

MEETING

19 April 2009

PRESENT:

Nine people attended the April meeting with attendees from Armidale, Kentucky, Moonbi, and Myall Lakes.

TOPICS of DISCUSSION:

Registration

Kevin Hughes, a representative from TEVCCO, explained how the EV registration process works. Steps include acquiring an engineers certificate and the usual blue slip. From then on the registration of an EV is exactly like any other vehicle. You simply show up at your nearest RTA with the relevant paperwork and pay your registration fee.

Range

There was a general discussion about range and what happened if your batteries ran out before you reached your destination. It was pointed out that each EV is purpose built to suit the range driven by the individual owner and that if your driving habits are carefully logged and your car designed for that distance plus a comfortable margin you should never be faced with running out of power. However, if you are truly worried you can always keep a long extension cord in your car and plug into the nearest power point while having a cup of coffee. You don't need a full charge to get home and one hour will give you a significant charge.

Battery Management Systems

Kevin Hughes explained what a Battery Management System (BMS) does and how it protects Lithium Ion batteries. A Lithium Ion battery was passed around so everyone could see how they were made and how little

Bellingen Renewable Energy Fair

Christie told the group about the AEVA Stand that will be at the Bellingen Renewable Energy Fair on 30 May. We will be promoting the EVNE at the stand with a view to gaining new members.