

35-39 years	40-44 years
Karkarook	Kingston

The population in Karkarook grew at a similar rate to Kingston from 2011 to 2016

6%	6%
Karkarook	Kingston

Karkarook has a lower Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander population than Kingston

0.34%	0.38%
Karkarook	Kingston

Age group that had the largest increase of people from 2011 to 2016

55-59 years	65-69 years
Karkarook	Kingston

737 people need assistance due to a disability in Karkarook

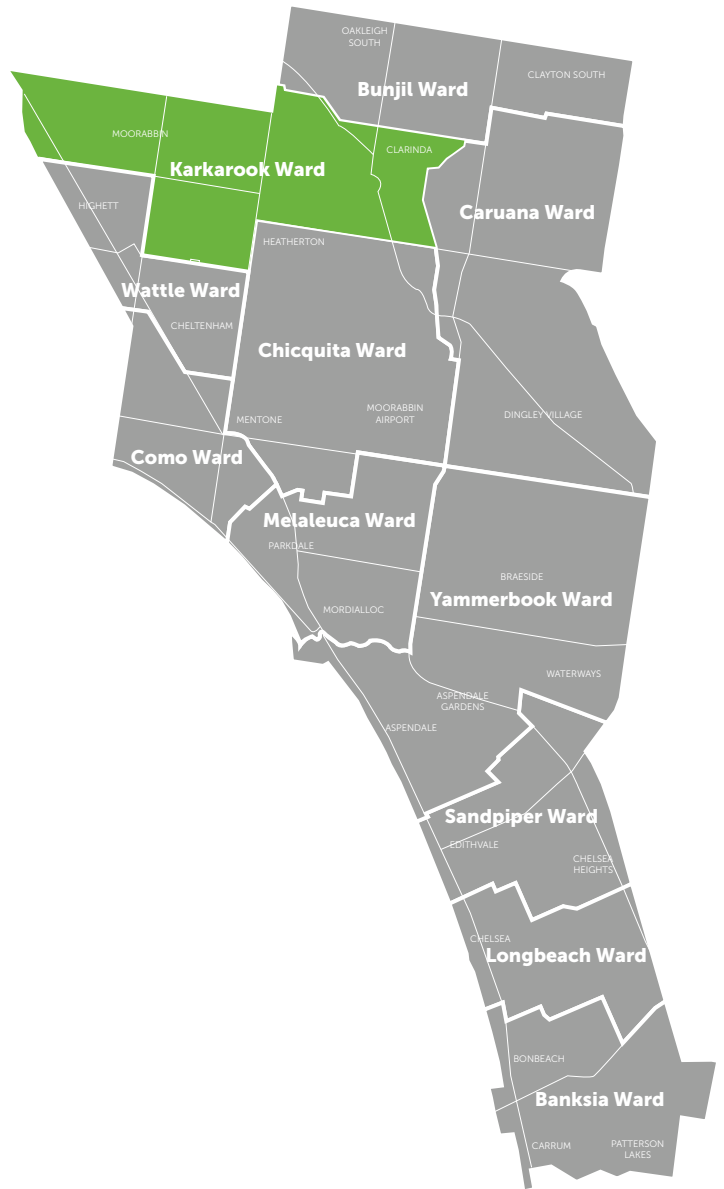
6%	5%
Karkarook	Kingston

A lower proportion of Karkarook residents only speak English at home than in Kingston

58%	69%
Karkarook	Kingston

A higher proportion of people living in Karkarook were born overseas than compared to Kingston

38%	31%
Karkarook	Kingston



The top 3 overseas languages spoken at home

Karkarook		Kingston	
Greek	7%	Greek	5%
Mandarin	5%	Mandarin	3%
Russian	3%	Italian	2%

Education & Employment

TOP 3 Occupations:

Karkarook		Kingston	
Professionals	24%	Professionals	24%
Clerical & Admin	16%	Clerical & Admin	15%
Technicians & Trades	13%	Managers	14%

TOP 3 Industries of employment:

Karkarook		Kingston	
Health care	13%	Health care	12%
Retail	11%	Retail	11%
Education	9%	Education	9%

A similar proportion of people are attending university in Karkarook and Kingston

5%
Karkarook
5%
Kingston



A higher proportion of people in Karkarook have bachelor degrees or higher qualifications than in Kingston

26%
Karkarook
25%
Kingston



Connections

A lower proportion of people volunteer in Karkarook than across Kingston

16%
Karkarook
18%
Kingston



A higher proportion of homes do not have an internet connection

14%
Karkarook
12%
Kingston



Homes

There were **5,257** households in Karkarook in 2016, this makes up 9% of total households in Kingston

A similar proportion of households are renting in Karkarook and Kingston

Karkarook	
Own / Mortgage	68%
Renting	25%
Social housing	3%

Kingston	
Own / Mortgage	68%
Renting	25%
Social housing	2%

Households in Karkarook earn less than across Kingston

Median weekly household income:

\$1,425 Karkarook

\$1,533 Kingston

Couples with children make up the largest proportion of households

Karkarook		Kingston	
Couples with children	33%	Couples with children	33%
Lone person	24%	Lone person	24%
Couples with no children	24%	Couples with no children	23%
One parent family	11%	One parent family	10%



A lower proportion of households own two cars in Karkarook than across Kingston

36%
Karkarook
38%
Kingston



Source of data - 2016 ABS Census / 2018 - 2019 ABS Regional Population Growth, Australia

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