

Jill Hickie

| KDWA Dog Survey 2022 | Jill Hickie's answers |
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| 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 support these meetings. I did not nominate for Mayor or Deputy Mayor. |
| 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)? | I am a firm supporter of strategic planning. However it would need to be determined how the strategy would relate to the policy and be considered in the context of all other budget proposals and priorities. |
| 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. | I am a dog owner and walk my dog along the Tarooma Foreshore Track daily. The link along the foreshore to the Alum Cliffs is missing for dog walkers but I believe this link would be better achieved by investing in the construction of a track at the back of the beach that connects from the Hinsby Rd and creekline path to the Alum Cliffs Track I believe it very important and of great value to keep the entirety of Hinsby Beach dog free for the safety of families (this a popular each for families with young children) and bird life. |
| 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 love taking my dog to the beach as he loves swimming in the water and chasing the birds. Beaches are not only a place for human recreation; they also provide important habitat for shorebirds which are increasingly at risk due our love of beaches for playing, recreating and taking our dogs. We therefore must take an objective and considered assessment of opening up more beaches to dogs. |
| 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? | A whole of Council dog strategy would be the most effective way to carry out an assessment of needs of dog owners and delivery of services across the whole of the Kingborough municipality. The strategy would be reviewed on a 5 yearly basis to keep up with changes the growth of Kingborough and changes in knowledge. |

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| <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>It sounds like a good idea given this area is already surrounded by a dog exercise area. Careful and considered planning would be required that considers the feasibility and costings to rehabilitate the area and how this could be accommodated in Council's long term capital works plans.</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>As discussed in Question 3 - establishing a link for dog walkers between the Alum Cliffs and Taroon Foreshore Track by way of constructing a track at the rear of the beach.</p> <p>And in Question 6 - Consider the transfer of the defunct TasWater land at Dru Point into the Dru Point Dog Park.</p> <p>The council consider adopting the Dog Breakfast Campaign developed by Bird Life Tasmania. This campaign has been highly successful - adopted by 8 of 24 coastal Tasmanian councils, many mainland coastal councils and now some New Zealand Councils.</p> |
| <p>8. Are there any other comments related to dogs that you would like to make?</p> | <p>As a dog owner, I am a keen supporter of the Kingborough Dog Walking Association.</p> |