

# Minutes

Meeting of the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association  
Glenorchy Library, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Welcome

Zoom recording - [YouTube link](#)

**Attendance:** Jon Ettershank, Charles Gregory, John Bludhorn, Christopher Walkden, Midj Jones, Bruce Hocking, Jorg Jorgensen, Colin Atkins, Mark Grainger, Rhys Escott, Bronwyn, Margaret Kinsela, Mikey Harriss, John Fast, Ray Johnston, Penny Cocker, Clive Attwater, Shayn Harkness, Julie Hargreaves

**Apologies:** John Casimaty, Nathan Bourke, Michael Wadsley, Penny Wadsley

## Confirmation of [minutes](#) from previous meeting

Moved: Mikey Harriss, Seconded: John Bludhorn

## Business arising from the minutes

Special thanks was given to Christopher Walkden, our immediate past Tas branch secretary, who has been in the role since our establishment in 2015. Christopher has been instrumental in the running of the branch, and has played a major role in many of our events, including our 2017 and 2024 national conferences. He also established our "Try and Drive" and "Know Your EV" formats which have been run in many locations across the state. Christopher will continue to be a part of the national website team and also our northern events coordinator.

## Correspondence in/out

None of note (some relating to events, noted below)

## General Business:

### Treasurer's Report

Nathan Bourke was an apology, but provided a couple of notes in lieu of a formal report:

- Money lost from the scam as mentioned last meeting has been returned
- Bank account has now been set up for 2-user authentication

### News

Link to [Charles' news slides](#)

Items discussed included: Huge price drop on MG4; RECFIT's recently released Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan for Transport; Incat's new ferry and manufacturing facility; Tesla showroom launch; New chargers including in major developments

### Tasmanian Chargers

Some updates on new in-build sites (Evie @ Sorell, BP @ Moonah). Christopher/Clive gave updates on EHT sites (Exeter, Cradle Mountain, Tullah)

[AEVA Charging Station Award](#) - This is a national initiative to identify the country's best public charging station. Tasmanian nominations have closed. Winner to be announced at the Expo.

### Tasmanian Conversions

Ray provided an update on the Mighty Boy at Launceston College

### National AEVA

Director's update (Jon Ettershank)

Items raised included: Confirmation of the Conference and Expo;

Website - copyright

### Reports on Events

August 10 - Tesla showroom opening

### Planning for Upcoming Events:

October 12 or 13 - Cars & Coffee, Scottsdale

November 1-3 [National conference and Expo in Hobart](#)

December - Christmas function?

**2025**

March 22 - Big Day of Circular Living Ideas, Hobart

April 5-6 - Northwest Ecofest, Ulverstone

Christopher has contacted past volunteers and there appear to be enough people able to assist to go ahead with this.

May 1-3 - Agfest, Carrick

**Guest speaker:** Christopher Walkden gave a presentation on his experience during the recent power outages, including the construction of his home solar/battery system.

[Presentation link](#) (PDF)

The Zoom recording was made

**Meeting closed:** 8.40pm

**Next meeting:**

19:00 November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Paranaple Centre in Devonport.  
(meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every 2<sup>nd</sup> month).