



WALKABOUT

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From the President

G'day from Prague, where all the dogs are sweltering in 30-degree days with hot breezes!

Back home, my heartfelt thanks to our vice president, Venie Phillips, for holding down the fort well and truly while I'm away, and to Tony Walch and the committee, for doing what needs to be done. Doers are the backbone of this organisation and the glue that holds it together.

Our committee has progressed the dog handbook we're producing with Kingborough Council. We've submitted the final draft (huge thanks to our editor Peter McIntosh) and now Council will format it, insert images and progress it to the finish line. It's been a good example of the excellent relationship we've established with Council staff and councillors.

We had a super turnout (over 100 people!) at our April event 'What Dogs Can Do' at Dru Point (Margate), through which we promoted dog training. We'll follow this with a series of pop-up events in spring/summer, to highlight the value of good recall for your dog. Look out for the schedule in the next newsletter.

Not satisfied with one big event in April, we also held a treasure hunt at the Huntingfield Pony Club grounds. Ailsa and Tony hid clues around the cross-country course, and dog and humans enjoyed the mental and physical exercise! Thanks to Venie, Maureen and Pru for the delicious morning tea! We also enjoyed great walks, at Coningham, Snug Falls, Kingston View and the Peter Murrell reserve. Check our calendar and join us on a future walk – we love meeting you and your dogs!

Our AGM is planned for 19 September; put it in your diary. We'll have a fun guest speaker and all the committee roles will open. In the meantime, enjoy your dogs and walks and stay warm. I'm heading to Italy in shorts and singlet, rubbing on sunscreen while my eyes are scanning the horizon for suave Italian dogs to befriend.

Ciao!

Georgia



Travelling is one of the purest pleasures, but it means leaving my whippets behind. I offset this by seeking other people's dogs for pats, without being too stalker-y! Here's a few I've found!



**Charlotte Peterswald
Property Management**

Philip Rogers – a CoastCare Stalwart

Last month KDWA member Philip Rogers, was recognised for his long-term commitment to the natural values of Kingston Beach, by the Bonnet Hill Community Association. His lobbying resulted in retention of the much-used zig-zag track from the Alum Cliffs Track to the northern end of Tyndall Beach, and the native plant zone between the Tyndall Beach carpark and the water. Philip also led groups planting and maintaining native species along the track from the carpark to Tyndall Beach.

Thanks Philip for your hard work and inspiring others.

*Read about the local CoastCare group at
www.dosomethingnearyou.com.au/7050/organisation/kingston-beach-browns-river-coastcare-group*



*Philip Rogers and Paul Rapley,
president of the Bonnet Hill
Community Association.*

2019–2010 Membership Fees

Your annual membership is due on July 1, 2019. You'll find the membership form at the end of the newsletter. Please complete and return to us as soon as possible. Feel free to copy the form and pass to any dog owners who may be interested. Remember: the more members we have, the more effective our organisation will be!

KDWA CALENDAR For members and guests

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| Sun 7 July | Chats & Wags [#] , Kingston View Drive Dog Park, 10.00–11.00 am |
| Thurs 11 July | Chats*, 43 Coolamon Road: Taroona, 7.30–9.30 pm |
| Sun 14 July | Chats & Wags, Alum Cliffs Track, meet at Tyndall Beach carpark, 12.00 pm. |
| Sun 4 Aug | Chats & Wags, Suncoast Dog Park, 10.00–11.00 am |
| Thurs 8 Aug | Chats, 2 Osborne Esplanade, Kingston Beach, 7.30–9.30 pm |
| Sun 11 Aug | Chats & Wags, Leslie Vale Track, meet at the end of Bullock Drive, 2.00 pm |
| Sun 1 Sept | Chats & Wags, Dru Point Dog Park, 10.00–11.00 am |
| Sat 14 Sept | Chats & Wags, Kingston Beach, meet at Tyndall Beach carpark, 2.00 pm |
| Thurs 12 Sept | Chats, 43 Coolamon Road: Taroona, 7.30–9.30 pm |
| Thurs 19 Sept: AGM, Kingston Library Meeting Room, 7.30 pm | |

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

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

Notice of Annual General Meeting

When: Thursday 19 September at 7.30 pm

Where: Meeting Room, Kingston Library
(main building)

Purpose:

1. To report on our achievements in 2018–19 and our plans for 2019–20.
2. To elect the KDWA officers and committee for 2019–2020

We encourage all members to attend. It will be a pleasant evening with a guest speaker and refreshments. Please make sure you have renewed your membership so you can vote and/or stand for election.



Recent KDWA Walk to beautiful Snug Falls

Dru Point Dog Exercise Area

In a few months, Taswater will stop using most of the area in the middle of the off-lead dog area at Dru Point. They are likely to keep about a third of the area for emergency use only, and the rest will be returned to Council.

Council is considering what to do with the area to be returned. There's no guarantee the full area to be returned will be available for dog walking, but we have the front running and will do our best.

KDWA has set up a small sub-committee to tell Council what we'd like. The sub-committee includes some KDWA members, regular users of the dog exercise area and Council staff. The sub-committee is working on what is needed in the short and long term. Anyone with ideas, please contact Tony Walch at awalch@bigpond.net.au.

Council will shortly decide on the priorities for Kingborough dog parks and it is likely they'll make Dru Point the priority park. If this happens, they will budget for improvements within the area. No works have been done in the dog exercise area for 20 years, so it does need some updating. We expect some minor works will be done initially to enable dogs to use the area, but any more extensive work will not proceed for 12 months or so, until it's budgeted for.

KDWA is also applying for a grant from Tassal for some new agility equipment costing around \$5,000. If successful, we hope Council will install the equipment for us at Dru Point. This equipment will be similar to that installed by Hobart City Council at the John Turnbull Park.



Sabio, enjoying Dru Point, Margate

Step Out in Style!

We've refreshed our style and wardrobe!

We teamed up with KDWA member, Trish Horinishi, to design our new range, with lots of choice in style, size and colour. The tops will be printed on demand and will take one to two weeks to supply. To order yours, send the following information directly to Trish at info@redbunnysays.com

- your name and phone number
- the name of the item/s you want to purchase, size, colour and quantity.

The cost of the clothing is the wholesale cost plus design and printing cost –this is not a fund-raiser. Trish will contact you to arrange payment and collection.

If you have any queries, contact Venie at kdwa.tas@gmail.com

unisex tee
size S - 3XL

unisex midweight hoodie
size XS-3XL

\$24 (gst inc)

\$38 (gst inc)





Treasure Found!

Our second treasure hunt was great fun, with over 30 people joining the search!

Teams of up to four people set off when ready and were timed. Some came with their own team and others joined teams on the day or chose to complete the hunt solo. Most brought their four-legged friends to help sniff out the answers – we're not sure how useful the dogs were but they enjoyed the on-walk lead and socialization.

There were 19 clues that tested the brain power just enough. The area includes a cross-country course and many bush tracks used by horse-riders at the pony club. Many of the clues related to the diverse

jumps that form the cross-country course. For example, the clue 'No swimming' meant the water jump; 'No longer Tassie transport' was the train jump.

The winning team – Dogs Holiday Havens – had two people and four dogs and completed the search in 57 minutes. Everybody was relaxed and had fun with their dog in what was, for most, new surroundings.

The cost of the grounds was covered by the \$2 entry fee – cheaper than the average cup of coffee – and your committee excelled producing lovely morning tea at short notice.

We've had requests for another treasure hunt in the spring; nothing is planned yet but let the committee know if you are interested in helping!



The wide range of cross-country jumps at the Huntingfield Pony Club grounds make for a superb treasure hunt!

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Dog Poo – a Health Hazard for Council Workers?

It's easy when walking your dog along a bush track to feel that picking up your dog's poo is less critical than when on the footpath or the beach. After all, if you push it into the long grass or bush beside the track it's not going to bother anyone, is it?

While thanking council workmen who'd just finished repairing the water-eroded start of the Alum Cliffs Track, I learned something new. Dried dog poo becomes a cloud of fine particles when the grass it's lying in is whipper-snipped. Yuk! Protective masks help but they don't stop the particles clinging to the worker's hair and clothing and remaining there!

Please make the effort. Be as conscientious on a bush track as you are when you're on the beach and footpath.

Venie



What Dogs Can Do

Wow! Our What Dogs Can Do event was a huge success! Over 100 people attended and gave great feedback afterwards. The demonstrators were engaging, interesting and wonderful to work with and the dogs the stars of the show, as you'd expect!



It's amazing what dogs can do with effective and consistent training! Many skills were on display at our What Dogs Can Do event at Dru Point, Margate.

Special thanks to Dr Katrina Ward for her work on the event – we are very grateful for her expertise and assistance! Thanks also to Kingborough Council, which supplied a PA system for us to use on the day and printed promotional material for us; Sarah Wilcox for providing the Welcome to Country and taking fabulous photos; and to the participating organisations: Guide Dogs Tasmania, Tasmania Police, mindDog Australia and K9 Nose Work.



KDWA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019–20

(For your use or 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.