

## Paula Wriedt

KDWA Dog Survey 2022	Paula Wriedt's answers
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?	Yes. I have enjoyed these meetings since becoming Mayor and believe they are very useful for all parties.
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)?	Yes. I have been championing this within Council since it was raised by KWDA late last year. I think it's a great idea to have an overarching strategy relating to our canine friends.
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.	Yes. This would obviously need to go to public consultation, however given that it is the only option to make this connection it is a discussion we should have.
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?	During winter months this is a good idea but it may not be suitable on all our beaches. Once again I think a community conversation would be an important step in this and coming up with a system that is workable for everyone.
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?	Absolutely, yes. At least 50% of households in Kingborough own a dog and they need regular exercise. The Dog Strategy would enable us to identify gaps and plan for the future facilities.
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?	This is a huge parcel of land which could have a variety of uses. However part of it would definitely be useful for a larger dog exercise area and if it can be a multi use facility then this would be appropriate. We would just need to ensure the balance between access to the community and private bookings.
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?	I think we need to identify where we could use existing areas for additional off lead dog parks. For example, Sedgebrook Reserve in Bonnet Hill might be a suitable area if it was appropriately fenced. But as mentioned above, the question of dogs on some appropriate beaches during the Winter months would also a topic for the review of the Dog Management Policy next year.

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<p>8. Are there any other comments related to dogs that you would like to make?</p>	<p>Thank you to the KDWA for the strong advocacy that they provide for dog owners right throughout the Municipality. Our conversations are always productive and by working together we can achieve enhanced facilities for dogs and their families.</p>
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