

David Bain

KDWA Dog Survey 2022	David Bain's answers
<p>1. Council and KDWA currently meet quarterly to discuss dog-related issues. The meeting is between the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and our President and Vice President and lasts less than an hour. Do you support the continuation of these meetings? If you nominated for Mayor or Deputy Mayor, would you attend these meetings in person?</p>	<p>Whilst I am not contesting for Mayor or Deputy Mayor, I believe it's very important to continue to keep those communication channels open.</p>
<p>2. Do you support the allocation of funds in the next budget for the development of a Kingborough dog strategy (similar to many other strategies such as waste, green-space, cycling etc)?</p>	<p>Planning ahead and having structured strategic plans in place is important across many of Council's functions and dogs are certainly a major one of them. A formal dog strategy is a good idea and would allow the Council and the community to work together to outline what Kingborough needs in order to support dogs and their owners in the short, medium and long term.</p>
<p>3. Do you support connecting the Alum Cliffs track to Tarooma for dog walkers? This might involve permitting dogs on-lead across a small part of Hinsby Beach.</p>	<p>This would require further investigation and broader community consultation prior to any decisions.</p>
<p>4. What are your views on permitting dogs on most or all beaches during the colder months when the beaches are otherwise rarely used? Should this access be limited to certain times?</p>	<p>When it comes to permitting dogs on beaches I believe it's important to find the right balance in consultation with the community. It's vital that we provide options for people to attend beaches with their dogs, however, also provide adequate beaches for those who like to enjoy the beach without the presence of dogs.</p>
<p>5. About 40% of households own dogs and these owners need access to on-lead and off-lead dog exercise areas; this is becoming more challenging with rapid development in our area. Do you support continued growth and development of community facilities that are designed for and/or accessible to dog owners?</p>	<p>Absolutely, as Kingborough continues to rapidly grow we must plan for, and ensure there is adequate walking tracks, sufficient dog off-lead areas and associated infrastructure. This would also be assisted with the development of the previously mentioned Kingborough dog strategy.</p>
<p>6. If the current Taswater site at Dru Point becomes Council land, would you support the development of this land as an extension of the existing dog exercise area? Would you consider the construction of a large all-weather covered section for the use of the whole community via a booking system?</p>	<p>This certainly sounds like a reasonable proposal which, if elected, I'd be interested in looking into further.</p>

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<p>7. Kingborough Council and KDWA developed a very effective Dog Management Policy in 2019 and this is due for review in 2023. What are your priorities when it comes up for review?</p>	<p>Having read the current Kingborough Dog Management Policy I believe the Objective, Scope and Principles are all very sound and define both what Council expect from dog owners and what dog owners expect from Council. A scheduled review of the Dog Management Policy may be an opportune time to review the locations within the different "Declared Areas".</p>
<p>8. Are there any other comments related to dogs that you would like to make?</p>	<p>We must continue to ensure there is adequate walking tracks, sufficient off-lead areas and associated infrastructure throughout Kingborough. These benefit not only our four-legged friends, but also gets people active, healthier and connected. During my petitioning for connecting tracks within Spring Farm and Whitewater Park Estates, I had a focus on dog walkers and linking tracks up to the Kingston View Drive Dog Exercise Area. I am a strong advocate for shared paths through Kingborough for all types of recreational activity, including dog walking.</p>