

Alex Jensen

KDWA Dog Survey 2022	Alex Jensen'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
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
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
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?	I do not support letting dogs off-leash on ALL beaches during winter (some areas are prohibited to conserve native wildlife), however I do support increasing the size of some of the current off leash areas. I also think any beach (excepting prohibited areas) given a "poor" water quality rating (human swimming not recommended) should be opened for dogs until the water quality is improved - which generally takes more than a year.
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?	Yes - dog walking and playing is a great way for members of the community to meet each other and feel a sense of connection to their community.
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?	I broadly support the council building more multi-purpose community bookable facilities.
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?	The current policy is very effective. I would ensure adequate community outreach to encourage dog owners to put forward ideas for the next Policy.

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<p>8. Are there any other comments related to dogs that you would like to make?</p>	<p>I will ensure that council makes it easy for residents to comply with the Dog Management Policy, by installing additional signage in common dog walking areas tracks, and adding things like bag dispensers and bins which are serviced frequently.</p>
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