

MEETING

19 June 2011, 291 Beardy St, 3-5 pm

PRESENT:

There were 4 present with 4 apologies.

TOPICS of DISCUSSION:

Rebates & Rego concessions

We discussed what AEVA could reasonably ask for in the way of concessions from the government. Two possibilities were put forward: asking for a reduction in registration costs and asking that the \$2000 rebate currently available for LPG conversions also be extended to EV conversions.

Small cars not using gears

Graeme and Sascha discussed how Graeme could convert his little Mira by dispensing with the gearbox altogether and hooking the electric motor directly to the drive shaft using a universal or CV joint. Sascha also mentioned that there was a kit available that used two pancake motors connected to the wheels:

http://www.electrictorsport.com/store/ems_ev_parts_kits_perm_4834.php

Transporting EV's to other Cities

Christie and Sascha commented on the trouble they had transporting their EV's to other cities. Christie thought the group could consider purchasing a car dolly for its members to use. Sascha suggested that it could also be hired to non-members.

Hunter Valley Electric Vehicle Festival

The first annual electric vehicle festival for the Hunter Valley will be held over three days from the 19-21st November 2011. More information can be found at:

<http://www.transitionnewcastle.org.au/event/2011-hunter-valley-electric-vehicle-festival>

Sascha has already entered with a recumbant bike conversion.

Working with Engineers

Sascha was a font of information at this meeting. He suggested contacting your engineer before you start your conversion. Questions to ask could include which things he thinks could be done by the owner and which trades people he is comfortable using.

Meeting Venues

At the Tamworth Expo Robert thought it might be good to have some of our meetings in Tamworth. Graeme has offered his home as a venue. We will try holding Tamworth meetings in odd months, starting with next month.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of EVNE will be Sunday 17 July, 3pm, at "Callemindah", Daruka Rd, in Tamworth.