



WALKABOUT

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From the President

Hullo members,

Do you like autumn? It's my favourite season for dog walking. Snakes are disappearing, heat is no longer a problem and everything settles into a rhythm set by the school routines. The crunch of the leaves and the crackle of the first fire are comforting.

It's been a busy time behind the scenes at KDWA. We've been:

- working with Kingborough Council to draft the Kingborough Dog Owners' Handbook
- planning the big dog demonstration event – 'What Dogs Can Do' – for 6 April at Dru Point
- developing the Treasure Hunt set for 13 April at Huntingfield Pony and Riding Club Grounds
- discussing improvements and maintenance of existing off-lead areas in Kingborough
- planning and delivering regular scheduled walks for members to enjoy socially
- meeting with fellow stakeholders in the community to establish new relationships.

We also:

- reconfigured our logo
- arranged business cards
- designed new t-shirt and long-sleeved merchandise
- helped the Dogs Home of Tasmania raise funds
- said a sad goodbye to a treasured former patron.

The dedication, time and effort from KDWA committee members never ceases to amaze and inspire me. I'm proud to help build on the work that's been done over the past two decades. Now that KDWA is almost 21 years old, the time is drawing near to celebrate those achievements. If you have skills in party planning, we could do with some help. This will be a celebration for all members – new and old. Please email kdwa.tas@gmail.com if you'd like to help plan our party.

In the meantime, get excited about our April events. We look forward to seeing you there!

Georgia



Charlotte Peterswald
Property Management

KDWA CALENDAR For members and guests

- Sat 6 April What Dogs Can Do!, Special Event, Dru Point, 10.30 am–1.00 pm (NO DOGS)
- Sun 7 April KDWA Chats & Wags*, Kingston View Drive Dog Park, 10.00–11.00 am
- Thurs 11 Apr KDWA Chats*, 43 Coolamon Road: Taroona, 7.30–9.30 pm
- Sat 13 April KDWA Treasure Hunt, Huntingfield Pony and Riding Club, Club Grounds, 10.00 am
- Sun 5 May KDWA Chats & Wags, Suncoast Dog Park, 10.00–11.00 am
- Thurs 9 May KDWA Chats, 2 Osborne Esplanade, Kingston Beach, 7.30–9.30 pm
- Sun 19 May KDWA Chats & Wags, Snug Falls, starting 9.30 am
- Sun 2 June KDWA Chats & Wags, Dru Point Dog Park, 10.00–11.00 am
- Mon 10 June KDWA Queens Birthday Walk, Peter Murrell Reserve, Huntingfield, 2.00 pm
- Thurs 13 June KDWA Chats, 43 Coolamon Road: Taroona, 7.30–9.30 pm
- Sun 7 July KDWA Chats & Wags, Kingston View Drive Dog Park, 10.00–11.00 am
- Thurs 11 July KDWA Chats, 2 Osborne Esplanade, Kingston Beach, 7.30–9.30 pm
- Sun 4 Aug KDWA Chats & Wags, Suncoast Dog Park, 10.00–11.00 am
- Thurs 8 Aug KDWA Chats, 43 Coolamon Road: Taroona, 7.30–9.30 pm

*Chats = Committee meeting, members welcome (no dogs)

*Chats & Wags = Social gathering, all welcome (with dogs)

KDWA Supports the Dogs Home of Tasmania

Thanks to all members who supported KDWA's fundraising for the Dogs' Home of Tasmania, on their recent Button Day. We raised \$550 – not a bad effort on a hot 35°C day! Thanks to the following members who each did a 2-hour shift: Tony Walch, Carl Mann, Felicity Walch, Meg Taylor, Di Balding, Ailsa Richard, Berni Wilkins and Georgia Clark. Thanks to Carol Baines for coordinating and Venie Phillips for helping with packing up.

Adopt. Don't shop!



Vale, Dianne Fuglsang

We were sad to learn that Dianne died on 8 March 2019. Dianne was a member of KDWA for some years after her mother, Marjorie Crossley, died. Marjorie was a Life Member and one of the original small group to start KDWA. On Marjorie's death, Dianne took over her mother's role and became our Patron until her resignation from this role in 2018 due to her illness.

Dianne was a great friend of KDWA and we will miss her.

Get our gear on! Coming soon!

We've updated and expanded the KDWA branded clothing available for purchase.

Soon you will be able to choose which:

- garment: T-shirt, windcheater or hoodie
- size: XXS to XXXL
- fabric: light or heavy weight, and
- colour: take your pick!

By wearing KDWA branded clothing you'll help increase awareness of KDWA and, in doing so, help us make Kingborough a better place for dogs and their people.

This is not a fund-raiser. The cost of the clothing will be the wholesale cost plus design and printing cost – we will not be adding a profit margin.

We expect the clothing to be available to order by the end of March – watch our webpage (www.dogwalkingtas.org.au/kingborough) and Facebook page for the announcement!



Coningham Walk

Our Coningham Walk on 17 March was a great success and enjoyed by all who came along – four legs and two! We set off from the car park and followed a coastal path through the bush. It was a beautiful, clear morning and the sun was sparkling off the water.

There was much amused chatter as the dogs took turns to 'wet' the area in succession, leading to many pauses. We talked about dogs and houses, and ants that bite. We returned the same way and upon reaching the carpark and reflecting on the fun walk, Ruby the whippet was bitten by an ant! She's fine, especially after some of us stopped off at the Margate Train for coffee, pancakes and ice cream. Ice cream fixes everything.



Lost Treasure!

KDWA Treasure Hunt:

- **Saturday 13 April, 10.00 am for a 10.30 am start**
- **Huntingfield Pony Club grounds, Howden**
- **Bring a team of four or join a team on the day**
- **Dogs welcome on lead**
- **\$2 per person**
- **Don't forget poo bags!**

We ran a treasure hunt last year with little fanfare as we weren't sure how it would work. It worked very well! Participants commented how lovely it was to walk in a different area with their dogs on lead and to use their brains to answer questions with clues and find the treasure.

This year we are hoping to get a reasonable turn out. Members of other dog walking clubs have been invited plus Huntingfield Pony Club members – some of whom participated last year and enjoyed running instead of relying on a horse as means of transport!

It is not often we get the chance to take dogs to the pony club grounds. On this occasion we ban horses, but dogs are welcome on leash.

The grounds are mainly flat, with wide bush tracks. Its open to teams of up to four people. Either come with your own team or join up with others on arrival.

The hunt should take about an hour or so, and there will be small prizes for the dogs at the end.

Refreshments will be available to purchase at the end, courtesy of young pony club members.

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We're fundraising with Entertainment!

Our main fundraiser is the sale of Entertainment Memberships. This brings us good return while helping you save money on meals, leisure activities, shopping, travel, car hire and accommodation.

You can order your 2019–2020 Membership now by email to kdwa.tas@gmail.com



Support our fundraising!

PRE-ORDER NOW!

Just \$70

Hurry! Bonus Early Bird Offers. Limited Time Only.

Membership is available through the traditional Entertainment book or convenient digital form. Venie's been using the digital form for two years now and wouldn't go back to the book for quids!

Don't be scared of using the digital form – it has many advantages:

- you don't need to remember to cart the heavy book with you
- you can easily check whether a business is listed just by typing their name in the query box in the app on your mobile device – very handy when out and about
- additional businesses are updated automatically – many are added throughout the year.

Thanks for helping us help you and your dogs!

Help! We need your pics – by 8 April!

We're working with the Kingborough Council to produce a dog owners' handbook and we need pics, including of:

1. A puppy being selected from a litter
2. A rescue dog being cuddled in the shelter
3. A dog eating from a bowl or chewing a bone
4. A dog or dogs walking in suburbia on a lead
5. A child learning to ask to pat the dog, or watching as a dog walks by on lead
6. A dog playing happily off lead with another dog
7. A dog playing 'fetch'
8. A dog and owner passing a Kingborough Council sign that clearly states 'effective control'
9. A dog wearing a 'give me space' vest or lead
10. A training class of dogs
11. An on-lead greyhound wearing a collar that denotes 'muzzle free'
12. A person and on-lead dog disposing of a used poo bag in a council bin at designated dog areas.

Please email photos for consideration to kdwa.tas@gmail.com

Photos need to be clear and in good light, and you must provide the names of humans and dogs in each photo. There are no guarantees that your photo will be selected, but by submitting the photo you give KDWA and Kingborough Council permission to use it. Photos will be uploaded to the KDWA website afterwards.

Come and see **What Dogs Can Do** for the cost of a gold coin



A community event for dog families in Kingborough

Date: Saturday 6th April 2019

Time: 10.30am for prompt start

Place: Site 1, Dru Point Park @ Margate

Demonstrations

- 🐾 Guide Dogs Tasmania
- 🐾 Puppy Class display
- 🐾 Nose works
- 🐾 Tasmania Police Dog Handling Unit

Presentation

- 🐾 mindDog recommended trainer



Lucky Dog Prizes & free hot dogs. **Please leave your pets at home but bring a camp chair for comfort.**

This event proudly brought to you by the Kingborough Dog Walking Association

Visit dogwalkingtas.org.au/kingborough

for more information, and for enquiries: kdwa.tas@gmail.com