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President's Column from Merry Conway

Well it's time to tell you about our 2008 Christmas events - it's hard to believe this year has nearly slipped away. But isn't it great that the warmer weather and daylight saving are here again and we can really enjoy the great facilities we have here in Kingborough, especially for walking with our dogs. I'm down at the Tyndall Dog Beach (Kingston Beach) most days, and it's just such a pleasure to see dogs and owners enjoying themselves, in such an idyllic spot. Dog walkers come from all over Hobart to enjoy "our" Beach.

We have lots of new KDWA members who've joined in recent times and that is very heartening. We hope some of you will join us for our KDWA Christmas Morning Tea, at Dru Point, Margate, on Sunday 7th December from 10am. We each bring some nibbles and drinks (for our dogs, as well as ourselves!). We had great fun last year – all the dogs manage to get along well and have a great romp and it's nice to meet other members and to hear your feedback and areas of interest and concern. This year we thought it would be nice if we each bring a doggie present which we will pass on to dogs at the Hobart Dogs Home.

There's also our annual opportunity to promote the KDWA by participating in the Hobart Christmas Pageant. Last year was my 'first time' and it's a really joyful experience to do a dog walk where you have the opportunity to look along a sea of happy, smiling faces, with kids waving and pointing to the dogs, especially if the dogs are dressed in Xmas gear – there really is no other dog walk like it! – so come along..

We've had some Committee members and KDWA helpers on the sick and injured list over recent months, having and waiting for, various operations and we wish them all the best for speedy recoveries.

This will be the last newsletter for 2008, so I hope all members and their dogs have a happy and safe Christmas break. 2009 will no doubt bring us some new challenges as we continue to work with the Kingborough Council to facilitate access to suitable areas for recreational dog walking, and to maintain and upgrade the areas we currently enjoy. Thanks to all members for your continued support.

Hobart's Christmas Pageant - Saturday 22nd November

KDWA has taken part in the Pageant for several years now, and feedback each year from new participants has been along the lines of "I really enjoyed it and so did my dog. It was so much easier and so much more fun than I expected".

We need members with or without dogs, happy to walk slowly for 40 minutes or so around the city block of Campbell/Liverpool/Harrington/Collins Streets. We are usually placed fairly early in the parade, so are usually finished by 11.15 -11.30am, before the weather gets too warm if it's that sort of day. We walk behind our banner and it is nice if the dogs can bear to 'wear' a Christmas decoration (some don't, and others prefer to eat them!). We park at the free parking area near the Cenotaph on the Domain and walk the dogs down to our meeting/starting point.

After we have finished our bit of the parade we walk back to the parking area and sit around sharing coffee or wine etc, nibbles and chat. It is a great morning for walkers and dogs. Why not come and join us?

At the time of writing we are still waiting to hear from Hobart City Council exactly where and when we are to wait to join the parade, but we usually reckon to be parked at the Domain by about 10am ready for the official start of the parade at 10.30. Further details will be available from Felicity, phone 6229 5391.

Tasmanian Companion Animal Welfare Coalition – report from Tony Walch

Members of the Coalition are - RSPCA, Dogs' Home, Cats' Home, Cat Association, KDWA, Hobart Dog Walking Assoc, Aust Vets Assoc. One of the tasks we have set ourselves is to bring in legislation to set minimum standards for boarding kennels. We have produced drafts which have been amended after consultation with boarding kennels and we hope that this legislation can be passed to Government for approval sometime in the next 12 months. The end result will probably have no effect on the well organised and good boarding kennels but will we hope encourage others to improve their facilities.

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

(Will be available at Xmas Morning Tea, 7th Dec, Dru Point)

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 baseball cap - price \$20.00

SPECIAL DOG EVENT CALENDAR

Date	Time	Location	Comment	Leader
Sunday 16 th November	From 10am	Dogs on the Domain	Hobart City Council event	See Hobart City Council website
Friday 21 st November	4.30pm – 7.30pm	Dodges Ferry Dog Expo at Dodges Ferry Primary School	In conjunction with Primary School fair – all sorts of doggy displays & info	Ph Council on 6269 0000
Saturday 22 nd November	Morning	Meet on the Domain with dogs for walking to the marshalling area	Xmas Pageant	Phone Felicity on 6229 5391.
Sunday 7 th December	From 10am	Dru Point Dog area , Margate	KDWA Xmas Morning Tea	BYO drinks and nibbles for you & your dog! PLUS a doggie present for a Dogs Home dog

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 December 7th and Sunday January 4th. Please phone Merry on 6227 1138 for further information.

Seniors Week event 5th October 2008 – report from Rosemary Potter

A wonderful picnic for dogs and their companions. Approx 20 dogs enjoyed their morning. Sadie and her 2 companions had driven down from Interlaken solely to allow Sadie to socialise with other dogs, what devotion!. As usual the dogs got on wonderfully well together (so did the humans). We look forward to the next picnic.

NB Sadie enjoyed herself so much she has since joined KDWA (or should we say that Robert and Nan took little persuasion to join). We look forward to more picnics with them.

Alum Cliffs Walk, 18th October – report from Felicity Walch

Nine walkers and eight dogs commenced this walk and seven walked right through to Taronga and back to Tyndall Beach (approximately two hours). The day started out a bit rainy but was already improving when we met at the dog beach and we were well on the way to the forecast 23 degrees by the time we returned to our cars. This track is now greatly improved and was much enjoyed by us all. Participation did become a little fragmented: two walkers had to turn back beyond the first lookout; one had to forge ahead because of another engagement later that morning; two dogs temporarily went missing, off on a scent together (though they behaved beautifully after this lapse); another decided to explore a different route back before deciding to rejoin us. Thank you to the following for their company: Philip, Enna and Raj, and Tanzi and Aussie - all from Hobart Dog Walking Association, and from KDWA: Kathy and Ras, Meg and Benji, Jeanette and Ollie, Sheila and Lizzie, and Sophie and Missy. And not forgetting Bailey!

Welcome lots of new KDWA Members..!

- Paul Black and Whippy
- Greg and Sheila Bond and Jasper and Georgie Girl
- Louise Whitehead and Benji
- Ken and Kellie Hoskin and Rafa
- Sarah Gillie and Tilly
- Janine Eyres and Nugget
- Jen Clifton and Rose Hetherington and Lily and April



Pip

- Judy and Peter Blackburn and Josie and Pip (above)
- Heinz and Marlene Luthi and Miki and Sarge
- Sandy Michael and Myfy and Ollie
- Laura Jacobsen and Ruben
- Rob and Nan Comley and Sadie
- Trish Horinishi and Meg
- Ann Cummings and Sachi

Warning! - Problems with dogs swallowing toys

Recently a KDWA member wondered if her dog may have swallowed a ball at the Kingston Dog Beach. As a precaution she took the dog to the vet. Following an Xray, the dog was subjected to surgery and no less than FOUR balls were extracted from her stomach. The balls were all the sort that "squish down" when pressed and then bounce back to shape when air re-enters them.

This dog had swallowed the balls after "squishing" them; 2 of them had reinflated inside her.

Apart from the ball swallowed that

Can you help find a home for this dog..?

Benson is a cute one year old Terrier cross (looks like there's some Sydney Silky there too!)

He is blind in one eye, but this causes him no problems at all and he remains an active, jolly and endearing little character.

Transferred south from the Devonport Dogs' Home, Benson is available for adoption at the Hobart Dogs' Home, Scotts Rd., Risdon Vale, open 7 days from 10am.



Dog Friendly Cafes!

Did you know that **Citrus Moon** and **Juiced Up** cafes at Kingston Beach are "dog-friendly"..?! They provide water bowls for dogs and welcome dog walkers..!

day, there is no way of knowing how long the other 3 balls had been inside her: she had normal poos, normal eating and drinking, normal energy levels (and apparently a cast iron inside) - but any of those 4 balls could have caused an obstruction or an infection. Or worse. The warning is to avoid these balls.

They are very popular among the dog beach dogs - but if possible, please stick to tennis balls, solid rubber balls and the like.

Your dog's life may depend on it.



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

UnderstandYourDog.com.au

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, November 12th at 7.30pm

and the following meeting is Wednesday 10th December

Diary Claimer! –

KDWA participates in Xmas Pageant – Saturday 22nd November

Do we have your current email ??

- Have you changed your email address?
- Would you like to receive information (such as the warning about dogs swallowing balls) between Newsletters..?

Please provide your current email address to our Secretary, Tony Walch –

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