



WALKABOUT

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President's Column from Merry Conway

Thanks to members who attended our AGM in September. We welcomed Jane Mays as our new Treasurer and Mary Deacon as a Committee member. Our other Office bearers stood again and we all appreciate each other's variety of contributions. We still have 2 vacancies for Committee members and would love to hear from anyone able to assist.

We all really enjoyed Anne Boxhall's talk at the AGM. As Education Officer for the Dogs' Homes, Anne shared a lot of up to date information and knowledge of issues of interest and relevance to us dog owners and carers. A summary of my President's Report to the 2008 AGM is as follows -

Financial Overview

Due mainly to the success of our Quiz night and Raffle in March, our income for the year was over \$6000 and we are well & truly financially viable for the next year or so. Having said this, our membership income (we like to keep fees low) probably doesn't quite cover our annual expenses, so we will need to maintain some regular fund raising.

We now have 144 members on our books (compared to 122 a year ago) but as of early September only approximately 60% of members were financial, and this is posing a concern. We spent more money in 07/08, principally on the printing and postage of more newsletters, and the inclusion of the promotional flyer in the Council Dog registration mail out.

07/08 Activities

- Xmas pageant – Nov 07
- International Day of the Dog – event held together with Hobart Dogs Home – April 08
- Million Paws Walk stand – May 08
- Regular walks out & about, & clean-ups at Dru Point (membership meet & greet)
- Clean-ups at Tyndall Dog Beach, and the Peter Murrell Reserve
- Our Secretary chairs the Tasmanian Companion Animal Welfare Coalition – Drafting of commercial Kennel standards and regulations is underway and we are in the early stages of working with government on new cat legislation.

Thanks to Committee members

- Thanks to Jane, Jenny, Ailsa, and Rosemary - every one has contributed something eg representation on Committees (eg Tracks & Trails), Quiz Night, Walk leaders, Million Paws stand, Raffle prize sponsorship etc etc
- Farewell & thanks to Ian Dowden & Kathy Canning – off to Canberra for a new job – Ian is a KDWA past president and Kathy has been our representative on Peter Murrell Reserve Committee
- Thanks to outgoing Treasurer, Cynthia Tanner – stepping down after 2 years keeping our books
- Special thanks to Tony Walch – our tireless Secretary, our “engine” **and** driver, and diplomat..!
- Life membership was approved for Felicity Walch. She has provided untiring support from the very early days; has held roles of Secretary & Membership officer, and is back again as an official Committee member this year. We appreciated her big contribution to the Quiz night, and her ongoing support to Tony with lots of ‘behind the scenes’ tasks such as all the newsletter enveloping!

Efforts with Council – our emphasis is on constructive relationship building

- KDWA observed the community debate over Bellerive Beach access for dogs with interest
- We were pleased to be able to include a promotional Leaflet in our annual Dog Rego paperwork
- Trial access to northern end of Blackmans Bay Beach for dogs – we were grateful for Council staff support on BB off-lead dog areas, but it has been difficult and slow progress trying to secure Councillor support – are we back to square one?
- We were pleased to secure the extended area at Tyndall Beach all year round
- Participation in KingboroughTracks & Trails Committee & Peter Murrell Reserve management group

Future focus...? Next newsletter I will outline our thoughts on future objectives for KDWA.

Special Reminders

Seniors Week event 5th October 2008

KDWA is having a morning tea 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 – we need some extra support as some committee members are on the sick list.

Social Club Books catalogues will be available for perusal soon, to help you with your Christmas shopping. KDWA benefits from receiving some commission from your purchases, and we appreciate your support. Chris Needham will co-ordinate ordering again this year. Please phone Chris on 6229 4361 for further info, or to register to receive a catalogue.

Christmas Pageant - Saturday 22nd November

Yes, it's getting closer to Christmas and decorations are in the shops already, so don't forget 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 is Saturday morning, 22nd November.

Please do renew your Annual subscription – we need your support! Payments are now overdue and sadly this will be your last newsletter if you are not financial..

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

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 baseball cap	price \$20.00

SPECIAL DOG EVENT CALENDAR

Date	Time	Location	Comment	Leader
Sunday 5 th October	10am - 11.30am	Dru Point Dog off-leash area	BYO Morning Tea and help welcome Seniors Week dog walkers	Ph Rosemary Potter for info Ph: 6229 5508
Sunday 5 th October	11am-3pm	Dogs Day Out, Rosny Farm	Clarence City Council event	See Clarence City website
Sunday 12 th October	10am	Scots-Memorial Church, 29 Bathurst St, Hobart Bring your pet! Morning tea afterwards	Church Service with animals to celebrate World Animal Day	Check with Hobart Dogs Home for further info Please bring donation of pet food
Saturday 18 th October	9.30 am	Alum Cliffs track	Meet at Tyndall Beach	Felicity Walch to lead. Ph: 6229 5391
Sunday 16 th November	From 10am	Dogs on the Domain	Hobart City Council event	See Hobart City Council website
Saturday 22 nd November	Morning	Meet on the Domain with dogs for walking to the marshalling area	Xmas Pageant	Ailsa Richards Ph: 6229 1916

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 October 5th and Sunday November 2nd. Please phone Merry on 6227 1138 for further information.

Can you help find a new home for this beautiful dog?



Mia is an attractive black German Shepherd with an extremely friendly and gentle personality (except where cats are involved!). Aged 9 months, Mia was reluctantly relinquished by her loving family due to serious and unforeseen health problems effecting that family. Mia comes de-sexed, micro-chipped and vaccinated. Meet Mia at the Hobart Dogs' Home or phone 6243 5177 for more information.



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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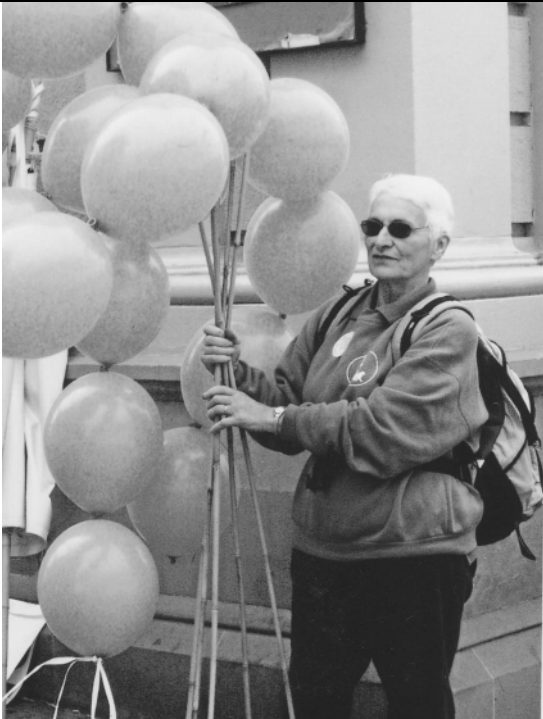
Welcome New KDWA members –

- Roger and Vijay Pelham, Bonnet Hill, and "Rani"
- Sandy Michael, Kingston, and "Myfy" & "Ollie"



International Day of the Dog event

KDWA - MORE INFORMATION



***Congrats Felicity Walch – our new
KDWA Life Member***

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, October 8th at
7.30pm**

and the following meeting is Wednesday 12th
November

*Diary Claimer! –
KDWA participates in Xmas Pageant –
Saturday 22nd November*

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2 vacant positions

Like to get involved and help out on the KDWA Committee? Please call any Committee member and have a chat about what is involved – it will only take a few hours each month. You will be really welcome – tasks aren't onerous, and we have lots of fun!