

Amanda Midgley

KDWA Dog Survey 2022	Amanda Midgley'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>Absolutely, this is an important meeting that I will continue to support. It would be good to have a summary of the meeting discussion points sent to all Councillors and perhaps a workshop with Councillors once per year so that we can all be kept up to date.</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>It would be great for KDWA to come to a workshop with Councillors so we can be more informed about what a dog strategy would look like. It would be good to have this in late November / early Dec or early in the new year. As that is when budget deliberation starts and other community groups talk about ideas. Unfortunately at last budget it came to Council late as an idea and there we had many other competing priorities. It is an important strategy considering the high percentage of dog owners in Kingborough. I am a dog owner.</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 is something I would need to look at thoroughly in regards to what part of Hinsby beach etc. It is good to see that dogs on lead is considered. I enjoy walking my dog on Alum Cliffs and if extended it would be a nice long walk for all to enjoy. More details required to make an informed decision and I understand the benefit that this would provide to dog owners for their own exercise and also for their dog.</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>This is another matter that would require conversation with all community members and also a good topic for a council workshop. Many people have told me that Kingston Dog beach is now very crowded on the weekend due to the increase in dog ownership during COVID. So I am open to looking at options with community consultation. I have visited many places in Tasmania (Clifton Beach, Dodges Ferry) and interstate where these concepts are in place. The impact on the environment and wildlife on beaches would also be part of my consideration.</p>

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<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>Yes</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>Yes</p>
<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>Look at increasing off lead dog areas, connectivity to walk dogs in new developments and parks and playgrounds etc, information to dog owners about places they can go, public places and dogs to be considered.</p>
<p>8. Are there any other comments related to dogs that you would like to make?</p>	<p>I have been lucky to have dogs during my childhood and now an energetic Jack Russell with my family. My dog motivates me for my morning walk, meeting with friends and provides much loved company for our family.</p> <p>It would be good to see how council can work with KDWA about matters that community raise with me regarding high amount of dog poo in locations across Kingborough and compostable dog poo bags.</p> <p>I would like to thank the hard working committee of KDWA for keeping the Mayor and Deputy Mayor up to date with local dog walking matters, for organising dog walking events and keeping community informed about dog matters. I thank KDWA also for the hard work in working with council on the Dog Owners handbook.</p>