



AEVA (SA Branch)
- Minutes -
of General Meeting
held in the Function Room
Vogue Theatre
25 Belair Rd, Kingswood, SA 5062

Date: May 15, 2019 - 7:30pm

- Chair: Paul Koch welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- All mobile devices to be turned off or made silent.
- Apologies: David Cann, John Heidenreich

- Minutes of the last meeting were published on the website for all to read. Motion to accept minutes: Moved: Edward Booth
Seconded: Tom Lothian
- Ask for numbers (Eric to count number present)
 - Number present: 53
 - Arrived in Plug-in Vehicle: 10 Hybrid: 5
 - New members since last meeting: 4
 - Visitors: 17
- Paul mentioned the visitors' \$4.00 donation.

Chairman's report: is attached to these Minutes

Treasurer's report: \$2642.09 in bank

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.
- AGM for the SA branch will be at the July general meeting - nomination forms will be available and are on our website (Documents page).
- The RENEW magazine...not free entry to meetings, but Gold coin for members.
- "Email list". Please print clearly.

- New member name tags, plus more
- Library books - videos - Members to fill in sheet - See Blake Spearman.
- Memberships - On-line or here at the meeting - forms...
- The AEVA National Council has decided to increase the membership. This to help cover some upcoming costs eg. brand new national website and membership system.
Normal membership from \$40 to \$50, Concession membership, \$20 to \$25, and Corporate membership from \$100 to \$125.
Renew before the 1st of July to save at the present cost.

Tonight's Guest Speaker:

Colin Lord from Apex Energy Australia "Home Battery Systems"

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)

Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 7:30pm

Guest Speaker:

TBA

Meeting closed : 9:05pm

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

Eric Rodda (Secretary)

Chairperson's report 15th May 2019

There are some very exciting announcements recently in the electric vehicle space. Yesterday it was announced that Queensland based ACE EV has partnered with local manufacturing business Aldom Motor Body Builders to assemble electric vehicles here in Adelaide. There were a number of reasons for this partnership, including South Australia's history of vehicle manufacturing and South Australia's willingness to adopt new technology. This is a great affirmation for our State, as on many fronts we lead the nation.

Last month I announced that we will be receiving funding from the Adelaide City Council and the State Government to host our electric drive day, Electikhana. In the request for funding we had nominated possible times, ie a date in September or October. The preferred date for the State Government is the 20th of October. One of the main reasons for this date is it is the last day of the World Solar Challenge. As the Government is providing funding for that event, they want to 'connect' the two events so people can view not only the solar cars but also test drive an electric vehicle, so promotion of our event would be coupled with the promotion of the WSC. Also as the WSC is an international event it puts our event on the international stage. We become part of the overall story of South Australia being an innovative state and a place for companies etc to set up. This then becomes an economic driver for our State. As can be seen with the ACE EV partnership the messages we send are important in securing major initiatives. I can see the announcement from ACE EV as the first of other big exciting announcements in this space.

One of the issues we have around the date is the capacity of our Branch to organise and host the event. Last year's event was essentially organised and facilitated by the committee. The timing of this year's AGM in Sydney, the 27th of October, will see some committee members unable to invest the same amount of time and energy in the event on the 20th. It is proposed that a subcommittee be established, made up of committee members who are able and branch members who wish to assist in the planning and facilitation of the event. It's a good opportunity for branch members to be involved in a specific event as opposed to being on the committee.

I think it's important to build on relationships we have with the State Government, given it has been indicated we will be on a working group that is tasked to develop an Electric Vehicle adoption plan for South Australia.

One of the biggest inputs for the day is traffic management, which is essential for a safe event and the smooth flow of vehicles. What would be ideal is engaging a service group to resource that role, and I have been pursuing some options. The fall-back position we have is that members take on that role again, so if people could see me after the meeting and then later on if they can assist with the traffic management. A very successful part of last year's event was members taking people for rides in their EVs. This is a wonderful way for people to talk to owners about the day-to-day practicalities of owning an EV. From my perspective, an EV can be your primary family vehicle, with very little change in the way you currently use vehicles. It is good to be able to tell that story. So if you own an EV and can be part of that offer, please let me know.

AEVA as an association has advocated for mass EV adoption for over 40 years. I think we are at the tipping point where availability of models, price, driving range etc means that the shift to electric mobility is inevitable. I think it is very important that

AEVA is seen as the authority on EV's in Australia and is part of shaping Australia's transport future.

So if you can assist with the event on the 20th of October, please let me know. Our branch is well positioned to be part of the narrative around our State being a leader in innovation

Paul Koch.