

Minutes

Meeting of the AEVA Tas Branch
Glenorchy Library, 22/05/2024 19:00

Attendance (please excuse misspelled or incomplete names due to handwriting or Zoom moniker)

Christopher Walkden (Secretary), Ray Johnston, Charles Gregory (Vice Chair), John Fast, Jon Ettershank (Branch Chair), Shayn Harkness, Julie Hargreaves, Ian Roberts, Sondra Roberts, Tim O'Loughlin, Clive Attwater, Nathan Bourke (Treasurer), Midj Jones, Chris Adams, Michael Wadsley, Penny Wadsley, Penny Cocker, Warren Boyles, Simon Troman, Mark Grainger, Graeme Birch, Bruce Longwire, Sue Webster, Jim Mansbridge, Maggie Crawford, Michael Bonney, Michael Meyer, Colin Gordon, John Casimaty, Peter Baker, James Kendall, Millard Ziegler, Mick Healey, Elaine Healey, Pete Sanborn, Rolf, Eddy, Linda, Anthony, Scott

Apologies

Dave Davey, Annick Ansselin

Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting

Moved by Charles Gregory seconded by Tim O'Loughlin that the minutes of the previous meeting (available [here](#)) be accepted as an accurate record; carried.

Business arising from the minutes

An update on the EV tags for licence plates (see the previous minutes for background): Christopher advised that he was mistaken when he said that someone had been 'fined' for not having a metal EV tag on their number plate. The person was told to rectify the problem, and then have it inspected, and that there may be a fee for the inspection, but there was no fee in this case.

The issue has progressed, with the advice given that the metal EV tag may be glued to the licence plate, or the plastic cover over the licence plate. This doesn't seem like it would be good enough (rivets are typically used), but the legislation only specifies that the tag needs to be attached, it doesn't specify how.

So the rule is that the vinyl label needs to be affixed to the metal tag, which needs to be affixed to the licence plate. The original problem in this case was that the metal tag was not present.

Note that this legislation applies to vehicles manufactured after 2019, so if you have moved your licence plates from an older car to a newer one you may need to purchase a licence plate tag. You can do so on the AEVA website: <https://aeva.asn.au/forms/ev-licence-plate-tag/>

Correspondence in/out

No notable correspondence.

General Business

AEVA Tasmania

Treasurer's Report, 22/05/2024

Balance at last report:	\$2272.25
Since the last meeting -	
Payments made:	
Ev tag postage	\$96.20
Room Hire	\$137.00
Know Your EV Costs	\$288.00
Total payments	\$521.20
Income received:	
Total receipts	\$0.00
The current balance is	\$1751.05

The transition to Bendigo has taken much longer than hoped, however we have almost now completed their requirements and should be up and running in the next week. As discussed at our previous meeting we have opened our account with the Deloraine branch as this is a community bank and any profits the bank make are reinvested in the community.

It should also be noted that payments for dealerships to display at events is now done through the AEVA website and payments go to the national bank account.

These payments are a total of **\$1210.00** for the period covered by this report.

Since the beginning of the 23-24 financial year, AEVA has been subject to GST reporting. Amounts quoted include GST where applicable. We may be liable to submit GST where revenue exceeds expenses or receive a refund where expenses exceed revenue.

All future pricing must make clear the amount of GST added to any amount quoted.

Clive Attwater moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Penny Cocker, carried.

Penny Cocker spoke about the Tas Networks working groups. Penny has been attending these groups on behalf of AEVA for several years. They are being re-organised, and will now become two groups, one for stakeholders and one for consumers. Penny volunteered to represent AEVA at the consumer group. At this stage it isn't clear whether Tas Networks are accepting representatives of organisations, or just individuals, but either way Penny is volunteering to attend the group.

Graeme Birch proposed that the Tas AEVA branch have Penny Cocker represent AEVA in the Tas Networks consumer state advisory group. Seconded by Michael Wadsley, carried. Penny said that another volunteer would be welcomed, in case she isn't available on a particular date. Please contact the secretary if you're interested.

Jon Ettershank said that we'd like an AEVA photo of some kind, such as the one taken at Cradle Mountain 7 years ago. Perhaps at the venue for the upcoming expo? Keep an eye out on emails and/or Tas Facebook for a call to action.

News & Tasmanian Chargers

- Charles presented some [slides](#) and gave us a summary of news from various sources.
- Clive spoke about some of the Electric Highway Tasmania sites.
- Tas Networks has developed a new product, Tariff 97, which includes a 'super off peak' time. This would be a cheaper tariff for late at night. It is not guaranteed that electricity retailers will pick this product up.
- TasGas is changing into Solstice Energy, and will become an electricity retailer. Initially this will be for businesses only.
- ROEV has previously been converting vehicles to electric, but they are discontinuing this service.
- Tritium has gone into receivership. Tritium manufactured the chargers used extensively by Evie, and EHT also has some of their chargers. The company is still operating in a reduced capacity, but it is uncertain at this time what will happen. This is particularly concerning as the continued operation of the chargers depends on the ongoing back-end support provided by Tritium.

Tasmanian Conversions

We have Launceston and Hobart based email lists for people interested in converting vehicles to electric. Contact the secretary if you'd like to be on one or both lists.

Nothing to report.

National AEVA

Jon Ettershank is our board member at the national level. He gave a summary of the topics that the board is discussing. The AEVA board produce a Public Summary of each meeting, you can see them [here](#).

Reports on Events

- March 28 – AEVA Webinar: [Battery EV fires](#)
- March 30 – [Glebe Hill Village Easter Display](#) in Howrah
- April 6 – [Ecofest](#) near Ulverstone
- April 21 – Triabunna [Electric-Hybrid Vehicle Show](#)
- April 23 – [EEE Expo Launch](#) in Hobart
- April 20 – [Know your EV Workshop](#) in Devonport
- May 4 – [Star Wars Tesla Light Show](#) at Cornelian Bay (and everywhere else!)

Planning for Upcoming Events

- May 25 – [Know your EV Workshop](#) in Hobart
After a successful Devonport workshop, the Hobart one is filling up quickly. We'll need to put another one on in June (not scheduled yet) to keep up with demand. We're looking for more volunteers, particularly for advertising and presenters in each area. Contact the secretary if you would like more information.
- May 26 – AEVA/TOCA [Lunch at the Cannery](#) in Dunalley
Come along for a social day out! Follow the link to register.
- June 15 – [Know your EV Workshop](#) in Devonport
- July 6 – [Know your EV Workshop](#) in Launceston
- July 24 – AEVA [Tas Branch AGM](#) in Hobart.
Here are the elected roles from our last AGM in September 2023:
 - Chair: Jon Ettershank
 - Treasurer: Nathan Bourke
 - Secretary: Christopher Walkden
 - Committee: John Casimaty, Julie Hargreaves, Charles Gregory, John Fast, Mikey Harriss, Clive Attwater and Penny Cocker
 - Vice Chair: Charles Gregory
 - Assistant Treasurer: Clive Attwater
 - Assistant Secretary: Nil
 - Newsletter Editor: Charles Gregory
 - Meeting Setup (Zoom): John Fast
 - Website Content: John Casimaty & Mikey Harriss
 - Facebook: Charles Gregory
 - Events - Southern: Jon Ettershank
 - Events – Northern: Christopher Walkden & Nathan Bourke
 - Guest Speakers: Jon Ettershank
 - Expo Working Group: Jon Ettershank, Charles Gregory, Christopher Walkden, Penny Cocker, Helen Hutchinson, Clive Attwater, John Fast, Tim O'Loughlin

Note that all roles listed will expire at AGM, and all are up for re-election. Christopher said that he will stand down as Secretary, so this role needs to be filled. Please consider if you could fill a role. Don't be daunted by being new, or inexperienced, we were all inexperienced when we started! Please contact one of the existing executive (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and committee members) if you are considering a role.

- November 1 – [AEVA National Conference](#) in Hobart
Lots of work has gone into this, we hope to open for registrations this Friday the 24th.

- November 2, 3 – [AEVA Energy Efficiency Electric Expo](#) in Hobart
The committee have been working hard (as has Leishman Associates, the event management company that we're using) to bring this together.
We are at the point where we are contacting businesses all over the country to sponsor or exhibit at this event. If you know of a business who might be interested please send them the link! Businesses and organisations in the areas:
 - EVs & EV support (chargers, software etc.)
 - Electrical appliances, products
 - Building efficiency (double glazing, insulation, best practice building)
 - Water, gas, energy efficiency
 - Solar, batteries, electricians
 - Etc.!

Presentations:

Michael Meyer: *Your next Power outage, can you use your electric car as your Power source?*

Simon Troman: *Hydrogen as a transport fuel.*

Both presentations were recorded, you can view the videos on our [Event Page](#).

Meeting closed 21:03

Next meeting: 19:00 July 24th at the Glenorchy Library in Hobart. Includes the branch AGM. Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of every second month, 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/>