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President's Column from Merry Conway

Australia Day Event

We've enjoyed a lovely summer walking our dogs, especially at the Kingston (Tyndall) Dog Beach – see my photo on page 3. The Community Australia Day event on Kingston Beach was a great success with approximately 8000 people enjoying the warm day and host of activities. We recruited some new members, and spoke to many people about KDWA activities and aims.

New Tracks & Trails Brochure from Council

Members are encouraged to obtain a copy of Kingborough Council's new Tracks and Trails brochure (see details on page 2). We would be interested to hear any feedback from members on the brochure and its usefulness, and information on the walks and their suitability for dog walkers.

KDWA 2009-2010 Membership fees - Good News!

The KDWA Committee has decided that the annual fee for Family membership will be reduced for the 2009-2010 Financial Year, from \$25 to \$20, and the fee for single membership will be held at \$15. We hope that this will help attract additional membership.

Option to receive Newsletter by email

The cost of printing our Newsletter is one of our principal expenses, so we plan to ask members (at membership renewal time) if you would be prepared to receive the Newsletter via email. This would also be a better environmental option.

Car Boot Sale

In order to supplement our membership fees we have commenced planning for a fundraising Car Boot Sale. We would be grateful for any donations of saleable items, such as books, toys, household items, collectables, (but not clothes). If you have items to contribute, please phone your nearest KDWA Committee Member and make arrangements for dropping them off. This would be greatly appreciated.

Victorian Bushfires assistance

If you are a knitter you may like to contribute knitted squares, which will be assembled into colourful rugs for Bushfire victims. Squares need to be 10 inches square (any sort of stitch) and knitted in 8 ply yarn. Donations of knitting yarn would also be welcomed. Ailsa Richards (Ph: 6229-1916) is co-ordinating our contributions, which can also be delivered direct to the Taroon Bowls Club.

Upcoming Events

Hope to see lots of members again this April 26th for a group celebration of International Day of the Dog at Dru Point (Margate) for a Sunday Morning Tea. As we did last year, we hope to welcome a new member, in our locality, who has recently adopted a Dogs Home dog,

Please also put the RSPCA Million Paws Walk in your diary – Sunday 17th May. Check out the details at the website: - <http://www.millionpawswalk.com/event-info/locations/tas/hobart/>

Secretary's News from Tony Walch

Peter Murrell Reserve

Some of you will have been aware that Grant Hall, Senior Ranger, transferred to another position in Parks and Wildlife Services a few months ago. Grant lived locally and was a good friend to KDWA over many years. He has now been replaced by Peter Cusick who has, at our request, re-instigated the bi-monthly meetings with us and other interested groups. These had lapsed whilst there was no Senior Ranger.

We hope that this will allow all interested parties to discuss any problems and suggestions that arise.

Kingborough Tracks

As a result of the Tracks and Trails committee run by Council, action is being taken to upgrade tracks and make new ones within Kingborough. Council has recently produced a booklet of 32 walks within the Municipality.

On many of these walks dogs can go with you – some on lead. The original print run was fairly low and I suspect demand will be high. There is no charge for the booklet, and they are held at the Council offices. At present we have advised Council that there is a mistake regarding the Fossil Cove walk, Snug Tiers Track and Coningham Foreshore Track all of which are shown as “No dogs”. This was as advised by Parks and Wildlife, but we believe that dogs are welcome on these tracks. Further advice will be given when known but the booklets are excellent and well worth obtaining a copy.

Stop Press: I have just received advice (in writing) advising that dogs are allowed **on lead** on the Fossil Cove Track and the Coningham Foreshore Track. They are also allowed **off lead but under effective control** on the Snug Falls Track. The next edition of Kingborough Tracks will be corrected.

Tasmanian Companion Animal Welfare Coalition

There has been some progress with the guidelines for Boarding Kennels and we can now anticipate a National set of guidelines which will be supported by the RSPCA and the Pet Industry Association as both bodies are working to produce guidelines. It is also likely that the Pet Industry Association will become a member of the TCAWC. This will add to its strength in due course.

Travelling with Pets

I recently bought a copy of this guide produced by the RACT (cost \$10). It lists all the guest houses etc which allow (welcome) pets throughout Australia.

It was published in 2006 so is a little out of date but acts as a good guide. Anyone taking their pet on a trip is welcome to have a look at my copy or buy your own from the RACT
Please call Tony on 6229 5391.



Summer at Tyndall Kingston Dog Beach

Welcome new KDWA Member..!

- Louise Hollingsworth, Howden and "Taz"

SPECIAL DOG EVENT CALENDAR

Date	Time	Location	Comment	Leader
5 th April	10-11am	Dru Point Dog Walking Area (Margate)	Regular Social Walk	Rosemary Potter
26 th April	10.30am	Dru Point Dog Walking Area (Margate)	Morning Tea for International Day of the Dog	Merry Conway
Sun 3 rd May	10-11am	Dru Point Dog Walking Area (Margate)	Regular Social Walk	Cynthia Tanner
Sun 17 th May	11- 3pm	Showgrounds	RSPCA Million Paws Walk	Tony Walch
Sun 24 th May	9am	Peter Murrell Reserve	Meet at Car Park in Burwood Drive	Tony Walch
Sun 7 th June	10-11am	Dru Point Dog Walking Area (Margate)	Regular Social Walk	



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KDWA - MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information please contact **KDWA committee** 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, April 8th at 7.30pm** and the following meeting is Wednesday 13th May.

Diary Claimer! – RSPCA Million Paws Walk is on Sunday 17th May – come and join in, and say hello to Committee members promoting KDWA

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