



Directors Update

Tasmanian Branch Meeting
January 2025

EEE Expo and AEVA Conference



The EEE expo and AEVA conference was a huge success with financials being finalised and projections indicating a net profit of over \$10k

[Highlight Reel](#)

[Photos](#)

I would once again like to thank the organising committee, speakers, volunteers, sponsors and the team at Leishman and Associates for their amazing contributions to making the events a tremendous success.





Board report

If you are interested in keeping abreast of what is happening at the national board, I refer you to [National Meetings: Minutes and Reports | Australia](#) where member summaries of board meetings are published.

Recent highlights include:

- The Policy Advocacy working group is busy developing plans to be ready for a Federal election
- The board continues to work on uplifting governance and maturity.
- A new Revenue and expenditure policy and procedure are being finalised and provide great templates for ongoing policy and procedure development
- The membership value working group has developed a new welcome pack which is being progressively distributed to recently joined members and will be sent to all new members
- The motorsport development committee is continuing to work on its list of motorsport venues, clubs, events and contacts
- We're currently considering AEVA sponsorship of a series of **The Driven** podcasts
- An overarching AEVA Strategic Plan is in development and will be circulated to State Branch committees for review

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AEVA Strategy Planning

The board and working groups are continuing their efforts to uplift our governance and maturity.

To support this, we are developing a Strategic Plan and a working draft will be circulated soon to branch committee members.

The document includes

- Forward
- Vision/Mission
- Motivations, values and philosophy
- Our high-level target outcomes, strategies and actions

AEVA is advancing the electrification of transport in Australia by amplifying and channelling the voices of EV consumers and being trusted by government and industry decision and policy makers.



1. Policy making and knowledge

Our policies are well-founded and trusted. We are a knowledge base.

We will:

- Continue to make and refine evidence-based policies
- Contribute to policy consultations
- Build effective and enduring policy partnerships with government, industry and advocacy groups
- Maintain current knowledge on electric transport and EVs.



2. Communication and advocacy

We have a strong and trusted public voice.

We will:

- Build a trustworthy evidence based social media profile
- Be visible and trusted in print and online media
- Promote the many benefits of owning and driving an EV
- Become a 'go-to' association for electric transport



3. Membership

Our members benefit from and contribute to our association

We will:

- Expand and maintain our member-base to 4000
- Value our members and draw on their expertise
- Ensure that AEVA is a respected and trustworthy association
- Meet the needs of our diverse membership



4. Governance and management

We are well governed and managed and trustworthy

We will:

- Implement good governance in line with our constitution and through an effective skilled board.
- Become an employer of choice with good policies and procedures
- Employ excellent people to support delivery of our outcomes.



5. Financial resilience

We have sufficient and well managed financial resources to be a strong and enduring association.

We will:

- Secure funds beyond member contributions through robust and enduring funding partnerships.
- Build strong business partnerships that yield value for our members.
- Manage our money well and transparently.

FIGURE 1 AEVA'S OUTCOMES, STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS



Correspondence

- **Christian Homes Tasmania**

I have received correspondence regarding challenges with charging at Christian Homes Tasmania facilities and have arranged to meet with their manager of Property and Compliance on the 13th Feb.

- **Department of State Growth / RECFIT**

RECFIT notified us of their announcement of the start of the **Application Readiness Period** for the upcoming third ChargeSmart Electric Vehicle Charger Grant Program.

The grant program aims to address gaps in the existing charging network, install new charging stations in cities and arterial routes, increase the capacity of existing stations, and apply the Australian Government's minimum operating standards for new, government-supported installations.

The Tasmanian Government is offering \$550,000 in grant funding. Eligible organisations can apply for individual grants of up to \$50,000, with a dollar-matched co-contribution from recipients, to cover the upfront cost of purchasing and installing or upgrading existing electric vehicle fast charging infrastructure in Tasmania for public use.

The Application Readiness Period is designed to allow potential applicants time to begin the pre-application requirement of having an early engagement meeting with TasNetworks. The meeting is to discuss the suitability of the intended charging station site or upgrade ahead of the official application opening date on 6 February 2025..

We passed this information on to several organisations who may be interested including Electric Highway Tasmania, Derwent Entertainment Centre, Tipelea Investments, Vicinity Centres and CHT Tasmania.

More information can be found at recfit.tas.gov.au/chargesmart



Correspondence



RENEW - Sustainable House Day

We would like to invite your community group to partner with Renew for Sustainable House Day 2025. Now that the new year is in full swing, we invite you to a briefing session to hear all about the SHD program and give you the opportunity to ask questions.

5pm - 6pm AEDT (GMT+11) Tuesday 4 February 2025 – **Jon will attend, other members are welcome, let Jon know if you are interested.**

Meanwhile, our focus is on **recruiting homeowners, with applications open until 23 February**. We are particularly keen to showcase ordinary older homes that have retrofitted sustainability upgrades and electrification, although fancy all-electric 7-star+ newly built homes are also welcome.



The advertisement features a photograph of a woman in a modern kitchen. Below the photo is a dark blue banner with the text 'Apply now!' and 'sustainablehouseday.com'. The main body of the ad is white with blue text. It asks if the reader has a sustainable home or renovation story to share and encourages them to apply to feature their home on Sustainable House Day on Sunday 4 May 2025. The logo for Sustainable House Day, presented by FENew, is in the bottom right corner.

Apply now! sustainablehouseday.com

Do you have a sustainable home or renovation story to share?

Apply now to feature your home on Sustainable House Day
Sunday 4 May 2025

Sustainable House Day
Presented by **FENEW**.



Renew invites homeowners to open their homes for Sustainable House Day 2025

Renew is seeking owners of comfortable, energy-efficient homes that demonstrate attainable improvements and lifestyle changes that ordinary homeowners and renters can achieve. Share your experience of energy-efficiency upgrades, electrification and sustainable living practices with your community by becoming an Open House in Renew's nationwide Sustainable House Day 2025. Applications are now open!

In-person tours – Sunday 4 May

Open your home on Sunday 4 May for in-person tours. Visitors will be required to purchase a ticket to attend. You choose how many tours you would like to run and how many people you can accommodate per tour.

Online house profiles

Not available for in-person tours? No problem! Online house profiles will also be featured in 2025. Film a video tour of your home to show off its features to a wide online audience.

How to apply

Complete an application form on the Sustainable House Day website to express your interest in participating in Sustainable House Day 2025. Applications must be submitted by Sunday 23 February 2025. Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel and homeowners will be notified by Monday 10 March 2025.

Questions

Check out all the information about Sustainable House Day 2025 on our website including frequently asked questions and featured homes from 2024 as examples. Still unsure, email shd@renew.org.au.



State budget submission

Four days before closing, AEVA Tasmania was invited to make a submission to [the 2025-26 State Budget Community Consultation process](#). Summarised recommendations from the submission were:

- Support advertising of AEVA's education and public engagement efforts by providing \$5000 of sponsorship which will be used to advertise our education program
- Provide AEVA with \$55,000 ongoing annual sponsorship of the Energy Efficiency Electric Expo
- Provide AEVA with \$18,000 ongoing annual sponsorship of the AEVA conference
- Invest in planning and demonstrating fast charging infrastructure for heavy/commercial vehicles through funding the coordination and agency support to initiate fast charging infrastructure for heavy/commercial vehicles planning processes, in cooperation with industry groups and GBE's such as TasNetworks. (indicative budget provision \$100,000 for agency support + \$1 million contribution to initiate a demonstration site in 2025-26). When considering heavy/commercial vehicle planning, begin examining the future needs of marine and aviation charging
- Complete the fast-charging infrastructure network for light passenger and commercial vehicles (Total indicative cost \$350,000 being \$50,000 for Miena site; four to eight regional sites at \$25,000-\$50,000 = \$200,000 for regional communities; \$100,000 for enhanced features at selected sites) including:
 - pull through format to accommodate EVs with trailers, boats etc and longer vehicles (vans, campervans)
 - better provision for disabled users
 - canopies/shelter
 - credit card as a payment option.



State budget submission

- Promoting tourism accommodation to provide overnight charging to guests: For these providers this should develop into a revenue stream, not a cost. Government role is primarily in providing information and education but only limited subsidy, if any, should be required. (Indicative budget Administrative support plus \$50,000 grant provision: 20 sites @ up to \$3,000 per site being one or two AC chargers/site)
- Legislating that renters have a right to install charging equipment in rental properties, subject to compliance with building and electrical regulations, with costs borne by the tenant supported by a renter's charger assistance grant. (Indicative budget admin support plus \$50,000 grant provision: 20 sites @ up to \$3,000 per site being one AC charger per site)
- Legislating that apartment dwellers have a right to install charging equipment in apartment properties, subject to compliance with building and electrical regulations, with costs borne by the EV owner supported by an apartment charger assistance grant. (Indicative budget admin support plus \$80,000 grant provision: 20 sites @ up to \$5,000 per site being one or two AC chargers per site)
- Providing grants to local government to support up to one demonstration installation of kerbside charging for LGAs in suburbs without private off-street parking to enable residents to charge slowly near their homes during the day or overnight. (Indicative budget \$120,000: 5 sites (average \$24,000 @ up to \$30,000 per site being two to five AC chargers per LGA/suburb)
- Provide \$10,000 funding to enhance our existing survey, data collection, storage and analysis capabilities and develop a business case exploring the value of data opportunities in Tasmania



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