

Minutes

Meeting of the AEVA Tas Branch
Online via Zoom, 26/01/2022 19:36

Attendance

AEVA Members

Christopher Walkden (Secretary), Ray Johnston, Charles Gregory (Vice Chair), Clive Attwater (Treasurer), Shayn Harkness, Julie Hargreaves, Ron Andersen, Michael Wadsley, Penny Wadsley, John Casimaty, Grant Vowles, Millard Ziegler, Rosemary Grant, Jeff Garner, Margaret Kinsela, Bruce Hocking, Andrew McMahon, Penny Cocker (Chair)

Guests

None

Apologies

None

Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting

Moved by Ray Johnston, seconded by Julie Hargreaves that the minutes of the previous meeting (available [here](#)) be accepted as an accurate record; carried.

Correspondence in/out

No notable correspondence.

General Business

Treasurer's Report, 26/01/2022

Balance at last meeting: **\$3,521.62**

Since the last meeting -

Payments made:

EV tag postage reimbursement \$107.00

Paranaple hire, Devonport City Council \$75.00

Income received:

Hobart show trade display income \$75.00

The current balance is **\$3,414.62**

News

- A solar ferry is in use in India, running 22, 15-minute trips per day. This is a similar distance to the Bruny Island ferry, and it costs about \$2.60US per day to run. See the statistics and watch the video via [this link](#).
- Bob Clifford recently wrote an opinion piece on electric shipping. Charles posted it on Facebook [here](#). Bob foresees that shipping will have to move to electric, and he thinks that Incat can be competitive in this space.
- Vehicle import regulations are changing, which means that the Good Car Company will have 'unlimited quotas' from July 2022. They are also starting to source new cars.
- At the Queensland branch meeting (available Youtube [here](#)), it was stated that the 2021 sales of EVs in Australia (about 20,000) had exceeded all previous years' sales combined.

Tasmanian Chargers

- There have been a spate of destination chargers installed around Tasmania in the past two months, with locations (as reported on [Plugshare.com](#)) including: New Town, Flintstone, Wayatina, Elizabeth Town, Brighton, Lucaston, West Hobart, Orford, Lindisfarne and Dynnyrne.
- The Future Fuels (federal government) and Chargesmart (state government) grants have been awarded, which means that there will be quite a few fast charging sites being built over the next year or so. Clive reported that Electric Highway Tasmania is planning and ordering their new equipment. He noted that delivery times on new equipment are currently quite long, with 4-6 weeks a typical time frame.

Launceston Conversions Group

This is a Launceston-based group of AEVA members and non-members interested in converting vehicles to electric. Please contact the secretary if you'd like to be involved, you'll be added to the email list.

The group is working on a Suzuki Mighty Boy at Launceston College. The new controller is now installed, and works, but the motor is making a noise. Next job is to remove the motor and inspect it.

Christopher had a problem with the DC motor in his Subaru Brumby conversion. For some reason the brushes collapsed, and needed to be replaced. He has replaced them now and the Brumby is back on the road.

Hobart Conversions Group

This is a Hobart-based group of AEVA members and non-members interested in converting vehicles to electric. Please contact the secretary if you'd like to be involved, you'll be added to the email list.

Nothing to report.

EV Tags

In September the Tasmanian branch purchased some of the now-mandatory EV licence plate labels. We've been selling them nationally through the website [here](#), and we've just about run out. Penny will purchase another 50, and then we'll re-advertise them for sale again. Grant asked if an option to purchase tags could be placed on the AEVA membership renewal form. Christopher expressed doubts, but said that he'd look into it (*if technically possible, this would be a decision to be made by the national council*).

Margaret asked about how to attach the labels. This requires a drill and rivet gun. One person took them to their local mechanic, who did them both in about 10 minutes and didn't charge anything. This seems the best-case scenario!

The idea of a Pop Riveting Day was raised, where people could assemble with the appropriate tools and do a number of vehicles. If you'd be interested in this please contact the secretary.

National AEVA

- The national AGM was held on the 29th of November 2021. You can view a video of it [here](#).
 - The new executive includes Chris Jones (president), Hunter Murray (vice president), Warwick Cathro (secretary) and Charles Gregory (membership secretary).
 - It was voted to move the structure of the organisation to a Company Limited by Guarantee. This should happen in July.

Reports on Events

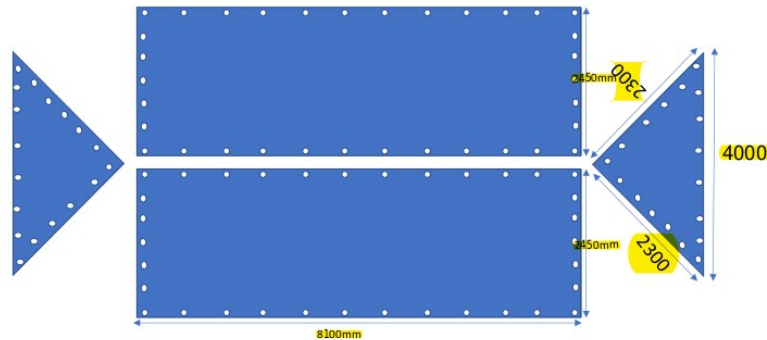
- December 12th – Our two Christmas get-togethers, one in Lenah Valley and one in Westbury. Both were good, the Hobart people were able to see a Kia e-Niro and an Ioniq 5, the Westbury people saw a Volvo XC40 Recharge. You can see some photos of the Westbury event [here](#).
- A series of webinars were held during December, follow [this link](#) to see the recordings.

Planning for Upcoming Events

- March 27th [Devonport Motor Show](#). This is a large outdoor car show, and AEVA have attended for a number of years. If you'd like to show your vehicle, follow the link and register online. On the form is a field for 'group'. Group number 26 is AEVA. If you are planning to enter your vehicle, please let the secretary know, as the organisers have asked that we arrive as a group. We'll need to organise a place to assemble before we arrive. There will be some kind of power outlet available for us. Again, let the secretary know if you need to charge, so we can make sure we have what is required.
- April 1st AEVA [Conference and Expo](#) in Canberra. Follow the link for further information. The national conference is typically planned to coincide with AGM, which is in October/November. But this year there was a large EV event planned at that time, so the conference was moved to April. Now that other event has been cancelled, but the conference is still going ahead as planned.
- April 9th [North West Ecofest](#) at Camp Clayton near Ulverstone
This is an event that the AEVA has been attending since its inception. It is this year moving to a new venue, which should be a change from the cramped quarters in the previous location in Ulverstone. AEVA has applied for two sites, one outdoors for cars and bikes, and one indoors for brochures. The weather is typically not great at this time of year, so the indoor site is important!
The secretary broached the idea of taking people for test drives at this event. The organisers think that it should be possible. If this aspect goes ahead we'll be asking for volunteers to take people for rides in their vehicles.
- [Agfest](#) has been postponed until August 2022 (normally May). We purchased a large site for the May event. Applications closed with the announcement of the postponement, and will re-open again in February.

Signage

Last meeting it was approved to purchase four large signs. These signs will be designed to adorn the AEVA marquee, but can also be used separately. They will be very large!



Each banner can have a different design, and we need to come up with what to put on them. These are our two existing banner designs:



These designs are a similar aspect ratio to the two rectangle banners, so they should be able to be translated reasonably simply. Those in attendance decided that these designs would do. The triangle banners could be made with similar wording, re-arranged to fit the space. The triangle banners are still large – at 4 metres wide they are wider than our existing 'big' banner! Wording needs to be simple, it needs to be relevant for the (potentially 10 year) life of the banners, and it needs to mean something to people who have no idea what the organisation is about.

Julie offered to make some designs to circulate. In the meantime, if anyone has any ideas for design or wording, please contact the secretary.

Meeting closed 20:55

Presentation

Our guest speaker was Charles Gregory. Charles spoke about charging infrastructure being rolled out around Australia.

For a recording of the presentation please head to the event page on the AEVA website [here](#).

Next meeting: 19:00 March 23rd at Launceston College. Please contact the secretary if you have a good idea for a guest speaker.
See our [website](#) for a full list of meeting dates and locations.

Text written in italics was added by the Secretary while writing the minutes, and was not part of the meeting on the day.

General information:

For more information on any of the topics covered, or for contact information of the people mentioned, contact the secretary Christopher Walkden at: secretary@tas.aeva.asn.au

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

Members' discounts:

- 20% off **Tesla Limousines & Tours** <https://teslatours.limo/> (Statewide)
- Discounted EV chargers from **Gelco**: <http://www.gelcoservices.com.au/>
- Fonzarelli Electric Scooters are offering a 5% discount and a free charger pack to AEVA members: <http://www.fonzarelli.co/>