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PRESIDENT'S Column - Merry Conway

Successful Quiz Night

Our Quiz night in March was a great success! Tickets were sold out and 140 of us all enjoyed the fun and interesting questions, good company and the warm evening. We raised over \$2000 which was a great thrill and due to many people's hard work. Thanks also of course to our prize and auction sponsors and to the many members who participated so generously on the night; those who were able to sell raffle tickets for us and to those who sent in donations. We were very grateful for everyone's contributions and it will assist us to keep membership fees low.

Celebrating 2008 International Day of the Dog

Sunday April 27th is International Day of the Dog, and this year's theme is Rescue Dogs ie dogs re-homed from shelters. All members are warmly invited to a celebratory Morning Tea at Dru Point dog area at Margate from 10am. Special guests have been invited from the Hobart Dogs Home, including a recent successfully re-homed rescue dog, from our own area. Members are asked to bring a plate of Morning Tea for themselves, and we will supply some special treats for the dogs! Members with rescue dogs are especially encouraged to come and participate as we hope to generate publicity in support of the great work done by the Dogs' Home.

Million Paws Walk

Sunday May 18th is the annual RSPCA Million Paws walk at Hobart Showgrounds from 10am to 2pm. This is always a great opportunity to get out and promote dog ownership and support the RSPCA, and have fun with your dog, of course! KDWA committee members will be manning a stall promoting membership and responsible dog ownership, so swing by and say "Hello" or introduce yourself – we've love to see you.

KDWA members helping each other

I was thrilled to have a lovely letter from KDWA member, Margaret Nicol-Smith, thanking the Association for the support she had received from a group of KDWA members when she had to go urgently to hospital and was concerned about the care and welfare of her dog. KDWA members helped by feeding & walking Margaret's old dog, Abraham.

Helping to 'display' responsible dog ownership

Ensuring we all pick up our dogs' poo is one of the most successful ways we can convey to the general community that the **vast** majority of dog owners are responsible. I would encourage everyone to tie a plastic poo bag to their lead, or buy one of those natty little poo bag holders which attach to leads, to display and send a visual message to everyone they pass by that .."I am ready & willing to pick up my dog's poo.." Even if you prefer to carry poo bags in your pocket, put one on display too, to send a message "I'm responsible..!" Peer group pressure is our most successful strategy here.

Updates on KDWA lobbying activities - from Tony Walch

Blackmans Bay off lead dog walking area

Since our last report in the February newsletter we have had a meeting on site with Rod Palethorpe and Jon Wisbey. from Kingborough Council. Both sides agreed to progress with the area off Opal Drive near the Primary School. Council will be looking at the feasibility of this area, checking boundaries etc and doing their sums with regard to fencing costs. In turn we are lobbying Councillors to support the proposal if Council staff do not find too many problems.

Kingston Sports Centre off lead area

As many of you will realise this area is going to be used for the new Kingston High School. We have been asking Council what alternative piece of land they can designate for off lead dog walking. The most likely area is further up Welcome Drive beyond the Sports Centre and tennis courts but before the Garden of Remembrance. This large-ish area is reasonably flat and is currently being used by Riding for the Disabled to agist horses. We understand they may be moving elsewhere fairly soon so we hope this area will be available to all dog walkers.

Bellerive Beach

You will have read that a compromise was reached with regard to the off lead area. This was that the first 100 metres would be "on lead" and the remainder "off lead".

If it had not been for the work put in by Hobart Dog Walking Association and other individuals Bellerive Beach would have been lost to dog walkers. This, yet again, shows the value of our associations.

Code of Practice for Boarding Kennels

The Tasmanian Companion Animal Welfare Coalition made up of the RSPCA, Dogs Home, Cats Home, Cats Association, Australian Veterinary Association, Hobart Dog Walking and ourselves are working to produce a Code of Practice which we can present to the authorities and hopefully they will accept our proposals. We consider it is necessary to encourage all boarding kennels to keep to the standard. At present there is little enforcement of standards apart from possible cruelty cases brought by the RSPCA.

If anyone wants to read the proposals they should be on the RSPCA web site soon. Any comments would be welcomed – please send to direct to Tony.

KDWA Members' News

It was great to hear news that some KDWA members who are part of the Tassie Flying Paws Flyball team were invited to compete at the "Ringwood Highland and Flyball Games" in Victoria in late March. This is the first time that a flyball team from Tasmania has travelled interstate for competition.

Flyball is a fun and exciting relay race for teams of four dogs who jump over four hurdles and retrieve a tennis ball from a loaded box before returning to their handler. The emphasis is on FUN!!

The Tassie Flying Paws, "A" team consisted of:

DOG

Jayden. Tri-colour Border Collie.
Jeannie. Black and White Border Collie.
Rickie. Tan terrier cross.
Annie. Black and cream, miniature poodle.

HANDLER

Greg Canham Captain.
Maureen Williamson (Maudie)
Katinka Smith.
Dot Baverstock

The team was most successful at the Ringwood Highland Games, scoring amongst the ribbons - being fourth in Division Two. Also all four dogs qualified for their Flyball titles after gaining enough points in perfect runs so are all now FD. They also have points towards their FDX .

Training sessions are held on the Domain at Crossroads oval under the auspices of Hobart Canine Obedience Club Inc. on Sundays at 11 am. Please contact **Dot or Derek Baverstock** on 6288 1309 if you would like further details.

EVENT CALENDAR

Special Event Dog Walks – out and about around Kingborough

Date	Time	Location	Comment	Leader
Sunday 27 April	10.00 am	Off-lead Dog area, Dru Point, Margate	International Day of the Dog celebration. Join us for a walk & Morning Tea. Bring your dog too of course –especially rescue dogs! Special guests will be visiting from the Hobart Dogs' Home	Phone Merry Conway on 6227 1138 for further information
Date	Time	Location	Comment	Leader
Sunday 18 May	Anytime between 10am - 2pm.	Royal Hobart Showgrounds 2 Howard Road , Glenorchy ...	RSPCA Million Paws Walk KDWA will have a stall in the Hall to promote membership & responsible dog ownership – come and say "Hello"!	Visit www.rspcatas.org.au Phone Merry Conway on 6227 1138 for further information
Date	Time	Location	Comment	Leader
Saturday 14 June	10.00 am We will meet at lower Cascade Garden carpark, that comes off McRobies Road	Hobart Rivulet Walk - This popular walk has the social history of the rivulet depicted on attractive signs.	This 3 km easy walk is mainly flat and has well maintained tracks. This walk will be on lead. Bring some morning tea for you and your dog.	Phone Ian Dowden on 6227 1947 for further information

Regular Social Walks at Dru Point Dog Walking Area (Margate)

are held on the first Sunday of each Month between 10 am and 11 am. A KDWA Committee member is always present to co-ordinate a walk and answer questions. The next 2 dates are Sunday May 3rd and Sunday June 7th. Please phone Merry on 6227 1138 for further information.

WELCOME RECENT NEW KDWA MEMBERS

- Noelle Rattray and Susan Vanderheiden from Blackmans Bay, and their dogs Jeddah and Bodhi
- Julia Paul and Michael Collyer, from Kingston Beach and their dog Bessie
- Jeanette Brown from Kingston Beach and her dog Ollie
- Jean Evans from Blackmans bay and her dog Sal
- John & Maria Honey from Margate and their dogs Pip and Bonnie

Congratulations to all KDWA QUIZ NIGHT RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

First Prize – Diana Horne, Blackmans Bay
(Diane also won the Raffle seller's prize!)
Second Prize – Lisa Burrett, Kingston
Third Prize – Fiona Connoly, Huntingfield
Fourth Prize – Meg Taylor, Blackmans Bay
Fifth Prize – Monika Andersch

INTERNATIONAL DOG LISTENER

Tony Knight in Hobart - 26th May 08

Spend an evening with Tony Knight — respected Dog Listener, entertaining international speaker and Jan Fennell's son.

Hear all about Jan Fennell's revolutionary canine communication method called '**Amichien Bonding**'™

Learn about this gentle training method that works with every dog - no matter what the breed, the age or the behavioural problem.

When? Mon 26th May - 7pm sharp!

Where? Hobart Town Hall

Cost? 'Early-bird' Tickets are \$50 pp before 5th May or \$60 after 5/5

Bookings are essential – Please contact Merry Conway — Tassie Dog Listener

Ph: 6227 1138 or 0417 832 551 or visit www.UnderstandYourDog.com.au

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KDWA - MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information please contact **KDWA** members or drop in to a monthly **KDWA** meeting, held on the second Wednesday of each month. All meetings commence at 7:30 pm and are held at the **KINGSTON LIBRARY**.

Refreshments provided at meetings – Members and Guests **always** welcome!

OUR NEXT regular monthly MEETING is on

WEDNESDAY, May 14th at 7.30pm

and the following meeting is Wednesday 11th June

Diary Claimers! –

International Day of the Dog Morning Tea at Dru Point, Margate on Sunday April 27th at 10am

Million Paws Walk on Sunday 18th May at Hobart Showgrounds

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