

Minutes

Meeting of the AEVA Tas Branch
Elizabeth College, 256 Elizabeth St. North Hobart
17th August 2016 7:40pm

Attendance

AEVA Members

Christopher Walkden, Penny Wadsley, Bruce Hocking, Chris Heath, Millard Ziegler, Rhys Filbee, John Hanley, Peter Freeman, Paul Rayner, Andrew Cash, Penny Cocker, Ray Johnston, Charles Gregory, Michael Wadsley, Warren Boyles, John Casimaty

Guests

Glenn Noble, Natalia Laska-Hennessy, Mark Thomson, Daryl Brown

Apologies

Corey Peterson, Clive Attwater, Geoffrey Attwater, Greg Milligan, Paul Dickenson

Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting (available on the [website](#))

Moved by Paul, seconded by Warren that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record.

Business arising from the minutes

There was no particular interest in a Winter event.

Correspondence in/out

City of Launceston 25th July – Thankyou for the deputation to Aldermen at the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meeting on Monday 18th March.

TasNetworks 8th July – invitation for AEVA to join the Tariff Reform Working Group. We replied that we would like to join, and that we would elect a delegate at our meeting August 17th.

Natalia Laska-Hennessy 13th July – expressing interest in making a documentary on electric vehicles in Tasmania.

Rob Connell, Ranger – Southern Region, Tasmania Parks & Wildlife Service 14th July – an update on the status of the EV charger at Mt Field National Park visitor centre.

Jacob Willard. 3rd August – inquiry from St Patrick's College (Launceston) regarding a project to build an electric drag car. We replied with our contact details saying that we would like to be involved in some way.

Robyn Dell – letter to advertise that Colin Dell's EV conversion is for sale. An email has since been sent to the AEVA members group. Contact the Secretary if you need more details.

David Roberts 15th August – offering an old motorbike that might be suitable to convert to electric. We will pass this letter on to the Launceston Conversions SIG.

Moved by Warren, seconded by Bruce that the correspondence be accepted.

General Business

Treasurer's Report – presented at AGM.

Venue

The State Cinema has been remodelled and we have outgrown the room that they can offer us. We acknowledge John Kelly's support in getting the branch going, but we need to find another venue for meetings.

The room at Elizabeth College was organised at short notice and cost \$150.

Requirements are: comfortable temperature, seating for 30+, electricity, quiet, low cost, internet access and/or audiovisual equipment would be a bonus.

Suggestions made were: Carlyle Hotel, Warren's home, Rose Bay High School, the Sustainable Living Tasmania offices. Referred to the committee.

Website & Social Media

Greg and Rachel foresee that they will be busy in the coming year, and indicated that they would like to step down from the Website Coordinator role.

Charles and Christopher agreed to take this up.

Tas Networks Working Group

Tas Networks has invited Tas AEVA to participate in a working group on electricity tariff reform.

The group is part of an ongoing process of review, and consists of members of the public, industry etc. We replied that we would like to attend, so we need to designate a delegate.

Penny Cocker and Michael Wadsley expressed an interest. It was thought that (apology) Clive Attwater might also be interested, and so it was left for these three to decide who would be our representative.

Report from the **Hobart Conversions SIG** (Special Interest Group) – see report on our website [here](#). There appears to be insufficient interest to continue the group at this stage.

Ray reported on the **Launceston Conversions SIG**, we had 5 people attend a meeting on the 23rd of July. A rough plan was made to develop a test rig this year (i.e., set up a motor and controller on a frame), followed by a more involved project next year – perhaps a go-kart or similar. One member of the group has a partially-dismantled Golf which he is keen to do something with. Since this group involves Launceston College we are at the point where we need to discuss locations, resources etc. with the Principal. Contact the secretary if you'd like to be involved, or if you'd just like to be on the mailing list.

Reports on events:

Nothing to report.

Reports from working groups:

- Electric Highway - nothing significant to report.
- Information/Strategy/Brochure group (Penny C, Charles, Paul R, Clive) – has not met.
- Bus group – has not met.

- National Website – no update since last meeting.

Destination Chargers:

Currently 25 shown on Plugshare.com for Tas (or perhaps 26 depending on settings)
Chargers at Bronte Park and Bruny Island have been added.

Reports on AEVA submissions:

Ray reported on a presentation that he and Clive made to the Launceston City Council. The aldermen were attentive and asked questions. Ray's opinion is that this was an information session to educate the aldermen, rather than a project about to start.

Upcoming dates:

- Lufra to Lookout HillClimb (20th August)
 - Christopher and Rhys have entered in the race, Paul hopes to attend in a Tas Networks Leaf to provide a static display. Christopher will bring banners, brochures etc.
- Motormania (Launceston Silverdome) 3rd September. Indoor car show, cars must be in the night before. John Hanley added that there is a drag racing meeting on the same day at Powranna, and EVs are invited to attend. There is no record for an EV running the ¼ mile in Tasmania.
- AGM in Adelaide 21st, 22nd, 23rd October.
 - Clive, Michael & Christopher are our delegates. The weekend includes seminars, an EV Expo and activities for disinterested family members. Anyone is welcome to attend. See the [website](#) for details.
- Sustainable Living Festival (Hobart) 12th & 13th November.
 - We will again be sharing an inside booth with the University of Tasmania. The shared site will be 6m wide, with UTAS paying for 4m and AEVA paying the difference. We'll be able to have a car inside again. There will be a space allocated outside for EVs, although the amount of space will not be decided until after the 10th of October. The space is likely to be smaller than last year, please register your interest if you'd like to bring along your vehicle so we can plan our display.
 - Paul would like to have an activity for children at the display, and thinks that slot cars would be fun. If anybody knows of slot cars or track that could be borrowed or purchased please contact Paul or the secretary.
- Devonport Motor Show 26th March 2017
- Agfest 4th, 5th, 6th May 2017 (apply from October 2016)
- Picnic at Ross May 2017
- Tasmania is host to the 2017 National AGM (in October or November)

Group purchase of 3-phase adapters:

John Casimaty moved that the meeting support the proposal *that the AEVA Tas branch take orders from AEVA members for portable chargers to the value of \$1,000 for each order. If fewer than 10 orders are made then the money will be returned to the applicants. If 10 orders or more are received then chargers will be purchased using this money. The intention is that the AEVA will neither make nor lose any money on this scheme.*

Seconded by Michael Wadsley, carried.

The secretary and treasurer will take on the responsibility to develop the proposal to a point where it can be advertised.

Waverley Electric:

Warren reported on his trip to the Wonders of Wynyard, and spoke to some photos. We have permission in principle to get the car working. Warren has a battery that may be suitable. Ray's father lives close to the WoW and has some garage space. Ray will investigate whether this could be useful. Warren will organise a meeting/inspection to gauge interest in this project.

The committee recently held a meeting and decided to purchase a **TV monitor** as discussed last meeting. This is a 48" screen, it weighs less than 10kg and cost \$599. It was used at this meeting, Christopher will take it to MotorMania.

The issue was raised that owners of EVs do not pay **Fuel Excise**. Warren to investigate the issue, Christopher to ask National Council if there is a current policy.

Natalia and Mark were introduced. They are documentary makers, and think that there is a film to be made on the introduction of EVs into Tasmania and the people behind this. They think that EVs, green energy and Tasmania are a good fit. They are interested in people to interview and EV events worth filming anywhere in the state. If you think of something then let Natalia know at laskanatalia@gmail.com. They are in the very early stages, they hope to pitch their ideas at the BOFA film festival in Launceston in November.

Meeting closed 21:00

Next meeting: 19:00 14th September in Hobart (venue to be advised)

General information:

Want to join the AEVA or join our mailing list? See our [website](#).

Members' discounts:

20% off Tesla Limousines & Tours <https://teslatours.limo/> (Statewide)

20% off first lawn service from Greg Milligan Gardens and Maintenance (up to \$20).

<https://milligangardens.com/> (Hobart & surrounds)

Discounted EV chargers from Gelco: <http://www.gelcoservices.com.au/>

EV Related links that members have suggested (since last meeting):

[Small country with big ideas](#)

[Portable DC Chargers](#)