

AEVA South Australia
- Minutes -
of General Meeting
held in the Function Room
Vogue Theatre
25 Belair Rd, Kingswood, SA 5062
Date: January 17, 2018 - 7:30pm

- Chairman: Paul Koch welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- All mobile devices to be turned off or made silent.
- Apologies: Verna Blewett (Jan, Feb, Mar), Ann Rees, Roger Keyes, Michael Gartner

- Minutes of the last meeting were published on the website for all to read.
Motion to accept minutes: Moved: Sally Knight 2nd: Tom Lothian
- Ask for numbers (Eric to count number present)
 - Number present: 39
 - Arrived in Plug-in Vehicle: 9 Hybrid: 5
 - New members since last meeting: -
 - Visitors: 9
- Paul mentioned the visitors' \$4.00 donation.

Chairman's report:

Paul read his Jan 18 report (included in this document)

Green Drive Day - February 25th. Franklin St. Charging Hub.

[This date has now been change - announcement soon]

Treasurer's report:

\$2622 - balance of account.

Secretary's Report:

- Thanks to all those people who help to setup and pack up this hall each month.
- Toilets, Tea & Coffee available. Paper/foam cups.
- "Email list". Please print very clearly.
- Library books - videos - Members to fill in sheet - See Blake Spearman.
- Memberships - On-line or here at the meeting - forms...
- Science Alive! Tonsley - March 25, Showgrounds - Aug 3-5

- Use of USBs in the Eric's laptop. Our branch to supply USBs for members to use.
- **AEVA (SA) Branch Break-up Picnic 2017**
Saturday, 9 December 2017 10am – 3pm Oaklands Wetland
237-265 Oaklands Road in Oaklands Park; was very successful.
 Thankyou to all those help by supplying tables and food etc.
 We will definitely have more events there.

Correspondence:

CCSA State Election Campaign - We were asked to partner with them in a campaign. The Committee decided that we would not be going ahead with this. A letter was sent to the CCSA in this regard.

Tonight's Speaker:

Bruce Tonkin - "EVs and the Media"

There was a problem with showing the presentation and this has been postponed until the April meeting.

Instead we watch a "Fully Charged" video "Barriers to EV adoption" which was very good.

Member EV Conversion reports: *[8:30pm - 8:45pm]*

Question Time: *[8:45pm - 8:50pm]*

EV's in the news *[8:50pm - 9:00pm]*

- Eric has videos/photos - as time allows.

Other business:

The next general meeting of AEVA (SA)
 on February 21, 2018

Mark Ready from TAFESA "Cruiser Class Solar Car"

Meeting closed : 9:20pm

Supper: *[... ~10pm]*

Eric Rodda (Secretary)

Chairperson's report January 2018.

Well, after a nice break over Christmas and the New Year I hope everyone is refreshed and up for another busy year.

Firstly, I spent a few weeks in NZ visiting family and being a tourist. What I did notice was all the different charging facilities available. From local council facilities, Tesla and our friends Charge net NZ, with their Tritium fast chargers. NZ is miles ahead of us when it comes to EV adoption and rolling out charging facilities. It would be nice if we had Government and industry support to the same level as they do in NZ.

I was planning to hire a Nissan Leaf while we were there, through a company called Blue Drive, but for one reason or another, it didn't quite happen. Although I did receive a message from the manager Carl, who said he provides special rates if you book for more than a week. Also another discount if you already own an EV, which means you need less (if any) ongoing support around charging etc. So if you are thinking about going to NZ, this may be a good option, especially when the fuel is over \$2 a litre.

Now the big news. The Federal Government grant proposal that I have been reporting on for a while looks like it will be approved. Although we are waiting for the final sign off and official announcement. The aim of the grant is to encourage people to adopt electric vehicles and a shift to renewables.

We are working in partnership with Evengeri- a renewable energy retailer, SA Power networks, SA Government and Premiers Department and the City of Adelaide. It will also involve collaboration with manufacturers to bring the different models here to SA for people to buy them. The overall aim of the project is to overcome the barriers to adoption and get people buying electric vehicles. This includes individuals and fleet purchases.

There will be a number of strategies employed to achieve the outcome, including an extensive media campaign. This program could see SA being the capital of EV adoption in Australia. It is envisaged that the program could then be rolled out nationally.

Our involvement revolves around two different activities.

The first is people with electric vehicles placing a 'device' in their vehicle to record the trips they do. This will provide base line data about how far EVs are driven in normal situations. So if you have an EV or PHEV and are happy to host one of the devices, please let me know.

The other is hosting a 'green day drive'. This will be an opportunity for the public to test drive an electric vehicle. The event will be on Sunday the 25th of February and hosted at the Joinery on Franklin Street. To date I have contacted Audi, BMW, Tesla, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Renault, Hyundai and BYD to bring vehicles to the event. So far it is looking promising, although many companies are just winding back up after the break.

I would expect hundreds of people to attend.

So on the day we will need volunteers to help out with traffic management etc. It may also be a good opportunity to raise some funds through a BBQ.

I'm attending a meeting tomorrow about the project, so will keep you informed regards progress etc.

So some very big things happening in the near future, so stay tuned.

Paul Koch
AEVA
SA Branch.
17th January 2018.