The Kogarah Collaboration Area was formed in 2018, when the Commission brought together over twenty organisations from government and non-government sectors to help develop the shared vision and priorities in the Kogarah Place Strategy. The Place Strategy was released by the Commission in January 2020. In 2020 the two Councils formed a core Governance group, working groups and developed terms of reference to facilitate the way they work together to implement the Place Strategy.

The first meetings happened during Covid lockdown:
- Bayside council
- Georges River council
- TAFE NSW
- Health NSW
- School Infrastructure
- Transport for NSW
- University of NSW
- St George Clinical School
Highlights from 2020

By working together, the Kogarah collaboration group addressed the Place Strategy themes including:

**Governance** – establishing a governance structure with a core group, a joint Councillor Reference Group, and specialised working groups; progressing strategies and partnerships including: MoU with the Department of Education for the shared use of open space, Georges River’s Night-Time Economy Study and Inclusive Housing Strategy, Bayside Council’s Draft Housing Strategy.

**Connectivity** – continuing strategic transport initiatives: *Green Grid Corridor framework*, Bayside’s *draft Transport strategy*, Georges River’s “River Rail” report.

**Liveability** – delivering a pop-up park in Kogarah town centre and testing a 12-to-18-month GoGet trial.

Outlook and opportunities for 2021

Over 2021 the Kogarah Collaboration Area groups intend to focus on three priorities:

1. **Establish an enduring precinct governance**: reinforce Governance Group by including new members, aligning strategies, and pulling resources together.

2. **Clarify the economic role** of Kogarah in Greater Sydney and support and build on existing health, education and innovation initiatives.

3. **Improve connectivity and mobility**: develop bike plan, green grid projects and wayfinding improvements.
Acknowledgement of Country

The Greater Sydney Commission acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands that include the Kogarah Collaboration Area and the living culture of the traditional custodians of these lands. The Commission recognises that the traditional owners have occupied and cared for this Country over countless generations and celebrates their continuing contribution to the life of Greater Sydney.