

Minutes

Meeting of the AEVA Tas Branch
Rose Bay High School, Kaoota Rd, Lindisfarne, Hobart
14th September 2016 7:05pm

Attendance

AEVA Members

Christopher Walkden, Chris Heath, Millard Ziegler, Rhys Filbee, John Hanley, Peter Freeman, Paul Rayner, Andrew Cash, Penny Cocker, Ray Johnston, Charles Gregory, Warren Boyles, John Casimaty, Les Gregson, Shayn Harkness, Julie Hargreaves, Paul Dickenson, Fred Pribac, Clive Attwater, Greg Milligan

Guests

Doug Begg, Lesley Begg

Apologies

Geoffrey Attwater, Robert Manson, Penny Wadsley, Michael Wadsley

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

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

Correspondence in/out

Christopher submitted a request to Launceston Airport (via their online contact page) that they consider incorporating EV charging infrastructure into their next carpark upgrade.

National AEVA has requested articles/pictures for the newsletter EV News. Contact the secretary if you would like to write something.

AEVA was contacted (via our online contacts page) by Tata Consultancy Services to provide information regarding national EV standards, government department contacts etc. in Australia. Christopher and the national secretary (Daryl Budgeon) both replied stating that there were no standards and no government departments for this area.

AEVA was contacted (via our online contacts page) by [EVE Australia](#) to request contact details for electricians with experience/interest in installing the car charging equipment that they sell. Christopher replied with the contact details for corporate member [I Want Energy](#).

Charles has attempted via various means to contact Robert Llewellyn, who appears on [Fully Charged](#) and Red Dwarf. Robert is visiting Australia next year and is likely to make some Fully Charged episodes.

General Business

Treasurer's Report –

Balance beginning of august \$1024.33

Purchase TV 599.00

Current balance at bank \$425.33

Committed to reimburse Paul Rayner for SLT 310.00

Available \$115.33

\$5000 requested from National office should be available end October if approved.

Venue

Thanks to Andrew Cash for the venue at Rose Bay High School. It is a good size, warm and with tea/coffee facilities. We are able to use it until the end of the year, possibly next year as well.

Website & Social Media

Nothing to report.

Ray reported that the **Launceston Conversions SIG** has not met again. Contact the secretary if you'd like to be involved with this group, or if you'd just like to be on the mailing list.

Reports on events:

Christopher, Rhys and Pauls reported on the **Lufra to Lookout HillClimb**. Photos were shown of the event. Two EV entrants; Christopher's Brumby chose that day to break down and so it did not compete. Rhy's BMW i3 was much more reliable, and Rhys received the Driver of the Day trophy. Thanks go to Peter Derkley of the Lufra Hotel and Apartments for getting us involved in this.

Christopher and Ray showed some photos of **MotorMania** in Launceston. We had two EVs, a Brumby (it gets around) and an Outlander.

Penny attended the launch of a three year partnership between Community Transport Services Tas (CTST) and TasNetworks. TasNetworks has donated a Nissan Leaf to join CTST's fleet of vehicles which are used to provide medical-related transport around the state. This vehicle will be used in the greater Hobart area, allowing CTST to support 250 new clients and make an additional 1500 trips annually. (information is from the TasNetworks facebook page).

Reports from working groups:

- Electric Highway – no progress to report, RACT, Hydro, Tas Networks are still supportive.
- Information/Strategy/Brochure group (Penny C, Charles, Paul R, Clive) – has not met. Paul will organise a meeting.
- Bus group – has not met.
- National Website – no update since last meeting.
- Tas Networks Tariff Reform - Penny Cocker has agreed to attend this group with Clive as a backup if required. 1st meeting 21st September.

A standardised symbol for EV charging locations was discussed. Currently AEVA has no national policy on which one to use. Many have been used throughout all states. The one used in WA recently would seem to be a good choice, since it has been widely used and there are apparently no copyright issues with using it. It was decided that the Tas branch should attempt to get this sign adopted as a national recommendation. See the [website](#) for a picture of a sign that WA has produced that uses this symbol.

Destination Chargers:

Currently 26 shown on Plugshare.com for Tas.

Clive encouraged us to look for extra sites – can we get 100 sites on Plugshare? Clive has been talking with a caravan park chain which sounds promising.

Reports on AEVA submissions:

None this month.

Upcoming dates:

- 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 have the liveried UTAS Leaf in the booth. 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, it would make sense to have as many different models of vehicles as we can get, with an emphasis on vehicles that are available to buy now.

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 Clive, Penny C or the secretary. Other science-based demonstrations were discussed, please suggest something (preferably with costing!) if you have an idea. Paul is unable to be the organiser this year, Clive and Penny C will take over this role. We'll need to locate display materials from last year to work out what needs to be re-printed. Greg & Rachel were nominated put together a presentation for the screen (e.g. re-vamp the one that they made last year).

Volunteers will be needed, about two for the booth and owners of cars for outside.

Consider if you can volunteer some time over the two days.

- Devonport Motor Show 26th March 2017
- Agfest 4th, 5th, 6th May 2017 (apply from October 2016)
- Picnic at Ross May 2017
- National Drive Electric week is in September.
- Tasmania is host to the 2017 National AGM (in October or November)
 - Christopher presented an idea to hold the AGM in Devonport, and combine it with an event to attract national attention – for instance an attempt to gather the largest number of EVs in one spot in Australia. The EVs could go for a day trip up to Cradle Mountain, with a stop along the way for charging at Sheffield. This would provide plenty of opportunities for TV and film crews to get some impressive footage, and also time for speeches and announcements from politicians, businesses etc.
 - *TT Line might like to sponsor this event.*
 - *RACT might like to sponsor this event, and might have some kind of announcement to make with regards to charging infrastructure at their resorts.*
 - *Tourism Tasmania might like to be involved.*
 - *The Kentish Council might like to help out with charging in Sheffield.*
 - *Car manufacturers might like to use this event to launch new models.*
 - *The Electric Highway group may have an announcement to make by this time.*
 - *A cabin park in Devonport might be a good place for delegates to stay, as this might provide parking next to power points.*
 - *Some potential venues were mentioned, including Anvers, the Tasmanian Arboretum, the Waterfront Function Centre, Camp Clayton.*

- *Some organisations were mentioned that might be able to lend assistance with volunteering or billeting: Rotary, Transition Towns Tasmania, Community Exchange Network Tasmania (CENTS).*
- *The Kentish Voice and the Central Coast Voice were mentioned as places to advertise.*
- *A Motorkhana event was mentioned as a possibility.*
- *October is the time of the Tulip Festival in Wynyard.*
- *The Waverley electric is in Wynyard, and could feature in Devonport.*

This was generally seen as a good idea that should be pursued. Shayn and Julie will start approaching local councils. Christopher and Clive will work on something to present to this year's AGM to encourage delegates to attend next year.

Regular Events:

Rhys mentioned that About 100 car enthusiasts gather in the old bus turning circle behind Lower Sandy Bay Beach at about 9.30AM on the first Sunday of each month. They simply look at each other's cars and talk until about noon. Many of the cars are vintage, some are sports cars but the crowd is also interested in anything they haven't seen before. There's a coffee shop and snack bar adjacent to the car park, in what used to be the Beach House Hotel.

John Hanley also mentioned the Cars and Coffee group – find the next event on facebook [here](#).

Events Calendar

Charles has found a web-based, free events calendar that we can use. We can use it just for our club, or we can encourage other AEVA clubs to use it as well. Not quite ready for general use yet, we need to figure out non-administrator access.

Group purchase of 3-phase adapters:

No further progress, John and Christopher are working on this.

Waverley Electric:

Warren will organise a meeting/inspection to gauge interest in this project. He has been unable to spend time on it in the past month.

The AEVA has no particular policy on **road taxes**. Tas AEVA could develop a policy for its own use, so that members are ready to comment if the topic comes up in the media. Tas AEVA could also present a policy to be adopted nationally. To do this it would need to be agreed on by Tas AEVA, and then presented at national AGM in 2017. Warren is the driver of this topic, contact him if you have some particular views or ideas.

Clive made the comment that the **media coverage** of EVs has been high over the past year, presumably due in part to the work of the AEVA. But things have quietened down lately. He proposed the following questions to stimulate discussion:

1. Why are there so few EV models in Australia?
2. Does this matter? We should be prepared to argue why we need more models. For instance would we like to be able to catch up to where China is?
3. What can we do about this situation? Can we encourage EVs to be purchased as fleet vehicles? Do we need subsidies? (probably not a high priority).

Paul Rayner had an **Ampfibian adapter** with him to show off. This is an adapter that lets you plug your 15A plug into (the much more common) 10A sockets. It includes a 10A circuit breaker to ensure that you cannot draw an unsafe current through the 10A socket. Would be good for the type of EVSE (charger) that comes with most cars, that draws about 10A but is fitted with a 15A plug. Comes in a waterproof version too. Available from camping places and ebay.

Meeting closed 20:55

Next meeting: 19:00 12th October at Rose Bay High School

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):

Sydney Airport has purchased some BYD buses: [link](#)

Mitsubishi Concept: <http://newatlas.com/mitsubishi-gt-phev-concept/45434/>