

## AEVA (SA) BRANCH

### CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016

We have now completed 8 years of growth and consolidation. We have grown from a small band of enthusiasts and home-builders to a mature group of people who are interested in all aspects of electric transportation.

In past years, I have quoted statistics of attendance at meetings, but now we regularly have 30-40 people at our monthly meetings, with 6-8 EVs in the park. This is a testament to our Secretary's great work in finding speakers of interest, and to the commitment of our audience, amongst whom we have a good smattering of visitors.

There has been a noticeable shift from building our own EVs to buying production vehicles. This is hardly surprising as there were none of the latter available when we started.

In the last couple of years, we have become increasingly involved in the "politics" of EVs. This has included the provision of public charging facilities and the provision of incentives.

It has been interesting to note that Local Government have led the response, with mainly talk by State, and indifference by Federal Governments. All in all, progress has been slow.

It has been disappointing that the RAA has been relatively uninterested in EVs in stark contrast to many of their interstate colleagues. We live in hope!

I acknowledge our continuing involvement in events, such as sustainability fairs, EXPOs, Science Alive, meet-ups and the annual picnics, and thank all those who have made them happen.

I have been the Chairman of the SA Branch effectively since we reformed, and have been concerned that the branch could become a "one-man-band". This poses a real risk to the organisation, as it creates undue dependence on one individual, and thins the ranks of leadership. For this reason, I am not standing for re-election, and have called for nominations in my stead.

We have able, younger members who can and should lead us forward. I have done my best, but have few new ideas to add. In short, we need new blood.

I have now to thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm. In particular, I thank your Management Committee: Paul, Eric, Richard, Bob, Sally, Terry, Chris and Mic for their efforts on your behalf, particularly towards the AGM in October. They have put in a lot of effort behind the scenes. I make note of the work by Bob Gell in getting the charging network up and running, and the magnificent work of Eric Rodda, without whom we would have nothing.

Finally, I acknowledge my wife, Jane, who supports and encourages me more than anyone can really know.

Thank you all for another great year. May we have many more like it.

Edward Booth  
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