

Minutes

Meeting of the AEVA Tas Branch
Hobart Showgrounds, 25/11/2020 19:04

Attendance

AEVA Members

Charles Gregory, Clive Attwater, Christopher Walkden, Julie Hargreaves, Ray Johnston, Ron Andersen, Michael Wadsley, Horst Lerchbacher, Darren Briggs, John Harders, Aaron Lundstedt, Alisoun Elder, Eric Tommey, Kevin Brewster, Steve McKenna, Megan Rayner, Grant Vowles, Alex Izbicki, Hayden Ralston, Alan Gregory, Kate Gregory, Wessley Koop, Phill Hinds, Bryce Gatton, Iona Flett

Guests (please excuse errors, some are difficult to identify due to Zoom alias or handwriting!)

William Castley, Phil Hrstich, Kerry Forrest, Leonie Stewart, Neville Badcock

Apologies

Shayn Harkness, Penny Cocker, John Casimaty, Penny Wadsley

Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting

Moved by Michael Wadsley, seconded by Ray Johnston that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as an accurate record; carried.

Correspondence in/out

From Mishca Linden, Year 9 Wynyard High School:

Hello Penny and Christopher

We are writing to let you know about a Climate Awareness Day that we will be holding at Wynyard High School on Wednesday November 18th. Our goal for this day is to engage our school community to learn more about the effects of climate change and share simple actions that each student can take individually to have a positive impact.

One of the workshops we will be running is called Clean Transport. This short workshop gives students a chance to meet some EVs and their owners showing students what's out there regarding electric transport. We have been trying to get in contact with EV owners in NW Tasmania to ask them if they would be interested in being part of this session between 8.50am and 11.30am on Wednesday November 18.

So far, we have been able to arrange for a hybrid EV, some electric bicycles, and an electric skateboard. We would love to be able to organise for a fully electric car to be there for the morning.

This day is building on efforts our Green Team have been making at Wynyard High since 2019 to make our school waste clever, save energy and increase our understanding about the actions we can take to have a positive impact on climate change.

Climate change is frightening but at Wynyard High School we really want to focus on things that we can do. We think action and hope are important for our generation.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time

General Business

Treasurer's Report, 23/11/2020

Since the last meeting -

Payments made:

- RAST, meeting room \$75.00 (in error – credit or refund due)
- Total paid \$75.00

Income received:

- Kingborough report \$1,000.00
- Bank interest \$0.58
- Total received \$1,000.58

The current balance is **\$4,556.86**

News

- The Tasmanian state government budget included several EV-related items. [See here for details](#). The state climate strategy is also under review, and this may result in more policy detail.
- Several other state governments have proposed taxes specific to EVs. See the national AEVA response [here](#). Included in that report are links to an online petition opposing the idea, as well as a letter which you can copy and send yourself.

Tasmanian Chargers

- *EHT is tentatively planning to 'go-live' with their chargers from January 1st 2021. Up until the go-live date their chargers will be free.*
- *The EHT Devonport DC fast charger is now operational.*
- A question was asked about charging etiquette: Can I unplug someone if they are full? Is there a way to contact them to ask?
 - In many instances this is not physically possible to unplug, since either the car or the charger will lock the cable in place.
 - [Plugshare.com](#) has a function that you can message someone who has 'checked in' to a charging location. Unfortunately, not a lot of people use Plugshare to check in when they charge.
 - Depending on the charger, there may be an app that will do the same thing. For paid charging, the person has to check in, so this would be more reliable.
 - There is a useful service called [Need to Charge](#). You can sign up to this service online, and print out a QR code for your windscreen. If someone sees you plugged in, they can scan the QR code to send you a message. Or they can enter your registration number into the website. Only the vehicle owner needs to be signed up.
 - For EHT, Clive said that they will be monitoring to look for signs of queuing. This will be via usage times and using footage taken by the security cameras. Their business model is to install new chargers if and when this starts to happen.
- The Tas government Climate Change Office has been re-activated, the members were conscripted for other duties during COVID shutdowns. The EV working group should meet again before Christmas.

Launceston Conversions Group

This is a Launceston-based group of AEVA members and non-members interested in converting vehicles to electric. Please contact the secretary if you'd like to be involved, you'll be added to the email list.

There has been some progress on the Launceston College Mighty Boy, with a couple of working bees. It is not far from being able to move under its own power.

Hobart Conversions Group

This is a Hobart-based group of AEVA members and non-members interested in converting vehicles to electric. Please contact the secretary if you'd like to be involved, you'll be added to the email list.

Please contact the secretary if you'd like to be the convener (arrange meetings, working bees etc.), as we currently don't have one.

Educational Outreach

- Grant Vowles took his Tesla model 3 to the Wynyard High School Climate Awareness Day, as per the Correspondence section. He said that this 'went off like a frog in a sock'. Grant and his Tesla joined the electric bicycles and skateboards, solar panels and a hybrid vehicle. Groups of teenagers cycled through the displays, but they were all transfixed by the shiny black Tesla. Everybody knew about Teslas, everybody wanted to sit in it, and of course everybody wanted a ride! There was no prior idea that rides would be taken, but the teachers worked something out and Grant took what must have been 60 or 70 people on trips around the quadrangle between 8:45 and 12:00. *So the secretary learned that a 'frog in a sock' is a good thing.*
- The above reminds us that taking people for rides is a powerful form of advocacy. Grant said that he himself was influenced by his experience at the Launceston Elektrikhana (wasn't called Elektrikhana) a year or two ago.

AEVA National AGM

See the video [here](#) (members only)

It was decided that in the absence of a federal government target for the uptake of EVs, AEVA would run a campaign where people and businesses can make their own pledge. We'll ask people to sign up to a commitment that they will retire all ICE vehicles in their control by 2030. We'll collect their name, email address and postcode, and use that aggregate data to let policy makers know that there is support for EVs in their constituency. *This was announced on the 27th, you can now make your pledge [here](#).*

Reports on Events

- 1st October – **AEVA/Renew Webinar [Electric Vehicles, Home Batteries and the Grid](#)**. The video of this event is now up, follow the link to find it.
- 3rd October – **AEVA national AGM**. minutes, reports & video [here](#) (members only).
- 17th October – **Clarence Climate Action Community Expo**. Report & Pictures [here](#).
- 25th October – **Westbury Car Show**. Pictures [here](#).
- 18th November – **Climate Awareness Day** at Wynyard High School.

Planning for Upcoming Events

- 27th November – **AEVA Online Conference [2020 EV Vision](#)**
Online conference, international speakers, lots to watch! Videos will be available from mid-December. If you paid for a ticket then you can watch the videos, and there is still a post-conference ticket available if you didn't attend on the day.
- 5th - 8th May – **Agfest**
Major changes include a four day event (previously three), only online ticket sales, and

each vendor will need their own COVID-19 plan including monitoring of site numbers. AEVA Tas has applied for a 20x20m site. We'd like to make this an 'EV Hub', and need help to fill the site with interesting things! If you know a business with something relevant to display please let the secretary know.

We'll be calling for volunteers closer to the event for various jobs including setup/packup, moving vehicles around the state, manning the displays.

- Another Elektrikhana?

Elektrikhana is our test-drive day. It seems logical to hold one in the north-west, but it needs someone to drive it. Please contact the secretary if you think you could spare the time to coordinate an event like this (in any location, not just the north-west). We have good systems worked out, so the coordinator would just need to tie it all together and keep people moving. A good location would include enough space to have pedestrians milling as well as vehicles moving in and out, plus preferably some shelter in case of sun or rain. Close to a fast road would be ideal, but is not essential. Locations suggested as possibilities were Ulverstone Rowing Club and one of the multi-story car parks in Burnie or Devonport.

We have also provided test-drives at other events, so keep an eye out for an event that might suit. It is easier to tack onto someone else's event than organise our own!

Meeting closed 20:45.

Next meeting: 19:00 January 27th at the Hobart Showgrounds. See our [website](#) for a full list of meeting dates.

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/>
- 10% off tours by Segway Tasmania. <http://www.segwaytasmania.com/>

EV News Deadlines (national newsletter)

- 1 December – articles, advertisements
- 15 December – branch reports, for sale / wanted

EV Related links that members have suggested (since last meeting):

2030 Pledge link – please share this far and wide: <https://aeva.asn.au/forms/2030-vision/>

Buy your AEVA keyring!: <https://aeva.asn.au/forms/aeva-tas-keychain/>