

Minutes

Meeting of the AEVA Tas Branch
Held at Launceston College
17th February 2016 19:15

Attendance

AEVA Members

Penny Cocker, Michael Wadsley, Christopher Walkden, Ray Johnston, Penny Wadsley, Paul French, Mike McCausland, Horst Lerchbacher, Daryl Brown.

Guests

Rudolph van't Hoff, Craig Plaisted, Martin Winlow, Kerry Garwood, Jim Taylor.

Apologies

Greg Milligan, Rachel Milligan, Chris Heath, Clive Attwater, Paul Rayner, Andrew Cash, Sarah Lowe, Corey Peterson, John Casimaty, Warren Boyles, Charles Gregory, Jeff Attwater.

Introductions

Introductions were made, notable non-members were:

Martin Winlow, visitor to the state from East Hertfordshire in the UK

Craig Plaisted from the Meander Valley Council

Jim Taylor from the Launceston City Council

Kerry Garwood from Launceston College (Automotive Studies)

Confirmation of minutes

Moved by Penny C, seconded by Christopher that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record.
- Carried.

Correspondence

No notable correspondence

Business arising from the minutes

Only one reply was received for the bulk purchase offer of Nissan Leafs. It was theorised that the poor response may have been because the discount on offer was not great (approximately 10%).

Penny thinks that Warren hasn't made contact with the Wynyard Car Museum.

Charles was not on hand to comment on the creation of an events calendar.

General Business

Treasurer's Report – Clive

Balance as at 17th Feb 2016: \$3015.53

Revenue:

Interest \$0.59

Expense:

SLiK Booth & Power Supply \$40

Report on website & social media coverage – Christopher.

Webpage – I've been able to pretty it up somewhat. We have had more than one contact from people who have found us through this page.

Facebook is quite active with 45 members of our "members" page.

Hobart Conversions SIG - John Hanley (paraphrased from an email)

John would like to know about venues. Reports are that parking is difficult around the State Cinema. He is considering 2 other options:

One is the Civic Club in Davey Street. They have a room we can use on one of two nights each month at no cost. A meeting room with a table and chairs that would hold about 20 and no other facilities other than their bar which is open.

The other is the function room at the Carlyle Hotel - a large room with plenty of tables, seating, a data projector and large screen and access to wifi. The catch is that they need either \$300 in meals to be purchased by the group or a \$100 fee. A nice room.

He would appreciate feedback before he makes a booking and sets a date.

Discussion ensued about forming a Launceston-based conversions SIG.

Launceston College has some parts for an EV, purchased a couple of years ago. Includes a motor, controller and various other parts. This was from a previous failed attempt to convert a vehicle within the automotive studies course. It is unknown why this previous attempt failed, but it may have been because of poor planning and/or management. Some parts (including lead-acid batteries) have "gone missing".

LC has suggested that they could perhaps be the centre of a community project of some sort. Perhaps to convert a vehicle to electric, or perhaps to make a smaller (go-kart size perhaps?) vehicle. One idea raised was that an inter-school competition could be formed. Another was that University or TAFE could be involved.

Concerns include that poor commitment from students could mean the project could stall (or be vandalised), also the possibility of danger if high voltages are used.

Contact the secretary if you'd like to be involved, we'll probably organise a meeting to discuss this further.

Reports on events attended in the north - Christopher

Marc Talloen visited Tasmania (from Queensland) in his Tesla Model S 85. He spent 10 days touring the state, you can read about his experiences here: [Tour of Tas](#)

Club members met Marc at Woolnorth on the 14th of December for a tour of the windfarm. We took two Outlanders, three AEVA members and two hangers-on. Woolnorth Tours has made electricity available for tourists to recharge while on their tours – they have industrial 3-phase outlets and 10A outlets. A very interesting tour, a good time was had by all.

PowerCruise is an event at Symmons Plains Raceway (23rd & 24th of January) that lets people take their own cars and do things that they aren't allowed to do on the roads. The main event is that you can drive your car around the track with all the other entrants, you can drift around the corners and have races along the straights (130kph speed limit). Other events include drag racing, burnouts, powerskids, dynamometer testing and a Show n Shine. The organiser offered us free entry if we could get 5 electric cars entered. We managed to get one entry (Christopher's Brumby) with three others (all Outlanders) saying that they could go along to make up the five if required. So Christopher ended up going by himself, just for the Show n Shine (much cheaper than a full entry). There was a lot of interest, and apparently there was a lot of talk beforehand around the traps about the electric cars coming.

This would be an excellent event for one or more Teslas to enter. There are 15A outlets

everywhere, and numerous industrial 3-phase outlets as well. Having cars out on the track would be a great advertisement showing people what they can do.

The Aussie Coupes Car and Bike Show was on the 7th of February at Josef Chromy Vineyard. There were about 250 entrants and they raised about \$3000 for HeartKids tasmania. We had three electric cars on show, an Outlander, Handivan and Brumby. Great day had by all, the sunburn didn't kick in until later.

Electric Highway Working Group – Clive (via email):

On 4 February the Electric Highway Working Group met for their second meeting. The main focus of the meeting was on a report by Clive Attwater on a fact finding tour to Ireland, Norway, Estonia and the Netherlands, countries with relatively high rates of EV uptake and well developed public charge networks. And overview of the main findings are provided in the attached document.

The implications for the charge network project proposed for Tasmania were discussed and the following conclusions reached:

Although the findings concluded that building a charging network was not 'urgent' it was agreed that it was important to maintain momentum. The first step is to update the summary description document with the fact finding tour findings and in response to comments received.

The working group can provide information that may assist any expenditure on charging infrastructure by others (eg local government, tourism sites) to be most effective.

The working group should continue planning and developing the concept at a measured pace. This should include more detailed consideration of number and location of suitable sites and scoping particular sites to establish practical issues and costs. This could occur after the summary description document is updated.

Individual working group members were nominated to follow up on specific tasks arising before the next meeting proposed for early March.

A number of local governments have expressed interest in establishing charge stations and the findings of the study tour should be communicated to them.

If you would like further information (such as the "attached document" mentioned) please contact Cilve or the secretary.

There has been no meeting of the working group charged with developing a strategy to approach small businesses, councils etc. who want to supply charging facilities. (Charles, Penny C, Clive and Paul R)

Craig Plaisted spoke to this, saying that information such as this would be very useful for councils. For instance they need to give approvals to cafes etc. who are installing chargers outside. Other topics suggested were Fleet Vehicles, Charger Standards, Lists of Suppliers etc.

No report from the bus group, although some discussion ensued about buses in Tasmania and overseas.

Charles has been working with the national working group on a strategy for the national website. Nothing concrete has come of this yet.

It was suggested that a place to store documents might be created. This can apparently be done in Facebook. It can be done on the current AEVA website, but not in a straightforward way.

Google Docs has also been used. Perhaps a good feature for the website re-vamp.

Craig mentioned that he knows someone who is good with website creation, logos etc.

Upcoming events were mentioned:

- Richmond Market 20th February – there are a range of EVs keen on attending.
- Chudleigh Show 20th February – Contact the secretary if you are interested.
- Deloraine Custom & Classics show (Pre 1988) 21st February – nobody going.
- Devonport Motor Show 20th March - Quite a few going. You must register for this event so if you are interested in taking a vehicle contact the secretary ASAP.
- Love Living Locally in Kingston 20th March – Sarah has booked a stall and is asking for EVs to attend.
- Picnic at Ross 15th May – Ray will investigate charging possibilities (e.g. caravan park)
- Lufra to Lookout Hillclimb 20-21 August (see the next point)

Peter Derkley is the General Manager at the Lufra Hotel & Apartments. He has installed some 15A outlets for visitors. He is also keen to get some electric entrants in the Hillclimb event. This is a short event quite suited to EVs – you nominate a time and try to be consistent rather than just going as fast as you can. The course is about 1 or 2 km long. Peter is keen to attend an AEVA meeting in Hobart a bit closer to the event with someone from the Club Motori Italia. They'll give more details then.

Greg mentioned (via email) that there is another hillclimb – the collinsvale hillclimb on 28 feb also run by the Club Motori Italia.

The donated charger was at the meeting. This has now been sent south.

John Casimaty is investigating a group purchase of adapters to let Teslas charge from an industrial 3-phase outlet. These outlets are fairly common, in workshops, showgrounds etc. A supplier has said that they will have an improved product in February, so this has stalled until we can evaluate that product. All interested Tesla owners are encouraged to contact the secretary.

ANDRA endorsement.

We have agreement from the majority of the national executive to give endorsement for ANDRA to hold an EV class in the National Championships. The national secretary is drafting a letter of endorsement.

Meeting closed 20:35

Date for next meeting: 13th April 2016

General information:

Members' discounts:

20% off Tesla Limousines & Tours

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

Links that members have suggested (since last meeting):

<http://reneweconomy.com.au/>

[http://hkmb.hktdc.com/en/1X0A53O3/market-spotlight/Charging-Ahead?
utm_source=enews&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hkmb-edm](http://hkmb.hktdc.com/en/1X0A53O3/market-spotlight/Charging-Ahead?utm_source=enews&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hkmb-edm)

[http://reneweconomy.com.au/2016/four-reasons-electric-vehicle-sales-will-surge-
goldman-sachs-86958](http://reneweconomy.com.au/2016/four-reasons-electric-vehicle-sales-will-surge-goldman-sachs-86958)