

## Di Carter

KDWA Dog Survey 2022	Di Carter'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 I support this approach.
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 Taroona for dog walkers? This might involve permitting dogs on-lead across a small part of Hinsby Beach.	Yes with appropriate restrictions by lead where necessary and waste removal.
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 believe the current dog beaches may be sufficient as laid out in the current dog management policy. A lot of canvassing was carried out to not allow dogs on Blackmans Bay beach for instance and clear signage helps all users understand where dogs are allowed (or not).
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, community facilities for dogs and their owners to maintain wellbeing are important. It needs to be a balanced approach and community consultation must underpin any new developments.
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?	Yes. More amenities to access the outdoors in a safe and equitable way makes sense. Whether funds could be found to invest in an all-weather covered section is another matter for Council and community consideration.
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?	In reviewing any policy it is important to assess the effectiveness of the policy and garner information about potential issues that need to be addressed. Community consultation as well as history of the policy's implementation record would provide a firm basis for future priorities.

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8. Are there any other comments related to dogs that you would like to make?

I don't have a dog at the moment, but recognise the huge benefits of pets - the companionship and health and wellbeing for their owners. We also need to respect that some people don't like dogs and we need to ensure that safe and kind management of dogs is encouraged so that other people's enjoyment of community spaces is not negatively affected.