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DOG OWNER'S HANDBOOK LAUNCHED

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The Kingborough Dog Walking Association (KDWA) and Kingborough Council launched the new Kingborough Dog Owner's Handbook on Saturday, 9 November at the Salty Dog.

Dog owners and their furry friends celebrated the launch of the Handbook, which was developed in partnership between the Council and KDWA, together with animal behavioural consultant Dr Katrina Ward.

The Mayor of Kingborough, Cr Dean Winter, said he was pleased the relationship between the two organisations had strengthened and produced such a great resource for the community. "Council staff have been committed to the development of the Dog Owner's Handbook with the KDWA, and we are very proud of the result," he said.

"Community inspired and led outcomes are what is at the heart of our vision and this achievement is a perfect example.

"Council was pleased to host the launch and celebrate this partnership."

Dr Peter McIntosh, President of KDWA, is delighted with the success of the Handbook and the positive feedback it is already generating. "I am excited by the fact that it is the product of a Council and dog owning community group working together," he said, "I hope that other councils will take note of this cooperative initiative.

"The Kingborough Council and Mayor Winter are to be congratulated for taking up the opportunity to work with dog owners to try and resolve community issues through education.

"The amount of voluntary time that our members have put into this project and in representing dog owners and the needs of dogs in local and state government circles often goes unnoticed. I would like to thank those involved on behalf of the dog owning community."





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The new Handbook is an easy to understand guide to the practical, social, ethical and legal responsibilities of being a dog owner. It covers choosing a puppy or re-homing a dog, socialisation, training, exercise, enrichment, car travel, understanding your dog and dog body language.

“The most important part of the book for me is the section on understanding your dog,” said Dr McIntosh.

“By taking the time to understand our dogs, we can avoid putting them and others at risk and improve our relationship with them.

“I encourage everyone, even people who don’t have a dog, to read this booklet.”

The Handbook was launched by Cr Winter, Dr McIntosh, and Melissa Fraser, President of the Tasmanian Dog Walking Clubs Inc.

The Dog Owner’s Handbook is available on the Council website at www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/dogs. It is also available on the KDWA website, along with other great resources, at www.dogwalkingtas.org.au/kingborough.

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