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President's Column from Merry Conway

Just a brief intro from me this Newsletter as I have been away on holidays and other Committee members have been doing all the hard work!

We were very pleased with the response from Kingborough dog owners to our bright yellow flyer in the Council's dog registration mail-out, and our membership continues to grow slowly but surely each month. Building a mutually beneficial relationship with the Council is our aim and things feel well on track. Our suggestions for the Blackmans Bay area (including the beach) will be up for consideration soon and we are hopeful of a favourable hearing and response. The input and assistance from Council staff has been most appreciated. Stay tuned for the outcome and feel free to come to Council meetings to express your support.

Updates on KDWA lobbying activities - from Tony Walch

Blackmans Bay

Detailed below is a letter sent to all Councillors on 8 August. This is likely to be discussed at the next Council meeting on 25 August.

Dog off lead exercise area - Blackmans Bay

At the July 2007 Council meeting you agreed to investigate possible off lead exercise areas for dogs in Blackmans Bay as an alternative to using part of the beach. Council staff were given 1 year to investigate and report. One year has now passed and research has been done by Council staff who have found, as we all already suspected, that there is no suitable area. I believe their report will be available for your August meeting.

I understand that some Councillors are of the view that we must be happy as they have heard nothing in the last year. This is far from the case as can be shown by our letter of 19 January 2008 to the Mayor and in discussions with Rod Palethorpe and Jon Wisbey. We have been extremely patient but now believe that it is time for Councillors to allow dogs off lead on the Northern end of Blackmans Bay beach (down to the Beach restaurant) between the hours of 4.00pm and 10.00am during winter time and between 6.00pm and 9.00am during daylight saving hours.

Most dog owners are law abiding citizens who want to be able to take their pets for a walk and to meet other like minded citizens in a healthy pursuit that Councillors should be encouraging. To continue to discriminate against some members of the community would seem to be grossly unfair and unreasonable. Our Association has put forward many reasons in the past to allow dogs on beaches, including a report from a local vet.

We trust that Councillors will see fit to amend the Dog Management Policy to include this area with immediate effect. We would be delighted to discuss this further with any Councillor.

*Yours sincerely
Tony Walch
Secretary*

*Merry Conway
President*

Kingston – Tyndall Beach

Just a reminder - during winter months you can use the extra bit of the beach at the southern end (as defined on the notice by the bridge). Also please remember to pick up after your dog.

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 10 September 7.30pm Kingston Library.

Please try and come. If you would like to join the committee please give Tony a call and he will arrange a nomination form for you (or do it yourself and post it to him). We would love to have new people with fresh ideas on the committee, so do not hesitate to put yourself or someone else forward.

We are also pleased to have Anne Boxall, the Dogs Home Education officer, coming along to talk to us. Anne writes the column in the Sunday Tasmanian on pets and also does most of the media work for the Dogs Home of Tasmania. Come and listen to her.

Kingston Sports Centre

The current off lead exercise area will be vanishing around February 2009 when the builders start on the new High School. We are in talks with Council regarding alternatives and in the long term we will probably have the area further along Kingston View Drive on the left past the tennis courts. This is currently in use for horses that are part of the Riding for Disabled Association and will not be immediately available. In the meantime, the area on the right up Kingston View Drive opposite the Sports Complex is likely to be designated as an off lead exercise area.

Annual subscriptions overdue

Thank you - the majority of members have paid their subscriptions but there are still a considerable number outstanding - these are now overdue.. If you have not paid yet please send your subs in to PO Box 39, Kingston 7051. Cost \$15 single \$25 family or couple.

Christmas Pageant - Saturday 22nd November

Yes, I know it seems too early to be talking about Christmas but all we want you to do is ask you to put this date in your diary. The pageant really is fun which we all, including our pets, really enjoy.

We finish up by our cars parked near the Cenotaph having a glass of bubbly or whatever you fancy. Do come and join us. Ailsa Richards has all the details (6229 1916) and would love to hear from you. Date **Saturday morning, 22nd November.**

Seniors Week 1st – 7th October 2008

KDWA is having a picnic (BYO) at Dru Point dog exercise area on **Sunday 5th October** from 10.00am until 11.30am. We have invited any senior to come along - with or without their dog. We would love to see as many members present as possible to show others what a flourishing club we are – and how friendly we and our dogs can be. Please try and come

KDWA Dog Walking Clothes - Limited supply – help us raise funds and promote Dog walking!



Sweat shirts (S,M,L) price \$40.00

Polo shirts (S,M,L) price \$26.00

T Shirt(S,M,L) price \$22.00

Bucket hat (M,L,XL) price \$20.00

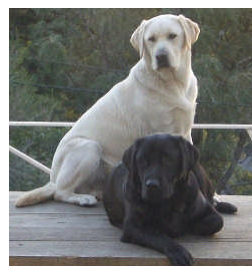
Adjustable cap price \$20.00

Come to the Annual General Meeting to see and purchase any of these quality clothing items.

Can you help re-home these beautiful dogs?

Pure bred Labrador puppies - free to a good home'
We are looking for good homes for our two beautiful 11 month old Labrador puppies, Jet and Cooper, as we are moving interstate and sadly cannot take them with us. They are both fully vaccinated, micro chipped, desexed and house-trained. They have wonderful natures and are great with kids. Preference will be given to a home that can take them both as they are the best of friends and would hate to parted.

Contact Steve - 0404 933 411



EVENT CALENDAR

Special Event Dog Walks – out and about around Kingborough

Date	Time	Location	Comment	Leader
Sat 30 th Aug	10.00am	Peter Murrell Reserve	Meet at the Burwood Drive car park. We are planning to do a community "clean up" of the area (litter, dog poo etc) as we walk.	Ian Dowden & Kathy Canning Ph: 6227 1947
Monday, 1st September 2008.	The walk is to be held from 2pm to 3pm, with registrations on the day between 1-1.45pm onsite at Kingston High School	The walk is going to take place on Channel Highway, starting at the Kingston High School. By walking around the central landscaped median in Kingston, we hope to provide community members with the opportunity to experience at close hand the water sensitive urban design and newly installed street trees, etc. It is hoped this will also provide an opportunity for the community to understand Council's vision for a pedestrian friendly central Kingston.	Giant Walk. The Premier's Physical Activity Council is seeking support and participants to help break the Guinness World Record for the most number of people walking at least 1 kilometre simultaneously (multi-venue).	Jessica Blake Administration Officer Community Services Kingborough Council Civic Centre 15 Channel Highway KINGSTON TAS 7050 Phone:6211 8133 Fax: 6211 8211
Sunday 14 th September	10.00am	Blackmans Bay Beach	Meet at southern end on esplanade Cul de Sac and we will walk through to the sewerage works area for a picnic.	
Saturday 18 th October	9.30 am	Alum Cliffs track	Meet at Tyndall Beach	Felicity Walch to lead. Ph: 6229 5391

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 Sept 6th and Sunday Oct 4th. Please phone Merry on 6227 1138 for further information.

Greetings fellow dog walking members from new members –

- *Julian with Reuben (aka reubie doobie darling doggie);*
- *Sandy and Mike with (pretty, perfect puddle pointer) Paris; and*
- *Sophie with (marvellous mini merriment maker) Missy.*

As the big chill creeps its way down to 200m marks all around Hobart, it is hard to avoid daydreams of a sun drenched winter's day at Coningham. This note is to report that we highly recommend you take the scenic drive and the walk as recommended by Tony and his fellow KDWA planners.

If you missed Tony's well-planned walk (19.7.08) then add this one to your must do list. If you have not ventured passed Coningham Dog Beach, or if you have not previously been to Coningham, then pack your trusty hound, a dog towel, happy friends and perhaps a picnic lunch and thermos. If you are inclined to hibernate over winter then break out – Coningham is the place to catch the winter sun.

Following Tony's lead and guidance we parked our cars and opted for the shorter bushwalk option. After an easy to medium 15-20 minute walk to the beach we spent a wonderful sun drenched morning walking and playing with our happy dogs. What better way to bring a smile to your face?

Thanks Tony!

WELCOME RECENT NEW KDWA MEMBERS

- Greg & Sheila Bond, Huonville - Jasper & Georgie Girl
- Sandy Cannon & Mike Fishburn, Margate – Paris
- Paul Black, Woodbridge – Wippy
- Sophie Bowden, Blackmans Bay – Missy
- Barbara Bedelph, Blackmans Bay - Gizmo



Does your dog..? –

- Jump up too much
- Pull on the lead
- Not always come when called
- Show signs of stress or anxiety
- Show aggression to dogs or people
- Bark too much

Dog Listening can help you resolve all these behaviours – gently

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Phone **6227 1138** or **0417 832 551** for an obligation free chat to Merry

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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, September 10th at 7.30pm – Annual General Meeting

and the following meeting is Wednesday 8th October

Diary Claimer! –

KDWA participates in Xmas Pageant – Saturday 22nd November

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