

# Karkarook Ward



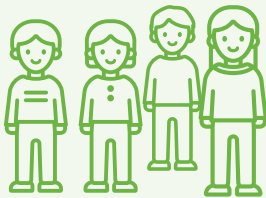
Kingston is often referred to as the “sandbelt” and Karkarook, an Aboriginal word meaning “sandy place” honours this name and the natural sandy soils of the area. This ward is home to Karkarook Park which is the northwesternmost end of the Sandbelt Parklands (Chain of Parks) project, and of the South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

## People

There were **14,256** people estimated to be living in Karkarook in 2021, this makes up 9% of the Kingston population.

Age group with the largest population

**35-39 years** Karkarook  
**45-49 years** Kingston



The population in Karkarook grew at a lesser rate to Kingston from 2016 to 2021

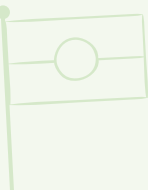
**3%** Karkarook  
**4%** Kingston

Age group that had the greatest increase of people from 2016 to 2021

**35-39 years** Karkarook  
**70-74 years** Kingston

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

**0.4%** Karkarook  
**0.5%** Kingston



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



**60%** Karkarook  
**71%** Kingston

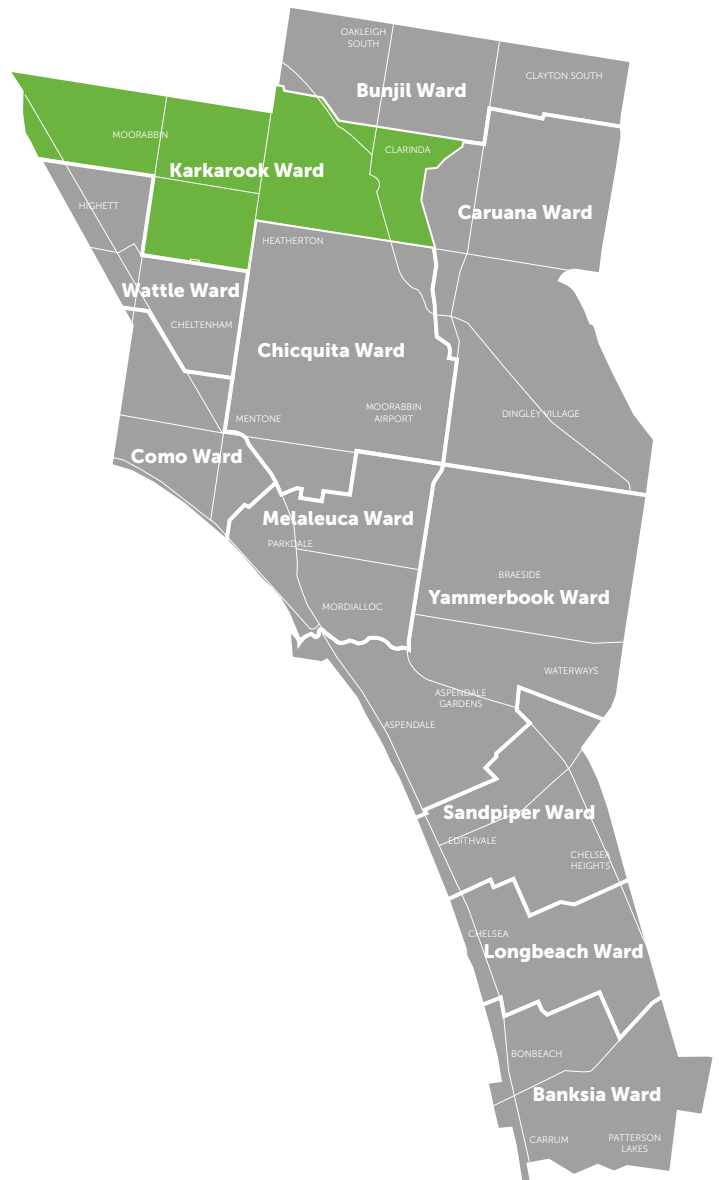
930 people need assistance due to a disability in Karkarook

**7%** Karkarook  
**6%** Kingston



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

**39%** Karkarook  
**32%** Kingston



The top 3 overseas languages spoken at home



Karkarook		Kingston	
Greek	6%	Greek	4%
Mandarin	5%	Mandarin	4%
Russian	3%	Russian	1%

## Education & Employment

### TOP 3 Occupations:

Karkarook		Kingston	
Professionals	27%	Professionals	27%
Managers	15%	Managers	15%
Clerical & Admin	14%	Clerical & Admin	14%

### TOP 3 Industries of employment:

Karkarook		Kingston	
Health care	15%	Health care	14%
Retail	10%	Construction	10%
Professional, Scientific & Tech Services	10%	Retail	10%

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

**5%**  
Karkarook  
**5%**  
Kingston



A higher proportion of people in Karkarook have a Bachelor or Higher degree qualification than in Kingston

**32%**  
Karkarook  
**31%**  
Kingston



## Connections

A similar proportion of people volunteer in Karkarook and Kingston

**12%** **12%**  
Karkarook Kingston



1,611 people provided care to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age in Karkarook

**14%** **14%**  
Karkarook Kingston



## Homes

There were **5,629** households in Karkarook in 2021, this makes up 9% of total households in Kingston

A similar proportion of households are renting in Karkarook and Kingston

Karkarook	
Own / Mortgage	69%
Renting privately	22%
Social housing	3%

Kingston	
Own / Mortgage	70%
Renting privately	23%
Social housing	2%

Households in Karkarook earn a similar amount to Kingston

Median weekly household income:

**\$1,849** Karkarook

**\$1,867** Kingston



Couples with children make up the largest proportion of households

Karkarook		Kingston	
Couples with children	<b>33%</b>	Couples with children	<b>33%</b>
Lone person	<b>25%</b>	Lone person	<b>26%</b>
Couples with no children	<b>23%</b>	Couples with no children	<b>24%</b>
One parent family	<b>12%</b>	One parent family	<b>11%</b>



A similar proportion of households don't own a car in Karkarook and across Kingston

**6%** **6%**  
Karkarook Kingston



Source of data - Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021, Australia.

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