



WALKABOUT

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From the new president: Peter McIntosh

It is my pleasure to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work, enthusiasm and success in running KDWA for the past year. 2018–2019 was a very busy year for KDWA:

- the Kingborough Council finalised its new dog management policy and held elections, in which KDWA supported two candidates who helped raise the profile of dog-related issues
- Tarooma Beach (east) was confirmed by the newly elected Council as an additional off-lead dog exercise area
- In partnership with Council and Dr Katrina Ward, we wrote the Kingborough Council Dog Owner's Handbook; to my knowledge, this is the first document of this type in Tasmania, and it has attracted attention from other Councils
- our web page (www.dogwalkingtas.org.au/kingborough) continued to evolve; it has information about upcoming events, KDWA-branded t-shirts and hoodies, fundraising promotions (currently entertainment voucher books), past copies of this newsletter and a comprehensive list of off-lead and on-lead dog walks in Kingborough.



Our new KDWA President, Peter McIntosh

Thank you Georgia, Venie, Ailsa, Tony, Maureen, Carol, Maggy and Pru for the significant time and effort you put in last year, and to Belinda for producing the quarterly newsletter.

The coming year will be one of consolidation for KDWA as we continue our efforts to help the 40% of families that include a dog to enjoy the experience and coexist harmoniously with the 60% that don't. Given the success of our *What Dogs Can Do* event at Dru Point (Margate), we will organise several 'pop-up' demonstration events at off-lead exercise areas to demonstrate the concept of 'effective control'. It's a joy to see dogs and their people working together so that dogs come when called, and their people know when this is appropriate.

Cheers,

Peter.

Your new KDWA Committee

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KDWA CALENDAR

- Wed 16 Oct Chats*, 2 Osborne Esplanade, Kingston Beach, 7.30–9.30 pm.
- Sun 13 Oct Chats and Wags# Walk, 11:00 am. Meet at Tyndall Beach car park for a gentle stroll around Kingston Beach streets followed by cuppa at a local cafe.
- Sun 13 Oct Chats, Wags and Snags: Middleton, Health and Wellbeing Event, 11:00: am
- Thu 14 Nov Chats, 43 Coolamon Road: Taroona, 7.30–9.30 pm.
- Sat 16 Nov Hobart Christmas Pageant. March with your dog. Members only. 10:15–11:30 am. RSVP to kdwa.tas@gmail.com
- Thu 12 Dec Chats, 2 Osborne Esplanade, Kingston Beach, 7.30–9.30 pm

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

#Chats and Wags = Social walk, all welcome (yes dogs!)

Wags and Snags! At Middleton, Sunday 13 October

Take a walk (with or without your dog) along the Middleton Esplanade from 11:00 am, meeting in the car park at the Middleton Community Hall. The walk will be followed by a free cuppa and sausage sizzle at the Hall.

KDWA is working with the South Channel Ratepayers and Residents and the Good Karma Network to organise this dog-friendly event as part of Mental Health Week. It should be good fun for dogs and their people.

Contact Gloria Lonergan gloria.lonergan@bigpond.com or 6212 9385 if you'd like a copy of the route map for the walk or more information.

Coming up – dates to be set

Follow the KDWA Facebook page, look out for emails from KDWA or check the KDWA web pages regularly for the dates and other details for the following events that are being planned. If you'd like to know more or help organise any of these events, email: kdwa.tas@gmail.com

Launch of the Kingborough Dog Owner's Handbook

KDWA has worked in partnership with Kingborough Council and Dr Katrina Ward to produce the Kingborough Dog Owner's Handbook. This provides an important introduction to the world of dogs for Kingborough residents thinking of getting their first dog, and a wealth of information for everyone with dogs in their lives. Council is organising the launch, potentially to be held in November 2019.

KDWA Christmas Party

Last year's KDWA Christmas Party was a great success! Planning has started for this year.

What Dogs Can Do

We are planning 'pop-up demos' at off-lead exercise areas around Kingborough to demonstrate the concept of 'effective control'.

'Dog home alone' key ring

KDWA has commissioned a keyring that will give you peace of mind and may even save your dog's life, if you live alone.

If you are involved in an accident or collapse and are taken to hospital, the keyring will alert others to the fact that your dog is at home, on his or her own. On the back of the keyring you will have written the name and phone number of someone who is willing and able to look after your dog in an emergency.



PLEASE CALL
NAME:
PH:

Already, one dog has been cared for when a KDWA member who had this keyring attached to her car keys, had a heart attack and was taken to hospital.

Cost: \$6 for one or \$10 for two plus \$5 postage or collect (by arrangement).

The keyrings make excellent small gifts for friends or relatives.

To purchase:

Transfer the required amount to the KDWA bank account:

BSB: 037015 / Account Number: 125518

Account Name: Kingborough Dog Walking Association.

In the 'Reference section' write your surname, phone contact and order (e.g. one keyring). We will phone you to arrange collection.

New members

There is a KDWA Membership Application Form at the back of this newsletter. Please pass this on to any dog owners who may be interested. Remember: the more members we have, the more effective our organisation is!

KDWA Clothing

KDWA has t-shirts, windcheaters and hoodies for men and women, with our name and cute doggy image. Clothing is available in all sizes and a range of attractive colours. Check your options at www.dogwalkingtas.org.au/kdwa-clothing

Instructions for ordering are on the webpage. Delivery takes about two weeks; pay on delivery.



Myer Hobart Christmas Pageant

Once again KDWA will participate in the Myer Hobart Christmas Pageant, on Saturday 16 November. KDWA has marched in the pageant several times since 2005. It's good fun, lovely watching our dogs make onlookers smile, and a great way to promote our organisation and responsible dog walking.

Note:

- participation is strictly members-only; if your membership has lapsed, now's the time to rejoin!
- if you don't think your dog would enjoy the walk, please come without them; the more who walk the better it is
- wear your KDWA top, or seek to borrow one
- it's great to dress your dog up with a Christmassy theme, but make sure there is no risk of discomfort or your dog over-heating
- there will be free parking on the Domain
- we will meet at a yet-to-be designated spot in Argyle St, at 10:15 am, ready to set off at 10:30 am
- the walk takes about 30–40 minutes and the atmosphere is great
- after the walk we'll meet up for a coffee or a wine and a chat
- don't forget poo bags and water.



KDWA at the Myer Hobart Christmas Pageant, 2005

For more information and to RSVP, contact Ailsa Richard on 0438 291 910 or email: ailsarichard19@gmail.com

Snake season

As the warmer weather somewhat hesitantly arrives, please make sure you know what to do if you or your dog encounters a snake. A little bit of thought and prior knowledge will contribute to a happy and peaceful summer for you and your dog while coexisting with all the other animals and birds in this beautiful environment we live in.

Taroona Beach Update

Many KDWA members and their dogs are enjoying access to the eastern part of Taroona Beach.

To retain access, it is up to all of us to ensure we meet community expectations by using the area responsibly, ensuring our dogs are under effective control so they do not bother others, keeping within the boundaries of the dog exercise area, and always picking up after our dogs.

Dru Point Update

KDWA has submitted a rough proposal for the Dru Point Dog Exercise Area (Margate) and the land previously used by Taswater in the centre of this area.

Council staff are supportive of the KDWA proposal for the following improvements to the existing dog exercise area:

- creation of a small separate area for puppies – potentially using space in the north west part of the exercise area and the existing picnic area
- better drinking water facilities for dogs and their people
- new agility equipment, similar to that at the John Turnbull Park in Lenah Valley
- two new bench seats.



Winnie, Monty and Billy enjoying Dru Point, Margate

Council helped us apply for a grant from Tasmanian Community Fund for nearly \$12,000 to cover most of the cost of these proposals. The result of the grant application will be known in early January 2020. If we are successful, these improvements should be completed fairly quickly. KDWA will chip in around \$2,000 and Council will do most of the physical work.

Taswater is no longer using the centre, fenced-off area at the Dru Point Dog Exercise Area but will keep around a third of the area (mostly the part that has a concrete base and some buildings around it) for emergency use. Taswater is still to fence that area and do a few minor tasks before transferring the rest of the land back to Council, potentially towards the end of 2019.

We are hoping Council will decide all this land can be used for dogs off lead. If that happens, our current thinking is to:

- leave the existing fencing as is for those who want to walk
- add three gates in to the centre area, to be targeted for energetic dogs who want to run after balls, chase and play
- install a couple of bench seats in the centre area and more water drinking stands.

This would be the minimum development of this area in order to see how it works for six months to a year before progressing with extra ideas.

None of this will happen overnight but we hope to have much better facilities that we can all be proud of and that our dogs will enjoy.

Any suggestions to Tony by email awalch@bigpond.net.au or 0458 295 399, please. We have a small committee planning this and would welcome one or two extra people to lend a hand as things happen.



KDWA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019–20

(For you to pass on to a prospective member)

Names (list the names of all family members to be included in the membership):

Please circle to indicate: **New Member** or **Renewing Member**

Address _____
_____ **Post Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Dog/s: name and breed:

Payment of \$15 (single) or \$20 (family)

Three ways to pay:

1. Bank transfer (preferred):

BSB: 037015 / Account Number: 125518

Account Name: Kingborough Dog Walking Association.

Reference: Put your surname in the Reference space

Important: email (kdwa.tas@gmail.com) or post (PO Box 39, Kingston 7051) your membership form to us, so we can record your payment and membership.

2. Cheque:

Payable to Kingborough Dog Walking Association

Post to PO Box 39, Kingston 7051, with your membership form.

3. Cash:

Give your completed form and payment to a KDWA committee member.