



The suburb of
YAGOONA

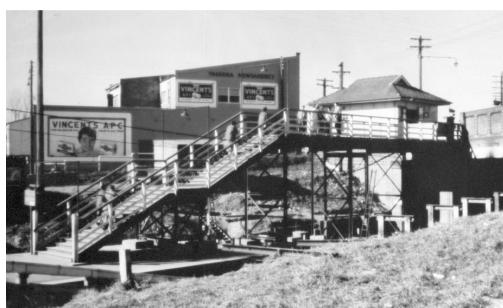
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Yagoona yesterday....

The area now known as Yagoona, Bass Hill and north Bankstown was once known as Irish Town, due to the high concentration of Irish rebels transported there in the late 1700s. Land grants were issued to Irish families and finally the suburb of Yagoona was created in 1927. St Matthew's Anglican Church was built on Liverpool Road (now Hume Highway) in 1861 to function as a school as well as cater for the Protestants of the district.

In 1963, the Westfield Group built a 'Coles New World' on a former vacant site on the Hume Highway often visited by circuses. Yagoona was home to the first McDonald's restaurant in Australia, opened on 30 December 1971, however it closed around 1994.

From 1996 Yagoona underwent a solid population increase. Traditionally Yagoona has had a reputation of a retirement suburb, however this is slowly changing with younger residents calling the suburb home.



It's all in a name.....

'Yagoona' is an Aboriginal word meaning 'now' or 'today'.

Yagoona Railway Station

Yagoona today....

The main retail area is located on the Hume Highway (Liverpool Road), which cuts through Yagoona near its railway station. The Hume Highway remains the main road access for Yagoona to Liverpool and Sydney City. A 30 metre pedestrian bridge linking the side footpaths of Hume Highway was built in 2006 to ensure easy and safe access.

Over recent years this shopping strip has been in economic decline as a consequence of major banks (Commonwealth, National Australia, State and Westpac) and retailers leaving.

There are now plans to rejuvenate the town centre in Yagoona which include a larger supermarket, a new community centre, improved shopping environment and a variety of housing.

Yagoona is home to Gazzard Park, George Green Oval, Gillman Reserve, Middleton Park, Graf Park and O'Neill Park, all containing various sporting facilities and play equipment.

The head office of RSPCA NSW is located in Yagoona on Rookwood Road.



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Yagoona essential facts*

Who are we:

- 15,371 population
- 53.5% born in Australia
- 38.9% born overseas

Top three overseas countries of birth:

- 10.3% Vietnam
- 7.7% Lebanon
- 2.8% Macedonian

Top three age groups (compared to Bankstown City):

- 27.4% under 18 years
- 58.4% 18 - 64 years
- 14.2% over 65 years

Community Events:

- Yagoona Autumn Fair

Community facilities:

- Yagoona Senior Citizens Centre

Dwelling Types

- 72.1% Separate houses
- 17.2% Medium houses
- 3.8% High density

Household Types:

- 54.8% Couples with children
- 18% One parent families
- 25.5% Couples without children

Households & Dwellings :

- 33.6% Owned
- 27.4% Purchasing
- 25.8% Renting



LAND AREA: 4.64 km²
 DENSITY: ~3300 people per km²
 WARD: Predominantly North

Parks & Playgrounds:

- Gazzard Park
- George Green Oval
- Gillman Reserve
- Graf Park
- Middleton Park
- O'Neill Park

Religious affiliations:

- 31% Catholic
- 16.1% Islam
- 10.2% Orthodox

Schools:

- KU Yagoona Lions Pre School
- Yagoona Public School
- Al Sadiq College
- Christ the King Primary School

Computer Use:

- 49.9% internet connection
- 41.3% no internet connection

Employment:

- 16.5% Manufacturing
- 15.6% Retail trade
- 7.8% Construction

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