

Minutes

Meeting of the AEVA Tas Branch
Deveonport Paranaple, 25/01/2023 19:04

Attendance

Christopher Walkden (Secretary), Ray Johnston, Charles Gregory (Vice Chair), Clive Attwater (Treasurer), Shayn Harkness, Julie Hargreaves, Michael Wadsley, Penny Wadsley, John Fast, Penny Cocker (Chair), Midj Jones, Jon Ettershank (Director), Craig Clark, Zara Walkden, John Bluhdorn, David Bluhdorn, Rasa Dunlop, Sean Manners, Amanda Manners, Penelope Thomas, Rose Grant, Anders Marchant, Steven Honson, Gary Walker, Michael Meyer, Mark Grainger, Andy Tyler, Horst Lerchbacher, Jennie Smith, Shirley Harders, Stuart Lambie, Alan Gregory, Kate Gregory, Darren Briggs, Anthony Broese van Groenou, Simon Hackett

Apologies

Nil

Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting

Moved by Ray Johnston, seconded by Julie Hargreaves that the minutes of the previous meeting (available [here](#)) be accepted as an accurate record; carried.

Correspondence in/out

No significant correspondence to report.

General Business

Treasurer's Report, 25/01/2023

Balance at last meeting: **\$1,245.58**

Since the last meeting -

Payments made:

Reimbursement, soft drinks for AgFest \$23.00

Reimbursement, C Walkden, AgFest \$1,653.83

Total payments **\$1,676.83**

Income received:

Disbursement from AEVA National \$2,500.00

The current balance is **\$1,245.58**

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

News

- Tasmanian shipbuilder Incat is building a 130 m electric ferry, destined for South America. John Fast suggested that AEVA should ask for a tour. If anyone knows a good contact at Incat please contact the secretary.
News story here: [Incat Story](#)
- Peter Harris said that the Spirit of Devonport ferry is to be upgraded to an electric ferry, with both batteries and a hydrogen fuel cell. Read about it here: [ABC News Story](#)

Tasmanian Chargers ([Click here](#) for the latest Tas fast charger map by Charles)

Electric Highway Tasmania (EHT) is a small Tasmanian company formed by AEVA members to install DC fast charging throughout the state. It has received grants from Tasmanian and Federal governments. Clive Attwater is the managing director, and he made some points and answered some questions:

- Sites at Ouse, Triabunna & Derby are open.
- EHT is now looking after the Geeveston site, owned by the council. The council realised that they didn't have the skills and resources to maintain the charger properly. The charger is now operational for CCS2. The part to get the CHAdeMO connector working is on its way, and may be installed within a week or two.
- The Oatlands site is installed and working for CCS2 and CHAdeMO, but is not officially open. There are some issues to resolve, including that Teslas will find it difficult to plug in due to the location of their charge ports. A longer cable has been ordered to enable Tesla charging. In the meantime, the site is free to use and has been quite busy.
- EHT has a target of opening about 1 new site per week in February & March.
- A question was asked about the Huonville council charger (AC), as it was found to not work. Other people in the room had previously used the charger, although not as recently.
- A question was asked about the Dunn St. (Hobart) charger – could EHT look after that one? The implication being that EHT provides a better service than the Hobart council. Clive advised that if EHT was approached by the council they would certainly look into it. So if you'd like this, petition the Hobart council!
- Someone mentioned that they had spoken to a person at the Great Lake Hotel, who said that they had a transformer upgrade last week. The charger is ordered and so the site is on the way.
- At Smithton, the council has signed an agreement, but the charger is to go into a new carpark, and the carpark has yet to be built. So this one is slow.
- A comment was made that the Ulverstone Hive might be a good place for a destination charger.
- There has been an application approved for a new petrol station near Ulverstone on the highway, and the application included space for an EV charger. But approval is an early step, so this is uncertain and likely to be a while away.
- There are works at Elizabeth Town, however there has been no indication that an EV charger is to be built.
- Penny Cocker added that delivery of parts is running extremely slow, for instance parts ordered in September 2022 are now being estimated to arrive in October 2023. This makes new installations and repairs for existing installations slower than desired. Penny also shared that recent EHT activity (summer) shows approximately 65% of charging sessions are from interstate visitors.
- A question was asked regarding motoring club discounts for using the EHT chargers, since the NRMA is an investor in EHT. Clive advised that this would be through the RACT, and that the RACT had not requested such a discount yet. Again, RACT members might like to lobby the organisation if this is desired.

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.

Matthew Miller has just joined the AEVA, mainly with an interest in conversions. He is a hobart-based electrician who has recently built a battery go kart for his kids which does 40 km/h! He is looking at doing a conversion in the future, and is looking for experience, for instance helping someone else out with their project. He would even be interested in making a career in this area into the future.

National AEVA

- Jon Ettershank is our board member at the national level. AEVA has recently changed from an association to a company, and most of the board's efforts have been around developing new processes etc. appropriate for that change. The new board is active and professional, and is keen to hear what the membership would like. Expect surveys and other methods of consultation over the coming months.

Reports on Events

- No AEVA events over the Christmas break.

Planning for Upcoming Events

- March 11 & 12 [Fully Charged Live Australia](#) (follow the link for an AEVA discount)
- March 25 & 26 [Big Weekend of Sustainable Living Ideas](#)
Christopher spoke to Sandra Astill about this event in Bridgewater a few months ago. It seems like this event should be a good venue for an Elektrikhana (test drive day). Jon Ettershank agreed to be the AEVA coordinator for this event, and Christopher will pass on Sandra's details to him.
- March 26th [Devonport Motor Show](#)
This is a static car show, on the same day as the above event, but at the other end of the state. This is a relatively relaxed and easy way to be involved in AEVA activities. Bring your vehicle along to show it off – you can stay with it and chat to people, or go do something else. Click the link to register your vehicle (it's free), and look for the AEVA section in the groups selection.
- April 1st [NW Ecofest](#) (Ulverstone)
Last year AEVA ran an Elektrikhana (test drive day) at Ecofest. We'll do it again this year, in much the same way as last year. This means that we have all the planning etc. worked out. We're looking for someone to coordinate this activity – someone to make lists of volunteers and allocate them tasks, ensure all the kit is transported in time etc. etc. If you'd like to be this person please contact the secretary.
- May 4, 5, 6 [Agfest](#)
Keep these dates free for our annual Agfest presence.
- Elektrikhana for commercial vehicles?
Clive had an idea that since there are so many commercial vehicles becoming available, perhaps we should run a test drive day specifically for them. Some ideas were floated at the November meeting, please see the minutes for details.
Nobody has yet volunteered to be on a committee to work on this idea. Please contact the secretary if you'd like to be involved. If we don't hear from anyone then it won't go ahead.
- [Treasure Hunt](#) idea
Sean Manners has an idea for a fun activity for AEVA members, which could also raise money for needy Tasmanians. Read his draft proposal by following the link.
We need a small working group to figure out how this would work. Jon Ettershank and Ray Johnston volunteered to help Sean. If you'd like to be involved please contact the secretary.

Meeting Venue

The Glenorchy showgrounds is being redeveloped, which means we will lose our Hobart meeting room. We've found that the Glenorchy Library has meeting rooms which look suitable. Penny has booked this venue for our next Hobart meeting, scheduled for May. Cost is \$62 per meeting.

Meeting closed 19:35

Next meeting: 19:00 March 22nd in Launceston (hopefully Launceston College)
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/>

Links provided by members (since last meeting):

- Electric Caravan video: <https://youtu.be/DZbaNAGseZ8>
- Rimac factory tour video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7xKtjiDRyI>