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<u>Kogarah</u>

Sydney, New South Wales

<u>Introduction:</u> **Kogarah** is a suburb of southern Sydney, in the state of New South Wales, Australia. Kogarah is located 14 kilometres south of the Sydney central business district and is considered to be the centre of the St George area.

<u>Location:</u> Kogarah took its name from Kogarah Bay, a small bay on the northern shore of the Georges River. The suburb originally stretched to the bay but has since been divided up to form the separate suburbs of Kogarah Bay and Beverley Park.
Kogarah has a mixture of residential, commercial and light industrial areas. It is also known for its large number of schools (including primary school, high school and tertiary education) and health care services (including two hospitals and many medical centres).
The NRL side, St George Illawarra Dragons have their Sydney office based at nearby Jubilee Oval, often referred to as Kogarah Oval. Kogarah features all types of residential developments from low density detached houses, to medium density flats and high density high-rise apartments.

"Kogarah in Google Map"

At a Glance:

Population	15,124 (2016 census) [1]
• Density	5,820/km^2(15,070/sq. mi)
Established	1885
Postcode(s)	2217
Area	2.6 km^2 (1.0 sq. mi)
Location	14 km (9 mi) south of Sydney CBD
LGA(s)	Georges River Council Bayside Council
State electorate(s)	Kogarah
Federal Division(s)	Barton Cook

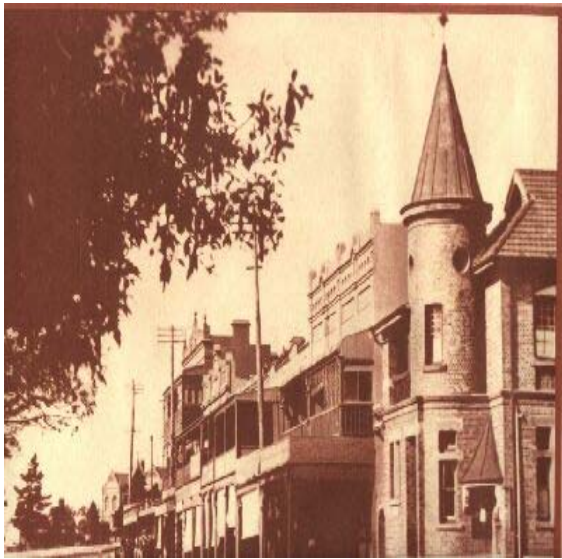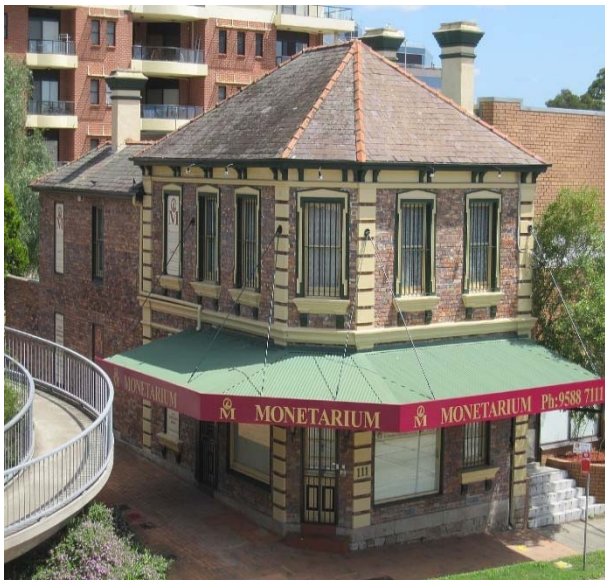| **Suburbs around Kogarah:**		
Bexley	**Rockdale**	**Brighton-Le-Sands**
Carlton	**Kogarah**	**Monterey**
Kogarah Bay	**Beverley Park**	**Ramsgate**

History:

Kogarah Community Centre

"Railway Parade in 1915. The former Kogarah Post Office on the right was built in 1892 and is now a community centre".

Kogarah is derived from an Aboriginal word meaning *rushes or place of reeds*.[2] It had also been written as 'Coggera', 'Cogerah' and 'Kuggerah' but the current spelling was settled when the railway line came through the area in the 1880s.

Early land grants in the area were made to John Townson (1760–1835) who received 910 hectares (2,250 acres) from 1808 to 1810, centred on Hurstville and James Chandler, whose neighbouring estate was centred on Bexley. The district provided fruit, vegetables and oysters for Sydney. In 1869, St Paul's Church of England opened on Rocky Point Road (now Princes Highway). It was built on 0.81 hectares (2 acres) of land given to the church by William Woften the Swedish Consul to Sydney, who owned 320 hectares (800 acres) in Kogarah. The suburb grew around the church and the Gardeners Arms Hotel. Kogarah became a municipality in 1885.[3]

The former neighbourhood of Moorefield is now part of Kogarah. It was originally a 24-hectare (60-acre) land grant from Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1812 to Patrick Moore, who built a fine house there. The Moorefield racecourse built by a descendant opened in 1888. Brigadier General John Lamarck CB VD was appointed secretary of the Moorefield Race Club in 1912 and remained in that position until early in 1935.[4] The Moorefield estate was subdivided in the 1950s and the Department of Education purchased 7.7 Hectares (19 acres), where it built two high schools and college of further education. Moorefield's Girls High School was erected there in 1955 on the former site of Moore's farm.[5]

Commercial Area: Kogarah's main shopping area is located around Kogarah railway station on Railway Parade, Regent Street and on the opposite side of the railway line on Station Street. The commercial area also extends to surrounding streets such as Montgomery and Belgrave Streets. Kogarah Town Centre is a shopping centre on Railway Parade. This commercial area includes the St. George Bank national headquarters in a large office building in Montgomery Street, which is a large employer in the area. Many high rise apartment buildings have also been built around the commercial area in recent years. The noted builder, James Goyen, had his works depot at 18 Montgomery Street, and later at 4 Montgomery Street. He built the original building of what was, for many years, the St George Technical College (now a campus of the Sydney Institute of TAFE).

"Kogarah Monetarism, Princes Highway."

Commercial and light industrial developments are also located along the Princes Highway and Rocky Point Road. The Darrell Lea Chocolate factory is located in Rocky Point Road. Surrounding streets feature more industrial developments. A small group of shops is located on President Avenue, sometimes referred to as Moorefield.

"Montgomery Street"

St George Hospital is a major regional hospital, that serves the whole St George area but also accepts patients from other regions in New South Wales. St George Private Hospital is located nearby. Many medical centres, doctor's surgeries and specialists' rooms and related services are located in the surrounding area.

"St George Hospital"

Kogarah Police Station and Kogarah Local Court are located on Montgomery Street. The local court serves the whole of the St George area and as such many barristers and solicitors have their offices in Kogarah. A historic fire station is located in Gray Street and another heritage building, the Kogarah School of the Arts is in Browns Road.

"Kogarah Police Station"

The Kogarah Mecca cinema was a landmark building, located opposite the railway station in Station Street. The cinema was often used by local schools for important events such as Speech Day. The cinema complex was closed for business in 2004 and its proprietor later sentenced, on appeal, to nine years jail [6] for sexual offences upon boys in its candy bar store room, projection room, and toilets among other places in the period since 1980.[7] The Kogarah Hotel is located on Railway Parade. Previously it was the Railway Parade Hotel to 1954, and the Kogarah Rex Hotel to 1964.[8]

Kogarah Town Square is located in Belgrave Street. It is surrounded by residential developments and is anchored by the Kogarah Library and Cultural Centre. There is a small shopping arcade below one of the residential buildings. The square is surrounded by shops, offices, cafes, restaurants and a karaoke venue. When it was completed in 2003 it won numerous awards including the Banksia Award for Leadership in Sustainability. It was designed by Allen Jack + Cottiers Architects.

A replica of Kogarah Town Square's "Bruce Lee of Kogarah" statue"

The Kogarah Town Centre is Kogarah's largest shopping centre. It includes a post office, two supermarkets (Woolworths and Aldi), a tavern, along with a multitude of specialty stores. It provides easy access to Kogarah railway station.
Kogarah Town Centre was recently under a complete overhaul, with renovations of the whole complex. It was completed in mid-2012, with the supermarket chain, Aldi, opening on the ground floor, along with fast-food chain Oporto (restaurant). An expansion of Kogarah Tavern & Woolworths was also included in this overhaul. The Coffee Club was added onto level one.

St. George Bank is an Australian bank with its headquarters in Sydney. Since a 2008 merger, the bank has been part of the Westpac Banking Corporation group, having previously been an independent legal entity. In 2010, as part of the Westpac group, St. George was deregistered as a company and ceased to be a standalone authorised deposit-taking institution (ADI).[1]

The bank provides services primarily in New South Wales, but with growing representation across a number of industry and business segments in Queensland and Western Australia, and in Victoria before the relaunch of the Bank of Melbourne brand in July 2011 (also another division of Westpac). St. George also operates in South Australia and the Northern Territory under its "subsidiary" Banksia (a division of Westpac). The bank has a large number of retail branches and ATMs across Australia, and some back office operations in Bangalore, India.

"St. George Bank headquarters in Kogarah, Sydney."

St. George Bank	
Type	Subsidiary
Industry	Banking
Founded	As a building society (1937) As a bank & public company (1992)
Headquarters	Sydney, Australia
Area served	Australia
Key people	Ross Miller (General Manager)
Products	Retail, business and specialist banking
Parent	Westpac Banking Corporation
Website	www.stgeorge.com.au

Transport: The entire City of Kogarah and surrounding areas rely on bus, train and taxi services that operate from the centre of Kogarah's shopping district. Bus and train services accommodate the large population within Kogarah, as well as the large number of schools in the area.

Kogarah railway station is located on the Illawarra line of the Sydney Trains network. The station sits below a concourse and a small shopping complex called the Kogarah Town Centre. In the late 1990s, the station underwent extensive renovations which added easy access facilities such as elevators from the concourse onto each of the four platforms.

Buses from Kogarah service surrounding suburbs, particularly those along the beach such as Brighton-Le-Sands, Monterey, Ramsgate Beach, Sans Souci etc. which rely heavily on bus services since they are far from railway stations. Until 1937, a steam tramway operated between Kogarah and Sans Souci via Rocky Point Road. This was replaced by an electric trolleybus service, one of only two such services to operate in Sydney. This was subsequently replaced in the 1950s with the current diesel government bus routes that currently operate. The majority of public transportation in Kogarah departs and arrives close to Kogarah Town Centre.

Kogarah is also serviced by St George Community Transport, a HACC funded transport service for the Frail Aged, people with disability and their careers. [10]

Kogarah railway station is located on the Illawarra line, serving the Sydney suburb of Kogarah. It is served by Sydney Trains T4 line services.

Kogarah

Location	Railway Parade, Kogarah
Coordinates	33°57′44″S151°07′57″E
Owned by	RailCorp
Operated by	Sydney Trains
Line(s)	Illawarra
Distance	11.61 kilometres from Central
Platforms	4 (2 side, 1 island)
Tracks	4
Connections	
Construction	
Structure type	Built over

Disabled access	Yes
Other information	
Status	Staffed
Station code	KGH
Website	Transport for NSW
History	
Opened	15 October 1884
Electrified	Yes
Traffic	
Passengers (2013)	11,680 (daily) [1] (Sydney Trains, NSW Train Link)
Rank	17
Services	

Preceding station	Sydney Trains	Following station
Carlton *towards Waterfall or Cronulla*	T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line	Rockdale *towards Bondi Junction*

The **State Transit Authority**, also referred to as **State Transit** or **STA**, is an agency of the Government of New South Wales operating Bus services in Sydney. Superseding the Urban Transit Authority in 1989, it was also responsible for the provision of ferry services in Sydney until 2004 and bus and ferry services in Newcastle until 2017. It reports to the Minister for Transport, Andrew Constance. The current chief executive is Steffen Faurby.[1]

"Sydney Trolley Bus No. 1, 1933- Mass Collection"

Bus services in Sydney were operated under the Sydney Buses brand until 2016, when rebranded as State Transit.

Until 30 June 2017, State Transit also operated services in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie through Newcastle Buses & Ferries. These services are now operated by Newcastle Transport.[7]
On 1 July 2018, Transit Systems took over the operation of Sydney Bus Region 6 with Burwood, Kingsgrove, Leichhardt and Tempe depots and 600 buses.[8]

Parks of Kogarah:

Kogarah Park
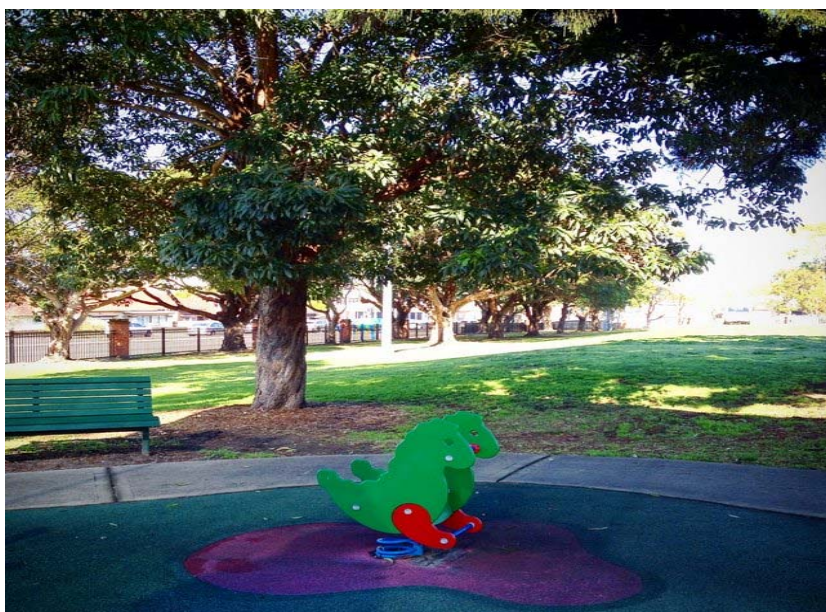Wonderful castle themed imaginative play structure, swings and rope course. Close to a quirky cafe.

Kogarah Park, Carlton, NSW
KID size Vibe
Kogarah Park sits on the edge of Jubilee Oval. The playground features a terrific castle themed play area complete with drawbridge! There's also a large rope course for the older kids, swings and seesaw rides for the younger ones.

The park is next to the Princes Highway so it can be quite noisy, but the enclosed playground makes it very safe for the kids. For a great morning out visit the park and then take a trip down the road to the quirky and fun Laughing Goat Cafe in the Southern Antique Centre.

"Kogarah Park"

Facilities of Kogarah Park
Enclosed playground
Shade covering
Rope course
Swings
Soft fall rubber ground cover
Close to cafe
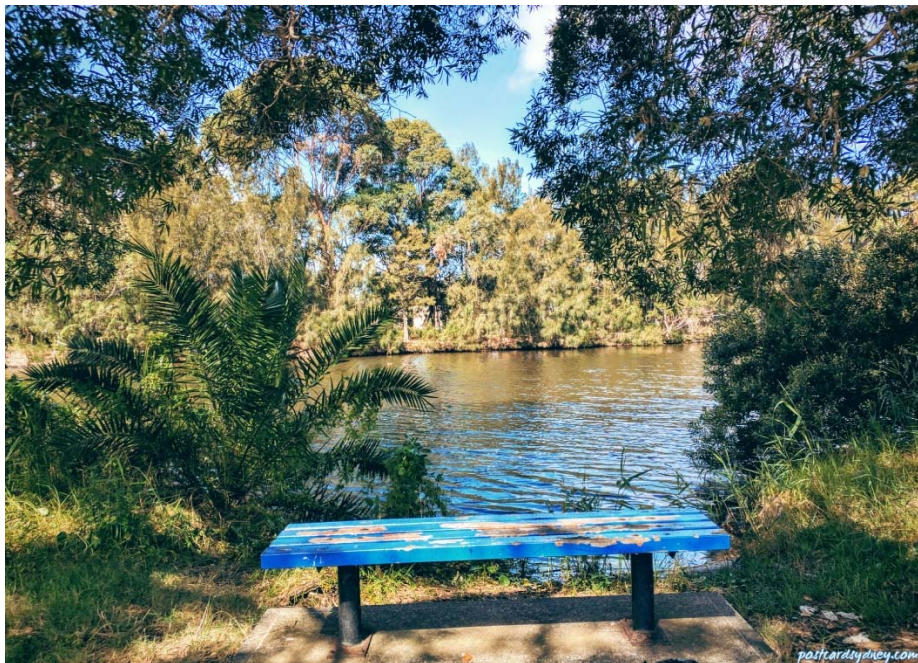Close to Jubilee Oval
On street parking
Age Group
All Ages
Location and Details
Kogarah Park, Carlton, NSW

Scarborough Park, Kogarah
Scarborough Park is located south of Barton Street on the corner of Scarborough lane in Kogarah. It's a vast parkland area that includes the Phil Austin Baseball diamonds on production lane, Leo smith Reserve
on Hawthorne Street and Tonbridge avenue and Rotary park on Tonbridge Street.

"Scarborough Park, Kogarah"

Go Fishing in the wetlands, From the short pier near Barton Street and right along the interconnected ponds along the wetlands corridor, you will find plenty of secrets spots to casts a line, many with fixed benches to sit on. Go deep enough

Discover epic Play Grounds
There is large sun Shaded play ground near the Barton Street end of the park featuring swings fort climbs and slides. You will also find more Playground at Leo Smith Reserve, Ton Bridge Smith Reserve, Rotary Park and Pasadena Street.

"Playground in Scarborough Park"

"Tennis Court at Scarborough Park"

Hogben Park, Kogarah

Location: Corner of Harrow Road & Railway Parade, Kogarah.

Features: Open grass areas with avenue plantings of Brush Box and Jacaranda trees. Public artwork/sculpture which reflects the aspirations of young people

Facilities: Toilet Facility with disabled access to the park from Harrow Harrow Road Kogarah. Children's Playground with shade cover and park seating, Dog friendly area etc.

"Hogben Park, Kogarah"

Hogben Park is located at the corner of Harrow Road and Railway Parade in Kogarah and is 2.6 hectares in size. The park is registered as a site of local heritage significance as it represents a section of the Ocean View Estate subdivision which was established in 1883 and extended across the railway line. The establishment of the railway severed this area from the rest of the Estate.

The park is named after the first Mayor of Kogarah Municipal Council, Alderman Edward Hogben who resided as Mayor from Council's inception in 1886 to 1888. Hogben Park has a number of mature trees which were originally planted in 1896. Trees in Hogben Park include Moreton Bay figs, avenue plantings of Brush Box along Railway Parade, Jacarandas along Harrow Road, mature specimens of Kurrajong, Port Jackson fig, Peppercorn tree, Cottonwood, Lemon Scented gum, Coral Tree and Willows along the canal.

"Hogben Park, Kogarah"

Council has also coordinated the installation of public artwork at Hogben Park which reflects the aspirations of young people. Artist Col Henry was commissioned to complete the sculpture and he worked in collaboration with students from St George Girls High School and Kogarah High School as well as Council's Youth Advisory Committee and Council to develop the artwork.

The end result is a stainless steel spherical sculpture which features attached engraved images that have been developed from sketches by local young people. This sculpture was officially opened during Youth Week in April 2012.

Hogben Park is a district park in close proximity to the CBD, it is used by three nearby schools including St George Girls High School, Kogarah High School and Kogarah Primary School and is accessible by foot from Kogarah Railway Station.

Address:

Hogben Park 2 Railway Parade Kogarah NSW 2217 Australia.
GPS:
-33.9575348, 151.1349952
Web:
Hogben Park - Kogarah

Cultures and Events:

St George Illawarra Dragons have played rugby league at Jubilee Oval since 1935 and following a merger with the Illawarra Stealers also has WIN Stadium as a home ground.

"Kogarah Bed Race 2006, Railway Parade"

On your marks, get ready, set...GO! And the race is on for more than 40 hospital beds down the main street of Kogarah for the 18th annual Kogarah Fair and Charity Bed Race. And yes you heard right, a bed race.

Accompanied by a marching band, all beds will be crazily decorated and paraded down Railway Parade on Saturday August 29 with hopes to raise $25,000 for the local St George Hospital. The funds will go towards purchasing new medical equipment for the operating theatres and the neurology ward.

"This much-loved event has become a tradition in Kogarah, and is unique in Sydney," says *Toni Hersey, Lamarck's Committee President.*

Rugby league football is a full-contact sport played by two teams of thirteen players on a rectangular field.[1][2][3] One of the two codes of rugby, it originated in Northern England in 1895 as a split from the Rugby Football Union over the issue of payments to players.[4] Its rules progressively changed with the aim of producing a faster, more entertaining game for spectators.[5]

In rugby league, points are scored by carrying the ball and touching it to the ground beyond the opposing team's goal line; this is called a *try*, and is the primary method of scoring.[3] The opposing team attempts to stop the attacking side scoring points by tackling the player carrying the ball.[3] In addition to tries, points can be scored by kicking goals. After each try, the scoring team gains a free kick to *try at goal* with a conversion for further points.[3] Kicks at goal may also be awarded for penalties, and field goals can be attempted at any time.

"An attacking player attempts to evade two defenders"

The **St. George Illawarra Dragons** are an Australian professional football club, representing both the Illawarra and St. George regions of New South Wales. The club has competed in the National Rugby League since 1999 after a joint-venture was formed between the St. George Dragons (est. 1921) and the Illawarra Stealers (est. 1982).[1] They officially formed as the game's first joint-venture club on 23 September 1998 and remain the only cross-city team in the NRL. [2] The team has its headquarters and leagues clubs in both Wollongong and the Sydney suburb of Kogarah, and train and play games regularly at WIN Stadium in Wollongong, as well as at Jubilee Oval in Kogarah. Since 2006 the club has been jointly owned by the St. George Dragons 50%, Illawarra Stealers 25% and WIN Corporation 25%.

"The club's cheer squad, The Flames, performing during the Dragons' Anzac Day match against the Roosters in 2018."

The Dragons reached the Grand final in their first season in 1999, losing to the Melbourne Storm. St. George Illawarra are one of only two clubs (the other being the Sydney Roosters in 1908) to finish runners-up in their inaugural season. The St. George Illawarra Dragons also field teams in local competitions within the St. George and Illawarra regions. In 2010, the Dragons won their second successive minor premiership and became the first team to be awarded the J. J. Gilligan Shield in consecutive years since the National Rugby League was formed in 1998.

St. George Illawarra Dragons

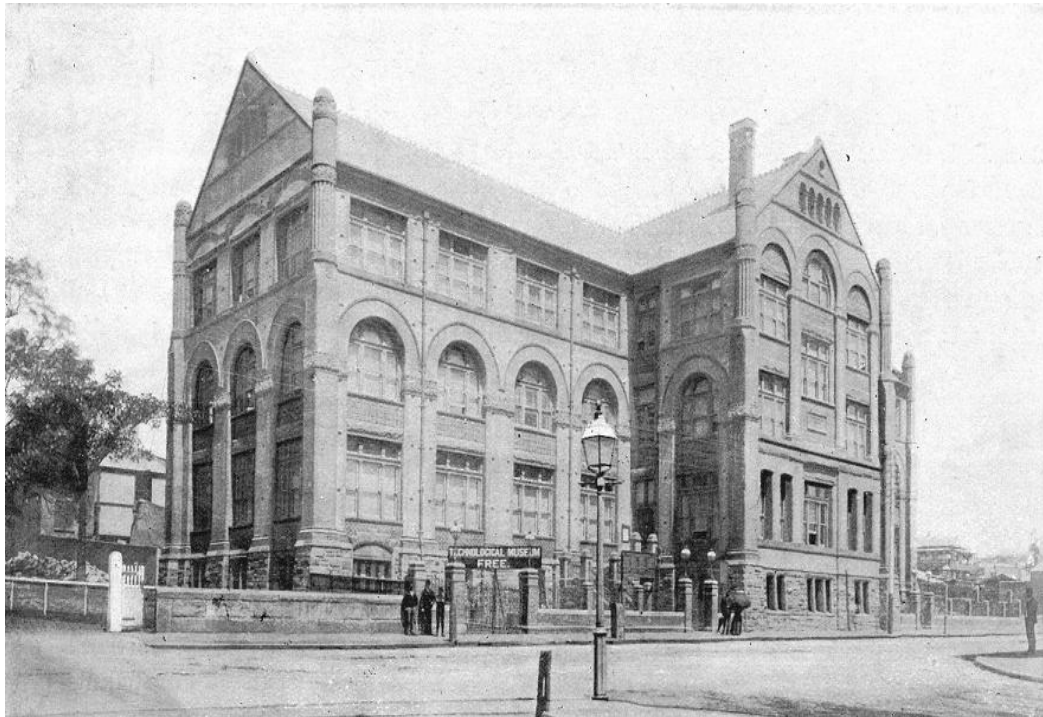| Club information	
Full name	St. George Illawarra Dragons Rugby League Football Club
Nickname(s)	Saints, Dragons, Red V,
Colours	☐ White 🟥 Red
Founded	23 September 1998
Website	dragons.com.au

Schools and Churches

Schools

- Kogarah Public School

- Kogarah High School
- James Cook Boys Technology High School
- Moorefield Girls High School

- St Declan's Catholic Primary School

- St George Girls High School
- St Patrick's Primary School (co-ed)

- Marist College Kogarah (boys, secondary)
- Sydney Institute of TAFE: St. George Campus.

Kogarah Public School is a multicultural community which provides a caring and stimulating learning environment. It offers educational opportunities through which the individuals are empowered to realise their full potential with tolerance and respect for others, within a changing society. Special emphasis is placed on literacy, numeracy and social skills which lead to development of the person as a whole. All other key learning areas are given equal focus. Children with special learning needs are given the opportunity and encouragement to achieve realistic goals. Teachers enjoy a cooperative and harmonious working relationship which benefits teaching and the children's learning throughout the school.
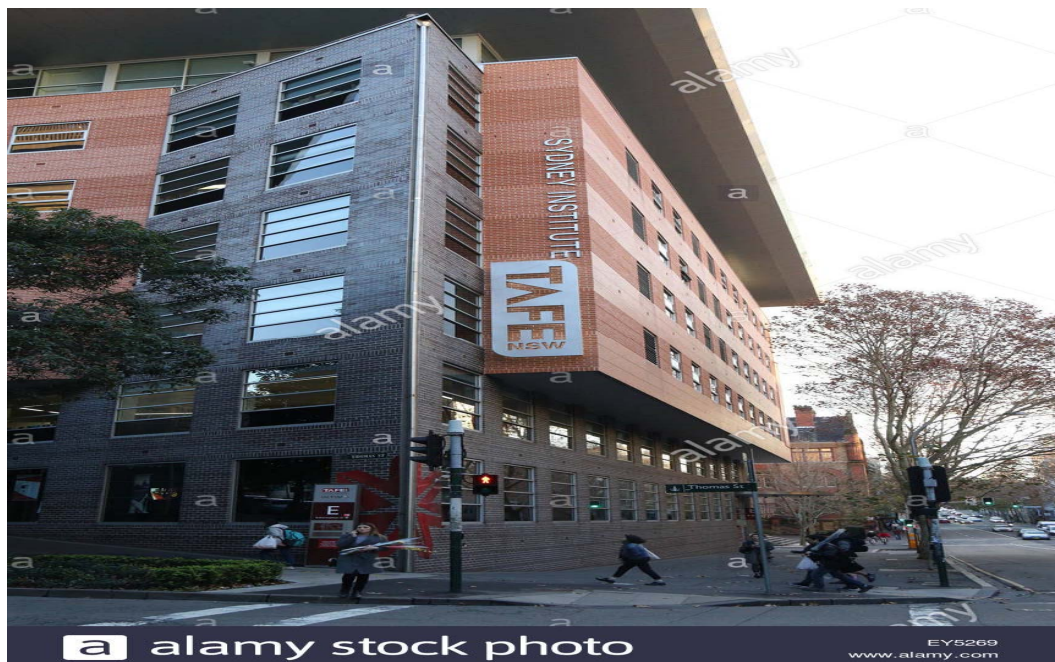

"Kogarah Public School"

TAFE NSW, St George is all about community – from southern Sydney to Botany Bay and beyond. Located a short walk from Kogarah station, TAFE NSW St George reflects the culturally diverse surrounding area, and is committed to educating and empowering students to meet the needs and expectations of our ever-changing community.

"TAFE NSW, St George, Heritage Collection"

"TAFE NSW, St George"

Churches

- Resurrection of Christ Greek Orthodox Church
- Grace Chinese Christian Church
- Kogarah Soldiers' Memorial Presbyterian Church (Kirk place)
- St Patrick's Catholic Church
- St Paul's Anglican Church
- Christ Church St George (Anglican), and Church in the Bank (Anglican)
- Christ Living Church (Indonesian Church)
- Kogarah Uniting Church

"St Paul's Anglican Church, Kogarah"

St Paul's Anglican Church offers residents in the greater Kogarah area the chance to come together and worship with like-minded congregants as members of a strong, loving community. Whether you're looking for peace of mind, a way to give back, or simply want to connect with the Divine — St Paul's Anglican Church welcomes you. Join our community, and start your journey to spiritual enlightenment with us!

"Resurrection of Christ Greek Orthodox Church"

The Resurrection of Christ Greek Orthodox Church is in the southern suburb of Kogarah. It was constructed in the 1980s but due to modern day noise restrictions, the planned bell tower on the left was never completed. The entrance to the church is decorated with palms for Palm Sunday.

Popular Restaurants in Kogarah

"Restaurants in Kogarah"

1. **500 Degree**
   56, Railway Parade, Kogarah, Sydney.

   CUISINES: Grill, Modern Australian

   COST FOR TWO: A$40

   HOURS: 10AM to 10PM (Mon-Sun)

   FEATURED IN: Best Ribs & BBQ

2. **Culture Bean Café**

   15 Gray Street, Kogarah, Sydney

   CUISINES: Cafe, Coffee and Tea

   COST FOR TWO: A$40

   HOURS: 5:30AM to 2:30PM (Mon-Sat),6:30AM to 3:30PM (Sun)

3. **Christopher's Cake Shop**

Kogarah Town Centre, Kogarah

Shop 4a, Kogarah Town Centre, 1-9 Railway Parade, Kogarah, Sydney
CUISINES: Patisserie, Desserts
COST FOR TWO: A$3
HOURS: 7:30AM to 7PM (Mon-Sat), 7:30AM to 4PM (Sun)

4. **Laughing Goat Cafe**

Kogarah

243 Princes Highway, Kogarah, Sydney
CUISINES: Cafe, Coffee and Tea
COST FOR TWO: A$50
HOURS: 9AM to 3:30PM (Mon-Sun)

5. **Amici di Kogarah**

Kogarah

SHOP CR1, 13 BELGRAVE STREET, KOGARAH, SYDNEY
CUISINES: ITALIAN, PIZZA
COST FOR TWO: A$55
HOURS: 11:30AM to 3PM, 5:30PM to 9PM (Mon-Thu)

6. **O-Cha Thai Eatery**

Kogarah

74 Railway Parade, Kogarah, Sydney
CUISINES: Thai
COST FOR TWO: A$50
HOURS: 11AM to 10PM (Mon-Sun)

7. **Me Pho**

Kogarah Town Centre, Kogarah

SHOP 5, 13-15 BELGRAVE STREET, KOGARAH, SYDNEY
CUISINES: VIETNAMESE, PHO
COST FOR TWO: A$40
HOURS: 11:30AM TO 3PM, 5PM TO 8PM (MON-SUN)

Demographics

According to the 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census of Population, there were 15,124 people in Kogarah. 33.3% of people were born in Australia. The next most common countries of birth were China 11.1%, Nepal 10.2%, India 5.9%, Bangladesh 4.5% and Philippines 3.6%. 26.8% of people only spoke English at home. Other languages spoken at home included Nepali 10.8%, Mandarin 10.5%, Cantonese 5.7%, Bengali 5.6% and Greek 5.4%. The most common responses for religious affiliation were No Religion 20.8%, Catholic 18.3%, Hinduism 15.6% and Eastern Orthodox 10.0%.[1]

Notable residents

- Clive James – writer, poet, essayist, critic and commentator on popular culture was raised in Kogarah.
- Kenneth Slessor, one of Australia's greatest poets, attended Kogarah Primary School, in the early 20th century. The family lived in Belgrave Street, according to his biographer, Geoffrey Dutton.
- Rev Dr. Rowland Croucher, theologian and author, lived in Warialda Street in the early years of married life while he was a staff worker with the Intervarsity Fellowship. His wife Jan taught at Kogarah High School.
- Reg Gasnier – rugby league legend lived in Kogarah.
- Dave Brown rugby league star of the 1930s was born in Kogarah.

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