

Australian Electric Vehicle Association Tasmanian Branch

Annual General Meeting, 22 July 2020

Annual Report

Firstly I acknowledge that Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Electric Vehicle Association has now been in operation for five years! So, congratulations to us all and many thanks to a significant number of people whose commitment and enthusiasm have meant there have been five very successful years for AEVA Tas.

The previous AGM of the Tasmanian Branch of AEVA was held on 31 July 2019, at which we re-elected the executive as follows:

Chair: Penny Cocker
Vice Chair: Michael Wadsley
Treasurer: Clive Attwater
Secretary: Christopher Walkden

Six members were elected to the Branch Committee: John Casimaty, Charles Gregory, Julie Hargreaves, Ron Andersen, John Clark and Shayn Harkness. It was further resolved that Charles Gregory, Clive Attwater and Penny Cocker would be the three AEVA Tas representatives to AEVA's National Council. I also note Clive was AEVA's Acting National President for about 5 months, after which he resumed his role as Vice President following the national AGM in October 2019. I thank all these persons for their outstanding contributions over the last year.

I acknowledge again the high quality work done by Christopher Walkden to ensure the success of our meetings and the operations of our Branch. However, this year I also note his work, as Assistant Webmaster, on developing the new and very much improved AEVA website. Visit <https://www.aeva.asn.au/>

We managed to have three regular AEVA Tas meetings before COVID-19 interfered. We cancelled the March meeting, replacing it with a newsletter. Following that, Christopher Walkden and Ray Johnston arranged for AEVA Tas to be able to hold online meetings using Zoom. We were very pleased with the success of the May meeting on Zoom.

We have about 113 members currently, which, unsurprisingly, is slightly down from last year. We remain hopeful that the two remaining general meetings for this year can be held face-to-face, which may encourage some new or returning members.

One of the main objectives in establishing the Tasmanian Branch of AEVA was to encourage the creation of a Tasmania-wide network of EV chargers. That goal is now getting close to being achieved, due in no small way to the remarkable efforts and vision of Clive Attwater. It is very likely that by the end of 2020 it will be possible to drive an EV around Tasmania, using, as appropriate, the 5 chargers installed by EHT P/L and several others also supported by the grants from the Tasmanian Government. Read an excellent report by Charles Gregory at <https://aeva.asn.au/articles/tasmanian-fast-charging-network-rapidly-expanding/>

COVID-19 has constrained our activities this year, but members did participate in several activities promoting EVs prior to its 'arrival', including Sustainable House Day. The last event was the Longford Motorama held in early March. Thanks to all members who participated.

A major activity undertaken by dedicated AEVA Tas members for several years now is Agfest. This year an online 'Agfest in the Cloud' was conducted once it became obvious that a physical event could not occur. AEVA decided to hold online talks, using Zoom. There were eight sessions, which can be seen at <https://aeva.asn.au/aeva-at-agfest-in-the-cloud-2020/> Thanks to all the members who facilitated and contributed to its success.

There are two Working Groups in which AEVA Tas participates, also COVID-19 affected. Clive Attwater continued to represent AEVA Tas on the Tasmanian Government Electric Vehicle Working Group, with Penny Cocker substituting for him when necessary. Penny Cocker represents AEVA Tas on the TasNetworks Policy and Regulatory Working Group, whose goal is to contribute to the direction of energy regulatory, policy and pricing outcomes and reform in Tasmania.

Conclusion

AEVA Tas has had yet another successful year. I thank all the enthusiastic and committed AEVA members for their contributions and look forward to it continuing to be so.

We estimate that there are now about 300 EVs in Tasmania now, due to the slowly increasing range of EVs becoming available to buy, the long-awaited arrival of the Tesla Models 3s and the import of second-hand Nissan EVs from Japan.

Finally, I encourage members to frequently check the AEVA website <https://www.aeva.asn.au/> and the public Facebook page for AEVA Tas <https://www.facebook.com/groups/968967119792489> for all sorts of interesting items of information.

Penny Cocker

Chair, AEVA Tas